



THE KEY

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March/April 2008

Page Elementary Earns International Recognition

Page Elementary, Thornapple Kellogg Schools 4th and 5th grade building, has been awarded the International Reading Association (IRA) Exemplary Reading Program Award. This award is sponsored by the IRA to recognize outstanding reading and language arts programs at all grade levels. Its purpose is to call the public’s attention to outstanding programs in schools throughout North America. Each participating state and province can choose one winning school.

The program has five objectives: (1) to improve literacy in our society, (2) to recognize school staffs who demonstrate excellence in reading and literacy programs, (3) to encourage the development and refinement of exemplary reading/language arts programs, (4) to report to the public noteworthy efforts to improve reading/language arts, and (5) to disseminate specific information about high-quality programs so that other professionals can use it to improve their own instructional efforts.

Kim Chausow, Page’s Literacy Coach, was encouraged to apply for this award by various educators in Michigan. A five page description of Page’s Program was written by Kim and submitted to the IRA. The application scored enough points to warrant a site visit from members of MRA and IRA serving on this award committee. After an extremely packed Monday, Feb. 4, the committee made a unanimous decision to award Page Elementary with the Exemplary Reading Program Award.

Page will be honored at the IRA Conference in May. We are excited about this award and want to share Page’s Exemplary Reading Program with others! For more information, please contact the curriculum office or Kim Chausow at kchausow@tkschools.org.

Lee Elementary held their annual Jump Rope for Heart Assembly in February.



This photo of Principal Tim Shaw is blurry because he was jumping so fast!



Inclement Weather

Inclement weather can make it unsafe to transport students on unpaved roads. In the event that the District only provides transportation on paved roads only, please contact the bus garage at (269) 795-5540 for an alternate stop on a paved road.



Marketing Task Force Meeting Wednesday, March 26 at 7:00 pm

We are looking for people interested in helping us develop our district marketing plan. Please see page 3 for more information about Thornapple Kellogg’s marketing plan and upcoming task force meeting. If you are interested in helping, please call 269-795-5521.

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 Enslen, 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

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Cindy Ordway	Trustee
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Upcoming Board Meetings

March 10, 2008
 March 24, 2008
 April 21, 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:

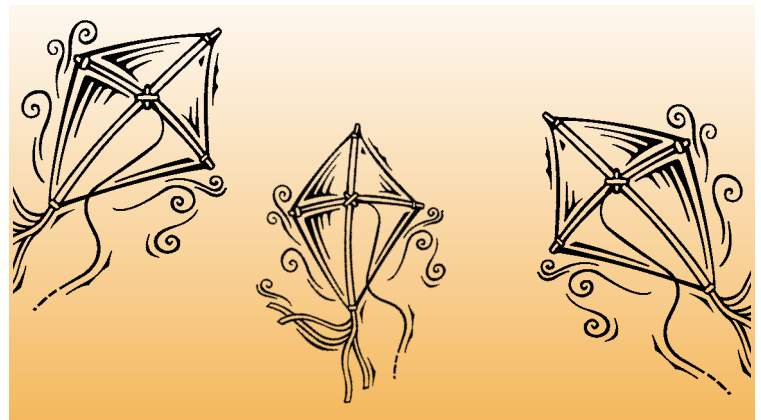
- A decision will be made early in the afternoon regarding contests, evening programs and practices.
- The public library is closed during school delays and closings.

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.



It is amazing how fast time can pass. It was one year ago this January that my wife, Sandy, and I moved into our house in the Thornapple Kellogg School District as I prepared to start my new job here last march. It has been a great year.

In my first 100 days I spent time talking to people from the community about their perceptions of our school district. I spoke with people from all over the community; village and township officials, current and former board members, parents, school staff and community members. Over 350 people in all. I would ask people their thoughts about our district's strengths and weaknesses, what opportunities were ahead of us and what threats, if any, they thought we might encounter on the way. I reported my findings at a board meeting and set goals based on what I had learned. I learned a great deal about our community and our school district.

One of the common themes I heard was that people felt there was a significant need for us to better tell our story. Not just the good news about what was happening at TK, but about our community as well. We cover over 125 square miles which includes four different counties, thirteen townships and two villages. I learned that the one thing that brings us together, in spite of this, is an intense pride in our school district. Because we are located where we are – “in the Middle(ville)” – we don't have some of the resources other communities have to tell their story. Communicating can sometimes be difficult and through my discussions it became clear that the people of our school district and community need more. They want good, clear and accurate information.

That is why one of the goals I developed after my first 100 days was to initiate the development of a comprehensive district marketing plan so that we can tell the good news about Thornapple Kellogg and our community.

Since December I have been meeting with a Core Team of people who have a stake in our community and a willingness to spend time working on the development of a district marketing plan. The group includes a parent who has worked in marketing in the private sector, a member of the Middleville Village Council, local newspaper reporters, our school print and video journalism teachers, district technology specialist, and a staff member who has experience writing a marketing plan. It is a great group who has been working hard to do the groundwork of developing a marketing plan for the district.

This spring the Core Team is asking for the help of anyone with an interest in the schools and community. Please join us and be part of what will be called the Thornapple Kellogg Marketing Task Force. The task force will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26. This is only a one night commitment and will be an important part of developing our district marketing plan.

The task force will hear from the Core Team and provide feedback on the work that has been done so far and recommend direction for the remainder of the Core Team's work. If you would be interested in serving on this task force please either call Erica Dudik at (269) 795-5521 or email her at edudik@tkschools.org.

The purpose of our marketing plan will be to communicate the great work of our students and staff along with the mission of our school district. In doing so, people will better know and understand what their tax dollars are paying for and how it benefits them.

Sincerely,

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

Gary Rider, Superintendent

Absentee Ballot for Annual School Election – May 6, 2008

Absentee ballots may be requested by phone, letter or picked up at the precinct you are registered to vote. Absentee ballots will not be available until April 16, 2008.

Absentee ballots are also available on Saturday, May 3, 2008, from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at each voting precinct. Should you have any questions regarding this absent voter procedure, please contact your township clerk.

Preschool Registration-Fall 2008 A Great Start for Kindergarten

Mission Statement – Through our preschool programs, we are committed to ensuring that all students are prepared socially, academically and emotionally to succeed in a kindergarten classroom. Our goal is to promote feelings of security, confidence and happiness in all children. We want children to love school.

The TK Preschool and McFall Elementary School share the same campus. This allows the preschool teachers to communicate regularly with the kindergarten teachers to coordinate both programs. Children leaving the TK preschool program are well prepared to enter kindergarten. McFall kindergarten teachers report that students entering kindergarten from preschool come to kindergarten with the basic skills necessary to have a positive year. TK Community Education offers preschool programs for three and four year old children.

Registration applications are available for children in the TK School District for fall 2008. Our classes consist of two semesters beginning the week of September 8, 2008. Enrollment packets are available at the Community Education office or by calling 795-3397 to request a packet. The Community Ed office is located within the Special Ed department at McFall Elementary.

Note: The initial registration process for tuition based classes ends March 28, 2008.

Age Requirements

Children entering the three year old program must turn three on or before Dec. 1, 2008.

Children entering the four year old program must turn four on or before Dec. 1, 2008.

3 Year Old Program

2-Day \$325 per semester

Morning Session 9:15-11:45 am

Afternoon Session 12:45-3:15 pm

4 Year Old Program

2-Day \$315 per semester

3-Day \$395 per semester

Morning Session 9:15-11:45 am

Afternoon Session 9:15-11:45 am



Classes are held at the Learning Center, 507 W. Main, Middleville. A \$30 non-refundable registration fee is due with enrollment.

TK Readiness Preschool

Michigan School Readiness Preschool is a State funded program in cooperation with TK Schools. The program is available free of charge to children in the TK School District who qualify. Children must turn four on or before December 1, 2008 and cannot have reached their fifth birthday by December 1, 2008. Families must qualify in two areas of the State guidelines and attend four afternoons per week. Call the Community Education office at 795-3397 to request an application or for more information. Spaces are limited in this program.

Preschool Open House

The Community Education Department would like to invite parents and incoming children (3 and 4 year olds) to our Preschool Open House on Tuesday, March 25 from 6:00-7:30 pm at the TK Learning Center. Visit with staff, explore classrooms and meet other preschool families.



Countdown to Kindergarten 2008 – 2009 McFall Elementary – A Glasser Quality School

The staff at McFall Elementary, the Early Childhood Center of Thornapple Kellogg Schools, is preparing to welcome the incoming “Class of 2021” in September of 2008. Our young students will begin their formal education in state of the art classrooms.

If your child will be entering school in the 2008 - 2009 school year, call McFall Elementary at (269) 795-3637 to pre-register. To enter school this fall, your child must be five years old on or before December 1, 2008. McFall also offers a “Young 5’s” program for children with a birthdate between August and November. This gives parents the option of an additional year for their child to develop.

Each child, according to Michigan law, must have the following items in the school office before they can start school: copy of certified birth certificate, 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 call the local health department or your doctor. The Barry Eaton District Health Department offers immunization clinics each week (some families may qualify for free services). You may contact their office for more information at (269) 945-9516.

All information regarding both programs will be mailed to parents in early spring. Questions regarding enrollment may be directed to Mrs. Potter at McFall Elementary, (269) 795-3637 (8:00 am to 4:00 pm).

McFall Elementary Parent Meetings

Informational parent meetings will be held for interested parents of either the Young Fives or Kindergarten program.

Young Fives – Wednesday, April 23 at 6:30 pm

Kindergarten – Thursday, April 24 at 6:30 pm



MC FALL ELEMENTARY



First graders pick up food donations and tallied room totals for the McFall holiday food drive.



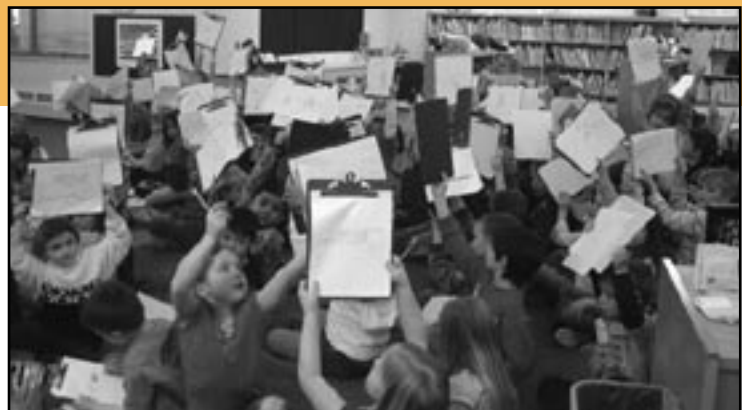
McFall students perform the National Anthem at a high school basketball game.



Mrs. Erb's kindergarten students have been working with fourth grade friends from Mrs. Keizer's class from Page Elementary and with first grade friends from Mrs. Meyers' room.



Author Mike Artell worked with McFall students and showed them how to draw some cartoons.





Lee students enjoy the annual roller skating field trip.



Yum! 2nd graders enjoy candy in the candy dishes they made in art class.



Chef Nathan Fischer leads a group of Lee students in an after school cooking enrichment class.



TK Ladies basketball players visited Lee Elementary to teach students about the character trait Fairness.



Nationally recognized author Mike Artell teaches Lee students how to illustrate.



Second grade students enjoy Mr. Shaw's "Light and Sound Science Road Show."

PAGE ELEMENTARY



Fourth graders work during their Writers' Workshop. They proofread their work during the editing phase then share their writing with other students. They discuss strengths and areas of improvement.



Page students were studying animal adaptations and the assignment was to create a house creature that was adapted to live in their house without the help of anyone. They could create it anyway they wanted. They also had to write a report about their house creature, including the following: What does it eat? How does it get food? How and where does it get water? How does it protect itself? Does it have any predators? Where does it live in the house?



Mrs. Keizer's 4th grade students work with students from McFall on writing.



Runner-up Cole Cronkright and winner Kyle Kane will represent Page in the Regional Spelling Bee.



Chess Club is a hit! Students meet after school once a week for eleven weeks.



Teacher Mike Hodges poses with 5th grade spelling bee competitors for the annual Page Spelling Bee.

Student Involvement and Public Discourse

On January 17, students in the 7th grade “A” house displayed their Student Involvement and Public Discourse boards for friends and family members. During this six week unit in social studies, students chose a public policy that they felt most passionate about. They researched the topic using their reading strategies, recorded the information, created a “Dream Plan” where they described the type of government that would be able to affect the issue and the changes he/she would like to see occur, created a plan of action, and wrote a reflection describing what changes they would like to have made.

The 7th graders in house “B” will begin their Student Involvement and Public Discourse unit in a few weeks, and once again, the students at TKMS will be working to make a difference, one person at a time!



“Half-way” Party

Student Council planned and hosted a “Half-way” party for our staff on Thursday, January 17. Students provided lunch and treats, celebrating making it half-way through the school year.



Boys Basketball

TKMS 8th grade boys basketball teams combined for an outstanding 21-1 record. Both teams competed against Duncan Lake, Kraft Meadows, Wayland, and Hastings. The boys worked extremely hard throughout the year to achieve this fine record. The boys were coached by Mr. Mark Verlinde and Mr. Tony Stein. Congratulations on a great season.

HIGH SCHOOL

Students Can Earn Davenport University Credit at TKHS



Through the continued partnership with Thornapple Kellogg High School and Davenport University, students now have even more opportunities to earn college credit while taking classes at TKHS. The articulation agreement between TKHS and Davenport University allows students to earn credits at both educational institutions.

TKHS already offered numerous articulated Business classes with Davenport. We now offer courses that earn college credit at Davenport in the following areas: Business, Computer Science, Foreign Language (French and Spanish Courses at TKHS), Humanities (through General Art, Music Appreciation, or Music Theory courses at TKHS), Psychology and Sociology.

Thornapple Kellogg High School will continue to investigate more opportunities students can gain postsecondary experiences through articulated courses, dual enrollment, and internships. We are truly excited about our articulated course offerings for students through Davenport University.



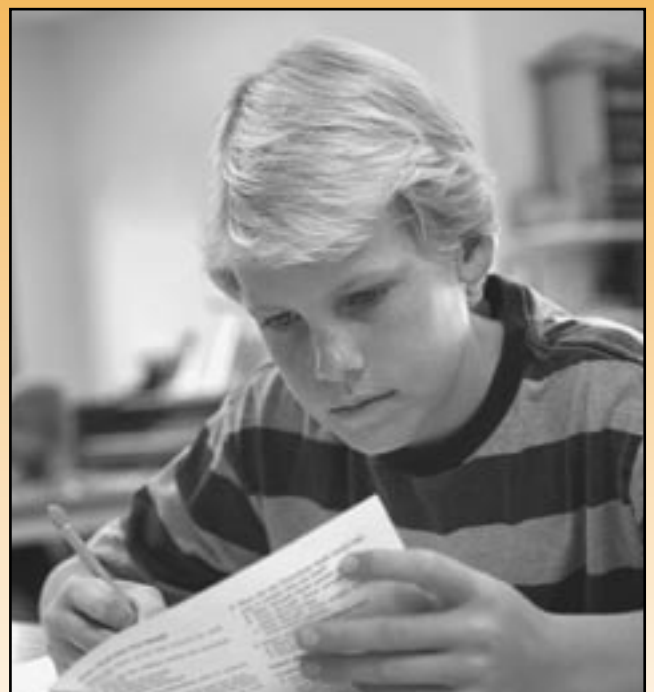
TKHS Spring Musical

Many people remember the story of “The Princess and the Pea” from their childhood. *Once Upon a Mattress* (music by Mary Rodgers, lyrics by Marshall Barer and book by Jay Thompson, Dean Fuller and Marshall Barer) is a “rollicking spin on the familiar classic of royal courtship and comeuppance...Chances are you’ll never look at fairy tales quite the same way again.” (www.rnh.com)

TKHS performances of *Once Upon a Mattress* are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 6, 7 and 8, at 7:30 pm in the high school auditorium. Tickets are \$5. Ticket reservation forms will be available on the TK website.

MME DATES/SCHEDULE SET AT TKHS

TKHS has been preparing for the Michigan Merit Exam (MME) that our junior students will take on March 11, 12 and 13. On March 11, juniors will take the ACT portion of the MME, sophomores will take the ACT PLAN test, and freshmen will take three of the ACT WorkKeys tests. Seniors will stay at home on March 11 and have the opportunity to visit colleges or job/career shadow. Everyone will be in attendance on March 12 (Day 2 of the MME) and March 13 (Day 3 of the MME) following an adjusted schedule. Detailed schedules for these MME dates are posted on Mr. Koski’s blog on the TKHS website.





TKHS Art and Writing Awards

Please congratulate Jeanie Hurd and Kaitlyn Otto when you see them. Both received golden key awards at the very competitive Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. Jeanie received a golden key award for two of her works of art, a charcoal drawing and mixed media visual journal. Kaitlyn received a golden key award for her still life drawing. Three golden keys at once is a TK first for us, so we are very excited! The artwork will go on to the national competition this spring.



State Honors Choir

Congratulations to Grace Welton and Josh Foote for making State Honors Choir! They went through two rounds of very competitive auditions to receive this honor. Grace and Josh joined 300 other students from all over Michigan and performed at DeVos Hall on Saturday, January 26.

Second Annual Trojan Can Drive Feeds Local Families

The TK Athletic Department took advantage of the new scheduling for boys and girls basketball this season and held the Second Annual Trojan Can Drive over the course of two consecutive nights: the Girls game vs. Caledonia on December 17 and the Boys game vs. Hamilton on December 18. The Student Council collected cans/boxes of food as admission to the games and donated the proceeds to the Barry County United Way Fresh Food Initiative. Members of the student council then traveled to Hastings on December 19 to assist the Fresh Food Initiative in distributing food items to members of the community. It was estimated that over 200 families were fed in approximately an hour. The TK Athletic Department and Student Council look forward to continuing this event in the future.



HIGH SCHOOL



Thornapple Kellogg BPA Successful at Regional Competition

On January 11, fifteen Thornapple Kellogg High School business students traveled to Davenport University to compete along with more than 500 other high school students from southwest Michigan at the Business Professionals of America Regional Leadership Competition. The students competed in a variety of business and computer-related competitions ranging from Accounting to Website Design to computer software applications. Four 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 13-16, 2008.

The students performed well in all areas of competition but especially in the area of Advanced Accounting where TK took three of the top four places. Those who qualified for the State competition are as follows:

Kristin Sneller – 1st in Advanced Accounting; 1st in Financial Math

Emily Reed – 3rd in Administrative Support Concepts; 4th in Banking and Finance

Michael Gray – 3rd in Insurance Concepts; 6th in Legal Office Concepts

Yahaira Navarro – 3rd in MMHR (Management, Marketing and Human Resources) Concepts; 8th in Advanced Accounting

This is the second year in a row that a representative from the Thornapple Kellogg Chapter became the regional champion in Advanced Accounting. In addition, Alyson Cooper placed 8th in Payroll Accounting.

In order to qualify for the State competition, a student needs to place in the top 5 in individual events and top 2 in team events. “I was very pleased with our performance as a group – this is a rebuilding year for us as all but two of our members are in their first year of competing and we still had four students qualify for State,” remarked Keith Hamming, the group’s advisor. “This year’s team is a great group of students and future business leaders.”

Other students who competed were Curtis Bouchard, Brent Butgereit, Audrie Ezinga, Chris Garrison, Brittany Giguere, Stephanie Gonzalez, Abe Kim, Jane Linsea, Kate Scheidel, and Alecia Strumberger.

Important Parent Dates at TKHS

8:00 am Parent Advisory dates:

March 14, April 18, May 2 and June 6

6:30 pm Parent Advisory date: May 1

Parent/Teacher Conferences: April 23, 4:30-8:30 pm

MME Testing: March 11, 12, 13

The Michigan Merit Personal Curriculum

On April 20, 2006, Governor Jennifer Granholm signed into law the Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC), which is one of the most comprehensive sets of high school graduation requirements in the nation beginning with our current freshman class of 2011. These graduation requirements were put into effect to better prepare students for greater post secondary success and help secure the economic future in Michigan.

For many of our TK students, the new requirements for high school graduation will be rigorous, relevant, and attainable. However, there will be a small percentage of students whose academic success may be at risk, or who qualify for special education services that will find the increased demands difficult to attain. To help local school districts work with these students, section 1278b (5) of the MMC law includes a personal curriculum which was adopted to provide a process that provides minor modifications of the MMC. The personal curriculum must incorporate as much of the MMC subject area content as possible and needs to establish measurable goals that the student must achieve while enrolled in high school.

Students who demonstrate one or more of the following may qualify for a personal curriculum:

- Ability to succeed in accelerated math, science, or language arts.
- Desire to complete math requirements (after the first half credit of Algebra II) through Career Technical or other programs.
- Eligibility for special education services and a documented need to make modifications determined to be necessary because of the student's disability.
- Lack of progress on the MMC despite documented interventions, supports, and accommodations for a student with a disability.
- Ability in a specific skill area, but limited by availability of elective opportunities.

Students receiving special education services in Michigan must have an Individualized Education Program (IEP). In accordance with the Individual with Disabilities Act, the IEP must identify supports, accommodations, and modifications necessary to allow the student to progress in the curricular requirements, or in a personal curriculum. If a parent/guardian feels their child requires a personal curriculum to progress toward high school graduation, they must specifically request the personal curriculum and work with their child and the guidance counselor or other qualified designee selected by the high school principal. Additionally, the superintendent of the school district or the designee must agree to the personal curriculum before it takes effect.

For additional information regarding the Michigan Merit Curriculum and the personal curriculum, please refer to the Michigan Department of Education website located at www.michigan.gov/highschool, or contact Tony Koski at the high school.

TK Science Olympiad Invitational

The second annual TK Science Olympiad Invitational was held on Saturday, February 2. 350 high school science students from 23 teams competed for top individual and team honors.

A big thank you to all the faculty and staff that helped out on Saturday to make the invitational run smoothly. Our team placed 13th overall out of 23 teams and we had some individual successes as well. Please congratulate the following students when you see them:

Dan Lemon and Chris Smith placed 7th in Fermi questions
 Cailly Howell and Brittany Benjamin placed 4th in 5 Star Science
 Matt Davidson and Brittany Benjamin placed 4th in Herpetology
 Tyler Rafferty and Jen Berryman placed 2nd in Ecology
 The team's next competition is the West Ottawa Invitational.



Peer Listening Group At TKHS

On December 11 and 12, twelve students and three staff members participated in Peer Listening training. Bob Allers, a psychologist, came to TKHS to teach this group how to provide support and assistance to students experiencing stress or social/emotional difficulties at school. They will also help students find ways to deal with their problems and be more successful at school by talking to a fellow peer when experiencing difficulties. The Peer Listening Program has been successful in other schools throughout Kent County and TKHS is excited to start the program as well.

2007-2008 THORNAPPLE KELLOGG HIGH SCHOOL SPRING ATHLETICS

VARSITY TRACK (BOYS/GIRLS)

3/25	@ GVSU Invite – Girls Only	TBA
3/26	CO-ED RELAYS	4:00 PM
4/2	@ Hamilton	4:00 pm
4/15	@ Wayland	4:00 pm
4/19	@ Caledonia Invite	4:00 PM
4/22	@ South Christian	4:00 pm
4/24	@ Hastings	4:00 pm
4/26	@ Otsego Invite	TBA
4/29	FH NORTHERN	4:00 PM
5/1	BYRON CENTER	4:00 PM
5/8	@ Conf @ Hastings	TBA
5/9	@ Conf @ Hastings	TBA
5/16	@ Regional	TBA
5/27	@ Barry County Meet @ Lakewood	3:30 pm

GIRLS VARSITY/JV SOCCER

3/24	BYRON CENTER	6:45 PM
3/27	@ Lowell	6:45 pm
3/28	@ Allegan	6:45 pm
4/1	COOPERSVILLE	6:45 PM
4/18	@ Wayland	6:45 pm
4/19	@ Cedar Springs Invite	9:00 am
4/19	TK INVITE – JV	9:00 AM
4/21	OTSEGO	6:45 PM
4/23	@ South Christian	6:45 pm
4/25	CALEDONIA	6:45 PM
4/28	@ Hastings	6:45 pm
4/30	FH NORTHERN	4/5:30 PM
5/2	@ Hamilton	6:45 pm
5/5	@ Byron Center	6:45 pm
5/7	WAYLAND	6:45 PM
5/12	SOUTH CHRISTIAN	6:45 PM
5/14	HASTINGS HIGH	6:45 PM
5/19	@ FH Northern	6:45 pm
5/21	HAMILTON	6:45 PM

VARSITY GOLF

3/28	@ Delton Kellogg	12:00 pm
3/31	CALEDONIA	3:30 PM
4/2	@ FH Eastern	3:30 pm
4/15	Jamboree @ Wayland	4:00 pm
4/17	JAMBOREE @ HOME	4:00 PM
4/18	@ Caledonia Invite	9:00 am
4/19	@ Lowell	11:00 am
4/22	@ Byron Center (Ironwood)	4:00 pm
4/24	Jamboree @ Hastings	4:00 pm
4/26	@ Rockford Classic	9:00 am
4/29	Jamboree @ South Christian	4:00 pm
5/1	Jamboree @ Forest Hills	4:00 pm
5/2	TK INVITE	1:00 PM
5/5	CALVIN CHRISTIAN	3:30 PM
5/6	Jamboree @ Hamilton	4:00 pm
5/8	@ Rain Date	4:00 pm
5/13	@ Conference @ Meadows	4:00 pm

BOYS JUNIOR VARSITY GOLF

3/25	WYOMING PARK	3:45 PM
3/31	@ Hopkins (Hidden Valley)	3:30 pm
4/2	@ Forest Hills Eastern	3:30 pm
4/14	WAYLAND	3:45 PM
4/15	NORTHVIEW	3:30 PM
4/17	@ Kenowa Hills Invite	3:30 pm
4/21	@ South Christian (Raiside)	3:45 pm
4/22	JENISON	3:30 PM
4/23	HASTINGS	3:45 PM
4/25	CALEDONIA	3:30 PM
4/28	@ FHN (Egypt Valley)	3:45 pm
4/29	@ Calvin Christian	3:30 pm
4/30	HAMILTON	3:45 PM
5/1	KELLOGGSVILLE	3:30 PM
5/5	@ Byron Center (Ironwood)	3:45 pm
5/7	@ Conference @ Hastings	3:45 pm

VARSITY SOFTBALL

3/26	MAPLE VALLEY (DH)	4:00 PM
3/29	@ Caledonia (DH)	10:00 am
4/2	HAMILTON (DH)	4:15 PM
4/16	@ Grandville	4:30 pm
4/17	@ Byron Center (DH)	4:15 pm
4/18	@ Northview (DH)	4:15 pm
4/19	@ Barry County Invite @Hastings	TBA
4/21	@ Lowell (DH)	4:00 pm
4/24	WAYLAND (DH)	4:15 PM
4/26	FH EASTERN (DH)	9:00 AM
4/28	COOPERSVILLE	4:15 PM
5/2	@ West Ottawa	4:00 pm
5/8	@ South Christian	4:15 pm
5/10	@ Olivet	9:00 am
5/15	HASTINGS	4:15 PM
5/17	@ Kelloggsville	TBA
5/21	@ FH Northern (DH)	4:15 pm
5/27	@ Districts	TBA

VARSITY BASEBALL

3/29	@ Caledonia (DH)	10:00 am
4/1	@ Hamilton	4:15 pm
4/2	HAMILTON	4:15 PM
4/15	BYRON CENTER	4:15 PM
4/16	@ Grandville	4:30 pm
4/17	@ Byron Center	4:15 pm
4/18	@ Northview (DH)	4:15 pm
4/19	@ Barry County Invite @ Hastings	TBA
4/21	@ Lowell (DH)	4:15 pm
4/22	@ Wayland	4:15 pm
4/24	WAYLAND	4:15 PM
4/26	FH EASTERN (DH)	9:00 AM
4/28	COOPERSVILLE	4:15 PM
4/30	CEDAR SPRINGS (DH)	4:00 PM
5/2	@ West Ottawa	4:00 pm
5/6	SOUTH CHRISTIAN	4:15 PM
5/7	@ Hudsonville (DH)	4:15 pm
5/8	@ South Christian	4:15 pm
5/10	@ Olivet Invite	9:00 am
5/13	@ Hastings	4:15 pm
5/15	HASTINGS	4:15 PM
5/19	FH NORTHERN	4:15 PM
5/21	@ FHN	4:15 PM
5/27	@ Districts	TBA

VARSITY TENNIS

3/26	@ Plainwell	4:00 pm
3/31	LOWELL	4:00 PM
4/1	@ Kelloggsville	4:00 pm
4/14	BYRON CENTER	4:00 PM
4/16	@ Wayland	4:00 pm
4/18	@ Caledonia	4:00 pm
4/19	TK INVITE	9:00 AM
4/23	SOUTH CHRISTIAN	4:00 PM
4/26	@ Lakewood	TBA
4/28	@ Hastings	4:00 pm
4/30	FH NORTHERN	4:00 PM
5/5	@ Hamilton	4:00 pm
5/8	@ Conf @ South Christian	TBA
5/9	LAKEWOOD	4:00 PM

JUNIOR VARSITY TENNIS

3/26	PLAINWELL	4:00 PM
3/31	@ Lowell	4:00 pm
4/14	@ Byron Center	4:00 pm
4/16	WAYLAND	4:00 PM
4/17	KELLOGGSVILLE	4:00 PM
4/18	CALEDONIA	4:00 PM
4/22	@ NorthPointe Christian	4:00 pm
4/23	@ South Christian	4:00 pm
4/28	HASTINGS	4:00 PM
4/30	@ FH Northern	4:00 pm
5/3	@ Conf @ South Christian	TBA
5/5	HAMILTON	4:00 PM
5/7	FH EASTERN	4:00 PM
5/9	LAKEWOOD	4:00 PM

JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL

3/29	CALEDONIA (DH)	10:00 AM
4/1	HAMILTON	4:15 PM
4/2	@ Hamilton	4:15 pm
4/15	@ Byron Center	4:15 pm
4/16	GRANDVILLE	4:30 PM
4/17	BYRON CENTER	4:15 PM
4/18	NORTHVIEW (DH)	4:15 PM
4/19	@ Barry County Invite @ Lakewood	TBA
4/21	LOWELL (DH)	4:15 PM
4/22	WAYLAND	4:15 PM
4/24	@ Wayland	4:15 pm
4/26	@ FH Eastern (DH)	9:00 am
4/28	@ Coopersville	4:15 pm
4/30	CEDAR SPRINGS	4:00 PM
5/2	WEST OTTAWA	4:00 PM
5/3	CATHOLIC CENTRAL	10:00 AM
5/6	@ South Christian	4:15 pm
5/7	HUDSONVILLE	4:15 PM
5/8	SOUTH CHRISTIAN	4:15 PM
5/13	HASTINGS	4:15 PM
5/15	@ HASTINGS	4:15 pm
5/17	@ East Kentwood	TBA
5/19	@ FH Northern	4:15 pm
5/21	FH NORTHERN	4:15 PM

JUNIOR VARSITY SOFTBALL

3/26	@ Maple Valley (DH)	4:00 pm
3/29	CALEDONIA (DH)	10:00 AM
4/16	GRANDVILLE	4:30 PM
4/17	BYRON CENTER (DH)	4:15 PM
4/18	NORTHVIEW (DH)	4:15 PM
4/19	@ Barry County Invite @ Hastings	TBA
4/21	LOWELL (DH)	4:00 PM
4/24	@ Wayland	4:15 pm
4/26	@ Belding Invite	TBA
4/28	@ Coopersville	4:15 pm
5/2	WEST OTTAWA	4:00 PM
5/8	SOUTH CHRISTIAN	4:15 PM
5/15	@ Hastings	4:15 pm
5/17	@ East Kentwood Invite	TBA
5/21	FH NORTHERN	4:15 PM

FRESHMAN SOFTBALL

3/31	SOUTH CHRISTIAN	4:15 PM
4/2	WAYLAND	4:15 PM
4/16	@ Kentwood	4:15 pm
4/17	@ Lakewood	4:00 pm
4/21	@ Byron Center	4:15 pm
4/23	@ Hastings	4:15 pm
4/30	@ South Christian	4:15 pm
5/10	@ East Kentwood Invite	TBA
5/14	BYRON CENTER	4:15 PM
5/19	HASTINGS	4:15 PM

FRESHMAN BASEBALL

3/31	SOUTH CHRISTIAN	4:15 PM
4/2	WAYLAND	4:15 PM
4/15	@ Hamilton	4:15 pm
4/16	@ Kentwood	4:15 pm
4/17	@ Lakewood	4:15 pm
4/21	@ Byron Center	4:15 pm
4/23	@ Hastings	4:15 pm
4/28	FH NORTHERN	4:15 PM
4/30	@ South Christian	4:15 pm
5/5	@ Wayland	4:15 pm
5/7	HAMILTON	4:15 PM
5/10	@ Kentwood Invite	TBA
5/14	BYRON CENTER	4:15 PM
5/17	@ Jenison Invite	10:00 am
5/19	HASTINGS	4:15 PM
5/21	@ FH Northern	4:15 pm

*For schedule updates, please go to
www.highschoolsports.net

*Last Updated: 1.29.08

*Subject to Change



Dear Parent:

Our school district has made arrangements to acquire the GRASP program for you this summer. GRASP is a 9 week correspondence program in grades K – 8 which helps students maintain reading and math skills while they are on summer vacation. It should take you and your child approximately one hour per week to complete each weekly lesson.

We suggest parents order the level just completed. If there are extenuating circumstances, order the level that is appropriate for your child.

Lessons are completed, mailed to a scoring center where they are analyzed and then returned to you. Instruction sheets found in each packet provide all the necessary information. The enrollment fee is \$25.00 for one subject, and \$44.00 for both. You can enroll your child by completing the form below and paying the indicated enrollment fee.

THIS FORM AND FEE SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL NO LATER THAN APRIL 18, 2008. All materials will be sent home with the child the last week of school.

GRASP ENROLLMENT FORM

CHILD'S NAME _____ DATE _____
(LAST) (FIRST)

ADDRESS _____ SCHOOL _____

ZIP _____ PHONE _____

Enroll my child in MATH _____ GRADE COMPLETED _____

(check one or both) READING _____ GRADE COMPLETED _____

I am enclosing \$ _____ TEACHER _____

Please make checks payable to TK Schools. Return form and fee to your child's school office or the Community Education office no later than April 18, 2008.

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Family Workshop Series

All parents and kids are invited to attend this Family Workshop series that address needs of families with children preschool to high school. Workshops are conducted by speakers with expertise in the topic. Workshops are free and include dinner and child care with pre-registration.

Mondays 5:30-7:30 pm
TK Learning Center, Room 23
Dinner at 5:30 pm Speaker at 6:00 pm

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 why boys and girls do what they do, what motivates their behavior and the risks they face as they grow.

Pre-registration is necessary. Call (269) 948-3264 to reserve a spot. The workshops are sponsored by Child Abuse Prevention Council, TK Schools, Early On, Barry Intermediate School District, Family and Children's Services, Barry Community Mental Health, The ARK, Children's Protective Services, and Department of Human Services.



MIDDLEVILLE AYSO

FALL 2008/SPRING 2009 SIGN-UPS

Saturday, May 31, 10 am - 4 pm
Middle School Cafeteria
In Person Sign-Ups (One day only)

WHO CAN PLAY? Boys and girls ages 4 to 13
** You must be born between 8/1/94 and 7/31/04 to be eligible.

WHAT'S NEEDED? **Discounted Registration Fee:**
\$50 per player for 1-2 children
\$45 per player for 3 or more children
Includes full uniform, soccer magazine and insurance

Fee after May 31st is the regular rate of \$60 per person, no family discount given.

****Please save time by Pre-registering your child(ren) online****
See directions on our website at www.middlevilleayso.org

Call our Regional Registrar, Julie Martin 1-800-873-0507 with any registration questions.

****NO REFUNDS GIVEN****

Bright Beginnings Playgroup

Please call Anne at (269) 795-5553 to pre-register. Specify playgroup date, time, child's name and age, parent's name and phone number.

March 12 10:00-11:30 am
"Dr. Seuss on the Loose"
TK Learning Center, Room 24
Hearing & Vision screening available

March 19 10:00-11:00 am
"Whimsical Wednesday's" (all music)
TK Learning Center, Room 24

April 16 10:00-11:30 am
"Rainbows & Raindrops"
TK Learning Center, Room 24

April 23 10:00-11:00 am
"Whimsical Wednesday's" (all music)
TK Learning Center, Room 24

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens Meetings

Due to building construction at the McFall All Purpose Room, our Monday meetings for the remainder of the school year have been cancelled. We will be back with a new location so stay tuned.

TK High School Musical Dress Rehearsal

TK senior citizens are invited to join us for the dress rehearsal performance of the high school musical *Once Upon a Mattress* on Wednesday, March 5. Pre-show refreshments will be served at 6:45 pm in the high school cafeteria. Dress rehearsal begins at 7:30 pm. There is no cost for this fun evening of theatre, but pre-registration is required to plan for refreshments. Please call 795-3397 to pre-register.

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.

Call for information on our spring trip in April. Spring fever is in the air!!

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 & Wednesday 6:00 – 7:30 am
 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 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

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. Adult leisure classes are designed for adults 18 years and older. Childcare is not available. Please make checks payable to TK Schools and mail to TK Community Ed, 507 W. Main, Middleville, MI 49333. Please call 795-3397 to register.

Beginning Water Color – Adults (New Class)

The magic of water color, a step-by-step instruction will help you develop the beginning skills you need to paint a still life or a landscape. You will learn to prepare drawings for water color, color application, techniques and paper selection. Beginning drawing class experience requested for this class. Class size is limited to 10 per session. A list of class supplies will be provided with registration.

Session 1 Tuesday 4/22-5/27

**Session 2 Thursday 4/24-6/6
(no class 5/22)**

6:30-9:00 pm

TKHS Location TBA

Cost: \$55 (plus supplies) 6 weeks

Instructor: Don Williamson

Shall We Dance? Ballroom Dance Class-Adult

Discover for yourself why “Dance TK” is the fun place to dance by enjoying a variety of fun, upbeat music, dancing to East Coast Swing, Waltz, Cha Cha Cha, Rumba, Salsa, Foxtrot, Night Club 2 Step, Meringue, Tango and more. Instructor, Elizabeth Belson, originally certified with Arthur Murray, brings her warm, inviting teaching style to old and new music favorites. Call 795-3397 today to reserve your spot. Please bring a water bottle to class for hydration.

Tuesdays 4/15-5/20

7:00-8:00 pm Beginners

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

Page Elementary Cafeteria

\$60 per couple/6 weeks

Instructor: Liz Belson



Zumba for Adults

Zumba is a fun workout that combines the elements of a traditional fitness class with a variety of international dances. Salsa, Meringue, Flamenco, Samba, Swing and Belly Dancing are just a few dances you'll learn. Beginners welcome! Please bring a water bottle to class. Sign up for one or more of our 8 week classes. Great workout!! Space is limited to first 25 pre-paid registrations per class so sign up now.

Saturdays 3/8-5/10

(no class 4/5, 4/12)

10:00-11:00 am

Mondays 3/10-5/5 (no class 4/7)

5:00-6:00 pm or 6:00-7:00 pm

Thursdays 3/13-5/15

(no class 3/20, 4/10)

5:30-6:30 pm or 7:00-8:00 pm

TKMS Room 1615

Instructors: Jill Fisher & Chantal Wright-Certified Zumba instructors

Cost: \$40/8 weeks

Aqua Aerobics for 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.

Tuesdays & Thursdays School Year

No class 4/8 & 4/10

7:00-8:00 pm

TKHS Pool

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

Register and purchase pass from instructor at pool

Instructor: Tammy Sirk

Babysitting Certification Class for Youth

TK Community Education is offering a babysitting training class in conjunction with the American Red Cross and the Barry County MSU Extension 4-H Program. The class will offer a total of 8 hours of training on two days. Participants should bring a sack dinner. The class is open to youth 11-15 years of age. Participants will learn how to provide safe care for infants and children with “hands-on” learning experience that includes; feeding, diapering and dressing of infants, conflict resolution and basic first aid and critical emergency action skills. All participants that complete the 8 hours of training will receive a Red Cross Babysitting Certificate card. Students must attend both sessions to receive their card. Class size is limited so call early.

Fridays 4/18 & 4/25

2:45-6:45 pm

TK Middle School Cafeteria

Cost: \$30

Instructor: Kathy Walters Surratt

MARCH 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3 Reding Month – Lots of activities in March, see McFall Panther Press for daily information.	4	5 MS Parent Advisory Mtg. 9 am MS Spring Conferences 4-8:30 pm HS Exams Senior Citizens to HS Musical Dress Rehearsal 6:45 pm HS Cafeteria	6 MS Spring Conferences 4-8:30 pm End of 2nd Marking Period HS Exams HS Musical 7:30 pm	7 No School – Teacher Day HS Musical 7:30 pm	8 HS Musical 7:30 pm
9	10 Board Meeting 7:30 pm MS 1616	11 MME Testing No School For Seniors	12 MME Testing Bright Beginnings Playgroup 10-11:30 am LC Room 24	13 MME Testing BPA State Leadership Conference	14 M/W Kdg. Meets BPA State Leadership Conference	15 BPA State Leadership Conference
16 BPA State Leadership Conference	17 Family Workshop Series 5:30 pm LC Rom 23	18 Lee & Page Elem. Parent/Teacher Conferences Lee Elem. Music Assembly	19 Page Elem. Spring Pictures Bright Beginnings Playgroup 10-11:00 am LC Room 24	20 Lee & Page Elem. Parent/Teacher Conferences MS Musical HS Auditorium 7 pm	21 T/Th. Kdg. Meets	22
23	24 Board Meeting 7:30 pm MS 1616	25 Elementary PTO Meeting Page Elem. 9:15 am	26	27	28 M/W Kdg. Meets	29
30	31					



CALENDAR

APRIL 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 No School – Spring Break	5
6	7 No School – Spring Break	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 School Resumes	15	16 Bright Beginnings Playgroup 10-11:30 am LC Room 24	17	18 T/Th. Kdg. Meets	19
20 HS Close-up Week	21 Family Workshop Series 5:30 pm LC Rom 23 Board Meeting 7:30 pm MS 1616	22 NHS Induction Ceremony 7 pm	23 5th Grade Career Fair HS Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30-8:30 pm Bright Beginnings Playgroup 10-11:00 am LC Room 24	24 5th Grade Career Fair	25 M/W Kdg. Meets 5th Grade Career Fair	26
27	28	29	30			

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