

KMS Announcements - Wednesday, September 14th

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.

Math Counts

Ms. Jackson in Phoenix pod will be starting MathCounts this Friday at 7:30 in my room 337. This is just the orientation to MathCounts for anyone who may be interested in joining. Thank you so much, *"Mathematics has beauty and romance. It's not a boring place to be, the mathematical world. It's an extraordinary place; it's worth spending time there."* Marcus du Sautoy

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.

Air Quality

Parents,

As smoke continues to move in and out of our region, we will be monitoring the air quality to let you know the status of outdoor PE classes, athletic practices and athletic events this fall. If our air quality moves into the "red" or "unhealthy stage" we will adapt our PE classes and athletic practices if needed. Adapting outdoor practices may mean we limit the amount of time students are outdoors, or limit the amount of time that student athletes are at a state of elevated breathing. Kalispell Public Schools will operate in accordance with the Outdoor Activity & Air Quality Guidelines for Schools and Child Care Facilities maintained by the Montana Department of Health and Human Services, Montana Department of Environmental Quality and the Montana Office of Public Instruction. Any game cancellations will be sent out to you via email. Anyone with chronic breathing conditions should closely monitor their condition and use caution. Please see the links below for more information on air quality information.

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/assets/publichealth/Asthma/Wildfire%20Smoke/AirQualityActivityGuidelinesGuidelines.pdf>

<https://www.dphhs.mt.gov/airquality/>

Field Trip Information

Field trips will be added to this list as they are scheduled.

- Platinum – September 19, 20 – Rope Course – BSBC
- Polaris – September 27 – Glacier National Park
- Equinox – September 29 – Glacier National Park
- Galaxy – September 30 – Glacier National Park

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