

KENAI MIDDLE



First Quarter Newsletter

2024

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

On behalf of the staff at Kenai Middle School, I would like to welcome you and your children to the 2024-2025 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. We had a phenomenal day for our Color Run last weekend. There were almost 300 participants this year.

This year is moving fast and furious, as we work towards reaching our goal of each student achieving 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, September 5. 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 each school year. Applications are available online or in the KMS office.

<https://www.schoolcafe.com/KENAIPENINSULABOROUGHSD>





FALL SPORTS

Kenai Middle's fall sports programs include soccer and cross-country running. Practices have started and competitions begin soon! 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 11th 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 subject to change without notice

September 2024

Highlights for September

2 nd	Labor Day	6 th	Activity Night
4 th	Picture Day	13 th	Early Release
5 th	Open House		

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2 Labor Day No School	3 Spirit Week- PJ DAY	4 Spirit Week- Dress Fancy Day Picture Day!	5 Spirit Week- Pink vs Green Day Open House- 5:15- 7:15pm	6 Spirit Week- Purple & Gold Day XC Running @ Skyview 3PM Activity Night 6-8pm	7	8
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October 2024

8 th	Choir Concert	18 th	Early Release
11 th	No School- Inservice	24- 25 th	No School for Conferences
16 th	Picture Retakes		

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1 Soccer A team First Round Borough	2	3	4 XC Running @ Seward 3PM - Boroughs	5 Soccer A team Boroughs 11am	6
7 Basketball Starts	8 Choir Concert 7pm	9	10	11 No School- Inservice	12	13
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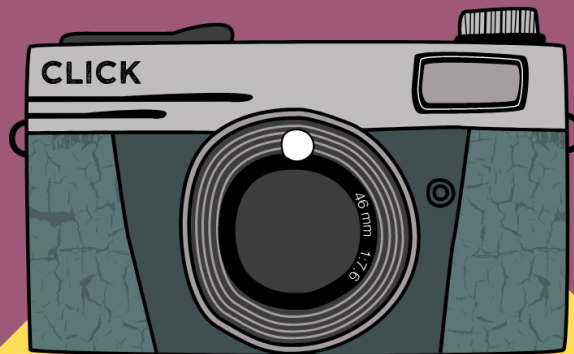
Fall Picture Day is Quickly Approaching!

School Name: Kenai Middle School

Picture Day Date: Wednesday, September 4

Picture Day ID: EVTZPPHJP

SEPTEMBER 4TH



PICTURE DAY @ KMS

You can order your pictures online at
<https://my.lifetouch.com/mylifetouch/#/prepay-student-info>

We also have picture packets you can pick up at the office. Please call 907-283-1700 if you have any questions.



BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ!



ALL PARENTS, GUARDIANS & STUDENTS ARE
INVITED!

WE KICK OFF WITH A HOT DOG BBQ, FOLLOWED
BY AN INTRODUCTION TO YOUR STUDENTS
CLASS SCHEDULE AND TEACHERS.

**THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 5TH**



**5:15-7:30
KENAI MIDDLE
SCHOOL**

QUESTIONS? CALL 907-283-1700.



**6TH
GRADE
SWIM UNIT**

**STARTS
SEPT. 3RD**

ALL 6TH GRADERS WILL BE STARTING A SWIM UNIT
NEXT WEEK. THIS IS A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY FOR
ALL LEVELS OF SWIMMERS.

STUDENTS WILL NEED TO BRING A SWIMSUIT AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE. ALSO BRINGING SHAMPOO, BODY WASH AND
A HAIR BURSH IS HELPFUL ON SWIM DAYS. KMS WILL
PROVIDE TOWELS.

*8TH HOUR PE WILL SWIM MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

*9TH HOUR PE WILL SWIM ON TUESDAYS AND
THURSDAYS



KENAI MIDDLE SCHOOL 2024 / 2025 SPORTS AT A GLANCE



7TH & 8TH GRADE

EVENT	BEGINNING DATE	ENDING DATE
X-Country Running	08/21/24	10/04/24
Soccer	08/21/24	10/05/24
Basketball (Intramurals)	10/07/24	10/25/24
Basketball (Competitive)	10/28/24	12/14/24
Volleyball (Intramurals)	01/07/25	01/24/25
Volleyball (Competitive)	01/27/25	03/01/25
Wrestling	01/07/25	03/01/25
X-Country Skiing	01/07/25	03/01/25
Track & Field	03/24/25	05/17/25

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Soccer	08/21/24	10/05/24
Wrestling	01/07/25	03/01/25
X-Country Skiing	01/07/25	03/01/25
Volleyball (Intramural)	March - TBA	March - TBA
Basketball (Intramural)	March - TBA	March - TBA
Track	03/24/25	05/17/25

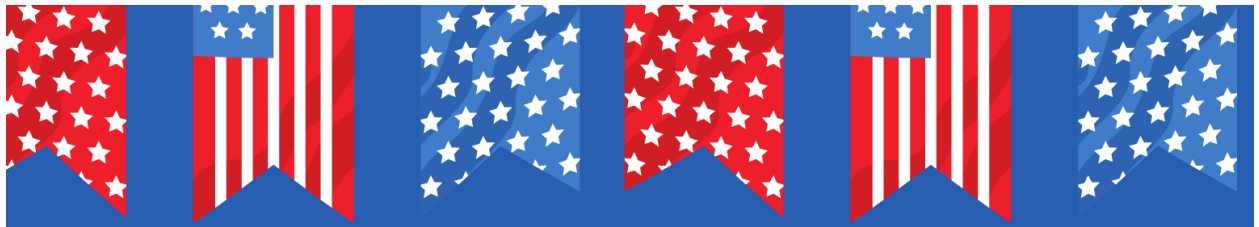
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Kenai Peninsula Borough School District 2024-25 District Wide Calendar

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 2024							August 2024							September 2024							October 2024								
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End of Quarter		Inservice Dates		Legal Holidays & Vacation Days	
1st Quarter	36 days	Teacher First	August 14	Independence Day	July 4
2nd Quarter	46 days	Teacher Last	May 23	Labor Day	September 2
3rd Quarter	40 days	Student First	August 21	Thanksgiving	November 28-29
4th Quarter	48 days	Student Last	May 22	Winter Break	Dec 23-Jan 3
	170 days	PT Conference/IS Days	Oct 24 & 25 Feb 13 & 14	Spring Break	March 10-14
Approved: 01/09/2023				Vacation Day	Feb 17 & Apr 18
DEED Approved: 10/11/2023				Memorial Day	May 26



NO SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2

Happy

LABOR DAY





Kenai Middle School

ACTIVITY

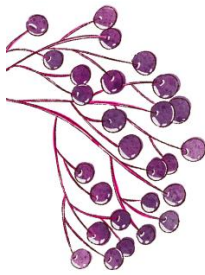
Night

SEPTEMBER

6TH

6pm-8pm / \$5 Entry Fee
Students need to be picked up promptly at 8pm

- SNACK SHACK
- CAKE WALK
- WAR BALL
- CLIMBING WALL
- 7-8 GRADE DANCE
- AND SO MUCH MORE





Spirit Week at KMS



September 3rd- 6th



9/3

Tuesday

Cozy PJ day

9/4

Wednesday

Picture day! Dress fancy for the 4th!

9/5

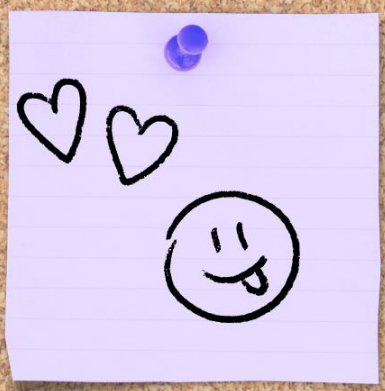
Thursday

Pink vs Green color battle

9/6

Friday

Purple and Gold day!
Show your KMS Spirit!!



*Application for Consideration
for the
KPBSD Calendar Committee*

For consideration, applications must be received by September 20, 2024.

Name			
Address			
Work phone		Home phone	
Email address			

Group you will represent:

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> elementary school parent | <input type="checkbox"/> middle school parent | <input type="checkbox"/> high school parent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> student | <input type="checkbox"/> administrator | <input type="checkbox"/> teacher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> educational support employee | | <input type="checkbox"/> board member |

Reason you would like to participate:

Please complete and email to nbates@kpbsd.k12.ak.us or fax to 262-5867. You may call (907) 714-8858 with questions.

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, 2024

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.