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# Middle School Monthly

Kelloggsville Middle School

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*"The Kelloggsville Community will provide all students with a solid foundation for lifelong success"*

## **News From the Principal**

KMS is hoping to start up the Principal Advisory Committee again, where we will be meeting monthly with student representatives from all three grades. The purpose of these meetings is for the administration to get student perspectives on course offerings, activities, and building initiatives. We look forward to hearing from our student body! Also, the PTG is looking for parent volunteers to share their ideas for next school year. If you are interested, reach out to Mrs. Lanser and/or Mr. Morrow. We look forward to getting this group going started next school year.

## **News From the Assistant Principal**

Reminder of the tardy policy at KMS.

Students will be considered tardy when they are not in class at the start of a class period. Teachers will record tardies in Synergy, whereafter the third overall tardy, the Dean of Student Services will write a discipline referral for excessive tardiness and students will be assigned lunch detention. For every subsequent tardy after the fourth, there will be another discipline referral which may result in ISS. Tardy discipline referrals will

restart at the beginning of each new quarter. First hour tardies will be marked by the office secretary when the student arrives. PLEASE NOTE: This is for the total amount of tardies and not per class.

Please continue to encourage your student(s) to be on time to their classes throughout the day, thank you!

## **News From the Home to School Coordinator**

Attendance Matters!

We hope that the New Year has started off well for all of you. We are busy with learning and activities every day here at Kelloggsville Middle.

Our focus remains to cultivate a positive climate and create the best learning environment possible. High-quality instruction and student learning are our highest priorities.

Everything that we do at KMS is designed to help students learn in all areas and be successful well beyond their time in middle school. Once again, that partnership between school and home is a key ingredient for student success.

With that said, we hope that your students are feeling safe and supported. This is an interesting time in their lives and development and can be challenging at times. If you have questions or concerns, we want to hear from you.

It is hard to believe that we have passed the halfway point of the year. Students are settled in routines and understand our school-wide expectations. Teachers have worked hard to create meaningful learning opportunities and teach school-wide behavior expectations. Consistency and predictability are key factors for student success, as well as a calm learning environment to better focus on learning.

A reminder about attendance: As the new semester has started please be advised when it comes to absences (excused and unexcused) they continue to accumulate from August 22nd, 2022 until June 2nd, 2023. We know some absences are unavoidable, but keeping kids in school matters. Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school and themselves. Start building this habit now so they learn right away that going to school on time and every day is important. If your child is unable to participate in their daily schedule, they are considered absent.

We here at KMS understand situations, and circumstances may arise so that is why it is very important that your son or daughter attend school; on a regular and timely basis other than if ill (vomiting) or has a fever of 100 degrees or more. If absent, students are asked to still contact teachers in regards to their work for the day. Please remember when absences occur, the school needs to be notified. To report an absence, please call us at (616) 532-1575.

Reminders: School-related absences, field trips, court appointments, and doctor's appointments (with documentation) do not count toward Truancy.

## **Counseling News**

Congratulations to 7th grader Alijah Juarez (champion) and 7th grader Mateo Viviano (runner up) who were the top two spellers in the KMS spelling bee. These two students will compete in the county-wide bee in February to represent Kelloggsville Middle School. Great job to all who participated!

## **Lock Down Information Reminder**

"In the future, when one of our schools is in an extended lockdown, parents will be notified by robo-call and e-mail if we are allowed to do so by local law enforcement. We are notifying you in advance so you do not become overly alarmed if you receive this type of call or e-mail in the future. As a reminder, when a school goes into lockdown, it does not mean there is imminent danger to your child. Almost all lockdowns are a precautionary measure. Most importantly, all

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of our staff have been trained on what to do in the event of a lock down to keep your children safe."

**Free Breakfast**

As a reminder, KMS offers free breakfast for ALL no matter your income level. Please encourage your student(s) to eat a healthy breakfast every day!

**Overdue Books**

Does your student have an overdue book? As a courtesy, we do NOT charge a fee for any book that is returned late. However, students are responsible for the replacement cost of books that are lost. Students have been given overdue notices indicating the title of the book that is overdue as well as the replacement cost for that book. At this time, we are asking that you remind your student of his/her responsibility to return books to the Media Center on time, and remit payment for any book that is lost. Students with overdue books cannot check out new materials until overdue books are returned. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact the Media Center at 616-532-1575.

**Address/Phone Changes**

Please make sure and let the Middle School Office know if you have any address or phone number changes. It is critical that we have accurate information in case of an emergency.

**Southeast Little League Sign Ups:**

Serving Wyoming and Kentwood boys and girls ages 4 – 16 years old. Registration is now available at <https://kelloggsvillelittleleague.sportngin.com/register/form/620781501>

Fees for Baseball & Softball:

Ages 4-8 yrs \$40.00

Ages 9-12 yrs \$50.00

Ages 13-16 yrs \$60.00

Registration will be open until March 18th. Waiting list and double fees begin March 19th. For more information, call (616) 262-6821. Games are played M-F with occasional Saturdays. Teams will be formed at the beginning of April with practices to follow. Games begin 4/29/24 and will be played through mid June.

**Important Dates**

- 2/14 COUNT DAY
  - 2/13 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4pm-7:30pm
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  - 2/16 No School for students, Professional Development
  - 2/20 MS Choir concert @HS at 7pm
  - 2/28 MS Band Concert @HS at 7pm
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