

# Kerby Elementary School

January 12, 2018

Dear Kerby Families,

Happy New Year! Now that the holidays are behind us and we are beginning a new year, it is a great time to think about goal setting with your children. Using the information you received from your child's teacher at conferences, as well as their first report card, children as young as Kindergarten can sit down with an adult to create academic, behavior, or personal goals to focus on over the coming months. Creating goals with your child will help them to take ownership of their progress and encourage them to self-monitor in the months to come. Also, writing the goals down and displaying them in a prominent place at home so you can discuss them periodically will help the children to take responsibility for the goals they selected.

As you sit down to begin to discuss possible goal areas, here are some questions you may want to consider discussing with your child:

#### Academic Goals:

- What at school makes you feel best about yourself as a student?
- What would you like to accomplish this year in reading, writing, math, etc.?
- Is there a subject area in which you don't feel as motivated to succeed?
- What are you doing at home that helps you be more successful at school?

#### Behavior/Social Goals:

- How do you feel your behavior at school has been so far this year?
- Do you try to be a Kerby "fresh fish" every day?
- Is there a particular time of day that it is more difficult for you than others?
- Could you be better organized with your school materials?
- Are you a good friend to ALL students at Kerby?

#### Personal Goals:

- When you aren't in school, what makes you feel the happiest (are you most passionate about)?
- Would you like to get better at a sport, instrument, dance, etc.?
- Are you respectful to siblings/friends/parents?
- Do you treat others as you would like to be treated?

There are great places to start when beginning the discussion of goals with your child. Once the 2018 goals have been set, it would be beneficial to revisit them regularly, check in with your kids on their progress, and modify or change them as necessary. Feel free to ask me if you have any questions or would like more information on goal setting with elementary-aged kids.

Sincerely,

Dr. Delgado



# Key Kerby Dates

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| Jan. 15        | No School All Day—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observed   |
| Jan. 16        | Grade 5 Parent Meeting at Brownell—7 PM  |
| Jan. 18        | Kerby Diversity Meeting—6:30 PM—Library<br>Kindergarten Information Night— 7 PM at all Elem. Schools |
| Jan. 19        | Students 11:36 Dismissal No School PM—Staff Development  |
| Jan. 25        | Kerby PTO Meeting—6:30 PM—Art Room   |
| Jan. 26        | Family Game Night—6 PM—Learning Gizmos   |
| Feb. 13        | Jump Rope for Heart—9-10:30 All Kdg<br>Jump Rope for Heart—1:30-3 PM All 3rd                         |
| Feb. 15        | Jump Rope for Heart—9-10:30 All 1st & Price 1/2<br>Jump Rope for Heart—1:30-3 All 4th & Gerlach 3/4  |
| Feb. 16        | Jump Rope for Heart—9-10:30 All 2nd<br>Jump Rope for Heart—2-3:30 All 5th                            |
| Feb. 19-23     | No School—Mid-Winter Break   |
| Feb. 26        | School Resumes 9:05 AM—Late Start  |
| Mar. 30-Apr. 6 | No School—Spring Break   |
| Apr. 9         | School Resumes 9:05 AM—Late Start  |

## Guidelines to Follow for Students Who Are Out Ill

When your child is out ill for flu, fever, etc., always follow the 24 hour rule. Students should be free of any illness for 24 hours before returning to school. This will help to stop the spread of viruses to other students and our staff. Please remember to call the office if your child has a contagious disease, (i.e. strep throat) so we can send notices home to parents to watch for those particular symptoms.

## **SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION**

This time of year there are always questions about how the decision is made to close the school district or cancel events and activities. When deciding whether to close schools here are some of the factors that are taken into consideration:

**Amount and type of snow**  
**When the snow falls, and when the snowfall is expected to end**  
**Ability to clear parking lots and sidewalks around school**  
**Freezing rain and the effect on roads, power lines and tree limbs**

More information on how this decision is made can be found on our website.

Parents/guardians always have the right to keep their children at home if they do not believe they should be going to school because of weather conditions. With cold weather upon us, please be sure to label all of your children's winter gear.

## JANUARY ART ROOM UPDATE

Thank you to families who have donated baby wipes  
for easier clean-up in the art room!

**Kindergarten:** We have finished our sculpture Snow Men, our 3-D Paper Sculptures and are starting our Native American blankets.

**1<sup>st</sup>:** We are finishing up our "Why is Blue Dog Blue" painting, and begin exploring the Art of Japan with Koi fish.

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** We have finished the Birch Trees and our Frank Stella 2D to 3D artwork. We are now starting our Aboriginal Animal Art.

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** Students have finished their Molas from Panama and currently are starting their clay Alebrije, then on to their Peruvian Inca Masks in Metal.

**4<sup>th</sup>:** Students finished their amazing Textured Winter Landscapes, and are wrapping up their African Mask Relief Sculpture with Kente Cloth and moving on to clay.

**5<sup>th</sup>:** Students finished up their Textured winter landscapes and are now beginning their clay coil pots.

Stay Tuned for More Kerby Art Room News!

Ms. Maday

## ASK THE PRINCIPAL

What are the times that a student is considered absent or tardy for the AM or PM?

**Monday**—A student is marked tardy if they arrive after 9:10 but before 10:15 for AM instruction or after 12:46 but before 1:45 for PM instruction. A student is marked absent if they arrive after 10:15 in the AM, or after 1:45 in the PM.

**Tuesday-Friday**—A student is marked tardy if they arrive after 8:25 but before 9:30 for AM instruction or after 12:26 and before 1:30 for PM instruction. A student is marked absent if they arrive after 9:30 in the AM, or after 1:30 in the PM.

Know the Rules





# **The Great Kindness Challenge**

## **January 22-26, 2018**

### **Background:**

The Great Kindness Challenge was created by Kids for Peace to provide schools a tool for creating a positive school environment. The Great Kindness Challenge is a positive, proactive bullying prevention initiative that reaches millions of students during the last full week in January every year. The Great Kindness Challenge week runs January 22-26, 2018. There are many events and activities that take place during that week (and carry over throughout the year) to help promote a caring and safe environment. Kids for Peace believes 20 million students will participate this year. In addition to school-wide events, the program strives to include opportunities to bring kindness at the community level through a service learning project.

Each grade level and staff member will be asked to bring in specific items. These items will be assembled into “Kindness Care Kits” and delivered to Crossroads.

**Kindergarten: Soap or Body Wash**

**Grade 1: Body Lotion**

**Grade 2: Toothbrushes**

**Grade 3: Toothpaste**

**Grade 4: Shampoo or conditioner**

**Grade 5: Deodorant**

**Staff/community: Socks, Hats, Diapers**

**THANK YOU for your kindness!**



Student Council January Service Activity

# Toys and Towels

Collection for the Humane Society



## Animal Shelter



Help a furry friend this winter!

Please donate by January 31:

- New toys for cats and dogs
- Bath towels (used)
- Paper towels



Donations may be placed in the boxes near the office.



**KERBY'S 24<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL JUMP ROPE FOR HEART:**

**FEBRUARY 13<sup>th</sup> , 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> !!**

Dear Kerby parents and staff:

\*Below you will find all of the necessary information that you and your child/student will need to know for this year's fun-filled, exercised-packed

Jump Rope for Heart (JRFH):



Who: All Kerby Kdg. through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.



When:

**February 13<sup>th</sup> (D-day/Tuesday)**

**9:00-10:30 : KDG**

**1:30-3:00: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

**February 15<sup>th</sup> (B-day/Thursday)**

**9:00-10:30: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

**1:30-3:00: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade & Ms.Gerlach's class**

**February 16<sup>th</sup> (C-day/Friday)**

**9:00-10:30: 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

**2:00-3:30: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**



Why: To help increase your child's/student's cardiovascular fitness, enjoyment of becoming physically fit, as well as help raise funds that contribute to the vital research and programs made possible by the American Heart Association.



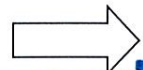
What does your child/student bring: Comfortable clothing such as sweats/shorts, tee-shirt, gym shoes, and a positive attitude!



Donations: Donations are completely volunteer, and they are to be brought to the gym the day of the event. Students are not to go door to door collecting for donations. Students collecting \$5.00 or more will receive "thank-you" prizes from the A.H.A. approximately 4-6 weeks after the event.



What can you bring: As always, help is needed to help run an event such as this. If you're interested, please donate: your time, juice, and/or fruits. See back.





♥ Yes, I am willing to donate one or more of the following, in an effort to make this year's Jump Rope for Heart a HUGE success:

\_\_\_ volunteer/coach (Day and time\_\_\_\_\_)

\*Have you had an I-Chat (Background check)? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

\* If no, please contact the school office for information on obtaining an I-Chat. Volunteers must have an I-Chat. Thanks!

\_\_\_ juice boxes (how many\_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_ fruit (approx. how many\_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_ whatever is needed. I will contact you, via e-mail on what grade is short juice boxes and/or fruits. No snacks (due to allergies)!!

Your Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Child's grade:\_\_\_\_\_

Teacher:\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address:\_\_\_\_\_

(please write legible and include for volunteer info.)

DROP FRUITS/JUICE IN OFFICE OR KITCHEN THE MORNING OF THE EVENT.  
VOLUNTEERS, PLEASE SIGN IN THE OFFICE AND ARRIVE 20 MINUTES BEFORE  
EVENT IN THE GYM. THANKS!!

**Thanks in advance!**

**Mr. Ron Masters  
Phys. Ed. Teacher  
Ronald.masters@gpschools.org  
(313)-432-4249**





## Digital Picks

*From your Elementary Library  
Media Specialists*

**January 2018**

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Selected by the elementary library media specialists for the families of Grosse Pointe Public Schools. Please enjoy this month's educational, informational, and entertaining websites and apps—"digital picks." We hope you find our reviews helpful, and welcome your suggestions.



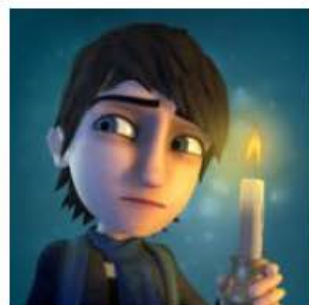
[Monkey Word School Adventure](#) - Age 5+  
iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad, Android | \$1.99

This is an early-reading app for preschoolers and young elementary-school-age kids. It's the next step up from THUP's [Monkey Preschool Lunchbox](#), which focuses on colors and sorting. *Monkey Word School Adventure* is for kids who are ready to start recognizing letters and words. It is well-designed with young learners in mind, challenging kids age 4 to 7 by using technology that quickly adjusts the words to the appropriate level.



[Farfaria Story Books](#) - Age 4+  
iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad, Android, Fire Phone, Kindle Fire | Free for first month

This app contains a digital library of over 1,000 ebooks for kids, with new books added each week. Parents and kids can browse the books by genre and within each genre can search by title, release date, and reading level. The format of the books are simple, with illustrations and text boxes on each page. Kids can choose to read the books themselves, listen to them read on auto-play, or read along. After a free trial, parents need to subscribe on a monthly, yearly, or lifetime basis.

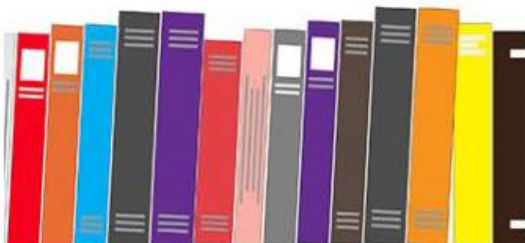


[Weirdwood Manor](#) - Age 8+  
iPad | \$2.99

This app is an interactive fantasy storybook that follows three remarkable children as they're invited to the home of a mysterious benefactor. One character has been removed from several foster families after mysterious things have happened to him. Since each additional chapter costs another \$2.99 and the premium package is \$8.99, parents will need to decide how much to invest ahead of time.

## Elementary Library Media Specialists

- **Danielle Gostomski:** Kerby, Mason, Poupard, Richard
- **Amy Hermon:** Kerby, Maire, Poupard, Richard
- **Sherry Martin:** Defer, Ferry, Mason, Monteith, Poupard
- **Cheryl Quinlan:** Defer, Kerby, Maire, Mason, Monteith
- **Rachel Walpole:** Defer, Richard, Trombly





# GPPSS Half Day 3-year-old Preschool

[www.gpschools.org](http://www.gpschools.org)



Info: 313-432-3809



## Sites

- Monteith, 1275 Cook, GPW
- Richard, 176 McKinley, GPF

## Tuition

- Competitive
- 2 days: \$735/semester

## Hours & Days

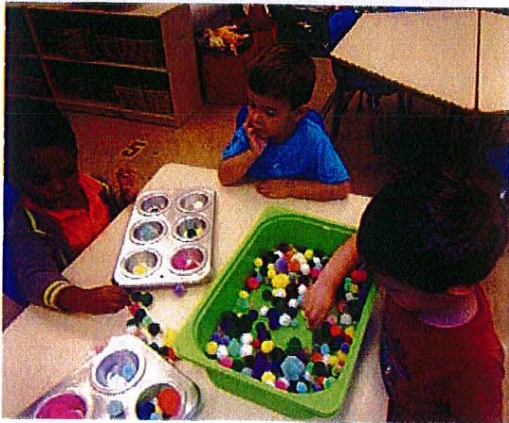
- Tuesdays and Thursdays
- 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- Follows School Calendar
- Secure drop-off/pick-up

## Curriculum

- Play-based
- Child-directed
- Age appropriate

## More Information/To Register

- Visit [www.gpschools.org](http://www.gpschools.org)



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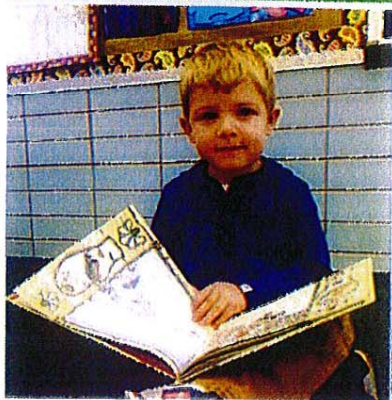
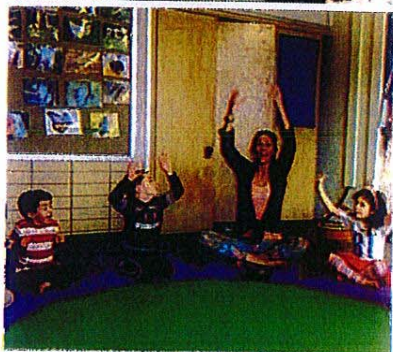


# GPPSS Half Day 4-year-old Preschool

[www.gpschools.org](http://www.gpschools.org)



Info: 313-432-3809



## Sites

- Monteith, 1275 Cook, GPW
- Richard, 176 McKinley, GPF

## Tuition

- Competitive
- 3 days: \$1102.50/semester

## Hours & Days

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday
- 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- Follows School Calendar
- Secure, flexible drop-off

## Curriculum

- Play-based
- Prepares for Kindergarten

## More Info/To Register

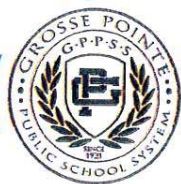
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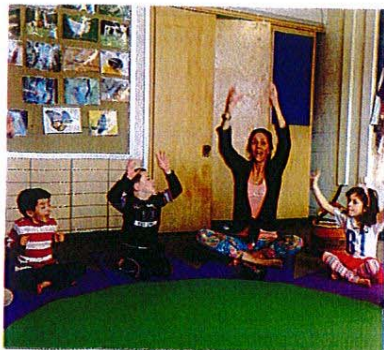


# GPPSS Full Day 4-year-old Preschool

[www.gpschools.org](http://www.gpschools.org)



Info: 313-432-3809



## Sites

- Barnes
- Maire
- Ferry
- Trombly

## Tuition

- Competitive
- 5 days: \$1047/month
- 3 days: \$628/month

## Hours

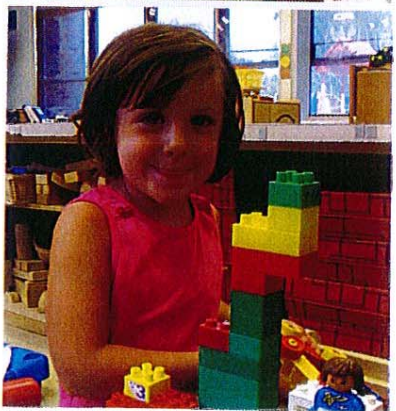
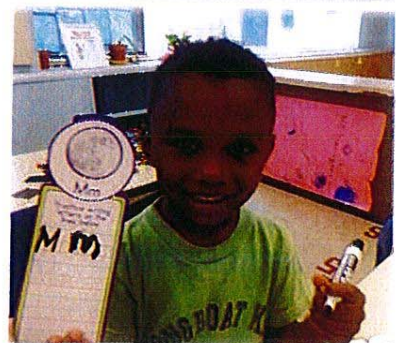
- 7:15 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Follows School Calendar
- Secure, flexible drop-off

## Curriculum

- Play-based
- Prepares for Kindergarten

## More Info/To Register

- Visit [www.gpschools.org](http://www.gpschools.org)

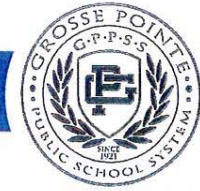


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# GPPSS Free Young Fives Kindergarten

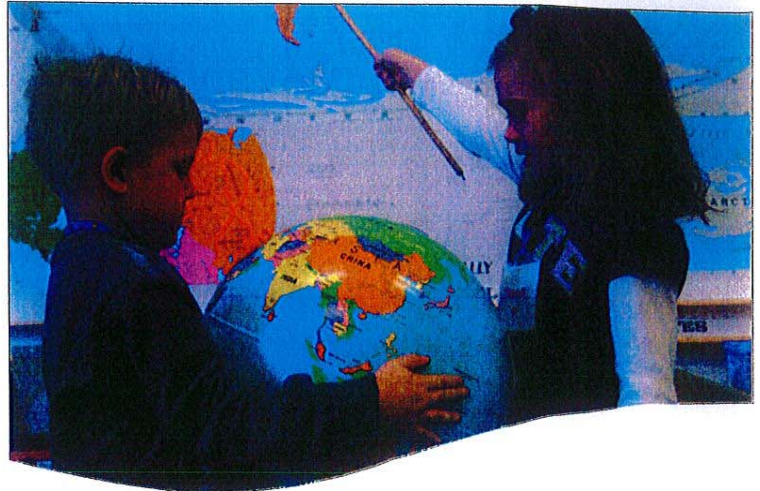
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Info: 313-432-3083

## Young Fives Program:

The Grosse Pointe Public School System's Young Fives Program is free for younger five-year-old children residing within the Grosse Pointe Public attendance boundaries. It is a full-day program that includes age appropriate instruction in all common core subjects. Students will participate in music, art, physical education and library.



## Sites

- Defer, 15425 Kercheval
- Mason, 1640 Vernier
- Poupard, 20655 Lennon

## What is the Young Fives Program?

Young Fives program offers an alternative for children whose parents feel that they are not yet ready for a traditional kindergarten experience. Students who participate and complete the Young Fives program would be expected to return to their home school the following year.

## Who is eligible?

Families that live within the district may apply to one of the identified schools offering Young Fives. Eligibility for the Young Fives is determined by birthdate--your child must turn five between **March 1 and December 1, 2018**.

## What happens after my children completes Young Fives?

The natural progression from Young Fives program would be Kindergarten at your home school. If a student meets the Kindergarten social, emotional, and academic expectations at the conclusion of the Young Fives program then they will work with their teacher and building principal regarding 1st grade placement for the following year. These decisions will be made on an individualized basis.

## How do I enroll my child?

Families enroll through the GPPSS residency office by 4/13/2018. If needed, a lottery drawing for the program will be held on 4/16/2018. For more information, please visit our website [www.gpschools.org](http://www.gpschools.org) or call 313-432-3083.

**Enroll through Residency by 4/13 - Lottery Drawing 4/16**