



# Kerby Elementary School

September 15, 2017

Welcome back to Kerby!

Dear Kerby Families:

It was great to see so many of you at Back to School Night earlier this week. I hope you enjoyed the new format with the meet and greet in the gym. I have had the pleasure of spending time in every classroom over the first couple of weeks of school, watching your children settle into the new school year with excitement and ease.

In order to start off the year ensuring that all of our students at Kerby are safe before and after school, please review the following drop off and pick up reminders.

- The Kerby cutout (in front of the school) and yellow curb (on Beaupre) 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**).
- Please do not double park and allow your child to walk between cars on Kerby Rd. It is unsafe for the children.
- Please do not "cut" into the drop off line. Join the line at the end and slowly move up until you reach a point that is safe for your child to 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**.
- 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. If you would like to give your child one last hug and kiss, please park somewhere other than the drop off lane to do so.
- Beaupre parking (excluding the yellow curb) 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 or Touraine and Beaupre to cross. Crossing between cars creates a dangerous situation for pedestrians.

Thank you for taking the time to read through these reminders. Above all, let's try to treat our Kerby families and friends (including our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade safeties) respectfully and safely during drop off and pick up. Remember that little eyes are always watching us for a model of how to behave appropriately.

Thank you,  
Mrs. Delgado



Mrs. Sara Delgado \* Principal \* 285 Kerby Rd. \* Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 \* 313-432-4200 \* Sara.Delgado@gpschools.org

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 PTO Dates

## PTO MEETING DATES (Please Note: 6:30 P.M. in the Library)

Sept. 28th, Oct. 26th,  
Nov. 30th, No Dec. Mtg.,  
Jan. 25th, No Feb. Mtg.,  
Mar. 22nd, Apr. 26th, May 24th

## PTO POINTES NEWSLETTERS (Once Monthly—Sent on Fridays)

No September News, October,  
November, No December News,  
January, No February News,  
March, April, May

## DIVERSITY ALLIANCE MEETINGS (Please Note: 6:30 P.M. in the Library)

Sept. 14th, Oct. 19th, No Nov. or Dec.,  
Jan. 18th, No Feb., Mar. 8th, Apr. 19th

## WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

2017-2018 School Year

Welcome All Kindergarten Students!

### FIRST GRADE

Cooper O., Marjorie T., Martin K., Marc A.

### SECOND GRADE

Cayden B., Cole Z., Nicholas F., Costa F.

### THIRD GRADE

Colt L., Jack G., Nathanyl B.

### FOURTH GRADE

Anne F., Annabel K., Nicolas A.

### FIFTH GRADE

Isaac A., Elloyse B.,



# Key Kerby Dates

|             |                                   |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sept. 15    | Kerby Evacuation Drill            |
| Sept. 20-22 | Grade 5 Camp Trip                 |
| Sept. 26    | Kerby Picture Day—All Grades K-5  |
| Oct. 2-6    | Kerby Book Fair—in Kerby Gym      |
| Oct. 4      | Student Count Day                 |
| Oct. 6      | Grade 4 Lansing Trip              |
| Oct. 13     | Kerby Walk-a-thon 8:30-11:30 A.M. |

## Kerby Faculty and Staff 2017—2018

|                           |                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Principal                 | Sara Delgado         |
| Kindergarten              | Pam Cronovich        |
|                           | Kim Maddalena        |
|                           | Julie VanTol         |
| Grade One                 | Lyndsey Briggs       |
|                           | Karla Corio          |
| Grade One-Two             | Adam Price           |
| Grade Two                 | Brooke Farrell       |
|                           | Liz Kern             |
| Grade Three               | Patrick Brown        |
|                           | Brad Restum          |
| Grade Three-Four          | Kim Gerlach          |
| Grade Four                | Kristin Remillet     |
|                           | Jennafer Valgoi      |
| Grade Five                | Patricia Blazinski   |
|                           | Jodie Randazzo       |
| Foreign Language          | Mandolyn Grattan     |
|                           | Rosio Zamudio        |
| Vocal Music               | Heather Albrecht     |
|                           | Mary Ann Magill      |
| Art                       | Erin Maday           |
| Physical Education        | Ron Masters          |
| Speech                    | Allison Tonkin       |
| Instrumental              | Jim Cadotte          |
|                           | Paul Miller          |
|                           | Dan White            |
| Language Arts             | Kathleen McClanaghan |
| L.R.C. Resource Center    | Anne Bethell         |
| A.S.D. Teacher            | Kelly Morawski       |
| Social Worker             | Christine Crawford   |
| Psychologist              | Amanda Derkevorkian  |
| Occupational Therapist    | Mackenzie Hebert     |
| Library                   | Danielle Gostomski   |
|                           | Amy Hermon           |
|                           | Cheryl Quinlan       |
| Secretary                 | Lisa Sickelsteel     |
| Office Clerk              | Asheley Ryan         |
| Computer Paraprofessional | Juliet Mazer-Schmidt |
| Library Paraprofessional  | Denise Balke         |
| Class Paraprofessional    | Katherine Brandon    |
|                           | Jennifer Dillman     |
|                           | Carol Houlihan       |
|                           | Kim Manikas          |
|                           | Shanell Summey       |
| Kids' Club                | Cait O'Meara         |
| Head Engineer             | Tim Cardy            |
| Afternoon Custodian       | Walt Werts           |

## A cartoon illustration of a purple owl with large yellow eyes, wearing glasses, and holding an open book. The owl is sitting on a black surface.



Guidelines for selecting classroom representatives and alternates:

The next top scoring student (girl or boy) becomes the alternate.

- Grades 1 and 2 – **Anyone** can run for Student Council. If a student has been a representative in Grade 1, he/she can repeat in Grade 2.
- Grades 3 and 4 – Students who **have not been a Student Council representative the year before (2<sup>nd</sup> for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders or 3<sup>rd</sup> for 4<sup>th</sup> graders)** are eligible to run.
- Grade 5 - **Anyone** can run. Most officers are chosen from this grade level.

Go to <http://apschools.schoolwires.net/> to access the Kerby Website.

## **For Your Information**

### **Student Pick-Up During School**

To assure a safe, authorized pickup of children during the school day, please come to the office to sign out your child if you need to take him/her out during the school day. The office will contact your child's teacher and your child will be sent to the office to meet you. **It is helpful if the parent writes a note to the teacher indicating what time the child will be picked up that day.** Parents should not go directly to the classroom to release a child. Students **MUST** be picked up in the office. Unless we have been contacted by note or telephone, a child will only be released to the people listed on his/her emergency card.

**ALSO—PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE WHEN PARKING ON VENDOME COURT TO PICKUP YOUR CHILDREN. DO NOT BLOCK DRIVEWAYS OR WALK ACROSS NEIGHBORING FRONT LAWNS.**

### **Attendance Line 432-4201**

If your child will be absent from or late arriving to school, please call the attendance line (432-4201) by 9:00 a.m. It is available 24 hours per day for your convenience.

### **Lunch**

- Cost of lunch is \$3.00. Milk is \$.50.
- If your child forgets a lunch, we will try to contact you by phone. If you cannot be reached to bring the lunch or the money to purchase a hot lunch, he/she will be allowed to borrow. If your child borrows money for lunch, please send the money with your child the next day.
- A hot lunch and recess program is provided for the convenience of our students and parents. However, please remember that staying for lunch is a privilege. Students must abide by all school rules in order to be allowed to participate in the school lunch and recess activities. We appreciate your cooperation.
- *Snacks*: can not be charged. A child can purchase a snack if there is money on the account or cash at the point of purchase. There will be a "2 snack limit" strictly enforced. If you would like snacks to be blocked for your child's purchase, please contact the office.
- Applications for free and reduced lunches are available in the office. Please fill out and return this form to school if you think you qualify for this program. If you have any questions regarding your child's lunch money account, please call 432-3259.

### **Bell Schedule 2017-18**

#### **Monday Bell Schedule**

|          |                       |
|----------|-----------------------|
| 9:05 AM  | Entry Bell            |
| 9:10 AM  | AM Instruction Begins |
| 11:56 AM | Lunch Bell            |
| 12:46 PM | PM Instruction Begins |
| 3:38 PM  | Dismissal Bell        |

#### **Tuesday - Friday Bell Schedule**

|          |                       |
|----------|-----------------------|
| 8:20 AM  | Entry Bell            |
| 8:25 AM  | AM Instruction Begins |
| 11:36 AM | Lunch Bell            |
| 12:26 PM | PM Instruction Begins |
| 3:38 PM  | Dismissal Bell        |

# Differentiation in Grosse Pointe

## What is Differentiation?

Differentiated instruction is the philosophy of the Grosse Pointe School District. This means that children have the right to learn material at a rate, format, and depth that maximizes their learning. Differentiation is just one of many teaching practices used in our district. It can be subtle or very visible – that often depends on the needs of the individual learners and the goals for the group. All students experience some degree of differentiation in their classroom. It is not an accelerated program or a remediation of material – it's a constantly changing blend of the two based on the professionalism of the educator and individual needs of the student.

- **Differentiated instruction provides multiple approaches to curriculum content, teaching process, and student product.**
- **Differentiated instruction is student centered.**
- **Differentiated instruction is a blend of whole-class, group, and individual instruction.**

The Grosse Pointe Public School District believes that providing differentiated learning opportunities to all students is a critical component of our educational system. It is a teaching strategy and one tool that all of our teaching professionals use daily with students to guarantee their personal and academic growth. It is challenging and informal; it is flexible and makes learning fun.

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## Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education

### Welcome Back to School!

We thank our many donors, supporters, and volunteers for their generosity!

With your help, the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education (GPFPE) has awarded the Grosse Pointe Public School System millions of dollars in grants over the last seven years.

Thanks to the creativity of our teachers, principals, and administrators,  
we are celebrating these grants to Kerby Elementary School:

Classroom Technology - SMART Boards  
Homework Club  
FAST Reading  
FASTT MathFish Philosophy for Children  
RAZ Readers  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Laptops  
Adaptive P.E. Equipment  
Music in Math  
Foreign Language  
Art  
Wordsmith Spelling Workbooks  
Using Pictures in Writing  
FOSS Science Kits  
Enhancing Economic Literacy  
Teacher iPads for Instructional Support  
and so much more ...



If you are interested in joining us and volunteering or helping in any way, please contact us at (313) 432-3058.  
We look forward to a wonderful 2017-2018 school year!

*Enriching, Engaging, Inspiring our Future*



**A Note from Mrs. Delgado to Kerby Volunteers.....**

**We appreciate all of the additional help from all of our volunteers!  
We have had many volunteers assist with the lunch room, parking, etc...  
It is so nice to have such a large amount of support!**

***Thank you!      Thank you!***

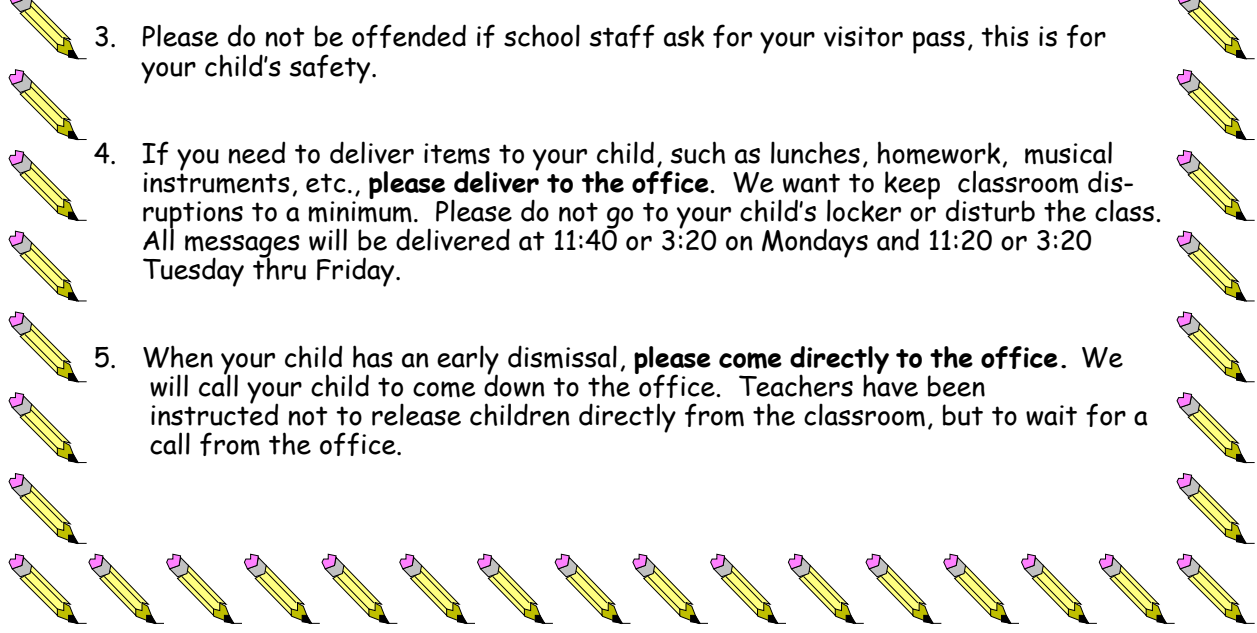
# KERBY SCHOOL

## VISITOR POLICY

It is important to Kerby School that we provide a safe environment for our children; however, we would like to retain a warm, inviting atmosphere for our parents. We want to encourage parents to volunteer in our school, while at the same time, keeping track of all visitors to our building. To meet both objectives, we have formulated a visitor policy. Please help us by following these guidelines:

1. All doors are locked between 9:10 am to 3:38 pm on Mondays and 8:30 am to 3:38 pm. Tuesday thru Friday. Please use the buzzer system at the front and receiving room doors to enter the building.

2. All visitors to the school must check in to the office. This includes parent volunteers, contractors, and other service personnel. At the office, the visitor will sign the log and receive a pass.

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3. Please do not be offended if school staff ask for your visitor pass, this is for your child's safety.
  4. If you need to deliver items to your child, such as lunches, homework, musical instruments, etc., **please deliver to the office.** We want to keep classroom disruptions to a minimum. Please do not go to your child's locker or disturb the class. All messages will be delivered at 11:40 or 3:20 on Mondays and 11:20 or 3:20 Tuesday thru Friday.
  5. When your child has an early dismissal, **please come directly to the office.** We will call your child to come down to the office. Teachers have been instructed not to release children directly from the classroom, but to wait for a call from the office.



## September Library News

### THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING



Our Scholastic Book Fair is coming! It will be held in the Kerby Gym. On September 29 it will be open during movie night from 6:30 to 8:30p.m. On Monday, October 2 through Thursday, October 5, the fair will be open from 8:00 to 8:45a.m. before school and after school 3:30 to 4:15p.m. It will be open *before school only on Friday, October 6. There will be no lunchtime hours again this year. On Monday, October 2, each student will be able to preview the Book Fair with his or her class and fill out a wish list. Each class will be assigned a period on Tuesday through Thursday for purchases. We will have books for all ages, including adults. Students are encouraged to come back to the fair with their parents. Family and friends are invited to come, too. We encourage you to take time for this special event. We can't wait to see you there!*

### ...AND WE'RE LOOKING FOR GREAT VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers to make our Book Fair the greatest yet. You have what it takes if you like to organize and put things in place, enjoy offering a helping hand, setting up or packing up and/or want to help shoppers of all ages find books they'll love!

There will be a Sign-up Genius sent out soon to sign up and volunteer or you can email Nicki Boyle at [nickiboyle@gmail.com](mailto:nickiboyle@gmail.com)

### WELCOME BACK---The Kerby Library welcomes all students.

Kerby Library books are checked out for one week at a time. Books can be renewed but do need to come back to school so we can scan the barcode to renew it.

Students also can inter-loan children's books from the other libraries in our district.

We have access to materials from 17 libraries! If, as a parent, you want to place restrictions on the type of books your child might check out, please let us know so it can be noted on his/her record.

No fines are charged for overdue school library books. However, when a student checks out a book, it is his/her responsibility to return the book in good condition.

A student will be expected to pay the replacement cost for a book that is lost or damaged beyond reasonable repair.

If you have any questions regarding your child's book, please contact Ms. Gostomski or Mrs. Balke at 432-4207 during school hours.

We can also be reached by email from the Kerby School website.

Looking forward to another great year at Kerby!



# BOOK FAIR

COMING SOON!





## It's Back to School time! From your Elementary Library Media Specialists! (click on each image for a link)



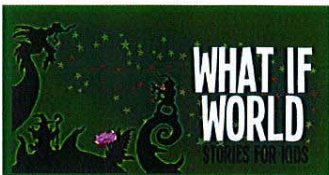
Podcasts can be a terrific way for adults and kids learn while listening. Listening to podcasts fosters imagination, focus, and comprehension. Podcasts are free, downloadable and portable. Episodes will can be serialized, much like old time radio programs or stand alone, allowing you to pick and choose those which interest you and your children. Subscribe to favorites and the latest episodes will populate your mobile app on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. Check out [Common Sense Media](#) for a list of 20 podcasts for kids, preschool through teenagers. The following are some favorites for elementary students...



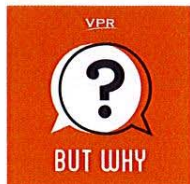
One of the newest podcasts to hit the scene, NPR's first show for kids is exactly the sort of engaging, well-produced content you would expect from the leaders in radio and audio series. Hosts Guy Roz and Mindy Thomas exude joy and curiosity while discussing the latest news in science and technology in a way that's enjoyable for kids and informative for grown-ups.



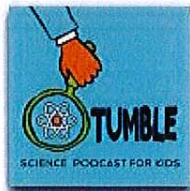
One of the first kids' podcasts to grasp podcasts' storytelling capabilities, this podcast is still going strong with kid-friendly renditions of classic stories, fairy tales, and original works. These longer stories with a vivid vocabulary are great for bigger kids past the age for picture books but who still love a good bedtime story.



With wacky episode titles such as "What if Legos were alive?" and "What if sharks had legs?," this series takes ridiculous "what if" questions submitted by young listeners and turns them into a new story every two weeks. Host Eric O'Keefe uses silly voices and crazy characters to capture the imaginations of young listeners with a [Mad Libs](#)-like randomness.



Kids are always asking seemingly simple questions that have surprisingly complex answers, such as "Why is the sky blue?" and "Who invented words?" This cute biweekly radio show/podcast takes on answering them. Each episode features several kid-submitted questions, usually on a single theme, and with the help of experts, it gives clear, interesting answers.



Often compared to a kid-friendly Radiolab, this podcast not only addresses fascinating topics but also tries to foster a love of science itself by interviewing scientists about their process and discoveries. The hosts don't assume that listeners have a science background -- but even kids who think they don't like science may change their minds after listening to this podcast.

### Elementary Library Media Specialists

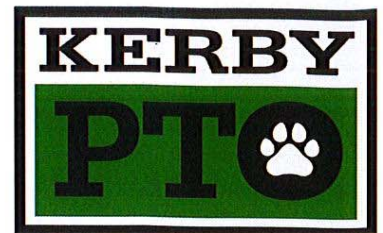
- Danielle Gostomski: Kerby, Mason, Poupard, Richard
- Amy Hermon: Kerby, Maire, Poupard, Richard
- Sherry Martin: Defer, Ferry, Mason, Monteith, Poupard
- Cheryl Quinlan: Defer, Kerby, Maire, Mason, Monteith
- Rachel Walpole: Defer, Richard, Trombly







**GET INVOLVED!**



## Calendar of Events

All evening events are 6pm-8pm

### PTO MEETINGS 6:30PM IN THE KERBY LIBRARY

September 28th  
October 26th  
November 30th  
January 25th  
March 22nd  
April 26th  
May 24th

- \* **September 29th - Family Movie Night and Book Fair Viewing in the Kerby gym**
- \* **October 2nd—6th - Book Fair**
- \* **October 13th - Walk-a-thon**
- \* **October 20th - Haunted Garage**
- \* **October 21st—Progressive Dinner**
- \* **October 27th -Trunk or Treat**
- \* **November 10th - Diversity Flag Event**
- \* **December 8th- PTO Winter Event**
- \* **January 18th - Diversity Event**
- \* **January 26th - Family Game Night**
- \* **February 9th—Family Dance**
- \* **May 23rd - Popsicle Party Student Council v. Staff Softball Game**
- \* **June 1st - PTO Spring Event**

### DIVERSITY MEETINGS 6:30PM IN THE KERBY LIBRARY

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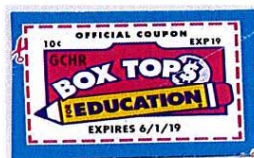


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#### KROGER:

Please register your Kroger card at [kroger.com](http://kroger.com) to link to the Kerby account, under the community section (organization #90175).



#### • BOX TOP FOR EDUCATION

<http://www.boxtopsforeducation.com>

We are collecting box tops for Kerby School. There is a container in the school lobby or send in with your kids!



#### • AMAZON SMILE:

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Please select Kerby School Parent Teacher Organization