

KENAI MIDDLE



First Quarter Newsletter

2025

Dear Parents/Guardians:

On behalf of the staff at Kenai Middle School, I would like to welcome you and your children to the 2025-2026 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.

Our annual Color Run is scheduled for Saturday, September 13th. This is open to all ages. Please come walk and run and join in on the fun. Registration is at 11 and the run/walk starts at noon. Food and beverages will be provided after the race.

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 are starting up. We will have over 200 students participating in fall sports. Please encourage your child to get involved.

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 4. 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. There was an informational meeting Friday and practices will begin Monday after school! You must have a current sports packet on file to participate. For more information, call the KMS Office!
Go Kossacks!

BUS INFORMATION



Apple Bus, a 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 bus pass. Parents must request a bus pass before the student first time riding that bus. **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 into 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 to arrange bussing. 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 12th 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 them 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.

SCHOOL PICTURES

Lifetouch.

Fall Picture Day is Coming!

Kenai Middle School

Picture Day Date(s): August 29, 2025

Picture Day ID: EVTHQQX7G

KENAI MIDDLE SCHOOL

2025 / 2026

SPORTS AT A GLANCE



7TH & 8TH GRADE

EVENT	BEGINNING DATE	ENDING DATE
X-Country Running	08/20/25	10/3/25
Soccer	08/20/25	10/4/25
Basketball (Intramurals)	10/06/25	10/24/25
Basketball (Competitive)	10/27/25	12/13/25
Volleyball (Intramurals)	01/6/26	01/23/26
Volleyball (Competitive)	01/26/26	02/28/26
Wrestling	01/6/26	02/28/26
X-Country Skiing	01/6/26	02/28/26
Track & Field	03/23/26	05/15/26

6TH GRADE

EVENT	BEGINNING DATE	ENDING DATE
X-Country Running	08/20/25	10/3/25
Soccer	08/20/25	10/4/25
Wrestling	01/6/26	02/28/26
X-Country Skiing	01/6/26	02/28/26
Volleyball (Intramural)	March - TBA	March - TBA
Basketball (Intramural)	March - TBA	March - TBA
Track	03/23/26	05/15/26

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

148 N. Binkley Street, Soldotna, Alaska 99669

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Borough and School District Employees

FROM: Kevin Lyon, Planning and Operations Director

DATE: Fall, 2025

SUBJECT: AHERA School Management Plans

As mandated by Federal Regulation 40CFR Part 763, known as AHERA (the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act, enacted in 1987), local educational agencies must notify in writing parent, teacher and employee organizations each school year of the existence and availability of AHERA School Management Plans for each school building.

Currently, copies of all AHERA School Asbestos Management Plans are located at the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District's Central Office and at the Kenai Peninsula Borough Maintenance Office. In addition, a copy of the individual AHERA Management Plan for each school is kept on site in the school's administrative office. AHERA Management Plans may be inspected at any of these sites.

The following schools and facilities have been inspected for the presence of asbestos-containing building materials (ACBM), and none were found:

Homer Fireweed Academy	Skyview Middle School/River City Academy
Homer Flex School	Voznesenka School
Hope School	West Homer Elementary School
Kachemak Selo School	Portable Classrooms at all Schools
Mountain View Elementary School	KPB School District Warehouse/Media Center
Nikiski Middle/High School	KPB School District Quonset Warehouse
North Star Elementary School	KPB School District Warehouse Portable
Razdolna School	KPB Human Resources Building
Seward Elementary School	
Seward Middle School	

The following schools and facilities have been inspected for the presence of asbestos-containing building materials (ACBM), and each was found to contain some amount of ACBM. When left undisturbed and properly managed in place, the identified ACBM poses no health hazard to occupants of these buildings. The Borough Maintenance Department regularly inspects and monitors the condition of all identified ACBM in each of these facilities:

Aurora Borealis Charter School/ Kenai Alternative H.S.	Paul Banks Elementary School
Chapman School	Port Graham School
Cooper Landing School	Redoubt Elementary School
Homer High School	Seward High School
Homer Middle School	Soldotna Elementary School
K-Beach Elementary School	Soldotna High School
Kaleidoscope School of Arts and Science	
Kenai Central High School	Sterling Elementary School
KCHS Workforce Development Center	Susan B. English School
Kenai Middle School	Tebughna School
Nanwalek School	Tustumena School
Nikolaevsk School	Borough Administration Building & Records Mgmt.
Nimilchik School	Borough Maintenance Facility, Homer
McNeil Canyon Elementary School	Borough Maintenance Facility, Soldotna
Moose Pass School	Nikiski Community/Recreation Center

In the past twelve months, the following asbestos-related response actions have taken place:



STRIKE A POSE FOR PICTURE DAY!

AUGUST 29TH

HAVE YOUR STUDENT PICK UP A
PICTURE PACKET AT THE OFFICE

OR GO TO

LIFETOUCH.COM

SCHOOL CODE:

EVTHQQX7G





Kenai Middle School

Back to School Night & BBQ

September 4th 5:15-7:15



5:15-5:45 Free Family Bar-B-Q
(all children must be accompanied by an adult)



5:45-6:00 Everyone to the gym

At 6:00pm everyone will be dismissed to follow the students daily schedule. Teachers will be explaining their course content and class expectations. Bells will ring to start and dismiss classes.

6:05-6:11	Period 1
6:14-6:20	Period 2
6:23-6:29	Period 3
6:32-6:38	Period 4
6:41-6:47	Period 5 (6 th grade go to Geography)
6:50-6:56	Period 6 & 7 (ALL students Advisory)
6:59-7:05	Period 8
7:08-7:15	Period 9

Thank you for coming!

