

September 15, 2024

Hello Kinawa Families,

Kinawa's Keep Kinawa Moving Event is tomorrow, Monday September 16th! We have raised \$8,092 of our \$22,500 goal. The event runs from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM, and we're excited for a fantastic day. Please note, carline will be tricky as our event is in the parking lot—cars will not be allowed in until the event concludes.

To ensure a great time and safety for everyone:

- 1. Dress your child in weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes.**
- 2. Apply sunscreen before arriving—it's going to be sunny!**
- 3. Bring a water bottle; extra water will be provided.**
- 4. Most importantly, have fun! 😊**

Thank you for your support, donations, and to our volunteers who help make this event possible.

UPCOMING DATES

September 16 - 20th: Kinawa Spirit Week

September 16: NWEA Testing for all students (Reading)

September 16: Keep Kinawa Moving Event

September 20: OHS Homecoming

September 23: No School for students - Professional Development Day for Staff

KEEP KINAWA MOVING EVENT

Just a reminder that Keep Kinawa Moving is MONDAY! 🎉 The event runs from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM, and we're excited for a fantastic day. Please note, carline will be tricky as our event is in the parking lot—cars will not be allowed in until the event concludes.

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See you there!

Best,

Kinawa Parent Group Board (George, Amy, Mike & Liz)

[Keep Kinawa Moving Flyer](#)

KINAWA SPIRIT WEEK 9/19 - 9/20

[KINAWA SPIRIT WEEK is Monday, September 16 - Friday, September 20](#)

Monday: Wear your Kinawa or Okemos shirts!

Tuesday: Neon/BRIGHT - OR - Camo Day

Wednesday: Flops, Crocs, Socks, and Birkenstocks!

Thursday: Hat Day! Let's see those fun and stylish hats!

Friday: Wear your team/Okemos gear!

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD AT KINAWA

Kinawa Science Olympiad:

The application form is linked [here](#) for those students interested.

There are limited spots available, so completing the form does not automatically mean admission to the team. The form will close on Sunday, September 22, at 6:00pm. We will let you know if you have been accepted via email on Wednesday, October 2nd. If accepted, there is a \$50 fee for each participating team member that must be paid by October 23rd.

KINAWA ART CLUB ANNOUNCEMENT

ART CLUB INFO AND PERMISSION SLIP

Hello parents! If your child is interested in being part of the art club this school year, please take a minute to read the following information and fill out the permission slip included. Permission slips are due by Monday, September 30th.

[Art Club information and permission slip](#)

KINAWA PARENT GROUP INFORMATION

[Kinawa Parent Group Flyer](#)

KINAWA YEARBOOK ORDER

If you are interested in ordering your child a Kinawa Yearbook, Josten's has provided an opportunity to pre-order them now. Please understand yearbooks will not be ready prior to the spring.

Yearbook sales only link: <https://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A03854700>

WATERCOLOR CLUB INFORMATION

Hello Families,

My name is Stefanie Solce, Kinawa's Self-contained Autism Teacher. Watercolor painting is one of my passions and I am looking forward to offering another year of Watercolor Club. Art is a wonderful way to relieve stress, express creativity, and offers an opportunity to socialize with peers in a safe space.

Watercolor Club meets on Thursdays after school, 3:45PM-5:00PM for 6 sessions each. Each session your child will complete a new watercolor project, learn new techniques, and have lots of fun! Please see the [Watercolor Flyer](#) for sign up information.

Sincerely,
Stefanie Solce

OKEMOS BASEBALL CLUB TRYOUT INFORMATION

Time to register for Okemos Baseball Club tryouts!

Okemos Baseball Club provides a fun baseball opportunity for those who are ready for a level of competition and skill development beyond recreational league baseball, but not ready to commit to a year-round travel baseball schedule.

Parents and guardians interested in being a part of the Okemos Baseball Club can sign up their eligible players through the online form below. We encourage you to share this information with your social network to help promote the opportunity to as many players as possible.

Register for tryouts by clicking [here to complete the Okemos Baseball Club 2024-25 Registration, Waiver and Release Form](#).

Tryout dates and times are as follows*:

- U13 & U14 Thursday, September 12 6-8 pm Hartrick Park
- U8, U9 & U10 Monday, September 16 6-8 pm Hartrick Park
- U11 & U12 Tuesday, September 17 6-8 pm Hartrick Park
- All Ages Make-Up Saturday, September 21 TBD Hartrick Park

* All tryouts will be held outdoors weather-permitting. Players should arrive at least 15 minutes early and be dressed and equipped to demonstrate their batting, throwing, and fielding abilities.

Baseball age cutoff for all age divisions is April 30. A baseball player's age as of 4/30/2025 will dictate the youngest age group they are eligible to play in during the 2025 season.

If your player has made a 2025 team roster, you will be notified by the coach by November 1. Indoor practices (limited to 1-2 hours per week) will begin January 2025 with the games and more outdoor practices occurring April through June or early July with details provided to you by your player's coach(es).

OBC Dues. Please be aware there is a per player fee for Okemos Baseball Club and if you have a new player who makes a team, the player will also need a new uniform. While we do our best to keep fees as low as possible, these player dues and uniform costs are determined after teams have been formed. For your consideration, the estimated per player fee for the 2025 OBC season may be approximately \$500.

For players newer to the game who may want to explore recreational-level play, please contact Okemos Community Education or Meridian Township to learn more about their spring baseball programs.

[OBC tryout information](#)

OKEMOS SOFTBALL CLUB TRYOUT INFORMATION

[Okemos Softball Club Tryout Information](#)
[Softball Flyer](#)

FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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Kinawa participates in the Weekend Survival Kits program which provides GROCERIES OVER THE WEEKEND, so families can focus more on other necessities.

Weekend Survival Kits provides supplemental kits of food to children at school every other Friday so they can have nutritious food during the weekend.

If you are a family that struggles with food insecurity, you are eligible to receive food kits at NO COST. Please contact counselor **Emily Edger**, emily.edger@okemosk12.net or (517) 706-4707 to register. If you have multiple children, you are eligible to receive multiple kits. All names will remain confidential.

JOIN OUR TEAM!

Kinawa is currently looking for any individual who would be interested in being a lunchroom supervisor at Kinawa. These positions would be a great opportunity to interact with our students and staff. The position would be as many days as you would like a week between the hours of 11am - 1:30pm each day. Please contact steven.stierley@okemosk12.net if you are interested in learning more about this position.

Finally, throughout the school year I will also be posting information on the Kinawa Twitter page @KinawaPrincipal for anyone who would be interested in following.

I look forward to a wonderful school year.

Please email me at steven.stierley@okemosk12.net or call me at 517-706-4700 with questions or concerns.

Steve Stierley