



THE KEY

School Board Leaders Honored in January

The month of January is designated as National School Board Recognition Month. This is our community’s opportunity to thank a dedicated group of individuals who serve our students and the Thornapple Kellogg School community.

This year’s theme, “School Boards Lead Strong,” reflects their combined commitment to leadership and accountability, assuring that ALL students succeed.

We are proud of our district, and School Board Recognition Month is the time to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our elected trustees. Please take a moment to write a note thanking our Board of Education for their tremendous service. Let them know you appreciate what they do for kids in TK Schools.

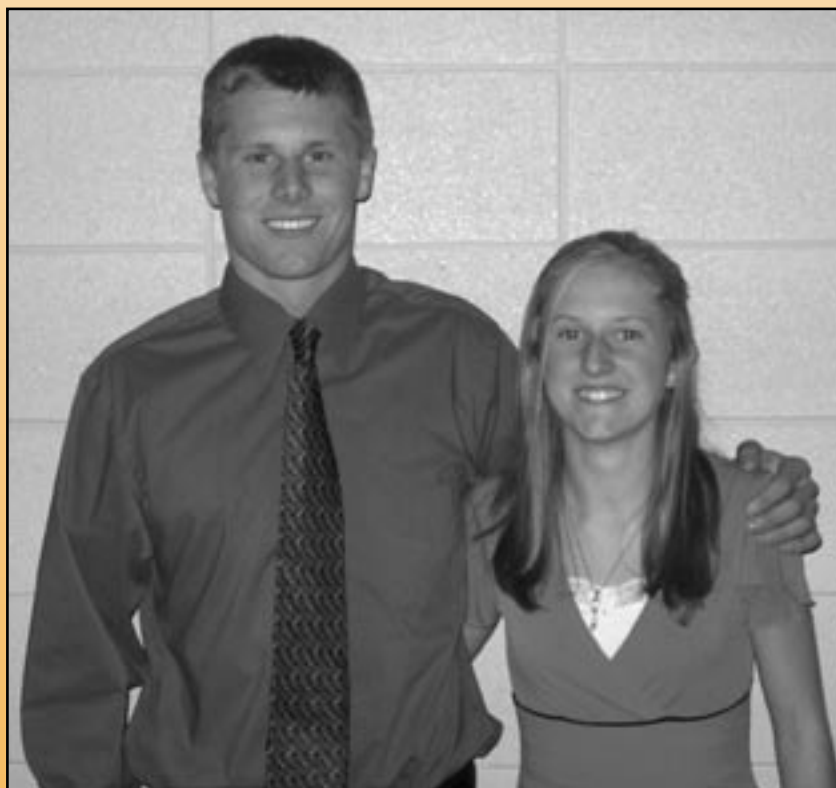
Board Members and their years of service:

Donald Haney – President	8	David Smith – Trustee	13
Scott Kiel – Vice President	7	Cindy Ordway – Trustee	4
Kim Selleck – Secretary	13	Tammy Berdecia – Trustee	1
Tom Ward – Treasurer	5		



Winchester Siblings Earn Honors

Freshman, Allyson and Senior, Keith Winchester earned a unique honor this fall, becoming one of only a few brother/sister pairs to win the conference championship in Cross Country. Both qualified for the State meet, with Keith finishing 46th in the State and Allyson finishing 6th. In addition, Allyson set the school record this year (breaking the record set by her sister, Rebecca) with a time of 18:21.4. It was a great year all-around for the Cross Country program, as the girls won the conference championship, their seventh in the last decade.



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
Eric Proseus, HS Assistant Principal	795-3394
Brian Balding, HS Athletic Director	795-5432
Jon Washburn, MS Principal	795-3349
Patrick Marsman, MS Asst. Principal	795-5468
Dona Raymer, Page Principal	795-7944
Tim Shaw, Lee Principal	795-9747
Bill Rich, McFall Principal	795-3637
Mari Price, Special Education/ Alternative Education Director	795-5571
Ellen Zack, School to Work Coordinator	795-7944

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

Donald Haney	President
Scott Kiel	Vice President
Kim Selleck	Secretary
Tom Ward	Treasurer
David Smith	Trustee
Cindy Ordway	Trustee
Tammy Berdecia	Trustee

Upcoming Board Meetings

January 14, 2008
February 11, 2008

All meetings are at 7:30 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, delay the beginning of school, or 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 and 41, radio stations WOOD and WBCH, and the district web site www.tk.k12.mi.us.

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.



School Safety Information

The Thornapple Kellogg Schools and the Middleville community pride themselves in having a safe and friendly environment. Events around the country in recent years, however, have raised the level of attention to issues surrounding the safety of school buildings and the students and staff who occupy them. It is our belief that being well prepared is the key to keeping our students safe. The following information is provided so that you can be made aware of what steps are required by law, as well as, the other initiatives we have put in place to continue to keep our students safe.

Beginning in 2007 there were two new laws in the State of Michigan that affect how schools prepare for emergencies. Public Act No. 187 and Public Act No. 337 require that a minimum of two safety drills be held in every school building each school year. The law states that during these drills, occupants are to be restricted to the interior of the building and the building is to be secured. These safety drills must be conducted at all schools that operate any of the grades kindergarten to 12, with security measures that are appropriate to an emergency, such as the release of a hazardous material or the presence of an armed person on or near school grounds.

We have conducted some of these safety drills and have emphasized their importance to our students. We are working in coordination with emergency management and emergency responder representatives from our area to build upon these guidelines and strengthen our ability to protect our students against any threat encountered, whether it is natural or man-made.

We are also working with emergency management to ensure that these drills are conducted in an age appropriate manner. Last year, a district in the Grand Rapids area conducted surprise simulation drills where they had not told students or teachers that the situation was not real. We will not be conducting those types of drills. We are working with staff members from both the Barry County Sheriff's department and Middleville Fire department to plan and run drills that will prepare us for the worst, while maintaining an appropriate educational environment. Students will know there is a safety drill taking place but the environment should be similar to that of a fire or tornado drill. It is a great cooperative effort between the district and local emergency officials which will provide us an even safer environment for our children.

We are also working on solutions to make entrances to our buildings safer during the school day. Part of our construction plan at the high school calls for limiting entrance to the building once school has begun. After school starts, anyone who would want to enter the building would only be able to do so by passing through an area supervised by an adult, such as an office or the library.

We will also be working on the entrances to other buildings to better supervise people who want to enter. This will include always having people check in at the main office of a building prior to entering a building and restricting what doors of buildings are open during the school day. We appreciate your understanding and support as we work through some of these changes to better serve our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Rider". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Gary Rider, Superintendent

Literacy Update

Tom Enslin, Assistant Superintendent

At Thornapple Kellogg Schools we are always looking for ways to encourage a love of reading for our students. Our teachers and literacy coaches have developed many creative ways to promote reading, and I wanted to share with you one of the innovative programs happening in our district.

For those who discover the love of reading, it is often equally fulfilling to express reading experiences with those who share the same enthusiasm. At Page Elementary, students are provided with this opportunity through a program called Book Study Club (BSC).

Students qualify for BSC based on above average standardized test scores and classroom performance. Currently, there are about 90 Page students from all 17 classrooms in six different BSC groups. These groups meet once per week for about 90 minutes to accomplish the following goals:

- **To read and learn with peers who share a similar degree of enthusiasm for reading**
- **To become better readers and writers**
- **To grow in their comprehension and communication skills**
- **To learn to be responsible to different teachers and expectations**

Students are encouraged to choose a book they have not read, and to work with three to four others on the same reading sample. Mrs. Chausow, literacy coach and sponsor for the group, is also working on comprehension strategies with the students as they progress through their books. A big "Thank You" also goes out to all of our parent volunteers for their work in ensuring the success of the program



Board of Education Election May 6, 2008

The Thornapple Kellogg Board of Education will have two (2) positions available for the annual election on Tuesday, May 6, 2008. These positions are four (4) year terms ending June 30, 2012. A candidate who wishes to seek a position on the school board must file a nominating petition, or \$100 filing fee, and an Affidavit of Identity by **Wednesday, February 13, 2008** at 4:00 pm. Petition and affidavit forms are available at the Barry County Clerk's office. For more information, please contact the Barry County Clerk's office at 945-1285 or the School Administration office at 795-5521.

Screenings Offered to Children (0-5 years old)

Thornapple Kellogg Schools offers screenings for children in the area of speech, language and developmental delays. These screenings are free to children living within the Thornapple Kellogg School District. Children with significant delays in language, motor skills, or cognition are eligible for special education services.

Parents interested in having their child screened may contact the Special Education Office for additional information. If you have any questions regarding special education services for students of any age, please contact the Special Education Office at 795-5571.



MC FALL ELEMENTARY



State Farm agent Lon Lefanty and the State Farm Bear presented a 911 program to McFall kindergarten classes.



All McFall classes are scheduled to send cards to our troops in Iraq. Mrs. Seifert's first grade class is pictured with their Thanksgiving cards sent to one of their classmate's uncle.



McFall students learned about the importance of farms during a visit by The Barnyard Express.



Mrs. Seifert's classroom letters are shown on display in Iraq.



McFall first graders are learning about "Super Vowels."



Mrs. DeVries' students enjoy a Thanksgiving feast.

LEE ELEMENTARY



Each week, artists from two classrooms are showcased in the Lee Lobby. Check out the super art!



Students in Mrs. Hannapel and Mrs. Toole's room celebrated Thanksgiving with a traditional holiday feast. Our Superintendent, Mr. Gary Rider, enjoyed the meal!



The Lee Student Council volunteered not only their time but also \$200.00 to the Barry County Food Bank in November.



Lee students developing their skills for the annual roller skating field trip.



Character Awards: These 2nd grade students earned the Principal's Award for displaying outstanding respect and excellent academic performance.



Pilgrims and Indians from Mr. Fischer and Mrs. VanVliet's classes met for a Thanksgiving feast.



Page students help celebrate National School Lunch Week by showing appreciation to lunch service staff.



Page students are learning to play the recorder and earning recorder belts as they master songs from their Recorder Karate book. They start with white belts and work through to earn black belts.



Page Student Council representatives planted bulbs donated by the TK High School Environment Action Council. They are looking forward to next spring when the bulbs bloom.



Students work on laptops learning to use technology to enhance each subject area.



Mr. Tom Enslin, Assistant Superintendent, was the Mystery Reader for Mrs. Muka's fifth grade class.

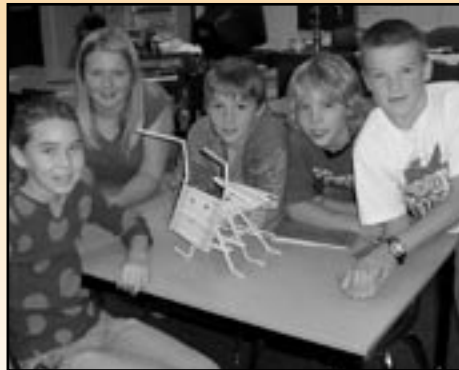


Page students participated in "Mix It Up Day." Lunch times were switched so students had the opportunity to eat with students they don't usually see at lunch and expand their friendship circles.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

6th Grade Science Extension Classes

Students in Mr. Stehlik & Mr. Davis' 6th grade science extension classes are working in groups to find the "right" solutions for these complex problems. No rules or directions were handed out, rather the students themselves needed to think critically about solving the problem in teams. In one exercise, students needed to build a beetle out of straws...to see whose beetle was the strongest, weights were added to the frame and the winning beetle was the one that held the most weight. In the other exercise, students had to build a tower. While some of the towers unfortunately collapsed with minimal weight, the winning tower held a tremendous amount of weight!



Students of the Month

Students of the Month for November enjoying their ice cream sundae party! Students got to make their own sundaes and were awarded a certificate for their outstanding achievement!



Martha Thorne is a Cool Teacher

Martha Thorne, 7th grade science teacher, received the WGUV Cool Teacher Award. 7th grade student, Rebecka Thaler, nominated Mrs. Thorne because she loves her science class! WGUV honored Mrs. Thorne and her class with a pizza party. WGUV also taped the award presentation and the TV spot will be aired around the children's programs on WGUV.



NEW MURAL DISPLAYED AT TKHS

“Carpe Diem means “Seize the Day” in Latin. This mural was meant to be inspiring and informative. With a little help from people at TK, my family, and sanity, I was able to create this piece of art. To me, when I look at this piece, it tells me a story. It says to not only speak out but act on your words. It says to break out of your confining comfort zone and don't be afraid to fall because there are family and friends to catch you and lift you up. When you look out your window and see the world, fly away to your place of opportunity where you can grow and learn. That's Carpe Diem.”

--Courtney Smith, TKHS Senior

DAR Award

Patriotism, service, dependability, leadership - the Daughter of the American Revolution Award has long stood for such qualities which are found within its recipients. Thornapple Kellogg High School is proud to announce that Stephanie Wingeier has been named the recipient of this prestigious distinction.



Stephanie is a member of the National Honor Society, Teens Against Tobacco Use, and the Jazz Band. In her spare time, Stephanie enjoys scrapbooking, hanging out with her friends and going on mission trips with her youth group from Peace Reformed Church.

Stephanie plans to attend Grand Rapids Community College where she will pursue a degree in nursing. Stephanie is the daughter of Chris and Lynette Wingeier.

Important Parent Dates at TKHS

8:00 am Parent Advisory dates: December 7, January 11, February 1, March 14, April 18, May 2, and June 6

6:30 pm Parent Advisory dates: January 31 and May 1

Parent/Teacher Conferences: January 16 & 17 and April 23

Michigan Merit Exam Parent's Night: January 23 in the HS Auditorium at 7:00 pm



Digital Media Production Class Receives Grant

Mr. Jerry Robinson's digital media production advanced work students; Jacob Bauer, Dayton Dimond, Dylan Hamilton, Linsey Faber, Shannon Cornett and Amy DeMaagd, along with district technology specialist, Mrs. Angie Ruger applied for a grant through the Michigan Association of Computer Users in Learning (MACUL) and the Michigan Department of Education to teach the Michigan Educational Technology Standards (METS) for first and second graders. The grant, worth \$15,000, is one of five awarded throughout the State. The grant application proposed teaching the METS standards in new and exciting ways. With the grant we will purchase video equipment to produce a DVD which will include the use of live virtual sets as a main tool, along with other technology platforms, which will both entertain and educate first and second graders.

There will be many people in the TK school district who will be involved in the project. Many current and former students from the digital media class have offered their time. Mr. Matt Melvin's woodshop class will help build the green screen set. Mr. Ray Rickert will help score the music on the DVD, Ms. Barb Hubers will help us by using some of her summer reading program students in the video. Mrs. Tricia Rickert will be giving us leads on potential actors/actresses for our production. Mr. Kevin Briggs and the technology department have pledged their help with technology.

The production process will begin soon and actual taping of the project will take place in the spring/summer of 2008.

HIGH SCHOOL



Red Cross Blood Drive

The TKHS National Honor Society sponsored a Red Cross Blood Drive at Thornapple Kellogg High School on November 14. Sixty-five TKHS students signed up to donate blood. Thank you NHS students and advisor Rachel Cobb for making this happen!



Diversity Initiative

On November 9, 75 TKHS freshmen attended the first session of the KISD 9th grade Diversity Initiative at WMU, pictured is this group of students. TKHS is partnered with Byron Center, Forest Hills Eastern, and Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills. We have two more groups of 75 freshmen students going in December and February to complete this training.



NHS Food Drive

NHS collected the most food ever this year! It was divided and used for the community food pantries at the Middleville Baptist Church and the Middleville United Methodist Church. The NHS was happy to sponsor the event, but the whole student body and staff members pitched in to support this cause. Thanks for all of the donations!



Fall Season All-Conference Student-Athletes

From left to right: (Front) Kate Scheidel-soccer, Audrey Hoag-swimming, Allyson Winchester-cross country, Kylie Schultz-cross country (Middle) Ethan Fuller-cross country, Mindy Warner-swimming, Macy Chamberlin-golf, Melanie Truer-cross country, Andrew Gilbert-football (Back) Ashley Martin-golf, Keith Winchester-cross country, Matt Bouchard-soccer, Bobby Wilson-football, Sven Welz-soccer, Corey Jewett-tennis

2007-2008 THORNAPPLE KELLOGG HIGH SCHOOL WINTER ATHLETICS

BOYS BASKETBALL (Varsity, JV, Frosh)

12/7	@ Kenowa Hills
12/10	IONIA
12/13	@ South Christian
12/18	HAMILTON
12/21	HOLLAND
12/28	@ Lowell
1/3	@ Forest Hills Northern
1/8	@ Wayland
1/11	@ Hastings
1/17	BYRON CENTER
1/22	SOUTH CHRISTIAN
1/25	@ Hamilton
1/28	NORTH POINTE CHRISTIAN
1/31	FOREST HILLS CENTRAL
2/5	FOREST HILLS NORTHERN
2/8	WAYLAND
2/11	@ Forest Hills Eastern
2/14	HASTINGS
2/19	@ Byron Center
2/21	@ Crossover with Blue

Varsity 7pm JV 5:30 pm Frosh 4:00 pm

VARSITY COMPETITIVE CHEER

1/5	@ Byron Center	1:30 pm
1/16	@ Hastings	6:30 pm
1/19	@ Holland Christian	TBA
1/23	JAMBOREE @ HOME	6:30 PM
1/26	@ Muskegon Reeths Puffer	10:00 am
1/28	@ Comstock Park Invite	TBA
1/30	@ Jamboree @ Hamilton	6:30 pm
2/2	@ Delton Kellogg	TBA
2/9	@ Battle Creek Central	9:00 am
2/13	@ Jamboree @ Wayland	6:30 PM
2/16	@ Lakewood	1:00 pm
2/23	@ Conference Tourney	TBA

JUNIOR VARSITY COMPETITIVE CHEER

1/5	@ Byron Center	1:30 pm
1/12	@ Comstock Park	TBA
1/16	@ Hastings	6:30 pm
1/23	JAMBOREE @ HOME	6:30 PM
1/26	@ Musk Reeths Puffer	10:00 am
1/30	@ Jamboree @ Hamilton	6:30 pm
2/9	@ Battle Creek Central	9:00 am
2/13	@ Jamboree @ Wayland	6:30 pm
2/16	@ Lakewood	10:00 am

VARSITY BOWLING

12/12	NORTHPOINTE CHRISTIAN	3:30 pm
1/8	FHN	3:30 pm
1/10	WAYLAND	3:30 pm
1/12	@ Pre Conf Tourney-Spectrum	11:00 am
1/15	@ Byron Center	3:30 pm
1/18	@ South Christian	3:30 pm
1/22	@ FHN	3:30 pm
1/24	@ Wayland	3:30 PM
1/25	BYRON CENTER	3:30 PM
1/31	SOUTH CHRISTIAN	3:30 pm
2/5	FHN	3:30 PM
2/7	WAYLAND	3:30 PM
2/8	@ Byron Center	3:30 pm
2/14	@ South Christian	3:30 pm
2/19	@ Conf Tourney-Spectrum	2:00 pm

GIRLS BASKETBALL (Varsity, JV, Frosh)

11/27	IONIA
11/30	SOUTH CHRISTIAN
12/4	@ St. Joseph
12/6	@ Hamilton
12/10	@ North Pointe Christian
12/14	FOREST HILLS NORTHERN
12/17	CALEDONIA
12/20	WAYLAND
1/04	@ Hastings
1/07	HOLLAND
1/10	BYRON CENTER
1/12	@ Lakewood
1/15	@ South Christian
1/18	HAMILTON
1/24	FOREST HILLS CENTRAL
1/29	@ FHN
2/1	@ Wayland
2/7	HASTINGS
2/12	@ Byron Center
2/15	@ Crossover with Blue

Varsity 7pm JV 5:30 pm Frosh 4:00 pm

VARSITY HOCKEY

11/9	@ Scrimmage @ K-zoo Eagles	TBA
11/17	@ Scrimmage @ Musk CC	2:00 pm
11/23	@ Northview @ Southside	5:00 pm
11/24	@ South Christian-Southside	TBA
12/1	NORTHVIEW	3:00 PM
12/8	@ K-zoo Blades	4:00 pm
12/14	K-ZOO EAGLES	7:00 PM
12/15	@ K-zoo United	5:00 pm
12/21	@ Lowell	8:00 pm
12/22	@ Mid Michigan Storm	5:00 pm
12/27	ALUMNI GAME	7:00 PM
12/28	MANISTEE	9:00 PM
12/29	CHAMP/CONS. GAME	1/3:00 PM
1/04	K-ZOO BLADES	7:00 PM
1/5	@ West Ottawa	5:40 pm
1/11	OTISVILLE-LAKEVILLE	9:00 PM
1/12	@ Muskegon CC	8:00 pm
1/18	KALAMAZOO UNITED	9:00 PM
1/19	K-ZOO EAGLES	4:00 PM
1/25	SOUTH CHRISTIAN	9:00 PM
1/26	WEST OTTAWA	5:30 PM
2/1	@ Manistee	7:30 pm
2/8	@ Muskegon CC	8:00 pm
2/9	@ Muskegon CC	TBA
2/15	LOWELL	9:00 PM
2/16	@ South Christian	5:00 pm
2/22	@ Northview	8:00 pm
2/25	@ MHSAA	TBA

VARSITY SWIMMING

12/6	CRESTON	6:00 PM
12/13	OTTAWA HILLS	6:00 PM
12/15	@ Raider Sprint Relays	TBA
12/17	ALLEGAN	6:00 pm
1/12	@ Kalamazoo Loy Norrix	9:00 am
1/17	@ Unity Christian	6:00 PM
1/19	@ Wayland	TBA
1/24	BYRON CENTER	6:00 PM
1/31	@ Wyoming United	6:00 pm
2/2	@ Ottawa Hills	9:00 am
2/7	@ Wayland	6:00 pm
2/14	@ Hamilton	6:00 pm
2/19	SPRING LAKE	6:00 PM
2/21	@ Conference	TBA
2/23	@ Conference	TBA

VARSITY WRESTLING

11/28	TK QUAD	5:00 PM
12/1	@ Grandville	9:00 am
12/6	QUAD	5:30 PM
12/8	JEFF LEHMAN INVITE	9:00 AM
12/19	@ Hamilton	6:30 pm
12/27	TK DUALS	9:00 AM
1/9	@ Wayland	6:30 PM
1/12	@ Michigan Duals	8:30 am
1/16	HASTINGS	6:30 PM
1/19	@ Caledonia	8:00 am
1/23	@ FHN	6:30 pm
1/26	@ Lakewood Invite	TBA
1/30	BYRON CENTER	6:30 PM
2/2	@ Mason	9:00 am
2/6	@ Crossover @ OK Blue	6:30 pm
2/9	@ Conference Tourney	TBA

VARSITY "B" WRESTLING

11/29	@ Gull Lake	5:00 pm
12/1	@ Vicksburg	TBA
12/5	@ Unity Christian	TBA
12/8	JEFF LEHMAN INVITE	9:00 AM
12/12	@ Spring Lake HS	TBA
12/15	@ South Haven Invite	TBA
1/9	@ Kent City High School	TBA
1/12	@ Bangor	10:00 am
1/19	@ Northview Invite	8:00 am
1/23	@ Comstock Park	TBA
1/26	@ Cedar Springs	TBA
1/30	@ Kent City HS	TBA
2/2	@ Hopkins	TBA
2/8	@ Conference @ Hastings	TBA

JUNIOR VARSITY WRESTLING

11/29	@ Gull Lake	5:00 pm
12/6	QUAD	5:30 PM
12/19	@ Hamilton	6:00 pm
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1/9	@ Wayland	6:00 pm
1/16	HASTINGS	6:00 PM
1/23	@ FHN	6:00 pm
1/30	BYRON CENTER	6:00 PM
2/2	@ Grand Haven	10:00 am
2/6	@ Crossover w/ OK Blue	6:00 PM
2/8	@ JV Conf	TBA



*Last Updated: 11/09/07

*Schedule Subject to Change

*For schedule updates, please go to
www.tk.k12.mi.us/athletics or
www.highschoolsports.net

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Family Workshop Series

All parents and kids are invited to attend this Family Workshop Series. Workshops address current parenting issues for families with children pre-school to high school. Workshops are FREE and include pizza dinner and child care with pre-registration.

Tuesday 5:30-7:30 pm

TK Learning Center, 507 West Main St., Middleville, MI

Dinner at 5:30 Program at 6:00 pm

January 21 *Surviving the Toddler and Teen Years* – Discussing correlations and similarities of parenting toddlers and teens

February 19 *Discipline for All Ages* – Proactive strategies for age appropriate discipline in real life situations

March 17 *Working with Other Adults Who Impact Your Child's Life* – Game plan for managing conflict with parents, coaches, teachers, grandparents and others

April 21 *Boys vs. Girls* – Learn about why boys do what they do and girls do what they do, what motivates their behavior, and the risks they face as they grow

Pre-registration is necessary, please call 269-948-3264.

Sponsored by the Barry County Child Abuse Prevention Council, TK Schools, Early On, Barry Intermediate School District, Region 12 SAPE, Family and Children's Services, Barry County Mental Health, The ARK, Children's Protective Services, FIA and Fatherhood/Male Involvement Program/CAASCM.

Bright Beginnings Playgroup

Pre-registration is requested! Call 269-795-5553 and leave a message. Specify playgroup date, time, child's name and age, parent's name and phone number.

January 16 10:00-11:30 am

"Winter Wonderland"

TK Learning Center, Room 24

January 23 10:00-11:00 am

"Whimsical Wednesdays" (all music)

TK Learning Center, Room 24

February 13 10:00-11:30 am

"Down on the Farm"

TK Learning Center, Room 24

February 20 10:00-11:00 am

"Whimsical Wednesday's" (all music)

TK Learning Center, Room 24

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens Meetings

Seniors are invited to the McFall Elementary All Purpose Room on the third Monday of each month, unless otherwise noted.

Please join us for a variety of activities offered on the dates listed or just come for coffee and treats and visit with your neighbors. Please call 795-3397 to register for these activities.

January-Burrrrr!

No meeting or trips planned for January. Stay warm!

Valentines Celebration – February 15

Please join us for our annual Valentine's celebration at NOEL Restaurant. This is one of our favorite spots to dine so call early to register at 795-3397. We will travel by school bus departing from the Learning Center at 10:45 am and will return by 2:30 pm. You will have time to visit their gift shop. Fee of \$20 includes lunch and transportation.

Craft Day – February 25

Beat the winter blues and join us for a fun craft day from 1:15 – 3:15 pm. We will make an assortment of note cards to send to friends and family. \$5 supply fee due at meeting. Please call by February 22 to register if crafting.

Hall Walking at TKHS

The halls of TK High School will be open Monday through Thursday, 6:00-8:30 pm through April 3 for walking. Come in out of the cold and walk, no need to register. A hall map with distances will be posted in the library window. 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.

Coming Up

TKHS musical dress rehearsal is March 5. More information in the next Key.

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
 Saturday 7:45 – 8:45 am

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.

YMCA/THORNAPPLE KELLOGG SWIM LESSONS

When: Saturdays
Session 1: January 12 through February 16
Session 2: February 23 through March 29
Session 3: April 12 through May 17
Where: Thornapple Kellogg Community Pool
 10051 Green Lake Rd, Middleville MI 49333
Cost: \$45 Registration fee - send registrations to:
 YMCA of Barry County

POOL RENTAL

Pool rentals available on Friday and Saturday with prior approval. Please contact Community Ed, 795-3397.

POOL FEES

Per Visit Pass:
 TK district children and Senior Citizens \$1.00
 TK district adults \$2.00
 Out of district children and Senior Citizens \$2.00
 Out of district adults \$3.00
Passes:
 TK children and Senior Citizens \$18/20 visits
 TK adults \$38/20 visits
 Out of district children and Senior Citizens \$38/20 visits
 Out of district adults \$56/20 visits

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS:

PRE-SCHOOL: (AGES 3 TO 4)

Pike: Designed to introduce children ages three to four years of age to swimming skills and water adjustment. To progress to the next level (Eel), participants must swim a width of a pool with a PFD, jump into the pool with little or no assistance, swim 10 yards on front, back, and side without assistance and float for 20 seconds.
Eel: Pre-school intermediate skills. Child will be comfortable with their face in the water, and be able to jump in with a swimming aid and have some forward propulsion.
Ray: Pre-school intermediate skills. Must be able to do the front and back float with minimal aid, jump in the water with no assistance and swim 20 feet with no assistance.

YOUTH: (AGES 5 AND UP)

Polliwog 1: Introduction to swimming, little or no skill level. Student will be introduced to basic swimming skills and increase their comfort in the water.
Polliwog 2: Has taken Polliwog 1 and/or is comfortable in shallow and deep water with PFD. Should be able to put face into the water.
Guppy: Must know the front crawl, must be able to swim with face in the water, and must know the front and back float.
Minnow: Must be able to do the front crawl with rotary breathing for 50 feet and float for one minute.
Fish: Must be able to do the front and back crawl for 60 – 75 feet each and float for three minutes.
Flying Fish: Student must be able to do the front crawl, back stroke, and breast stroke for 50 yards each, and survival float for 6 minutes.
Shark: Student must be able to do the 200 yard individual medley (50 yards of the following: back stroke, butterfly, breast and freestyle). Participants must also be able to swim 50 yards using the front crawl and be able to float for 10 minutes

JAN. 12 - FEB. 16	CLASSES	CLASSES	CLASSES
9:00 – 9:45 AM	Pike (1MPA)	Minnow/Fish (1MMF)	Polliwog 2 (1MPW2A)
10:00 – 10:45 AM	Pike (1MPB)	Polliwog 1 (1MPW1)	Guppy (1MGA)
11:00 – 11:45 AM	Eel/Ray (1MER)	Guppy (1MGB)	Eel/Ray (1MPW2B)
FEB. 23 - MAR. 29	CLASSES	CLASSES	CLASSES
9:00 – 9:45 AM	Guppy (2MGA)	Polliwog 2 (2MPW2A)	Eel/Ray (2MER)
10:00 – 10:45 AM	Pike (2MPA)	Flying Fish/Shark (2MFFS)	Polliwog 1 (2MPW1A)
11:00 – 11:45 AM	Pike (2MPB)	Polliwog 1 (2MPW1B)	Minnow/Fish (2MMF)
APRIL 12 - MAY 17	CLASSES	CLASSES	CLASSES
9:00 – 9:45 AM	Pike (3MPA)	Guppy (3MGA)	Polliwog 2 (3MPW2A)
10:00 – 10:45 AM	Polliwog 2 (3MPW2B)	Minnow/Fish (3MMF)	Polliwog 1 (3MPW1A)
11:00 – 11:45 AM	Pike (3MPB)	Guppy (3MGB)	Eel/Ray (3MER)

Only one participant per registration

Mail to: YMCA of Barry County
 P.O. Box 252, Hastings, MI 49058

Participants Name _____ Current Grade _____ Age _____
 Birth Date _____ M _____ F _____ Address _____ City _____
 Zip _____ E-Mail _____
 Parent/Guardian Name _____ Home Phone _____
 Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
 Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____ Relationship _____
 PROGRAM NAME _____ Class # _____ Fee _____

I hereby give my permission for my child to participate in the YMCA program. I assume all risks and hazards incidental to such participation including transportation to and from such activities. I do hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify, and agree to hold harmless the YMCA of Barry County, the organizers, sponsors, supervisors, participants and persons transporting my child from the activities. I give my permission for the activity director to take my child for emergency care in case of sudden emergency or if I cannot be reached at the time of the accident. I also understand that if my child breaks rules or misbehaves I may be called to pick up my child at the location of the activity without refund.

Parents Signature _____ Date _____

Special Medical or health problems (bee sting reaction, insulin, etc.) _____

Payment Method:

(Please Circle): 1. Check / Money Order Enclosed 2. Visa 3. MasterCard 5. Discover 4. Cash (registered at office)

First Name on Credit Card: _____ Last Name: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Account Number: _____ Signature: _____ Today's Date _____

COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT

Pre-registration is required for classes unless noted. Classes are offered on a first come-first serve 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. Make checks payable to TK Schools and mail to TK Community Ed, 507 W. Main, Middleville, MI 49333. Please call 795-3397 to register.

“Put on Your Dancing Shoes” Ballroom Dance-Adults

Hitting the dance floor can be an effective way to exercise and it's anything but monotonous. Not only can it provide a healthy aerobic workout, it can also create an opportunity for social interaction, friendship and fun! Learning the choreography of a particular dance style challenges your mind as well as your body. With forty years of experience teaching ballroom dancing, our instructor will demonstrate clearly how to move, explain the dance steps well and offer helpful individual advice. Hydration is important while dancing so please bring a water bottle to class.

Tuesdays 1/22-2/26

7:00-8:00 pm Beginners

8:00-9:00 pm Intermediate (for those who have taken beginner class)

Page Elementary Cafeteria

\$60 per couple/6 weeks

Instructor: Liz Belson

Cheer America

Join the fun! This course is designed to teach choreographed pom-pom and dance routines. Students will also learn popular jumps, leaps and other skills. Ages 4-15 years. All participants come at 7:00 pm on February 6 to register at McFall Elementary gym. First class will follow registration. \$7 registration fee plus \$7 class fee due at registration. Practice times to be announced at registration.

Wednesdays 2/6-5/21

No class 4/9

McFall Gym & Cafeteria

Fee: \$7/lesson

Instructor: Young Champions

Aqua Aerobics-Adults

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.

Tuesday & Thursday School Year

No class 1/1, 1/3

7:00-8:00 pm

TKHS Pool

\$35/12 visit pass or \$5 per visit

Register and purchase pass at pool

Instructor: Tammy Sirk

Youth Self-Defense/Karate

This is the last session offered this school year. This class emphasizes developing awareness, power of choice, handling aggressive situations, safety on the street and at school, personal safety and basic escapes. Ages 5-10 years. Class size is limited.

Wednesdays 2/6-3/26

5:30-6:30 pm

Page Elementary Cafeteria

Instructor: Nancy Hammond

Cost: \$40/8 weeks

Renewable Energy-The Next Internet

This two hour information packed session will trace the life of this exciting technology from just a hobby to today's global multi-billion dollar business to tomorrow's fastest growing industry. You will understand how it works, who is using it today and why you may someday soon. Legislation and policy issues will be explained. In addition, we will explore the companies who are growing their sales and earnings dramatically from the sustainable energy field while

reducing the world's dependence on fossil fuel. You read about it, now be informed. This will be two hours that will change your mindset about the future of energy.

Wednesday 1/16

6:30-8:30 pm

TKHS Room 304

Instructor: Mike Pino

Cost: \$5



New Class Zumba

Zumba is a fun workout that combines the elements of a traditional fitness class with a variety of international dances. Salsa, Meringue, Flamenco, Cobia, Samba, Swing and Belly Dancing are just a few dances you'll learn. Beginners welcome! Purchase a punch card at Community Ed for pre-registered sessions. Call 795-3397 to pre-register.

1/17-2/25 -6 weeks

Mondays 4:30-5:30 pm & 6:00-7:00 pm

Thursdays 5:30-6:30 pm & 7:00-8:00 pm

Saturdays 10:00-11:00 am

\$5 per class-pre-registered

\$6 per class-at door

TK Middle School Room 1615

**Instructor: Jill Fisher-Certified Zumba
Instructor**

Instructors Wanted! Do you have a particular craft or class that you would be willing to teach? We are looking for instructors to share their talents. Please contact the Community Ed office, 795-3397.

JANUARY 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Winter Break	2	3	4	5
6	7 School Resumes	8	9	10 HS Financial Aid Meeting 7 pm Auditorium	11 M/W Kdg. Meets BPA Leadership Conference at Davenport Caledonia Campus HS Parent Advisory Mtg. 8 am	12
13	14 Board Meeting MS 1616 7:30 pm	15	16 HS Parent Teacher Conferences 5-8 pm Bright Beginnings 10-11:30 am	17 HS Parent Teacher Conferences 5-8 pm	18 No School MS Band Performs National Anthem at Griffins Game	19
20	21 Family Workshop Series 5:30-7:30 pm	22 HS Band/Choir Trip to Miller Auditorium	23 Bright Beginnings 10-11 am	24	25 T/Th Kdg. Meets	26
27	28	29 Page PTO Meeting 9:15 am Page Multi-Purpose Room	30	31 HS Parent Advisory Mtg. 6:30 pm		



CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 M/W Kdg. Meets HS Band Trip to Miller Aud. HS Parent Advisory Mtg. 8 am	2 Science Olympiad Competition 6am – 5 pm TKHS
3	4	5	6	7	8 T/Th Kdg. Meets	9
10	11 Board Meeting MS 1616 7:30 pm	12	13 M/W Kdg. Classes Valentines Day Parties in PM Bright Beginnings 10-11:30 am	14 McFall Valentines Day Parties in PM	15 M/W Kdg. Meets MS Activity Night 6-8 pm Senior Citizens to Noel Restaurant 10:45 am	16
17	18 No School – Presidents Day	19 Family Workshop Series 5:30-7:30 pm	20 McFall Spring Pictures – See Newsletter Bright Beginnings 10-11:00 am	21 McFall Spring Pictures – See Newsletter	22 M/W Kdg. Meets	23
24	25 Senior Citizens Craft Day 1:15-3:15 pm	26 Page PTO Meeting 7:00 pm Lee Conference Room 209	27 MS Spring Pictures	28 5th Grade to Grand Rapids Symphony	29 T/Th Kdg. Meets	

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