



The Coyote Howler



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Welcome Back to School Edition

The Teachers and Staff are looking forward to a
successful new school year!

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Monday - Friday

8:00 am - 4:00 pm



Calendar

Calendar Information



Print this page and post somewhere handy to remember important dates!

SEPTEMBER

- 9/6 No School - Labor Day Holiday
- 9/10 6th Grade Health Screenings
- 9/14 PTSA General Meeting via Zoom, 5:30 pm (*details to come*)
- 9/14 Open House 6pm via Zoom
- 9/14 Progress Reports available online
- 9/15 School Pictures
- 9/15 SAC Meeting 3:45pm
- 9/20 2nd Covid Vaccine Clinic:
9:30 - 10:30 am
(Must sign consent form)
- 9/20 PTSA Board Meeting 6:30 pm

NOVEMBER

- 11/3 SAC Meeting 3:45 pm
- 11/11 No School-Veterans Day
- 11/15 PTSA Board Meeting 6:30pm
- 11/18 Progress Reports available online
- 11/22-11/26 No School-Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER

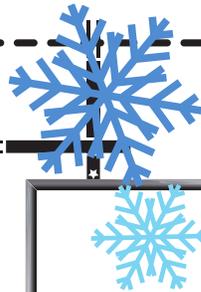
- 12/20 - 1/3 No School Winter Break

OCTOBER

- 10/8 No School-UF Homecoming
- 10/13 PSAT for 8th graders
- 10/13 End of 1st nine weeks
- 10/15 No School-Teacher Workday
- 10/18 PTSA Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- 10/26 Report Cards available online
- 10/28 Make-up School Pictures

JANUARY 2022

- 1/10 End of 1st Semester
- 1/14 No School Teacher workday
- 1/17 No School-MLK Day
- 1/20 Report Cards available online



A Note from our Principal Ms. Estes



Principal Note

Welcome to Kanapaha Middle School. I am so excited about this upcoming school year! We are thrilled to have everyone back. We want every student to feel part of our school culture and have the desire to succeed at every level. This year we turn 25!! Happy Birthday, KMS!

We want parents to stay informed about their student's progress and attendance. Connecting to the Parent Portal in Skyward is so important. Keeping an updated email with the school is a sure way to get quick information from the teachers. Stay up to date with the county at www.sbac.edu and Kanapaha Middle at Kanapaha.sbac.edu. There are a number of clubs and sports for our students to join. Some of those are featured in this newsletter. Boys and Girls Volleyball starts off our sports for the year.

Class time is important, and we are asking for your help in making sure your children arrive on time to school and if at all possible scheduling any non-emergency doctor and dental appointments before or after school. Each time your child misses any part of the day, a note from either you or the doctor needs to be provided to excuse the absence. Students are allowed only 6 parent notes per semester but have unlimited doctor notes. If you need to have your child checked out early, please arrive in enough time for an office aide to go get your child out of class. We ask that if you need to check out a student that it be done by 3pm.

Students need to make sure they follow the District's Dress Code policy. Please help in making sure students follow the dress code. Bus transportation is important to students and parents. In order to avoid any issues, please make sure you have provided proof of your address to the school if you have moved in the last year. Incorrect addresses can prevent bus use up to 10 days of providing the correct address. Proof must be in the form of a GRU/Clay Electric Bill or Lease/Mortgage in the Guardian's name.

Sherry Estes
Principal
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Curriculum News

From Mrs. Stanford



Curriculum

Middle School is a time for students to learn valuable skills in organization, time management, and beginning to advocate for themselves. These skills will support them through high school, post-secondary, and in careers. Together parents and teachers can help students rise to the challenges of middle school, by working together and keeping communication open, so that everyone can support the student.



Agendas- It is important students use agendas (given to 6th graders) to track assignments and homework. Teachers post items for the agenda in class daily on the board and encourage students to write them down. Asking to check it once in a while at home reminds students the value and helps parents get more information about what is going on in class.

Credits- In Middle school it is required that students earn at least 12 credits over the four years – 3 in math, 3 in Language Arts, 3 in Social Studies, and 3 in Science. Credit completion is determined by the final semester grade, which must be above a 61% to pass. Each course has two semesters to earn the full year credit. Grades are updated weekly in classes, which you can access through Skyward. Students also have access – ask your child to pull up their gradebooks once a week and look together as a family for patterns of concern and to celebrate successes.

Make sure your phone number and email are up to date on Skyward, so that you can receive information about what is going on in your child’s class.

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We would love to introduce some new teachers to KMS and changes in roles for some...

6th Grade

Morgan Mavis in math and
Chloe Campbell teaching science.

7th Grade

Samantha Pecnick teaching reading

8th Grade

Destiny Johnson in math and
Dylan Tyson in Language Arts.

Electives

Kristie Egan who is our new art teacher for all grade levels.

New teaching role

Karoline McKaig who joins the 6th grade team in the area of Reading and

Francisco Hidalgo who joins the 8th grade team in science.

New academic role

Richard Thomas moves from being a teacher to being a Dean this year.

We are excited for the new year and for our faculty members.

Curriculum Corner



Curriculum

Classroom News

Welcome to all new and returning students!



6th GRADE

Welcome to Kanapaha Middle School! We are excited to have you be a part of our school community and are looking forward to the upcoming year. The transition from elementary to middle school can be an intimidating one, but rest assured that all the sixth-grade teachers are here to make the process a pleasant experience. As teachers, we cannot emphasize enough the importance of organization to a student's success. Please be mindful of teachers' supply lists and syllabi, as these are key to managing six new classes. We know that if we work together, this first year in middle school will be a great one!

Your 6th Grade Team Leaders, **Mr. McDonald and Ms. Pagliara-Suggs**



7th GRADE

The 7th grade team would like to give a warm welcome back to all of our 7th grade Coyotes and to any new 7th Graders! Your phenomenal team of teachers is thrilled to embark on the scholarly journey that awaits you this upcoming school year. Your teachers will act as your guides as you explore new ideas and expand your mind in subjects that you already know and love like **math, reading, science, and language arts**. You will be faced with challenges like the district-wide Civics Challenge which you will conquer victoriously! You will strengthen your skills by learning powerful note-taking strategies. With your strength, you will be able to aim high and succeed on each and every assessment that comes your way. By the end of the year, you will be able to look back at all of the adventures you have taken and be proud of where you have gone. We hope that you are as thrilled as we are to be part of the 2021-2022 7th grade expedition!

Your 7th Grade Team Leaders, **Mrs. Renicks and Mr. Justice**

8th GRADE



Welcome back for the 2021-2022 school year! The 8th grade team is excited about the upcoming year! Students can look forward to learning about **Language Arts, US History, Science, Math, Reading, and their elective course**. A general list of supplies may include several 3-ring binders (1"), tab dividers, composition notebook, college-ruled paper, pencils, hand-held pencil sharpener, 4 packs of index cards, highlighter, black or blue pens, and colored pencils. **The school will provide a planner for the 1st nine weeks**, and after that, one may be purchased for a small cost. Students are also welcome to purchase their own planner; **having a planner is essential to build organizational skills**. One thing that sets 8th grade apart from the rest is the end of the year activities. This year, 8th graders can work toward attending **Gradventure** and the **8th grade Social**. Students must both pass the 8th grade and be a leader on campus. The teachers are excited to start the new school year and have many wonderful lessons planned. **See you soon! Go Coyotes!**

Your 8th Grade Team Leaders, **Mr. Jones and Ms. Matrone**

Media Center News



Media Center

Welcome

to the 2021-22 school year from all of us in the Media Center!

Ms. Ashley Faulkner will be joining the media center staff for the first semester.

Returning this year are media specialists **Mrs. Grater** and **Mrs. Hart**, and our media aide, **Mrs. Umpleby**. We all love young adult novels and enjoy the challenge of helping students find something they will love to **READ**.

The media center **opens each morning at 8:15 am** and students are welcome to come in to check out books, work on homework, or use the computers for class assignments.

Students may also come to the media center during the school day as long as they have a pass from their teachers.

We look forward to helping our students in any way possible.

The BOOK FAIR is back!

When: 10/25/2021 - 10/29/2021

Where: KMS Media Center



SAVE YOUR BOX TOPS FOR THE MEDIA CENTER.

Use the Box Tops app to scan your store receipts and instantly add cash to the KMS account.

Or if you prefer the traditional way, continue to clip the tops, and bring them to the front office anytime this year.

All funds raised go back to support our students at KMS.





Kanapaha Middle School

PTSA

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The **mission** of the Kanapaha Middle School PTSA is to engage and empower KMS students, families, faculty, staff, and community members to better advocate for all children and ensure that each student's full potential is realized.

PTSA Officers and Committee Chairs

2021-2022

- President:** Kristen Mau
 - Treasurer:** Francine Vincent
 - Secretary/Guyotes Committee Chair:** Richard Wells
 - VP Membership:** Suzie Silvestri
 - VP Ways and Means:** Bill Radunovich
 - Corresponding Secretary:** Norma Flor
 - Website:** Wendy Eckhardt
 - Spirit Store Chair:** Toralyn Knox
 - 6th Grade Coordinators:** Lita Tholen and April Feswick
 - 7th Grade Coordinator:** Amie Adams-Spooner
 - 8th Grade Coordinator:** Cyndee O'Quinn
 - Heart to Heart Committee:** Kendra Marchick and Aisha Yarn
 - Volunteer Coordinator:** Laura Morrow
 - Teacher Appreciation Committee Chair:** Tara Jeroloman
 - Teacher Mini Grants:** Megan Lamon
- Interested in helping, forming another committee?
Email us at KanapahaPTSA@gmail.com

Your Membership Matters!

Our PTSA is for EVERYONE!

Show your support for being a voice for all children.

Individual Membership \$5
Family Memberships are also available

Check out the link below
OR use the QR Code



kanapaha.memberhub.com/store

KMS PTSA is proud to announce the launch of our brand new Website and Facebook Page!

www.facebook.com/KanapahaPTSA
www.kanapahamiddleptsa.weebly.com



allow them to stay updated on the latest news of school events and information as well as PTSA information...invite family and friends and give us

♥ and Likes!



Questions about PTSA ?
kanapahapta@gmail.com



A note from our PTSA President

Kristen Mau



PTSA

Hello, Kanapaha Coyotes, new and returning!

I am so happy to be serving as the KMS PTSA President, and the Board and I are very excited for this year! We want to make it the best it can be for all of our students, teachers, staff, families, and the KMS community as a whole!

We hope that you can join us as a PTSA (Parent-Teacher-Student Association) Member. By being a member, you are showing your support for our **mission to engage and empower** all of our KMS community **to better advocate for all children** and **to ensure each student's potential is fully realized**. Children thrive when all of the important people in their lives are working together for their best interest. **Join our PTSA**, and join our collective voice for your child and all children. **ANYONE** can be a member who supports our mission, AND there is no obligation to volunteer.

As a member of our PTSA, you are also a member of the Florida PTA and National PTA - the largest child advocacy association in the nation with millions of members and over **120 years of history!**

Some of our past PTSA accomplishments with support from our members and volunteers have been to fund our Heart to Heart Program to help students acquire the things they need to be successful and ensure their well-being (school supplies, holiday gifts, social wear for the 8th grade dance), provide teacher mini grants and appreciation events, and support grade level activities like the 8th grade social.

We plan to continue these as well as consider other ways to support KMS. We want to hear from you-What do you think we can do to support our students, faculty, staff, and school? What programs would you like us to offer that are engaging and helpful? What do you see as our school's greatest needs? Have ideas? **We value your opinions and ideas!**

Email me anytime with questions and feedback at KanapahaPTSA@gmail.com.

Join Us

Thank you so much for your support!

GO, COYOTES!

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MY PTSA WHY?

As a parent and former teacher, I know how important it is to have everyone who cares about a child feel supported, connected, and valued. I want this for everyone and for all kids.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

General Meeting Open to ALL

Tues, Sept. 14th

5:30 pm via Zoom

(details to come)

Share goals, budget, and all Membership Vote



Fundraising Opportunities



ANNOUNCING THE 2021-2022

KANAPAHA MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSA

**FILL-THE-FENCE
FUNDRAISER**

This is an **amazing opportunity** to advertise **your business** along the high-traffic Tower Road!!!

There are 5 different banner sizes and 5 locations to choose!

Support our KMS students and school!

Duration:

Our Fill-the-Fence Fundraiser runs from **August 2021** through **June of 2022**

For prices or to purchase a banner visit or scan:

<https://app.memberhub.gives/kmsfillthefence/Campaign/Details>

For more information, contact **Bill Radunovich** - kanapahawaysandmeans@gmail.com

A WIN-WIN FOR ALL!



The KMS PTSA is a 501(c)(3) organization; therefore, ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE!!!!

Kanapaha wants to celebrate a week for your child's birthday!

For only \$10.00, you can have your child's name placed on the school marquee in front of the school for an **ENTIRE WEEK!** honoring their birthday!!! We want the entire school to join in the celebration of your child's special day! Please fill out and return the attached form to the front office.

Today's Date: _____

Received: _____

Student Name _____

Parent Name _____

Birthdate _____

Homeroom Teacher _____



If your child's birthday falls on a weekend, please note that the signs are posted Monday – Friday!

Cash or check made payable to Kanapaha Middle School

****THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED IN OUR FRONT OFFICE NO LATER THAN THE FRIDAY PRIOR TO THE WEEK THAT YOU WISH TO HAVE IT POSTED.**

Committees & Programs



Committees



GUYOTES

The Guyotes Committee is dedicated to bringing fathers and other male caregivers together both to organize **fun, school-based activities** with their children as well as to **organize service-oriented events** to deepen families' connection to Kanapaha and their community.

Richard Wells

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Heart to Heart

The Heart to Heart Program is a PTA donation and exchange program designed to help KMS students succeed by providing them with items necessary to perform their best at school.

We are always collecting school supplies throughout the year such as backpacks, paper, pens, pencils, highlighters, etc. If you are able to donate, please drop off items in the office. We will soon be planning for our holiday gift drive.

We are so grateful for the generous support from our KMS families and community. Thank you!

Aisha Yarn and Kendra Marchick, Co-chairs

kmsheart2heart@gmail.com

kendrahumphrey80@hotmail.com



Teacher Appreciation Committee

The KMS Faculty and Staff are hard-working and dedicated! We share our gratitude with a monthly gesture like themed snacks, goody bags, grab-n-go breakfasts. We welcome help and ideas! kanapahaptsa@gmail.com



Volunteer Committee

Anything you do to help KMS counts as volunteer hours. Be sure to register and log your hours. We will be in touch when on campus opportunities are available.



Laura Morrow, Volunteer Coordinator

lauraann210@gmail.com



This backpack program provides food over the weekends as well as for holidays throughout the year for families in need.

The program is provided at no cost to your family, and your information is confidential. If you are interested in this service or know any families who are,

please contact:

Lexie Young

KMS School Counselor

352-955-6960 ext. 4415

youngal@gm.sbac.edu

Committee Needs/Ideas?

Advocacy

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)

Exceptional Child

Health and Wellness

Membership

Student Engagement

Programs

Fundraising



Email kanapahaptsa@gmail.com



KMS families and staff: you are welcome to belong or get involved in the committees!

Email Kristen Mau, kanapahaptsa@gmail.com or Committee Coordinators.

YEARBOOK

Order your copy today!

The 2021-2022 Yearbooks are now on sale. Don't miss out on all the memories! You can order a yearbook one of two ways:

1. Online at **www.yearbookordercenter.com**: Our school code is **263**
2. Fill out the attachment below, put in an envelope with your money, and return to Mrs. Ambrose or Mrs. Skoglund-Cotter no later than April 9 to preorder through the school.

Checks can be made payable to: **KANAPAHA MIDDLE SCHOOL.**

Preorder Your Student's Yearbook for \$40

There will be limited quantities once yearbooks have arrived. They will cost \$50, so make sure you preorder to get the discounted rate and ensure your student doesn't miss out on an extraordinary year. Extra yearbooks will NOT be ordered over the summer once we run out. Any extra yearbooks sent to the school will be sold on a designated day TBD and no books will be held ahead of that date and time.

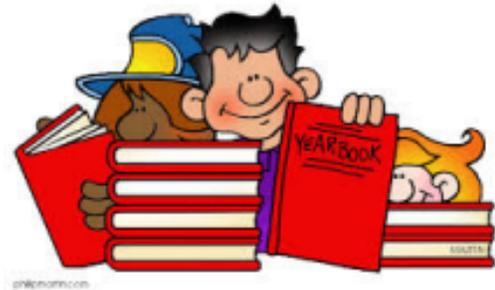
Please send us pictures throughout the year too!

If your child participates in a sport, club, or any extra activity through Kanapaha, please send us pictures so we can get those in the yearbook. Please email all pictures to **Mrs. Ambrose** at **ambrosam@gm.sbac.edu** or **Mrs. Skoglund-Cotter** at **skoglundcottersl@gm.sbac.edu**.

If you have an 8th grader and would like to purchase an ad for them, they can only be purchased online at **www.yearbookordercenter.com** by **April 2**.

- Quarter Page Ads → \$100
- Half Page Ads → \$150
- Whole Page Ads → \$250

Cut off the bottom of the page and put in a sealed envelope with your money when returning to the school. One order form per student please. One check may be written for multiple students.



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Student Name _____ 1st Period Teacher _____
Parent Name _____ Parent Email _____ Parent Phone (____) _____ - _____

Package	Price	Quantity
Yearbook	\$ 40	
Yearbook with Digital Name Engraving	\$ 45	
Yearbook with Extra Autograph Pages	\$ 45	
Yearbook with Digital Name Engraving and Extra Autograph Pages	\$ 48	

FYI!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...



The Kanapaha Middle School PTSA welcomed Faculty and Staff back to school with a **Grab-N-Go Breakfast** on the first day of pre-planning, August 3rd.

A big **THANK YOU** to all volunteers and donors who made this possible for our hard working faculty and staff!

Faculty and Staff "Appreciate Tailgate"

'Tis the season for football and tailgating. To thank our KMS teachers and staff, some traditional tailgating snacks will be provided: Churros, Pretzels, Cracker Jacks, Chips, and other goodies. YUM!



Open House!

September 14th

beginning at 6:00 p.m.

This event will be virtual and each class will have a Zoom link. KMS will send an email with more information about timing and links to the Zoom meetings.

Did you know the meaning of the word **KANAPAHA?**

The word is thought to be * **Timucuan** for palmetto leaves and house, and is apparently a reference to the thatched dwellings of the indigenous peoples of the Potano province (presently Alachua County).

Timucua = Native Americans who lived in current-day southern Georgia and northern Florida

(www.nps.gov/timu/learn/historyculture/timupeople.htm)



Moment of silence

New Florida legislation requires **one minute of silence** for all students in Alachua County Public Schools at the beginning of each school day.



KMS Families!

Please remember that face masks are required on campus until **October 15th!**

IMPORTANT DATE:

September 20: 2nd COVID Vaccine Clinic:
9:30 - 10:30 am

***** Must sign Consent Form *****