

November 3, 2024

Hello Kinawa Families,

Our students had a great week and brought many smiles and enjoyment throughout the building. It's hard to believe we are coming to the end of Trimester 1. Please ask your child to show you how they are doing in their classes using Powerschool. All grades will be final on November 15th, the last day of Trimester 1. If a student has missing assignments they will need to be completed prior.

Below you will find information pertaining to upcoming events at Kinawa.

UPCOMING DATES

November 3: Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 15: End of Trimester 1

November 20: OEF Annual Awards Banquet at Kellogg Center

November 21: 6th Grade Band Concert

November 22: 5th Grade Vision Screening

November 27-29: No School Thanksgiving Break

OKEMOS PUBLIC SCHOOLS SAFETY AND SECURITY INFORMATION

[Safety and Security](#)

[Managing School Threats Effectively](#)

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LOST AND FOUND

Our Lost and Found area at Kinawa is overflowing. We continue to make announcements each day to have students check Lost and Found for any items they are missing. We ask that you please talk to your child to look in Lost and Found if they believe they are missing an item. All items will be donated on November 22nd.

WOOFPACK CALENDARS ARE BACK!

We have been working hard posing and we are sooo beautiful! The humans are almost finished with our 2025 wall calendar and the order form is ready! The cost is \$25 and the proceeds will benefit the entire Woof Pack. Calendars will be available for pick up at the OPS school of your choice. Please order ASAP.

[WoofPack Calendars](#)

MATILDA JR.

Please join our Chippewa Middle School students as the present Matilda Jr. on November 15th and 16th in the Okemos High School Auditorium.

[Matilda Jr](#)

AMC 8 MATH INFORMATION

[2024-2025 KMS AMC 8 Math Competition Opportunity](#)

MUSICAL THEATER WORKSHOP

"Mrs. Bellamy is excited to offer a Musical Theater Workshop this fall. Throughout the workshop students will focus on some elements of singing, dancing, staging, and acting in musical theater.

This workshop meets for 5 weeks from the middle of November through the middle of December. The goal of this workshop is to engage students in the joy and storytelling of musical theater with an emphasis on singing. All current Kinawa students are welcome to join regardless of what music class they are currently enrolled in.

The sessions will be on Tuesdays from 3:45-4:45 in the Kinawa Auditorium on the following dates: Nov. 19, 26, Dec. 3, 10 and 17.

****Weeks missed by students or school cancellation, will NOT be refunded or rescheduled. All enrolled students will be expected to be in the auditorium during the workshop.****

Here is the link for enrollment- the cutoff for enrolling is the day that it begins (November 19th) simply click on the enrichment classes and then select Music Camp. <https://www.okemosonline.com/CourseActivities.aspx?id=19>"

[Musical Theater Workshop](#)

REPORTING AN ABSENCE

If your child is going to be absent from school we ask that you let the school know. The easiest way to do this is to fill out this [Reporting an Absence form](#). School staff check it daily and are able to update your child's attendance through it.

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.

HANDICAP PARKING SPACES

Unfortunately we have noticed multiple individuals pulling into our handicap parking spaces during pick up and drop off times. Very often individuals using these designated parking spaces do not have proper permits to use these parking spaces. The result is that individuals who need to use these spaces, who have proper permits, are not able to do so.

Starting this week individuals parking in these spaces without a proper permit may be ticketed by the Meridian Township Police Department.

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](#)

KINAWA PARENT GROUP INFORMATION

[Kinawa Parent Group 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.

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

Steve Stierley