



Eagle Insider

We will provide a nurturing learning environment and educate ALL students to be lifelong learners.

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As we move through the school year, I want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible progress and accomplishments of our students, staff, and families. From academic achievements to extracurricular successes, the commitment and work ethic of our school community continue to shine. It has been inspiring to see students engaged in learning, participating in activities they enjoy, and growing into lifelong learners.

One of the ways we are supporting student success is through our ongoing work in Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) and our commitment to addressing the needs of the whole child. We recognize that true success goes beyond academics—it includes supporting students' social, emotional, and physical well-being. Through personalized learning, mental health resources, and positive behavior support, we are working to ensure that every child feels safe, valued, and empowered to reach their full potential.

As we look ahead to the rest of the year, we remain focused on providing enriching experiences that help every student succeed. Thank you for your continued partnership, positivity, and dedication to our schools. Together, we are building a bright future for all of our students, and I could not be more proud of what we have accomplished as a community.

IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE AN EAGLE!

Bill Crane, Superintendent



You're invited to our first

EAGLE Family Night

Free Dinner

Free Child Care

Internet Safety Presentation

Free Children's Books

March 27th



Kent City High School

6:00 pm - Dinner

6:30 pm - Presentation

Child Care - 3 years and up

RSVP and Additional Info



Join us for our first-ever Eagle Family Night on March 27th at 6:00 PM at Kent City High School! This exciting event is designed to bring families together for a fun, educational, and enriching evening. Enjoy a free dinner for the whole family, free childcare, and even take home some free children's books to encourage a love of reading. It's an opportunity to connect, share, and engage with the school community while ensuring a positive experience for everyone involved.

As part of the event, we're hosting an Internet Safety Presentation to help families navigate the digital world with confidence and safety. Learn tips and tools for creating a secure online environment and empowering your children to make smart digital choices. Don't miss this chance to enjoy a family-friendly evening that supports learning, connection, and growth.

Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm in the high school cafeteria. At 6:30 pm children will head to the high school auxiliary gym while parents go to the Performing Arts Center for the Internet Safety Presentation.

Students Embrace the Joy of Giving

The holiday season is often synonymous with giving, and for students, it presents a unique opportunity to teach them the importance of giving back to their community and spreading kindness. Here are some ways that students at KCE made a positive impact in the lives of others this holiday season. During the holidays, KCE partnered with our high school National Honor Society to participate in the WZZM 13 On Your Side Toys for Tots School Spirit Challenge. Our district was able to collect a total of 227 toys for children in need this holiday season. We are so grateful to our families, community members, staff and students for your contributions to this wonderful cause.

Fifth grade student Josh Umlor advocated for helping the charity FRAG OUT 22 Veterans Helping Veterans, a non-profit organization which his parents help run. With assistance from his teacher Ms. O’Connell, they received a \$300 donation from our KCE Walk-a-Thon to help purchase stockings, toys, and other items to fill them with for children of veterans in need. Josh and his fellow students also helped decorate the stockings.

On the last full day before winter break, our 5th grade students participated in different service projects for local nonprofits. This included making detergent packets for the woman's shelter, repurposing old t-shirts into dog pull toys for the animal shelter, creating beaded ornaments to take home and gift to someone, and writing notes to go in food bags for the homeless.

By embracing the spirit of giving during the holidays, students can not only spread joy to others but also cultivate valuable life skills, personal growth, and a deep understanding of social responsibility, making their holiday season even more meaningful.



Student Council Leaders Work to Strengthen Community

We are thrilled to announce the formation of the Excellent Eagles Student Council at Kent City Elementary School, and our young leaders are well on their way to making KCE the best it can be! Nine fourth and fifth grade students were selected through an extensive application process, to represent their peers and contribute to important decisions that affect our school community. When asked why they wanted to be a part of the student council, Kamden stated, “I want to make the school a better place”. Avery shared, “I want to grow my leadership skills and be a part of the school,” and Mattie replied, “I like being the head of everything!”

Meeting twice a month, the ideas and discussions on how to promote a positive school culture and enhance our school community certainly do flow! Although 2 meetings were cancelled due to snow days, some of the tasks our young leaders have been able to accomplish include creating “Shine Notes”, or notes of encouragement, for homeless individuals at Heartside Park in Grand Rapids as well as researching and assigning student council jobs based on each individual’s strengths and skills.

Recent topics of discussion included, but were not limited to, incentives to increase attendance on early release days, video announcements to engage peers, opportunities to read to younger students, and appreciation days for unsung heroes in our school. The group also plans to gather data from their peers on ways to improve school lunches and share this information with our Food Service Director, Beth Ohman.

We are excited to see the contributions our Kent City Elementary Student Council will make in this role! We believe their participation will not only foster personal growth but also inspire fellow students to engage in leadership and community service.

Thank you to our student council advisors Allison O’Connell, Stephen Powers and Michael Pavona, for your collaboration in launching this exciting initiative!



24-25 Student Council Members (l-r): Avery Hurd, Luis Esquivel, Josh Umlor, Kamden Volkers, Makenna Nurmikko, Mattie Corbett, Genesis Beiter, Xiomara Martinez. (not pictured: Hendrix Berles)



KENT CITY ELEMENTARY

Preschool and Kindergarten Round-Up

Now Enrolling for 2025-2026

4-Year-Old Preschool
Thursday, March 6 at 6pm
<https://preschool.kentisd.org/Apply>
(Registration Opens March 1st)



Kindergarten & Young 5's
Thursday, March 13 at 6pm
<https://www.kentcityschools.org/district/enrollment/>

Come see why KCE is the place to be!

Learn more about our Preschool and Kindergarten programs and receive details regarding the enrollment process.



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Completion of the Pre-Registration form for incoming Kindergarten is encouraged before attending round-up.

Please note that the Round-Up events will be for PARENTS ONLY. Thank you.



Expanding Horizons Beyond the Classroom

After school clubs are a wonderful way for students to develop social skills, explore new interests, build confidence and foster a sense of belonging. Recognizing the need for those opportunities here at KCE, we launched our first after school clubs last spring, which included a Robotics & Coding Club, Art Club, Garden Club and Embroidery Club, followed by a Crochet Club this past fall. It has been amazing to see the interest in these clubs and the enthusiasm our students have to expand their learning!

Our after school clubs are led by staff members and typically meet for an hour once or twice a week for approximately 6 weeks. Advisors determine the grade levels and number of students most appropriate for the club. Students receive an after-school snack and supplies are provided. Best of all, it's FREE!

This winter we have expanded our offerings to include Board Game Club, Drama Club and Book Club with a Twist! We are also bringing back the Art Club!

We are so grateful to our staff members who are willing to share their interests with students outside of the regular school day and broaden their horizons. We hope these opportunities will help provide a more fulfilling school experience for our students, and maybe help them find a hobby that they love and can carry with them into adulthood.



Spelling Bee

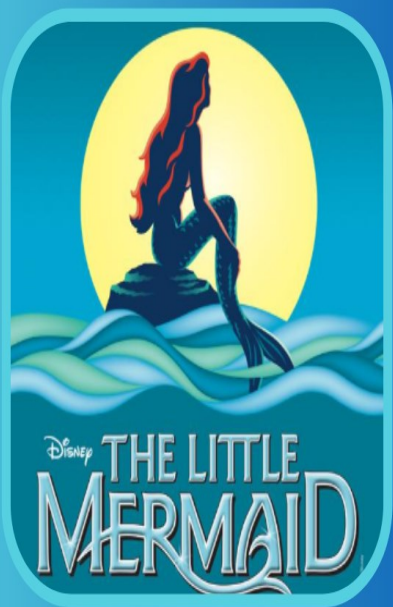
Maverick Gonzalez claimed first place in the second annual Kent City Middle School Spelling Bee, outlasting 45 students in an 11-round competition. Joel Gerbers put up an impressive fight, securing second place after an intense back-and-forth battle. In the final round, Maverick sealed his victory by correctly spelling "leeward," earning the championship title. The competition showcased the dedication and talent of all participants, making it a memorable event for students and spectators alike. Maverick and Joel will now move on to the Regional Qualifier Bee on February 17th. Congratulations, Maverick and Joel!



0.5 Club

The 0.5 Club celebrated students who demonstrated academic achievement and growth in Quarter 2, either by earning a GPA of 3.0 or improving their GPA by 0.5 from Quarter 1. As a reward, qualifying students enjoyed a special afternoon watching a movie with popcorn, recognizing their hard work and dedication. The incentive program encourages continued effort, with another opportunity for students to join the 0.5 Club at the end of Quarter 3, keeping motivation high throughout the school year.

KENT CITY DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS



February 26, 27, 28 @ 7pm
March 1 @ 1pm and 6pm

Ticket Information available at: kentcitydrama.ludus.com

2024-25 School Calendar

- March 28 **Early Release for Students & Professional Development for All Teachers
- April 4-13 **No School** - Spring Break
- April 14 School Resumes
- April 25 **Early Release for Students & Professional Development for All Teachers
- May 22 Senior Graduation
- May 26 **No School** - Memorial Day
- June 6 Last Day of School
 1/2 Day for All Students
 *(lunch will **not** be served)*
 6-12 students release at 10:50am
 Elem students release at 11am
- 2nd Semester Ends
 Records Day for All Teachers

****Please Note: Early Release Times****
6-12 students release at 11:50 am
Elementary students release at 12:00 pm
Lunch is served on Early Release Days

Opportunities for KCHS Students

Students at Kent City High School have multiple opportunities to receive training and education outside of what would be considered a “traditional” high school experience. We are excited to be able to offer these opportunities to our students and KCHS students have been very successful in completing the requirements of the programs and courses identified below.

Grand Rapids Community College Courses

American Government
College Algebra
Public Speaking
English 101
English 102
Healthy Living
Humanities
Intro to Theatre



Kent Career Technical Center Programs

Applied Construction
Auto Tech
Aviation Maintenance
Criminal Justice
Diesel Technology
Emergency Medical Services
Engineering and CAD
Entrepreneurship
Graphic Communication
Health Careers Foundation
Hospitality/Culinary
HSECA Diagnostic
Mechatronics
Medical Assistant
Network & Cyber Security
Pharmacy Tech
Sustainable Agriscience
Teacher Academy
Welding

GRCC Launch U Programs

General Associate's Degree
Engineering & Mechanical Design
IT-Computer Support Specialist



Kent Career Tech Center

a program of Kent ISD

Additionally, Kent City High School students are engaging in Work Based Learning experiences in a broad range of fields and industries. All of these opportunities seek to provide students with a taste of what awaits them after graduation and, hopefully, they spark excitement and a vision for what career opportunities they want to pursue.

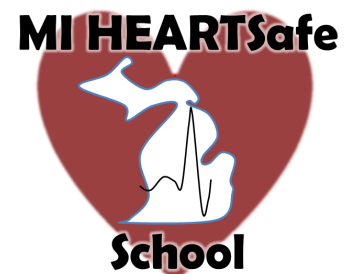
MI HEARTSafe School Award

In November, Kent City High School was awarded the MI HEARTSafe School award for the first time in school history. To receive this designation, schools must have:

- A written cardiac emergency response plan and team that can respond to an emergency during school hours and after-school activities and sports.
- Current CPR/AED certification of at least 10% of staff and 50% of coaches, including 100% of head coaches and physical education staff.
- Accessible, properly maintained and inspected AEDs with signs identifying locations.
- Annual cardiac emergency response drills.
- Pre-participation sports screening of all student athletes using the current physical and history form endorsed by MHSAA.

For additional information on this award, see the information in the links below.

- [All current MI HEARTSafe Schools](#)
- [County Map](#)
- [Press release](#)



6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
Remington Allers Roy Anderson Lincoln Barnhill Waylon Bennett Savannah Boylan Ella Browe Paislee Davila Adalyn DeRaad Eva Garcia Joel Gerbers Addalie Hall Owen Heiss Jeta Herington Clint Houtman Brennan Imhoff Gabriel Jacobs Emma Johnson Landon Kamphuis Hailey Kline Ryann Kruithoff Everly Kurnat Rylan Lacy Bristol Larson Maci McLemore Braxton Nota Mason Nurmikko Samantha O'Hare Chelsey Ogg Kya Oleniczak Landon Parker Gabriella Pennock Kellen Perkins Xzandria Peterson Caroline Pike Miguelangel Quintana-Puente Owen Rath Chase Rawson Rylan Rider Ezra Rose-Washburn Braden Schillim Evelynn Scudder Carter Simons Alivia Spaman Abigail Teesdale Eli TenHove Maverick Thompson Graedyn Tice-Kaminski Johnathan Toney Brody VanOeffelen Otto Wahlfield Alayna Wellman Ryelle Wert Colton Wray Xavier Zuniga	Gabriel Anderson Jackson Bopp Larissa Brooks Molly Buikema Payton Buitendyk River Bussing Logan Christensen Jayden Clay Rueger DeVos Tenley DeVos Kelsey Elsner Lillian Gilliland Lucas Garvey MiLeyah Gutierrez-Harris Avery Hejduk Angelina Gomez Caden Jensen Landon Jones Adrianna Jorgensen Aubrey King-Swain Brianna Kline Kenadi Lintern Easton Loonsfoot Gage McVicker Mark Mikula Cole Morgan Levi Neeley Audra Niemi Ella Olson-Jourden Brennan Pelletier Isabella Pennock Keagan Poffinbarger Jocelyn Reason Ana Rivera-Gil Brayan Roa Mendez Giuliana Rodriguez Isabella Shafer Kennedy Simons Jackson Slauter Brianna Smith Bristol Sokoloski Delainey Thom Ezra Thomas Henry Thompson Anthony Tomlinson Adam Turnquist Luke Tyers Wade VanderLind Braelynn Velte Logan Westphal Darrin White Caden Wiles Estelle Willis	Connor Anderson Megan Anderson Analizia Artega-Esch Cohen Beeman Brayden Bloom Bradley Browe Kinley Brown David Cox Bayla Curtis Kyli Curtis Aubrey DeBoer Paige Driskell Emmett Elsner Aiden Farr Myles Freeland Maverick Gonzalez Nova Hand Emmitt Hansen Ava Harlett Mikyla Lacy Karis Larson Adolfo Leonides-Arroyo Quinton McLemore Sophia Michell Jaxon Mitchell Lucas Mitchell Jacob Niemi Dylan Overholt Abigail Peterson Ella Pike Travis Pike Karol Quintana-Puente Liam Rath Jenna Rawson Zuleiika Rincon Michel Luis Rivera-Gil Jaxon Robeck Corbin Rogers Leilani Romero Brianna Sanchez Jaden Sanchez Brenna Sandison Brooke Scheidel Evelynn Scudder Amelia Smith Keyla Sosa-Aguilar Ethan Stuhan Karsyn Thompson Eli Tower Joseph VanHouten Shaedan VanKampen Elisha Vaughan Victor Vazquez-Reyes Trevor Veltkamp Joselyn Vogel Brianna Washburn Grayston Wilson Dakoda Worley Joceline Zuniga

9th Grade

Bulliss, Lydia
 Carr, Rebecca
 Castillo, Cambree
 Cronkright, Leah
 DeJohn, Makayla
 Diaz-Guzman, Hector
 Garcia-DeSantiago, Jorge
 Garcia, Isabel Carolyn
 Gomez-Yanez, Bryan
 Groenke, Lucas
 Hall, Eiliyah
 Hawthorne, Jonah
 Howard, Laina
 Hull, Taya
 Hutson, Isabelle
 Imhoff, Liam
 Jaramillo, Yael
 Kamphuis, Aiden
 Kent, Braelyn
 Knash, AbyGayle
 Max, Elliana
 Miller, Julia
 Mortensen, Macy
 Nesbitt, Kaelyn
 Oberg, Samantha
 Perez-Ramirez, Lisandro
 Reed, Judith
 Resendez Martinez, Karen
 Roa, Ashley
 Rodriguez-Medrano, Vanessa
 Roe, Zander Michael
 Roest, Charles Darwin
 Rubio-De La Cruz, Kelly
 Senkowski, Alyssa
 Sevey, Hannah
 Simons, Kaden
 Smith, Brody
 Smith, Jordan
 Stinson, Callie
 Thom, Lincoln
 VanderLind, Saydie
 VanHouten, Nathan
 Vazquez-Reyes, Scott
 Vogel, Maci
 Zimmer, Shelby

10th Grade

Arechiga, Marcus
 Barcala Del Saz, Mario
 Barnhill, Ethan
 Browning, Caibron
 Cleveland, Evan
 Copado-Perez, David
 Cruz, Ivan
 Dixon, Eden
 Duran, Katelyn
 Espinoza Luna, Jeiny
 Ferguson, Grant
 Frazier, Nevaeh
 Freeland, Kensington
 Geldersma, Mason
 Goguen, Gracie
 Goldner, Emma
 Hansen, Ellie
 Kamanu, Kai
 Kerr, Mariah
 Kruihoff, Emery
 Lain, Zechariah
 McGuff, Trevor
 McLemore, Maliq
 Morales-Garcia, Kalie
 Morales, Jayden
 Morgan, Alina
 Pelletier, Brooklynn
 Perez-Ramirez, Gabino
 Potter, Jacob
 Quintero, Sergio
 Randall, Zoee
 Robinson, Delaney
 Rupinski, Jordan
 Santiago Delgado, Alondra
 Schmid, Vanessa
 Searcy, Shelby
 Simons, Reagan
 Stray, Gage
 Stuhan, Isaiah
 Thompson, London
 Vogel, Donovan
 White, Troy
 Worley, Alivia

11th Grade

Afton, Elizabeth
 Aguilar, Jacqueline
 Almarza Arecheta, Blanca
 Anderson, Justin
 Anderson, Samuel
 Armstrong, Brooklin
 Armstrong, Bryer
 Baas-VanNorman, Gavin
 Bair, Weston
 Barrera-Villa, Monserrat
 Cardona Coronado, Yedi
 Cato, Zoe
 Chappell, Kyrach
 Coronado-Barajas, Giancarlo
 Cronkright, Angie
 Danielson, Jaden
 Danielson, Logan
 De Almeida Franca, Helen
 DeGraaf, Julien
 DeVoogd, Ayden
 Diaz-Charles, Rosario
 Duran Yanez, Yonatan
 Eager, Karley
 Esch, Arisabel
 Espinoza Luna, Kevin
 Fowler, Raileigh
 Freeland, Kale
 Goble, Hayla Virginia
 Graham, Spencer
 Green, Chloe
 Haight, Braya
 Helsen, Olivia
 Hernandez-Chavez, Abigail
 Hoffman, Laynee
 Howard, Lydia
 Imhoff, Kaiya
 Juarez-Resendiz, Brandon
 Koetje, Alisah
 Korcal, Addison
 Labrador Rincon, Danna
 Lantzer, Avery
 Larson, Lylah
 Larson, Sienna
 Lee, Jeongbeen
 Loomis-Sandison, Jayden
 Lopez-Cardona, Miranda
 Max, Jaxon
 McCullough, Brandon
 McKinley, Colton
 Meade, Andre
 Miller, Alyssa
 Mitchell, Maddyson
 Mollien, Milah
 Mortensen, Laila
 O'Hare, Courtney
 Olson, Ashlyn
 Pendleton, Alexia
 Peterson, Blake
 Pozas-Servin, Jesus
 Pozas-Servin, Jose
 Quintana-Puente, Paola
 Rawson, Trevor
 Riscili, Dakota
 Rivera, Emily
 Rocafort, Diego
 Roest, Roslynn
 Rogers, Katie
 Sanchez-Avila, Julio Yair
 Serrano-Guzman, Estefany
 Silva-Prisciliano, Elizabeth
 Smalley, Makenze
 Soto-Mojica, Emily
 Stinson, Cooper
 Tucker, Khloe
 Valdes, Dyana
 Vanderwest, Aaron
 VanGessel, Hailey
 Verburg, Brooklyn
 Wiles, Zayne
 Witt, Julian
 Yanez, Janeth
 Zunun-Chappell, Lorena

12th Grade

Abma, Emily
 Afton, Brady
 Badalamenti, Jessica
 Bartosiewicz, Bailey
 Bass, Dylan
 Brandow, Anika
 Carlson, Tanner
 Cegelis, Abigail
 Christie, Lorne
 Diaz-Guzman, Fernando
 Drent, Victoria
 Esquivel, Alisha
 Flegel, Zachary
 Flores, Yoselyn
 Fuller, Brooklyn
 Gomez-Yanez, Erik
 Gustafson, Deakon
 Gustinis, Paeten
 Hartzell, Cailynn
 Houtman, Cooper
 Kamanu, Kayden
 Kamphuis, Hailey
 Kruihoff, Morgan
 Linsley, Hatcher
 Maloley, Cheyenne
 Matias Martinez, Joandy
 McCuaig, Travis
 Mortensen, Brenna
 Norkus, Tyler
 Oppenhuizen, Talan
 Perkins, Kaden
 Preston, Grayson
 Quintana-Puente, Maribel
 Robinson, Ava
 Romero, Yesenia
 Senkowski, Ian
 Sytsma, Amy
 Van, Lily
 VanKampen, Chloee
 VanKoevering, Landon
 VanKoevering, Lily
 Vargas, Allison
 Vargas, Brianna
 Vazquez, Alana
 Volkens, Lila
 Wegener, Nathan
 West, Connor
 Wolter, Avery
 Wolter, Wyatt





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Enrollment for the 2025-26 school year!

Thank you for choosing Kent City Community Schools! We look forward to educating your child.

New Student Registration - Kindergarten/ECSE/Y5 through 12th Grade

To begin the enrollment process, please verify your resident district <https://www.oaisd.org/about-us/local-schools/resident-district-lookup/> - This link will assist in verifying what school district you reside in.

- ◇ If you reside within Kent City Community School district, please continue the enrollment process by scanning the QR code or visiting <https://www.kentcityschools.org/district/enrollment/>
- ◇ If you do not reside within the KCCS district, please complete the *Schools of Choice Application* under the enrollment tab on the district website, [kentcityschools.org](https://www.kentcityschools.org). Upon approval, you will receive an email regarding your next steps in enrollment.



If you have questions or need assistance, please email enrollment@kentcityschools.org to schedule an appointment.

GSRP Preschool

Please visit <https://preschool.kentisd.org/Apply> to enroll your preschool-age student in our Great Start Readiness Program.