

Ready for Business

I wanted to give you a couple of informational items as we get ready for the fall:

1. Most buildings will have open houses on August 31st, in the 5:30 P.M.-7 P.M. ranges.
2. School starts on September 7th. We will have two sets of bus runs: middle school and high school on the early bus; kindergarteners through sixth graders ride on the second run.
3. We continue to have a trimester schedule at the high school with all other buildings having semesters.
4. We are excited about Mike Myers joining our staff as Dean of Students for 4th through 8th grade. He will work with Beth Marcus, principal at GIS, and Elizabeth Keusch, principal at the Middle School.
5. Gary Vittoz, former high school teacher, has made a generous donation to the high school science department. Pam Nutt, chair of the department, is going to purchase a windmill to generate power for our greenhouse. Alternative energy generation will be highlighted in our science classes.
6. We have added our third classroom of Montessori at Lockwood. Pam Mead is teaching a second section of Kindergarten-First graders.
7. For the first time in five years, our kindergarten enrollment is higher than the previous year. We are so encouraged, we are advertising for an additional kindergarten teacher.
8. This is the first year for our graduating seniors having to meet the Michigan Merit curriculum requirements. For example, all students must have four math credits that include Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II. Graduates must also pass biology and either physics or chemistry.
9. We are expanding teaching Spanish to the middle school and Greyhound Intermediate.
10. Julia Tanner is our new Central Registrar. She is open for business at Greyhound Central. All student enrollment starts with Mrs. Tanner.
11. There will be a bond proposal on the November 2nd ballot. I will outline the plan next week.

Last but not least, we have a common calendar for all students and parents in the district. The calendar published in the directory has changed a little due to testing dates at the high school. Our calendar will be given out at open houses and is available at www.erpsk12.org.