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Koala Connector

FROM THE PTA

I blinked, and it was December. This month has already had some memorable moments, starting with the Pistons who came for a visit. Their message of perseverance and always trying your best I think stuck with our Koalas. The Pistons had us dancing (our kids and some of the teachers can move), laughing, and even competing in shooting competition between the students and faculty. Ask your children who won and why!

We also had a yummy outing at California Pizza Kitchen! I hope you all enjoyed it as much as my family did. Our favorite thing to get other than the pizza is the butter cake. These outings are always fun because the kids love seeing their friends outside of school. We will round up this month with our Lifetime PJ Jam. The kids get to eat and have a ball in a supervised setting while you the parents get to let your hair down, rest, hang or shop.

Our next big event is the Science Fair. We want even more Koalas to explore a science concept and share it with their classmates and friends. We will be hosting a Michigan Science Center hands-on assembly early next year to inspire us. I also hope that you and your children can start thinking about questions or topics they find interesting over the winter break.

I want to thank my simply amazing PTA crew for their support, especially in the last month. It was truly appreciated. I feel blessed to have friends like you.

Lastly, this wouldn't be a Brandye letter without encouraging those who aren't PTA members to join us. Look for the membership link at the bottom of every Kenbrook listserv. Just click and sign up! Help us be One Voice for Every Child at Kenbrook, whether you do it with your membership fee or by participating in PTA meetings or events. Please give us your support.

Wonderful Blessings,

~Brandye

DECEMBER/JANUARY CALENDAR

Dec. 17: Wacky Hair Day
Dec. 18: Sports Day
Dec. 19: Kenbrook Spirit Day
Dec. 20: Twin Day
Dec. 21: PJ Day
Dec. 24 – Jan. 1: Winter Break
Jan. 2: School resumes
Jan. 11: Half Day; dismissal at 11:40 am, no lunch served
Jan. 15: PTA Meeting, 7 pm, media center
Jan. 21: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, no school
Jan. 23–27: Jersey Mike's PTA Fundraiser
Jan. 25: Half Day; dismissal at 11:40 am, no lunch served



CAR LINE RULES

Koala Chauffeurs, we do not have words to express the profound disappointment for drop-off and pick-up rule violations. Koalas should know to BE SAFE!

- **Koalas need to be ready to get out car line vehicles, and they must exit on the passenger side of the car.**
- **Drivers must stay in the car and pull up as far as possible.**
- **The bus loop is for BUSES.**
- **It is illegal to turn left into the parking lot at drop off and pick up time AND to use the other lane to drive into oncoming traffic.**

FH Police Officers will be ticketing people who violate the law.

LAST CALL FOR BOX TOPS



The fall Box Tops collection is almost over. We can earn a lot of money from those Box Tops! Remember to send them in a baggie marked with the teacher's name by Dec. 20. Which class will bring in the most Box Tops and win a PJ Party in January??



HELP NEEDED

The Kenbrook Publishing Center aims to publish a keepsake writing project for every Koala every year. We need at-home typists and folks who can help with assembly and distribution of works in progress during the school day or on some Tuesday evenings from January–May. Interested? Email publishing@kenbrookpta.com.

We also need a few co-chairs to work together to help the PTA plan and coordinate the Variety Show and the Spelling Bee. Without the heart and dedication of volunteers, these programs will fall to the wayside. The Variety Show is May 24, and planning begins in February. The Bee has been postponed to spring, depending on the availability of volunteers. Interested? Email pta@kenbrookpta.com.

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THANK YOU!



A humongous thank you goes out to the dedicated volunteers who planned and coordinated key events this fall:

Becca Tibus brought energy, enthusiasm and a positive outlook to our Fun Run!

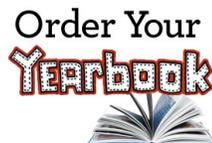
Alison Wisenhunt, LaKeisha Stiff, Kelly and Dan Kaminski, Mrs. Stoops, and all the families who hosted booths created an amazing Enchanted Hike!

Kim Matul, a hard-working problem-solver who always comes through, ran the Book Fair with care and efficiency!

Melissa Churill oversaw the PTA Reflections contest with artistry and an eye for seeing the beauty in all!

We greatly appreciate your time and effort to help our Koalas thrive!

YEARBOOK: PRE-ORDER & COVER CONTEST



The Kenbrook yearbook captures a lot of fun memories of our Koalas. Remember to pre-order your copy; there are no "extra" copies available at the end of the year. Order online at yearbooks.lifetouch.com, (click on "Order a Yearbook" and enter Kenbrook's school code: 10869019), or pick up an order form in the office. Yearbooks start at just \$16!

NEW THIS YEAR! The Yearbook Committee is hosting a Yearbook Cover Contest. We are looking for original student artwork to feature on the cover of the 2018-2019 Kenbrook Yearbook. The entry form, instructions, rules, and design tips are on the PTA website. Go to kenbrookpta.com/category/news and click on the contest link. Submissions are due by January 10.

REFLECTIONS ART CONTEST



Wow! Our Koalas submitted amazing art this year!

Visual Arts

3rd-5th grade: 1st Sari Kravitz, 2nd Mallory Dilluvio, 3rd Anyla Pye

K-2nd grade: 1st Janelle Safry, 2nd Mayla Churill, 3rd Celia Safry, 4th Riley Tache

Photography Arts

3rd-5th grade: 1st Julia Nothstine, 2nd Ella Lindenberg, 3rd Garrett Churill, 4th Ben Kaminski

Film Production

3rd-5th grade: 1st Charisma Kelley

Creative Writing

3rd-5th grade: 1st Isabelle LaPorte, 2nd Payton Kopacz, 3rd Lauren Kopacz

Music Composition

3rd-5th grade: 1st Olivia Hoover

Dance Composition

3rd-5th grade: 1st Sari Kravitz

K-2nd grade: 1st Jameson Hoover

Kenbrook's first place entries move forward to the District Level Competition, with results due in January. Good luck, artists!

FUN RUN TOP 10 DONORS

The PTA and Kenbrook Elementary School want to recognize the 10 families who raised the most money for the Fun Run, our biggest fundraising event. These super families raised \$3,185 combined!! A very special thanks goes out the families of:



Carmelo Tibus
Ethan Williams
Gavin Smith

Alex Ferguson
Zachary English
Sophia Azar
Marcus Lewis, Jr.

Elijah Bonsky
Charlotte Lebovitz
Grace Farlow

The PTA and Kenbrook Elementary appreciate your tremendous effort and support!

2019 PTA EVENTS

Remember to add the PTA events to your 2019 calendar!

Jan. 15: PTA Meeting, 7 pm
Feb. 12 - 14: Book Fair
Feb. 25 - 27: Science Fair Project Previews (during school)
Feb. 28: Science Fair Night
Mar. 12: PTA Meeting, 7 pm (nominations)
Mar. 26: Breakfast with a Loved One
Apr. 16: PTA Meeting, 7 pm (elections)
Apr. 25: Spring Dance
May 6 - 10: Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week
May 21: PTA Meeting, 7 pm
May 7 - 9: BOGO Book Fair
May 24: Variety Show

