

# The Kingsley Connection

## Kingsley Montgomery School Newsletter

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## Welcome Back 2025-2026

We were thrilled to welcome our students back on August 25th for the first day of the 2025–2026 school year! It was wonderful to see the smiling faces of our returning students and to meet the newest members of our school.

Every student brings their own strengths and needs, and we're committed to providing the care, consistency, and individualized support that helps them thrive. We are excited for the year ahead and look forward to celebrating each student's progress along the way.



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## Welcome New Staff to KMS

We are excited to welcome several new faces to our school this year! Each of these staff members brings unique talents, experiences, and a passion for supporting student growth and success. Please join us in giving them a warm welcome!



Ms. Morgan  
SXI Teacher



Mrs. Kailah  
Speech



Mr. Galbenski  
Social Worker



Ms. Madison  
SXI Teacher



Mrs. Heuer  
Social Worker



Ms. Robin  
Cafeteria



Mr. Kyle  
Building Engineer

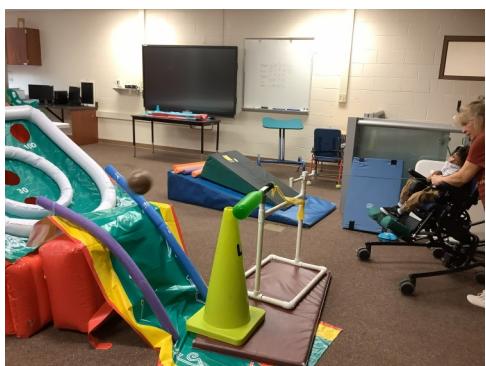
## Back To School Ice Cream Social

On September 10th, students and staff gathered for our annual Back to School Ice Cream Social, marking the start of the new school year with fun, laughter, and sweet treats! It was a wonderful opportunity for our school to welcome new faces, and celebrate the beginning of another exciting year together. A big thank you to our staff and volunteers who helped make this event possible, we appreciate your time and energy in creating such a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!



## Wayne State Grant

**Wayne State University** generously donated **\$5,000** to **Kingsley Montgomery School** to support the purchase of adaptive equipment and games for our students. This donation has made a remarkable difference, and our students are enthusiastic about using new equipment! It has greatly expanded their ability to participate more fully and confidently in physical activities. The impact is seen every day in their excitement and engagement as the equipment helps them build strength, coordination, and joy in movement. This gift has not only enriched our school, but has also helped create a more inclusive and meaningful experience for all of our students. We extend our deepest gratitude to **Dr. Leah Ketcheson** for her generosity and commitment to helping our students thrive.



## Halloween Parade



Students and staff got into the spirit of the season by dressing up in their Halloween costumes. We kicked off the day with a festive parade, giving everyone a chance to show off their outfits and admire all the creative ideas on display. From spooky to silly, the costumes brought lots of smiles and excitement throughout the school. Classroom displays also added to the fun. Each table was decorated with its own creative touch. Thank you to the volunteers from Elks 810 and the Waterford Optimist Club.



## Thanksgiving Parade/ Feast

Our school celebrated Thanksgiving with a colorful Float Parade and a festive feast. Each classroom created its own themed float, showcasing creativity and teamwork. Students displayed their floats while peers cheered them on. During the parade, Santa was able to stop by and greet all of the students. After the parade, everyone gathered for a delicious Thanksgiving meal. The feast offered students a chance to enjoy good food, practice social skills, and share gratitude with friends and teachers. A big thanks to the volunteers at Waterford Optimist Club for helping to serve all of the delicious food.

