

The Kingsley Connection

Kingsley Montgomery School Newsletter

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Earth Day

April 22nd, Kingsley Montgomery celebrated Earth Day with some fun activities. The students were able to color Earth Day pictures, do word searches and make Earth Day hats. Students planted flowers to take home that can be planted directly into the ground in a compostable container. For a treat, the students made “dirt cups”. These edible yummy dirt cups were made with chocolate pudding, crushed cookies, and gummy worms.

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Classes went outside and cleaned up our playground and learned about recycling.

Transportation Appreciation Day

Wednesday April 23rd KMS celebrated Transportation Appreciation Day. The students and staff put together thank you bags filled a variety of treats that were given to all of the bus drivers and bus aides that care for our students daily. We greatly appreciate all of our bus drivers and bus aides. Thank you for all you do!



Easterseals MORC

Easterseals MORC featured one of our students Zander and his contagious smile in one of their stories. Zander is a student in room 11 at Kingsley. Zander plays baseball and bowls through Easterseals MORC's Miracle League of North Oakland for the last five years.



Easterseals Miracle League of Michigan was founded in 2004, this is Michigan's first adaptive baseball field. There are two locations one in Southfield and the newer field in Orion. These fields makes it safer for players of all abilities.

Music Therapy

Music therapy is an additional service that is being provided to the students at our school this year. Music therapy is known to help the students discover the joy of self-expression through music, as well as reduce stress, improve communication, enhance physical movement and increase self-control. Our therapist, Katie Flynn, is contracted through FAR Therapeutic Arts and Recreation. Katie visits all the classroom in the school providing her therapeutic services. The students participate by experiencing different kinds of music during which time they have opportunities to play instruments and sing along with Ms. Katie. Teachers in the SXI program have noted the high level of student interest and engagement, while the students in the SCI program show that music might be the highlight of their day.



Art On A Cart

Our school received a grant that supplied us with a cart and many different art supplies. This grant was provided by Waterford Foundation for Public Schools. This cart can be used by various classrooms around the school, and provides them with art supplies on wheels.



Taking Care of Yourself Grant

Nurse Lumetta was awarded a grant through the Waterford Foundation for Public Education. This grant allowed Nurse Lumetta to put together personal hygiene kits for day treatment students. These kits included deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, shampoo, bodywash, and a travel carry case for all the products. Nurse Lumetta took the opportunity to reinforce lessons of personal hygiene for students; including showering, teeth brushing, and self care.



Optimist Club of Waterford Township Grants



Mrs. Elliott received a grant from the Optimist Club of Waterford Township that she used to purchase a Tonie Box. A Tonie Box is screen free audio player, it plays stories, songs, and custom audio. The figurines called Tonies have preloaded audio such as audio-books and music.



Mrs. Lovelace also received a grant from the Optimist Club of Waterford Township that allowed her to purchase a busy board for the students. This busy board allows students to build fine motor and sensory skills by manipulating materials.



Book Fair

Kingsley Montgomery received a \$200 grant from the Optimist Club of Waterford Township. This grant was used to purchase books for a school book fair. Each student was able to pick out a book of their liking to keep. Any books left over will go towards our book fair for next year.

