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MISSION - Developing productive and civic minded lifelong learners.

VISION - Kalkaska Public Schools will be a model of excellence in education and a source of community pride.

Dear Parents/Families of KPS,

When we get to this point in a school year there can oftentimes be mixed feelings. On one hand, there is excitement and energy thinking that springtime is fast approaching and we are moving pell-mell toward the end of another school year. On the other hand, there can be feelings of sadness that all the wonderful times, events and happenings of this amazing school year will soon come to an end. As we enter into this spring season my hope is these tidbits of information help as you endeavor to learn and grow with Kalkaska Public Schools.

APRIL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING- Our meeting date for April will be **Monday, April 8th**. Our meeting time and location are; **6:00 p.m. at Rapid City Elementary**. We will have a continued list of exciting discussion items and we invite interested folks to attend. Additionally, our student/staff spotlight school for this meeting will be Rapid City. Please feel free to come join us!

KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP- I like that term, "roundup," don't you?? Let's bring our amazing new crop of Blazers into the schools and orient their parents and them as best we can for the coming season. How exciting!! We hope to be the best school system possible for all our children and want to start off on the right foot especially with all our newest Blazers. The dates for our two roundup sessions are:

Birch Street Elementary- Thursday, April 18th. Call (231) 258-8629

Rapid City Elementary- Thursday, April 25th. Call (231) 331-6121.

KPS COMMERCIAL- One important proclamation staff, parents and our community has expressed regularly to me since coming to Kalkaska Public Schools is that we ought to be publicizing and marketing the AMAZING things that are happening in and around our fine schools. My hope is anyone reading this message has seen - over the course of the past two-to-three weeks especially - an intentional campaign on our part to showcase the many things that make us an incredible school system for children. One very visible aspect of this marketing quest has been the TV 9/10 on air commercial. If you have not been able to view it yet, you may do so on our website or Facebook(R) page. In addition to this 30-second spot, keep your eyes peeled for some 15-second commercials that will be coming soon. Oh, what a wonderful place this is!!

SPRING SPORTS- Even though snow remains on the ground, our track, softball, baseball and any other spring sports teams have been working hard in preparation prior to Spring Break. One thing, sports-fans, I see as a common thread throughout all seasons of our sports programming and including the evidences I see thus far with spring sports, is how deeply KPS coaches care for our children. That degree of caring can be seen in many ways; with the words they use with their teams, the high expectations they place on their athletes and in some cases, the incredible longevity we are blessed with regarding some of our coaching staff. **Hats off** to Athletic Director Thorington, all his coaches and ALL our hard-working athletes as they make ready for warmer temperatures and spring competitions. Go BLAZERS!!!!!!

Thank you for your attention to this April Blazer Bulletin message. Let's all keep ***"Blazing a Trail to Excellence!"***

Sincerely,

Terry J. Starr, Superintendent