KENAI MIDDLE



First Quarter Newsletter

2026

August 26, 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians:

On behalf of the staff at Kenai Middle School, I would like to welcome you and your children to the 2026-2027 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. I want to thank everyone for their patience with the school office and school entry remodel. This remodel should make our school a safer place. All work was to be completed before school started but that did not happen. I was informed that it could be a couple more weeks before we can move out of the library and back into our offices. 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 students' homework and progress.

Chrome books have been issued to students. We will be doing MAP testing on September 1-3. We will be taking a 2 hour block of time to complete these tests each day.

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 out for both 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 3rd. 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

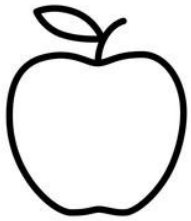
If you have any questions, please contact the KMS Office 907-283-1700! We are happy to help!

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/

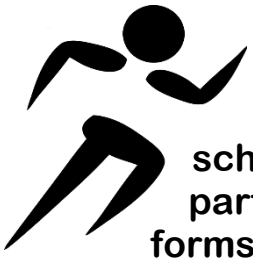
SCHOOL LUNCHES



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 started Monday after school! You must have a current sports packet on file to participate. Sports packets are now available in the KPBSD forms portal! For more information, call the KMS Office!

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. 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 their first time on the bus. 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 13th 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): WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th

Picture Day ID: EVTBFPR8K

KENAI MIDDLE SCHOOL
2026 / 2027
SPORTS AT A GLANCE



7TH & 8TH GRADE

EVENT	BEGINNING DATE	ENDING DATE
X-Country Running	08/19/26	10/3/26
Soccer	08/19/26	10/3/26
Basketball (Intramurals)	10/05/26	10/23/26
Basketball (Competitive)	10/26/26	12/12/26
Volleyball (Intramurals)	01/5/27	01/22/27
Volleyball (Competitive)	01/25/27	02/27/27
Wrestling	01/5/27	03/06/27
X-Country Skiing	01/5/27	02/27/27
Track & Field	03/22/27	05/15/27

6TH GRADE

EVENT	BEGINNING DATE	ENDING DATE
X-Country Running	08/19/26	10/3/26
Soccer	08/19/26	10/3/26
Wrestling	01/5/27	03/06/27
X-Country Skiing	01/5/27	02/27/27
Volleyball (Intramural)	March - TBA	March - TBA
Basketball (Intramural)	March - TBA	March - TBA
Track	03/22/27	05/15/27

Updated 6/1/26

KMS A-Team Soccer Schedule 2026

1. **Thursday, September 10** — **Kenai vs. Seward @ Seward**
   - **Event time = Girls - 3:00 pm, Open (Boys) – 4:30 pm**

2. **Tuesday, September 15** — **Kenai vs. Skyview @ Skyview**
   - **Event time = Girls - 3:00 pm, Open (Boys) – 4:30 pm**

3. **Thursday, September 17** — **Kenai Boys vs. Nikiski @ Kenai**
   - **Event time = Open (Boys) Only – 3:00 pm**

4. **Tuesday, September 22** — **Kenai Girls vs. Skyview @ Skyview**
   - **Event time = B-Team - 3:00 pm, Girls – 3:00 pm**

5. **Tuesday, September 22** — **Kenai Boys vs. Chapman@Kenai**
   - **Event time =Open (Boys) - 3:00 pm, B - Team – 4:30 pm**

6. **Thursday, September 24** — **Kenai vs. Homer @ Kenai**
   - **Event time = Open (Boys) - 3:00 pm, Girls – 4:30 pm**

7. **Tuesday, September 29** — **First Round of Borough Tournament, Higher Seed Host**
   - **Event time = TBA**

8. **Saturday, October 3** — **Finals of Borough Tournament @ Kenai**
   - **Event time = 10:00 am**

***B Team Soccer Schedule TBD**

KMS XC Running Schedule 2026

1. Friday, September 4 — **Skyview Invitational @ Skyview**

- **Event time = 3:00 pm**

2. Friday, September 11 — **Seward Invitational @ Seward**

- **Event time = 2:00 pm**

3. Friday, September 18 — **Kenai Invitational @ Kenai**

- **Event time = 3:00 pm**

4. Friday, September 25 — **Nikiski Invitational @ Nikiski**

- **Event time = 3:00 pm**

5. Friday, October 2 — **Borough Championships @ Home**

- **Event time = 3:00 pm**

KENAI MIDDLE SCHOOL

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT BAR-B-QUE!!

Thursday, September 3rd, 2026
5:15 – 7:15 p.m.



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 for discussion.

At 6:00 parents, guardians and students will be dismissed to follow the student's daily schedule. Teachers will be explaining their course content and class expectations. Questions are encouraged.
Bells will ring to start and dismiss classes.
Below is the schedule for class visits:

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**	**(6th grade go to Geography)**
6:50 – 6:56	**Period 6 & 7**	**(All students to Advisory)**
6:59 – 7:05	**Period 8**	
7:08 – 7:15	**Period 9**	

Time to go home!!
Thanks for coming!

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, 2026

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:

   ACM BUR materials from roofs 100 sq. ft. Class II removal wet method, hand tools, HEPA; ACM Gaskets and Packing 15 ea. Class II removal, wet method, hand tools, HEPA; ACM Tile 1335 Sq Ft Class II removal, wet method, hand tools, HEPA; ACM Sink undercoating 1 ea. Class II removal, wet method, hand tools, HEPA; Insulation materials within door panels and inside transom above doors, 10 ea. Class II removal wet method, hand tools, HEPA; Black Tarry clock-speaker housing, 1 ea. Class II removal wet method, hand tools, HEPA; Spray on Fireproofing, 250 Sq. Ft. Class II removal wet method, hand tools, HEPA; Gypsum board systems (walls, ceilings, soffits etc.) With ACM joint compound and ACM mastics between multi-layered gypsum board systems in the 1969 era as necessary to accommodate work, Class II removal wet method, hand tools, HEPA

If you 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.