



Middle School Monthly

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

News From the Principal

I hope the holiday was fun, relaxing, and safe for all of you and your families. Crazy to think that December is here and we still have a long holiday vacation right around the corner. Please help us by encouraging your student(s) to finish this semester strong. In addition, continue to work on their reading and math skills while away from school during the winter break. There is a lot of research that says reading just 20 minutes a day will increase your students' scores at school. There are several free books online or at your local library here at Kelloggsville High School. Math is also important to practice. Here is a website that you can use to help with math skills too. Visit coolmathgames.com to practice math skills in game situations. We are hoping to start up our PTG next semester for any parent who would like to attend. More details will be sent right after winter break. Have a great holiday season.

News From the Dean of Students

We are wrapping up the first semester of the 2022-23 school year and want to encourage students to finish strong academically and behaviorally. Part of finishing the semester on a high note is strong attendance. Please help us by reminding your student to be at school, if they have no flu-like symptoms, and get to class on time to maximize educational opportunities and increase your chance for success. In addition, to help us keep a safe and healthy environment please remind your students to wear their masks, keep their distance, and wash hands regularly.

News From the Student Services Coordinator

Happy Holidays! As we return from Thanksgiving break, we want to express our gratitude to everyone who makes it possible for as many students as possible to come to school every day, on time, and ready to learn. We thank-

- Our students and families for making daily attendance a priority since they know the habit of attendance will help them do well with their

learning in the classroom and the larger world around them in the future.

- Our wonderful teachers and support staff for pouring their energy into making each classroom an exciting place for exploration and knowledge so the students do not want to miss out on any learning.
- Our community partners and volunteers provide extra hands and attention to our students' needs.

The end of December marks the halfway point through the school year, so now is a good time to check on your child's progress in school. Consider these questions:

- How many school days has your child missed this year so far? Keep in mind that frequent absences negatively impact a student's academic performance.
- How often has your child been tardy to class throughout the school day?
- Are there upcoming appointments or plans that may prevent my student from being present in school?
- Do I know the school's attendance policy and the consequences for absences?
- Have I provided the school with updated contact information?

Helpful Tips for Awesome Attendance

- Remind your child that school is their first and most important job!
- Communicate the importance of regular school attendance to your child so they are hearing the same thing we are saying at school.
- In the cold winter months, make it a point to bundle up and leave earlier to ensure you are on time.
- Check in on your students' attendance as often as possible and reach out to us if you have any questions/concerns.

- If your child is running a fever of 100 degrees or more, vomiting, or having diarrhea they need to be kept home--if they do not have any of these symptoms, please send them!
- Avoid extended vacations that require your child to miss school. Try to line up vacation with the school's schedule. The same goes for doctor's appointments.

As a reminder, the last day of school before the break is Friday, December 16th, and we will reopen on Tuesday, January 3rd. We hope that you enjoy some fun and relaxing times with your friends and family during this time but remember, just a few missed days here and there, even if they are excused absences, can add up and leave your child struggling in school.

So, once again, thank you for your efforts & I wish you a Happy Holiday Season!

If you have any questions regarding Attendance, please email lmallett@kvilleps.org or call (616) 532-1575.

Counseling News

KMS students will have the opportunity to participate in the school-wide spelling bee on January 10. Students were emailed a sign-up form to fill out if they are interested in participating in the bee. Questions should be directed to Laura Kuperus, School Counselor.

Nurse News

Happy Holidays! I am excited to announce that Kelloggsville Middle School has received the MI HeartSafe School designation for 2021-2024. The MI HEARTSafe School Program is dedicated to ensuring schools are prepared for cardiac emergencies during and after school hours. The health and safety of our students is a top priority!

Cold and Flu Season is here! According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "frequent handwashing is one of the best ways to prevent the spread of infectious diseases." As a reminder, students must be fever free, without fever reducing medication, for 24 hours before returning to school. I hope you all stay healthy during this holiday season!

Important Dates

Sat., 12/10	Wyoming Santa Parade
Wed., 12/14	Band Concert @KMS
Fri., 12/16	Half Day. End of 1st Semester
Mon., 12/19-1/2	Christmas Break
Tues, 1/3	School Resumes
Mon., 1/16	MLK Day No School