

KMS Announcements - Monday, September 12th

Early Out Wednesday

This school year the district has approved early outs for Wednesdays. The first early out will be Wednesday, September 14th. Students are dismissed at 1:10 pm and expected to be off campus by 1:30pm.

National Parks Trip March 2023

[Mr. Eash](#) invites all KMS to enroll in a week-long trip to Bryce, Zion, and the Grand Canyon this March 2023. More information can be found at [NATIONAL PARK TRIP](#) and you can also sign up for an [informational meeting on Tuesday Sept 13th at 6pm](#). This is an amazing opportunity for your child to travel, make friends, and experience new places.

KMS Dress Code

Parents, please be aware we are reviewing our guidelines for student dress with our students. We are seeing a lot of bare midriiffs, and a few students wearing hats and hoodies. Our guidelines for student dress are listed below.

GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT DRESS

Student clothing is a responsibility of the parent as well as the student. Appropriate dress is important. Ask yourself this question: Are your child's clothes well cared for and appropriate and tasteful for the school setting?

Apply the following guidelines when dressing for school:

- Clean, good condition, stomach and chest covered.
- Undergarments are covered.
- Footwear is required for sanitation and safety.
- Skirts or shorts will be appropriate length for school.
- No offensive, profane, drug/alcohol related pictures or sayings on clothing.
- Headwear (including hoods) is to be removed upon entering the building.

Students deemed inappropriately dressed will be asked to call home or change into their gym uniform.

PRIDE – After School Program

The KMS after school support program for students will be starting. The program is called PRIDE. PRIDE is a positive after school program designed to offer students, on a voluntary basis, the opportunity for academic tutoring, mentoring, homework support

and project exploration and is staffed by school personnel. PRIDE is a structured setting, students who are not adhering to KMS guidelines of "safe, respectful, and responsible" will be asked to leave or not attend. If a student is asked to leave, a parent might not be notified until the next day due to our office referral procedures. **PRIDE will run on Monday, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15 to 4:15 pm in the Library. PRIDE will start on Monday, September 26th.** We are asking that the parents of students attending PRIDE pick up your students promptly at the completion of PRIDE at 4:15. There will be NO PRIDE on days adjacent to holidays.

KMS is going to Washington D.C.!!!

The final enrollment for this year's 8th grade DC trip is due by October 1st. We will be having an enrollment meeting on September 13th at 5:30 in the KMS Cafeteria to go over every detail about the trip including fundraising through KMS. Seats on the trip are on a first come first serve basis with a cap at 50 students. The link provided below is a digital version of the trip flier if you are interested in enrolling your son or daughter. Hope to see you at the meeting!

Trip Flier Link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1k4E60bWrkEAKzSxhh0KKdF482UYJExUN/view?usp=sharing>

Attendance Matters

Dear Families,

We are looking forward to a great year, with students in our classes and ready to learn every day!

We have learned that students who miss even a few days of school each month are at a far greater risk of academic failure and dropping out than students who attend regularly. We strongly want to encourage students to attend every day possible! Because attendance is so important, please send your student to school every day unless he or she has a contagious illness or is running a fever. Most employers indicate that dependability (showing up on time every shift) is one of the most important factors in maintaining a job. Research shows that students who had problematic attendance in high school were also stated to have more difficulty maintaining their employment.

This year our school has scheduled every Wednesday (starting 9/14/22) as early outs or shortened days. These days are still important for your student to attend, as learning will occur. Out of the 180-day school year, our school has about 33 shortened days, and that is almost 18% of our school days! During these shortened days, students will receive 35 minutes of instruction in each class period, which is over four hours of academic instruction. Your student and the class as a whole can make valuable progress on these days—so it is important that your student is here, ready to learn. If

your child missed every shortened day, they would already be in the chronically absent category—without even getting sick!

If your child is at risk of missing too much school, please feel free to reach out to a teacher and/or the guidance office. We can discuss ways that we can work together to solve any barriers to attendance and/or any other concerns. We are happy to work with you to help your child attend regularly and have greater opportunities for success.

Sincerely,

Kalispell Middle School

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>

Calendar

- October 20th, 21st – MEA, No School,
- Friday, October 28th - End of 1st Quarter
- Thursday, November 3th - Parent / Teacher Conferences, Early Out, 1:30 – 7:30pm
- November 23rd, 24th, 25th – Thanksgiving, No School
- Thursday, December 1st - End of First Trimester