

KMS Announcements - Monday, August 29th

Start Up Dates

Here are some start up dates for the start of school for the 2022-23 year ...

Academic Dates

- Wednesday, August 31st – 6th Grade First Day of School
- Thursday, September 1st – All Students Start School
- Thursday, September 8th – KMS Open House
- September 8th and 9th – School Pictures

Wednesday, August 31st – 6th Grade Only Day

Wednesday, September 1st is the KMS 6th Grade Transition Day. Only 6th graders will attend school on Wednesday. The goal of 6th grade Transition Day is to assist our young 6th graders in their transition from the six elementary schools to KMS. Our entire staff will be assisting the 6th graders with the various aspects of middle school; from Home Base to PE, lockers and the lunchroom. 6th graders will work within their teams for part of the day and run through their schedule in an abbreviated fashion. 7th and 8th graders will not attend school this day.

Thursday, September 1st – 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Students Attend

On Thursday, all students will be present with our normal start to the year. The first day will be nerve-wracking. But that isn't necessarily a bad thing because everyone else is just as nervous as you...even your teachers! Teams will use their Home Base time on the first day of school to orientate you to your new school year. You will be given directions as to where to go after each period change. In class your teachers will allow for time to get to know one another. And...the day will be over before you realize it.

Student Drop Off – Upper Parking Lots Directions

We have had some near misses between parent vehicles and students in our upper staff parking lots. Parents we would ask that you use either the upper or lower traffic loops to drop your students off or pick them up. Please DO NOT pick up or drop off students in the upper staff parking lots in the morning or after school.

Student Drop Off Concerns AM – Back Bus Loop Directions

Most of our buses unload and load students in the back bus loop. In the past we have had some issues in the AM where buses are unloading on the left-hand side and bus students are trying to cross the parent traffic. **We have asked that all buses unload on the right, please give the buses the right of way to use the right-hand side of**

the bus loop. Please be aware, some bus drivers must clean their bus while at KMS before their next route. They are trying to stay out of the way and not block the flow of traffic. The majority of buses are dropping off between 7:25-7:45 am. We would encourage parents to drop off after 7:45 am to avoid the congestion or use the front drop off area.

Student Drop Off / Pick Up Concerns – Front Road Directions

Student safety concerns have occurred during the pickup times at the end of the school day. In the past, cars would line up on both sides of the front road. Parents and guardians please only park on the right-hand curb side of the front roadway. There should not be any drop off or pick up of students on the fence side of the front road. Please comply with the NO PARKING signs on the left-hand side of the front road. If the right-hand side of the road is full, please meet your student in the front parking lot. Thank you for your assistance in keeping our students safe.

KMS Fall Sports Starting Dates and Required Forms:

- 7th and 8th grade FOOTBALL begins Tuesday August 30th. Practice will be 3:30-5:00 on the football fields.
- 7th and 8th grade VOLLEYBALL begins Thursday Sept 1st. Practice will be from 3:30-5:00. 7th grade in the Main Gym, 8th grade in the New Gym.
- 7th and 8th grade CROSS COUNTRY will begin Thursday Sept 1st. Practice will be from 3:30-5:00 outside the New Gym. **Cross county is open to 6th, 7th and 8th graders**

** ALL students must have a sports physical dated after May 1 2022 to participate in the first practice!!! This must be signed by the doctor and the guardian. Forms can be turned into the office or uploaded into DragonFlymax.com More information can be found on our KMS Homepage website: <https://www.sd5.k12.mt.us/3/home>. Go to the 'Activities' dropdown menu for detailed information on start dates, eligibility, required forms and more.

PARENTS LINK TO ACCESS DRAGONFLY FOR KMS ACTIVITIES:

<http://dragonflymax.com/forms/5N4NPC>

Dragonfly checklist for fall activities:

1. Upload current insurance card, Dragonfly allows you to upload both the front and back of the card.
2. Fill out “Parent Consent and Medical Release” in Dragonfly.
3. Fill out “MHSA Concussion Statement” in Dragonfly.
4. Fill out “MHSA Confidential Athletic Health History” in Dragonfly.
5. Upload MHSA Providers Physical Form. (Must be dated after May 1, 2022 and signed by both the Parent and Physician).

KMS Instrument Rental Night

The music department is providing an opportunity to meet with local music instrument vendors for rental options. This runs from 3:00 to 5:30 pm in the cafetorium the night of Open House, September 8th.

KMS Open House

The KMS Open House is scheduled for Thursday, September 8th. You will find attached to this email an Open House form to bring to school Open House evening. Open House will run from 6:00 to 7:35 pm.

Your Schedule?

We have teams at each grade level – three teams for each grade. How are you placed onto a team and your schedule created? A computer does all the scheduling for us, including placing you on a team. We do not take requests, nor do we make changes. You will find that being on a team allows you the possibility to meet a whole new group of friends. We will help you get off to a great start! Please bring your schedules to the tour days and first days of school.

Home Base Happens Every Day

Home base is a gathering each day at the beginning of the day. It allows students the opportunity to connect with another adult other than your classroom teacher. There will be those days that your home base teacher will have an agenda to present but the agenda will be one of getting to know your fellow students and will be information that will assist you for your days at KMS.

What Time Does School Begin?

Home Base begins at 8:00 AM sharp. It would be good to prepare and arrive a few moments before the first bell which rings at 7:55 AM. Our day runs until 3:00 PM. In the morning, parents may drop off their students in front of the school or in the back of the school in the bus drop-off area. PLEASE BE AWARE, buses will also be dropping off students in the back in the morning. Please make sure you are not dropped off or picked up in the teacher parking area in the back of the school. Buses will drop you off in the back of the school in the morning and pick you up in back of the school at the end of the day – just ask your teacher if you are concerned about where to find the bus area.

Uniforms in Health Enhancement

Health Enhancement (PE) classes will require all students to “dress out”. You will be required to purchase a PE uniform. We will look very sharp and professional in our PE classes!

Password Info

We wanted to remind everyone of the annual change in passwords for Power School. Each year, student passwords are reset. If your child tried logging in with their password from last year, it will not work, because it has been reset for the 22-23 school year. IT sent out a district-wide email with the instructions for student logins, but I wanted to send it again to the KMS folks. Password: Student ID number, your first and last initials, and the special character for your grade level.

Example:

- Student Name: John Smith
- Student Number: 123456
- Grade: 6
- Example Password: 123456JS(
- Special Character by Grade Level:
 - Grade 6: ^
 - Grade 7: &
 - Grade 8: *

Transportation

Please be sure to [register for transportation](#) if your student will need to ride a district school bus.

School Lunch Information – No Free Lunches This Year

Attention KPS Families,

Welcome Back for the 2022 - 2023 School Year! At this time, we do not expect federal funding for free breakfast and lunch for students unlike the past two years. We strongly encourage families to complete the application for free & reduced lunch, linked below. Students will need to pay for school lunches if they do not qualify for free & reduced priced meals.

Breakfast	
Student Breakfast Price is \$1.75	Adult Breakfast price is \$2.00
Reduced Priced Breakfast is \$0.30	
Lunch	

Student Lunch Price is \$3.00	Adult Lunch price is \$3.50
Reduced Priced Lunch is \$0.40	
Milk Only	
Milk is \$ 0.60 if not part of a me	

What is Considered a Meal?

Lunch consists of an entrée, fruits, vegetables, and milk. Each meal is around 600-650 total calories, 1 cup of milk, 1-2 ounces of protein and grain. All students must take at least a ½ cup of fruit and/or vegetable to complete a school lunch. Questions? Need more information? Contact KPS Central Kitchen at 406-751-3400 Ext 3443 or email culberts@sd5.k12.mt.us

Looking for Employment

KPS offers so much more than just a paycheck; we offer meaningful work that changes lives! From Teachers to Grounds Workers, you have the ability to impact our kids in positive ways everyday with the work you do.

If you have a passion for kids and education and have a positive can-do attitude, KPS is the place for you!

KPS offers full-time, part-time, year-round or summers off, and day or evening positions. There is something for everyone! Please click here.

<https://www.sd5.k12.mt.us/employment-substitute-listings>

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