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# Koala Connector

## FROM THE PTA



Welcome back, League of Superhero Parents!

I feel like I blinked and summer was over. It's hard to believe Kenbrook is back in session!

My name is Brandye Cobb and I am the PTA president. I am very excited to start a new school year. The PTA has a lot of amazing things in the works. Last year, we supported many

“tried and true” events and added some new ones. This year's mission is to expand on those and make them even better. In order to make that happen, we need your help.

The best way you can help is by joining the PTA. This isn't your momma's PTA, and we will not force, hound or beg you to help. PTA membership keeps you in the know of what's going on in your child's school. Membership fees also contribute to our financial resources. The more funding we have, the more we're able to buy books for the library, plan fun events for our Koalas, fulfill teacher requests for classroom materials, pay for bussing for field trips, support Kenbrook clubs, and much more. We are stronger as a unit!

As I think about the upcoming year, I am wondering, do you have a special talent or interest that you are willing to share with our little Koalas after school for about six weeks? Something like checkers or chess, a foreign language, etc.? If you do, I would love to know!

I am always open to suggestions and to help. Let's put on our capes and get started making this year an epic one for our Koalas. Here's wishing and praying for a great year!

~Brandye

## SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER CALENDAR

September 18: PTA Meeting, 7 pm

September 20: Welcome Back Event, 6–8 pm

September 21: 1/2 Day, dismissal at 11:40 am, no lunch served

October 12: Fun Run

October 19: 1/2 Day, dismissal at 11:40 am, no lunch served

October 26: Enchanted Hike



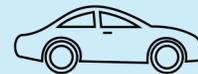
## WELCOME BACK EVENT ~SEPT. 20~

Please join us for our first event of the year—the WELCOME BACK meet and greet!

This gathering at the Kenbrook playground will be an opportunity for families to meet each other or see each other again, and for parents to learn about a variety of Kenbrook services, clubs and activities, such as:

- PTA Membership
- PTA Volunteering
- LOC Credit Union (set up an account for your child; deposits can be made right at Kenbrook on most Fridays)
- Kenbrook Spirit Wear
- STEAM Club
- Boy Scouts
- Girl Scouts
- After-school Enrichments

The kids will enjoy popsicles and burn off some energy in bounce houses.



## PARKING LOT ETTIQUETTE

Please remember to follow the rules of the car line! Drivers who can't follow the rules must use the parking lot instead.

**Koalas MUST exit on the passenger side of the car.** It is **unsafe** to let a child out on the driver's side of the car.

**Stay in your car.** If you need to get out for ANY reason, park in the lot and walk your little one in. If your little one cannot get out of the car without assistance and there's no one to help, park in the lot and walk your little one in.

**Little ones need to be ready to get out,** coat on and backpack ready.

**Pull up AS FAR AS POSSIBLE** before you let your Koala out. Resist the urge to drop off as close to the door as you can. Other parents have to drop off their littles too, and pulling up as far as you can lets the line move faster.

## FUN RUN KICK-OFF



This month, we will be kicking off Kenbrook's BIGGEST fundraiser: the Fun Run! We have teamed up with The Get Movin Crew again to promote health and wellness while raising lots of money for our Koalas.

We will need lots of volunteers during the Fun Run, and a request for that support will come closer to the event. If you are interested in helping with earlier stages of planning, please contact Brandye Cobb at bcobb730@aol.com or any board member.

Thank you in advance. I'm looking forward to another great school-wide event that creates lifelong memories for Kenbrook students!

-Becca Tibus (Kenbrook mom and Fun Run Expert)

## PTA REFLECTIONS ART CONTEST



Hey friends, let's celebrate the National PTA's Reflections Art Contest!! This year's theme is...Heroes Around Me. Think about what that means to you. Imagine, create and let's get artsy! You can dance, make a film, or compose music, literature, photography or a visual arts piece. Unleash your inner artist; get your feet dancing and your paintbrush moving! A flyer with more information will come out this week. Questions? Please contact me at Melissachurill@gmail.com.

## PTA MEETINGS

Mark your calendars with the dates for our 2018-2019 PTA meetings!

- September 18
- November 27
- January 15
- March 12 (Nominations)
- April 16 (Elections)
- May 21



Meetings begin at 7 PM in the Kenbrook Cafeteria or Media Center.

Free babysitting is provided!

*"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." —Helen Keller*



## THE KENBROOK PTA NEEDS YOU!

The Kenbrook PTA's mission is to supplement and enrich Kenbrook Elementary School by providing events, activities, volunteers, and funding. The PTA helps bridge parent and staff communication and maintain a sense of community.

**Please join us!** PTA membership gives you a formal voice and a vote at meetings. It also gives our PTA funding and lets us earn perks through the MI PTA and the National PTA organizations. Although we would love it if all our families were able to help with organizing and coordinating events (and participating!), we understand that everyone has limits. We will always let you know about volunteer opportunities—which range from planning and coordinating events, to providing support during events, to attending PTA meetings and sharing your ideas—but we will never pressure you to help.

The PTA supports many events every year, and we are so grateful for any level of support to make those events successful. If you are interested in helping, visit the Chair/Committee Sign Up Genius or fill out the Volunteer Interest form (both available at kenbrookpta.com), or contact any Board Member.

## JOIN THE PTA ONLINE!

Did you know you can become a Kenbrook PTA member online? Visit the PTA website, [kenbrookpta.com](http://kenbrookpta.com), and select "Join PTA." Scroll down and click on "online membership form." It's quick and easy!

Also, stay connected to the PTA! Find us on Facebook at Kenbrook PTA.

## NEW! KENBROOK COMMUNITY



This group is intended for families, teachers, staff, and community residents who share an interest in Kenbrook Elementary School. Please feel free to ask questions, comment, or share items that you feel would be helpful to the group.

The privacy of the group has been set up as "Closed" to keep shared content visible only to Kenbrook Community members. Please feel free to add your friends or let them know they can easily request to be added to the group.

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