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The KRESA Special Ed Millage Renewal in May is Crucial for KPS

A Message from the Superintendent

Dr. Darrin Slade



ON TUESDAY, MAY 5, voters in the Kalamazoo RESA service area, which includes KPS and eight other public school districts and academies, will be asked to vote on whether to renew a 6-year, 1.5 mills property tax millage to help fund special education costs in our schools.

The millage generates about \$16.8 million annually, which is shared among our school districts to cover costs not funded by state or federal dollars. This is not a new tax. It's the same rate that voters have approved

in 2015 and 2021. The 2026 millage renewal simply keeps the funding going. At KPS, we absolutely depend on

these funds. It helps us pay for the mandated special education programs. If the millage doesn't pass,

we'd still have to pay for these legally required services, but we'd have to take that money out of our general education fund budget. That means reducing funds away from other key areas.

Why the millage matters:

- Current state and federal funding do not fully cover the required special education costs.
- Without the renewal, districts in our county would lose approximately \$17 million annually.
- Funds support critical services, including speech and occupational therapy, as well as adaptive resources.

These services help students with disabilities learn, grow and participate fully in school.

Election Day is **May 5, 2026**. You can find your polling location or grab an absentee ballot application at the Michigan Voter Information Center (Michigan.gov/vote). If you need to register to vote by mail or online, the last day is April 20; you can also register in person up until Election Day.

You can find more information, including a helpful FAQ, on Kalamazoo RESA's website: KRESA.org/millage.

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What is the Special Education Millage?



- ✦ Continuing support for students with disabilities in Kalamazoo County
- ✦ It's a renewal, NOT a new tax
- ✦ Vote: May 5, 2026



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From Student to Teacher: Lilly Mahar’s Work–Based Learning Story

FOR MOST high school seniors, the school day is defined by lockers and lecture halls. But for Loy Norrix senior Lillian “Lilly” Mahar, half of her day is spent where her own journey began: Little Tykes Learning Center.

Lilly is a student in the Career Connect Career & Technical Education (CTE) Educator Academy. Through a partnership between Kalamazoo RESA, Kalamazoo Public Schools, and Little Tykes Learning Center, Lilly spends part of her day at the high school and the rest immersed in the world of early childhood education, caring for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.

Last year, Lilly’s CTE journey started in a first-grade classroom. While she enjoyed the experience, she felt a pull toward teaching younger students. Working alongside Lori Pelton, one of KRESA’s Career Connect Work-Based Learning coordinators, Lilly was able to secure a placement that felt a bit more like home.

The move to Little Tykes wasn’t just a career shift; it was a homecoming. Growing up, Lilly was a student at the very same center.

“When I was here, I was just a kid, you know, having fun, learning new things,” Lilly said. “And now that I’m here being like the older person to look up to... getting hugs and snuggles, it’s just so amazing.”

For Lilly, the Work-Based Learning (WBL) program has completely redefined her high school experience. She is gaining hands-on experience with classroom management while earning a paycheck.

“I feel like I’m not wasting my time,” Lilly says. “My whole high school experience has changed in such a good way. I’m learning something that I actually want to go into.”

The staff at Little Tykes adore Lilly, saying she has

a natural ability to connect with the children. As she prepares to graduate, Lilly plans to attend Michigan State University to pursue a degree in education or early childhood education.

This article was originally published at kresa.org



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Lilly Mahar

Loy Norrix senior Lilly Mahar participates in work-based learning.



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Josh Kerby,
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The "Secret" Ramen Egg (Ajitsuke Tamago)

THIS MONTH, we are celebrating the kitchen's most versatile MVP: the egg! Whether you're a fan of a classic fry-up or a delicate poach, there is always something new to learn.

In the latest demo video (**scan the QR code below!**), Chef Josh and dietitian, Kirsten, break down the essentials of poaching, boiling, frying, and even whipping up a silky hollandaise. But if you're looking to truly level up your "egg game" this season, look no further than this month's featured recipe.

Have you ever wondered how ramen shops get those eggs to taste so savory with that perfect, jammy center? This recipe is the "golden ticket" to transforming a humble boiled egg into a gourmet topping for noodles, salads, or even just a quick snack! Please enjoy the "secret" ramen egg!



(servings: 6)



INGREDIENTS

6 large eggs
5 garlic cloves, peeled
1 tsp crushed red pepper flakes
¾ cup soy sauce
3 Tbsp mirin (sweet Japanese rice wine)
2 Tbsp unseasoned rice vinegar

1Tbsp fresh ginger, sliced
1 cup water
Green onion (for garnish)
Sesame seed (for garnish)

COOKING METHOD

1. Fill a med-large saucepan ¾ with water and bring to a boil.
2. Gently lower in

your eggs and cook for 7 minutes in a gentle boil.
3. Run eggs under cold water for 2 minutes (eggs may still be a little warm).
4. Peel eggs under cool running water.
5. Meanwhile, add the rest of your ingredients to a medium saucepan and

bring to a boil. Reduce heat, simmer for 5 minutes.
6. Remove from heat and add peeled eggs, top with 1 cup water.
7. Let sit at room temp for at least 1 hour before eating or refrigerate for up to a week.
8. Garnish with sliced green onion and sesame seeds.

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Career Connect Campus: Equipping Students with Real-World Skills

KRESA's long-anticipated Career Connect Campus (CCC), the new countywide hub for Career and Technical Education (CTE), opened its doors in August 2025. This state-of-the-art, 162,000-square-foot facility at 3500 Vanrick Drive near the Wings Event Center is the central location for high school students from Kalamazoo Public Schools (KPS) and across the county to gain industry-aligned skills and earn valuable certifications in high-demand fields.

The campus's construction was made possible by a \$100 million anonymous donation. Ongoing operations are supported by the 2019 voter-approved Career and Technical Education (CTE) millage.

The CCC offers hands-on training in a hybrid environment that blends modern high school learning with the technology, equipment, and professional standards of the workplace. This approach benefits

local businesses by creating a robust pipeline of job-ready, skilled graduates.

More than 500 KPS students attend classes at the Career Connect Campus every school day. All

Career Connect students pictured on the front cover, clockwise from upper left:

- Horticulture students, l to r: Kaitlyn Grooten (Kalamazoo Central), Violet Steffic (Loy Norrix) and Myla Bierlein (Loy Norrix)
- Construction student: Major Broughton, (Kalamazoo Central)
- Computer Programming student: Max Baker (Loy Norrix)
- Design student: Janiah Reason (Loy Norrix)



classes are yearlong, running Monday through Friday with two daily sessions: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (morning) and 11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. (afternoon). Transportation to the CCC is provided from students' home high schools.

CTE programs are designed to complement students' traditional academic journey, empowering them to explore career pathways and develop real-world, employability skills. Dr. Tracy Miller, KPS Coordinator of Postsecondary Pathways, who oversees CTE programming in the district, notes the significant advantage: "Through CTE, students can earn industry credentials, including stackable credentials to increase their competitiveness, social capital, and to access advanced career opportunities. Many of these technical career paths are also above the Michigan living wage. Therefore, CTE is a progressive pathway and on-ramp that can lead to durable and essential skills development, post-secondary education, Work-Based Learning, faster entry into the workplace in good jobs, career fulfillment, and a better and higher quality of life."

While the CCC is a primary location, CTE programs

are also held at multiple sites across the county, including high schools, college campuses, and industry work sites.

KPS students can further enhance their experience through other experiential learning and engagement opportunities, including:

- **Dual Enrollment:** Students in grades 9-12 can apply for simultaneous enrollment in a local college or university, earning both high school and college credits.

- **Early/Middle College:** Provides students with the chance to earn an associate's degree along with their high school diploma.

- **Education for the Arts (EFA):** Offers arts exploration classes in dance, literary arts, media arts, music, theatre, and visual arts.

- **Work-Based Learning:** Students gain on-the-job experience and career skills with employer partners.

- **Career Launch Kalamazoo:** Offers students the opportunity to earn while they learn through paid on-the-job training through youth apprenticeships under the direction of an industry mentor.

- **Teach Kalamazoo:** A collaborative between KPS, KVCC, and WMU also offers students unique pathways into the teaching profession.

Students and families interested in learning more about CTE programming can visit www.michigan.gov/mde/services/octe. Students interested in enrolling in any of these programs should meet with their school counselor for more information.

Community members interested in viewing the new Career Connect Campus are invited to take a tour on April 22 or May 19 from 5:30–7:00 p.m. Advance registration is required at: volunteer.kresa.org.

CTE COURSES OFFERED THROUGH KRESA CAREER CONNECT

Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Career Pathway

- Conservation Biology
(held at the Kalamazoo Nature Center)
- Horticulture
- Veterinary Science

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Architecture and Construction Trades Career Pathway

- Construction Trades
- Electrical Technology
- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration
- Plumbing

Culinary Arts Career Pathway

- Culinary Arts

Design Career Pathway

- Design

Health Science Career Pathway

- Dental Assisting
(held at Kalamazoo Valley Community College)
- Emergency Medical Technology
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- Medical Laboratory Science
- Patient Care Technician
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- Exercise Science and Rehabilitation

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- Educator Academy

Information Technology Career Pathway

- Computer Programming
- Computer Networking
- Cybersecurity

Manufacturing Career Pathway

- Machine Tool and Engineering
- Mechatronics: Robotics and Automation
- Supply Chain
- Welding

Transportation, Distribution and Logistics Career Pathway

- Automotive Technology
- Aviation Technology
(held at the Air Zoo)
- Heavy Equipment Maintenance

KPS STUDENTS BY THE NUMBERS

Automotive Technology	32
Aviation Technology	17
Barbering II	1
Computer Networking	6
Computer Programming	15
Conservation Biology	17
Construction Trades	15
Cosmetology II	8
Criminal Justice & Public Safety	15
Culinary Arts	35
Cybersecurity	9
Dental Assisting II	2
Dental Imaging Techniques	2
Dental Internship	2
Design	22
Educator Academy	29
Electrical Technology	13
EMT Basic I	2
EMT Basic II	2
EMT Clinical	2
Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning	13
Heavy Equipment Maintenance	10
Horticulture	10
Machine Tool	4
Mechatronics: Robotics and Automation	12
Medical Laboratory Science	19
Patient Care Technician	14
Pharmacy Technician	25
Plumbing	12
Rehabilitation Therapy	17
Supply Chain	14
Veterinary Science	17
Welding	13
Work-Based Learning	76
GRAND TOTAL	502



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Picking a Camp: Start Early and Ask Questions



Soon that last school bell will ring and kids will be ready for summer. For parents and caregivers, however, the thought of summer's arrival can be stressful as they try to figure out the best ways to keep their kids active and engaged during the summer break.

One of the best ways to keep your kids from going stir-crazy (and making you crazy) is to sign them up for various camps throughout the summer. But with so many options and types of camps from residential to day camps, science to arts, academic to adventure, choosing the best camp for your child means starting early and asking the right questions.

1. Start now. Camps fill up quickly. April is the peak time for parents to sign their kids up for summer camps, so don't put off too long making your decisions. Also, some camps require health appraisal forms or deposits to secure a spot, so you need to plan ahead to ensure that you have taken the steps needed to reserve your child's spot in a camp.

2. Decide on the type of camp. Do you want your child's camp experience be to learn new skills, develop self-confidence, increase their athletic ability or provide adventurous, age-appropriate activities? As you narrow down the types of camps, be sure

to include your child when finalizing the selection. Some children, just like adults, appreciate being made aware of or involved in the decisions that affect them.

3. Get recommendations. Ask other parents and caregivers for recommendations of summer camps that match your child's interests. You can often learn about the physical environment and the camp's daily operations, including things like noise level, type of food served, and staff diversity, that could affect the quality of your child's camp experiences. It doesn't hurt to ask former campers about their experiences as well, and to share what you learn with your child.

4. Make a budget and stick to it. Summer camps can be expensive, so decide early how much you will set aside for your child's camp experiences. Make sure to find out if the camps you'd like them to attend offer scholarships or other financial aid, because many do. Don't let a camp's price tag keep you from considering it for your child; you might be surprised at the financial help that is available.

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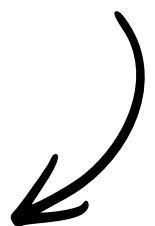


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Picking a camp (continued from page 8)



5. Do your homework. As you narrow down different camps for your kids, make a list of any concerns and questions you may have for each camp. Camps' websites are a great place to learn about rules, procedures and special considerations for campers, including what to bring and what to leave at home. If you still have questions after reviewing the information, reach out to the camps. Camp directors will gladly talk to you and tell you how they can address your concerns.

Here are some questions to consider:

- *What kind of support is available for campers with special health care needs?*
- *What is the refund policy if my child becomes sick and can't attend camp?*
- *What medical facilities are on-site or nearby?*
- *What is the camp's approach to discipline and how does it handle conflict between campers?*
- *What are the camp's relationships and statistics with staff and campers?*
- *What does the ratio of counselors to campers look like and how old are the counselors?* ●

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Looking for a little more fun this summer for your family and children? Here's a list of no-cost and low-cost alternatives:

KYD Network Summer Program Finder

A great place to start your search for summer programs is through KYD Network (Kalamazoo Youth Development Network). KYD Network works to ensure that youth in Kalamazoo and Calhoun counties have access to high-quality out-of-school-time programs year-round. You can use the online summer program finder tool to filter programs by neighborhood, grade level, cost, focus area and more to find one that's right for you. Check it out at kydnet.org/summer-finder.

Camp Kzoo

The City of Kalamazoo's Parks and Recreation department offers a variety of programs for Kalamazoo's youth. Plans for this summer's activities will be available on its website at kzoozoo.org/programs.



Financial assistance is available from Kalamazoo Friends of Recreation to help ensure that these programs are available to, and affordable by, everyone. For more information, visit the Kalamazoo Friends of Recreation website at friendsofrec.org.

Outdoor concerts

Another great outdoor activity is offered by the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo's Summertime Live concert series. Free concerts are held throughout the community including in Portage, Parchment, Oshtemo Township, and downtown Kalamazoo. The schedule was still being finalized at press time, but to find out who is playing where and when, visit kalamazooarts.org.

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that's needed to participate is a library card (which most KPS students got in first grade!). Visit kpl.gov or check with your local library branch for the details of this summer's reading program.

Take a Hike

Several local natural areas offer trails that are free or low-cost to hike.

Hike Our Preserves (HOP)

The Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy is challenging kids to Hike Our Preserves (HOP) this summer. Registration is \$7 per person and a medalion for each HOP preserve you visit, and a prize from Jr. Rangerland Educational Publishing for the first 25 hikers to visit all 13 preserves. Preserves feature many different types of landscapes from wetlands and forests to fens and beaches. For more information visit swmlc.org/hop or call (269) 324-1600.

Portage Nature Preserves

In the City of Portage, free kid-friendly trails can be found at a number of its parks, including:

- **Bishop's Bog Preserve**, 9920 S. Westnedge Ave., which includes a floating boardwalk through wetlands with rare plant species;
- **Eliason Nature Reserve**, 1614 W. Osterhout Ave., which features upland and wetland ecosystems and connects to Bishop's Bog and Schrier Park;
- **Schrier Park**, 850 W. Osterhout Ave., with several loops of trails through peaceful hardwood forests; and
- **West Lake Nature Preserve**, 9001 S. Westnedge Ave., with wetlands, forest and a panoramic overlook of West Lake.

For more information, visit portagemi.gov/987/Parks-Recreation.

Lillian Anderson Arboretum

Owned by Kalamazoo College, Anderson Arboretum has five miles of trails that wind through a marsh, meadow, pine plantation and deciduous forest. A downloadable map of the trails, which have different lengths and difficulty, is available online and there is signage along the trails to help hikers identify different plant species and natural features. Visit arboretum.kzoo.edu for more information.

Kleinstuck and Little Sister Preserves

If you need a quick hike that's close by, Kleinstuck and Little Sister Preserves, which adjoin each other, offer a two-mile trail that loops through marsh, pines and forests. The preserves can be accessed from Stearns Avenue, Maple Street YMCA (follow the trail behind the outdoor tennis courts), Chevy Chase Boulevard, Hudson Avenue, Sunset Lane and Wilshire Boulevard. A map and information on parking and nearby bus routes is available online at stewardsofkleinstuck.org/visit.

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No-cost, low-cost (continued from page 14)

Get Wet and Refreshed

Kids love water and there are several great low-cost, no-cost options to splash, swim and play in the water.

Splash Pads

There are several splash pads in Kalamazoo that are free to use:

- **Florence Street Splash Pad**, 534 Florence St., open 9 a.m.–8 p.m. from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.
- **LaCrone Park**, 535 W. Paterson St., open 9 a.m.–8 p.m. from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.
- **Maple Hill Splash Pad**, 6603 Texas Dr., open 10 a.m.–8 p.m. from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.

Lakes

Woods Lake Park, 2900 Oakland Drive, has a sandy beach, changing area, picnic pavilion, restrooms, a playground and fishing pier. Bordered by woods on all sides, it's open from 8 a.m. to sunset and its warm water is easy for swimming.

Markin Glen Park, 5300 N. Westnedge Ave., offers a sandy beach with plenty of shallow areas that's perfect for kids. It also has nature trails so you can hike and then cool off after. Located just five minutes north of downtown Kalamazoo, there is an entry fee of \$5 per car or \$2 per person if you come by bike, foot or bus.

Kik Pool

If you like your water a little less natural, then Kik Pool, 1018 Walter St., is a good option. Located at Upjohn Park, it has restrooms and locker rooms, drinking fountains, a concession stand, picnic tables, lounge chairs and shade areas. Lifeguards are always on duty to make sure guests are safe. A daily pass is \$7 for adults and \$4 for youth. Find more info at kzooparks.org/Parks-Facilities/Kik-Pool. ●

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SUMMER CAMPS



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Looking for some summer fun? Kalamazoo Valley Community College offers summer camps for area students. This summer, a number of truly unique Cougar Camps will again be offered at the college's Texas Township, Center for New Media and Food Innovation Center campuses. Note: The Center for New Media and Food Innovation Center are in downtown Kalamazoo.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

JUNE 22 - 25

Girls entering grades K - 3 | 9 - 10:15 A.M.

Girls entering grades 4 - 6 | 9 - 11 A.M.

Girls entering grades 9 - 12 | NOON - 2 P.M.

Texas Township Campus

Camp Fee \$95

Registration closes on June 15

Equipment needed: gym shoes, socks, shorts, knee pads, jersey or T-shirt and labeled water bottle.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

JULY 13 - 16

Girls entering grades 6 - 8 | 9 A.M. - NOON

Girls entering grades 9 - 12 | 1 - 4 P.M.

Texas Township Campus

Camp Fee \$125

Registration closes on July 6

Equipment needed: gym shoes, socks, shorts, jersey or T-shirt and labeled water bottle.

BOYS BASKETBALL

JULY 20 - 23

Boys entering grades 6 - 8 | 9 A.M. - NOON

Boys entering grades 9 - 12 | 1 - 4 P.M.

Texas Township Campus

Camp Fee \$125

Registration closes July 13

Equipment needed: gym shoes, socks, shorts, jersey or T-shirt and labeled water bottle.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

JULY 27 - 30

Girls entering grades 6 - 8 | 9 A.M. - NOON

Girls entering grades 9 - 12 | 1 - 4 P.M.

Texas Township Campus

Camp Fee \$125

Registration Closes July 20

Equipment needed: softball glove, bat, helmet, cleats and labeled water bottle.

BOYS BASEBALL SHOWCASE CAMP

AUG. 3

Boys entering grades 9 - 12

POSITIONAL PLAYERS | 9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

PITCHERS | 11 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Please register for only one.

Texas Township Campus

Camp Fee \$65

Registration Closes July 27

Equipment needed: baseball glove, bat, helmet, cleats and labeled water bottle.

Kalamazoo Valley Community College wellness and physical education instructor Bob Vezeau will also introduce strength training techniques for each afternoon camp on Tuesday and Wednesday from 1 - 1:30 p.m.

To register for sports camps, visit athletics.kvcc.edu/camps.

A limited number of scholarships are available for sports camps. For more information, contact Athletic Director Russ Panico at rpanico@kvcc.edu or 269.488.4393.

Cancellation policy: Campers may cancel or request a refund (less a \$15 administrative fee) up to seven days before their camp begins. No refunds will be given after this deadline.

Questions about sports camps? Contact Sarah Hite at 269.488.4799 or shite@kvcc.edu.

LEGO CREATION

JUNE 15 - 18 | 9 A.M. - NOON

Entering grades 3 - 5

JUNE 22 - 25 | 9 A.M. - NOON

Entering grades 6 - 8

Center For New Media

Camp Fee: \$150

Love stop-motion and LEGO? Then this camp is for you! Campers make their own stop-motion action movies. It blends creativity, storytelling and basic animation principles.

SIGNS, SYMBOLS & STORIES: VISUAL STORYTELLING CAMP

JULY 13 - 16 | 9 A.M. - NOON

Entering grades 3 - 5

Center For New Media

Camp Fee \$150

How do we communicate without using our voices? In "Signs, Symbols & Stories," campers explore the exciting world of visual communication through drawing, body language, facial expressions, symbols and basic American Sign Language (ASL). These Center for New Media art camps correlate with Public Media Network camps, which are offered in the afternoons on the same days.

URBAN FARM EXPLORERS

JULY 20 - 23 | 8:30 A.M. - NOON

Entering grades 6 - 8

JULY 27 - 30 | 8:30 A.M. - NOON

Entering grades 3 - 5

Food Innovation Center

Camp Fee \$125

See what it takes to grow, harvest and sample foods grown here at the college's Food Innovation Center's five-acre urban farm. Campers will have the opportunity to explore our greenhouse, hoop houses and outdoor growing spaces, make salsa (depending on the seasonal availability of the produce), enjoy sampling local fresh produce and create art using botanicals.

Summer can get hot! We recommend bringing a water bottle, sunscreen and a hat to keep cool.

Questions about non-sports related camps? Contact Avery Stressman at 269.488.4816 or astressman@kvcc.edu.

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Celebrating the Magic of Reading

ELEMENTARY LITERACY NIGHT is a cherished event that brings our school community and families together to celebrate the magic of reading. The event kicks off March’s National Reading Month, a celebration that began as a celebration of Dr. Seuss.

The primary goal of Literacy Night is to foster a lifelong love for reading. Schools are transformed into an interactive space where books and stories are the stars. Some of this year’s themes included “Embark on a Journey to Where the Mountain Meets the Moon” at Arcadia, “Unleash Your Superpowers” at Greenwood, “The Iditarod at the Iditarod” at King-Westwood, and the pirate-themed “Arrrr Readers are Great” at Woodward.

The shared experience at Literacy Night creates positive memories associated with reading, reinforcing the message that literacy is a joyful and essential skill. It’s an evening dedicated to celebrating every child’s journey toward becoming a confident and enthusiastic reader.



Nora McDuffey with Principal Nelson at Indian Prairie’s Reading Olympics.



Milwood Magnet students Michelle Mbabazi and Bailey Loop help at Greenwood.



View a larger interactive map at kalamazoo.org/HydrantFlushing

HYDRANT FLUSHING STARTS SUNDAY, APRIL 12

We flush hydrants in the spring and fall to force naturally occurring mineral deposits out of the water system. Flushing is also an opportunity to make sure components in the system are working properly.

- **Flushing does not affect the safety of the water system.**
- Tap water may temporarily appear cloudy right after flushing as minerals are stirred up, but this isn’t harmful. Run your water in a bathtub or utility sink until it runs clear again.
- If you have scheduled construction during hydrant flushing or have questions related to the program, please call 311 or (269) 337-8000.
- Most flushing will take place at night between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. If necessary, daytime flushing will occur between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
- Avoid doing laundry immediately after flushing as some fabrics could become discolored.

Magic of Reading (continued from page 22)



First-graders Rory Scruggs and Onna'Sty Burton enjoy the pirate theme at Woodward.



Arcadia 2nd-grade student Vivian Lee enjoyed the Journey to Where the Mountain Meets the Moon theme.



Rachael and Kira Lamper work on an Iditarod project at King-Westwood.



Greenwood Kindergartner Zayden Smith.



Greenwood second-grader Nexus Murray.

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Helping Your Child Achieve Their Best on Standardized Tests

IN APRIL, KPS students will take standardized tests required by state and federal laws. Students in grades 3-8 and 11 will take the M-STEP or MI-Access. Juniors will also take the SAT, while students in grades 8, 9, and 10 will take the PSAT. The tests measure students' knowledge of the state's content standards. "These standards outline what educators believe students should know and be able to do in certain subjects and grade levels to be career and/or college-ready upon high school graduation," according to the Michigan Department of Education.

On average, students spend no more than three hours on M-STEP English/Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics tests. Students in grades 5, 8, and 11 spend an additional 2.5 hours on science and social studies testing.

Standardized tests are an important part of the school year, but they don't have to be a source of stress. As a caregiver, you play a crucial role in helping your child prepare for and feel confident on test

day. Focusing on a healthy routine and a positive mindset is often the best way to help your child achieve their best.

FOCUS ON THE FUNDAMENTALS

- ➡ **Prioritize Sleep:** Ensure your child gets a full night's sleep (8-10 hours) in the week leading up to the test. A well-rested brain is essential for focus and memory recall.
- ➡ **Healthy Meals:** Make sure your child eats a nutritious, balanced breakfast on the morning of the test. Include protein and complex carbohydrates to provide sustained energy. Avoid heavy sugars that can lead to a crash.
- ➡ **Stay Hydrated:** Encourage them to drink water the day before and on the morning of the test. Dehydration can affect concentration.
- ➡ **Maintain Routine:** Keep the daily schedule as normal as possible. Major changes can add unnecessary stress.

By providing a supportive and calm environment, you can help your child approach standardized testing with confidence and achieve their best.

CULTIVATE A POSITIVE MINDSET

- ➡ **Keep Perspective:** Remind your child that a test score is just one measurement of their abilities and potential. Their worth is not tied to the results.
- ➡ **Manage Anxiety:** If your child is nervous, teach simple relaxation techniques like deep breathing. Reassure them that feeling a little nervous is normal and to just do their best.
- ➡ **Encourage Effort, Not Perfection:** Praise their effort and dedication during the preparation process rather than focusing solely on the final score. This reinforces a growth mindset.
- ➡ **Positive Talk:** Use encouraging and calm language when discussing the test. Your attitude can significantly influence their emotional state.



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Payment plans and due date extensions are available. Call 311 or (269) 337-8000 for help. The Community Action Agency of Southwest Michigan can help low-income households pay overdue bills. Call 211 or 1-877-422-2726 for more information.

Consumers Energy offers a free home analysis that can help customers save money by reducing energy and water consumption. Call 1-888-316-8014 for more information.



www.kalamazoocity.org/UtilityHelp

Si necesita ayuda para pagar su factura de agua o alcantarillado, hay ayuda disponible. Para obtener información en español, llame al 311 o al 269 337-8000.

ARTISTS' CORNER

Milwood Elementary Art Teacher **Abbey Ruffer** had students exploring a variety of media and subject matter.

Ricky Jones
3rd Grade
Sun & Moon
(Oil Pastel & Watercolor)

Third-grade students created a celestial picture that includes both the sun and the moon. They used oil pastels and watercolor to create a resist effect. Through this process, they learned how to incorporate warm and cool colors, as well as how to add implied texture to their artwork.



Gigi Coman
2nd Grade
Feathered Owl
(Mixed Media)

Second-grade students explored a variety of owls and their characteristics. First, the students drew large owls. Then, as a class, we discussed the different types of texture: implied versus actual. Using texture plates, the students created implied texture on their owls with crayons and painted over them with watercolor to create a resist effect. On the third day, the students added actual texture to their paintings by using feathers.



Matthew Kerr
5th Grade
Northern Lights
(Oil Pastel & Watercolor)

Fifth-grade students learned about the natural phenomenon of the Aurora Borealis. Using chalk pastels, students created their own northern lights. At the bottom of their pages, they examined landscapes they could add to their pictures using oil pastels.



SUMMER SEMESTER STARTS MAY 11

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A “Living” History Lesson

THE BLACK HISTORY MONTH Wax Museum at Northglade Montessori Magnet School is one of the most anticipated annual traditions for the school community.

Combining historical research with performance art, this event transforms the school’s hallways into a living gallery where students bring influential figures to life.

The museum is the culmination of weeks of preparation. Students in the upper elementary grades select a notable figure in Black history to research. Their goal is to move beyond simple facts and truly embody the person they are studying.

On the day of the event, students dress in full costume and stand perfectly still, like wax figures. Each student holds their arm out, and when a visitor presses the “button” on their hand, the student comes to life and delivers a prepared first-person monologue, sharing their life story.

As the first public elementary school in Michigan accredited by the American Montessori Society, Northglade uses the Wax Museum to bridge the gap between rigorous academic standards and creative expression.

Through the portrayals of figures such as scientific pioneer Daniel Hale Williams and performer Josephine Baker, the students brought history to life, making it a memorable learning experience for every visitor.



Nyla Collier as Lusia Harris.



Eliza Kendall as Catherine Dunham.



Amelia Shultz as Dianna Durham.



Karson Vinson as Barack Obama.



Aniyah Call as Diana Ross.



Hanan Clark as Daniel Hale Williams.



Sabrina Mitchell as Misty Copeland.



Sienna Silber as Janet Collins, with Dr. Slade.

Wax Museum *(continued from page 26)*



Luellen Deau as Florence Joyner.



Hendrik Nieboer as Jack Johnson.



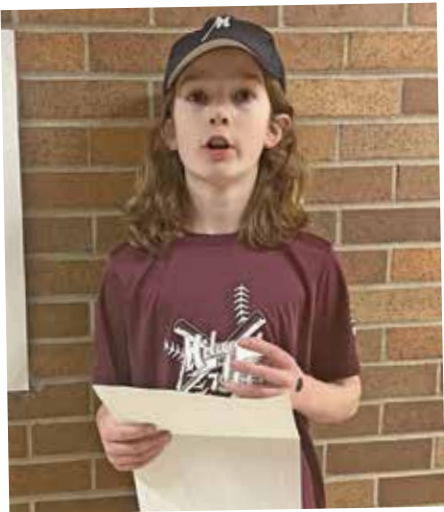
Asha Lumbasi as Marian Anderson.



Rouh Karim as Simone Manuel.



Brooklynn Jordan as Serena Williams.



Jude Mix as Satchel Paige.



Aniyah Charleston as Josephine Baker.



Josh Singer as Doug Williams.



Charlotte St. Peter as Oprah Winfrey, with Mrs. Duckworth.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE



EVENT MARCH 31 - APRIL 3 | 1 - 3 P.M. | FREE

SPRING BREAK! IMAGINE AND CREATE: MUSIC, ART AND ANIMATION



Unleash your creativity during Imagine and Create — a week of build-it, craft-it, try-it museum fun designed to spark curiosity and inspire makers of all ages.

UPCOMING EVENT APRIL 10 & 11 | FREE

KALAMAZOO FOODWAYS SYMPOSIUM: SOUTHEASTERN ASIAN FOODWAYS



Friday, April 10 | Kalamazoo Valley Museum
6 - 7 P.M. Community Seed Share | Get your garden ready by picking up free seeds provided by the Kalamazoo Seed Collaborative.

7 - 8 p.m. Keynote Panel | Enjoy samples of Southeast Asian appetizers and hear the "Beyond Authentic? Rethinking Tradition, Innovation and Belonging in Southeast Asian Foodways" panel with Chef Abang Brian.

Saturday, April 11 | Kalamazoo Valley Community College's Culinary and Allied Health Building, 418 E. Walnut St., Kalamazoo

10 A.M. - 3 P.M. A day of culinary exploration, discussions, music and art, interactive cooking demos, cooking classes, youth activities and a community organization showcase. All are welcome! Visit kalamazoofoodways.org for more information.

FREE EVENT WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22 | 10:30 A.M. & 2:30 P.M.

EARTH DAY RAIN GARDEN TOURS & LAB ACTIVITIES



Celebrate Earth Day with interactive tours of the Kalamazoo Valley Museum's rain garden. Tours are 20 minutes long and open to all ages. To learn more, visit kalamazoomuseum.org.

FREE EVENT SATURDAY, APRIL 25 | 5 - 8 P.M.

STATEWIDE ASTRONOMY NIGHT

Join us for an evening of space science activities and special free planetarium experiences for all ages.

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TUESDAYS, MARCH 10 - APRIL 21 | 6:30 - 7:30 P.M. | FREE

Enjoy weekly talks examining ways we can restore the tenets of reciprocity with the natural world as a community and as individuals. In partnership with the museum, this drop-in lecture series is held at Kalamazoo Valley Community College's Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary and Allied Health Building, located at 418 E. Walnut St. in downtown Kalamazoo. View the list of topics at valleyhub.kvcc.edu/events.



EVENT APRIL 28 - MAY 1 | NOON | FREE

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MAGIC TREE HOUSE: SPACE MISSION | 11 A.M. SAT. | 30 MIN. | GRADES 3 & UP

Travel with siblings Jack and Annie in their Magic Tree House as they discover a note that asks them to answer questions about space.

EXPEDITION SOLAR SYSTEM | 1 P.M. SAT. | 35 MIN. | ALL AGES

Explore the solar system with robotic explorers in this exciting space adventure.

MAGIC GLOBE | 1 P.M. SUN. | 28 MIN. | GRADES K & UP

Go on a journey with a young girl, Mia, to learn about the importance of the changing seasons on Earth's delicate ecosystem.

THE SKY ABOVE US | 2 P.M. FRI., SAT. & SUN. | 35 MIN. | GRADES 4 & UP

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HOURS: Tuesday - Saturday | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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FREE GENERAL ADMISSION

Note: Some areas of the museum may be closed due to exhibit changes, staffing needs, special programs or collections care. We thank you for your patience.

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