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IMPORTANT DATES

Board of Education Meetings
Monday, June 13 and
Monday, June 27;
7 p.m.
Administration Building

For more information call
(269) 337-1572.

CLASS OF 2016 GRADUATION DATES

Phoenix High School
7 p.m., Tuesday, June 7, at
Chenery Auditorium

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

Loy Norrix High School
7 p.m., Thursday, June 9, at
Wings Event Center

LAST DAYS OF SCHOOL

June 3
Last day for seniors

June 14
Last day for
a.m. kindergarten

June 15
Last day for p.m. and
all-day kindergarten

June 16
Last day for all
other students

Dr. Rice: Prevent Academic Slide with Summer Activities

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Northglade Emphasizes Independent Learning, Social Responsibility with Montessori Model

One of the most unique educational opportunities in the Kalamazoo area is tucked away on Cobb Avenue.

There, families can find Kalamazoo Public Schools' Northglade Montessori Magnet School, the state's only American Montessori Society-accredited public school and one of only two AMS-accredited schools in the state.

It provides specially designed Montessori classrooms that incorporate concepts of



Andora Volz, Da'Varien Bible, and Treziur Lovely (L to R) , who are students in an E-1 class at Northglade, work together.

independence, autonomy, global citizenship, social responsibility, and academic achievement.

"I love Montessori. I love the freedom. I love the relationships built when schools work with students that way. I like the individuality of the children and watching them grow as people," said Northglade Principal Dale Mogaji.

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Milwood Elementary Wins Third at State National History Day

A group of Milwood Elementary School students' "stunning" and "thought-provoking" dramatic piece about the Trail of Tears won third place in the State National History Day Competition held at Bay City Central High School.

The students on the winning team in the Youth Performance category were Gabriel Naylor, Lucianna DeMorrow, Steven Rogers, Ariya Grimes and Mataya Williams. They were



The Milwood Elementary School Youth Performance group won third place at the regional competition. Team members are (L to R) Steven Rogers, Ariya Grimes, Mataya Williams, Gabriel Naylor, and Lucy DeMorrow.

coached by fifth-grade social studies teacher Rocann Fleming and her son Joriah Fleming, a Loy Norrix High School graduate and current Western Michigan University student.

"The students selected the

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FIRST SATURDAY @ KPL June 4
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Keep Children Engaged to Avoid Academic 'Slide' During the Summer



Michael F. Rice, Ph.D.
Superintendent

After an entire school year of learning, children often "slide" in the summer, in the absence of activities to keep them sharp. This decline is most noticeable in reading levels, but can occur in math as well.

Fortunately, there are a number of ways Kalamazoo parents can help their children keep their reading, math, and other academic skills sharp and even improve upon these skills in the summer. Here are several ideas:

• **Read with Kalamazoo Public Library (KPL).** There is nothing more important to guard against summer slide than daily reading.

Make sure your child has a KPL library card and plan a weekly visit to the library to check out books. Once home, make sure everyone reads every day: 20 minutes a day for children below grade 3, and 30 minutes for students in grades 3 and above.

Help your children understand reading can be fun. Read with your children and have your children read aloud to you. Ask your children to define words, to look up meanings together if they do not know them, to explain what is happening in the book, and to predict what will happen next. Another fun way to encourage reading is to sign up for the library's Summer Reading Challenge. Readers earn prizes for meeting reading goals. See www.kpl.gov/summer/ for more information.

• **Read with KPS.** Students entering fourth, fifth and sixth grade next year will receive eight books from the school district. One is an all-grade read that every child in a grade receives before the school year ends, and seven are sent to students' homes, one every week and a half. Have your children read the books and send back the associated postcards. Check out the KPS reading lists that are sent home at the end of the school year and are available on the KPS website. These reading lists are by grade level, but based on your child's reading level and interests, he or she may use a higher or lower grade level list.

• **Start a journal.** Part of becoming a better reader is becoming a better writer. Writing and reading are complementary skills and working on one skill helps improve the other. Writing is increasingly important as children progress in their education. Start a writing journal with your children. Have them write daily. They can write about anything. The point is to capture their own words and ideas. Have them write about what they are reading — or what they did during the day. Encourage them to imitate an author's style, create their own writing style, or write a short book.

• **Add it all up.** Work with your children on their math skills. Parents and guardians can access math skills by grade — called math fluency benchmarks — on the district's website at www.kalamazoopublicschools.com. Visit the Teaching and Learning Services Department on the site, and go to mathematics and find a list of engaging math games and activities that can be used with children to help maintain their math skills. In addition, access Compass Learning by going to Student Links on the KPS website. Compass Learning is an online program with activities aligned with grade-level math objectives. To log in, the username is the student's "first-last" names and the password is the student's ID number.

• **Attend KPS Summer School.** There are still slots available for students in KPS Summer School, which generally runs from June 27 to Aug. 4. While many of our summer school programs are for students who are working to catch up on work or to avoid summer slide, some programs are enrichment programs. See Page 5 for a complete list of offerings and information. Visit www.kalamazoopublicschools.com for more information.

There are many other free or low-cost activities for families to explore during the summer. Here are some of the camps and opportunities you may want to investigate:

Communities in Schools of Kalamazoo — CIS offers a free summer program for students enrolled in its after-school programs. Think Summer! focuses on academic support and is open to rising first-grade through high-school students.

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Kalamazoo Public Library

Kalamazoo Public Schools

First Saturday @ KPL



Saturday, June 4
2 - 3:30 pm • CEN

Take your family to the library the first Saturday of each month! Get your library card or pick out some books to check out. Enjoy stories, activities, special guests, and door prizes. Something different each month! First Saturday is a partnership program for KPL and Kalamazoo Public Schools. Each monthly event is co-hosted with an organization serving children and families in Kalamazoo. In June, KPL Summer Reading Kick-Off will host.

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Western Michigan University Reading Clinic

Keep Children Engaged to Avoid Academic 'Slide' During the Summer

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Held at Prairie Ridge Elementary School and Hillside Middle School, it runs June 27-Aug. 4. Transportation, breakfast, and lunch are provided. Parents can contact the CIS site coordinator or after-school coordinator at their school for information.

Camp Kzoo — The City of Kalamazoo Department of Parks and Recreation has many summer activities for children, including its popular Camp Kzoo. The camp runs nine weeks, June 20 to Aug. 19. Some of this year's themes are Wet n Wild Water and Fantastic Fun Food. For more information, see www.kzooparks.org.

Pretty Lake Camp — For 100 years, Pretty Lake Camp has been providing free summer camp experiences for children. The camp provides everything campers need: clothing, toiletries, bedding, towels, food and transportation. Camp is filled with activities such as kayaking, swimming, and archery. The camp's mission is to provide camp experiences to children with financial, social and emotional needs. Visit www.prettylakecamp.org or call (269) 375-1950 for information.

Western Michigan University Summer Camps 2016 — WMU hosts camps for students in elementary through high school. Offerings include music, writing, foreign language, aviation, archeology, and sports. Some camps for older students provide residential opportunities. Visit www.wmich.edu/admissions/camps.

KAMSC Sizzlin' Summer Math and Science Programs — The Kalamazoo Area Mathematics and Science Center offers summer classes for children from kindergarten through 12th grade. Younger children might enjoy Teddy Bear Math (a first look at statistics and logic), while middle school students can learn about rocketry and high school students can try programming. Need-based scholarships are available on a first-come, first-served basis for one class per child. For more information, visit www.kamsconline.com/sizzlinsummer or call (269) 337-0004.

Kalamazoo Valley Museum Hands-On Happenings — This year's theme is "Check Out My Museum!" Free hands-on art and educational activities related to the museum's exhibits and history will be offered from 1 to 4 p.m. each Wednesday June 29-Aug. 10. You can also check out the special exhibitions "Fares and Squares: The History of Checker Motors," running through Aug. 21, and "LEGO Travel Adventure," which runs through Sept. 11. Visit www.kalamazoomuseum.org for information.

There are plenty of other camp opportunities to explore, including classes and camps at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, theater arts at the Kalamazoo Civic, nature camps at the Kalamazoo Nature Center and Kellogg Bird Sanctuary, and animal adventures at Binder Park Zoo. Many organizations offer scholarships.

Don't let the summer slide by without engaging your child in enriching activities to give them a running start in school in the fall.

High Schoolers Attack Underage Drinking

Kalamazoo Public Schools students participated in the Prevention Works Sticker Shock program, a Youth Action Team of the Kalamazoo County Substance Abuse Task Force campaign to reduce underage drinking.

Sticker Shock, in its fifth year, was held April 16. About 75 Kalamazoo County students gathered at Loy Norrix High School to learn about the problems with underage drinking and its impact on the community. Afterwards, the students fanned out across the community to visit 37 stores, where they marked about 9,200 multi-packs of alcohol with stickers that said, "Buy for a Minor Today, Tomorrow You'll Be Locked Away." Adults accompanied the students into the stores to handle the alcohol.

"It's a reminder to adults, 'Don't buy for minors,'" said Sarah Baker, director of Health Network Strategies for Prevention Works. "It's a positive way to remind people, especially during the spring season when there are a lot of graduation parties and proms, to not make bad choices to introduce alcohol to our youth."

A 2014 Kalamazoo County Substance Abuse Task Force Community Report said almost 60 percent of high school students reported it is easy to access alcohol, and it was reported as the No. 1 drug of choice among middle school students. About 80 percent of Kalamazoo County teens who reported drinking alcohol recently said they get their alcohol from family or friends.



Kalamazoo Central High School junior Khalil Adams puts a sticker on a multi-pack of beer. Khalil is a member of the Kalamazoo County Substance Abuse Task Force Youth Action Team. He was a lead organizer of the Sticker Shock event.

Woods Lake Student Rewards Second Grader Readers

Woods Lake Elementary: A Magnet Center for the Arts second-grader David Jones loves to read. Now, he's working to make sure other kids learn to love it as much as he does.

David has started David's Project, in which he rewards other students in his class with raffle tickets when he catches them in the act of good reading. The raffle tickets earn them the chance to win a $25 gift certificate good for a school book fair. In other second grade classrooms, the teachers hand out the raffle tickets for the program for silent reading as well as exceeding reading goals.

"The gift certificate is very popular," said teacher Lorie Cook.

His father, David Jones Sr., said he's been reading to his son from the first day he held him.

"I believe the most important thing we can do is to read to a child," David Jones Sr. said.

David said he especially likes reading about sports and history.

David lives with his father; his mother, Tonya; his baby sister, Sara; and his older brother, Maurice Davis, a student at Kalamazoo Central.



David Jones shows off one of the "I Survived" books in the Woods Lake Elementary School library. He's recently started a program to reward fellow second graders for demonstrating good reading skills.

David's Project began this year when David realized that some of his classmates were not able to participate in the book fair. He was raiding his piggy bank to reward his fellow students when his father asked him what he was doing. His dad offered to help fund the project, and they came up with the raffle plan, which they ran three times this year.

David said that he likes to learn new things when he reads, but what he really enjoys about reading is that, "Reading helps me to communicate."

Mobile Health Clinic Schedule for June

The Family Health Center mobile health clinic is available to Kalamazoo Public Schools students and families. For information, go to fhckzoo.com. This is the June schedule:

June 1 - Maple Street Magnet
June 2 - Spring Valley
June 3 - Hillside Middle
June 6 - Lincoln
June 7 - Milwood Middle
June 8 - Woodward
June 9 - Northeastern
June 10 - Linden Grove
June 13 - Washington
June 14 - Spring Valley
June 15 - Hillside Middle
June 16 - Woods Lake

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Northglade Emphasizes Independent Learning, Social Responsibility with Montessori Model *(continued from page 1)*

Montessori is an educational philosophy that was created at the turn of the 20th century by Italian pediatrician, Maria Montessori. She developed her theories through work with special needs children and expanded her philosophy to look at the development of the whole child and to foster critical thinking.

"We really serve two masters," Mogaji said. "We're not just an accredited Montessori school, we're an accredited Montessori public school. That's difficult sometimes. But we follow the district pacing guide for every grade level and work hard to make sure our children are meeting all of the state and national standards."

Mogaji has been principal of Northglade since 2011. Prior to joining KPS, she was the CEO of a Montessori school in Philadelphia.

Walking into Northglade the first thing a guest might notice is the quiet and the classroom organization.

Classrooms are not filled with rows of desks, but have a central platform, where a teacher might speak. But, the teacher is just as likely to be found on the floor doing a small group lesson or working at a table with an individual student, while the other students participate in self-directed work or group work drawn from the many hands-on manipulatives in the class. They may also work with the highly qualified assistant assigned to each classroom.

Sherrie Fuller, the mother of Northglade second grader Zyaire Fuller, said the school is so quiet and well-organized, one might not realize how much is going on in the classrooms.

"The kids are very engaged and very hands on," Fuller said. "The teachers have a very healthy relationship with students and know their stories and how to work with them."

All of the classrooms are multi-age divided into one of three categories: Children's House for 3- and 4-year-olds and kindergarteners, E-1 classrooms with first, second and third grade students, and E-2 classrooms, which at Northglade means fourth and fifth grade students.

Although it may sound chaotic, Mogaji said there are several advantages to the system.



LaTricee Holmes is all smiles while she works alone.



Teacher Bethany Conley uses math manipulatives with students Rakan Aljuraisi, Alice DeWaele, Evelyn Bierlein, and Emmanuel Williams.

Children can work at the level to which they're best suited, meaning a first grader may join a third-grade lesson if they have mastered the other levels, and a second grader might join a first-grade lesson if they need a refresher.

Also, it's not as if the students have free reign to wander a classroom. They have assignments and usually have up to three choices among the work opportunities.

"It's planned that way," Mogaji said. "There are three choices, but all of them are the correct choice.

"The teacher is really a facilitator. The teacher offers a lesson and then releases them. Children make choices and prioritize their work and know their due date. They use something called a work plan."

The focus on individuality is one of the main draws for Fuller.

"I like the responsibility and the individualized learning," Fuller said. "Everyone has a different learning style. It's easier to put everyone in a cookie-cutter shape education and say, 'This is the way I want you to come out.' But this way the kids are energized and excited to learn in their own way."

The freedom and responsibility found in the work plans extend to social behavior and the creation of a sense of community within the school, Mogaji said.

"Building community happens in traditional classrooms," she said. "But the children here are inherently more comfortable with the expectations because they have more responsibility. We talk about what is my responsibility in this classroom with these people. We operate on a principle of grace and courtesy.

"There is a lot of intrinsic motivation. We teach the children this is the right thing to do. This is our responsibility."





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2016 KPS Summer Programs Overview

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

Assistant Superintendent 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-5	June 27 – Aug 4	23	M-Th	Northeastern & Woodward Elementary	8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	No Charge	Vicky Leatherman	337-0190
Middle School	6-8	June 27 – Aug 4	23	M-Th	Linden Grove Middle School	7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	No Charge	Chris Frommann	337-0168
ELL Bridge Program	8	June 27 – Aug 4	23	M-Th	Linden Grove Middle School	7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	No Charge	Scott Hunsinger	337-0199
Spanish I A for Credit Session I (½ Credit)	8-12	June 27 – July 14	11	M-Th	Linden Grove Middle School	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 19 – Aug 4	11	M-Th	Linden Grove Middle School	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 27 – July 14	11	M-Th	Linden Grove Middle School	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 19 – Aug 4	11	M-Th	Linden Grove Middle School	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
- Required for identified 1st grade students
- $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

All KPS Summer School Programs meet Monday through Thursday.

School will be closed on Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

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
- Registration forms are available in the counseling office

Grades 6 and 7 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, also available in the 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 at no cost
- Registration forms mailed to identified students

Spanish for Credit
- Designed for students currently in grades 8 - 12
- Academic credit for successful completion
- Registration forms available in the counseling office

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 2015-2016 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, Government, GradPoint

* Spanish I is available for credit recovery or for advanced credit.

- Breakfast, lunch, and transportation provided
- Registration forms available at high schools, Secondary Education Dept. at West Main, or on website at: **www.kalamazoopublicschools.com**


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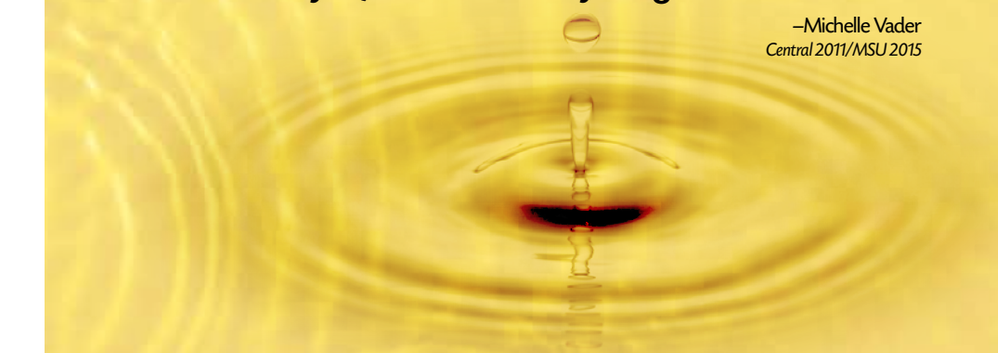
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Left to right: Aubri, 1st grade, El Sol Elementary, Antonio, 5th grade, Woodward Elementary

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Aubri and Antonio represent the second generation of Kalamazoo Promise scholars. Both of their mothers completed bachelor's degrees with the assistance of The Kalamazoo Promise.

The work of The Kalamazoo Promise continues with these and thousands of other students currently enrolled in KPS. What can you do? Become involved in preparing this next generation.

–The Promise Team

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Data as of January 2016

Milwood Elementary Win Third at State National History Day *(continued from page 1)*



Teacher Erin Rolfe and students Joseph Gonzalez and Asiana Tidwell represented Loy Norrix High School at the regional History Day competition held at Western Michigan University.



The ALP History Day team included, front row (L to R) teacher Sally Devisser, Pearreese Pratt, Ya'Nique Wolfe, and teacher Jennifer Aniano; back row, Ariana Reece, Daevion Langston, Terran Abraham, and Shakiya Singleton.



Many Milwood Elementary School students participated in History Day, including, front row (L to R) Isiac Nerio, Anna Smith, Xikaria Brayboy, Nataly Gervacio, Ciasha Brown-Outlaw, and Kaleb Cole, and back row, Helen Manumbu, Zakiya Fleming, Reniya Fance, Hailey Cutler, and Madisyn Cox.

Trail of Tears because we were having a discussion in our social studies class about past presidents," Rocann Fleming said. "The students became interested in Andrew Jackson and learned that he was the president that was responsible for doubling the size of the land that we have in this country."

But that growth was fueled in part by the Trail of Tears, a policy enacted by President Jackson as part of the Indian Removal Act of 1830. Native American lands in the East were exchanged for lands in the West, and the Cherokee people were forced west — even though elected tribal leaders never approved the treaty. The march devastated the Cherokee nation.

"What stood out about the piece was that it represented both the point of view of Andrew Jackson and the Cherokee people," Fleming said.

The judges commended the students for their performance, research, and use of primary sources. Judges' praise included, "This presentation was stunning" and "Great performance and stage presence."

Milwood Elementary, the Alternative Learning Program, and Loy Norrix High School all participated in the History Day District 6 Competition at Western Michigan University in early March.

The Milwood performance team won third place at the district level. Additionally, these Milwood students participated in the district history day in other events: Madisyn Cox, Zakiya Fleming, Anna Smith, Reniya Fance, Nataly Gervacio, Andre Dixon, Helen Manumbu, Kaleb Cole, Isiac Nerio, Xikaria Brayboy, Hailey Cutler, Ciasha Brown-Outlaw, and Leah White.

At Loy Norrix High School Asiana Tidwell created an individual exhibit on the topic of "Cultural Appropriation," and Joseph Gonzalez submitted a research paper on sailor William Adams and his interactions with Japan. They were coached by teacher Erin Rolfe.

The Alternative Learning Program had nine participants this year, who were coached by teachers Sally Devisser and Jennifer Aniano.

The ALP participants were: Ya'Nique Wolfe, Daevion Langston, Pearreese Pratt, Ariana Reece, Javanna O'Large, Shakiyah Singleton, Zevannte Grissett, Terran Abraham and Giselle Trevino.



Volunteer Ball Runners Needed for 2016 USTA Boys' Nationals

Be close to the action and earn volunteer hours at the 2016 USTA Boys' Nationals tennis tournament.

This national tennis tournament runs Aug. 5 –14, 2016. The tournament is celebrating its 74th anniversary in Kalamazoo this year.

During the tournament, ball runners work as a team on assigned shifts of three to four hours a day to retrieve balls during matches on the three top courts at Kalamazoo College's Stowe Stadium.

Ball running practices will be held twice a week in the evenings during the summer beginning in mid-June. You must be available most of the tournament to participate. The minimum age for ball runners is nine.

To register for ball running contact Karen Hassevoort at khassevoort@gmail.com or call/text (269) 569-5160. For more about the tournament visit www.ustaboys.com.

Chef Shaun - KPS FOOD SERVICE CHEF

Triple Berry Crisp

Welcome to Summer Kalamazoo! As the school year closes out, one of our favorite seasons begins with the arrival of fresh and local blueberries! You can use all blueberries for this recipe or go with the triple combination. Please take time to share this with family and friends. Have a great summer! Best regards Chef Shaun



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

Ingredients

2 cups fresh blueberries
2 cups fresh raspberries and blackberries
¾ cup sugar (or to taste)
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1 cup water
2 -3 tablespoons lemon juice
½ teaspoon vanilla
1 cup all-purpose flour
¾ cup regular oats (not instant)
1 cup brown sugar
1 ½ teaspoons cinnamon
½ cup butter, melted (no substitutes)

Directions

1. Set oven temperature to 350˚ F.
2. Spread berries in the bottom of a lightly greased or nonstick 11x7-inch baking dish. (You can use a 13x9-inch pan, but the crisp will not be as high).
3. In a small saucepan, over medium heat, combine the sugar, cornstarch, water and lemon juice. Cook and stir until thick and clear, then add the vanilla.
4. Gently combine the cooked mixture with the berries.
5. In a separate bowl, combine the flour with oats, brown sugar and cinnamon. Add the melted butter; mix until crumbly (mix well with a gloved hand if needed).
6. Sprinkle oat mixture over the berries. There will be a couple of empty spots; that is okay. There may seem like a lot of crumble, but it will settle when baking.
7. Bake for 30-35 minutes, or until berry mixture bubbles and the topping is brown. Let cool, and serve with your favorite ice cream.

Yield: 8 servings

Substitute Teachers Impact the Lives of Students

Kalamazoo Public Schools acknowledged the outstanding work performed by substitute teachers as part of National Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week. Working as a substitute teacher is challenging. The district appreciates substitute educators for being there when they are needed.

"Substitute teachers are part of the KPS team of education professionals that teach our students how to obtain knowledge and life skills for success," said Sheila Dorsey, KPS assistant superintendent for human resources.

"These teachers support the mission of the district and play a vital role in maintaining continuity of instruction. They strive to create a positive learning environment when the classroom teacher is absent. The dedication and commitment of our guest teachers deserve our attention and appreciation.

"The district thanks substitute teachers for all of their work for the Kalamazoo Public Schools community."

Kalamazoo Central Class of 1958 Will Hold a Multi-Year Reunion on June 29

The Kalamazoo Central High School Class of 1958 is having a multi-year reunion potluck from noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 29, at Schrier Park, 850 Osterhout Road, in Portage.

"We're inclusive. We get people from classes close to ours. It's open to family and friends. Classmates from other years are welcome. We've even had friends from St. Augustine's. It's just kind of a welcoming, inclusive thing," said Jackie Clark Wylie, who is co-organizing the event.

She said class members are encouraged to invite others, because it is sometimes difficult to find current addresses or emails for class members.

There were about 600 people in the class of 1958, and about 100 people attended the last gathering in 2014.

Guests should bring a dish to pass and their own beverage. Water and lemonade will be provided along with paper and plastic ware. Tables and chairs are available in the pavilion, but guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs for the afternoon. Donations will be accepted to help cover the cost of the pavilion rental and supplies.

RSVP to Wylie at 269-323-2466 or jackiewylie12@gmail.com. She said those who are uncertain of their June plans are welcome to show up on the day of the event.



New WMU Program Will Help Promise Students Pursuing Teaching Careers

Kalamazoo Promise students from traditionally underrepresented groups who are interested in becoming teachers will get extra help to pursue their dreams at Western Michigan University.

Two donations to WMU will provide $275,000 for the new WMU/KPS Future Educators Program. The program will provide 11 students with $5,000 annually for up to five years. The funds will be in addition to their Kalamazoo Promise tuition scholarship and can be used to cover costs such as room and board, books and transportation.

In addition to the financial support, students will receive professional development support from KPS, including mentors, internships and possible employment opportunities.

The program targets students who are first-generation college students, are from historically underrepresented college student populations, or who are from underrepresented teaching populations. Students will need to apply to the program, be eligible for the Kalamazoo Promise and complete an in-person interview.

"Our newly announced collaboration with Western Michigan University and the Kalamazoo Promise, outstanding KPS partners, along with two outstanding donors, will give us the opportunity to expand the diversity among district teaching staff," said KPS Superintendent Dr. Michael F. Rice. "It helps our young people — all of them — to see reflections of themselves in our teachers. This program will aid us in this important effort."

Rice noted that teacher education programs across the country struggle to attract diversity in their programs.

"As a result, diverse school districts like KPS struggle to attract diversity in their teaching ranks," he said. "Teaching staffs tend to be substantial outgrowths of their local teacher education programs."

The new program was announced April 21 at WMU. It is being funded by a $250,000 anonymous donation and a $25,000 donation from the Advia Foundation.

"This university is all about encouraging transformation," WMU President Dr. John Dunn said. "We've always been convinced that teachers are at the core of transformation. For a student to have a teacher he or she can connect with is crucial. That starts in those early years."

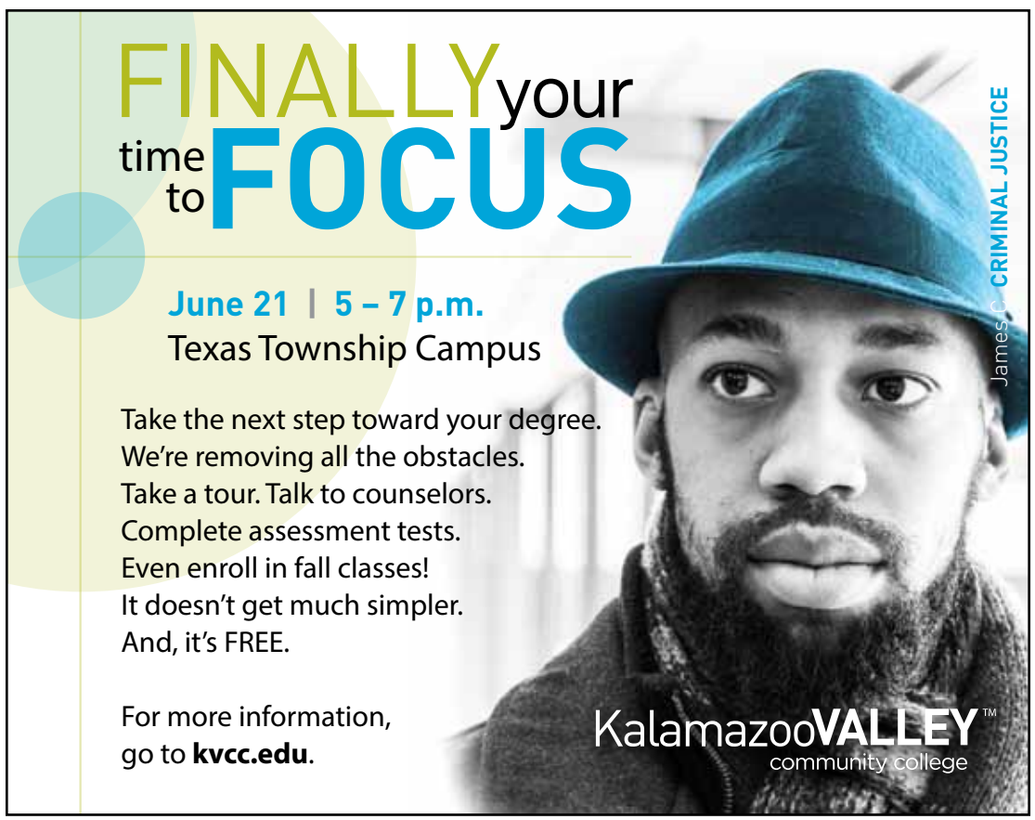


Kalamazoo Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Michael F. Rice discusses the new WMU/KPS Future Educators Program, while Dr. Ming Li, left, dean of the Western Michigan University College of Education and Human Development, and WMU President John Dunn listen.

Seniors Celebrate Academic Goals with Kalamazoo County College Signing Day



The first Kalamazoo County College Signing Day was held May 2 at Western Michigan University to celebrate the accomplishments and hard work of Kalamazoo County high school seniors. Students, such as Loy Norrix High School's Ahnissah Myles, pictured here, shared the colleges and universities they will be attending in the fall. The event featured performances by the Portage Central High School Chamber Singers and the Loy Norrix High School Drumline, as well as speeches by guest speakers such as Kalamazoo College President Dr. Eileen Wilson-Oyelaran and Kalamazoo Valley Community College President Dr. Marilyn Schlack. The day is a local reworking of the National College Signing Day, a program of the White House's Reach Higher initiative.



Enrollment Open for Loy Norrix Child Care for 2016–2017

Registration for the 2016-2017 school year has begun at the Loy Norrix Child Care Center (LNCCC). LNCCC is a five-star-rated Kalamazoo County Ready 4s program that provides a great start for your preschooler. Great learning and care are happening daily 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

The center offers reasonable full-time, part-time and daily rates.

Openings for the current school year for 3- and 4-year-olds are still available. There is no school district residency required for the program, which is open to the public. For enrollment information and tuition costs, call (269) 337-0264 or email hentschlearlym@kalamazoopublicschools.net.



The Loy Norrix Child Care Center has fun with members of the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety.

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.

In accordance with federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, and reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.)

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or the USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact the USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information is available in languages other than English.

To file a complaint alleging discrimination, complete the USDA Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, or at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to the USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to the USDA by:

Mail:
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410

Fax: (202) 690-7442

Email:
program.intake@usda.gov

Kalamazoo Public Schools
Food Service Department
(269) 337-0120

MEET UP and EAT UP™ Healthy food to fuel your summer.

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

Boys & Girls Club of Greater Kalamazoo	915 Lake St.	Breakfast/Lunch (M-F)	9 a.m./12 p.m.	June 23-Aug. 18
Christian Life Center	1225 W. Paterson St.	Breakfast/Lunch (M-F)	8:30 a.m./11:30 a.m.	June 28-Aug.18
Douglas Community Association	1000 W. Paterson St.	Breakfast/Lunch (M-F)	9:15 a.m./12 p.m.	June 27-Aug. 18
Greater Open Door Ministries	416 Phelps Ave.	Lunch/Snack (M-F)	12 p.m./1:30 p.m.	June 27-Aug. 18
Hillside Middle School	1941 Alamo Ave.	Breakfast/Lunch (M-Th)	8:30 a.m./11:30 a.m.	June 27-Aug. 4
Interfaith Homes	1037 Interfaith Blvd.	Lunch/Snack (M-F)	12 p.m./3 p.m.	June 27- Aug. 18
Kalamazoo Junior Girls Organization	1114 W. Paterson St.	Lunch (M-Th)	12:45 p.m.	July 5-Aug. 18
Linden Grove Middle School	4241 Arboretum Pkwy.	Breakfast/Lunch (M-Th)	7 a.m./10:30 a.m.	June 27-Aug. 4
Mayors' Riverfront Park	251 Mills St.	Breakfast/Lunch (M-F)	9:15 a.m./12 p.m.	June 27-Aug. 18
New Village Park	2500 St. Albans Way	Lunch/Snack (M-F)	12:30 p.m./4 p.m.	June 27-Aug. 18
Lincoln Elementary/YMCA	912 N. Burdick St.	Breakfast/Lunch (M-F)	7:45 a.m./11:30 a.m.	June 27-Aug. 18
LaCrone Park	535 W. Paterson St.,	Breakfast/Lunch (M-F)	9:15 a.m./12 p.m.	June 27-Aug. 18
Prairie Ridge Elementary/KCIS	2294 S. Ninth St.	Breakfast/Lunch (M-Th)	8:30 a.m./10:45 a.m.	June 27-Aug. 4
Salvation Army	1700 S. Burdick St.	Breakfast/Lunch (M-F)	9 a.m./12 p.m.	June 27-Aug. 18
Stadium Drive Apartments	4249 Lakesedge Dr.	Lunch (M-F)	12 p.m.	June 27-Aug. 18
YWCA - Kalamazoo	353 E. Michigan Ave.	Breakfast/Lunch (W-Th)	8 a.m./11 a.m.	July 6-Aug. 11
Upjohn Park	1018 Walter St.	Breakfast/Lunch (M-F)	9:15 a.m./12 p.m.	June 27-Aug. 18
(Rain site: Youth Development Center, 230 E. Crosstown Pkwy.)				
Northeastern Elementary	2433 Gertrude St.	Breakfast/Lunch (M-Th)	7:45 a.m./11 a.m.	June 27-Aug. 4
Woodward School for Tech and Research	606 Stuart Ave.	Breakfast/Lunch (M-Th)	7:45 a.m./11 a.m.	June 27-Aug. 4
YMCA-Maple St.	1001 W. Maple St.	Breakfast/Lunch (M-F)	8:45 a.m./11:45 a.m.	June 27-Aug. 18
Youth Opportunities Unlimited (Y.O.U.)	422 E. South St.	Lunch/Snack (M-F)	11:30 a.m./2 p.m.	June 27-Aug. 18
Eastside Association	1301 E. Main St.	Lunch/Snack (M-F)	12 p.m./4 p.m.	June 27-Aug. 18
Community Education Center	714 S. Westnedge Ave.	Lunch (M-F)	12 p.m.	June 27-Aug. 18



Mobile Sites / June 27 – August 18

Fox Ridge Apartments
1320 Fox Ridge Drive
Lunch (M-F) 11:45 a.m.

South Side Park
Palmer Avenue
Lunch (M-F) 12:45 p.m.

MacArthur Genius Dr. Aaron Dworkin To Present Free Concert on May 31 at Kalamazoo College

Dr. Aaron Dworkin, dean of the School of Music, Theatre, and Dance at the University of Michigan, will present the program "Spoken Word Musical Fusion" at 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 31, at Kalamazoo College in the Light Fine Arts Building Dalton Theatre. He will be accompanied by the Kalamazoo Philharmonia under the direction of conductor Andrew Koehler.

The concert is free and open to the public.

The concert is being presented by Mothers of Hope, a community organization focused on empowering women and strengthening families.

Dworkin is an appointee of the National Council on the Arts, a MacArthur Genius Grant recipient and founder of the Sphinx Foundation.

Do you love helping youth?
Gryphon Place is looking for you!
Gryphon Place is hiring staff for the 2016-2017 school year in both the Gatekeeper Suicide Prevention Program and the Peer Mediation and Restorative Justice Program. If you are interested in helping young people learn how to manage crisis and conflict, then we would love to talk to you! Please go to www.gryphon.org and check under "Job Opportunities" for more information
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JUNE @ the library

FIRST SATURDAY

- Saturday, June 4 / 2:00 pm / CEN / Activate Summer! **It's time for Summer Reading Challenge!**

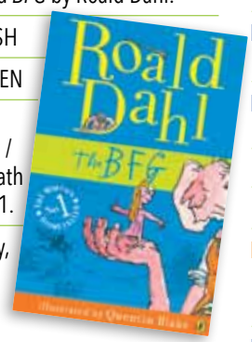
STORYTIMES

Adult caregiver must accompany babies and toddlers. Siblings attend as guests. More info: **KPL.gov/storytimes.**

- **Toddler Talk** / Wednesdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 / 10:15 am / OSH / Toddlers play while adults share the joys and challenges of parenting 1-3 year-olds with a parent educator/facilitator.
- **Baby Talk** / Wednesdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 / 1:30 pm / OSH / Talk about the care of babies up to one year of age with other parents. Carolyn Call, RN, facilitator.
- **Family Storytime** / Stories, activities and special guests. Birth–5 and their families.
  - Thursdays, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 / 10:30 am / OSH
  - Fridays, June 3, 10, 17, 24 / 10:30 am / CEN
- **Preschool Story** / Tuesdays, June 7, 14, 21, 28 / 10:30 am / CEN / Stories, songs, and activities. 3-5 year-olds and their caregivers.
- **Musical Storytime** / Songs, stories, and special guests.
  - Monday, June 13 / 6:30 pm / OSH
  - Monday, June 27 / 6:30 pm / CEN
- **Storytime with Mr. Steve** / Wednesday, June 22 / 6:30 pm / WSQ / Stories, songs, rhymes. Outdoor event.*
- **Tales on Trails** / Friday, June 24 / 10:30 am / POW / Walk the Kalamazoo Valley River Trail and listen to stories.
- **An Animal Tale** / Monday, June 27 / 2:00 pm / WSQ / Stories and hands–on activities with the Kalamazoo Nature Center. Ages 5-11.

EVENTS

- **Summer Reading Challenge Sign-up Begins June 1 at all KPL Locations!**
- **Party in the Park** / Wednesday, June 1 / 10:00 am / Bronson Park / Special story hour featuring: a book for each child, healthy snacks and juice, costumed characters, and lots of wonderful stories. Weather cancellations may apply. Birth-5.
- **Reading with Tucker** / Thursdays, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 / 4:00 pm / CEN / Read to Tucker the Golden Retriever. (R)
- **Summer Reading Challenge Party** / Saturday, June 4 / 12:00 pm / CEN / Family fun activities with KPL staff. Sign up for Summer Reading Challenge**!**
- **LEGO® @ the Library** / Build with other LEGO fans.
  - Saturday, June 4 / 10:30 am / OSH
  - Wednesday, June 8 / 6:30 pm / WSQ
  - Saturday, June 18 / 10:30 am / CEN
  - Wednesday, June 15 / 2:00 pm / POW
  - Thursday, June 9 / 4:00 pm / EAS
- **Little Scientists** / Monday, June 6 / 10:30 am / CEN / Stories & science for preschoolers w/caregiver. Ages 3-6. (R)
- **Bookworms** / In June, we'll read *BFG* by Roald Dahl.
  - Tuesday, June 14 / 4:30 pm / OSH
  - Thursday, June 23 / 4:30 pm / CEN



- **Brain Buster Fridays** / Fridays, June 17 to August 26 / 2:00 pm / POW / Puzzles, board games, math mysteries and riddles. Ages 6-11.
- **Father's Day Read-In** / Saturday, June 18, 2:00 pm / CEN / Celebrate fathers who read to their children. Share stories and make Father's Day cards.
- **Go WILD! with Nature-on-the-Go** / Join Naturalist Educator Laurel Zoet at this fun-filled program! Games, exploring, LIVE animal observation! FREE. Ages 6-11. (T)
  - Monday, June 20 / 10:30 am / CEN
  - Monday, June 20 / 2:00 pm / EAS
- **Cinema Shorts** / Wednesday, June 22 / 2:00 pm / CEN / Watch *Lost and Found*.
- **Zumba for Kids** / Thursday, June 23 / 2:00 pm / EAS / High-energy dance. Caregivers welcome to join. Ages 4-9.
- **Australian Didgeridoo** / Saturday, June 25 / 2:00 pm / CEN / Learn about Australian Aboriginal history, then create your own Didgeridoo. Ages 6-11. (R)
- **Summer Crafternoons** / Monday, June 27 / 2:00pm / CEN / Projects include origami, jewelry making, create a magnet, and more. Ages 6-11. (R)
- **Ferret Fun!** / Learn about keeping pet ferrets. FREE. (T)
  - Tuesday, June 28 / 2:00 pm / OSH
  - Tuesday, June 28 / 4:00 pm / POW
- **Susan Harrison and her Palamazoo Puppets** / Wednesday, June 29 / 11:00 am / CEN / Enjoy this fun-filled, interactive concert with music and puppets.
- **Let's Explore: Ocean Odyssey presented by Air Zoo** / Thursday, June 30 / 10:30 am / EAS / Explore marine aquatic ecosystems. Ages 6-11. (R)

TWEEN / TEEN EVENTS

- **Nashon Halloway Concert** / Tuesday, June 7 / 6:30 pm / POW / Welcome Nashon Holloway back to Kalamazoo Public Library, in concert! All ages welcome.
- **#tab** / Monday, June 13 / 4:00 pm / CEN / Teen Area / Join the new Teen Advisory Board (#tab). Members get special perks, rewards, and opportunities! Grades 6-12.
- **J-Pop Club** / Monday, June 20 / 4:00 pm / CEN / Japanese Anime, Manga, Pocky, and food. Grades 7-12.
- **Minecraft Launch** / Play on our custom server and see what you can build! Ages 5-12.
  - Thursday, June 16 / 2:00 pm /EAS
  - Wednesday, June 22 / 2:00 pm / POW
- **Flying Aces** / Monday, June 20 / 1 pm / OSH / The Flying Aces will delight with Frisbee history, technique, and an audience participation contest. Outdoor event.*
- **Open Roads Bike Fixapalooza** / Tuesdays, June 21 & 28 / 4:00 pm / WSQ/ Drop in! Get parts and help with how to get your bike in good shape this summer. Grades 5-12.
- **Growlers Skills Clinics** / Thursday, June 23 / 1:00 pm / WSQ / Join players from the Kalamazoo Growlers for a baseball skills clinic. Outdoor event. Ages 8 and up.
- **Jewelry Making with Meg Tang** / Tuesday, June 28 / 2:00 pm / POW / Meg Tang will help teens craft a one-of-a-kind jewelry. All materials provided. Grades 5-12.
- **Chemical Kim Science Show** / Tuesday, June 28 / 2:00 pm / OSH / Enjoy a science show with Chemical Kim! FREE. Grades 5-12. (T)



Baby / Kid · Tween / Teen · Family · All Ages
(T) Ticket Required (R) Registration Required

Weather permitting.

kpl.gov/calendar

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315 S. Rose St.	1112 Gayle Ave.	7265 W. Main St.	1000 W. Paterson St.	1244 Portage St.
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