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IMPORTANT DATES

Board of Education Meeting

Thursday, June 13 & 27, 2019

7 p.m.

Administration Building

1220 Howard St.

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GRADUATION DATES

June 3

Phoenix Graduation

Chenery Auditorium

7 p.m.

June 5

Loy Norrix Graduation

Wings Event Center

7 p.m.

June 6

Kalamazoo Central Graduation

Wings Event Center

7 p.m.

June 17

Kalamazoo Adult Education

Chenery Auditorium

7 p.m.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

June 11

Last Day for A.M. Kindergarten

Half Day

June 13

Last Day of School for

Students K-11

Half Day

Bronco BUDS To Students: 'Take Advantage of the Opportunities'

Kalamazoo Public Schools students have an obligation to make the most of their educa-tions.

That’s what Dr. Toni Wool-fork-Barnes, director of the Western Michigan University Office of Student Transitions, told sixth graders visiting WMU during the annual Bronco BUDS program in April.

“There are many young people who never have the opportunity to participate in Bronco BUDS,” Woolfork-Barnes told students. “There are vast numbers of young people



Maple Street Magnet School for the Arts sixth graders leave the Bernhard Center on their way to tour the Western Michigan University campus.

across the United States who do not have access to the Kalama-zoo Promise.”

Bronco BUDS (Building Unique Dynamic Students) brings sixth graders to the col-lege campus for a day of fun ac-tivities, such as walking tours,

classroom experiences, and eat-ing in the dining halls.

But there is a serious mes-sage too. As part of the effort to build a college-going atmo-sphere within KPS, organizers introduce students to college life and engage them in plan-ning for their futures.

Woolfork-Barnes told stu-dents that she was a product of Detroit Public Schools and was the first person in her family to graduate from college.

“As a young person, I was just like each one of you,” she

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Changing the Calendar, Changing Opportunities

Washington, Woodward Entering Second Year of Alternative School Calendar

Tamara Warren’s second-grade daughter wasn’t sure she wanted to go back to school at Washington Writers’ Academy in July last year — not because she didn’t like school, but because her cousins from Detroit teased her about going back so early.

But in October, when her first break came, it was her turn to tease her cousins about having a weeklong vacation while they were stuck in school.

“I told her, that’s why we went back in July,” said Warren,



First graders Denise Hayes and Za'Niyah Gustafson show off the books they received at Washington Writers' Academy.

who is also a teacher at Wash-ington.

Last year, Washington and Woodward School for Technol-ogy and Research piloted a new school calendar, in which the summer break was reduced to 38 days and was balanced with breaks throughout the remainder of the school year — most of which were tied to other holidays such as Thanksgiving and spring break.

None of the other breaks exceeded two weeks. The school

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With a Lot of Help From Our Friends

Back in the day, when I was a kid (yes, there really WAS a time when I was a kid), the Beatles had a song, “With a Little Help from My Friends.” In a significant way, Kalamazoo Public Schools is able to cobble together services for children “with a little help from our friends.”

Michigan school districts, including KPS, underfunded by the state legislature over the last 15 years, are understaffed relative to their needs, and nowhere is this more apparent than in districts that are responsible for the education of large numbers of poor students, special needs students, and students who are English language learners. Four Michigan studies in the last three years have concluded the same thing: that Michigan substantially underfunds its public schools, and that it particularly underfunds those schools with significant numbers of these three groups of young people.

The School Finance Research Collaborative (SFRC), of which I am proud to be a member of the Steering and Technical Committee since the collaborative’s inception, has been making the case for more adequate and more equitable state funding of our 1.5 million students in

the state since the release of its 358–page report in January 2018. But until school funding IS more adequate and more equitable, what do we do?

That’s where the Beatles — and our community partners — come into play. I shared at an April Kalamazoo Public Schools Board of Education meeting that we have more than 250 community partners, groups that partner with the district on mentoring, tutoring, food, clothing, after-school programming, mental health services, physical health services, and literacy supports, as well as other areas. Among the extraordinary partners in and around Kalamazoo, no partner is more impactful than Communities In Schools of Kalamazoo (CIS).

When I came to the community 12 school years ago, Pam Kingery, the executive director of Communities In Schools of Kalamazoo, reached out quickly to welcome me, to invite me to a CIS event, and to inform me that the KPS superintendency came with membership on the



Michael F. Rice, Ph.D.
Superintendent

CIS board.

Under Pam’s leadership, CIS has grown since that first meeting from a presence in nine of our 22 schools to a force in 20 of our 26 facilities. CIS oversees site coordinators who, during the school day, help manage many of our volunteer tutors and mentors, food and clothing distribution, and physical and mental health supports. CIS staff members provide services both directly to children and indirectly through other organizations. In addition to its work during the school day, CIS has partnered with KPS over the last five years on three federal 21st Century Learning Center grants that have funded after-school programming in 15 of our schools.

Each year, during the school day and after school, CIS serves thousands of KPS students, either directly or indirectly.

Last month, I began highlighting different partners that have an impact on our KPS children. We are very fortunate to have a vibrant tradition of support for our schools and school children in Kalamazoo. We are especially fortunate to have Communities In Schools of Kalamazoo as a partner in our schools on a daily basis.

Pam Kingery has served as

the founding executive director of Communities In Schools of Kalamazoo since 1999 and is retiring at the end of the school year. She and her team have been integral partners in the school district’s efforts to improve student achievement in reading, writing, math, Advanced Placement participation and success, and high school graduation rates — the five long-time Board of Education-established goal areas. Without CIS, our students’ progress, in the face of inadequate resources, would not have been as sig-

nificant. Without Pam, there would be no CIS in Kalamazoo, at least not as we know it today.

Please take a moment to thank Pam for her years of service to the Kalamazoo community and to thank CIS staff members for their contributions to the quality of education our young people receive.

As promised in my last column, below please find several more of our KPS partner organizations, several more of our “friends,” all of whom we appreciate for their support of students and staff.

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Kids’ Closet – CIS
Kids’ Hope
KYDNet
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Lift Up Through Literacy
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Loaves and Fishes
Local Interagency Coordinating Council
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Metropolitan Kalamazoo Branch NAACP

KPS Superintendent Dr. Michael Rice Named to Lead MI Department of Education

On May 7, the Michigan Board of Education selected Kalamazoo Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Michael Rice to lead the Michigan Department of Education.

The Kalamazoo Public Schools Board of Education has created a three-person committee to begin the search process for Rice’s replacement. The committee members are Board President Patti Sholler-Barber, Vice President Ken Greschak, and Treasurer TiAnna Harrison.

Sholler-Barber said the board is committed to a “thorough and inclusive search,” and input from teachers, staff, and community members will be key to the



search process.

Rice has been the superintendent of KPS since 2007. Prior to serving KPS, Rice was superintendent of Clifton Public Schools, in Clifton, N.J. Among his honors are the presidency of Michigan’s urban schools association, the Middle Cities Education Association, in 2013–14, and the Michigan Superintendent of the Year Award from the Michigan Association of Superintendents and Administrators (MASA) in 2016.

The Michigan Department of Education has had an interim superintendent for a year, since the death of Superintendent Brian Whiston.

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year ends at the same time for the students on both the traditional and the new schedule.

The new calendar has been a refreshing change, say the principals of the two schools.

The schools are enrolling students now for the 2019-2020 school year, which begins July 22.

“We’ve really liked it,” said Frank Rocco, principal of Woodward. “The adults love it. The teachers and staff like it, and I haven’t heard any complaints from the parents.”

Rocco admitted that they were a little worried at the beginning of the school year, unsure of how students would react to being back in school on sunny July days.

“We were planning on grumpiness. We weren’t even sure how we as adults would respond to it,” he said with a laugh. “But being in school in July and August, it’s nice and sunny out even when you leave school. You still have a good six hours of daylight so it didn’t feel like normal school. Once students got here and got into the groove of school, they were fine.”

Lanisha Hannah-Spiller, principal of Washington, said that a year into using the new calendar, “The kids have adjusted great. Academically, they didn’t miss a beat.”

The curriculum at the two schools is the same as that at all other elementaries in the district; it has simply been divided into different sections to match the new break schedule.

There may be some minor tweaks to the schedule in the second year of the new calendar, but nothing major, Rocco said.

The new calendar was designed to reduce the effects of summer slide or summer learning loss. Research shows that the extended summer break of almost three months can often lead to a typical loss of one month of learning from the previous year. This is especially true for families where the children have fewer summer enrichment opportunities.

Warren said she certainly



Woodward School for Technology and Research Principal Frank Rocco reads with Mya Taylor, from the school’s new diverse classroom books.

saw that as a teacher. The first weeks back after the long summer, she’d ask students their letters and they wouldn’t know. “And you think, oh, my goodness, you really have forgotten everything.”

She said she worried at first how her students would react to all of the breaks and feared that after each break, she’d have to start from Day 1 with introducing classroom rules and educational concepts. But in very little time, after the shorter breaks, they jump right back into the curriculum, she said.

Cindy Green, assistant superintendent for teaching and learning services, said, “Washington and Woodward students are excited for the new calendar. They come back from their breaks rested and ready to tackle their work. Teachers continue to work with students in an intensive and personal way to help drive achievement.”

Woodward and Washington are still collecting data to evaluate how the new calendar might have affected academic achievement. Staff hope to generate gains as the program moves into its second year.

Anecdotally, Rocco and Hannah-Spiller said they have seen gains for their schools.

There have been fewer absences among students and staff, and the number of school sus-

pensions are down, Rocco said. Hannah-Spiller said children had no trouble adjusting to the new schedule, and without the extended summer break, “the kids came back after each break and picked up right where they left off. They came back fresher after the short breaks.”

Rocco said, “This is not just a calendar for students who are behind in school. We really feel it is better for all kids to have

a calendar without that one, long break. These are both good schools full of dedicated teachers who are choosing to be here and to take on this new challenge.”

Warren, who teaches second grade at Washington, said she enjoys the new rhythm of the school year as a parent and as a teacher.

“In October, my daughter was ready for a break, and we were able to visit relatives, which is not normally the case,” Warren said. “She doesn’t like

long breaks. Any more than four weeks off and she says, ‘Mom, I’m missing school.’”

As a teacher, Warren especially enjoys her mid-winter break. She said she has been advocating for the calendar to other teachers by saying, “It’s the way to go. This year-round thing has been perfect.”

To enroll in Washington or Woodward for next school year, which begins July 22, please contact Student Services at (269) 337-0161.

CALENDAR	
In session	Not in session
July 22-Aug. 25, 2019	Aug. 26-Sept. 2, 2019
Sept. 3- Oct. 13, 2019	Oct. 14-25, 2019
Oct. 26-Nov. 24, 2019	Nov. 25-27, 2019
Nov. 28-Dec. 22, 2019	Dec. 23, 2019-Jan. 3, 2020
Jan: 4-Feb. 12, 2020	Feb. 13-21, 2020
Feb. 22-March 29, 2020	March 30-April 10, 2020
April 11-May 19, 2020	May 20-25, 2020
May 26-June 11, 2020 (end of school year)	
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JUNE 12	JAZZ & CREATIVE INSTITUTE
JUNE 19	SO LONG BELLADONNA
JUNE 26	BLACK ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER

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6 pm at Flesher Field

JUNE 23	YOLONDA LAVENDER
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6:30 pm at Kindleberger Park

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PORTAGE – THURSDAYS

7 pm at Overlander Bandshell

JUNE 27	THE BOY BAND
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For Full Summer Schedule, visit: KalamazooArts.org

Libraries Stay Open to Encourage Summer Reading

Five Kalamazoo Public Schools libraries will be open this summer, so students can continue growing their reading skills.

This year, the participating schools are Arcadia Elementary School, Edison Environmental Science Academy, King-Westwood Elementary School, Parkwood-Upjohn Elementary School, and Washington Writers' Academy. The libraries will be open the week of June 17 to the week of Aug. 12. The library at Washington will be open until July 11.

The days and hours of operation will be:

- Arcadia and King-Westwood: 10:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays

- Edison: 12:45-3:15 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays

- Parkwood and Washington: 10:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays

The libraries will be open to any KPS student who wants to check out books or to participate



Children from the Boys & Girls Club of Kalamazoo used the library at Edison during the summer. Library assistant Deb Yerden-Ferguson checks out books for the children.

in the book clubs over the summer. Students do not have to live in a school's attendance area to visit its library. The program is designed for elementary school children, but older students are welcome to accompany younger siblings to the libraries.

The school libraries will be

staffed by library assistants, who will help children choose up to two books a week. Other staff will lead storytimes and help run book club discussions.

The summer library program launched with one day a week of services in 2017 and expanded to two days a week in 2018.

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said. "I loved to learn and I loved to read. I had people in my life who said, 'You can be successful.' I had people who supported me and told me I could make a difference."

Take advantage of the wisdom and experiences of those people who are willing to support and guide you, she said.

"Sometimes those people can look a lot of different ways," she said. "Sometimes it might be your parents. It might be aunts and uncles and cousins. It might be people just like the people in this room. It's important for each and everyone of you to understand and believe there are people who want you to be successful."

Keenan King, director of WMU's Upward Bound program, which brings students to campus for six-week long camps, told students, "We cannot tell you what you want for your life."

"The reason for you to come to campus is we want to expose

you to campus and all of these programs, but you have to ask questions, to explore and to be a nerd. Because the reality is either you'll be a nerd or you're going to work for a nerd in the future."

Woolfork-Barnes asked the students to consider people like Shaquille O'Neal, KPS Superintendent Dr. Michael Rice, and President Barack Obama. What, she asked, did those people have in common?

"They all come from different backgrounds," she said. "They all have different experiences. They all attended different types of colleges. They saw the value in becoming college-educated and how that can open doors for you."

"I want you to see yourself in some of these people. You don't need to walk the walk that they walked, but you need a college education, because you have to do this for yourselves. You have an obligation to take advantage of the opportunities that are presented to you."

June Mobile Health and Dental Clinic Schedules

The Family Health Center Mobile Health Clinic and Mobile Dental Clinic serve Kalamazoo Public Schools students and their families. The medical clinic provides physicals, immunizations, and well-child visits, among other services, while the dental clinic can clean teeth and provide sealants. The clinics take insurance and offer a sliding scale fee. Here are the June schedules for the

clinics. Schedules are subject to change. For more information, visit www.fhckzoo.com/mobile-units, call (269) 349-2641, or contact the Community in Schools of Kalamazoo office at your school.

Mobile Health Clinic

June 5 — Linden Grove

Mobile Dental Clinic

June 3-4 — Milwood Magnet

June 5 — El Sol

June 6 — Arcadia



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Inquiries by students and/or their parents/guardians should be directed to:

Director of Student Services

Kalamazoo Public Schools
1220 Howard Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49008
(269) 337-0161

All other inquiries should be directed to:

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Programs/Level	Grade	Dates	# days	Days/Week	Location	Instructional Time	Cost	Contact	Phone
Elementary	K-4	July 8 – Aug 8	20	M-Th	Milwood Elem. Northeastern	8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	No Charge	Vicky Leatherman	337-0190
ELL Newcomers Program	K-4	July 8 – Aug 8	20	M-Th	Milwood Elementary	8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	No Charge	Ramona Fletcher	337-0199
Rising 6th Graders	5	July 8 – Aug 8	20	M-Th	Kalamazoo Central HS	7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	No Charge	Chris Frommann	337-0168
Rising 9th Graders	8	July 8 – Aug 8	20	M-Th	Kalamazoo Central HS	7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	No Charge	Chris Frommann	337-0168
ELL Bridge Program	8	July 8 – Aug 8	20	M-Th	Kalamazoo Central HS	7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	No Charge	Ramona Fletcher	337-0199
ELL Newcomers Program	6-12	July 8 – Aug 8	20	M-Th	Kalamazoo Central HS	7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	No Charge	Ramona Fletcher	337-0199
Spanish I A for Credit Session I (½ Credit)	8-12	June 24 – July 17 (No School July 1 – 5)	11	M-Th	Kalamazoo Central HS	7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	No Charge	Chris Frommann	337-0168
Spanish I B for Credit Session II (½ Credit)	8-12	July 23 – Aug 8 (No School July 1 – 5)	11	M-Th	Kalamazoo Central HS	7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	No Charge	Chris Frommann	337-0168
High School Credit Retrieval Session I (½ Credit)	9-12	June 24 – July 17	11	M-Th	Kalamazoo Central HS	7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	All H.S. students are required to pay for courses – see below	Chris Frommann	337-0168
High School Credit Retrieval Session II (½ Credit)	9-12	July 23 – Aug 8	11	M-Th	Kalamazoo Central HS	7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.		Chris Frommann	337-0168

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- No cost
- Must meet at-risk qualifications — assessment data/teacher recommendation
- \$400 for non-KPS students
- Breakfast and lunch provided
- Transportation provided
- Registration forms will be given to parents of qualified students
- School placement will be based on student's home address

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades 5 – Rising 6th Graders

- Offering instruction in reading, writing and math
- Program is for enrolled KPS students only at no cost
- Highly recommended for identified students
- Registration forms mailed to identified students, also available in elementary school office

Grade 8 Recovery Program for Rising 9th Graders

- Offering instruction in ELA and Math, providing transition activities
- Program is for enrolled KPS students only at no cost
- Required for identified 8th grade students
- Registration forms mailed to identified students, available in counseling office

ELL (English Language Learners) Bridge Program for 8th Graders

- Offering instruction in science, social studies, and reading
- Program is for current 8th grade KPS English language learners only at no cost
- Registration forms mailed to identified students

Spanish I for Credit

- Designed for students currently in grades 8 – 12

HIGH SCHOOL

Students may take a ½ or 1 credit course(s) during summer school.

Cost:

KPS Students:	\$ 50	½ credit
	\$ 85	1 credit
	\$ 35	½ credit (KPS scholarship students F/R)
	\$ 50	1 credit (KPS scholarship students F/R)

Non-KPS:	\$100	½ credit
	\$200	1 credit

Students must have attended a KPS high school (Central, Loy Norrix, or Phoenix) during the 2018-2019 school year to qualify for the reduced in-district rate

Course Offerings (for credit recovery only):
Contingent upon sufficient enrollment and staffing
English, Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Biology, Chemistry, World History, U.S. History, Spanish I, and GradPoint

Spanish for Credit

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- Breakfast, lunch, and transportation provided
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LN Class of 1969 Planning 50th Class Reunion for July

The Loy Norrix Class of 1969 is planning its 50th class reunion for July 18-20.

The highlight of the festivities will be a cocktail hour and cookout at the Kalamazoo Country Club starting at 5 p.m. Saturday, July 20. Cost is \$35 per person, with an open cash bar. Registration and payment must be made by June 30.

Activities start Thursday, July 18, with alum John Vander Kamp offering an educational talk about tea. It will take place at Walden Woods Clubhouse, which is located on Arboretum Parkway near Linden Grove Middle School. For more information, contact alum Pam Somers-Orr at orr.pamelak@gmail.com.

Friday, July 19, the reunion committee is organizing two events. Tom and Terry Vanderberg are organizing a golf outing at Milham Park Golf



The cover of the 1969 Loy Norrix Accolade yearbook.

Course, 4200 Lovers Lane, during the day. For more information, contact Terry at TVDB69@aol.com.

There will also be an evening social event at Old Dog Tavern, 402 E. Kalamazoo Ave., beginning at 5 p.m. There is no entrance fee, but guests are responsible for their own food and drinks.

Jim Kindle will host a leisurely paced Kal-Haven Trail bike ride beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 20. Riders should meet at the caboose trailhead on 10th Street. Distances will be determined by individual riders. Bring your bike and hydration.

Submit registration and payment for the Saturday evening dinner by contacting Jim Kindle at jim@jimkindle.com. Please send him your email address and street address. Payment may be sent one of three ways:

1. Send your payment via Venmo to @Jim-Kindle
2. Send your payment via PayPal to Jim@Jimkindle.com
3. Mail your payment to: Jim Kindle 2204 Oakland Ridge Dr. Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Registration and payment are due by June 30.

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Cantaloupe Soup

Hello Kalamazoo! Welcome to the summer season. With melons being ready to harvest, please enjoy this summer recipe to cool down with your friends and family. Best regards, Chef Shaun



Shaun Robinson is the district chef for Chartwells at KPS Food Service.

Ingredients

One large cantaloupe
3 lemons, juiced
1 cup sparkling cider
2 teaspoons granulated sugar
1/4 cup cold water
1 small cucumber, seeded and diced
Kosher salt
Fresh ground black pepper
1 tablespoon fresh mint, chopped
1 teaspoon honey
Blueberries

Directions

1. Split melon in half, scoop out seeds and remove the flesh. Chop the melon well.
2. Place cantaloupe, cider, honey, sugar and water in a blender and puree till smooth.

Add more water if needed.

3. Pour melon puree into a small bowl. Set the small bowl onto a medium bowl filled with ice water to keep chilled, cover and place in the refrigerator, until ready to serve.

4. Season the cucumber lightly with salt and pepper.

5. When ready to serve, pour the soup into chilled bowls. Add cucumber to each bowl and garnish with fresh mint and blueberries. Enjoy!

Servings: 4



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Restorative Justice: What Is It and How Is It Being Used in Kalamazoo Public Schools

By **Jacquis Robertson**

Executive Director of Dispute Resolution Services, Gryphon Place

Ruth Garcia

Restorative Justice Program Coordinator, Gryphon Place



Restorative justice is, at its root, respect, says Howard Zehr, director emeritus of the Zehr Institute for Restorative Justice.

“Respect for all, even those who are different from us; even those who seem to be our enemies. Respect reminds us of our interconnectedness, but also of our differences. Respect insists we balance concerns for all parties. If we pursue justice as respect, we will do justice restoratively,” said Zehr, who, as a professor at Eastern Mennonite University, helped form some of the foundational philosophies behind restorative justice.

If you were in conflict with someone, would you find it easier to talk to them and find some level of resolution or not speak to them and hope that the conflict would dissipate? It is, after all, more comfortable just to hope that the conflict goes away. Would you have the courage to own your part of the problem and speak your mind in terms of what needs to be done to make it right? Would you choose this courage over the choice of violence?

Day in and day out in Kalamazoo Public Schools, students are

choosing to engage in restorative practices to resolve disputes they have with fellow students.

Gryphon Place is helping students learn about restorative justice and how to use the practices in their classrooms to resolve disputes.

What is restorative justice and how is it used in schools?

Restorative justice asks three main questions: What happened? Who was affected? What needs to be done to repair the harm that was caused? Restorative justice practices bring people together through a reconciliation process that gives voice to the person harmed. Restorative justice asks, “What is this really about?”

What restorative practices are used at KPS?

Restorative conferences are used for conflicts between two to four students. This process is similar to mediation but focuses on how the people in the conflict were affected and on finding an agreement to repair the harm caused.

Community building peace circles are used to promote a

healthier classroom climate, to improve connectedness between staff and students and students to one another, and to let each voice be heard.

Peer mediation is used at the elementary school level in some KPS buildings. This program trains selected youth leaders to act, under the supervision of a Gryphon Place staff member, as mediators for their fellow students. When no mediations are scheduled, the students complete interactive lessons designed to improve social and emotional learning.

So far this year in KPS, there have been 137 mediated conferences. Of those mediated cases, 121 came to a positive agreement. There have been 33 peer mediations, with 32 coming to a positive agreement. When asked, 90 percent of students felt they learned a new skill to help with future conflict, and 87 percent reported feeling safer and more engaged in class.

For more information about restorative justice practices, please contact Gryphon Place at (269) 381-1510 ext. 212.



Maple Street Students Entertain Hundreds with Yo-Yo Skills

Maple Street Magnet School for the Arts eighth graders, from left, Alex Bosak, Nathan Hodshire, and Trevor Watts entertained audience members with their Chinese yo-yo routine at the annual Chinese Association of Greater Kalamazoo's Chinese New Year's Celebration held earlier this year at Chenery Auditorium. The three students are members of the yo-yo team at the CAGK's Chinese Academy, where they study Chinese cultural activities and Mandarin.

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THE SECRETS OF BEES | JUNE 1 - SEPTEMBER 30
Learn about the secret lives of bees, their importance in our world, and the influence humans have on them in this interactive exhibit.

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Artist Ladislav Hanka exhibits etchings with additions of wax from the bees.

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Meet Charlotte Hubbard, Michigan's 2018 Beekeeper of the Year, and enjoy live music from Uncle Kooky while checking out honey-related products, honey snacks, local bee groups, and books. Sample a variety of snacks created with honey.

SUNDAY SERIES

BEE-YOND THE BEES' KNEES | JUNE 28 | 1:30 p.m.
Beekeeper Charlotte Hubbard offers fun facts and insights about honeybees and a beekeeping journal.

PLANTS FOR POLLINATORS | JULY 28 | 1:30 p.m.
Susan Rice shares what we can do to provide habitats and plants for local pollinators.

**HANDS-ON CRAFT PROGRAMS
JULY 3 - 31 (Wednesdays) | 1 - 4 p.m.**

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JUNE 26 & JULY 24 | 10 - 11 a.m.**
See plants used to attract honeybees to Kalamazoo Valley hives. Tour begins at Food Innovation Center at 224 E. Crosstown Pkwy.

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Take on the Native Bee Challenge and build your own bee house to take home. Registration required for students 3-5 grade, space is limited.

HEALING FROM THE HIVE | JULY 16 | 1 - 3 p.m.
Explore bee-related products and make a salve using beeswax. For adults with children ages 9 and up. Registration required, space is limited.

NATURALLY SAFE BEE PRODUCTS | JULY 25 | 1 - 3 p.m.
Learn about beeswax, then make your own lotion bars and lip balm. Registration required, space is limited.

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Artists' Corner

Students in Greg Stevens' animation/cartooning class at Loy Norrix High School created these cartoon collages in interesting shapes. Students were instructed to concentrate on filling their shapes with at least 50 different heads and at least 15 different expressions. Because much of the communication in cartooning relies upon expression, students practiced drawing their classmates' expressions. The eyes, mouth, and eyebrows were stressed as being the most expressive parts of the face.



Zoe Brown, 12th grade



Katherine Gilbert, 11th grade



Noelia Hernandez, 11th grade

KPS Art Teacher Doug Duncan Named Region 7 Teacher of the Year

Doug Duncan, art teacher at Indian Prairie and Prairie Ridge elementary schools, was named the 2019-20 Region 7 Teacher of the Year.

Duncan has taught in KPS for 18 years. He worked as a computer graphic artist for 15 years before moving into teaching. He

holds a B.A. in art from Adrian College and a M.A. in elementary education from Aquinas College. He has been a mentor/teacher for 12 years. He coordinates the annual Empty Bowls program at Prairie Ridge to raise awareness of food insecurity and to provide funds to help fight hunger in his

school and in the community.

As a teacher, he wants to provide his students with a space to flourish.

"I hope to teach all of my students to understand that there is more than one answer to a question and more than one solution to a problem," Duncan

said. "In an era where more testing is being mandated, it is essential that we keep the arts available to students not only as a critical creative outlet but as a way to foster creative thinking."

The future job market will need employees who are flexible, ingenious problem solvers, he said.

"High-stakes testing currently leaves very little time in regular classrooms for creative thinking or for constructing knowledge. Students are consis-

tently drilled that there is only one right answer. Art is one subject area where self-expression and creativity are still valued, and I want to make sure that every student I teach understands the importance of both."

Duncan was nominated for the honor by KPS art coordinator Mandy Clearwaters. More than 400 teachers from across the state were nominated for 10 regional awards.

"I am thrilled by this honor," Duncan said.



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Jason Buddemeier and Kahimora Blanchard apply glaze to their works under the direction of teacher Doug Duncan at Prairie Ridge Elementary School.

KPS Teacher Named Instructor of the Year by the MI Restaurant and Lodging Association

Kalamazoo Public Schools teacher Kharen Warfield Shelton has been named the 2019 Michigan Instructor of the Year by the Michigan Restaurant and Lodging Association, the state chapter of the National Restaurant Association.

Shelton came to teaching after a long career in corporate America, including stints with IBM, CNN, and Herman Miller. After leaving the business world, Shelton opened Young Chefs Academy, a cooking school for children in Kalamazoo. She then began working with the Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency's Education for Employment Culinary Arts program as a contract worker then as a teacher with KPS.

The EFE program teaches students cooking, restaurant management, and food safety skills.

"I'm just very honored and very humbled to be receiving this award," Shelton said. "It's a huge acknowledgement from my peers in the industry as well as from the Michigan Restaurant and Lodging Association. Our program is really based on exposing students to the industry and giving them as much hands-on experience as possible."

Shelton said she owes a debt of gratitude to Hayley Ennest, the technical assistant for the program, who has been invaluable to the success of the class.

State winners became finalists for the ProStart National Educator of Excellence Award, which was announced in Washington, D.C. in May. ProStart is the National Restaurant Association's high school training program.

Shelton said she is especially proud that three of her Culinary Arts students took first place in the Management ProStart competition held in Lansing in March. The students developed a new restaurant plan and delivered it to a panel of judges in a simulated business expo. Students had to prepare a business plan, create sales boards, and deliver oral presentations.

The KRESA management team's winning concept was a food truck that offers healthy alternatives to everyday foods. The signature sandwich — Straight Out of Cuba — provided judges with a creative spin on the classic Cubano sandwich. Additionally, the food truck concept was very personal to team members, because each has lost loved ones to poor food choices.

The students, Idris Cox, of Kalamazoo Central High School; Cris Smith, of Portage Northern High School; and Skiy Ewing of Vicksburg High School, will travel to D.C. in May to compete against other student management teams for college scholarships.



Kharen Warfield Shelton

Global Reading Challenge Comes Down to Sudden Victory Round

The 2019 Global Reading Challenge was a true battle of the books. After three rounds of eight questions about 10 books, Arcadia Elementary and Northglade Montessori Magnet School each had 21 correct answers.

The teams went to a sudden

victory round. After 15 more questions, the teams were still tied — and Kalamazoo Public Library declared the schools co-champions.

Northglade represented the Powell branch library, while Arcadia represented the Central library.

The other branch champions were Milwood Elementary, who represented the Washington Square branch; El Sol Elementary, who represented the Eastwood branch; and King-Westwood Elementary School, who represented the Oshtemo branch.



The Northglade team members were, back row, from left, Kelly Dopheide, teacher and coach; and Madison Loveall; middle row: Abraham Perez, Henry Applegate, Alexis Owina, and Akshay Verma; and kneeling: Veronica Privett and Cianna Hobson.



The Arcadia team was, back row, from left, Kelly Dopheide, teacher and coach; and Madison Loveall; middle row: Abraham Perez, Henry Applegate, Alexis Owina, and Akshay Verma; and kneeling: Veronica Privett and Cianna Hobson.

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Tuesday, July 2, 10:30 am: Parchment Library
Wednesday, July 17, 3 pm: KPL Eastwood
Wednesday, July 24, 3 pm: KPL Oshtemo
Wednesday, July 31, 6:30 pm: Portage Public Library
Wednesday, August 7, 3 pm: KPL Powell
Wednesday, August 14, 3 pm: KPL Washington Square
Wednesday, August 21, 3 pm: KPL Central

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Milwood Middle, Hillside Show Off STEM Projects at Bosch, Humphrey

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) took on a real-life importance when Milwood Magnet School and Hillside Middle School students had the opportunity to interact with engineers at Bosch Automotive Service Solutions and Humphrey Products.

Select students from the schools, who have been working on automation and robotics either in classes or in after-school clubs, visited the businesses as part of field trips arranged by Project Lead The Way at the Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency.



Bosch engineers listen as Ethan Loiselle and Amelia Cohoon explain how they designed and tested prototypes for their temperature-controlled dog houses.



Milwood's Nafsa Mwambile, from left, Allison Krupianik, and Jeffrey Terrian explain how they built a protective cell phone case — and tested it with a graham cracker inside. They displayed their work at Bosch Automotive Service Solutions.

Project Lead The Way education by providing students with real-world skills in areas of computer science, en-



Milwood Middle student Jayden Whinty shows his remote-controlled sphere to engineers at Bosch Automotive Service Solutions during a Project Lead The Way field trip.

gineering, and biomedical sciences. KRESA and its Education For Employment program have been working to integrate it into schools in Kalamazoo County. A Bosch grant supports the local effort.

Debra Kolberg, a STEM teacher consultant for KRESA who works with PLTW, said the automation and robotics classes

at the schools allow the students to use VEX kits, which are filled with gears, screws, base plates, motors, switches, and other items. Students learn about and build mechanisms such as rack and pinion, gear drives, and universal joints.

They then they build a car and program it to do perform simple operations such as move forward and stop at a prescribed point. They also reconfigure them to turn them into drag racers, Kolberg said.

Students also study the basic design process, coming up with ideas to solve problems, testing their designs, and learning how to make modifications to improve their designs. Some of the projects the students designed included durable cell phone cases and heated dog houses.

Kolberg said she organized the field trips because she felt it was important for students to see work environments where science and engineering are practiced in real life and for students to meet engineers to gain a broader understanding of where their studies might lead.

Plus, she said, the students needed a chance to “show off what they are learning and building.”



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June 24-Aug 15	Boys & Girls Club	915 Lake St.	Dinner(M-F)	4pm
July 8-Aug 8	Northeastern Elementary	2433 Gertrude St.	Breakfast/Lunch(M-TH)	7:30am/11am
June 24-Aug 15	Upjohn Park	1018 Walter St.	Breakfast/Lunch(M-F)	9:15am/12pm
June 24-Aug 15	New Village Park	2500 St. Albans Way	Breakfast/Lunch(M-F)	9:15am/12pm
June 24-Aug 15	Community of Christ Church	2523 Amherst Ave.	Breakfast/Lunch(M-F)	9:15am/12pm
June 24-Aug 15	Hispanic American Council	930 Lake St.	Breakfast/Lunch(M-F)	9:15am/12pm
June 24-Aug 15	Interfaith	1037 Interfaith Blvd.	Breakfast/Lunch(M-F)	9am/1pm
June 24-Aug 15	CLC-Stones Church	1225 W. Paterson St.	Breakfast/Lunch(M-F)	8:30am/11:30am
June 24-Aug 15	Open Door Ministries	416 Phelps Ave.	Lunch(M-F)	12pm
June 24-Aug 1	Arcadia Elementary	932 Boswell Lane	Breakfast/Lunch(M-TH)	8:30am/11:30am
June 24-Aug 1	Linden Grove Middle School	4241 Arboretum Pkwy.	Breakfast/Lunch(M-Th)	8:30am/11:30am
June 24-Aug 8	Kalamazoo Central H.S.—Closed July 1-5	2432 Drake Road	Breakfast/Lunch(M-TH)	7am/10:30am
June 24-Aug 15	Salvation Army	1700 S. Burdick St.	Breakfast/Lunch(M-F)	9am/12pm
June 24-Aug 15	Mayors' Riverfront Park	251 Mills St.	Breakfast/Lunch	9:15am/12pm
July 8-Aug 15	JR Girls Organization	1114 W. Paterson St.	Lunch(M-TH)	12:30pm
June 24-Aug 15	King-Westwood Elementary	1100 Nichols Road	Breakfast/Lunch(M-F)	7:50am/11:30am
June 24-Aug 15	Rockwell Park	1106 Trimble Ave.	Breakfast/Lunch(M-F)	9:15am/12pm
July 8-Aug 8	Milwood Elementary	3400 Lovers Lane	Breakfast/Lunch(M-TH)	7:30am/11am
June 24-Aug 15	Stadium Drive Apts.	4249 Lakesedge Dr.	Lunch(M-F)	12pm
June 24-Aug 15	Mobile Site—South Side Park	Palmer Avenue	Lunch(M-F)	12pm
June 24-Aug 15	Mobile Site—Fox Ridge Apt.	1320 Fox Ridge Dr.	Lunch(M-F)	1:15pm
June 24-Aug 15	Eastside Association	1301 E. Main St.	Lunch(M-F)	12:30pm
June 24-Aug 15	LaCrone Park	535 W. Paterson St.	Lunch(M-F)	12pm
June 24-Aug 15	Read and Write Kalamazo—Closed July 2-4	802 S. Westnedge Ave.	Breakfast/Lunch(TU & TH)	9am/12pm
June 24-Aug 15	All Things Possible	2000 W. Michigan Ave.	Breakfast/Lunch(M-F)	9:30am/12pm
July 24 only	Kalamazoo Growlers	251 Mills St.	BBQ Lunch	11:30am
June 27 only	Maranda Pop up Party	200 S. Rose St.	BBQ Lunch	11:30am
June 24-Aug 15	Colonial Manor	5500 W. KL Ave.	Lunch(M-F)	12pm
June 24-Aug 15	Milwood United Church	3919 Portage St.	Lunch(M-F)	12pm
June 24-Aug 15	YMCA of Greater Kalamazoo	1001 W. Maple St.	Breakfast/Lunch(M-F)	9am/11:45am
June 24-Aug 15	Rehoboth Church	2625 Lake St.	Lunch(M-TH)	12pm



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