

May 22 The KURTZ CONNECTOR

Staff Appreciation Week!	5/2
PTA Kurtz Night at Rollerama	5/2
No School for students - Teacher PD	5/3
Hungry Howie's Night (4-8)	5/3
5th graders visit the middle schools	5/5
Student Profiles due	5/6
Mother/Son Bowling Night (6-8)	5/6
Father/Daughter Bowling Night (6-8)	5/7
PTA meeting in the cafeteria at 7:00	5/11
5th grade camp	5/12
Memorial Day -	5/30
Outdoor Family Movie Night	6/4
PTA meeting in the cafeteria at 7:00	6/8
Field Day	6/10
Last day of school Students dismissed at 12:45	6/16

Building Hours:
9:10 1st Bell (students may enter) / 9:15 2nd Bell (school starts) / 4:07 Dismissal

You Made A DIFFERENCE!

On behalf of the entire Kurtz staff, I would like to thank every member of the Kurtz community for participating in the 2022 Cereal Box Challenge. Recently, a parent proposed this project at a PTA meeting. The vision was to collect family-sized cereal boxes for the benefit of families connected with Community Sharing. Community Sharing Outreach Center is a local non-profit dedicated to supporting HVS families in need. The Kurtz community rallied and made the project a huge success.

The idea was presented to our fifth grade teachers who picked this project up and ran with it. Students volunteered to take on various roles in order to communicate the initiative to students and their families. Students wrote and executed scripts that became commercials that ran on our WKRZ morning announcements. They also made robocalls and classroom visits while other students collected and stored donations as they came in. Yet another group planned and executed the actual cereal box domino track while other students filmed and took photos for social media.

This project means a great deal to us as it was all inclusive and, at it's core, was designed to draw attention to community involvement and supporting neighbors in need. In the end, over 600 boxes of cereal were donated and delivered to Community Sharing. There is no doubt that our community made a difference!



Follow US ONLINE!

M-STEP Testing

The M-STEP is the standardized assessment the state requires all public schools to participate in each year. At the elementary level, the M-STEP is given to students in grades three through five. The assessment provides student achievement data for all students in the areas of math and ELA. Fifth graders also take a science and social studies assessment in addition to the math and ELA tests.

It is important to know that parents have a role in this process as well. To the right you will find the HVS elementary assessment schedule. It is our hope that parents do their best to limit the possibility of students

being absent on their scheduled testing dates in order to minimize the potential for students having to make up their missed testing sessions after their classes have completed their assessments. We understand there will be students who need to be absent on scheduled days, but we are hopeful parents will do their best to ensure attendance, especially on testing days.

Lastly, it is our hope parents will discuss the importance of giving 100% effort on these tests. The student achievement data is used in planning instruction and each child's score represents the great work being done at Kurtz.

3rd Grade:

- ◆ Tuesday, April 12 - ELA
 - > 9:30 - Begin reading directions
 - > 9:45 - 11:45 - ELA (2 hrs)*
- ◆ Thursday, April 14 - Math
 - > 9:30 - Begin reading directions
 - > 9:45 - 11:15 - Math (1.5 hrs)*

4th Grade:

- ◆ Tuesday, April 19 - ELA
 - > 9:30 - Begin reading directions
 - > 9:45 - 11:45 - ELA (2 hrs)*
- ◆ Thursday, April 21 - Math
 - > 9:30 - Begin reading directions
 - > 9:45 - 11:15 - Math (1.5 hrs)*

5th Grade:

- ◆ Tuesday, April 26 - ELA
 - > 9:30 - Begin reading directions
 - > 9:45 - 11:45 - ELA (2 hrs)*
- ◆ Thursday, April 28 - Math
 - > 9:30 - Begin reading directions
 - > 9:45 - 11:15 - Math (1.5 hrs)*
- ◆ Monday, May 2 - Social Studies
 - > 9:30 - Begin reading directions
 - > 9:45 - 10:45 - Math (1 hr)*
- ◆ Wednesday, May 4 - Science
 - > 9:30 - Begin reading directions
 - > 9:45 - 11:15 - Math (1.5 hr)*

Students in the Spotlight

Congratulations to Ian Bobola and Kristel Godoy-Vasquez for being recognized as our Students in the Spotlight this month. Ian, a first grade leader in Mrs. Zimmerman's class, is an artistic student that is always growing his skills in the area of drawing and creating things. He is considered to be a leader by his teacher and by his peers. Kristel is also viewed as a leader and role model. All year, Kristel has been supporting staff and stu-

dents getting to and from the school bus.

Both students exemplify the type of leadership attributes our staff and students recognize as meaningful and effective.

We celebrate our Students in the Spotlight each month because they make a difference at school and in our great community.



Please Excuse Our Mess!

Many parents and community members have driven by and witnessed the construction taking place at the front of our building. It is also an amazing experience for our kids to watch the construction taking place from week to week.

Once inside, it is clear that we are knee deep in packing up our entire building for the interior construction that is starting on June 17th. That's right! Everything needs to be packed up and stored in semi-trailers for the summer. The entire staff is working to go through,

in some cases, 20+ years of materials that have been stored in their rooms or in closets. Even the PTA has had the opportunity to go through their closets and clean out some items that might not have seen the sun in years.

Although a huge endeavor, construction is truly setting the stage for a new and fresh beginning for everyone in the fall. Kurtz staff members have all been given permission to dress down a bit in order to be more comfortable as they participate in the moving process. Parents interested in lending a hand to

our team can reach out to teachers via email this month. Do you know a middle or high school student interested in helping out and possibly earning some community service time,? If so, they can also reach out and volunteer some muscle power to a teacher ready to pack or move boxes.



Numbers Matter!

As we seem to be exiting the global pandemic, our staff members are spending time preparing for the placement process to be conducted at the end of the year. Our staff members are putting together all sorts of data that will be used to create balanced classrooms for the new year. We have designated more time this year to allow sending and receiving teams to be able to meet and reflect on past practices and put new plans in

place.

The parent submitted Student Profiles (due in by the end of the day on May 6) also play a role in this process. Parents are also encouraged to reach out to friends and neighbors who may be considering student enrollment at Kurtz. Many of you may be aware that Huron Valley is among so many other districts who are experiencing losses in enrollment. This trend is occurring state and nationwide. As of today, most of our class sizes

are looking great, low to mid 20's, but when low numbers occur, we run the risk of losing sections and maxing out limited sections.

Adding this article to the Connector is an attempt to encourage parents to take opportunities to share opinions or thoughts about Kurtz with perspective additions to our happy Kurtz family! Please feel free to reach out to Mr. Chisik for more specific information.

Pick-Up and Drop-Off

We are very proud of the pick-up and drop-off process we have in place at Kurtz. We work hard to make this daily routine safe and effective. There are Kurtz staff members assigned to ensuring our systems work effectively, while still making sure to use the time to connect with students and provide support when and if support is needed.

We assure you that our system works and is most effective when visitors follow our plan. We are always focused on getting you in and out of the parking lot as quickly as possible. Visitors can help us make pick-up and drop-off times flow best by not parking on the curb during pick-up and drop-off times. **Vehicles should be pulling up and quickly getting child(ren) in and out of the car.** Please do not get out and help children in or out of the vehicle. Utilize

Kurtz staff or park if your child requires extra support.

Visitors should never pass in the left lane of the loop because it is not safe for our students and could (and has) resulted in damage to vehicles, adding unnecessary stress on individuals.

We feel strongly that passing really only has the potential to save a few seconds on your commute and strongly expect you not to do it.

If you are planning to park, please park in a designate parking space. Kurtz staff members park in the back of the lot in order to make it as easy as possible for parents to find a parking space in our small parking lot. Also, students should never be walking through the parking lot without

an adult.

Parents, please observe the posted speed limit sign on Kurtz Drive. We ask parents to respect our neighbors and never block driveways when you are picking up or dropping off.

We have also been contacted by our neighbors at the Document Store to ask parents not to use their parking lot as a pick-up space.

We ask parents not to escort their child(ren) to their classrooms for various health and safety reasons. Teachers meet their students outside each morning

to start the day in a positive and personal manner.

Your participation in this process is both expected and appreciated. Please feel free to share ideas and suggestions in writing with me, Mr. Chisik, at your earliest convenience.



Welcoming+Empowering+Achieving=GREATNESS!

PTA News

As the school year begins to wind down, the PTA team is still busy wrapping up Teacher Appreciation Week, attending Bowling and Roller Skating events and planning Movie Night.

Thanks to our AWESOME parent volunteers, all of the classroom doors were decorated to kick off our "How Sweet it is to Be Taught by You" Staff Appreciation Celebration.

Cougar families donated 616 cereal boxes to the Community Sharing pantry after the Cereal Box Domino Challenge on April 14! Visit the Kurtz Elementary PTA 2021/22 Facebook page for the video.

Join us at Rollerama in Brighton on 5/2 for Roller Skating Night, 6:30-8:30! \$8.50 per person includes skate rental.

Don't forget the Bowling Nights!

Mother/Son May 6

Father/Daughter May 7

6-8 pm contact Susie Gallison 248-207-8174

The last General Membership PTA meeting is May 11 and we still want to hear from parents to help identify ways of representing and serving Kurtz students and staff. Becoming a member gives you a voice in how PTA spends funds and advocates for all students by attending meetings. Many of us were strangers at the beginning of the year, but through meetings and events, long lasting friendships have formed. Several dedicated volunteers will be missed as their children move on to middle school, leaving big shoes to fill. Your efforts over the years are appreciated. Thank you!

Mark your calendars for June 4 @7:30 PM for Movie Under the Stars ★ □

The movie will be chosen by the students who are casting votes in Technology class! Concessions and alternate parking info coming soon!

The Kurtz PTA welcomes EVERYONE!

The next General Membership PTA meeting will be held in-person and Zoom on May 11, 2022 @7pm.

Get involved, share ideas, and participate!

2021/22 Kurtz PTA Board:

Michelle Lauzon- PTA President

Jenny MacDonell- Vice-President

Jodie Courtney- Treasurer

Kristin Rolfe-Communications Secretary Amy Gritzinger- Recording Secretary

Follow us on Social Media

Facebook: Kurtz Elementary PTA 2021-2022

Instagram: Kurtz Elementary PTA



KURTZ
 Mother/Son & Father/Daughter
Bowling Nights!

When: Mother/Son Night -Friday, May 6th

Father/Daughter Night-Saturday May 7th

From 6-8pm BOTH nights!

Where: Century Bowl-7345 Highland Rd

Cost: \$13 Per Person (includes shoe rental, 2 bowling games, pizza and pop)

Details for Payment: You can pay cash or Venmo @SusieGallison (Please pay through Friends & Family) *For questions contact Susie Gallison at: 248-207-8174

*Either way you choose to pay please complete the Registration form below and turn it in to your child's teacher by Friday, April 29th
 Thank you!



PRESCHOOL 2022/23

Our Preschool classes follow the Early Childhood Standards of Quality for Pre-Kindergarten.

In addition, our staff works with Huron Valley Schools Kindergarten teachers to ensure our classroom instruction aligns with their curriculum goals.

FEE BASED PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS:

Wednesday, March 23rd

All registration will take place online at hvsearlychildhood.org

Parent Information Meeting will be held prior to the start of the preschool year.

A \$100 deposit is non-refundable and will be taken off the first monthly payment

3-YEAR OLD FEE BASED CLASSES
 3 Years Old By September 1, 2022

Course #5300 Apollo Center
 Teacher: C. Vivier
 Days: Tuesdays & Thursdays
 Times: 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
 Fee: \$2052 / 11 Payments of \$187

Course #5302 Apollo Center
 Teacher: R. Madeira
 Days: Tuesdays & Thursdays
 Times: 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
 Fee: \$1368 / 11 Payments of \$124

4-YEAR OLD FEE BASED CLASSES
 4 Years Old By September 1, 2022

Course #5400 Apollo Center
 Teacher: R. Madeira
 Days: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
 Times: 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
 Fee: \$2912 / 11 Payments of \$265

Course #5402 Apollo Center
 Teacher: C. Vivier
 Days: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
 Times: 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
 Fee: \$3276 / 11 Payments of \$298

Course #5403 Apollo Center
 Teacher: K. Kerr
 Days: Mondays through Thursday
 Times: 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
 Fee: \$4284 / 11 Payments of \$389

More Information: Visit HVS.org and click on **EARLY CHILDHOOD: Apollo Center FEE BASED**; (248) 676-8496 or schoolagecare@hvs.org • **GSRP**; (248) 684-8276



Great Start Readiness Preschool
 Free 4 Year Old Full Day Preschool

PRE ENROLLMENT

March 21-23 10 am-6 pm	April 7-8 10 am-3 pm
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Email us your contact information, including name, phone and email, student name and date of birth. We will call you to set up an appointment.

Email: gsrp.information@hvs.org

Location: Apollo Center
 2029 N. Milford Rd
 Highland, MI 48357

Enrollment possible with incomes up to \$16,575 for families with household size of 8.

Fee based classes begin the week of September 12th.

Kurtz Elementary PTA Presents:

Roller Skate Night

Monday, May 2, 2022

6:30 - 8:30pm
 (No school on May 3)

Rollerama Zap Zone

6995 Grand River Ave.

Brighton, MI 48814

\$8.50 per person (includes skate rental)

All other activities available at additional cost

