Kettle Lake Elementary, 8451 Garbow Drive, Alto, MI 49302
Phone 616.868.6113 FAX 616.868.0021 Backdoor Phone Number 616.891.6200
"A Community of Learner's…Where Learning is for Everyone"
April 13, 2016 www.calschools.org
School Starts @ 8:40 am, Dismisses @ 3:35 pm

COUGAR KIDS CARE CLUB MTG. THUR., 4-14

Wednesday Word

LET'S MAKE A DATE!

April 14
Cougar Kids Care Club Mtg, 3:35-4:30 pm
KL Library

April 29
KL Carnival 6-8:30 pm

May 2
KL PTO Meeting
Library, 7 pm

May 5
Cougar Kids Care Club Mtg, 3:35-4:30 pm
KL Library

May 20th
KL Blood Drive

May 27-30
NO SCHOOL
Memorial Day Weekend

June 2
Kindergarten Concert
KL Gym, 6:30 pm

June 3
Field Day
K-2nd AM, 3-5th PM
Rain or Shine

June 10
5th grade Promotion
9:30 am, KL Gym

****REMINDER****
Deadline for Wednesday Word Articles by Tuesday @ noon

THANK YOU to everyone for helping us with this year's Recycling Challenge. We earned $1,205 to purchase new trees for the KL playground. It was a great experience for our children to set a goal and then work to reach it. Everyone learned a lot about why trees and recycling are so important to our world. We couldn't have done it without you. Thank you for always stepping up to support KL.

COUGAR KIDS CARE CLUB

Our meeting is this Thursday, April 14th from 3:35—4:30 pm in the Kettle Lake Library. Be sure and send a "Note to the Teacher" if your student plans to stay after school.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: 2ND ANNUAL KETTLE LAKE BLOOD DRIVE MAY 20TH

Date : 5/20/2016
Start Time : 12:30 PM
End Time : 4:45 PM
Where : Kettle Lake Elementary
Address : 8451 Garbow Drive, Alto, MI 49302

Sign Up: http://www.redcross.org/rcbmobile/drive/chooseDonationTime.jsp

PTO CORNER

Contact Information:

PTO Webpage:

http://kettlelakepto.weebly.com/

PTO E-mail:

kettlelakepto@gmail.com

Facebook Link:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/KLpto/

RAFFLE TICKETS!!

Raffle tickets will be going home the week after spring break. The prize list is growing rapidly so increase your chances to win by buying tickets!

Lower El and Upper El class that are responsible for the most ticket sales will win a pizza party!

Be sure to check the Wednesday word for the growing list of raffle prizes that include the following and more!

Griffins tickets
Whitecaps tickets
Alan Trammell autographed photo
Red Wings autographed photo
Kids bicycle
Bill & Paul's Sporthaus gift card
Museum and zoo passes
Dozens of gift cards to local stores and restaurants
And more!

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR RAFFLE!!

HAPPY SPRING! That means Spring Carnival is near along with the RAFFLE!

The raffle committee is busy collecting prizes and donations from local businesses and organizations and needs your help. Donations of any size and value are more than welcome and help in building the growing list of prizes. How can you help?

- Ask your employer if they would like to make a donation.
- Own your own business? Make a tax deductible donation.
- Donate an item in the name of your family
- Gift cards are great! and Cash always helps

If you have any questions or would like to make a donation to the raffle please contact Ryan Dean rjeidean@gmail.com or leave the item at the office attention: Ryan Dean

THANK YOU!

VOLUNTEER FOR CARNIVAL!!

The Carnival is coming… Save the date April 29th. Check out the Wednesday Word for more information.

We do need volunteers to make this event successful. If you cannot "man" a station, maybe you can contribute to the cake walk. (Or you can do both!)

Check out the link below for specific needs for this event or contact your KL Carnival Committee Chair Elisabeth Rues – xxxxxy@gmail.com.

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0845AEAB22A5FA7-2016

PTO Meeting Schedule:

May 2, 2016

****Please note that Randy Rodriguez, Caledonia's Superintendent will be in attendance for this PTO Meeting****

When: 7pm
Location: Library
Childcare is provided

Meeting Minutes from 03/07/2016:
http://kettlelakepto.weebly.com/meetings-and-minutes.html

2015/2016 Board Members:

Co-Presidents: Nellie Schutte & Crystal Saidoo
Vice President: Lisa Walbeck
Treasurer: Pam Andrulis
Secretary: Hollie Meeuwsen

COMMITTEE/EVENT UPDATES:

Spotlight Fundraising: iGive

With iGive.com, you don't have to choose between buying something or sending a donation to Kettle Lake Elementary. Now you can buy the things you need, save money with exclusive iGive coupons and deals, and feel good knowing that a portion of each purchase benefits our school. To join iGive.com, click here, be sure to designate Kettle Lake as your cause.

iGive.com®

http://kettlelakepto.weebly.com/fundraise---at-no-cost-to-you.html

Scrip Fundraising

Spring is in the air and many of you may be getting ready for all those spring projects. Utilize scrip for all of your spring project needs from home improvement to spring cleaning, scrip has what you need to get the job done. Orders and payment are due by 3:00pm on Tuesdays and orders will be ready for pick up by noon on Thursday.

Contact Emily Ploeg at kettlelakescrip@gmail.com for more information about the program and details on how you can sign up.

***Cougar Kids**

If your child participates in Cougar Kids Care Club or is thinking of joining next year (open to 3rd – 5th graders) this is a great way for your involvement.

***PTO Board Positions**

Elections will take place during the May PTO Board Meeting.

Please email kettlelakepto@gmail.com with any questions related to either of the open positions or to notify of your interest in a position so you can be added to the ballot.

- **Treasurer** – 2 year position
- **Co-President** – 2 year position

Box Tops, Labels for Education & Tyson A+ Contest
Sue VanEss, Chair

The Labels for Education program will sadly be coming to an end at the end of this school year. We will be running one more contest around May to gather any and all that you can come up with. Let's take advantage of all the points we can get through them still. Ask family & friends to save for you as well!!

If you ever have any questions on participating products, please check out the websites:

www.BoxTops4education.com
www.labelsforeducation.com

Reminder on Labels, that we need the UPC code as well as the point value to count.

TERRACYCLE
Jamie Ryder, Chair

We are making a difference Kettle Lake!! So far this year we have collected over 6,700 juice pouches and over 1,400 snack pouches and have earned over $200.00 for the school!! Let's keep it up by continuing to collect the following items:

- Juice Pouches – Capri Sun, Honest Company, Kool-Aid Jammers, store brands or any other brand of aluminum or plastic drink pouch that has a straw OR spout.

- Snack Pouches – GoGo Squeeze, Motts, Delmonte, store brands, or any other brand of snack pouch.

For each of these items the remaining product should be emptied into the garbage before placing in the bin. Caps &/or Straws can also be placed in the bin.

SPRING FLING

CARNIVAL NEWS

SAVE THE DATE: **FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2015 from 6:00-8:30 p.m.**

Fun Services will be hosting our carnival this year and we will be raffling off some really cool items!

AND Giggles and Chuckles Carnival Cart! Will be there with Balloon items. This is a donation requested item and all proceeds go to the playground. Visit www.gigglesandchuckles.com

Back by popular demand- Each child will bring a packet of raffle tickets home. There are 30 tickets per book and each ticket is .50 each. These will be for donated items that are $99.99 or less.

We will be holding a second raffle for items that are $100.00 and over. These tickets will be sold for $5.00 each or Qty. 5 for $20.00. In this raffle you will place your ticket in the bucket of the items that you want. These tickets will be available the day Friday, April 24th.

If you would like to donate to our raffle or know of a business who would be happy to help our school, please have them email Erin Dean at erin.dean3@gmail.com or Elisabeth Reus 1xx4xy@gmail.com or Leah Smith at leahsmith5507@gmail.com.

Wristbands will be on sale April 27-29. More information to come as the carnival draws near.

Volunteers are always needed to make this event successful. If you can help, please contact Elisabeth Reus at 214-9165

THE NEW
KETTLE LAKE PLAYGROUND

Kettle Lake Elementary School — Alto, MI

We're now a little over 1/3 of the way there! Thank you for your continued support as we work to renovate our playground for our students and the Kettle Lake School community!

To make the master plan a reality there is still work to be done. The Playground Committee is looking at various grants, fundraisers and ideas to seek out corporate sponsorships in order to raise the funds necessary to make this all happen. We are open to all suggestions, so please share your ideas with us by emailing kettlelake-playground@gmail.com.

Playground Fundraisers!

NOW Thru April 24th! Red Robin Gives Back—see flyer for details

NOW Thru April 30th! Donor Plaque Campaign—see form for details

Now Thru May 6! Daddy Daughter Dance Corsage Fundraiser—see flyer for details

Handmade painted signs—various sizes/styles available—see flyer for details

Go Green for the Playground—Kettle Lake Reusable Grocery Bag Fundraiser—see flyer for details

The Future Kettle Lake Playground!

1. Basketball and Four-square Courts
2. Pavilion and Gathering Space
3. Outdoor Learning Space
4. Expanded Buffer Space
5. Central Playground Area
6. Relocate Existing Tire Swings
7. Single Post Swings
8. Gaga Pit Area
9. Existing Open Area
10. Existing Play Equipment
11. Student/Staff Garden

For More information visit our website http://kettlelakeplayground.weebly.com/

GO GREEN
FOR THE PLAYGROUND

Show your Kettle Lake spirit with these durable and reusable bags!

Perfect for groceries, the beach, snow gear, and so much more!

$5 Each or 5 for $20

Limited quantity available! Order yours today!

To order, return the bottom portion of this flyer with your payment to Kettle Lake — Attention Playground Committee

Name _____

Student Name _____

Teacher _____ Quantity Desired _____

Amount Enclosed $ _____

Please make checks payable to Kettle Lake PTO (memo—bag fundraiser)

Red Robin typically donates 1% of the check (when using your Red Robin Loyalty card) to the school of your choice. **From Now until April 24, they are upping that donation to 5%**

Visit http://redrobin.com/betterschools for more information & to designate Kettle Lake as your school of choice! Then Head on over to Red Robin to help us raise $$ for the new playground!

Valid 4/11/16 through 4/24/16. *5% of total sales, less fees and excluding tax and gift card purchases will be donated to the school of your choice when you opt in, select an eligible school, and use your Red Robin Royalty® account at participating Red Robin locations. The donation amount will be calculated automatically and reflected on your member account dashboard after 24 hours. An eligible school must be selected prior to making a purchase at a participating Red Robin location. Valid at participating locations only. Not valid at Canadian locations. See terms for additional details at https://betterschools.redrobin.com/help/terms

Red Robin
GOURMET BURGERS AND BREWS

DONATE! Kettle Lake

Your tax-deductible donation will help fund a playground for Kettle Lake Students and the Caledonia community. **Any donation amount is GREATLY appreciated!**

Bronze donors and above will be recognized on a plaque to be on display at Kettle Lake upon completion of the playground.

Diamond	$2500+
Platinum	$1000
Gold	$500
Silver	$325
Bronze	$200

Opportunities to donate specific services needed to complete the project or equipment for the playground are also available.
For more details please contact the playground committee at kettlelakeplayground@gmail.com

Return this form with your check to:
Kettle Lake Elementary PTO
Attn: Playground Committee
8451 Garbow Drive
Alto, MI 49302

Please make checks payable to:
Kettle Lake PTO (memo: Donor Plaque)

For more information on the Kettle Lake Playground Master Plan visit our website www.kettlelakeplayground.weebly.com

To be a part of the donor plaque please return by April 30, 2016

Purchaser's Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Donation Amount $_____

Plaque Text (Examples — Smith Family, GS Troop 0000, ABC Company)

KETTLE LAKE PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER

20% of every handmade, hand painted wood sign sold will be donated to the Kettle Lake Playground Fund!

Three sizes to select from:

12 X 11 - $30

16 X 16 - $75

24 X 22 - $100

Pick your favorite team or initial!

Contact Tracy DeRuyter @ djd192@aim.com to place your order!

(Any questions about this ongoing fundraiser should also be directed to Tracy)

Ticket order forms for this event will be coming home after Spring Break!

Plan to order a corsage for the dance? Please consider this!

Purchase a Keepsake Corsage created by Joan at Floral Expressions ~ available for purchase at Accents of Home Consignment (in Caledonia) booth #1177, several colors to choose from $10 each

OR

Purchase a $10 fresh flower corsage by calling Joan at Floral Expressions 616-446-3194 (limited quantity - order early)

20% each corsage sale will be donated to the Kettle Lake Playground Fund

See Joan's work at http://www.floralexpressionsbyjoan.com/

Cal Day at the GRAM!

The Caledonia Community Schools' Art Department would like to invite you to a special Caledonia Day at the Grand Rapids Art Museum. The Grand Rapids Art Museum is excited to partner with the Caledonia Community School district art department to present this day of family fun and art making. Come join us and visit our K-12 student artist show in the educational wing of the museum!

Saturday, April 23, 2016
1:00 – 4:00 pm
Cost: $1 per person

Please present the attached coupon at time of arrival to receive reduced admission.

GIRL SCOUT NEWS

Girl Scout Brownie Troop 4453 would like to say thank you to everyone that contributed to our Juice Box Collection for Kids Food Basket! Because of your contributions, the girls were able to deliver over 190 100% Juice Boxes to Kids Food Basket when they went there to volunteer over Spring Break! This number exceeded their goal they had set for the drive this year. Thank you again for helping them make a difference in the lives of area children in need!

Cub Scout News

CUB SCOUT PACK 3201

Kettle Lake has a recycling bin (Paper Gator) located in the parking lot. This bin is sponsored by the Cub Scouts of Pack 3201. Ask your family, friends and neighbors to feed our Paper Gator with recyclable paper to help keep our earth green!

What can go in the Paper Gator?

Newsprint, Catalogs & Magazines, Junk Mail, Phone Books, Office/School paper.

What can **NOT** go in the Paper Gator? Plastic, Metal, Trash, Glass, Cardboard
Help us by dropping off your recyclable papers in the Paper Gator today and every day!

COMMUNITY NEWS

CCS; FREE DEVELOPMENTAL INVENTORY (For 2—4 ½ Year Old Preschoolers)

Do you have concerns about the speech, large or small motor skills, socialization, learning and/or growth of your preschool aged child? We may be able to help! The Caledonia Community Schools conduct developmental screenings for preschool aged children (age 2-4 ½) who may benefit from early educational intervention. If you are a Caledonia School District resident and would like to **schedule a screening for your child**, or if you have questions about whether your child should be screened, please call **891-6220** to obtain additional information. There is no fee for this service.

YOUNG 5'S/KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Caledonia Community Schools will be accepting enrollments for Fall 2016 Young 5's and Kindergarten classes. If your child will be **five years old on or before SEPTEMBER 1, 2016**, you may pick up a registration packet at the DLECC office **after** January 4, 2016. If you currently have elementary children in the district, please contact the elementary building secretary where your child attends for a registration packet **after** January 4, 2016. If you have friends or neighbors who will have a Young 5's or Kindergartner next year, please have them call Cheryl at 891-6220 to request a packet or email: kdgenroll@calschools.org.

GRAM Studio

Caledonia Day

The Grand Rapids Art Museum is excited to partner with the Caledonia Community School district art department to present a day of family fun and art making.

Saturday, April 23, 2016
1:00 – 4:00 pm
Cost: $1 per person

Please present this coupon at time of arrival to recieve reduced admission.

Questions? Contact Christopher Bruce at cbruce@artmuseumgr.org

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FREE PRESCHOOL

success starts **early.**

CALL NOW FOR OPENINGS

When you are looking for preschool for your 3- or 4-year-old, consider the free options that may be available. Some families will qualify for a Great Start Readiness preschool opening through Kent County school districts or select private centers. Others will qualify for Head Start preschool.

Both Great Start Readiness and Head Start offer a quality preschool program, nutritious food, family support, health and educational assessments, and accommodations for children with special needs. In some areas transportation is available as well.

Children may start preschool from September through February if openings are available and as new offerings occur. Once your child starts preschool, focus on attendance. Good attendance habits start in preschool, and attendance in kindergarten is a big factor in long-term school success.

CALL TODAY!

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS NOW!

616.447.2409

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FreePreschoolKent.org

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Play, Learn, Explore!

Early Childhood Resource Fair

One Stop for Childcare, Preschool and Family Services

April 23, 2016 • 9 am-1 pm

Enjoy a day of family fun AND check out dozens of childcare providers, preschool programs and community resource agencies – all in one place!

At this one-of-its-kind event parents can:

- meet face-to-face & one-on-one with childcare providers
- explore multiple preschools & find a program that fits your child
- discover the benefits community resource & service agencies have to offer
- get free vision & hearing screenings for babies & toddlers

We'll even have registration on-site for FREE 4 year-old preschool. Plus, plenty of information to help you with these early years.

Meet Maranda from WOTV4!

Children's activities include

- Fun with Clifford the Big Red Dog, Curious George & local sports team mascots
- Dress-up station, puppet shows, storytime, games
- Real fire trucks, squad cars & other big vehicles

And lots more!

Conveniently located right on the bus line at

Kent Career Tech Center

1655 East Beltline NE, Grand Rapids

(Next to the Kroger Corner Market)

Main parking in Lots 1 & 5

Door prizes awarded throughout the day! Plus, be one of the first 500 families through the door and receive a goodie bag!

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