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Let's get **PICTURE DAY READY**

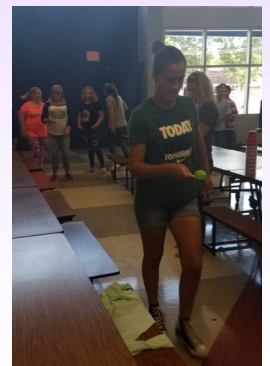
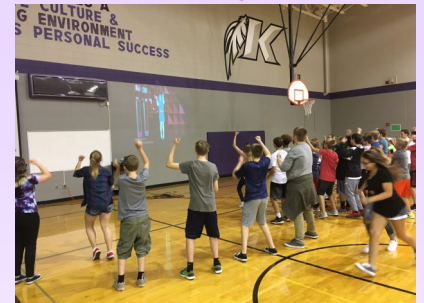
Picture day for **KEOKUK MIDDLE SCHOOL**
is scheduled for
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2017

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

- SEPT 4 LABOR DAY-NO SCHOOL
- SEPT 5 BAND PIE & BRAID SALE KICK OFF
- SEPT 11 BAND PIE & BRAID SALE TURN IN
- SEPT 18 BAND PIE & BRAID SALE TURN IN
- SEPT 27 IN SERVICE DAY NO SCHOOL

ATHLETIC EVENTS

- Aug 31 ----- Cross Country @ Elks Golf Course
- Sept 5 ----- 8 Football Home vs Washington
7 Football Away vs Washington
- Sept 11----- 8 Volleyball Home vs Ft. Madison
7 Volleyball Away vs. Ft. Madison
- Sept 12----- Cross Country @ Central Lee
8 Football Home vs Mt. Pleasant
7 Football Away vs Mt. Pleasant
- Sept 14----- 8 Volleyball Away vs Edward Stone
7 Volleyball Home vs Edward Stone
Cross Country @ Fort Madison
- Sept 19----- 8 Football Away vs Ottumwa
7 Football Home vs Ottumwa
Cross Country @ Mt. Pleasant
- Sept 21----- 8 Volleyball Away vs Mt. Pleasant
7 Volleyball Home vs Mt. Pleasant
Cross Country @ Burlington
- Sept 25----- 8 Volleyball Home vs Washington
7 Volleyball Away vs Washington
- Sept 26----- 8 Football Away vs Burlington
7 Football Home vs Burlington
Cross Country @ Washington



News from the Student Services Desk

Welcome back! Below are the 2017-2018 KMS tardy and attendance policies. If you have any questions, please call me. We will continue to draw names monthly for students with perfect attendance and offer other incentives throughout the year. Thank you.

Lindsay Figge

KMS Student Services Coordinator

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Tardy Policy

- Tardy #5 - Student will meet with the Student Services Coordinator to problem-solve and parent call home.
- Tardy #6 - Student will have an office visit (with no major).
- Tardy #7 - "Time for Time" - Student will stay after school for the same amount of time the student was late to 1st period, rounded up to closest 10-minute increment. *For example, if a student is 15 minutes late to school, the student will stay after school for 20 minutes that day.*
- Once students reach the "Time for Time" support, they will continue for the remainder of the school year.
- Tardies will **not** start over at the beginning of every trimester.

Attendance Policy

In accordance with Iowa Code (299.1), Keokuk Community School District has set a minimum of 97% for an attendance rate. Below is more information about when notices are sent to parents as the school year progresses.

When a student has a medical note for an absence, the absence is put in as medical and does not count towards the days listed below. Please pick up a note if you take your student to the doctor. It really helps!

Trimester 1

5 absences - 1st Notification

8 absences - 2nd Notification

10 absences - Attendance Cooperation Meeting

Trimester 2

6 absences - 1st Notification

9 absences - 2nd Notification

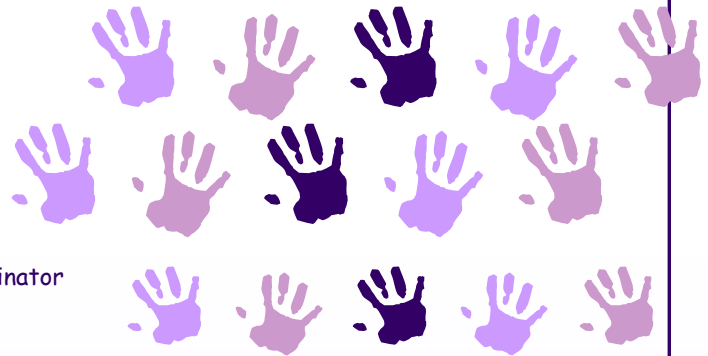
11 absences - Attendance Cooperation Meeting

Trimester 3

7 absences - 1st Notification Student Services Coordinator

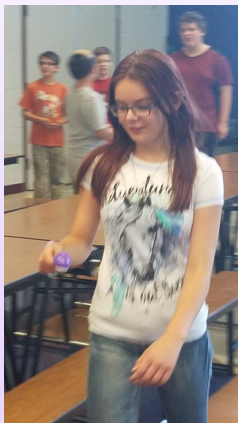
10 absences - 2nd Notification

12 absences - Attendance Cooperation Meeting



Excellent Attendance Award

Students who have no more than 3 tardies and miss no more than 8 excused class periods (equivalent to 1 school day) the entire year will receive the **"Excellent Attendance"** award at the end of the year. *Please remember that when a student comes to first period after 8:15, it is marked as unexcused and not tardy.*



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KMS is continuing our Backpack program for the 2nd year. We provide kid friendly foods on weekends to our students who are in need. We understand with high grocery prices, sometimes it is hard to make ends meet. Our goal is to make sure no student goes hungry on the weekends. A consent form was sent home with your student. If you feel this would be beneficial, please fill out the form and return to the Middle School office, extra forms are available. We run solely off of donations and grants. If you would like to donate money or food, please contact Quinn Ruhl, school nurse. It costs approx. \$120/year to feed one child. We appreciate any donation you would like to give. We were very successful year last and our numbers are even larger this year, so we are very excited to see our program take off. Thank you for your support.