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IMPORTANT DATES

Board of Education Meetings

Thursday, June 15 & 29, 2017
7 p.m.
Administration Building
1220 Howard St.

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GRADUATION DATES

Phoenix High School
Graduation
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Chenery Auditorium

Loy Norrix High School
Graduation
7 p.m. June 7
Wings Event Center

Kalamazoo Central
High School
Graduation
7 p.m., June 8
Wings Event Center

Thank You to Voters for Supporting Students in Kalamazoo County!

KPS Enters State Partnership to Help Washington and Woodward Schools Remain Open

Washington Writers’ Academy and The Woodward School for Technology & Research will remain open after the signing of an agreement between Kalamazoo Public Schools and the Michigan Department of Education and other agencies.

The partnership was approved by the Kalamazoo Public Schools Board of Education on April 27, and maintains school district control over the two schools, which had been marked for possible closure by the School

Reform Office because of low performance on state assessment tests over the past three years. The potential closures set off protests from the community and resulted in KPS filing a lawsuit that argued the SRO did not have legal authority to close schools.

The agreement outlines goals and benchmarks designed to improve achievement at the schools and provides a framework to address issues, should the schools fail to meet the goals in the document.

“This is a local control agreement and that theme courses through the document.”

“Nothing in this agreement speaks to school closures, nothing in this agreement speaks to additional SRO intervention, nothing in this agreement would have a consequence of a CEO over

Washington or Woodward,” said KPS Superintendent Michael Rice at the April 27 board meeting. “This is a local control agreement and that theme courses through the document.

“The School Reform Office, for all intents and purposes, has no role in this agreement whatsoever.”

Board trustee Carol McGlinn said that as the board discussed the partnership, “We gave Dr. Rice specific things we needed
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Math-A-Lon Competition Gives Students a Numeric Workout

Lincoln International Studies School took home the trophy for a second year in a row at the second annual Math-A-Lon Competition held in March.

Second place was a tie between Washington Writers’ Academy and Woods Lake Elementary: A Magnet Center for the Arts. Third place went to Prairie Ridge Elementary.

The third- through fifth-grade student participants came from Washington, Woods Lake, Lincoln, Milwood Elementary, Arcadia Elementary, The Wood-



The Lincoln Math-A-Lon team took first place at this year’s competition. Members are, front row, (L to R), Jayden Freeman-McKenzie, Natasha Vega, Victoria Williams, James Brown, Alexia Vega, Aaliya Williams, Chaneayl Savage, and Ciara Smith; back row, Bonnie Terrentine, Aniya Foster, Naliya Hayes, Anaesia Foster, and Kendra Kasinger.

ward School for Technology & Research, El Sol Elementary, Edison Environmental Science Academy, Spring Valley Center for Exploration, Northglade Montessori Magnet School, and Prairie Ridge, which hosted the competition.

Parents and family members attended the event to cheer on their math-letes during the event.

The Math-A-Lon is a competition among Communities In Schools of Kalamazoo after-school
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2017 Summer Reading Challenge

This summer event, offered by the Kalamazoo Public Library, has the theme “Build a Better World”

Kickoff is June 1; see ad on page 2.

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So What's Happened in KPS in the Last Year?

Have you been keeping up with Kalamazoo Public Schools progress? See how many of the KPS themes below from the last year that you know or of which you are at least in part aware.

Graduation Rates. KPS graduation rates were mostly up in 2016. Our district five-year rate was 78.3 percent, the highest in the district's history since the advent of the new uniform federal formula in 2008, and only 4.5 percentage points below the state average, the lowest gap during this period. The district's rolling three-year averages for graduation in four years and in five years each increased in 2016 for the fifth consecutive year. A state and national issue, the African American male graduation four-year rate increased for the third straight year to 53.2 percent and the five-year rate rose to 63.0 percent, only 2.5 percentage points below the

state average. Phoenix had its largest graduating class in its history last year.

Refugee Students. We have welcomed 105 refugee students from around the world to the district in the last 12 months. The KPS community is a welcoming community, and we are a welcoming district. We educate more refugee students than the rest of the county as a whole.

Factoring in Poverty, How KPS Schools Stack Up. This year, Bridge Magazine put out a study that compared high schools across the state in four socioeconomic categories. Of the 141 high schools in the state with 55 percent or more free or reduced-price lunch eligibil-



Michael F. Rice, Ph.D.
Superintendent

See How Many of These Facts You Know

ity, Loy Norrix and Kalamazoo Central ranked first and fourth, respectively, in a college and career readiness index.

Both last year and this year, the Mackinac Center also did studies that, while factoring in poverty, compared schools across the state. In these studies, only one KPS school was in the lowest 10 percent in the state, and most KPS schools were in the top half of the state.

New Curriculum Materials. The KPS Board of Education approved recommendations for new K-5 writing and math materials. It also approved recommendations for new high school world history and U.S. government materials.

Advanced Placement (AP) Participation and Success. AP courses are our most challenging courses, roughly the equivalent of introductory college courses. In the last eight years, KPS has increased the number of students taking AP courses by 136 percent and the number of AP courses offered to students by 197 percent. The percentages of economically disadvantaged students, African American students, and Hispanic students taking AP courses have increased 281, 225, and 613 percent, respectively, during the same time period. The numbers of students that receive college credit on their end-of-year AP exams have increased every year for the last eight years, for a total

increase of 236 percent during this period.

Banning of Guns in Schools. Aided by court decisions related to the Clio and Ann Arbor schools, the KPS board approved a recommendation to prohibit members of the community from having a gun in school, even community members licensed to carry who had previously been widely thought to be allowed to carry in schools.

New Board Goals and Mission. The KPS board approved two new board goals: (1) continuation of the improvement of district marketing and service to our children and families and (2) improvement of career awareness, exploration, and development in the middle years of development. These goals are in addition to those associated with reading, writing, math, Advanced

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So What's Happened in KPS in the Last Year? *(continued from page 2)*

Placement, and graduation rates, which continue but had changes to their measurements.

The board approved a new mission as well: Nurture the dreams of all students and empower all students to contribute to a better world.

A Reduction in the Number of Expulsions. Last school year, the district expelled only 10 students, its lowest number in at least the last decade. All were legally mandated.

School Replacement. In the last several years, the community has supported the district by funding improvements at all district schools, the oldest schools in the region. In the last decade, KPS has undertaken major new construction for the first time since 1972. Effective this year, students and staff benefited from a newly constructed northern portion of Milwood Elementary, which replaced construction from 1921, along with an extensively renovated southern portion as well.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). We have made clear to our building administrators that ICE agents may not question students in our schools and that, if agents have warrants, agents must present them to central administration for legal review. The only exception to this policy is if there are exigent circumstances such as a terrorist threat or imminent threat of death or serious bodily harm.

Reading Now Network. KPS has joined the regional Reading Now Network, first begun in Region 3 school districts (areas in and around Grand Rapids and Holland) a few years ago and extended to Region 7 (areas in and around Kalamazoo and Battle Creek) last year. The network hosted a reading conference at Western Michigan University this year. Participation permits KPS to share and learn from best practices in literacy instruction.

Summer Initiatives. Research indicates that up to 80

percent of the gap between working class and poor students on the one hand and middle class students on the other is a function of different levels of reading between the two groups, on average, during the summer. For four years, KPS has sent books home in the summer, every week and a half, to students going into fourth through sixth grade. This summer, KPS will expand the program to include students going into third grade. In addition, we are re-tooling our summer school program with a new theme and new activities and continue to partner with the Kalamazoo Public Library (KPL) on KPL's summer reading program. More is anticipated in this area both this summer and next.

School Funding Research Collaborative. In the last several months, this statewide effort has come together to study the school funding formula and to make the case for more adequate and more fair funding of the state's 1.5 million public school children. KPS was an early participant and remains active in this effort.

Enhancement Millage Renewal. For the fourth consecutive time, voters in Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency approved a three-year enhancement millage renewal, a vote that helps to mitigate the adverse impact of inadequate school funding from the state legislature.

Public Dollars to Private Schools? Along with MASA, MASB, Middle Cities Education Association, MSBO, and MASSP, KPS is a plaintiff in a lawsuit against the state of Michigan and the Michigan Department of Education to stop the allocation of public dollars in the state budget ostensibly to reimburse private schools for state-mandated expenses.

Kalamazoo Innovative Learning Program (KILP). Begun this school year for 60 students, KILP has had a good first year and will be expanded to

serve 100 students next year. KILP is an alternative high school that combines online and traditional instruction.

Washington and Woodward. They continue to improve and will be open for business in 2017-18.

Community Schools. More KPS schools are open longer hours than ever before. Community partnerships are flourishing, with more than 200 KPS partners that contribute to the development of our children. In 2007, Communities In Schools of Kalamazoo had a presence in nine of 22 schools. Currently, it serves children in 20 of 26 KPS schools and has after-school programs in 15 schools. The YMCA serves 355 children from 14 schools, with after-school programs located in six of our schools.

Enrollment. Since the advent of the Kalamazoo Promise 11 years ago, KPS has grown by 2,448 K-12 students (24 percent), one of the largest — if not the largest — increases in students in the state. KPS has grown in nine of the last 11 years. With a pre-kindergarten through 12th grade enrollment above 13,000 students, KPS has its greatest enrollment since 1980-81.

Progress in All Major Academic Indicators. In the last several years, we have improved in every major academic indicator: reading, writing, math, Advanced Placement participation and success, high school graduation rate, college going, college continuation, and college completion.

Hughes and Frost in Our Work. In spite of the substantial progress of the year and last several years, we continue to hold fast to our dream of preparing all children to achieve and fully use their promise/Promise. And yes, we continue to have miles to go before we sleep.

Thanks to our staff and students, parents, grandparents, and partners, community, community organizations, and board for their continued greater efforts of support and collaboration.

Chef Shaun - KPS FOOD SERVICE CHEF

Summer Salad

Hello Kalamazoo and welcome to a long awaited summer! Using fresh fruits and veggies from your garden or local farm is a must. Please enjoy this delicious salad with friends and family. Best regards, Chef Shaun.



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

Servings: 1

Ingredients

- 2 cups shredded leaf lettuce (Red Leaf or Romaine is good)
- 1/8 cup corn kernels (canned, thawed frozen, or fresh boiled)
- 1/8 cup canned black beans, rinsed
- 2 Tbsp onions, minced
- 1 small tomato, diced
- 1 tsp fresh cilantro, chopped
- 1 lime, juiced
- 1 tsp honey
- 2 strawberries, washed, finely diced

Directions

1. Mix lime juice, honey and cilantro to make dressing. Fold in strawberries. Adjust seasoning to taste, set aside.
2. Wash lettuce and pat dry. Tear lettuce by hand or cut into strips.
3. Place lettuce on plate. Sprinkle with corn, beans, onions and tomato.
4. Add desired amount of salad dressing. Salt and pepper if desired.

FANTASTIC FIVE

Vegetables are one of the five food groups you should eat every day. The others are fruits, grains, protein, & dairy. Each food group gives you something important that your body needs & vegetables give you lots of vitamins & minerals for healthy eyes, skin, blood, bones, & immune systems!

KPS High School Programmers Log Wins with KAMSC Computer Science Teams

Kalamazoo Public Schools students took home honors again this year as part of the Kalamazoo Area Mathematics and Science Center's computer science teams.

Kalamazoo Public Schools students won several awards at the University of Michigan Dearborn CS & Engineering Experience.

Loy Norrix High School seniors Vaughn Taylor and Lachlan Woods placed first in Computer Simulation. Each received \$500.

Griffin Abbott, a junior from Loy Norrix, placed first (along with a KAMSC classmate) in Game Design. He won \$500.

Loy Norrix Senior Addison Krueger placed fourth (along with a KAMSC classmate) in Robotics.

Taylor and fellow Loy Norrix senior Ava Wood were on the team that took third place overall at the Saginaw Valley State University ACM High School Programming Contest.



The University of Michigan Dearborn KPS-KAMSC team members were: front row, (L to R) Abigail Guimond, Julia Naranjo, Samuel Ratliff, and Ava Wood; back row Kevin Mitchell, Alex Vonhoff, Griffin Abbott, Lachlan Woods, Vaughn Taylor, and Addison Krueger.

Wood, Taylor, Woods, and Loy Norrix junior Abigail Guimond were part of an 11-member KAMSC team that traveled to the American Computer Science League All-Star International Invitational in Los Angeles in May.

Several students also received honors from the National Center for Women & Information Technology Aspiration in Com-

puting Awards. National honorable mentions went to Wood and Julia Kemple-Johnson, a junior at Kalamazoo Central. Wood, Kemple-Johnson and Guimond were state finalists. State honorable mentions went to Central junior Julia Naranjo. State certificates of distinction went to Loy Norrix sophomore Tiana Boyd and Norrix senior Ashley Bynum.

Math-A-Lon Competition *(continued from page 1)*

programs, in which students participate in five math events and compete in good-natured number-oriented contests. Kalamazoo Public Schools math coordinator Matthew Johnson said it was designed to motivate students to improve their math skills.

"My hope is that students who participate increase their math skills, but more importantly find enjoyment and confidence in their ability to do math," Johnson said. "This year we had to find a bigger venue because word had spread that this was a fun competition and a great way to motivate students in the after-school program."

Bonnie Terrentine, the after-school site coordinator for CIS at Lincoln, said her program works extensively with the manipulatives and practice problems that Johnson provides each team. The team is coached by Terrentine, youth development worker Patricia Atkins and Lincoln teacher Kendra Kasinger, who works with CIS as an instructional specialist in the after school program.

The students take the competition seriously and sometimes give up their lunch recess to practice.

"I think they like it because of the challenge. They work on this for six or seven weeks and I think they're really able to learn the concepts," Terrentine said. "I know they like winning."

The Math-A-Lon events students competed in were:

- Team Number Cruncher: Students work as a team to solve

a series of calculations that will help them answer questions related to a theme. Teams can use different strategies to solve the problem such as dividing the questions or having two groups work simultaneously on the problem so one can act as a fact checker. This is a timed event.

- Four Operations Relay: Teammates take turns using multiplication, division, addition, subtraction and reason. The players answer questions one at a time, with the next player moving forward only when the person in front of them completes their problem. More points are awarded for being correct, rather than for being fast.

- Hundred Chart Hunt: Three team members must locate a number on a 100s chart using a set of clue cards. They must solve six mathematical clues to reach the correct answer.

- Build It: Three team members must build a structure out of blocks based on a set of instructions involving logic and mathematics. Students have 12 minutes to construct their structure, and points are deducted if a team member touches the structure after the time limit.

- Area and Perimeter Calculations: Three team members are given a diagram that contains images composed of many two-dimensional shapes. Students use their knowledge of calculating surface area and perimeter to solve questions relating to the shapes.



Edison Environmental Science Academy AmeriCorps VISTA worker Stephen Brewer runs through a math problem with students Sharod Reynolds, back left; Mariah Watt, front left, and Kashlyn Williams during the 2017 Math-A-Lon.

Animation Festival

JUNE 2 - JUNE 3, 2017 | FREE

Dinosaurs and animation – what could be more fun! Art Hop Friday night features workshops and a presentation on doing animations; program begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Stryker Theater. On Saturday from 1 until 4 p.m., animation students will help visitors young and old create Playdoh figures (dinosaurs, anyone?), then produce a short claymation of their very own design!

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

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1220 Howard Street
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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-5	June 26 – Aug 3	23	M-Th	King-Westwood & Milwood Elementary	8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	No Charge	Vicky Leatherman	337-0190
Middle School	6-8	June 26 – Aug 3	23	M-Th	Kalamazoo Central H.S.	7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	No Charge	Chris Frommann	337-0168
ELL Bridge Program	8	June 26 – Aug 3	23	M-Th	Kalamazoo Central H.S.	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 26 – July 13	11	M-Th	Kalamazoo Central H.S.	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 18 – Aug 3	11	M-Th	Kalamazoo Central H.S.	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 26 – July 13	11	M-Th	Kalamazoo Central H.S.	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 18 – Aug 3	11	M-Th	Kalamazoo Central H.S.	7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.		Chris Frommann	337-0168

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- No cost
- Must meet at-risk eligibility qualifications – assessment data/teacher recommendation
- Required for identified 1st grade students
- Highly recommended for identified kindergarten students
- \$400 for non-KPS students
- Registration forms will be given to parents/guardians of qualified students
- School placement will be based on student's home address
- Breakfast, lunch, and transportation provided

All KPS Summer School Programs meet Monday through Thursday.

School will be closed for holiday recess on Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4.

School will resume on Wednesday, July 5, and the week will extend through Friday, July 7 to cover needed instructional time.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades 6 and 7 Extended Learning Programs

- Offering instruction in reading, writing and math
- Program is for KPS students only, at no cost
- **Highly recommended** for identified students

Grades 6 and 7 Soar to New Heights: Pre-Algebra & Advanced English

- Strengthens students' skills for advanced English and math
- Program is for KPS students only, at no cost
- Registration forms available in the counseling office

Grade 8 Recovery Program

- Offering instruction in math, ELA, science, and social studies
- Program is for KPS students only, at no cost
- **Required** for identified 8th grade students
- Registration forms mailed to identified students

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
- Academic credit for successful completion
- Registration forms available in the counseling office

- Breakfast, lunch, and transportation provided

HIGH SCHOOL

Students may take one ½ credit course each session (one total credit by attending two sessions).

Cost:

KPS Students:	\$ 50	½ credit
	\$ 85	1 credit

KPS Students with Free/Reduced Lunch Status	\$ 35	½ credit
	\$ 50	1 credit

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

Students must have attended a KPS high school (Central, Loy Norrix, Phoenix, or KILP) during the 2016-2017 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, and GradPoint

- * Spanish I is available for credit recovery or for advanced credit.
- Registration forms available at all KPS high schools, Secondary Education Department at West Main, or at:
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Arcadia Elementary School Claims 2017 Global Reading Challenge Title

Arcadia Elementary School's Dopheide's Destroyers won the Kalamazoo Public Library's 2017 Global Reading District Challenge.

Team members Aaron Hale, Giuliana Bush, Makiyah Williams, Layla Adams, Nevin Kelley, and Miriam Mughazy bested four other teams to take home this year's trophy.

The Global Reading Challenge is a Battle of the Books program sponsored by the library. The competition is designed for fourth- and fifth-graders and promotes the reading of fiction and nonfiction that celebrate diversity.

The Kalamazoo Public Library children's librarians choose 10 books each year. The books represent a variety of topics and reading levels to encourage participation by as many children as possible.

Teams compete to represent their schools by answering factual and content questions about each book. School winners compete for library branch titles, and branch winners go on to compete



Arcadia Elementary's Global Reading Challenge team members were: Kimyah Babineaux, Aaron Hale, Layla Adams, Makiyah Williams, Giuliana Bush, Miriam Mughazy and Nevin Kelley.

for the district title.

This year's branch winners were:

Central Library — Arcadia Elementary School's Dopheide's Destroyers

Powell Branch Library — Northglade Montessori Magnet School's Book Dragons

Eastwood Branch Library — El Sol Elementary School's G.R.C Warriors

Washington Square Branch Library — Washington Writers'

Academy's Reading Rebels

Oshtemo Branch Library — King-Westwood Elementary School's Lightening Readers

2017 Global Reading Challenge Book Titles

"How Tia Lola Ended Up Starting Over," by Julia Alvarez.

"Home of the Brave," by Katherine Applegate, 2007.

"El Deafo," by Cece Bell, 2015.

"Because of Winn-Dixie," by Kate DiCamillo, 2001.



The district finals for the Global Reading Challenge were held at the main branch of the Kalamazoo Public Library on April 24. In the foreground is the El Sol Elementary School team the G.R.C. Warriors.

"Jackie and Me," by Dan Gutman, 1999.

"Same Sun Here," by Silas House, 2011.

"The Small Adventure of Popeye and Elvis," by Barbara O'Connor, 2009.

"Nuts to You," by Lynn Perkins, 2014.

"Shooting Kabul," by N.H. Senzai, 2010.

"Peace, Locomotion," by Jacqueline Woodson, 2009.

Sample Global Reading Challenge questions:

1. From "El Deafo": What is Cece's favorite article of clothing?

2. From "Peace, Locomotion": What is Lonnie's middle name?

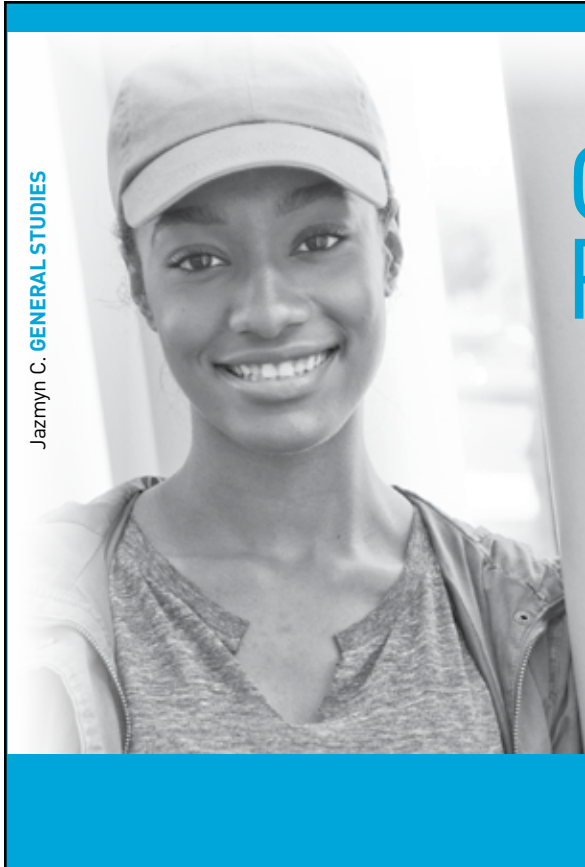
3. From "Nuts to You": What is the name of game where squirrels fall from trees and lay limp on the ground and laugh?

4. From "Jackie and Me": In the stickball game, first and third bases were A) Manhole covers B) Shirts on the ground C) Trees on each side of the street.

Answers:

1. Her bathing suit
2. Collins
3. Be Like Water
4. C) Trees on each side of the street

Jazmyn C. GENERAL STUDIES



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Norrix Swim Team Takes First Conference Championship

The Loy Norrix Knights finished a historic 2016-17 season in swimming and diving. The Knights won their school's first conference championship meet by having its largest team in history and using the swimmers' depth of talent to beat its rivals. Coach Paul Mahar, with the help of the coaching staff of David Diget, Kyle Oberhill, and George Wilson, enjoyed helping Loy Norrix's student-athletes build a championship team. The future is bright is for Kalamazoo's swimming and diving community, Mahar said. Those interested in swimming and diving, should connect with Kalamazoo United swim team through Kalamazoo Public Schools Community Education. The club offers opportunities to learn how to swim for children ages 4-18. For more information, visit www.kalamazoopublicschools.com/departments/communityeducation.aspx.



Coach Paul Mahar, in blue, jumped in the pool to help Loy Norrix Boy's Swim team celebrate its first conference win in school history.

Michigan Department of Education Summer Food Service Program

The Kalamazoo Public Schools announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program for children. Free meals will be made available to children 18 years of age and under or persons up to 26 years old who are enrolled in an educational program for the mentally or physically disabled that is recognized by a state or local public educational agency. The meals will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. The only stipulation to the free meals is that the meal be eaten on site.

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Meals will be provided at sites listed below. All sites are closed on July 3 and 4. Breakfast and Lunch times are subject to change.

June 26–Aug 17	Douglass Center	1000 W. Paterson St.	Breakfast/Lunch(M–F)	9:15am/12pm
June 26–Aug 17	Boys & Girls Club	915 Lake St.	Breakfast/Lunch(M–F)	9am/12pm
June 26–Aug 17	Northeastern Elementary	2433 Gertrude St.	Lunch/Snack(M–TH)	1pm/4pm
June 26–Aug 17	Y.O.U.	422 E. South St.	Lunch/Snack(M–F)	11:30am/2pm
June 26–Aug 17	UpJohn Park	1018 Walter St.	Breakfast/Lunch(M–F)	9:15am/12pm
June 26–Aug 17	New Village Park	2500 St. Albans Way	Breakfast/Lunch(M–F)	9:15am/12pm
June 26–Aug 17	ALP	3410 Laird Ave.	Breakfast/Lunch(M–F)	9:15am/12pm
June 26–Aug 17	Hispanic American Council	930 Lake St.	Breakfast/Lunch(M–F)	9:15am/12pm
June 26–Aug 17	CEC	714 S. Westnedge Ave.	Lunch(M–F)	12pm
June 26–Aug 17	Interfaith	1037 Interfaith Blvd.	Lunch/Snack(M–F)	12pm/3pm
June 26–Aug 17	CLC–Stones Church	1225 W. Paterson St.	Breakfast/Lunch(M–F)	8:30am/11:30am
June 26–Aug 17	Open Door Ministries	416 Phelps Ave.	Lunch/Snack(M–F)	12pm/1pm
June 26–Aug 3	Arcadia	932 Boswell Lane	Breakfast/Lunch(M–TH)	8:30am/11:30am
June 26–Aug 3	Maple	922 W. Maple St.	Breakfast/Lunch(M–F)	8:30am/11:30am
June 26–Aug 3	Kalamazoo Central	2432 N. Drake Road	Breakfast/Lunch(M–TH)	7am/10:30am
June 26–Aug 17	Salvation Army	1700 S. Burdick St.	Breakfast/Lunch(M–F)	8:30am/11am
June 26–Aug 17	YWCA–Kalamazoo	353 E. Michigan Ave.	Breakfast M–F/Lunch Wed only	8am/11:30am
June 26–Aug 17	Mayors’ Riverfront Park	251 Mills St.	Breakfast/Lunch(M–F)	9:15am/12pm
July 10–Aug 17	JR Girls Organization	1114 W. Paterson St.	Lunch(M–TH)	12:30pm
June 26–Aug 17	YMCA–Lincoln	912 N. Burdick St.	Breakfast/Lunch(M–F)	7:45am/11:30am
June 26–Aug 17	YMCA–Maple Street	1001 W. Maple St.	Snack(M–F)	3:15pm
June 26–Aug 3	MLK–Westwood	1100 Nichols Road	Breakfast/Lunch(M–TH)	7:45am/11am
June 26–Aug 3	Milwood Elementary	3400 Lovers Lane	Breakfast/Lunch(M–TH)	7:45am/11am
June 26–Aug 17	Stadium Dr. Apts.	4249 Lakesedge Dr.	Lunch(M–F)	12pm
June 26–Aug 17	Eastside Association	1301 E. Main St.	Lunch/Snack(M–F)	12pm/4pm
June 26–Aug 17	La Crone Park	535 W. Paterson St.	Breakfast/Lunch(M–F)	9:15am/12pm
June 26–Aug 17	Spring Valley Elementary	3530 Mt. Olivet Road	Breakfast/Lunch(M–F)	8:30am/12pm
June 26–Aug 17	Tegan Storybook Gardens	736 Jackson St.	Breakfast/Lunch(M–F)	10am/12pm
June 26–Aug 17	Mt. Zion Church	120 Roberson St.	Breakfast/Lunch(M–F)	8:30am/12pm
June 26–Aug 17	Washington Elementary	1919 Portage St.	Breakfast/Lunch(M–F)	8:30am/12pm
MOBILE SITES				
June 26–Aug 17	South Side Park	Palmer Avenue	Lunch(M–F)	12:45pm
June 26–Aug 17	Fox Ridge Apts.	1320 Fox Ridge Dr.	Lunch(M–F)	11:45am
July 6	Maranda Pop-up Party	200 S. Rose St.	BBQ LUNCH	11:30am
Jul 26	Kids Day, Mayors’ Riverfront Park	251 Mills St.	BBQ LUNCH	11:30am



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KPS Enters State Partnership to Help Washington and Woodward Schools Remain Open *(continued from page 1)*

to see. Local control was at the top of the list. This partnership seems to be a true partnership.”

The agreement was effective May 1 and established a partnership among the KPS Board of Education, the Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency, and MDE.

The agreement, which lasts through June 30, 2020, lays out 18-month and 36-month processes and outcomes.

The 18-month process goals are:

- Implement a new K-5 math program.
- Implement a new K-5 writing program.
- Partially implement instruction aligned with the state’s grade-level content standards and monitor through walk-through observations and results from the survey of enacted curriculum.
- Strengthen implementation of evidence-based interventions and monitor impact using NWEA/MAP (a nationally normed test) and local assessments.
- Implement school climate and culture initiatives.

- Increase student supports in mental health, trauma training, and attendance (assuming grant funding is available).

- Develop a plan for increased summer supports to students through libraries, summer learning initiatives, and attendance in summer school.

“It’s important to note that those seven process initiatives expand and deepen work that we have been doing in the district over the past few years in certain regards,” Rice said. For example, the school board recently approved new K-5 writing and math programs, the result of work of teachers and administrators over the last year.

“These are things we have been working on. We’re not being compelled to do something here,” said KPS board trustee Ken Greshak. “We want the public to be clear: we’re doing this because we know this is the right thing to do.”

The 18-month outcome/product benchmarks are:

- Reduce the achievement gap between the state’s percentage of students proficient in

reading compared to proficient students at each of the identified schools by at least 3 percentage points from spring 2016 to spring 2018.

- Reduce the achievement gap between the state’s percentage of students proficient in mathematics compared to the percentage of proficient students at each of the identified schools by at least 3 percentage points from spring 2016 to spring 2018.

- Increase the percentage of students at each identified school scoring at or above grade level on the NWEA/MAP reading and math assessments by at least 3 percentage points from fall 2017 to spring 2018.

- Increase the percentage of students at each identified school making one or more years of growth on the NWEA/MAP reading and math assessments by at least 3 percentage points from fall 2017 to spring 2018.

- Reduce the percentages of students at each identified school scoring far below grade level by making significant catch-up growth on the NWEA/MAP reading and math assessments by at

least 3 percentage points from fall 2017 to spring 2018.

The 36-month goals and outcomes are almost identical to the 18-month process goals except that they require full implementation of the Tier 1 instruction and evidence-based interventions, while the outcomes look for 6 percent increases on the benchmark measurements.

The agreement recognizes some of the strengths and challenges of the district. Among the strengths it cites are improvements to major academic indicators over recent years; implementation of NWEA/MAP assessments; creation of district-wide curriculum guides; and the development of community partnerships. Challenges facing the district include improving instruction in all content areas at Washington and Woodward, and consistently high levels of poverty at Washington and Woodward.

Rice noted that all 38 schools that were threatened with closure by the SRO are high-poverty schools.

“We believe that work we’re doing with this partnership agreement will benefit not simply Washington and Woodward but all schools in Kalamazoo, particularly those with high concentrations of poverty.”

KPS will meet quarterly with other partners to review the agreement and to discuss the progress being made on the goals. If the district fails to meet the 18-month benchmarks, the agreement says the district will review and address factors that may be adversely affecting the partnerships agreement. KRESA will work with KPS to adjust goals and strategies and to provide increased support if mutually agreed.

Remedies could include personnel re-assignments and leadership adjustments. If the district fails to meet the goals at 36 months, the schools might need to be “reconstituted in some way.” Rice said that reconstituted does not mean closed, but could include measures such as new magnet themes or staffing changes.

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The center is located inside Loy Norrix High School, 606 E. Kilgore Road. Open 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., LNCCC offers full-day and half-day enrollment, as well as a daily rate. Tuition is \$155 a week for full-time care,

\$100 a week for half-day care, and \$42 a day. Two snacks and lunch are provided for full-time students.

The school accepts 3- and 4-year-olds. Students must be toilet-trained. School district residency is not required for the program, which is open to the public.

For more information, call (269) 337-0264, or email hentschlearlym@kalamazoopublicschools.net.



Loy Norrix Child Care Center students study the world around them.

Kinder and Gentler: PTO Launches Kindness Effort at Winchell

There's nothing political about Kindness Week at Winchell Elementary.

But parents Brynn Anderson and Amy Leskowski were dismayed by the reports of intolerance and intimidation that became regular news fodder after the presidential election in November. They decided to combat those stories by putting the emphasis on actions of kindness and love at Winchell,



Third-grade teacher Amy Richmond shares a hug with Joel Brooks as he drops off snacks for Kindness Week at Winchell Elementary.

and they, along with other members of the PTO, launched Kindness Week at the school in January.

Kindness was a natural theme for the school, because it is one of the tenets in the school's R.O.C.K. Star acronym, which stands for "Responsible, Outstanding, Caring, Kindness."

The initial week kicked off on Jan. 16, MLK Day. The idea was to promote kindness not only among the children, but to encourage the students to also think about being kind to teachers, bus drivers, custodians, and everyone at the school who helps them feel safe and cared for.

Among the activities that week was a toiletry drive, for donations that went to area nonprofit agencies; notes of kindness for staff; and a kindness paper chain, made up of paper links with the names of children who teachers caught in the act of being kind that week. There were also special snacks delivered to the classrooms with the message, "Love and kindness come in all colors" and a day devoted to

wearing neon-colored clothes reflecting the theme "Let your kindness shine bright."

The concept got such a good response, the PTO decided to extend the kindness theme through the rest of the year, with supply drives for items such as school supplies and diapers, which were given to area agencies.

"We really are trying to instill in the kids the idea of giving back to your community," Anderson said.



Camerin Watson and Arjay Watson-Jamison share notes of thanks with Winchell staff as part of the school's first Kindness Week.



Felix and Calvin Rutgers share notes of appreciation for teachers and staff at Winchell Elementary as part of the school's inaugural Kindness Week in January.



Teacher Michelle Jones thanks Jacob Leskowski when he brings snacks to her class as part of Kindness Week.

June Mobile Health Clinic Schedule

The Family Health Center has a mobile health clinic, which serves Kalamazoo Public Schools students and their families. It provides physicals, immunizations, well-child visits, and other services. The clinic takes insurance and offers a sliding scale fee. Here is the clinic's schedule for June. For more information, visit fhckzoo.com. Appointments can be made by calling (269)

349-2641 or by contacting the Community in Schools of Kalamazoo at your school.

- June 1 - Milwood Middle
- June 2 - Linden Grove
- June 5 - ALP
- June 6 - Prairie Ridge
- June 7 - Spring Valley
- June 8 - Woodward
- June 9 - TBD
- June 12 - TBD



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Rotary is for Reading Visits Second Graders to Share College Enthusiasm

The Rotary Club of Kalamazoo spread out across Kalamazoo Public Schools in April with their Rotary is for Reading program in support of literacy and College Awareness Week.

Working in teams, Rotarians visited second-grade classrooms in KPS to share the book "I Know I Can," by Wendy W. Rouillard. The animals in the book contemplate their future careers and think about the skills they will need to develop to go to college.

"The program goals are to improve literacy among early elementary children in the Kalamazoo Public Schools, and to 'plant the seed' of college in the mind of each KPS second grade student," according to Rotary.

The students received their own copies of the book as well as bracelets that said, "I Know I Can."

Rotary has been delivering the program for eight years, and visits with about 1,000 students each year.

Some Rotarians help promote a college-going atmosphere during the program by wearing apparel from their favorite colleges and universities when they visit the classrooms and talking about their own college experiences.

The Rotary Club of Kalamazoo recently received a Communities In Schools of Kalamazoo Champs Award for its volunteer work in the school district, which includes Rotary is for Reading, the STRIVE mentoring program, and its Career Connection program.



Kalamazoo Rotary Club members Lorence Wenke and Rayline Manni read to Martha Bielby's second-grade class at Northeastern Elementary as part of the Rotary is for Reading program. Children received a copy of the book "I Know I Can."

United Teens Talent Auditions Begin May 31

United Teens Talent, a program of the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo, is holding open auditions for the 2017 summer program.

Auditions will be held:

- May 31 – YMCA Maple Street – 1001 Maple St.
- June 1 – Mayors' Riverfront Park, Community Room, 251 Mills St.
- June 9 – Portage District Library, 300 Library Lane
- June 10 – Epic Center, 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall

May 31 and June 1 and 9 auditions are 3-6 p.m. The June 10 audition is 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m.

Youth ages 13-19 and who live in Kalamazoo County are eligible to participate in United Teens Talent. Acts may include bands, singers, dancers, spoken word, musicians and comedians and may be individual or group acts.

Each student selected for the program receives professional coaching from some of Kalamazoo's most recognized performing arts professionals – director Ben Zylman, musical director Marie Kerstetter, and choreographer Kathryn Williams. Students compete for prizes in a talent show Saturday, Aug. 5 at the Kalamazoo Civic Theatre. In addition to their own act, the students participate in group numbers that open and close the show.

Auditions are arranged on a first-come, first-served basis. Students may audition at any of

the sites and should come prepared with the act they plan to perform in the show. A piano will not be available at the audition sites. Students should come prepared with all necessary accompaniment (keyboard, boom box, etc.).

Since 2006, more than 445 students have auditioned for UTT.

United Teens Talent is a summer program that provides local teens with the opportunity to audition for a live performance. Selected students work with professional performance mentors and attend workshops and rehearsals, all leading up to the final performance. These teenagers utilize their interests and talents in a positive, encouraging environment and to develop the attributes of acceptance, cooperation, discipline, and working toward achieving a goal.

UTT participants have opportunities to perform beyond the summer program. UTT students participate in New Year's Fest, and have been part of the Community Arts Awards, Concerts in the Park and been asked to perform at PTO meetings and events.

Funding for United Teens Talent is made possible by the Irving S. Gilmore Foundation.

For more information on United Teens Talent or to see the United Teens Talent video go to kalamazooarts.org, or watch it on Facebook/United Teens Talent or YouTube/United Teens Talent.



United Teen Talent performers work on individual acts and group opening and closing numbers for a talent show held at the Kalamazoo Civic Theatre.

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Artists' Corner

In Abigail Ruffer's art class at Milwood Elementary School, second-grade students read the book "What if You Had Animal Ears!?" by Sandra Markle. Students were asked to draw a self-portrait. Then they were asked, "What if your ears disappeared overnight and animal ears took their place? What ears would you give yourself?"



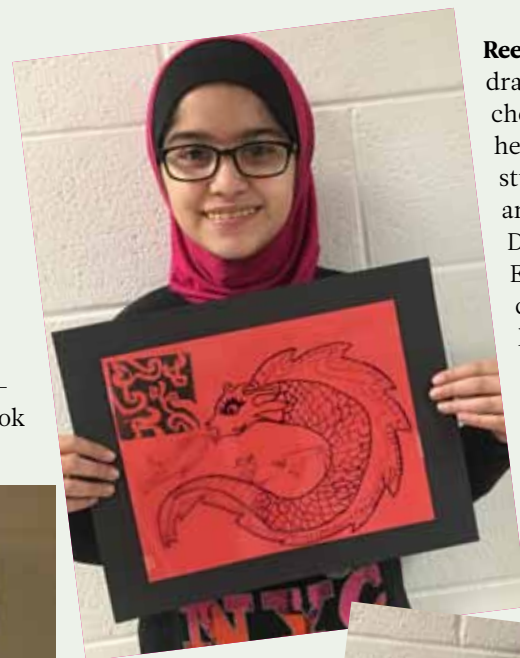
Bronte Nardi-Palmer, "If I had animal ears I would have koala ears, because I could decorate them with earrings and beads."



Lyrica Cloud, "If I had animal ears I would have koala ears because they are cute."



Magnus Jensen, "If I had animal ears I would have ears like a Philippine tarsier so I could listen to my music without my parents noticing."



Reem Ahmed created this dragon illustration and chop block print when her fifth-grade class was studying Chinese art with art teacher Jacqueline Denaway at Arcadia Elementary School. The chop was carved out of linoleum and printed with her initials, while the dragon was inspired by the long tradition of dragon mythology in Chinese culture.

Da'Vionna Smith created this altered book by experimenting with many different folding, curling and cutting techniques with Arcadia art teacher Jacqueline Denaway. Taking a two-dimensional object and making it into a three-dimensional sculpture was the focus of this fifth-grade project.



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STORYTIMES

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■ **Family Storytime** / Stories, activities and special guests.
Birth-5 and their families.

Thursdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 / 10:30 am / OSH

Fridays, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 / 10:30 am / CEN

■ **Stroller Walk** / Friday, June 2 / 10:30 am / OSH /
Meet at the library and stroll around the park.
Weather permitting. Family.

■ **Toddler Storytime** / Tuesdays, June 6, 13, 20, 27 /
10:30 am / CEN / Songs, movement, and stories.

■ **Baby Lapsit** / Wednesdays, June 7, 14, 21, 28 / 10 am /
CEN / Songs and rhymes for birth to pre-walking.
Siblings welcome.

■ **Baby Steps** / Wednesdays, June 7, 14, 21, 28 / 10:30 am /
CEN / Rhymes, Songs, and books for lit rhymes.
Walking-24 months. Siblings welcome.

■ **Tales on the Trail** / Friday, June 16 / 10:30 am / POW /
Listen to stories along the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail.

EVENTS

■ **Toddler Talk** / Mondays, June 5, 12, 19, 26 / 10:15 am /
OSH / Share stories with other parents. Carolyn Call, RN,
facilitator. 1-3 years.

■ **Play and Learn** / Engage and play for early learning. For
children 1-5 with caregiver. Siblings welcome.

Mondays, June 5, 12, 19, 26 / 3:30-5 pm / EAS

Thursdays, June 1, 18, 15, 22, 29 / 10:30 am-12 pm / EAS

Thursdays, June 1, 18, 15, 22, 29 / 3:30-5 pm / WSQ

Fridays, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 / 10:30 am-12 pm / POW

■ **Baby Talk** / Mondays, June 5, 12, 19, 26 / 2:30 pm / OSH /
Share stories with other parents. Carolyn Call, RN, facilitator.
New to 1 year.

■ **1-2-3 Play with me** / Wednesdays, June 7, 14, 21, 28 /
10:30 am / OSH / One month workshop for child
development with children 1-3 years and their caregivers.
Please Register. **R**

■ **Tumble Toddlers** / Saturday, June 10 / 10:30 am / CEN /
Ages 1-3 with caregivers. Registration required. **R**

■ **Little Scientists** / Stories and science for preschoolers
and their caregivers. Registration required. Ages 3-6. **R**

Monday, June 12 / 10:30 am / CEN

Friday, June 16 / 10:30 am / OSH

■ **Wee Sing, Play & Dance Now** / Ages 15 months to 3 years
will sing, dance, and play simple instruments. Facilitated
by early childhood music educator, Colleen Yonge.

Monday, June 12 / 6:30 pm / OSH

Monday, June 26 / 6:30 pm / CEN

■ **Father's Day Gift Making** / Wednesday, June 14 / 4:30 pm /
OSH / Make a special gift. All materials provided. Ages 6-11.

■ **Hot Wheels Racing** / Wednesday, June 14 / 6:30 pm / WSQ /
Build tracks, race cars, crash into LEGO buildings. Family.

■ **Binder Park Zoomobile** / Monday, June 19 / 2 pm / EAS /
First hand with live animals. FREE ticket required. Contact
the Eastwood branch library for ticket information.

■ **Jim Gill Concert** / Thursday, June 22 / 6:30 pm / Get
ready to sing, clap, and dance at this fun family concert
with award-winning musician and author Jim Gill.

■ **Global Art** / Wednesday, June 28 / 4 pm / CEN /
Create art inspired from all around the world.

■ **Bubbleman** / Thursday, June 29 / 10:30 am / EAS
Be amazed with bubble tricks. FREE ticket required.
Contact the Eastwood branch library for ticket information.

■ **Rocket Readers** / Thursday, June 29 / 4:30 pm / CEN /
Join this book club for young readers.
Kindergarten-2nd Grade.

TWEEN / TEEN EVENTS

■ **Teen Focus Group** / Saturday, June 10 / 10:30 am / CEN /
Give us your ideas on how to redesign the Teen Space at
Central. Registration required. **R**

■ **Teens' Top 10 Book Club** / Thursdays, June 15, 29 /
4:30 pm / CEN / Make your voice count, read unreleased
books and write reviews to send directly to the publishers.

■ **Maker Monday** / Mondays, June 19, 26 / 2 pm / CEN /
Tinker, make, create and explore!

■ **Art Attack** / Tuesdays, June 20, 27 / 2 pm / CEN /
All supplies provided. Registration required. **R**

■ **Jewelry Creations by Niccy** / Tuesday, June 20 /
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm / POW / All supplies provided.
Registration required. **R**

■ **Pokémon Party** / Tuesday, June 20 / 5:30 pm / OSH /
Celebrate all things Pokémon. Cards, trivia, prizes!

■ **Movie Night** / Wednesday, June 21 / 6 pm / CEN /
Enjoy a snack and a film!

■ **Gamers' Arena** / Thursday, June 22 / 2 pm / CEN /
Bring your own games or play ours!

■ **LEGO One Scoop Challenge** / Saturday, June 24 / 2 pm /
CEN-Teen Area / Create greatness from one single scoop
of LEGOs! Judges and prizes.

■ **Growler's Skills Clinic** / Monday, June 26 / 1 pm / WSQ
Join the players from the Kalamazoo Growlers for
a baseball skills clinic. Outdoor event.

■ **Audio Exploration** / Thursday, June 29 / 2 pm / CEN /
Music making in a group setting! Registration required. **R**



■ Baby / Kid ■ Tween / Teen ■ Family ■ All Ages **T** Ticket Required **R** Registration Required

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