

Kerby Elementary School

January 13, 2017

Dear Kerby Families,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a restful break with your families and friends. I am excited to get back to the new year with the kids at Kerby!! Along with the new year, comes frigid temperatures. Frigid temperatures also tend to mean that more families will be driving to school rather than walking. In that light, I wanted to share some tips for all of us to make drop off and pick up safe and orderly for all Kerby students and families.

- The Kerby cutout on Kerby Road and the yellow curb on Beaupre Road are for DROP OFF AND PICK UP only. You should not park there and enter the building or idle in the lane waiting with your child until the bell rings (even on bagel Fridays). If you are picking up and you do not see them yet, please go around the block and reenter the line once your child is ready to get into the car.
- Please do not double park and allow your child to walk between cars on Kerby Road. It is unsafe for the children.
- Please do not “cut” into the drop off line. Join at the end of the line and slowly move up until you reach a point where it is safe for your child to enter or exit the car. If there is no room in the line, please go around the block and join the line when the congestion has decreased.
- When you pull into the drop off, please pull as far forward in the line as possible. Also, please do not get out of your car to help your children out if you are in the drop off lane as it contributes to traffic congestion.
- Beaupre parking (excluding the yellow curb, which is drop off only) is for kindergarten parents who have a parking pass only. Please avoid idling or parking in one of the spots while you wait to drop off as it takes one of the spaces from kindergarten parents who need to walk up to the building with their child to drop off or pick up.
- The drop off lane on Beaupre is not a crossing zone. Please proceed to Kerby/Beaupre or Touraine/Beaupre to cross in the cross walk. Crossing between cars creates a dangerous situation for pedestrians.

Thank you for taking the time to read through these reminders. Above all, let's ALL make the New Year's Resolution to try to keep our Kerby students safe at drop off and pick up time. Treating our fellow drivers with respect sets a great example for the Kerby Kids...the drivers of our future! Remember, little eyes are always watching for a model of how to behave appropriately, in all situations.

Thank you,

Mrs. Delgado

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For Your Information - The complete [KERBY NEWSLETTER](#) only appears online.
Just the first two pages will be sent home to those families who requested a paper copy.

Key Kerby Dates

Jan. 16	No School All Day—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observed
Jan. 17	Coffee with the Principal—8:45 AM—Kerby Art Room Grade 5 Parent Meeting at Brownell—7 PM
Jan. 19	Kerby PTO Meeting—6:30 PM—Art Room Kindergarten Information Night— 7 PM at all Elem. Schools
Jan. 20	Family Game Night—6-7 PM—Learning Gizmos
Jan. 25	Kerby Diversity Meeting—6:30 PM—Library
Jan. 27	No School All Day—Staff Development
Feb. 2	Grade 4 Adolescent Health Meeting—7 PM—at Kerby
Feb. 14	Jump Rope for Heart—9:30-11 AM Kdg; 1:30-3 PM 3rd
Feb. 15	Jump Rope for Heart—9:30-11 AM 1st; 12:50-2:20 PM 4th
Feb. 17	Jump Rope for Heart—9:30-11 AM 2nd; 1:30-3 PM 5th
Feb. 20-24	No School—Mid-Winter Break
Feb. 27	School Resumes 9:05 AM—Late Start
Apr. 3-7	No School—Spring Break

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

Kindergarten: We have finished our Native American bags, are sculpting our 3-D clay snowmen and continuing to explore sculptures.

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

2nd: We are finishing up our Birch tree paintings, and soon will be exploring the art of Egypt!

3rd: Students have finished their Molasses from Panama, Central America and are soon starting their clay Alebrije!

4th: Students finished their amazing Polar Bear Winter Scenes and are beginning to explore traditional art from Africa by creating a woven Kente Cloth.

5th: Students finished up their winter scenes and are now beginning to explore the architecture of Adobe houses built by the Hopi people of the southwest.

Stay Tuned for More Kerby Art Room News!

Mrs. Erin 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 10:00 for AM instruction or after 12:26 but before 1:35 for PM instruction. A student is marked absent if they arrive after 10:00 in the AM, or after 1:35 in the PM.

Tuesday-Friday—A student is marked tardy if they arrive after 8:25 but before 9:15 for AM instruction or after 12:46 and before 1:15 for PM instruction. A student is marked absent if they arrive after 9:15 in the AM, or after 1:15 in the PM.

The Mission of the GPPSS Child Development and Preschool program is to provide a secure and caring environment which offers young children opportunities to discover, share, make friends, grow and begin the journey of lifelong learning.

Preschool Program Offerings for the 2017-2018 School Year:

Full Day Infant & Toddler: 7:15 am-6:00 pm,
located at the Barnes Early Childhood Center.

Full Day Preschool: 7:15-6:00 pm, located at Monteith & Barnes.

Full Day Four-Year-Old Pre-K: 7:15 am-6:00 pm, located at Barnes, Maire, Ferry, Trombly. Four-year-old Pre-K students at Maire, Ferry and Trombly will partner with Kids Club from 4:30-6 p.m.

Half Day Three-Year-Old Preschool &

Half Day Four-Year-Old Pre-K: 8:30 -11:30 am, located at Monteith and Richard.

More information about each preschool program, including tuition rates and enrollment information, can be found by visiting our [website](#).

Please feel free to contact us at (313) 432-4809 or Preschool@gpschools.org, if you have questions regarding availability or would like to schedule a visit. Enrollment applications will be accepted January 9 through February 3.

Free Young Fives:

The [GPPSS Young Fives kindergarten](#) program follows the elementary school day schedule, and GPPSS is having an extremely successful inaugural year! The District will again offer Young Fives at Defer, Mason, and Poupard during 2017-18. Please click [here](#) for more information and to complete the necessary steps to be eligible for the Young Fives Lottery April 17, 2017.

Keith Howell

Director of PreK-Elementary Instruction

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Our Vision: One GP – where everyone learns, every day

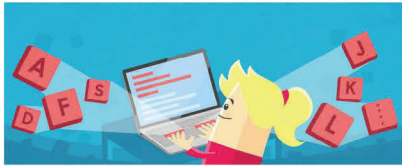
Our Mission: Promote Innovation → Maximize Potential → Embrace Community



Happy New Year's from your Elementary Library Media Specialists!

(click on each image for a link)

Try some of these websites with your students! You will be surprised how long students will stick with these 3 keyboarding games and how quickly they master the keyboard. Bad habits start early so consider using these websites with even the youngest elementary students. The last 2 websites are kid-appropriate Internet search engines.



[Dance Mat Typing](#) Website - No subscription required. There are four levels to play, each divided into three stages. Students start by learning the home row keys. Each stage builds on previous lessons, gradually introducing new letters.



[Super Hyper Spider Typer](#) Website - No subscription required. There are 3 levels to play. Students strengthen their keyboarding skills and save the spider from the hungry chameleons.



[Popcorn Typer](#) Website - No subscription required. Students can select from 3 different levels and focus on home row keys, upper and lower keys. Once they've mastered this level, they can challenge themselves with 3 and 4-letter words.



[KidRex](#) searches emphasize kid-related webpages from across the entire web and are powered by Google Custom Search™ and use Google SafeSearch™ technology to check keywords, phrases, and URLs.



[KidsClick](#) KidsClick is owned and run by the School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) at Kent State University and was originally created by a group of librarians in an effort to guide their young users to valuable and age appropriate web sites. Advantage: No advertisements Be advised: This is not a filter.

Elementary Library Media Specialists

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





GPN DANCE TEAM PRESENTS:

KIDS DANCE CLINIC

REGISTER NOW!

**JANUARY
30-31
2017**

\$35.00 INCLUDES:

- HALFTIME PERFORMANCE AT THE GPN BOYS BASKETBALL GAME ON JANUARY 31ST
- PRACTICE WITH THE GPN DANCE TEAM
- A GPN DANCE CLINIC T-SHIRT AND POMS
- PIZZA PARTY WITH THE TEAM

**GRADES
K - 8
WELCOME**

→ MUST REGISTER BY JANUARY 13, 2017 ←

REGISTRATION AFTER JANUARY 13 WILL NOT GUARANTEE A CLINIC T-SHIRT. PLEASE WEAR CLINIC T-SHIRT TO PERFORMANCE.

NOTE:

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ATTENDING THE PERFORMANCE WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY THE ENTRANCE FEE INTO THE GAME. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT FOR THIS EVENT. **DANCE TEAM AND/OR PARENT VOLUNTEERS WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPERVISION OTHER THAN HALF-TIME PERFORMANCE**

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Please make checks payable to: GPN Varsity Dance Team and mail to:
ATTN: Dance Clinic, Sarah Smith, 61 Hawthorne Rd., Grosse Pointe Shores 48236
A \$20 fee will be assessed for all returned checks. This fundraiser benefits the GPN Varsity Dance Team.
Please email or call with any questions: Sarah Smith, sarahandmatthew@comcast.net or (313) 550-2503

2017 GROSSE POINTE NORTH VARSITY DANCE TEAM FUNDRAISER - DANCE CLINIC

CLINIC: JANUARY 30 5:30-8:00 PM, NORTH CAFETERIA

JANUARY 31 GPN BASKETBALL GAME HALF-TIME PERFORMANCE, 7:00 PM GAME

REGISTRATION FEE: \$35 NON-REFUNDABLE AFTER January 16, 2017

NAME: _____ DOB: _____ GRADE: _____

T-SHIRT SIZE (Circle): YOUTH SM YOUTH MED YOUTH LRG ADULT SM ADULT MED

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ SCHOOL: _____

TELEPHONE #: _____ EMERGENCY #: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PARENTS NAME: _____ CHECK #: _____

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Just a reminder that we are still collecting box tops for Kerby School.

"Box Tops for Education" is a very easy fundraiser for Kerby School because it involves NO SELLING to family and friends. Kerby parents buy participating products, cut the box top or UPC code off the product, and send it to Kerby School. Kerby receives 10 cents from General Mills for each proof of purchase sent in. Help us even more by asking others to collect for us, too. Visit www.boxtopsforeducation.com for a list of eligible products.



**Welcome to
Kindergarten**

*Kindergarten Info Night
7 P.M. January 19th, 2017
at all Elementary Schools*

COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

8:45 AM

Kerby Art Room



PLEASE COME AND JOIN
MRS. DELGADO
FOR COFFEE
AND CONVERSATION.



Kerby PTO is having a

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

For all students & their families!

COME & HAVE SOME FUN ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2017 FROM 6:00-7:00 P.M.

ALL GAMES WILL BE FOR SALE AT THE EVENT
PRICES FROM \$3.00—\$25.00

You'll play fun & educational games that help
kids learn and master critical skills for language
arts, math, science, social studies and more.

**RAFFLE
PRIZES!**

This event is Proudly Presented By:

Learning
Gizmos warren, MI

WE ACCEPT:



**DON'T
MISS OUT
ON ALL THE
FUN!**

✻ Lots of NEW games! ✻

**Brownell Middle School**

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Holli McNally, Assistant Principal

December 2, 2016

Dear Parents,

Next fall your child will make the transition from elementary to middle school. Some children, and parents, may find the change stressful. In order to make the transition more comfortable, we have designed a comprehensive orientation process. To begin the process, Mr. Hunwick (Brownell Principal), Mrs. Fachini-Kurily, Dr. Niforos (Brownell Counselors), and I will visit the elementary schools to meet with the fifth graders on the following dates:

Richard	Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2017	2:00 p.m.
Kerby	Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2017	1:00 p.m.
Monteith	Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2017	9:00 a.m.

In conjunction with the student meetings, we have scheduled a meeting for parents in the Brownell Multi-Purpose Room on the following date:

Tuesday, Jan. 17th at 7:00 p.m.

During this meeting we will explain the middle school philosophy and Brownell in detail. We will conduct a tour of the school and time will be set aside for questions as well.

In May, the 5th graders will visit us at Brownell on the following dates:

Kerby	Monday, May 22, 2017	9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Richard	Tuesday, May 23, 2017	9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Monteith	Thursday, May 25, 2017	9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Fifth grade students from private, parochial, or other elementary schools in Grosse Pointe are also welcome to visit us on any of the above dates. During these visits we will give the students a tour of the building, present detailed information about Brownell, answer questions, and have them join us for lunch. Please send \$3.00 - \$4.00 with your child for lunch. Students may also bring their own lunch.

We are looking forward to meeting our prospective 6th graders and their parents. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (313) 432-3911.

Sincerely,

Holli McNally
Assistant Principal