

June 2, 2017

Kerby Elementary School



Dear Kerby Families,

I can't believe we are approaching the end of the school year. It has been a great year here at Kerby, and I look forward to the many events that are upcoming over the next couple of weeks to celebrate the end of the school year! I love coming to work every day and spending the day with your children. Watching them learn and grow this year has been a wonderful experience.

We are very excited that Think Through Math is still available over the summer for 3rd-5th graders, and Lexia is available for the K-3 students who have been using it during the school year. The Grosse Pointe Public School District also has many summer opportunities for your families! Please visit the district website at www.gpschools.org for more information.

Summer is a wonderful time to engage in authentic learning opportunities with your children. Kids don't need to be sitting in a classroom for learning to occur. In fact, learning is often cemented through real world application. Here are a few ideas for how to engage in real world learning experiences with your children this summer.

- ◆ Have your kids help you estimate the cost of your groceries as you go through the store. Have them give you the estimated total at check out and see how close they are when the food is totaled.
- ◆ Take your kids to a strawberry patch or other type of orchard to talk about how plants grow and are harvested.
- ◆ Use authentic tools with authentic audiences like www.kidblog.org for kids to practice writing. Family members or friends can comment on the blog posts.
- ◆ Practice problem solving and cooperation through play dates or park visits. Bonus: physical activity and fresh air.
- ◆ Find a book to read as a family. Ask your children to make connections with the text and discuss parts that were surprising or particularly interesting to them.
- ◆ Read an informational text about a place you will be visiting. Have your children connect with facts from the book during your trip.

Also, don't forget to enjoy some down time relaxing and spending time with friends and families. The summer will be over before we know it. I will be looking forward to seeing everyone again in September. The first day of school for next year is Tuesday, September 5, 2017. It is a half-day for students, AM only.

Sincerely,

Sara Delgado



KEY KERBY DATES

2017 Kerby Back-to-School Night for All Grades

will take place on **September 12, 2017**



Important Registration Process for 2017-18

Parents will need to pre-register your student online. Online pre-registration will begin in August using the Parent Portal on the GPPS/Kerby Website. **A reminder email will be sent the last week in July from GPRegistration with your Parent Portal pin and password to your email address on file.** A parent/guardian email address is required to complete the online process. If your email address has changed, update it with the school district by emailing ParentConnect@gpschools.org. **If you have changed your home address, it is mandatory that you update your address with the Residency/Enrollment office at 389 St. Clair in Grosse Pointe (48230) at least one week before registration.** If you have any questions you can contact the residency office at (313-432-3083). All fees will need to be paid online with a credit or debit card. **Checks will not be accepted.**



BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION REMINDER

Please keep collecting BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION all year around.
More info & collection sheets can be found on our Kerby Homepage under
[WHAT'S HAPPENING AT KERBY!](#)

ONLINE REGISTRATION BEGINS IN AUGUST 2017

Information for parents has been updated on this page. This is the page where online registration begins.

<http://gpschools.schoolwires.net/registration>

2017-2018 School Calendar

The following are key dates for the 2017-18 school year.

First Day: Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Last Day: Friday, June 15, 2018 Students A.M. Only—NO P.M.

Students will **not** be in school on the following dates listed below.

- * Professional Development Day: November 7 (Election Day)
- * Thanksgiving Break: November 22-24
- * Winter Break: December 25-January 2
- * Martin Luther King Day: January 15
- * Midwinter Break: February 19-23
- * Spring Break: March 30-April 6
- * Memorial Day: May 28



END OF THE YEAR PARTIES AT FARMS PIER PARK

June 7	All Grade 5	10:00-3:00
June 7	Mrs. Vorhees/Rourke	10:30-3:00
June 8	Mrs. Farrell's Class	11:15-3:00
June 8	Ms. Maddalena's Class	11:00-3:30
June 9	Mrs. Corio's Class	11:30-3:00
June 9	Mrs. Cronovich's Class	11:15-3:00
June 9	Mrs. Kern's Class	11:00-2:00
June 9	Ms. Briggs' Class	11:00-3:00
June 12	All Grade 4	10:30-3:30
June 13	Mr. Sattelmeier's Class	11:00-3:00
June 13	All Grade 3	09:30-3:30

Camp Invention Almost Full!

Have you had the chance to register your child for Camp Invention, yet? It's not too late. We wanted to let you know that we are filling up quickly – faster than any previous year! Mainly because alumni campers know how great our program is and are registering their kids quickly. Don't let your kids miss out! The program is expected to be filled soon. Register ASAP at the link below.

What makes Camp Invention so popular in our district? Our curriculum focuses on S.T.E.M. (science, technology, engineering and math)! This exciting summer day experience immerses children in imaginative play that reinforces and supplements school-year learning through inquiry-based activities. Each day of the program week, children rotate through five integrated modules that require creative thinking to solve real-world challenges. Working together, children learn vital 21st century life skills such as problem-solving and teamwork through hands-on learning disguised as fun! Parents know that when their children are at Camp Invention, they are engaged, learning, having fun, and under the direct supervision of outstanding, experienced teachers!



Camp Invention is a week-long, summer science camp offered to students entering grades 1-6 the following school year. The program will again be held this summer at Brownell Middle School from June 26th through June 30th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. daily.

Camp Invention is an exciting experience for students who love to create, explore, engineer, problem-solve, imagine and just have fun!

For more information, or to enroll your child, please visit

<http://www.campinvention.org/>

Hope to see your child there!



KERBY PARENT RESOURCE CENTER

All parents who signed out books or other materials from the KPRC are asked to please return them by June 16th.

Donations of parenting and child-rearing books and CDs are welcome.

Please drop them off at the office with a note indicating it is for the KPRC. Thank you.

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH, PTO!

The following is a list of only some of the many ways the Kerby PTO has bettered our school this year:

- ◆ Guided Reading Books & Birthday Books for All Students
- ◆ Buses to Lansing for 4th Grade
- ◆ Buses & Extra Expenses for 5th Grade Camp
- ◆ Flexible Seating Items for Classrooms
- ◆ Classroom Magazines, School Assemblies, Homework Club
- ◆ Think Through Math Licenses
- ◆ Protective Cases for Classroom IPADS
- ◆ iTunes Gift Cards for IPAD apps for Classrooms
- ◆ Safety-Service Parties & New Field Day Sign for Mr. Masters
- ◆ One School, One Book
- ◆ Staff Appreciation Breakfasts, Lunches, Dinners, Coffee Cart, & so much more!



LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

Students (or parents) should check the Lost & Found items located in the hallway across from the main office.

Items left after June 16th will be donated to a local charity.

We also have a collection of miscellaneous items in the office.

Please stop in to check both lost and found areas.



MEDICATION PICK-UP

Students who have medication at school

MUST have an adult come to the office to pick it up.

We cannot give the medication to a student to take home.

If the medication is not picked up, it will be disposed of on June 16th.



May 2017
ATTENTION: FAMILIES OF FIFTH AND EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS
Effective Immediately

The Board of Education feels strongly about enforcing our residency requirements and not opening our district to School of Choice options. Rather than incur the cost of a total district re-registration, the administration is performing a **total verification of students entering sixth and ninth grades**. Families who have already verified their address this school year due to an address change are exempt from this process.

At www.gpschools.org under Residency and Enrollment you will find more information about the documents required for this process. You must bring all the required **original** documents with you. We encourage you to come to the Administration Building at 389 St. Clair Avenue, **before August 1st**.

The office hours are: 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Friday. Questions may be directed to Joi Neely at 313-432-3083, option 2.

Class assignments **will not** be shared in August if you have not completed this residency verification process.

Please remember that only one parent / legal guardian must reside within the district for their child to legally attend our schools. Students found to be attending without meeting residency requirements, are removed immediately.

This is one more method to assure our community that the children in our buildings are our students.

Monica Ellerbee
Pupil Accounting Specialist
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SUMMER LEARNING IS COMING!

As the summer season rapidly approaches, please take the opportunity to investigate the summer learning opportunities that are offered through the Grosse Pointe Public Schools.

Elementary Summer School Program

Director: Andrea Lappin-Roth

Elementary Program

(Entering grades K-6 in Sept.)

Richard Elementary - 176 McKinley, Grosse Pointe Farms

July 10 – Aug 4 Tues., Wed., Thurs.

8:30 – 10:00 / 10:15 – 11:45

For more information go to the website:

<http://gpschools.schoolwires.net/Domain/173>



GPPSS Childcare Programs



Camp O'Fun is a summer childcare program that offers a number of fun choices in a safe, friendly neighborhood environment with weekly themes.

Camp has a 5:1 student to staff ratio, and offers sports, arts and crafts, many interest centers, and swimming.

Registration forms are available online. For further information go to: <http://gpschools.schoolwires.net/Page/1113>

Kid's Club is a before and after-school program offered in each elementary school during the school year.

Middle school students can attend at the closest elementary school.

You can enroll anytime, but must register yearly.

Registration forms and rates for the 2017/18 school year will be available online.

Go to their website at: <http://gpschools.schoolwires.net/site/Default.aspx?PageID=1071>

Both of these exceptional programs are licensed by the State.



PTO THANKS ALL OF YOU!

The Kerby PTO would like to thank all the Parent Volunteer Chairs and all the Volunteers for their hard work this past school year. It is this dedication that makes Kerby such a great school! Have a safe and enjoyable summer!



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Mabel's Labels

Here is a possible solution to missing clothing, household items, bag tags, school & other personal items, or anything else that can be lost. Check out this website for a variety of labels that can be put on almost anything you can think of! <http://www.mabelslabels.com/>



ANOTHER GREAT BIG THANK YOU FROM MR. MASTERS

Kerby Field Day 2017: A HUGE SUCCESS!!

A special thanks to all of the parent volunteers as well as to our fifth graders who assisted in working all of the fun and exciting activities and games!

Also to the office staff who took care of any bumps and bruises.

To the Kerby Staff and the parents for their support in this awesome event!



JUNE LIBRARY NEWS

A big thank you to Mrs. Boyle and all of the parent volunteers for their help with the book fair last week. Thank you so much to everyone who came out to help set up, during purchase times, and take down the book fair. We can't do things like this without the help of our wonderful volunteers and you are all greatly appreciated.



IMPORTANT DATES

The last date for check-out in the Kerby Library was May 25, and all materials are due back by June 5, 2017. Please leave a phone or email message. You will be contacted if you need to discuss overdue notices or bills.

Money will be refunded for any books that are paid for as missing and subsequently found up to June 2.

After that date, no refunds will be given as I have to order replacement books at that time.

Students are responsible for fines for damaged or lost books.

So, it's time to look in the closet, under the bed, and under that car seat!

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SUMMER READING CLUB AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

While we have stopped circulation in the Kerby Library, the public library will be starting the 2017 Summer Reading Club for pre-school age children through adult readers.

There are free books, prizes and special programs—so please have your children sign up.

According to the most recent studies, reading only 4 books over the summer will keep your child at grade level in vocabulary and reading comprehension.

Please check out this month's *Digital Picks*

for some other great summer reading challenges and opportunities as well.

Have a great and happy summer!

Danielle Gostomski – Kerby Library Media Specialist





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It's Summer Vacation!!! From your Elementary Library Media Specialists!

(click on each image for a link)

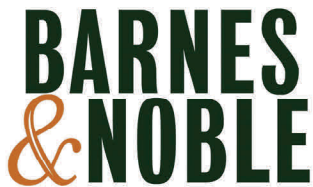
Have fun exploring this month's digital picks. As we begin summer vacation, take a look at some resources to help motivate your student to continue reading throughout the summer months. Your children have visited their school library every week during the school year. Make our 3 public (and airconditioned!) libraries part of your summer weekly routine.



Our very own [GPPL's link to reading lists](#) by grade level, award-winning and popular genres! Don't forget to register for the summer reading program at any branch starting on Friday, June 16!



Each year, over 36,000 children from different regions of the United States read newly-published children's and young adult trade books and vote for the ones they like best. These Children's Choices, selected from more than 900 titles, can be counted on as books children really enjoy reading. The project is co-sponsored by the CBC and the [International Literacy Association \(ILA\)](#).



All students who read 8 books this summer and complete a reader's log can earn a free book from Barnes and Noble. Click on the link and download the reader's log and see the lists of books students are eligible to win.



Check out these downloadable lists of reading recommendations for ages birth - 8th grade. ALSC's network includes more than 4,000 children's and youth librarians, children's literature experts, publishers, education and library school faculty members, and other adults dedicated to creating a better future for children through libraries.



Students can log their minutes read this summer. They can win virtual prizes, unlock online rewards. Students can also enter to win prizes.

Elementary Library Media Specialists

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