



# THE KEY

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## Students Connecting at TK Schools

By Mari Price, Special Education & Alternative Ed Director

Students with disabilities face many challenges while taking part in school. They need extra help with the general education curriculum, with transitions from activity to activity, and in dealing with social issues and peer pressure. Historically, this support has come from adults. Recent research has shown that students with disabilities benefit greatly by peer-mediated strategies to facilitate positive social interactions. The **TK Connectors** program was created to support students with disabilities in understanding the rules and procedures of school using peers as models. Even though **TK Connectors** is a new program to our schools, many districts throughout the state and country have successfully used a similar program for several years.

Each building in the district has **TK Connectors** who support students with disabilities. Not only does the program benefit students with disabilities, but parents and teachers have reported great benefits to all the students involved. The **TK Connectors** are directed by a school social worker, speech therapist, occupational therapist, and/or special and general education teachers.

Since students with adequate social skills are more likely to have positive outcomes in school and in the workplace, **TK Connectors** is a valuable program in our schools. If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact Mari Price, Director of Special Education at 269-795-5571.

## Countdown to Kindergarten 2011 - McFall Elementary

The staff at McFall Elementary, the Early Childhood Center of Thornapple Kellogg Schools, is preparing to welcome the incoming Young Five's and Kindergarten students in September of 2011. If your child will be entering school in the 2011 - 2012 school year, please register through our web site at [www.tkschools.org](http://www.tkschools.org) (click on the “Schools” drop-down and select “McFall”) or call Lisa Finkbeiner at McFall Elementary, 269-795-3637, to pre-register. To enter school this fall, your child must be five years old on or before December 1, 2011.

According to Michigan law, each child must have the following items in the school office before they can start school: A copy of certified birth certificate, a copy of completed immunizations, and results from a vision test. Parents are asked to check their child's immunization record carefully. Immunizations can be updated for school age children anytime after their 4th birthday. If you have questions on required immunizations, please call the local health department or your doctor. The Barry Eaton District Health Department offers immunization clinics every Tuesday by appointment only. You may contact their office to schedule an appointment or get information on the cost of the immunizations at 269-945-9516, ext. 129.

Enrollment information will be available to parents in early spring, and we will have an informational meeting for parents on Thursday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m. Questions regarding enrollment may be directed to Lisa Finkbeiner at McFall Elementary, 269-795-3637 (8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.).



## McFall Elementary Parent Meeting

An informational parent meeting will be held for parents interested in the Young Fives and Kindergarten program on Thursday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m., in the McFall Cafeteria.

# DISTRICT NEWS



## School Start/Dismissal Times

High School	7:40 am – 2:25 pm
Middle School	7:40 am – 2:25 pm
Page, Lee, McFall	8:55 am – 3:40 pm
Elementary	

## Thornapple Kellogg Schools Directory

### Administration Building

Gary Rider, Superintendent	795-5521
Tom Enslin, Asst. Superintendent	795-5522
Christine Marcy, Dir. of Finance	795-5525

### School Buildings

Tony Koski, HS Principal	795-3394
Brian Balding, HS Athletic Director	795-5432
Mike Birely, MS Principal	795-3349
Jamie Langschie, MS Asst. Principal	795-3349
Tom Enslin, Page Principal	795-7944
Judi Scholten, Lee Principal	795-9747
Eric Proseus, Elementary Assistant Principal	795-7944
Jon Washburn, McFall Principal	795-3637
Mari Price, Special Education/ Alternative Education Director	795-5571

High School Attendance	795-5431
High School Counseling	795-5428
Middle School Attendance	795-5469
High School/Public Library	795-5434
Community Education Office	795-3397
Transportation	795-5540

## Board of Education

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## Upcoming Board Meetings

March 14, 2011  
 March 28, 2011  
 April 18, 2011

All meetings are at 7:00 p.m. in Middle School Room 1616, unless otherwise noted.

## School Closings and Delays

Adverse weather conditions and other emergency situations may make it necessary to cancel school, to delay the beginning of school, or to send students home early. Our transportation department is out early in the morning to check road conditions. They are in contact with neighboring school districts and the superintendent. The final decision is made by the superintendent.

Whenever it is necessary to delay or close school, notice will be communicated through TV channels 3, 8, 13, 17 and 41, radio stations WOOD and WBCH, and the district web site [www.tkschools.org](http://www.tkschools.org) or email through Honeywell Instant Alert.

### In the event of a two hour delay:

- There will be no a.m. preschool or a.m. ECSE.
- Busses will pick up students two hours later than normal.
- All classes will start two hours later than normal.
- No morning breakfast will be served.

### In the event of school closings:

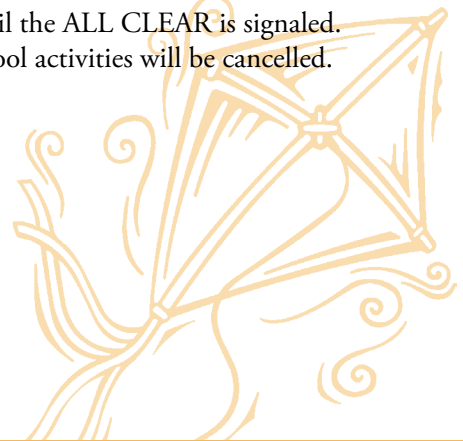
- A decision will be made early in the afternoon regarding contests, evening programs and practices.
- The public library is closed during school delays and closings.

### Tornado Watch

- All students will be kept at school if the watch is issued during the school day. Students will be dismissed at the regular time on regular bus routes.
- All after school activities will be moved inside or cancelled if deemed necessary by the superintendent. Should the watch expire before the event is scheduled, it may be held.

### Tornado Warning

- Students will be instructed to take shelter within the building until the ALL CLEAR is signaled.
- All after school activities will be cancelled.



The Key is published by Thornapple Kellogg Schools and is dedicated to informing the district residents of the activities and programs of the TK School District. Questions or comments regarding this publication should be directed to: Erica Dudik at 795-5521.

## Weathering the Storm

By Gary Rider, Superintendent



It was one year ago that I was meeting with members of the TK community and staff talking about what we might do to resolve the impending budget crisis. We completed the work of reducing our budget by \$1.3 million dollars and began this school year looking quite a bit “leaner” by making a series of tough decisions, most of which we really didn’t want to make.

I would like to begin by saying a sincere “Thank You” to some very important people. First of all, to our certified and support staffs. Thank you for keeping your focus on what is best for our students. In spite of our making cuts that have had an effect on every program and building – you have kept your center of attention on meeting the needs of our kids. To our parents, thank you for your understanding and support through this process. I greatly appreciate the feedback I have received from people in regard to understanding that the decisions we made were not necessarily ones we ourselves liked. So many families in our community have had to face difficulties associated with this bad economy they were able to identify with our need to make tough choices.

I also want to thank Judi Scholten and Tom Enslin for their part in the transitional plan for building leadership at Lee and Page Elementary Schools. We have been so lucky to have such high quality people in these positions to lead the way this year. This certainly has not been an optimal arrangement for building leadership but the work ethic and experience of both Judi and Tom has allowed them to make the best of a less than great situation. Barring a cut in funding from the state it is our intent to post these positions so that we can begin the next school year with full time principals at each building. It is our hope we can complete the selection process in the spring.

We have been fine tuning the changes we made at the beginning of the year keeping in mind that - for now - any adjustments we make will need to remain “cost neutral” as we try to establish a balanced budget. A big concern for all schools will be the future of operating revenue we receive from the state and increasing costs we can’t control. Newly elected Governor Snyder has announced he will submit his budget in mid-February (a month early) and has challenged the legislature to be done with their work on the budget by the end of May. This would be much earlier than in past years and if they are able to deliver on the Governor’s promise, we may have the chance to accurately plan our budget for the 2011-12 school year.

We are approaching a significant turning point for education in Michigan. I expect that a year from now we will have a much clearer picture of what the “new normal” will be for the funding of schools. It is hard to speculate on exactly what will happen between now and then but I hold out hope that the time for finally addressing the structural problems we have been avoiding for such a long time is finally at hand.

So for the moment – we’ll all hold our breath. Our district is in stable financial condition and we are in a good position to “weather the storm”. I continue to be optimistic about the future of our district and the capacity for our staff to do a fantastic job educating our children.

Thanks so much for your continued support. The great relationship between our community and school district continues to be the cornerstone for us to do the great work that benefits our children.

## Absentee Ballot for Annual School Election – May 3, 2011

Absentee ballots may be requested by phone, letter or picked up at the precinct you are registered to vote. Absentee ballots will be available by March 19, 2011.

You are eligible to use an absent voter ballot if:

- You expect to be absent from the community on May 3, 2011
- You are physically unable to attend the polls without assistance of another
- You cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of your religion
- You are 60 years of age or older

Absentee ballots will also be available on Saturday, April 30, 2011, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at each voting precinct. Should you have any questions regarding this absent voter procedure, please contact your township clerk.

## Odyssey of the Mind

The Odyssey of the Mind Season is underway. The Thornapple Kellogg Odyssey of the Mind Program is excited to be sending nine (9) teams to this year’s regional competition on Saturday, March 5 at Forest Hills Central High School. Odyssey of the Mind is a creative, problem solving, team activity for students kindergarten through college. Participants learn to work in a team, creatively solve problems, build devices, write and perform skits and so much more. If you would like to learn more about Odyssey of the Mind or to inquire about next year’s season, please contact Annie Halle at 269-945-8835 or [jollyhalle5@dishmail.net](mailto:jollyhalle5@dishmail.net).

# ELEMENTARY NEWS

## Thornapple Kellogg Preschool Registration – Fall 2011 *A Great Start for Kindergarten*

Our goal at TK Preschool is to provide a safe and caring environment that will stimulate and challenge young children's growth in all areas of development. The TK Preschool curriculum is designed to provide a variety of carefully planned and appropriate experiences to enhance and promote learning and development. Our curriculum will engage all children in activities that address their social, emotional, cognitive, creative, and physical strengths and needs.

We believe that young children are active learners who learn best through playful experiences that promote curiosity and understanding of the world around them. All children are unique in their strengths, interests, needs, and learning styles.

At TK Preschool we work closely with families to plan and implement rich, meaningful experiences for all children. We strive to help children enjoy a rewarding preschool experience with other children and caring adults in a secure setting outside their home.

### **Program Options**

#### **3 Year Old Program**

Two day sessions for children who turn 3 years old on or before December 1, 2011.

Tuition per semester is \$350 or for a full year \$700

#### **4 Year Old Program**

Two or three day sessions for children who turn 4 years old on or before December 1, 2011.

2-day/week tuition is \$350 per semester or for a full year \$700

3-day/week tuition is \$425 per semester or for a full year \$850

Morning session for both 3 and 4 year old programs: 9:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Afternoon session for both 3 and 4 year old programs: 12:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Transportation is not provided for our preschool program. Children must be toilet trained before entering preschool.

### **Registration Dates**

Families of current preschool students may register their children beginning Monday, February 28, 2011. Please stop by the TK Preschool office or see your child's teacher for a registration form.

Preschool alumni registration begins on Monday, March 14, 2011. Please stop by the TK Preschool office or call Kim at 269-795-5571 for a registration form.

Open public registration begins on Thursday, March 24, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the McFall Elementary Cafeteria.

A \$35 non-refundable registration fee is due at the time of registration in order to reserve your child's place in the TK Preschool program. The completed registration form and fee may be dropped off at the TK Preschool office or mailed to: TK Preschool, 507 W. Main Street, Middleville, MI 49333. If you have any questions regarding the TK Preschool program, please contact Kim at 269-795-5571.

## **Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) at TK**

Great Start Readiness Program is a state funded preschool offered in cooperation with Thornapple Kellogg Schools. The GSRP is available free of charge to children residing in the TK School District who will turn four by December 1, 2011 and will not have reached their fifth birthday by December 1, 2011, and who will qualify based on at least two eligibility factors (see below for examples of factors).

### **Eligibility Factors** (not all are listed)

Family income (based on household size and income)

Primary home language other than English

Teenage parent

Single parent

Parent/guardian with low education attainment

Environmental risks that include, but are not limited to: parental loss due to death, divorce, incarceration, military service or absence; sibling issues such as chronic illness, behavior issues, disability, or death; family is without stable housing.

*\*Documentation of factors is confidential.*

Children that qualify for the GSRP will attend four days/week (Monday – Thursday), for three hours/day in either the morning session (8:30 – 11:30 a.m.) or the afternoon session (12:30 – 3:30 p.m.). Parents must make a commitment to their child's daily attendance.

If you are interested in completing an application for this program, please contact the TK Preschool office at 269-795-5571. Office hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



## McFall Elementary Read-A-Thon Fundraiser

Climb aboard the Reading Railroad as we celebrate **March is Reading Month** beginning Tuesday, March 1 through March 29. Fabulous activities such as dress-up days and Green Eggs & Ham lunches are planned to encourage our young readers to increase their reading while raising funds to help support many enrichment activities and other exciting PTO sponsored events.

Our month long celebration kicks off with a visit from author Denise Brennan-Nelson on March 1 and 2; followed by Literacy Activity Night Tuesday, March 1 from 6:00-7:30 pm. Join in the fun and come dressed as your favorite storybook character!

We will end the month with school wide pajama parties complete with surprise guest readers to share their favorite bedtime stories, cookies and milk. Make a pledge and ask your child to read to you today!



*Pictured are students from the McFall Reading room. Mrs. Middlebush had a "Lucky Drawing" for students that have been bringing in their reading slips.*



*The first graders in Mrs. Seifert's class were writing informational pieces on polar bears. They are seen working in collaborative groups to organize their ideas on a tree map.*



*Students from Lee and Page Elementary take part in the TK Connectors program which helps our students with disabilities transition to activities with same age peers. Students meet to play games, eat lunch together and work on various activities.*



# MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Spelling Bee

The middle school held their building level spelling bee where the following students competed for title of winner and runner-up: Emily Bileth, Emily Davidson, Nick Gonzales, Lee Jordan, AJ Nye, Dalton Phillips, Ike Possett, Zeke Ringleka, Austin Roy, Nik Sinkler, Savanna Temple, Chris Walton, Matt Westbrook, and Amy Ziccarello.



*Nick Gonzales, winner and Amy Ziccarello, runner-up advanced to the regional spelling bee in February.*



## Study of Africa

During their study of Africa, seventh grade social studies students hosted Rev. Joshua Amaezechi from Nigeria and Margaret Kimosop McKenzie from Kenya. They came to the middle school to talk about the problems and solutions for peace in Africa. They represent an organization called PAX AFRICANA whose mission is to provide educational grants to children in Africa who have lost family and in many cases, limbs to the ongoing civil unrest in African countries. They emphasized the importance of education to stem the tide of ignorance and lawlessness. The students were able to ask questions about life and education in these two countries.



*The middle school held its third activity event. This is a time for middle schoolers to come and hang out with their friends after school to play games, dance, and just enjoy some time away from the classroom.*



*Students in our Cognitively Impaired program enjoyed a couple of games of bowling at the Middle Villa Inn.*



*The Willing to Wait drama team consists of High School and college students that have chosen to remain abstinent until marriage. Their skits reiterate the message seventh graders have learned in the program in a fun and encouraging way.*

## Upcoming Events and Important Dates

March 3	End of second trimester
March 22	Parent Advisory Meeting at 9:00 am
March 24	MS Musical at 7:00 pm – HS Auditorium
April 27 & 28	Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:00-7:00 p.m.



## Thornapple Kellogg BPA Competes at Regional Competition

On Saturday, January 8, thirteen Thornapple Kellogg High School business students traveled to Davenport University in Grand Rapids to compete along with 20 schools and tech centers from southwest Michigan at the Business Professionals of America Regional Leadership Competition. The students competed in a variety of business and computer-related competitions. Six of those who participated qualified to compete at the State Leadership Conference which will be held in Grand Rapids at the Amway Grand Plaza on March 25-26, 2011. (One student missing from the picture.)



## 2010 Winter Week

TK had a successful winter week raising funds and food for the Ronald McDonald House of Western Michigan. The students raised over \$2,300 and collected three truckloads of food. We celebrated the week with



collecting items, having a gift auction, penny wars and selling t-shirts. All of the proceeds benefited this great cause. TK students were very generous and giving this holiday season. Thanks to everyone who helped make this event a huge success.



## Fresh Food Bank

TK Student Council helped at the Fresh Food Bank in Hastings, MI. All of the canned goods that were collected at the December basketball games and wrestling matches were donated to the Fresh Food Bank.

## TKHS Students Receive Scholastic Art Awards



Four TKHS students received awards for excellence in art! Jordan Welton, Marissa Meyering, Anna Schilz and Brandon Scheck were awarded "gold keys" by Kendall College of Art and Design as part of their Scholastic Arts Award program!

## Upcoming Events and Important Dates

- March 1-3** Michigan Merit Exams
- March 2-3** High School Exams
- March 21** 8th Grade Orientation at 7:00 p.m. – High School Auditorium
- April 21** Parent Teacher Conferences, 4:30-8:30 p.m.
- April 29** Prom at Goei Center

### Parent Advisory Dates:

March 11, April 15, May 7, and June 3. All meetings are held in the high school main office conference room at 8:00 a.m.

# 2010-2011 THORNAPPLE KELLOGG HIGH SCHOOL SPRING ATHLETICS

## VARSITY TRACK

3/23	<b>CO-ED RELAYS</b>	4:00 PM
3/29	<b>SOUTH CHRISTIAN</b>	4:00 PM
4/12	<b>CATHOLIC CENTRAL</b>	4:00 PM
4/14	@ Wayland	4:00 pm
4/19	@ Hastings	4:00 pm
4/23	@ Soderman Relays (Cal)	TBA
4/26	<b>FOREST HILLS EASTERN</b>	4:00 PM
5/3	<b>CALEDONIA</b>	4:00 PM
5/6	@ Pewamo-Westphalia	TBA
5/10	@ Ottawa Hills	4:00 pm
5/14	@ Conf @ Wayland	TBA
5/20	@ Regionals	TBA
5/28	@ MITCA State Meet	TBA
5/31	@ Barry County Invite	TBA
6/4	MHSAA State Finasl	TBA

## JV/VARSITY SOCCER

3/24	@ Allegan	5/6:45 pm
3/28	@ Lakewood	5/6:45 pm
4/14	@ Hamilton	4/5:45 pm
4/18	@ Byron Center	4/5:45 pm
4/20	@ South Christian	5/6:45 PM
4/22	<b>COOPERSVILLE</b>	5/6:45 PM
4/25	<b>CATHOLIC CENTRAL</b>	5/6:45 PM
4/27	@ Wayland	5/6:45 pm
5/2	@ Hastings	5/6:45 pm
5/3	<b>GRANDVILLE</b>	5/6:45 PM
5/4	<b>FHE</b>	5/6:45 PM
5/6	<b>WYOMING PARK</b>	5/6:45 PM
5/9	<b>CALEDONIA</b>	5/6:45 PM
5/11	@ Ottawa Hills (V only)	5:00 pm
5/13	<b>OTSEGO</b>	5/6:45 PM
5/19	@ Conf Tourney	5/6:45 pm
5/23	@ Conf Tourney	5/6:45 pm
5/25	@ Conf Tourney	5/6:45 pm

## VARSITY TENNIS

4/18	<b>CATHOLIC CENTRAL</b>	4:00 PM
4/20	@ Wayland	4:00 pm
4/25	@ Hastings	4:00 pm
4/27	<b>FHE</b>	4:00 PM
5/2	<b>CALEDONIA</b>	4:00 PM
5/4	@ Ottawa Hills	4:00 pm
5/9	@ South Christian	4:00 pm
5/10	Rain Date	4:00 pm
5/14	@ Conference	TBA

## JUNIOR VARSITY TENNIS

4/18	@ Catholic Central	4:00 pm
4/20	<b>WAYLAND</b>	4:00 PM
4/25	<b>HASTINGS</b>	4:00 PM
4/27	@ FHE	4:00 pm
5/2	@ Caledonia	4:00 pm
5/4	<b>OTTAWA HILLS</b>	4:00 PM
5/7	Conf @ South Chrisitan	TBA
5/9	<b>SOUTH CHRISTIAN</b>	4:00 pm

## VARSITY GOLF

4/15	Jamboree @ Broadmore	3:45 pm
4/19	Jamboree @ Egypt Valley	3:45 pm
4/26	Jamboree @ Gracewill	3:45 pm
4/27	Jamboree @ Quail Ridge	3:45 pm
4/29	<b>TK INVITE</b>	9:00 AM
5/2	Jamboree @ Orchard Hills	3:45 pm
5/4	Jamboree @ Hastings CC	3:45 pm
5/10	Jamboree @ Railside	3:45 pm
5/14	Rockford Invite @ Braeside	9:00 am
5/17	<b>JAMBOREE @ YSGC</b>	3:45 PM
5/19	Rain Date	3:45 pm
5/25	Conf Tourney @ Meadows	9:00 am

## VARSITY BASEBALL

3/28	<b>BELDING (DH)</b>	4:15 pm
3/30	@ Hamilton	4:15 pm
4/12	@ South Christian (DH)	4:15 pm
4/13	<b>EAST GRAND RAPIDS</b>	4:15 PM
4/14	<b>SOUTH CHRISTIAN</b>	4:15 pm
4/16	@ Barry County Invite	TBA
4/18	<b>CEDAR SPRINGS</b>	4:15 PM
4/19	<b>CATHOLIC CENTRAL (DH)</b>	4:15 PM
4/21	@ Catholic Central	4:15 PM
4/23	<b>FHC (DH)</b>	10:00 AM
4/26	@ Wayland (DH)	4:15 pm
4/28	<b>WAYLAND</b>	4:15 PM
5/2	<b>PLAINWELL</b>	4:15 PM
5/3	@ Hastings (DH)	4:15 pm
5/5	<b>HASTINGS</b>	4:15 PM
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5/11	<b>OTTAWA HILLS</b>	4:15 PM
5/12	@ FHE	4:15 pm
5/16	<b>CALEDONIA (DH)</b>	4:15 PM
5/19	@ Caledonia	4:15 pm
5/25	@ Ottawa Hills (DH)	4:15 PM
5/28	@ Williamston Tourney	TBA
5/31	<b>DISTRICTS</b>	TBA

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3/28	@ Belding (DH)	4:15 pm
3/30	<b>HAMILTON (DH)</b>	4:15 pm
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5/19	@ Caledonia	4:15 pm
5/25	<b>OTTAWA HILLS (DH)</b>	4:15 PM

## FRESHMAN BASEBALL

4/13	<b>FHE (DH)</b>	4:15 PM
4/18	<b>CALEDONIA (DH)</b>	4:15 PM
4/20	@ Wayland (DH)	4:15 pm
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5/6	@ FHC	4:15 pm
5/10	<b>FHE (DH)</b>	4:15 PM
5/12	@ Maple Valley (DH)	4:15 pm
5/14	@ Kelloggsville Tourney	TBA
5/17	@ NorthPointe Christian (DH)	4:15 pm
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5/3	<b>HASTINGS (DH)</b>	4:15 pm
5/6	<b>FHC</b>	4:15 pm
5/9	@ Lowell (DH)	4:15 pm
5/10	@ FHE (DH)	4:15 PM
5/12	<b>MAPLE VALLEY (DH)</b>	4:15 pm
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4/27	@ South Christian (DH)	4:15 pm
5/2	<b>CATHOLIC CENTRAL (DH)</b>	4:15 PM
5/6	@ FHE (DH)	4:15 PM
5/9	@ Caledonia (DH)	4:15 pm
5/11	<b>WAYLAND (DH)</b>	4:15 PM
5/16	@ Hastings (DH)	4:15 pm
5/18	<b>SOUTH CHRISTIAN (DH)</b>	4:15 PM
5/23	@ Catholic Central (DH)	4:15 pm

## JUNIOR VARSITY GOLF

4/11	@ Wayland	3:30 pm
4/13	<b>CATHOLIC CENTRAL</b>	3:30 PM
4/18	<b>FHE</b>	3:30 PM
4/25	<b>HASTINGS</b>	3:30 PM
4/27	<b>SOUTH CHRISTIAN</b>	3:30 PM
5/2	@ Caledonia	3:30 pm
5/4	@ FHE	3:30 pm
5/9	<b>WAYLAND</b>	3:30 PM
5/11	@ Hastings	3:30 pm
5/16	@ South Christian	3:30 pm
5/18	<b>CALEDONIA</b>	3:30 PM
5/23	Conf Tourney @ Centennial	3:30 pm





# COMMUNITY EDUCATION

## Senior Citizens

It's been a long winter and spring is coming so let's celebrate. Check out the fun activities we've planned and call Shar at the Community Education office to register. We made it through the deep freeze and now it's time to have some fun. Call 269-795-3397 for more information and to register.

**TKHS Musical Dress Rehearsal** – *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*  
Senior citizens residing in the TK school district are invited to attend the dress rehearsal performance of the high school musical "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" on Thursday, March 10 at the TK High School Auditorium. Pre-show refreshments will be served at 6:15 p.m. in the high school cafeteria and the performance begins at 7:00 p.m. There is no cost for this fun evening of theatre but pre-registration is a must to plan for refreshments. Please park in the west parking lot (by the athletic stadium) and use the new main entrance. Please call Shar at 269-795-3397 by March 8 to pre-register. If leaving a message, please leave your name and phone number.

### Meijer Gardens Bus Trip

Join us to take in the warmth and beauty of spring in West Michigan. Our trip takes us to Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park in Grand Rapids to enjoy the beauty of spring flowering bulbs, tulips and much more. Trip includes transportation, a tram tour around the gardens, a \$10 lunch voucher for the Gardens Café and time to visit the gift shop and indoor gardens. Please join us on Friday, March 13 for a fun day at the gardens and invite a friend. Bus transportation is by school bus. We will leave the Learning Center parking lot at 10:00 a.m. and return by 2:15 p.m. Please call Shar at 269-795-3397 to register by May 6. Cost: \$20 per person. Community adults are invited.

## TK Community Pool

Minimum participation is needed to keep the pool open. Please call the Pool Hotline, 795-5400 ext. 4442 for all pool information and updates. Schedule may change without notice. In case of tornado watches or warnings, pool events will be automatically cancelled without further notice.

### ADULT LAP SWIM

Monday – Thursday 5:00 – 6:00 pm  
Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 – 9:00 pm.

### OPEN/FAMILY SWIM

Tuesday & Thursday 6:00 – 7:00 pm  
Swimmers must be 8 years old or accompanied by an adult.

### AQUA AEROBICS

Tuesday & Thursday 7:00 – 8:00 pm  
This is a fun, low impact, high intensity workout for adults.

### SWIM LESSONS

In conjunction with the YMCA of Barry County, swim lessons are offered for children at the Thornapple Kellogg pool on Saturdays. You may go to the YMCA website [www.ymcaofbarrycounty.org](http://www.ymcaofbarrycounty.org) to view the different swim lessons and times.



You can register on the YMCA website or call them directly at 269-945-7436.

## Do you have a Golden Age Card?

**What is a TK Golden Age Card?** It is a card issued to TK Senior Citizens to be used for admission to school functions.

**How do I qualify to receive a TKGAC?** You must live in the TK District, be 60 years of age or older and retired.

**Where can I get one?** Simply contact Deb at the Administration Building, 269-795-5525 or stop in at 10051 Green Lake Road, Middleville.

**What events might I use the card for?** Sporting events, plays – anything school sponsored that requires an admission fee. Certain athletic contests such as state tournaments, as well as special programming may require a fee or picking up a ticket prior to the event.

**How long is a card good for?** LIFETIME

## Hall Walking

The halls of TK High School will be open Monday through Thursday, 6:00-8:30 pm through March 31 for walking. Halls will not be open for walking if school is closed for the day due to holidays, in-service days, or if school is closed due to inclement weather. No need to pre-register.



# COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT

**Pre-registration is required for classes unless noted otherwise.** Classes are offered on a first come-first served basis. Payment is due one week prior to first class except where noted otherwise. Classes are self-supporting; therefore no refunds can be made after the first night of class. You will be notified, and a full refund will be given if class is cancelled or filled. Child care is not available during classes.

Make checks payable to TK Schools and mail to TK Community Ed, 10375 Green Lake Rd, Middleville, MI 49333. **Please call 269-795-3397 to register** or stop at the Community Ed office. Payment is due with registration before start of class.

*NOTE: If school is cancelled due to inclement weather, evening classes are also cancelled. Every attempt will be made to make up cancelled classes. Cancellation notice will be communicated through TV channels 3, 8, 13 and 41, radio stations WOOD and WBCH, and the district web site [www.tkschools.org](http://www.tkschools.org).*

## Technology Class Cloud Computing

This is an introductory course for learners interested in cloud computing. Learners will gain an understanding of what cloud computing is and how they can take advantage of free web based applications. We will use Google apps and explore the basics of docs, presentations, spreadsheets and forms. Learn how to make your data available to you (or anyone you choose), at any time from any Internet connected device.

**Dates: Mondays 3/14 & 3/21**

**Time: 6:30-8:30 pm**

**Cost: \$20/2 weeks**

**Location: HS Computer Lab Room 103**

**Instructor: Angie Ruger**

## Art Class

### Intermediate and Advanced Watercolor

The Intermediate/Advanced Watercolor class follows a step by step approach to a finished watercolor painting. Students will complete a painting every class. Prior watercolor class experience is highly recommended to take this class. Supplies are additional. Class limit:10

**Dates: Tuesdays 5/3, 10, 17, 24**

**Time: 6:30-9:00 pm**

**Cost: \$40/4 weeks (plus supplies)**

**Location: McFall Elementary Art Room #112**

**Instructor: Don Williamson**



## Fitness Classes

### ZUMBA-Exercise in Disguise

Zumba is a Latin-inspired, dance-fitness class that incorporates Latin and International music and dance movements, which create

a dynamic, exciting, and effective fitness system! This class format combines fast and slow rhythms that tone and sculpt the body in an aerobic/fitness fashion to achieve a unique blended balance of cardio and muscle toning benefits. No dance background required, just a willingness to have fun! Please do not bring children to class.

**Dates: Mondays 4/18-5/23**

**Time: 6:00-7:00 pm**

**Cost: \$36/6 weeks**

**Location: Page Elementary Cafe.**

**Instructor: Rachel Carter**

### Anusara-Inspired Yoga Level 1

This class introduces breathing exercises, meditation and physical postures and is based on a unique style of Hatha Yoga, where heart oriented themes integrate with the scientific principles of biomechanics. The focus is on developing concentration and awareness, as well as stretching and strengthening. Emphasis is put on detailed instruction, basic alignment principles, and introducing standing poses. Great for beginners or those with some yoga experience. Please note: You must be able to attend the first class of the session. Class is for registered participants only.

**Dates: Mondays 4/18-5/23**

**Time: 7:15-8:30 pm**

**Cost: \$48/6 weeks**

**Location: Page Elementary Cafe.**

**Instructor: Rachel Carter-Certified Anusara-Inspired Yoga Teacher**

### Ballroom Dance

We dance to have fun! Do you want to stay up on the dance floor no matter what the band plays? If so, consider this class. You can choose your favorites from East Coast Swing, Waltz, Foxtrot, Polka, Salsa, Merengue, Rumba, Cha Cha Cha, Tango, Samba and more. You will learn the control, styling and lead that it takes to enjoy confidence knowing you make every partner you dance with look good. The beauty of dance is just a step away.

**Dates: Thursdays 3/31, 4/14, 21, 28, 5/5, 12  
No class April 7**

**Time: 7:00-8:00 pm**

**Cost: \$60 per couple/6 weeks**

**Location: Lee Elementary Cafe.**

**Instructor: Liz Belson**

### Aqua Aerobics

This fun, low impact, high intensity workout for adults is geared to tone, strengthen and increase flexibility. This is an excellent workout for men and women. Certified instructor will tailor the workout to meet your needs.

**Dates: Tues. & Thurs. through school year  
(Except when school is closed)**

**No class 4/5 or 4/7**

**Time: 7:00-8:00 pm**

**Cost: 12 visit pass-\$35 (passes are valid for 12 consecutive visits from date of purchase) or \$5 per visit**

**Register and purchase pass from instructor at pool.**

**Location: TK High School Pool**

**Instructor: Tammy Sirk**

### Community Enrichment Class

#### Cooking with Kanda

**May 10, 6:00 – 8:00 pm**

**TKHS Room 403**

For the last two years, Cooking with Kanda (aka Kevin Briggs and Angie Ruger) have delighted community members with a variety of cooking experiences, some incredible recipes and downright delectable food, all the while raising money for the Kanda project, the purchase of early chapter books for the community library.

Just in time for summer, they will be offering "Once Upon a Time, There Was a Boy, a Girl, and a Grill Part 2" on May 10. There is an emphasis on fast, delicious and healthy cooking. Seating is limited, so sign up early. Remember the class is free, but we will be soliciting donations for the Kanda project.

## BOXHOLDER

### Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation and The Barry Community Foundation will Host an Online Scholarship Application Open Lab!

The Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation (TAEF), a geographic affiliate fund of the Barry Community Foundation (BCF), will be accepting scholarship applications. To assist applicants, TAEF and BCF will be hosting a hands-on computer lab session at the high school to help students finalize their scholarship applications.

The open lab will be held on **Tuesday, March 8 from 2:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.** in the Thornapple Kellogg High School Computer Lab, Room 610. The open lab time will provide a great opportunity for students to ask questions about the scholarship application process, receive help with essay content, complete the necessary forms and to submit completed applications.

Students wishing to submit scholarship applications during the open lab, should bring a valid e-mail address, 3" X 5" or smaller picture of themselves, and any essay content (please bring all started work in an electronic Word document). To increase efficiency and ease, letters of recommendation, as well as official transcripts, can be requested through the on-line application during the open lab. Students will also be able to print a copy of their completed online application at the open lab session.

Approximately 30 scholarships will be available for eligible Thornapple Kellogg students. The scholarships are offered in a variety of areas and specialties including the medical field, business, the arts, education, engineering, agriculture, and general studies. Current and former Thornapple Kellogg students, home schooled students, and high school seniors living in the area can apply for most TAEF scholarships.

The deadline for filing an application is April 1, 2011 by 5:00 p.m. The TAEF encourages all students with an interest to complete the application process. Applications are available online at the TAEF website [www.thornapplefoundation.org](http://www.thornapplefoundation.org) and select "online application" (scholarship e-GRANT system). Please keep in mind that new users will need to register.

The TAEF is committed to the enrichment and development of the Thornapple Kellogg Community and is an affiliate of the Barry Community Foundation. Interested applicants can find a complete list of the TAEF scholarships at [www.barrycf.org](http://www.barrycf.org). Individuals who are interested in contributing to the Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation or would like to learn more should contact the TAEF at 269-945-0526.

## CALENDAR

### March 2011

- 1 MME Testing
- 1 McFall Elementary Read-A-Thon Begins
- 1 McFall Elementary Literacy Night 6-7:30 pm
- 2 MME
- 2 HS Exams
- 3 MME
- 3 HS Exams
- 3 End of 2nd Trimester
- 3 Lee Elementary Camp Create-a-Lot 6:00-7:30 pm
- 4 **No School for Students – Records Day**
- 10 HS Musical Dress Rehearsal
- 11 HS Musical 7 pm, HS Perf. Arts Center
- 11 M/W Young Fives & Kdg. Meet
- 12 HS Musical 7 pm, HS Perf. Arts Center
- 14 School Board Meeting 7pm, MS 1616
- 17 Page Honor Roll/Character Assemblies, 4th grade 9:30 am, 5th grade 1:30 pm - HS Perf. Arts Center
- 18 **No School for Students – Professional Development Day**
- 21 8th Grade Orientation 7 pm

- 22 Lee Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 22 Page Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 22 MS Parent Advisory Mtg. 9 am
- 24 Lee Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 24 Page Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 24 MS Musical 7pm HS Auditorium
- 25 T/TH Young Fives & Kdg. Meet
- 25 BPA State Leadership Conference
- 26 BPA State Leadership Conference
- 28 School Board Meeting 7pm, MS 1616
- 29 McFall Read-A-Thon Ends: Donation Money Due

### April 2011

- 1-8 **No School – Spring Break**
- 13 McFall Elementary Informational Parent Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 18 School Board Meeting 7pm, MS 1616
- 21 HS Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30-8:30 pm
- 27 MS Parent/ Teacher Conferences 4-7 pm
- 28 MS Parent/ Teacher Conferences 4-7 pm
- 29 4th Grade Geography Bee 9:30 am, HS Performing Arts Center