

# Kossack Kable



October 2021

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

This fall, we welcomed 408 students to Kenai Middle School. I would like to personally thank our staff, students, and parents for their patience and cooperation in making this transition as smooth as possible. More than thirty-five percent of our students are walking through the front door for the first time. When you couple this with all the pandemic concerns, the start of the school year has been fantastic. For students, the transition to a new school is a time of high emotion, concern, and opportunity to start anew. So far, the transition is going very well. It is our desire that every student feels that KMS is their school and they acquire a sense of belonging. By working together, we can ensure that each child receives a quality education.

We just wrapped up a successful cross-county and soccer season. KMS students represented our school and community well. Basketball season for 7th and 8th graders is underway. October 15 is the end of the quarter, so no school for students. Teachers are at the school with in-service meetings and preparing for the next quarter. Parent/Teacher conferences will take place on October 27, 28 and 29. KMS will be offering three options for Parent/Teacher conferences; In-Person, Zoom or via telephone. An email will be sent out with a link to sign up for conferences.

Remember, you do not need to wait for parent-teacher conferences to set up a meeting with your child's teacher if you feel it is necessary. Please call the office for an appointment to meet with a particular staff member. The staff at KMS is always willing to work with you to help your child succeed. If there is a special situation or concern about your child, please call us! Also, please ask your child for their assignment notebook to keep current on their daily assignments. Remember, PowerSchool is available for you to view your child's academic progress and weekly assignments. If you do not have the password for your child's PowerSchool account, please call the office. We look forward to seeing you often during the school year. Let us continue to work together, in partnership, to provide the best education possible for each student at KMS. See you on October 27, 28 and 29 during parent/teacher conferences.

Sincerely,

Vaughn Dosko  
Principal KMS

## PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent / Teacher Conferences will be held Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> after school, Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Conferences are by appointment and should be requested either by the parent or the teacher. Conferences on the 27<sup>th</sup> are open from 3-6pm. Conferences on the 28<sup>th</sup> are noon-4pm and 5-7pm. Conferences on the 29<sup>th</sup> are 7:30-11:30am. You must make an appointment to see your student's teacher. Each session is 15 minutes. If these conference times are not convenient for you, please email your student's teachers to set up a meeting time. KMS staff will accommodate parent meetings anytime during the school year, when requested.

### Make the most of parent-teacher conferences

Parent-teacher conferences are often brief in middle school, but they are worth attending! To make the most of the time you spend with your child's teachers:

- Chat with your child before the conference. Does she have any concerns about a teacher or a class?
- Make a list. Don't assume you'll remember everything you want to talk about with teachers. Write down your questions and a few notes about the topics you'd like to cover.
- Start on a high note. Begin the conference by saying something positive. "My child loves the novel she's reading for your class." An upbeat start may make the meeting go more smoothly.
- Keep an open mind. If a teacher has concerns about your child, don't get defensive. Instead, ask for specific examples of the problem.
- Develop a plan. If one of your child's teachers mentions a problem, ask for ideas on solving it. The plan should include things your child can do in class and you can do at home.

## KOSSACK NEWS



Stay up to date on all the latest at Kenai Middle School by liking us on Facebook. @Kenai Middle School

You can also find news on our school blog <http://kenaimiddleschool.blogs.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/> or on PowerSchool daily bulletin.

## SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our Students of the Month, Jamie Curren, Oscar Marcou, Eli Pancoast, Katella Tomrdle, Angelina Bond, Shauna Koch, Logan Myers, Willow Graham, Eli Smith, Gracee Every, Alan Hack, Rylee Drake and Alex Gist.

Way to go Kossacks!

### BASKETBALL SCHEDULE:

Intramurals begin on Monday, Oct 4<sup>th</sup> and ends on Friday Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>. Competitive play begins on Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup> and ends on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.



### SCHEDULE FOR INTRAMURALS

Week 1, Oct. 4- 8      Girls practice 2:30- 4:00  
Boys study hall 2:30 - 4:00; practice 4:00 - 5:30

Week 2, Oct. 11-14      Boys practice 2:30- 4:00  
Girls study hall 2:30 - 4:00; practice 4:00 - 5:30

Week 2, Oct. 18-22      Girls practice 2:30- 4:00  
Boys study hall 2:30 - 4:00; practice 4:00 - 5:30



### **SITE COUNCIL**

Kenai Middle School's first Site Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00pm in the KMS library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### **AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING**

After School Tutorial will be offered from 2:35 to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays to a limited number of students. This program is in addition to the regular school day and will focus on lessons assigned to students in their core classrooms. We will be completing assignments and concentrating on developing successful study skills.



We are offering tutoring based on teacher input, and on a "first come, first serve" basis. Once this program is filled, we will start a waiting list. Students missing more than 3 afternoon

sessions are subject to being dropped from this program. Please let the office know if your student is excused from tutoring for the day. This program will start on Tuesday, November 9th, 2021 and end on Wednesday, March 2nd 2021. Snacks will be available for students in the afterschool program and limited bussing will be provided. To sign up for After School Tutoring, stop by the office and pick up the necessary forms.

## **GREAT ALASKA SHAKEOUT**



Kenai Middle School students and millions of people worldwide will practice how to duck, cover and hold at 10:21 a.m. on October 21<sup>st</sup> during the [Great Alaska Shake Out!](#) In an effort to maintain preparedness in the event of an earth quake.!

## **RED RIBBON WEEK**

**RED RIBBON** inspires our kids to be brave and to be drug-free. Red Ribbon Week takes place from October 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>. Join us in our MISSION to help kids have fun and be drug-free. Read more about the Red Ribbon Campaign [here](#).

## **BATTLE OF THE BOOKS**

It is time to prepare for the annual Battle of the Books competition.

7th & 8th graders interested in participating on this year's team can send Mrs. Nabholz a g-mail.

6th graders interested in joining the Battle team, contact Ms. Gann.

Visit the KMS Library and look for Battle of the Books for more information.



## **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Christmas Swag Pre-view**

Next month, the Sixth Grade class will be conducting their annual Swag Sale.

You will have an opportunity to pre-order and decorate your home with a fresh spruce swag. Swags are \$25 each. Call the office if you do not know a 6<sup>th</sup> grader you can order from. We look forward to your support!

## **Lost & Found**

Our KMS lost and found is full. There are school wide lost and found outside Mr. Tilly's office and in the commons. Girls and Boys PE also have a lost and found that is full. Please take a look in lost and found to claim your items. Quarterly, the lost and found will be cleaned out! Take a look now, before it's gone!

## COUNSELORS CORNER

Wow! Hard to believe we are a quarter into school already, time flies when you are having fun! As the Leadership Coordinator, it was so exciting to have such a successful Activity Night. We had 240 students attend, and fun was had by all. Our next Activity Night is tentatively scheduled for December 10th. More information to come!

All 6th graders will receive new schedules at the start of 2nd Quarter. Most students will have a different afternoon exploratory class.

ALL students will receive new schedules following the Winter Break, on January 4th. 7th and 8th grade students will be allowed to access their 2nd Semester Schedules in December, so they can make Schedule Change Requests before the Winter Break.

Lastly, KMS has been selected to participate in the NAEP Assessment (National Assessment of Educational Progress). This assessment affects only select 8th graders, and will take place on January 26th, 2022. More information will be forthcoming, as we get nearer the assessment date.

**Here's to a great 2nd Quarter!**



# KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

148 N. Binkley Street, Soldotna, Alaska 99669

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All Parents/Guardians/Students  
**FROM:** Kevin Lyon, Planning and Operations Director  
**DATE:** Fall, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** AHERA School Management Plans

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As mandated by Federal Regulation 40 CFR PART 763, known as AHERA (the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act, enacted in 1987), local educational agencies must notify parents/guardians/students in writing each school year about the existence and location of AHERA School Management Plans for each school building within their jurisdiction.

Currently, copies of all AHERA School Management Plans are located at the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District's Central Office and at the Kenai Peninsula Borough Maintenance Office. Each school's administrative office also maintains a copy of the individual AHERA Management Plan for that school. AHERA Management Plans may be inspected at any of these sites.

Your school, Kenai Middle School, has been inspected for the presence of asbestos-containing building materials (ACBM), and some building materials were found to contain asbestos. None of the identified ACBM poses a health hazard to occupants of the building when left undisturbed and properly managed in place. The Borough Maintenance Department regularly inspects and monitors the condition of all identified ACBM in the facility.

In the past twelve months, the following AHERA-related actions have taken place regarding this facility:

1. Annual updates of AHERA Management Plan records;
2. Asbestos awareness refresher training provided for school staff, custodians and maintenance workers (required once each school year);
3. On-going communication of the presence of ACBM to visiting contractors and utility workers (required at the start of each site visit);
4. Use of operations and maintenance practices by school staff, custodians and maintenance workers to avoid or minimize disturbance of ACBM;
5. Every 6 months, a periodic inspection of all known ACBM;
6. Removal of the following ACBM by certified asbestos abatement workers:

No asbestos removal activities were conducted at this school in the last 12 months

If you should have any questions concerning the AHERA School Management Plans or asbestos-related activities at your school, as the designated Local Education Agency's Asbestos Coordinator, I can be contacted at the School District's Central Office or phone (907) 714-8875.

# KENAI MIDDLE SCHOOL KOSSACKS SHOP

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Activity & Year  
Choose Color



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EVERY PURCHASE SUPPORTS OUR GROUP

T-Shirts



T-Shirt



Long Sleeve Shirt



Jersey



Accessories



Colorblock Sport Duffel



Dry Zone Nylon Cap



Sweatshirts



Pullover Hoodie



Crewneck Pullover Sweatshirt



# OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <b>XC Boroughs @ Kenai 3pm Activity Night 6-8pm</b>	2 <b>Soccer Boroughs @ SkyView 10am</b>
3 	4 <b>Basketball Intramurals Begin</b>	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 <b>Choir Concert 7pm KCHS</b>	13 <b>Fall Picture Retakes</b>	14 <b>Band Concert 7pm KCHS</b>	15 <b>End of Quarter 1 In-Service NO SCHOOL</b>	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 <b>Basketball Intramurals ends</b>
24/31 	25 <b>Competitive Basketball begins</b> 	26 	27 <b>SCHEDULED P/T CONFERENCES 3:00-6:00</b> 	28 <b>SCHEDULED P/T CONFERENCES 12:00 - 4:00 5:00- - 7:00 NO SCHOOL</b>	29 <b>SCHEDULED P/T CONFERENCES 7:30-11:30 NO SCHOOL</b>	30 <b>Basketball Tournament Boys@KMS Girls@SkyV</b>

# NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 B Basketball @ Chapman	4	5	6
7 Daylight Savings	8	9 A Basketball V ABCS B Boys @ CIA	10 B Girls vs ABCS	11 Veterans' Day No School	12 A Basketball V Seward B Basketball v Seward	13
14	15	16 A Basketball @ Nikiski B Basketball @Nikiski	17	18 A Basketball V Skyview B Basketball v Skyview	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Holiday No School	26 Holiday No School	27
28	29	30				

# DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 A Basketball @ Skyview Band Concert 7pm	3 A Basketball @ Homer B Basketball @ Homer	4
5	6	7 A Basketball Boroughs	8	9	10	11 A Basketball Boroughs @ Seward
12	13	14 Choir Concert 7pm	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Solstice	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas
 <b>Winter Break</b> 						
26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	
 <b>Winter Break</b> 						