First Quarter Newsletter

2023

Kossack Kable

August 25, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians:

On behalf of the staff at Kenai Middle School, I would like to welcome you and your children to the 2023-2024 school year. As always, our new school year is filled with hustle and bustle. The high energy and excitement exhibited by students, staff, and parents on the first day was great. I would like to thank everyone for making the middle school transition a positive and rewarding experience for students. A special "thank you" to our 8th grade leadership class and Ms. Johnson for providing an outstanding orientation day.

This year is moving fast and furious as we work towards reaching our goal of each student achieving at least a full year of academic progress. Now that the school year is in full swing, I urge you to monitor your child's academic progress. This includes looking at the district's PowerSchool Program to locate current grades/assignments and assisting your student in planning for future projects and assignments. Parent PowerSchool verification codes can be obtained by calling the office at 283-1700. The first week of school your child received a new homework planner. Please check it daily and use it as a communication tool to help you stay involved with your student's homework and progress.

Kenai Middle School enjoys a well-deserved reputation for academic excellence because of our fine staff, great students, and involved parent community. Soccer and Cross-Country running have both started with a great turnout. We have almost 200 students out for both sports.

Every year a new Site Council Member is elected from the sixth-grade parents. Holding this position is your opportunity to make a positive impact at KMS through policy revision decisions. Consider submitting your name or a fellow sixth grade parent who exemplifies the energy and enthusiasm needed to create positive change. Elections will take place at the Open House and BBQ. If you are interested in becoming a 6th grade Site Council representative, please contact our office at 283-1700.

I hope to see many of you at our annual Open House and Barbeque on Thursday, August 31. These events are a wonderful opportunity to keep the lines of communication open between home and school. I am looking forward to a terrific school year. As always, please call 283-1700 if you have concerns or ideas.

Thank you.
Vaughn Dosko, Principal

UPDATE YOUR STUDENT'S FORMS

Access the KPBSD Forms Portal with your existing PowerSchool Parent Portal account. No account? No Problem!
Register below for access to electronic forms and more!
https://forms.kpbsd.org/guardian/login?returnUrl=%2Fguardian
If you have any questions, please contact the KMS Office 907-283-1700! We are happy to help!

FEES

After the first few weeks of school, parents will be able to access their student's fees online and make online payments. Please be aware that there is a bank fee associated with online payments. You will need to know your student's ID number to complete the online payment process. The online payment system can be accessed through PowerSchool, under Student Fees; through the KPBSD website, under the Students/Parents tab; or through the KPBSD app, under online payments. Food service payments are also accepted online. https://kpbsd.revtrak.net/ms/kenai-ms/

SCHOOL LUNCHES

A current Free and Reduced meal application is required to receive free/reduced meal benefits in the 2023-2024 school year. Free and reduced lunch benefits must be applied for every year. Applications are available online.
https://www.schoolcafe.com/KENAIPENINSULABOROUGHSD

Meal charges for extra items now require a signed opt-in form. Students will not be allowed to charge an extra meal unless a parent or guardian has submitted a signed Opt-In form for each child. The Opt-in system is only to be used as an emergency back-up and will not allow more than two meals to be on account at a time.

FALL SPORTS

Kenai Middle's fall sports programs include soccer and cross-country running. Practices have started and competitions begin in September! Go Kossacks!

BUS INFORMATION

First Student, KPBSD bus contractor, has the following rules: Students who are at a bus stop in the morning are allowed on the bus. If a student rode a bus to school in the morning, they are allowed to ride that bus home in the afternoon. Any student that was not on the bus in the morning and wishes to ride the bus in the afternoon, will need to have a permission note or phone call from their parent or guardian. Please include the bus number, bus stop, street name, contact name and phone number. The note or phone call must come to the office in the morning or at lunchtime. Please do not wait until dismissal. Parental permission is required for students to ride a different bus in the afternoon or to be let off at a different bus stop.

Once the as needed bus pass is made and turned in to the bus driver, the student can ride the bus for the rest of the school year.

If you have any questions regarding these guidelines, please contact Kenai Middle School at 283-1700. Thank you.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Kenai Middle School has many volunteer opportunities! We greatly appreciate the hours you put into our Kenai Middle School Community. If volunteering is something you would like to do, please visit the KPBSD website and follow directions for either new volunteer or returning volunteer.

Thank you for your willingness to become involved in KPBSD schools!

https://kpbsd.org/departments/assistant-superintendent/instructional-services/hr/volunteer/

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Hello! I am Sammie Johnson, your school counselor at Kenai Middle School. I am excited to begin my 10th year here at KMS!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me! sjohnson3@kpbsd.12.ak.us or at 907-283-1726. I am looking forward to another awesome year at KMS!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR NURSE

Each year the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District (KPBSD) addresses student health and wellness with a comprehensive approach that includes health screenings. The purpose of these school screenings is to detect any health concerns that might interfere with a child's education. If a child has poor, uncorrected vision or hearing, it makes it harder for him/her to succeed in school, sports, social situations, and in life. In addition, children with unhealthy growth patterns are at an increased risk for a variety of health problems and poor academic achievement.

Vision and hearing screenings are required, and growth screenings are recommended by the Alaska Division of Public Health. Results are confidential. Once completed, parents are notified of any concerns. Parents are also welcome to contact the school nurse for results. Parents/Guardians who do not wish to have their students screened for height and weight are able to complete an opt-out form, available in the KPBSD student handbook. Please contact the school nurse if you need resources for health concerns.

**Schedules and calendars subject to change without notice.*

Lifetouch

Fall Picture Day is Quickly Approaching!

School Name: Kenai Middle School
Picture Day Date: Wednesday, September 6
Picture Day ID: EVT38ZQ6B

August 2023

Highlights for August

8/15	Frist Day of School
8/26	Color Run
8/31	KMS Open House

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 First day of School	16	17 Soccer & XC running Meetings	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 KMS Color Run 11-2	27
28	29	30	31 KMS Open House			

September 2023

Highlights for September

9/4	NO School- Labor Day	9/29	Early Release
9/6	School Pictures		
9/8	Early Release		

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
				1 XC @ Skyview 3pm	2	3
4 Labor Day No School	5	6 School Pictures	7 A Team Soccer @Kenai 3pm Girls 4:30 Boys B Team Soccer @Kenai 3 & 4:30PM	8 Early Release XC@ Seward 3pm	9	10
11	12 A Team Soccer @ Kenai 3pm Boys 4:30 girls B Team Soccer @ Kenai 3 & 4:30PM	13 DC Meeting 5:30	14 A Team Soccer @Nikiski 3pm Girls 4:30 Boys B Team Soccer @ Nik/Chap 3PM	15 XC@ Kenai 3pm	16	17
18	19 A Team Soccer @ Skyview Girls 4:30 B Team Girls 4:30	20	21 A Team Soccer @ Homer 4pm Girls 5:30 Boys B Team Soccer @ Homer/Chap. 4PM & 5:30	22 XC @ Homer 3pm	23	24
25	26 A Team Soccer First Round Boroughs B Team Soccer @ Kenai 3PM	27	28	29 Early Release XC Boroughs Kenai 4pm	30 A Team Soccer Boroughs @ Homer 11am	

October 2023

Highlights for October

10/10	Choir Concert	10/23	Red Ribbon Week
10/12	Early Release	10/26	Conferences/ No School
10/13	No School	10/27	Conferences/No School

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
						1
2 Intermural Basketball starts	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Choir Concert 6pm	11	12 Early Release	13 No School/ Inservice	14	15
16	17	18 Picture Retakes	19 Concert Band 6PM	20	21	22
23 Red Ribbon Week Comp Bball Starts	24	25	26 Parent Teacher Conferences- No School	27 Parent Teacher Conferences- No School	28 Bball Jamboree @ Homer	29
30	31 Halloween					

KENAI MIDDLE SCHOOL
2023 / 2024 STAFF LIST

ADMINISTRATORS

Dosko, Vaughn	Principal
Felchle, Ken	Assistant Principal

CLASSIFIED STAFF

Crouse, Stacey	Library Aide
Dahlman, Eric	Special Ed Aide
Ewing-Holmes, Christie	Secretary II, Attendance
Laker, Julie	Special Ed Aide
McGraw, Sabrina	Special Ed Aide
Meyers, Mary	Lunchroom, Cook
Meza, Rosemarie	Special Ed Aide
Mosquito, Misty	Special Ed Aide
Navarre, Kim	Special Ed Aide
Neet, Steven	Custodian
Robertson, Gilda	Special Ed Aide
Smith, Megan	Secretary III
Snead, Maria Teresa	Custodian
Stockton, Evan	Special Ed Aide
Taylor, Chantel	Tutor/Guidance Asst
Tilly, Michael	Custodian, Head
Wingster, Shalom	Special Ed Aide
Winslow, Laurie	Lunchroom, Cashier

CERTIFIED STAFF

Beck, Tracie	6th Teacher - Language Arts, Reading, PE
Bressler, Luanne	6th Teacher - Language Arts, Geography, Reading, Art
Carson, Rob	6th Teacher - Math, Science, Geography, Home Ec
Newton, Jacob	6th Teacher - Math, Science, PE
Rehmer, Shelby	6th Teacher - Special Education
Open	6th Teacher - Math, Science, Geography
Tews, Natalie	6th Teacher - Language Arts, Reading, Geography
Adair, Amanda	7th Teacher - Special Education
Gustkey, Mike	7th Teacher - Language Arts, DST, Yearbook, Home Ec
Lewis, Tony	7th Teacher - Science
Newton, Chelsea	7th Teacher - Math
Rose, Nolan	7th Teacher - History
Jackson, Douglas	8th Teacher - Science
Moss, Jennifer	8th Teacher - Language Arts, Drama
Prusak, Jacob	8th Teacher - History
Rininger, Lacey	8th Teacher - Math, Art
Waits, Donna	8th Teacher - Special Education
McCown, Misty	Intervention, Robotics, Keyboarding, Geography
Nabholz, Susan	Quest, LA, World Language, Journalism
Rodriguez, Bailey	Exploratory - PE
Schoessler, Steve	Exploratory - Shop, Geography
Silva, Tamlyn	Art
Songer, Jacob	Exploratory - PE, Algebra
Stephanos, Christian	Exploratory - Band
Vollom, Tammy	Exploratory - Choir
Cruickshank, Caroline	Special Education
Duke, Jessie	Speech Therapist
Gann, Jill	Librarian
Hill, Camille	Psychologist
Johnson, Samantha	Counselor
St. John, Dixie	Nurse
Vann, Heidi	Special Education

JOIN US FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL

SOURCES OF STRENGTH COLOR RUN

Brought to you by Kenai High School, Kenai Middle School, and Kenai Alternative School

KPBSD posts flyers as a community service. Such posting does not constitute an endorsement for or against the materials and viewpoints expressed in them.

Stick around after the run/walk for FREE food, music, activities, giveaways, door prizes (must be present to win), and vendors!

Every single participant MUST register on the Eventbrite platform, you can scan the QR code
or visit: https://qrco.de/beAowU

SCAN ME

Questions? Contact Dixie: 1-907-283-1700 or DStJohn@kpbsd.k12.ak.us

KENAI MIDDLE SCHOOL

BACK TO SCHOOL

BAR-B-QUE

Parents, Guardians and Students you are invited! We will kick off with a hotdog bbq, followed by an introduction to your student's class schedule and teachers!

THURSDAY, AUG 31ST
5:15pm – 7:15pm
Kenai Middle School

QUESTIONS? CALL 283-1700

KENAI MIDDLE SCHOOL
2023 / 2024
SPORTS AT A GLANCE

7TH & 8TH GRADE

EVENT	BEGINNING DATE	ENDING DATE
X-Country Running	8/15/23	9/30/23
Soccer	8/15/23	9/30/23
Basketball (Intramurals)	10/2/23	10/20/23
Basketball (Competitive)	10/23/23	12/9/23
Volleyball (Intramurals)	1/3/24	1/19/24
Volleyball (Competitive)	1/22/24	3/2/24
Wrestling	1/3/24	3/2/24
X-Country Skiing	1/3/24	2/24/24
Track & Field	3/25/24	5/11/24

6TH GRADE

EVENT	BEGINNING DATE	ENDING DATE
X-Country Running	8/15/23	9/30/23
Soccer	8/15/23	9/30/23
Wrestling	1/3/24	3/2/24
X-Country Skiing	1/3/24	2/24/24
Volleyball (Intramural)	March - TBA	March - TBA
Basketball (Intramural)	March - TBA	March - TBA
Track	3/25/24	5/11/24

Updated 8/24/2023

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
2023-24 District Wide Calendar

C School Closes	O School Opens
E End of Quarter	CI PT Conference/Inservice
H Legal Holiday	V Vacation Day
IW Inservice/Work	ER Early Release Day

July 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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2	3	4 H	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

# of Inservice Days:
# of Student Days:
# of Teacher Days:

August 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 IW	9 IW	10 IW	11 IW	12
13	14 IW	15 O	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

# of Inservice Days: 5
# of Student Days: 13
# of Teacher Days: 18

September 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4 H	5	6	7	8 ER	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 ER	30

# of Inservice Days: 0
# of Student Days: 20
# of Teacher Days: 21

October 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 ER	13 IW/E	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 CI	27 CI	28
29	30	31				

# of Inservice Days: 3
# of Student Days: 19
# of Teacher Days: 22

November 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 ER	10 V	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 H	24 H	25
26	27	28	29	30		

# of Inservice Days: 0
# of Student Days: 19
# of Teacher Days: 21

December 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 ER	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 V	19 V	20 V	21 V	22 V	23
24	25 H	26 V	27 V	28 V	29 V	30
31						

# of Inservice Days: 0
# of Student Days: 11
# of Teacher Days: 12

January 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1 H	2 IW/E	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 ER	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 ER	27
28	29	30	31			

# of Inservice Days: 1
# of Student Days: 21
# of Teacher Days: 23

February 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 ER	10
11	12	13	14	15 CI	16 CI	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

# of Inservice Days: 2
# of Student Days: 19
# of Teacher Days: 21

March 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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3	4	5	6	7 ER	8 IW/E	9
10	11 V	12 V	13 V	14 V	15 V	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 V	30
31						

# of Inservice Days: 1
# of Student Days: 14
# of Teacher Days: 15

April 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 ER	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

# of Inservice Days: 0
# of Student Days: 22
# of Teacher Days: 22

May 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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12	13	14	15	16 C	17 W	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 H	28	29	30	31	

# of Inservice Days: 1
# of Student Days: 12
# of Teacher Days: 13

June 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

# of Inservice Days:
# of Student Days:
# of Teacher Days:

End of Quarter

1st Quarter	42	days
2nd Quarter	40	days
3rd Quarter	45	days
4th Quarter	43	days
	170	days

Approved: 12/7/2020
Dept of Ed. Approved: 11/10/2022
updated 5/12/23

Teacher First	August 8
Teacher Last	May 17
Student First	August 15
Student Last	May 16

PT Conference/IS Days

Oct 26 & 27
Feb 15 & 16

Inservice Dates

August 8, 9, 10, 11, 14
October 13
January 2
March 8
May 17

Legal Holidays & Vacation Days

Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	September 4
Thanksgiving	November 23-24
Winter Break	Dec 18-Dec 29
Spring Break	March 11-15
Vacation Day	Nov 10 & Mar 29
Memorial Day	May 27

KMS A-Team Soccer Schedule 2023

1. Thursday, September 7 Kenai vs. Seward @ Kenai

- Event time = Girls - 3:00 pm, Boys – 4:30 pm

2. Tuesday, September 12 Kenai vs. Skyview @ Kenai

- Event time = Boys - 3:00 pm, Girls – 4:30 pm

3. Thursday, September 14 Kenai vs. Nikiski @ Nikiski

- Event time = B-Team - 3:00 pm, Boys – 4:30 pm

*** No Girls A-Team Game**

4. Tuesday, September 19 Kenai vs. Skyview @ Skyview

- Event time = Girls – 4:30 pm, B-Team – 4:30 pm

*** No Boys A-Team Game**

5. Thursday, September 21 Kenai vs. Homer @ Homer H.S.

- Event time = Girls - 4:00 pm, Boys – 5:30 pm

6. Tuesday, September 26 First Round of Borough

- Event time = TBA Tournament, Higher Seed Host

7. Saturday, September 30 Finals of Borough Tournament

- Event time = 11:00 am @ Homer

KMS B-Team Soccer Schedule 2023

1. Thursday, September 7 Kenai vs. Chap./Seward @ Kenai

- Event time = Team Silva - 3:00 pm, Teams Evan - 4:30 pm

2. Tuesday, September 12 Kenai vs. Skyview @ Kenai

- Event time = Team Evan - 3:00 pm, Teams Silva - 4:30 pm

3. Thursday, Sept. 14 Kenai vs. Nik. & Chap. @ Nik. & Chap.

- Event time = Team Silva vs. Nikiski - 3:00 pm

- Event time = Team Evan vs. Chapman - 3:00 pm

4. Thursday, Sept. 21 Kenai vs. Homer/Chap. @ Homer M.S.

- Event time = Team Evan vs. Homer- 4:00 pm

- Event time = Team Silva vs. Chapman - 5:30 pm

5. Tuesday, September 26 Kenai vs. Kenai @ Kenai

- Event time = Team Silva vs. Team Evan - 3:00 pm

KMS XC Running Schedule 2023

1. Friday, September 1 **Skyview Invitational @ Skyview**

- Event time = 3:00 pm

2. Friday, September 8 **Seward Invitational @ Seward**

- Event time = 3:00 pm

3. Friday, September 15 **Kenai Invitational @ Kenai**

- Event time = 3:00 pm

4. Friday, September 22 **Homer Invitational @ Homer**

- Event time = 3:00 pm

5. Friday, September 29 **Borough Championships @ Kenai**

- Event time = 4:00 pm

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, 2023

SUBJECT: **AHERA School Management Plans**

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.