

Kerby Elementary School

March 3, 2017

Dear Kerby Families,

March is reading month!! This is a great time to reinforce the importance of reading to your children through nightly family reading time. Your child can read to you, you can read to your child, or you can do a little of both! One of my favorite things to see at my house is my oldest reading to my younger two children in the evenings.

This year for March is Reading Month at Kerby, we will again be participating in a school-wide activity called "One School, One Book." The entire school will be reading the same book, *The Lemonade War*, at home this month, utilizing a common calendar. Each family in the school received the book earlier this week. This program is one way that we are hoping to promote reading as a family activity during March is Reading Month. Please take some time to enjoy the book at home in the evenings with your kids. After reading you can discuss the chapters with your children including questions about the characters, their favorite part, things that may have surprised them, etc. Also, we encourage you to email pictures of your family reading to Mrs. G. at danielle.gostomski@gpschools.org or to tweet them using #gpkerby.

In addition to the at home reading, we will have a few other activities we will be incorporating into our day here at Kerby. Each morning, we will be asking trivia questions over the announcements. Students who get the answers correct will have an opportunity to have their name drawn to read the questions on the announcements the next day. An exciting culminating activity is also in the works to wrap up the book at the end of the month.

Along with the OSOB project, we also had an author, Maria Dismondy, visit the school to celebrate the craft of writing and illustrating a children's book. She talked to the kids about the craft of being an author as well as discussions of character development.

Have a wonderful month of March, enjoy your family reading time, and THINK SPRING!!!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Delgado





Key Kerby Dates



Mar. 14	A.M. School Only—Dismissal 11:36 A.M.—P.M. Records Day
Mar. 15	Kerby Diversity Meeting 7 P.M. in Library
Mar. 29	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-8 P.M.
Mar. 30	No School—All Day for Students Parent-Teacher Conferences A.M./P.M./Evening
Apr. 3-7	No School—Spring Break
Apr. 14	No School—All Day
Apr. 21	Kerby Instrumental Assembly 9:30 A.M. in Gym
Apr. 25	Kerby Instrumental Concert 7 P.M. at Kerby

Please be sure to utilize our attendance line at 432-4201 with all absences/late arrivals.

The attendance line is a dedicated line available 24 hours, 7 days a week.

If you know of a future absence (trip, appointment, etc.)

please let the office know with a call to this number as soon as possible.

Your cooperation will save a considerable amount of time during the morning rush and avoid office calls to locate students. We appreciate your cooperation.



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS UPDATE



The Kroger Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to local communities. They do this through a variety of activities, including charitable giving, sponsorships, and the unique Community Rewards Program of Kroger. Kroger is also committed to carefully protecting the customers' personal information.

In order to meet everyone's expectation of privacy,

Kroger has adopted a simple policy to never share a customer's personal information.

Kroger's privacy policy applies to the Community Rewards participation as well.

As our neighborhood food retailer, the Kroger Family of Stores deeply values their ability to support local organizations like Kerby Elementary School.

Our 2016-17 Kerby Elementary School supporters include

numerous households who shop at **Kroger** this school year.

The more Kerby families sign-up and shop with Kroger, the more money we will be earning!

THANK YOU to our many Kerby Families who already participate in the Kroger's Community Rewards Program!

Please go to your Kroger account now to re-enroll and choose Kerby Elementary as your charity.

Kroger requires everyone to re-enroll every year. It only takes about a short time to do this.

To those other Kerby families who have never signed up, please consider doing this now.

You don't have to do anything else and Kerby benefits immensely!



2017 Jump Rope for Heart! Thank You, Kerby Students & Parents, from Mr. Masters!



This year, Kerby students raised \$4,207.10
for the American Heart Association!
This money is used for research, education,
and donations to those in need.
Every Kerby Student exercised their hearts and muscles
while having fun.
"Thank You" to the 30 Kerby Parents who donated juice boxes
and volunteered to help with our jumpers.
Did you know???
Since 1994, Kerby has raised \$92,537.38
for the American Heart Association.



Student Council Report

Once again, the Valentine Mailbox was a big hit with Kerby students!

Thank you to the students, staff, & parents who supported Student Council and helped spread happiness through Kerby.

Valentines were made, sold, & delivered by Student Council representatives with staff supervision.

Not only did the valentine cards bring many smiles, but hundreds of dollars were earned through sales.

The February Valentine Mailbox is usually the only Student Council fundraiser whose earnings are returned to Kerby.

Student Council representatives will brainstorm and vote on a way to use the money to help improve Kerby School.

In the past, the Student Council has purchased butterfly houses, ladybug lodges, a Liberty garden, benches for the courtyard, playground equipment, and containers and games for the Indoor Recess cupboard.

THANK YOU STUDENT COUNCIL FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK!

ASK THE PRINCIPAL



KERBY INFORMATION

Q: When dropping off or picking up my child, can I park on Beaupre or enter the parking lot?

A: Parking on Beaupre is only for Kindergarten parents with a parking pass. There are drop-off or pick-up areas on Beaupre and Kerby Road that parents of all students may use.

Please **DO NOT** enter the parking lot to drop off or pick up your child.

Please follow all parking signage around Kerby as we practice being good neighbors.

Safety-First Decisions

Talking with your children about their personal safety should be an ongoing family conversation. Grosse Pointe is a wonderful community, but no school or student is ever totally free from unsafe situations. As your children travel to and from school, they should be aware of their surroundings and of cars and people they don't know. They should not respond to or accept offers made by any strangers. Children should report any approach by a stranger to their parents, teachers, principal and/or police. Our students should always know their after school plan. If they have any doubts or concerns about their plan, or if a student can't locate their siblings or parents at the end of the day, they should **immediately** go to the school office. Students should also go directly home from school and check-in to be sure their parents are aware of their plans.

Kerby Vocal Music Update



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!

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.

Please contact your child's music teacher for more information.

"Tar Wars" in Grade 5

Tar Wars is a tobacco-free education program for fifth-grade students and is the only youth tobacco education program offered by a medical specialty organization in the United States. The program, which is owned and operated by the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), will be implemented by Beaumont Health System and CARE of Southeastern Michigan.

Students will engage in a series of activities designed to:

- increase their knowledge of the short-term effects and image based consequences of tobacco use
- illustrate the costs of using tobacco and ways they could better spend their money
- help them identify reasons why people use tobacco
- prompt them to think critically about tobacco advertising, tobacco use in movies and how the tobacco industry markets their products to youth



Tar Wars has been shown to be effective in increasing students' knowledge of and attitudes toward tobacco use and advertising. Tar Wars is consistent with the guidelines for youth tobacco prevention programs set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Tar Wars will be held on Friday morning, April 18th, 2017, for all Kerby fifth graders.



LATEST LIBRARY NEWS: “MARCH IS NATIONAL READING MONTH”

This year we are continuing the program
we started last year.

Students, staff, and parents at Kerby
will be participating in the
“One School, One Book” program
by reading *The Lemonade War* by Jacqueline Davies
during the month of March.

While activities will be done throughout the school
all month long,
reading will be done at home each evening.

Students will have the opportunity to answer daily trivia ques-
tions each morning
and these questions will be about the previous night’s chapters
so it is important to keep up with the reading.

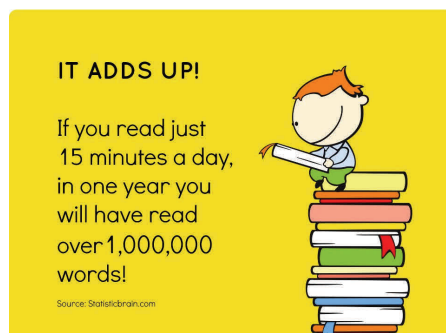
A reading schedule is on the bookmark that came home with your family’s book.

As part of the “One School, One Book” activities,
we would love for you to email in a picture of your child
reading the book so we can put them up on a bulletin board in the front hallway.
You can send the picture to me at danielle.gostomski@gpschools.org
throughout the month.

Students love seeing themselves up on the walls at Kerby
so the more pictures we get, the more we can include.

Along with any classroom activities that teachers may do,
we will have some school-wide activities near the end of the month
and discussions will be going on about the book all month long.

Please direct any questions or comments to Danielle Gostomski
or Denise Balke in the Kerby Library, 432-4207.



Digital Picks

*From your School Library
Media Specialists*



Please enjoy this month's educational, informational, and entertaining websites and apps—"digital picks" suggested by your Elementary School Media Specialists. We hope you find our reviews helpful, and we welcome your comments and suggestions.



DragonBox Numbers **Grades: Pre-K-1** **\$7.99** **Android, iOS**

Explore the concept of numbers through puzzles and fun gameplay.



DIY App—Creative Community for Kids **Free** **iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch**

From cardboarding to cooking, this app helps kids find the fun in DIY.



Book Creator **Grades 3-8** **\$2.49-4.99** **Android, iPad**

Magically easy way to create and publish digital books and multimedia.



Fiete KinderZoo **Free** **iOS and Android**

In this "made for kids by kids" adventure, users simply walk through a hand-drawn zoo and feed the animals. The sounds are hilarious!



Bookworm for Kids **Website** **www.bookworm4kids.com**

This is a great resource for teachers, parents, grandparents, and all others who want to encourage children to love reading.

Media Specialists

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The League of Women Voters and The Grosse Pointe Public School System present

RAISING GLOBAL LEADERS

Wednesday, March 8 7-8:30 p.m.

Pierce Middle School Auditorium 15430 Kercheval Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park

Join us for a discussion of the new Grosse Pointe Public School System Diversity Plan and how our state, county and community are addressing diversity issues.

AGENDA

- Director of Elementary Education Keith Howell and Director of Secondary Education Maureen Bur present the district Diversity Plan
- Panel of experts answer questions by the LWV moderator
 - Dr. Agustin Arbulu – Michigan Department of Civil Rights
 - Greg Bowens – local parent/NAACP
 - Anthony Lewis – Michigan Department of Civil Rights
 - Mark McInerney – Clark-Hill attorney
 - Gary C. Niehaus – Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent
 - Ginni Winters – Wayne County RESA Educational Consultant
- Q and A from the audience using the League format

For more information, email lwvgrossepointe@gmail.com or visit <http://grossepointe.mi.lwvnet.org>



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Register online at familycenterweb.org or call 313.432.3832

Play Central

Wednesday and Thursday mornings, 9am - 11am, now through June 1 in the Barnes Early Childhood Center Gym, 20090 Morningside Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, **\$5 per family visit**

A place for parents, grandparents and caregivers to play with their children while socializing with other families in an indoor play setting. Play Central follows the Grosse Pointe Public School District calendar so holidays and snow days will be observed as the buildings will be closed. Get a **Free Visit** coupon at familycenterweb.org.

Necessary Conversations: Preparing for Difficult Discussions with Our Youth

March 2, starting at 6:30 pm, in Barbour Chapel at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lake Shore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms, **FREE** Ask the Experts Talks followed by Q&A

6:30-7:15pm **Sexuality and Safety: How to Be the "Go-To" Person for Critical Conversations with Your Children** with Susan Fell, LMSW, social worker with Grosse Pointe Public Schools & Lisa Khoury, Ed.S., school psychologist with Grosse Pointe Public Schools. This presentation will give parents/guardians vital information about how children learn about and explore sexuality, and highlight ways parents can increase their chances of becoming the "go-to" person for these difficult discussions.

7:30-8:15pm **When is the Right Time to Speak to Your Children About the Dangers of Drugs, Alcohol and Cigarettes? NOW!** with Ghada Abdallah, R.Ph. Did you know children who learn about the risks of drugs from their parents are up to 50% less likely to use drugs? It has been widely reported we are in the midst of a nationwide opioid epidemic. There is no better time to talk to your kids than now.

Meet & Greet for Professionals

March 7, 9:30-Noon, in the Lakeshore Building at The Grosse Pointe Academy, 171 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, **FREE**

Connect, exchange business cards and brochures with other community professionals (educators, therapists, physicians, attorneys, dentists, clergy, etc.) working with youth, adults and families. Presented by The Family Center in partnership with The Grosse Pointe Academy and the Grosse Pointe News. Special offer for attendees: 50% off for new Grosse Pointe News advertisers from March 7 through April 6.

High Vibration Living! Living a Healthier, Happier, More Empowered Life

March 15, 7pm, in Miller Hall at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, **FREE** Ask the Experts Talk with Stephanie Popso, Transformative Life and Wellness Coach

Through this talk you will learn: the 5 steps for setting and achieving your health & wellness goals; the science behind making lasting lifestyle change; tools & tips on how to be the director of your life. Stephanie Popso is a transformative life and wellness coach who has helped hundreds of clients create healthy routines and habits to promote better nutrition/body function, weight-loss, better sleep, less stress, positive outlook and overall well-being.

Register today @ familycenterweb.org or call 313.432.3832

Our mission is to serve our community through programs and resources vital to today's families.

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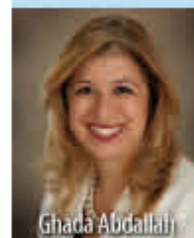
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Susan Fell



Lisa Khoury



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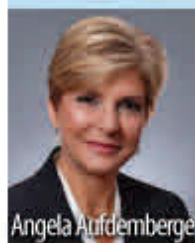
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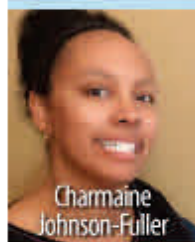
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Angela Aufdemberge



Sarah Krebs



Charmaine
Johnson-Fuller

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Sexual Victimization of Our Youth: On and Off-line

March 21, 7pm in the Alger House at The War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore Dr., Grosse Pointe Farms, **FREE** Ask the Experts Talk with Angela Aufdemberge, president and CEO of Vista Maria, a licensed provider of mental health treatment for adolescent female victims of human trafficking, with Lt. Denise Powell and Det. Sgt. Sarah Krebs of the State of Michigan Missing Persons Clearing House Presented in partnership with the Grosse Pointe News and The War Memorial as part of its This Americana Series.

This presentation and discussion will provide an overview of the use of the internet and social media to lure youth into sexual acts and sexual exploitation. Professionals will provide an overview of human trafficking within the State of Michigan as well as information to aid parents, educators and other professionals on the ways youth are recruited, signs of victimization, and how to report concerns.

Burnout to Balance: A Mom's Guide to Mom Time

March 29, 10am, in Miller Hall at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, **FREE** Ask the Experts Talk with Charmaine Johnson-Fuller, Self-Care Coach

In this free workshop discover the four foundations of time mastery. Learn how it will help you create more harmony in your personal and family life. If you're ready to stop feeling like you're on a hamster wheel, sign up for this free workshop today. Attendees will receive a special gift that will support them beyond this session.

Coming in April and May:

April 12

The Spirituality of Taking Action: A Cooperative Approach to Lasting Recovery

April 20

For Your Heirs: Preparing for Financial Circumstances of Old Age and Disability

April 26

Making Modern Divorced Families Work: During and After the Divorce

April 27

Raising Young Men and Women in a Culture of Sexual Assault: Promoting Acceptable Relationships and Actions

May 3

Mindful Media Use: How to find a Balanced Relationship with Technology

May 17

Teens and Screens: A Solution-focused Conversation

May 24

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