

October 13, 2024

Hello Kinawa Families,

Thank you for all the support and great conversations during Parent Teacher Conferences this past week. Please continue to talk with your child each day about what they are doing at school and have them show you their powerschool accounts. Please continue to reach out if you have any questions or wonders.

## UPCOMING DATES

**October 27:** Trunk or Treat Event

**November 1:** No School Professional Development Day for all Okemos Staff

## FALL FUN RIDE

[Fall Fun Ride Information](#)

## PHASE ADVISORY BOARD VACANCIES

[Phase Advisory Board Information](#)

[Phase Board Application](#)

## ACCESS TO PRAYER SPACES

For many of our students, prayer and meditation are a part of everyday life. Reflection rooms provide a quiet, private space for OPS students to pray, meditate or sit in silent reflection. The reflection room at Kinawa is located in the main office conference room. To use this room, students should speak with Mr. Stierley or Mrs. Roland.

## YEARBOOK INFORMATION

**Link to buy a 2024/2025 Yearbook**

- [Buy a Yearbook](#)

**Community Photos Upload -**

Do you have pictures from Keep Kinawa Moving? From the 5th or 6th grade field trip? Athletic events? Please consider uploading them and they may be put in this year's yearbook.

- [Community Photos](#)

## Photo Guidelines for Community Photos

- All content is reviewed by yearbook staff. Anything inappropriate will be deleted.
- Don't use photos with filters, logos or hand gestures.
- Don't use screenshots - they are low resolution and not print quality.
- Don't use watermarked photos - get them from the source.

## SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

WOW! That's Engineering is an event designed to expose young women\* in grades 6-8 to the world of engineering through fun hands-on activities. Those attending the event will have the opportunity to gain a hands-on look at the different fields of engineering from a new perspective. All activities will be led by current MSU students studying engineering. The goal of this event is to show young women how diverse the field of engineering is and the different paths it can take them on.

The event will be held at the MSU Engineering Building on Saturday, November 9th, 2024 from 9:00am to 2:00pm. The event is free to all participants and a free snack, lunch and t-shirt will be provided! Space is limited to the first 80 participants, and the deadline to apply is Wednesday, October 16th.

Attached is a flyer with all the necessary information about the event, and the link to sign up online.

Here's the link to sign up:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wow-thats-engineering-tickets-1014595441277>

## REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CURRICULUM ANNOUNCEMENT

### Reproductive Health Curriculum

Each year all Kinawa students are taught a unit on Reproductive Health within the trimester of their scheduled Physical Education class. In preparation for the delivery of this curriculum, please review the following reproductive health information which includes an opt-out form for those interested in that option for your child.

[5th Grade Reproductive Health Information](#)

[6th Grade Reproductive Health Information](#)

## HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT

[Halloween Trunk or Treat Flyer](#) for Okemos Public Schools

Additionally the Safe Haven Assisted Living Facility on Jolly Road will be hosting a Trunk or Treat on Sunday October 27 from 1pm - 3pm. Residents will be passing out candy and have a Hot Cocoa and Hot Cider Bar with donuts for all.

## 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>

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:steven.stierley@okemosk12.net) if you are interested in learning more about this position.

Please email me at [steven.stierley@okemosk12.net](mailto:steven.stierley@okemosk12.net) or call me at 517-706-4700 with questions or concerns.

Steve Stierley