

BRAVE TALK

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A letter from the PTA President

September is once again upon us, and we welcome back students, parents and staff members for another exciting year. We also extend a very warm welcome to our incoming sixth grade students and families as they venture into another chapter of the educational experience.....Middle School!

As we look forward to the 2009 – 2010 school year, the planning for the PTA has already begun. PTA sponsors many programs that benefit our students and families throughout the school year, none of these programs happen without your commitment and support. On behalf of our executive board: Phil Ralph, Shannon Geyer, Martha Hufford and Maria Vega McBride, I would like to invite each and every one of you to join the Kempsville Middle PTA. There is no better way to stay involved with your student's middle school experience. Our PTA meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm in the library.

We all realize that in order to have a successful year we must participate in fund raising activities. This year we will participate in two major fund raising activities. We will challenge our students to sell Virginia Diner products in the fall and based on our success we might visit Yankee Candles in the spring. If possible please participate in our PTA fund raising activities this year.

Finally, while donating your time is not required, we ask that you give any time that you can spare to support our young people. There are lots of fun committees for which you can volunteer your time. Some are during the day, some are at night, and some are online!

If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas you wish to bring to the PTA, please do not hesitate to contact me by email: poolhed@cox.net or by phone 757-438-0469.

We wish everyone a TERRIFIC start to a GREAT YEAR!

Best Regards,

Don Morse



"The Future is
Now"

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As the new school year is underway, I'm happy to report that we enjoyed a very successful opening. Our wonderful teachers and support staff worked diligently to prepare for the arrival of all KMS students. We want to thank each of you for preparing your children for the 2009 – 2010 school year.

Our theme this year is "*The Future is Now!*" Over the past three years we have seen significant improvements in student achievement on the SOL tests. We attribute these gains to your long hours of dedication and care for KMS students and school community. This year, our primary focus will be on our division-wide initiative, "**Compass to 2015: A Strategic Plan for Student Success.**" The long range goal of the VBCPS is the successful preparation and graduation of every student, the near term goal is that by 2015, 95 percent or more of VBCPS students will graduate having mastered the skills that they need to succeed as 21st century learners, workers, and citizens. In short, we must approach this plan with a "*The Future is Now!*" mindset.

With our primary focus on teaching and assessing those skills our students need to thrive as 21st century learners, workers, and citizens, all VBCPS students will be:

- ∞ Academically proficient
- ∞ Effective communicators and collaborators
- ∞ Globally aware, independent, responsible learners and citizens
- ∞ Critical and creative thinkers, innovators and problem solvers

To learn more about our school divisions' strategic plan, "Compass to 2015," visit the school division website at www.vbschools.com.

With safety as the utmost importance, we ask for your assistance to help keep our children safe. Please help us with the following:

1. Please do not park by curbs that are designated "no parking." These curbs have been painted yellow. The only exception that will be made is during parent drop-off (8:45 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.) and pick-up (3:40 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.) in front of the school. We ask that you do not park there after 4:00 p.m. and during the school day. Our activity buses use this lane to enter and exit the school grounds and are being blocked in. If you are picking your child up during after school activities, please use the parking lot between KMS and Providence Elementary School.
2. If your child rides his or her bike to school, they must see Mrs. Masisak, Student Activity Coordinator, for a bike pass. Students who ride bikes to and from school must wear a safety helmet. Also, students are not permitted to ride their bike on school grounds; they must walk their bikes to the bike rack where it is to be secured by a lock at all times. During the first two weeks of school we have had several students riding bikes between moving cars and on the main road in front of the school. Please speak to your child about these inherent dangers so that we may be proactive in preventing accidents.
3. The decision to designate a particular neighborhood for bus transportation is made for many reasons. One of those reasons is for safety. Certain neighborhoods are located on the opposite side of busy roads. Some of these roads are more than two lanes with high rates of speed and traffic. Crossing guards are not located at these intersections because it has been determined that it is safer for the students to be transported by bus to school. It is simply not safe for students to be crossing or traveling adjacent to these streets. The School Board cannot assume responsibility for any student who chooses to walk or ride a bicycle from a bussing neighborhood. I know that you share my same concern for your child's safety and wellbeing. Please have your student use the bus transportation provided to your neighborhood or arrange for an adult to accompany the student while in route to and from school.
4. If your child walks home from school, please remind them to use the crosswalks both on school grounds and off school grounds.

Together, we will continue to help every child excel academically and keep them safe. As I mentioned during Open House, our priorities are your children. If my staff or I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at 648-4700.

Respectfully,

Dr. James Smith
Principal

A note from the Principal

Scholastic Book Fair

Oct. 19 - Oct. 23

Kempsville Middle School Library

The Fall Book Fair is coming soon!!

The Fall Book Fair will be open on all school days during the week of
10/19 - 10/23 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

We accept Cash, Checks, Visa, Master Card, and Discover.











Students may begin buying items on Monday, October 27th and
may visit the Book Fair at anytime with their teacher's permission.
We cannot place items on hold.

PTA School Supply Closet

Our PTA is continuing the supply closet this year. The closet will have donated school supplies available to be given via the Guidance Department to students identified as in need. We are currently stocking our supply closet. To help us build our inventory of needed school supplies for this grading period, please consider buying some extra items from the list below for our supply closet.

The most needed items are:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Index-Tab dividers (5 sections)  Two-inch 3-ring notebook binders  Pencil pouches (3 holed punched to fit in binders)  Blue or Black ink pens | <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Loose-leaf notebook paper (wide-rule)  3 prong pocket folders  Highlighters or Dry Erase Pens  Composition Books without spiral (lab books) |
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The KMS PTA appreciates your time spent on our behalf and thanks you for supporting the supply closet. Parents can drop off the above supplies at the guidance office or room 106. You may also send them in with your son or daughter. If you need further information, please contact **Christine Webb** at 497 0740.



VOLUNTEERS!

One of the best things about KMS parents is their involvement with the school. Volunteers have already been hard at work assisting with PE uniform sales, on Picture Day, at the Back to School Teacher Luncheon, in the library, and at the first dance. Thank you to each and every one of our spirited volunteers. There is much more work to be done though. If you have not yet filled out your volunteer form, please return it as soon as possible. Jobs are available both during and after school and in the evenings. The PTA Committees would love to welcome you!

When you arrive at the school to volunteer, please sign in at the Security Desk. Additionally, please record your hours in the Volunteer Book, which is also located at the security desk. This is how we keep track of the many hours our volunteers spend at KMS. Remember that you must wear a Visitor's Badge whenever you are in the building. Thank you!

Cathy Salvato
Volunteers in Education (VIE) Coordinator, KMS PTA

Together We Make a Difference

Just in time for Holiday Gifts!

AVID and the PTA are joining forces with Virginia Diner to bring you the highest quality fundraising items present for our Fall Fundraiser.



Fundraiser packets go home Oct 12 . Sales run through Oct 30.
Out of Town family and friends can order online at www.virginiadiner.com
and support the PTA and AVID programs



Guaranteed Delivery for Holiday Gift Giving!



Do you think braces are in your future? Worried about the cost? Zaki Orthodontics, located in Virginia Beach, is offering free orthodontic services again this year to the winner of an Essay Contest. Dr. Zaki is searching for essays that demonstrate the student's need for braces with a well-written persuasive essay.

In addition to an essay of no longer than two pages, Dr. Zaki asks for a close-up photograph of the student's face and smile. Essays and photographs are due to Mr.

Bowles, the English Department Chairman, in room 106 by Wednesday, November 18. Winners will be chosen on January 4, 2010, and the winning student's school will be contacted. Direct any questions you may have to Zaki Orthodontics at (757) 416-1100.

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

Kempsville Middle School



- ☺ Save your General Mills Box Tops and drop them off in the Box Top box located in the foyer. Sign up to be a Box Top Booster. Register at www.boxtops4education.com.



- ☺ Save your Farm Fresh Receipts and drop them off in the box located in the foyer.



- ☺ Register your MVP Card online at www.foodlion.com or call 1-704-633-8250. Food Lion will donate a portion of your sales to KMS when you use your MVP card.



- ☺ Register your Target Visa Card online at www.target.com or call 1-800-316-6142 (KMS School ID # is 104841)



- ☺ Office Depot will donate 5% of the purchases to Kempsville Middle. When you check out, just indicate your preference for the donation. Our number is 70105221 or mention Kempsville Middle School.



- ☺ Harris Teeter will donate 2% of the purchases to Kempsville Middle. When you check out, just indicate your preference for the donation. Our number is 7105.



- ☺ Register your Kroger Plus Card by having the barcode scanned. If you do not have a card, you may register at any local Kroger store.

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VIRGINIA BEACH CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Kempsville Middle School
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Let your
talent shine

Are you looking for a way to express yourself and show others your talent as a photographer, visual artist, writer, composer, choreographer, or film producer?



Participate in the PTA's Reflections Program

The 2009/2010 theme is **"Beauty is..."**

Deadline to turn in your entry: **October 15th**

Think about what you think Beauty is.....

Create an original piece of artwork in

one of six categories:

- ◆ Musical Composition
- ◆ Dance Choreography
- ◆ Film Production
- ◆ Literature
- ◆ Visual Arts
- ◆ Photography

Express your thoughts and creativity,

To view a gallery of last year's national award-winning entries, visit www.pta.org.



For info, contact Sue Cunningham at 757-557-6799

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SCA NEWS.....

The KMS SCA is off to a great start! Our officers and executive council begin each school day by presenting the announcements.

We held our first dance on September 29th; our theme was Movie Stars. We had a great turnout and raised a generous donation for the United Way.

Our first spirit day will be October 2nd: every school team will wear their college team's colors.

We also will be participating in the School Beautification Day on October 24th. We are currently working on ideas for a Thanksgiving fundraiser—we'll keep you posted!

JOIN US FOR A "WICKED" GOOD TIME

THE KEMPSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA IS SPONSORING A

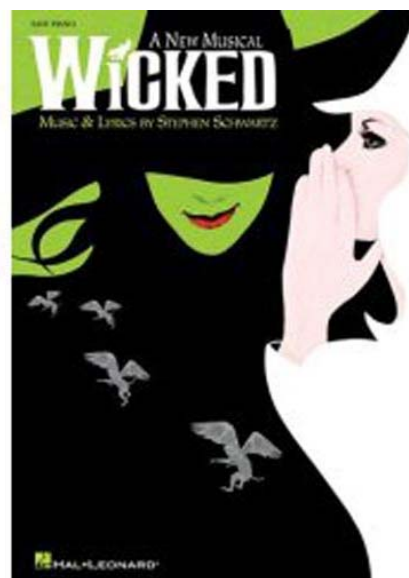
HALLOWEEN DANCE

FRIDAY OCTOBER 30TH FROM 6:30-8:30 PM.

TICKETS ARE \$5.00 AND WILL BE ON SALE DURING LUNCH THAT WEEK: TUESDAY 10/27 THROUGH THURSDAY 10/29.

THE PERMISSION SLIP ATTACHED TO THE TICKET MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED THE NIGHT OF THE DANCE FOR ADMITTANCE.

- AWESOME MUSIC BY ASTRO DJ's
 - CONCESSIONS FOR SALE
 - DOOR PRIZES
 - BEST COSTUME CONTEST
- NO FACE MASKS PLEASE!!, FACE PAINT is OK



PTA Ice Skating Party

Friday, November 13th

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Iceland of Virginia Beach

4915 Broad Street

\$6 in advance & \$7 at the door



IT'S THE KEMPSVILLE WAY..... JOIN PTA!!!!

Special Thanks to all who have joined the Kempsville Middle School PTA!! Your \$5.00 membership helps fund PTA events throughout the school year including Dances, Student Recognition, Student Planners, Teacher and Staff Appreciation, Movie Night, Scholarship Awards, Reflections Contest, and the 8th Grade Celebration. If you haven't joined, please consider joining today!! Please fill out the following information and return it with your \$5.00 membership dues.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES (*Gastos Anuales*) \$5.00 per member

ALL-INCLUSIVE MEMBERSHIP (*Todo Incluido*)
(National, State, Local) (*Nacional, Estado, Local*)

_____ Members at \$ _____ per Member (_____ *Miembros a \$ _____ por Miembro*)

Member's Name (*Nombre del miembro*) _____

Member's Name (*Nombre del miembro*) _____

Address (*Dirección*) _____

Telephone Number (*Número de teléfono*) _____ Email _____

Child's Name (*El Nombre del hijo*) _____

Grade (*Grado*) _____ Teacher (*Maestro/Maestra*) _____

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Grade (*Grado*) _____ Teacher (*Maestro/Maestra*) _____

Amount Enclosed (*Cantidad Incluido*) \$ _____

Upcoming Events 2009

October

2	PTA Skating Party from 5-7 p.m.
5	Boys soccer vs. PA (A), 5 p.m.
6	Debate vs. Landstown (H), 5 p.m. Girls soccer vs. PA (H), 5 p.m.
7	NJHS Field Trip 9:30 a.m.—3 p.m. Fall Sports Pictures at 4 p.m. AVID Workshop at 6 p.m., Café
8	Boys soccer vs. CL (A), 5 p.m.
12	Girls soccer vs. CL (H), 5 p.m.
13	Debate Tournament at Bayside M.S., 5 p.m. SPC Meeting at 5:30 p.m., Library PTA Meeting at 6:30 p.m., Library
14	Football vs. PA (H) at KHS, 5 p.m.
15	Debate Tournament at Bayside M.S., 5 p.m.
16	All District Orchestra Auditions
19	PTA Book Fair begins Boys soccer vs. Brandon (H), 5 p.m.
20	Debate Tournament at Bayside M.S., 5 p.m. Girls soccer vs. Brandon (A), 5 p.m.
21	Football vs. Salem (A) at SHS, 5 p.m.
22	Chorus field trip from 9:15 a.m.—12:45 p.m. Boys soccer vs. Larkspur (A), 5 p.m.
23	PTA Book Fair—last day
24	Debate Tournament at Bayside M.S., 9 a.m.
26	Girls soccer vs. Larkspur (H), 5 p.m.
28	Football vs. CL(H) at KHS, 5 p.m.
29	Make-up pictures at 9:15 a.m.
30	PTA Dance from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

November

3	No School for students—staff day
5	Football vs. Brandon (A) at THS, 5p.m.
6	Guidance Advisory Board Mtg. at 8:30 a.m., Library
7	All District Chorus Auditions
10	PTA Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m., Library
11	No School—Veteran's Day
12	Football vs. Landstown (A) at LHS, 6 p.m.
13	End of the 1st nine weeks PTA Ice Skating Party from 6– 8 p.m.
16	Beginning of 2nd nine weeks
18	Educational Support Day (TA, Cafeteria & bus Drivers) Fall Sports Awards Ceremony at 6 p.m., Aud.
23	Honor Roll Recognition during lunches Cheerleading Festival at Salem, 6 p.m.
25	Adjusted Dismissal at 1:10 p.m.
26 & 27	Thanksgiving Break—No school
<h2>December</h2>	
1	Orchestra Concert at 6:30 p.m., Aud.
2	PTA Reflections Awards Ceremony at 9:15 a.m. SCA City-wide Meeting at Plaza M.S., 5 p.m. AVID Family Night at 6 p.m.
3	Academic Challenge vs. PA (A), 5 p.m. Girls Basketball vs. VB (A), 5 p.m. Boys Basketball vs. VB (A), 6:30 p.m.
5	All District Band
7	Academic Challenge vs. LN (A), 5 p.m. Girls Basketball vs. Salem (H), 5 p.m. Boys Basketball vs. Salem (H), 6:30 p.m.
8	SPC Meeting at 5:30 p.m., Library PTA Meeting at 6:30 p.m., Library
9	Winter I Sports Pics at 4 p.m. Band Concert at 6:30 p.m., Aud.
10	Girls Basketball vs. Landstown (H), 5 p.m. Boys Basketball vs. Landstown (H), 6:30 p.m.

Downloadable Forms: [Click on Link](#)

Reflections Entry Form

PTA Volunteer Form

PTA Membership Form