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# Koala Connector

## FROM THE PTA

I cannot believe that it is already November! These first few months have been extremely busy, but the Kenbrook Koala family has totally rocked it!

The Fun Run was a HUGE success. We surpassed our \$14,000 goal by a whopping \$2,500! Some of the money raised has been used to purchase iPads for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade class. We also bought a mascot, and boy is the costume hot! Thank goodness it came with a fan.

Thank you to all who helped make the Fun Run go smoothly. There's no way it could've happened without any of you. And since we met our goal, one of our lucky teachers will be turned into an ice cream sundae, as promised, during the Dec. 1 community meeting.

Rain or shine the Enchanted Hike was happening, and it was gooey, slushy, sticky, messy and a ton of fun. The fifth graders really showed out. I was so impressed by their creativity! I am sure they won't mind me thanking all of you for coming out and partaking in a great event. Good job 5<sup>th</sup> graders!

The Halloween Parade is back! It was great! The parents and kids really seemed to enjoy this Kenbrook oldie. And thank you to all the parents for making those parties so much fun. I heard one class even had PIZZA! Yummo!

I saw lots of parents with cameras out during the Fun Run and the Halloween parties. We need pictures for our Yearbook! Please share those pictures; send them to Kim Sharplin at [Kimsharplin@gmail.com](mailto:Kimsharplin@gmail.com).

~Brandye

## NOVEMBER / DECEMBER CALENDAR

November 22–24: Thanksgiving Holiday Break

December 1: Half Day; dismissal at 11:40 AM; no lunch served

December 1: Community Meeting (a brave teacher gets turned into a Human Sundae)

December 8: STEAM Club fundraiser at Airtime Trampoline

December 11: Pistons assembly (during school)

December 14: Potbelly fundraiser 5 PM to 8 PM

December 15: Community Meeting, Kenbrook author Dan Marvin shares his book, *But I Don't Eat Ants*



Connect with us on our Facebook page at Kenbrook PTA!

## (ALMOST) EFFORTLESS FUNDRAISING!

Help the Kenbrook PTA fundraise when you make everyday purchases.

Going to GFS? Just mention the Kenbrook PTA when you check out.

Shopping at Buschs? Before you shop, go online to [www.buschs.com/community](http://www.buschs.com/community). Create a MyWay account or login to a pre-existing account. Select Cash for Education, click on Kenbrook Elementary PTA and enter your child's name.

How about Amazon? Before you shop, go to [smile.amazon.com/ch/38-2647917](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-2647917). Kenbrook gets 5% back when you shop through the Smile Program.

## COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The PTA is forming committees to explore two new events: a spelling bee (February) and a talent show (April). We also need parent support for the Science Fair (February). Are you interested in participating? Email [president@kenbrookpta.com](mailto:president@kenbrookpta.com).

## MORNING CAR LINE HELPERS

Do you have a few minutes to spare some mornings? Consider helping our Koalas in the car line in the morning. Commit to as few as 20 minutes one morning.

Look for the sign up link on the Kenbrook PTA page or the listserve, or email [president@kenbrookpta.com](mailto:president@kenbrookpta.com).

## MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

If you haven't joined the PTA yet, here is your chance. The classroom with the highest percentage of members by Dec. 22 will win \$250!

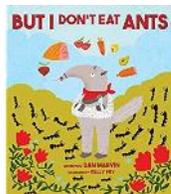
Are you apprehensive about joining? Your membership is to the benefit of your child(ren). We are all busy and the PTA understands. We will never beg you to do anything. However, the PTA gets incentives for doubling our memberships, and I want those incentives! When you join the PTA we will also give you a school directory.

Being part of the PTA is cool! Join us!

## AUTHOR VISIT

How silly is an anteater that doesn't eat ants? One of our Kenbrook parents, Dan Marvin, has published a fun and charming children's book called *But I don't Eat Ants*.

Dan will share his masterpiece at the Dec. 15th community meeting.



Want to purchase your own signed copy? Look for order forms soon. Dan is donating all proceeds to the Kenbrook PTA.

## SHOUT OUT!

Kim Matul: thank you for an amazing job coordinating and running the Scholastic Book Fair! Melissa Churhill: thank you for those amazing decorations; those horses were great!

A special thank you to Kim Sharplin for making our Toast of Education Basket, and thank you to all the parents who contributed items for the basket!

Many thanks to Becca Tibus and the Get Movin' Crew for making the Fun Run a huge success, and thank you to all volunteers who helped that day!

Volunteer support is invaluable and so appreciated. **Thank you!**



*Don't forget to send in your Box Tops by Dec 22! Box Tops equal cash for Kenbrook. The class with the most Box Tops will have a pajama day with hot cocoa. Contact Vicki Bickell at [Unagirl7g@gmail.com](mailto:Unagirl7g@gmail.com) with questions.*

## GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scouts is a great way for a girl to make friends, learn new skills and build confidence. As girls progress through Girl Scouts, they take on the planning and taking action part of meetings and projects. Projects are designed to help our local communities as well as those in need. Girls can join at any time. For questions about second, fourth or fifth grade scouts contact Jen Williams at [Jen9530@yahoo.com](mailto:Jen9530@yahoo.com) or 586-381-1977.

## STEAM CLUB ACTIVITIES

The STEAM Club Koalabotz are now on social media! Follow the Koalabotz on Facebook and Instagram by liking or following @koalabotz or visit at [www.koalabotz.com](http://www.koalabotz.com).

Support the Koalabotz at their FIRST Lego League Events! Join the Koalabotz Techie Team on December 2, 2017 at the Down River Robot Recue at Allen Park Middle School or all three Koalabotz FIRST Lego League Jr. Teams on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Farmington STEAM Academy. Events are free and open to the public.

The Koalabotz are having a fundraiser at Airtime Trampoline on Dec. 8. Get two hours for \$10!

Look for flyers on STEAM/Koalabotz events or contact Danielle Ohm at [danielle.ohm@gmail.com](mailto:danielle.ohm@gmail.com).

## FAAPN

Have you heard of the Farmington African American Parent Network (FAAPN)? This group is doing great things! They offer FPS students in grades 1–12 free tutoring every Saturday from 9 AM to 11 AM at the Maxfield Education Center, 32789 West Ten Mile Road (at Raphael St.). FAAPN is not just for African Americans; it's for any FPS student who would like help with reading, math or English. FAAPN is also always looking for volunteers.



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