

Kerby Elementary School

February 3, 2017

Dear Kerby Families:

As we continue to progress throughout the school year, one of the questions I am often asked by parents is how you can support your child's learning at home. Here are some great suggestions via PBS Parents on various ways you can help create a positive environment for learning at home.

1. Be a role model for learning.
In the early years, parents are their children's first teachers — exploring nature, reading together, cooking together, and counting together. When a young child begins formal school, the parent's job is to show him how school can extend the learning you began together at home, and how exciting and meaningful this learning can be.
2. Practice what your child learns at school.
Homework is just one way for your kids to practice what they've learned during the school day. Practicing multiplication facts, math algorithms, reading strategies, and just having conversations about what happened during the day is all very helpful to show your child the value of learning.
3. Set aside time to read together.
Read aloud regularly, even to older kids. If your child is a reluctant reader, reading aloud will expose her to the structure and vocabulary of good literature and get her interested in reading more. Reading time can be a great bonding time for families as well.
4. Connect what your child learns to everyday life.
Make learning part of your child's everyday experience, especially when it comes out of your child's natural questions. Cooking, driving in the car, and even grocery shopping are great opportunities to practice math, sorting, and organization.
5. Don't over-schedule your child.
While you may want to supplement school with outside activities, be judicious about how much you let or urge your child to do. Kids need downtime as much as they may need to pursue extra-curricular activities.

These are just a few ways to help support learning as a lifelong activity at home. Making time to show your child that you value their education and consider it to be a top priority is key to creating motivated learners.

Have a great month!

Mrs. Delgado

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Key Kerby Dates



- Feb.6-10** Student Council Candy Grams Sold During Lunch
Feb.10 Jammy Jam 6:30-8 P.M. (more info see page 4)
Feb.14 Jump Rope for Heart—9:30-11 A.M. Kdg; 1:30-3 P.M. 3rd
Feb.15 Jump Rope for Heart—9:30-11 A.M. 1st; 12:50-2:20 P.M. 4th
Feb.17 Jump Rope for Heart—9:30-11 A.M. 2nd; 1:30-3 P.M. 5th
Feb.20-24 No School—Mid-Winter Break
Mar.14 A.M. School Only—Dismissal 11:36 A.M.—P.M. Records Day
Mar.29 Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-8 P.M.
Mar.30 No School Students
Parent-Teacher Conferences A.M./P.M./Evening
Apr.3-7 No School—Spring Break

CLASS VALENTINE PARTIES SCHEDULED

Grade 5—Friday, February 10th from 1:30 to 3:15 P.M.

**Grades K, 1, 2, 3, 4—Tuesday, February 14th in the P.M.
(Ask teachers for exact times.)**

ATTENTION FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN STARTING KINDERGARTEN FALL 2017



Please go to 389 St. Clair to register your child by April 24, 2017.
This helps us to plan for the 2017-2018 School Year.
<http://gpschools.schoolwires.net//Domain/138>

GPPSS WILL AGAIN BE OFFERING A YOUNG FIVES PROGRAM AT 3 SCHOOLS: DEFER, MASON, AND POUPARD

Your child is eligible to apply if he/she turns five
between March 1 & December 1, 2017.
Please enroll by Apr. 13. Lottery will take place on April 17, 2017.
More information is available online at:
<http://gpschools.schoolwires.net/Page/17390>

PRESCHOOL OFFERINGS

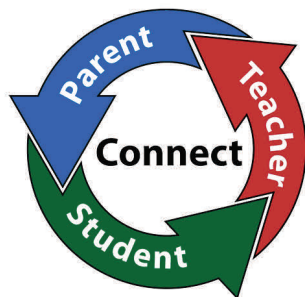
All offerings & further information can be found online at:
<http://gpschools.schoolwires.net/page/960>

COMING SOON

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES SIGN UP

ONLINE REGISTRATION WILL BE FEBRUARY 27 to MARCH 10

We will be using the same program,
Sign-up Genius, that we used in the fall.



ASK THE PRINCIPAL!

Q. When is the second Student Count Day?

A. **Wednesday, February 8th, 2017**, is the second Student Count Day. Our school funding is calculated based on actual attendance on this day.

Q. When are the 4th and 5th grade Safety Patrol members at their posts?

A. Our Safety Patrol members are on duty in the morning before school (8:05-8:20) and after school (3:35-3:50). On late start Mondays, Safety Patrol members are at their posts at (8:50-9:05) and after school (3:35-3:50). Please check the weather before students leave their houses and if the weather is below 0 degrees with the wind-chill then the Safety Patrol members will not be at their posts.



Student Council Update

For January's Spirit Activity, Student Council helped promote the "Great Kindness Challenge."

They came up with some great ways to be kind at Kerby including our spirit days and 50 acts of kindness towards our school, family, and community.

For our January Service Project, Student Council participated in "Kind Coins for Pakistan." This is a global service project to raise money to build a new school for the children in Pakistan. All money raised was donated to the charity "Kids for Peace." This charity is working together to build the new schoolhouse in Pakistan.

February is the month where we host one of our biggest Kerby fundraisers...
Valentine Mailboxes!

Student Council representatives will sell and deliver valentines to all classes during lunch and lunch recess, Monday February 6 through Friday, February 10. Students may buy valentines with a candy attached for 50 cents in the front hall. Parents may also send money to have valentines delivered for their children!

Random
Acts of
Kindness

Thanks to everyone for helping raise
the spirit and service at Kerby!



SAFETY FIRST DECISIONS!

- When using the drop-off zones on Beaupre or Kerby, please make sure your child is ready to exit the vehicle as soon as you pull into the area.
- Please do NOT DOUBLE PARK or make U-turns on Kerby in front of the school, or on Beaupre.
- Cars should not be left unattended in the drop-off/pick-up area. Please do NOT get out of your car if you are in this area.
- Please do not drop-off or pick-up in the parking lot. There are many staff members coming in and out at entrance and dismissal time.
- Parking on Beaupre is ONLY for Kindergarten parents with a current yellow & black parking pass displayed. PLEASE do not park in this reserved section without a pass.



If everyone follows these simple guidelines
the drop-off/pick-up zone will not be congested or unsafe.



COME JAM DOWN AT KERBY'S 2nd ANNUAL JAMMY JAM! **February 10th 6:30-8 P.M. in the Kerby Gym**



Hosted by the Kerby PTO & Diversity Committee.
Join us for sweet treats from around the world.
Music, Dancing, & FUN Photo Opportunities!
Tickets are \$5 per Child or \$10 per Family.
(No Charge for Adults)
All Proceeds will benefit our Literacy Library.

ONE FOR THE BOOKS

GROSSE POINTE NORTH PARENTS CLUB HOSTS,
NORSE NIGHT AUCTION
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2017
6 PM AT THE ASSUMPTION CULTURAL CENTER

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!

ONLINE AT GPNPARENTSCLUB.COM

All proceeds will benefit current & future students
that use the Grosse Pointe North Library.





KERBY ART NEWS UPDATE



Needed Donation Items:

Baby Wipes, baby wipes and more baby wipes;

USED crayons (I am melting them into new crayons for rewards for my students!)

Kindergarten: We have finished our paper sculpture and are now finishing up our PIZZAS. Soon we will be working on our African LION painting.

1st Grade: We are in the middle of our Art of Asia unit, and finishing up our clay KOI fish, and beginning to work on our Chinese Dragons!

2nd Grade: We have finished our Ancient Egyptian Cartouche project, and are getting ready to work in clay project. Shhhh – it's a surprise!

3rd Grade: We finished our Clay Alebrije Animals, and are currently working on our Inca Masks from Peru, South America! These are especially fun, as we learn to "emboss" on REAL metal.

4th Grade: We are knee deep into our Ugly Doll felt creations which takes several weeks – then we'll be working in clay as we investigate percussion instruments through clay rattles.

5th Grade: We finished up our Adobe houses landscape drawings and are now channeling our Paleontologists as we create 3-Dimensional "Faux" Fossils!

Mrs. Erin Maday

Kerby, Poupard, Maire & Trombly Art

"Creativity is intelligence having fun." -Albert Einstein

REMINDER: KERBY RULES



Students are not allowed to call home for forgotten: homework, supplies, winter wear, gym shoes, instruments. (Forgotten lunch phone calls will still be allowed.)

Thank you for reminding all Kerby kids about this procedure!



HOMEWORK REQUESTS

Requests for homework assignments must be called in to the school office by 9:00 a.m. Homework will then be available for **pick up at the end of the school day in the office.** Classrooms will not be interrupted during the school day with homework requests/pick up.

Pre-planned student absences should be communicated to both individual teachers as well as the school office. Working together, plans will be made to ensure that schoolwork is planned and completed in a timely manner.

KERBY SPRING CONCERT

Kindergarten, Grade 2, Grade 4 & Kerby Choir

Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 7:00p.m. at Brownell Middle School

Students are to report to assigned classrooms at Brownell at 6:45p.m.

Performers are encouraged to wear "Dressy Best."

When choosing your ensemble, please keep in mind that the stage can get quite warm!

Ladies, please wear flat shoes or low heels if possible as you will be climbing up and down the risers.

Safety and comfort first for our young performers!

MUSIC MATTERS!



Announcing The Grosse Pointe Public Schools' 25th Annual

Summer Choir Workshop 2017

This exciting program is open by invitation to GPPS vocal music students grades 4-12 and provides an opportunity for students to maintain and further develop their singing skills over the summer.

PLACE: Brownell Middle School

DATES: August 14-18, 2017

TIMES: Monday –Thursday 8am-12pm

Friday 8am-2:30pm, 6pm & 8pm Performances

WORKSHOP FEE: \$95.00 (non-refundable) includes T-shirt and pizza lunch on Friday.

REGISTRATION GUIDELINES: The workshop is open by invitation to Grosse Pointe Public School students going into grades 4-12. Teacher approval is required prior to registration.

LATEST LIBRARY NEWS: BOOKMARK CONTEST

That's right Kerby students and parents, it's here again!

The wonderful, exciting, fabulous KERBY BOOKMARK CONTEST!



Beginning on Monday, February 6, during their library class, each student will be reminded of the rules for the bookmark contest and handed the official form. Since it is Spanish rotation for the upper grades, their classes have already been given the instructions and will receive their entry forms on Monday from their classroom teachers. All entry forms will be due in the library by Friday, February 17th, and the winners will be announced the week after we return from winter break. We will have

extra forms in the library in case an original is lost but please remember that, as in previous years, each student is allowed one entry only. There will be one winner at each grade level with prizes being awarded as well. Please review the directions before submitting your entry. I'm excited to see all of the beautiful submissions and hope most, if not all, students give it a try.

If you should have any questions or comments, please direct them to Danielle Gostomski via email at danielle.gostomski@gpschools.org or Denise Balke in the Kerby Library, 432-4207.



KERBY'S 23rd ANNUAL JUMP ROPE FOR HEART:

FEBRUARY 14th, 15th and 17th !!

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 5th grade students.



When:

February 14th (A-day/Tuesday)

9:30-11:00 : KDG

2:00-3:30: 3rd Grade

February 15th (B-day/Wednesday)

9:30-11:00: 1st Grade

1:30-3:00: 4th Grade

February 17th (D-day/Friday)

9:30-11:00: 2nd Grade

1:30-3:00: 5th 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.



DONATION FORM –Please fill out & send back to Kerby. Thank you!

♥ 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!

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