

The KURTZ CONNECTOR

June 22

Building Hours:

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

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



What A Year! Reflections From Your Child's Principal!

As the 2021-22 school year comes to a close, I would like to take a moment to reflect on just what we have been able to accomplish despite all of the challenges and obstacles the COVID pandemic has thrown our way since August. Way back in the fall, our students and staff returned to school masked and ready to learn. Our team focused on receiving many students back from a virtual setting and helped everyone to adjust to a more traditional school setting. Parents, staff and students did whatever we could to avoid getting ill or spreading the virus in the classroom/school setting. We could not be more proud of our parents for the many sacrifices made in order to try to keep everyone as healthy at school as possible. We know how difficult it has been to quarantine, but our families did not hesitate to do what was necessary to limit the exposure of more staff and students.

We have been very fortunate to have added our amazing building subs Mrs. Jagielski, Mr. Pritchard and Mrs. Danley to our team. This group of educators helped to ensure the continuity of instruction while members of our staff were either dealing with COVID themselves or caring for others in their own homes with COVID.

So many of the leaders in education at the state and national level were very vocal about the likeliness of learning loss, especially at the elementary level. Our staff has worked diligently to make sure all of our students received individualized attention and support in order to make sure academic gains were made. I can tell you that our students are making progress at Kurtz, despite all of the challenges. Our students are showing gains on their local and state level assessments, as well as in their daily endeavors. We strongly believe that our Kurtz community has weathered this storm as a highly functioning school family. We believe that the work is not done and that we will continue to work hard to ensure the success of each of our students in every way.

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Kurtz Was Well Represented at the Memorial Day Parade.



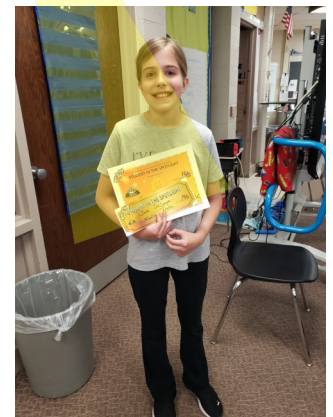
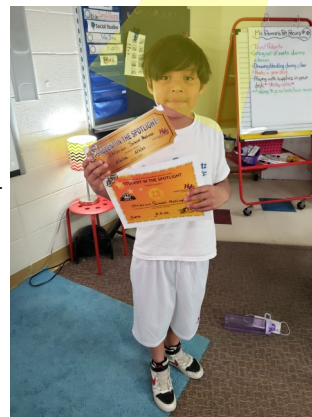
Students in the Spotlight

Congratulations to Christian Salazar-Martinez and Julia Dejonge for being recognized as our Students in the Spotlight this month. Christian, a third grade leader in Mrs. Peterman's class. He is a strong and caring student who is considered to be a leader by his teacher and by his peers.

Julia is also viewed as a leader and role model. All year, Julia has

been the director, editor and producer of our WKRZ News. She is viewed as a leader by staff and by her peers.

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



Please Excuse the Boxes!

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.



KURTZ PTA PRESENTS

FREE Family MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, June 4TH
on the Kurtz playground at 7:30pm

Children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult

STUDENT VOTES ARE IN!

Bring your blankets, pillows, picnic snacks, bug spray and flashlights!

Movie begins promptly at 8pm. Come early for movie trivia!

Concessions for sale: popcorn, soda, water & candy

FREE Glow Sticks sponsored by **Huron Valley State Bank**

FREE KONA ICE TRUCK SPONSORED BY **DR. WAX ORTHODONTICS**

Parking at Milford United Methodist Church: 1200 Atlantic St.

HVS HURON VALLEY SCHOOLS

Complimentary
SENIOR APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Milford High School Cafeteria
Saturday, June 4, 2022
12 Noon
Age 60+

Food & Fellowship
Entertainment
Giveaways

RSVP Required:
laura.colvin@hvs.org 248-684-8281

PTA News

With the last day of school only days away, please mark your calendars for the final PTA sponsored event of the 2021/22 school year. **Family Movie Night will be on Saturday, June 4, 2022.** Please join us on the Kurtz playground any time after 7:30. The movie will start sometime after 8:00 pm (depending on darkness). All students voted to watch **SING 2**.

About the Event:

- Admission is FREE.
- Dr. Wax Orthodontics is sponsoring a Kona Truck. There will be FREE shaved ice for our Cougars!
- Huron Valley State Bank is providing free glow bracelets and necklaces.
- Concessions will be available for purchase.
- All students must be accompanied by adults.
- Due to construction, please park at the Milford United Methodist Church (next door to the Post Office) and walk down Noble Street to the playground.

To make this event successful, we will need volunteers. Please sign up at <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/30e044cada82ca0f85-kurtz4>

Volunteers are also needed for Field Day on June 10th.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094FADA923A3FC1-2022>

The Kurtz PTA team will continue working on fun and enriching events for the 2022/23 school year. Please join our social media pages for information on summer meetups and activities.

We are looking for candidates to chair and coordinate events. Contact us to volunteer or with questions. Everyone is welcome!

In an effort to best accommodate more schedules, fall PTA meeting times will rotate between evenings and mornings. We hope to increase attendance and parent participation. Stay tuned to social media for upcoming dates.

The 2022/23 school year brings new events, exciting building updates and new PTA members. See you all in the fall!

If you have any questions, please contact KurtzElementaryPTA@gmail.com

Have a safe and fun summer Kurtz families!

2021/22 Kurtz PTA Board:

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Important information for parents or guardians of student's eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch at Kurtz Elementary School.

What is the Pandemic-EBT Program?

The Pandemic-EBT (P-EBT) Program provides food benefits to families with children who were not able to get free or reduced-price school meals due to COVID. You may hear about this benefit from other schools or in the media.

Who is eligible?

Being eligible for this program will depend on what school your student attends. Eligibility for the Pandemic-EBT (P-EBT) Program can be different between schools within the same district.

What makes a school eligible for P-EBT?

A school building is eligible only if the building has had 5 school days in a row of reduced in-person hours due to COVID (closures due to staffing shortages do not count for P-EBT benefits).

What could make my child eligible for P-EBT?

- 1) If the school they attend is eligible for P-EBT and
- 2) If your student has applied and been approved for free/reduced lunch and
- 3) Did not receive instruction in-person for some or all the month due to COVID-19 related absence

There may be months when your student's attendance was different from what the school reported. In that case, you may be able to have your student's benefit level reconsidered. Your request to be reconsidered must be submitted by June 30, 2022. In the month(s) below your school reported primarily in-person. Your student(s) may be P-EBT eligible if your student did not receive instruction in-person for some or all the month due to COVID-19 related absence in the following month(s):

September 2021, October 2021, November 2021, December 2021, January 2022, and February 2022

For more information, visit WWW.MICHIGAN.GOV/PEBT or call 1-833-905-0028.

LAKELAND GIRLS BASKETBALL YOUTH CAMP



Instruction for this camp will be provided by Lakeland's varsity girls basketball coach, Michael Leitheim, his staff, as well as current and former girls basketball players at Lakeland. This camp is open to any girl, K-incoming 9th grader, and will focus on skill development on both the offensive and defensive sides of the ball. This camp will give participants an opportunity to learn more about the game while interacting with new people.

DATES: Monday through Wednesday, June 20-22

LOCATION: Lakeland HS Field House

COST: \$75 (includes t-shirt)

GRADES K-5: Time for K-5 will be 9am-11am each day

GRADES 6-incoming 9th graders: Time for 6-9 will be 11am-1pm each day

Please go to the Huron Valley Rec & Community Ed registration website to register for camp. Here is the website:

<https://hvs.ce.eleyo.com/course/1306/summer-2022/lhs-girls-basketball-youth-camp>

COURSE NUMBER K-5: 2505

COURSE NUMBER 6-9: 2506