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WELCOME TO THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR!



A Message from our Superintendent

Dear Families and Community
of Wyoming Public Schools,

We are excited to be preparing for a new, and much anticipated, year. As Michigan and the rest of the nation have reopened, I hope that you have been making memories with loved ones and participating in activities that you enjoy, both of which were missed dearly over the last 15 months.

I am so proud of our strong learning community! When I reflect on the 2020-2021 school year, it is with gratitude to our staff, students, and families who went above and beyond to create and maintain a safe and healthy environment while upholding a commitment to academic achievement. We faced challenges, overcame obstacles, and learned things that have made us stronger as individuals, and as a district.

In preparation for our return to school this fall, we have been busy with academic planning, finishing previous construction projects and making progress on current ones, and assessing current and future health and safety needs.

As we look forward to returning to school in August, the following changes will be in place for all students, staff, and families. These changes will remain in place unless, or until, we are directed by the MDHHS, KCHD, or CDC to modify or change them.

Face Coverings

- The use of a face covering to prevent the potential spread of the virus is no longer required when students and staff are on campus or on a school bus.
- The decision to wear a face-covering will be left to families to make based on what they believe is best for their child(ren) and family.

Covid-19 Vaccination

- We will not require students or staff to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination as a condition of attendance.
- Vaccinated students will not be separated from unvaccinated students.
- The decision to receive a Covid-19 vaccine will be left to families to make based on what they believe is best for their child(ren) and family.
- The COVID-19 vaccine is not listed on the School Required Vaccination List. For more information, please see: School Required Vaccines for Parents by MDHHS, www.michigan.gov/documents/mdhhs/School_Req_for_Parents_553547_7.pdf

Gathering Limits

- As of June 22, 2021, MDHHS has discontinued all gathering limits for residential and non-residential settings.
- Students/staff will no longer be required to remain in cohorts.

Contact Tracing

- When there is a positive or probable case within a classroom, an exposure letter will be sent home to parent(s), just as we do with other

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infectious diseases such as chickenpox.

- Schools are required to report communicable diseases to their local health department within 24 hours. Positive or probable COVID-19 cases will be reported to the Kent County Health Department following our Communicable Disease Board Policy 8450 and Michigan Law Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978. For a complete list of reportable diseases, please see the following document: 2021 Reportable Diseases, www.michigan.gov/documents/mdch/Reportable_Diseases_Michigan_by_Condition_478488_7.pdf.

Quarantine and Isolation

- All quarantine and isolation information and requirements will continue to be issued by the student's resident health department.

Protocol for Athletes

- At this time, we are not aware of plans to require testing for the upcoming school year.
- MDHHS and MHSAA lifted all requirements for student-athlete testing as of June 22, 2021.

Should the district receive any public health orders from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), or Kent County Health Department (KCHD), adjustments may be necessary. Athletics will adhere to rules set forth by MDHHS and the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA).

Working together over the past two school years as a strong learning community, we have been able to embrace learning opportunities, and have so many reasons to be thankful amidst the interruptions, challenges, and frustration. Extending care, support, and grace to others, as well as ourselves, has made a positive impact on all of us, and reminded us of what is truly important. I look forward to our return, and to a successful 2021-2022 school year.

Go Wolves!

Mr. Craig Hoekstra
Superintendent



WPS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Shared Values. One Purpose. Better Together.

Vision: Wyoming Public Schools will be the first choice for education and the pride of our community.

Mission: Wyoming Public Schools will empower all students to discover and achieve their potential in an inclusive, inspiring, and innovative culture of learning.

Our Values:

Character: We believe actions express priorities. We believe modeling the core principles of kindness, compassion, grace, trust, integrity, respect, and acceptance strengthens us as a community.

Continuous Improvement: We believe success is linked to high expectations. We believe that greatness is achieved through ongoing, incremental improvement.

Collaboration: We are better together. We believe authentic relationships and shared responsibility are fundamental to success.

Diversity: We are strengthened by our diversity! We believe our differences challenge our points of view and lead to better outcomes.

Open to the Public!

Regular Board meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 6:00 PM (unless noted otherwise) in the Board Room at the Administration Building (3575 Gladiola Ave. SW). Board meetings are open to the public.

Soon after each meeting is called to order, the Board president will ask any individuals wishing to address the Board to identify themselves by name, and state the topic they would like to discuss. Those individuals will be recognized under "New Business."

In the spirit of compliance with the ADA, Individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Office of the Superintendent by phone (616)530-7555 if requesting special services to effectively participate in this meeting.

August 9, 2021 at 5:00 PM

August 23, 2021 at 5:00 PM

September 13, 2021 at 6:00 PM

September 27, 2021 at 6:00 PM

October 11, 2021 at 6:00 PM

October 25, 2021 at 6:00 PM

November 8, 2021 at 6:00 PM

December 13, 2021 at 6:00 PM



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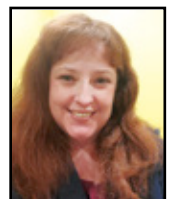
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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Tuesday, August 24th
[½ Day AM Only for Students]

Elementary (Gladiola, Oriole Park, Parkview & West):

Grades K-4th Monday, August 23rd 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Kindergarten

Smart Start Friday, August 20th

Wyoming Intermediate:

Please meet in the gym for about 15 minutes.

You will then be dismissed to your homeroom teacher's classroom for a meet and greet.

5th Grade Tuesday, August 17th 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

6th Grade Wednesday, August 18th 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Wyoming Junior High School:

7th grade students must be present for the entire Smart Start time.

School ID and pictures for the 2021-22 school year will be taken during this time.

7th Grade

Smart Start Wednesday, August 18th 7:15 AM – 8:45 AM

8th and 9th grade students can come anytime during the time

block listed below to pick up their schedules and take ID photos.

8th & 9th Grades Thursday, August 19th 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Wyoming High School:

Students are expected to stay for the entirety of their two (2) hour orientation. They will meet staff, review expectations for the upcoming school year, participate in Keys to Success, tour the high school, receive their schedules, have the ability to purchase a parking permit and have school and ID pictures taken.

Sophomores Wednesday, August 18th 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Juniors Tuesday, August 17th 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Seniors Tuesday, August 17th 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Wyoming Regional Center:

Open House Tuesday, August 17th 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

New Student Enrollment Information

Wyoming Public Schools provides central registration for new families to the District at the WPS Administration Building located at 3575 Gladiol a Ave. SW in Wyoming, Michigan. We can be reached by phone at (616) 530-7550. You may register all of your children at one time.

The following documentation must be presented to the Registrar at the time of enrollment:

- ✓ Original Birth Certificate
- ✓ Immunization records showing all required and up-to-date booster shots
- ✓ Two (2) proofs of residency (utility bill, lease agreement, buy/sell agreement, phone bill, etc.)
- ✓ Parent I.D. with photo
- ✓ Legal documentation proving custody rights (if necessary)

Additional Documents Needed:	Kindergarten Students: Physical & Hearing/Vision Screening
	9th Grade Students: A copy of your child's 8 th grade report card
	10th – 12th Grade Students: A copy of your child's transcript

The WPS Central Registration is open all year long!
Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM until 3:30 PM

Special dates and times for
Central Office Fall 2021 NEW Enrollment
August 17th, 18th and 19th from 8:00 AM until 7:30 PM

WYOMING COMMUNITY EDUCATION

3600 Byron Center Ave. (at the corner of 36th Street and Byron Center Ave.) 616-530-7500

There are several programs available, General Education Diploma (GED), High School Completion (HSC) and English As a Second Language (ESL). Students are expected to attend every day to maximize their opportunities.

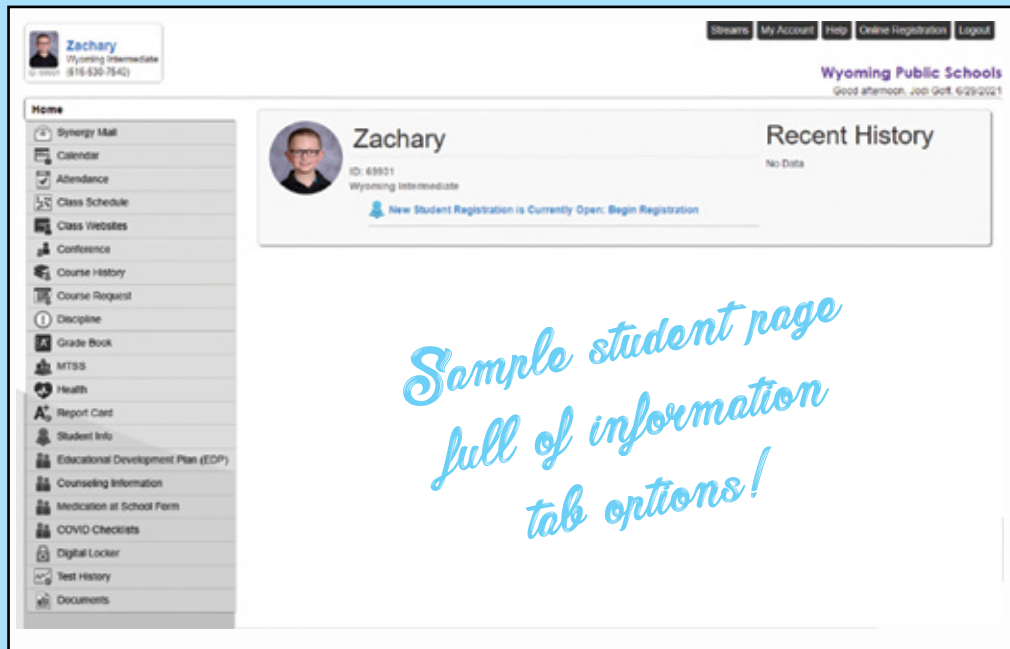
In order to be eligible for these programs, students must be 18 years of age or older. The Wyoming Community Education office will be open Monday through Friday beginning August 9, 2021 from 8:30 am until 3:00 pm to answer your questions/needs.

To register for classes, please visit the Kent ISD's Adult Education registration website at: www.adulted.kentisd.org for more details.

ParentVue

(PVUE) – ParentVue is an application for Parents to:

- Enroll students & Update demographic information
- Assignments and Grades
- Attendance & Discipline Information
- Transcripts/Graduation Requirements
- Academic Goals
- And more.....



Make sure you have an account....

New Student Enrollment

If you are **BRAND NEW** to Wyoming Public Schools (**never had any children enrolled in Wyoming before**), you can follow the process below.

Register online: go to wyomingps.org

Scroll to and click on “**New Student Registration**”

Scroll to and click on **On-Line Enrollment**

Follow these steps to create a ParentVue account to enroll your “new” child to the district:

Click on *More Options* (under Login button)

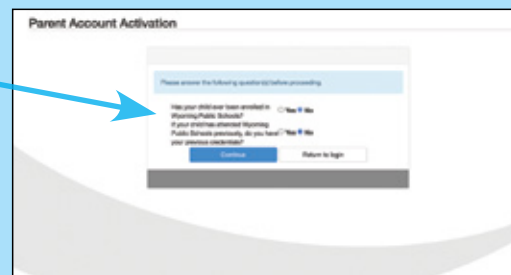
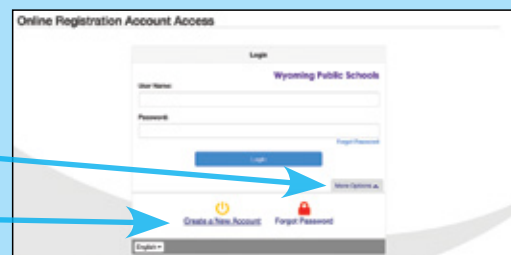
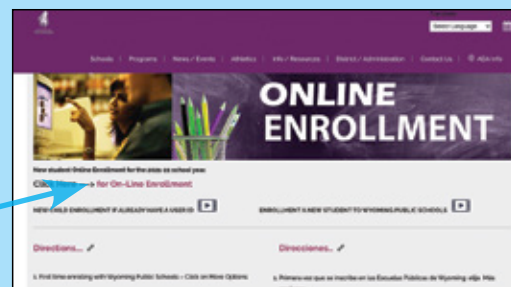
Click on *Create a New Account*

Click *No* and *No*, Click *Continue*

Read through and accept the Privacy Statement.

Parent Account Creation –

an email will be sent to the email address provided for you to create your ParentVue account and continue with the Registration Process.



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New Student Enrollment – *had students previously enrolled* in Wyoming Public Schools. If you already have a child enrolled in Wyoming Public Schools or have ever had children enrolled in Wyoming Public Schools, you will need to use your ParentVue account. *If you do not know your ParentVue account credentials, you can email pvue@wyomingps.org or call 616-530-7550.*

- Re-enrolling a student that was with Wyoming previously

Go to wyomingps.org

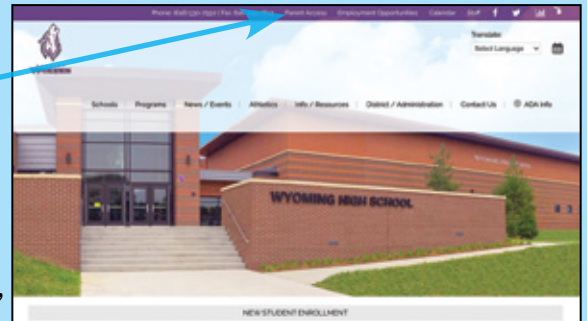
Click on **Parent Access** (top bar)

Fill in your **User Name** and **Password** to your previous ParentVue Account.

If you do not remember your user id and password, email pvue@wyomingps.org to retrieve it.

Click on **Online Registration** (top right corner)

Start the re-enrollment process.



- If your child is currently in our **Wyoming Huntington Woods ECSE program** (not the GSRP program), you do not need to enroll your child. We already have your documentation. You will just need to let your child's ECSE teacher know that your child is planning on attending Wyoming next year. They will let you know the Elementary Building based off your address.

If you cannot enroll online, you can pick-up a paper registration form from the Wyoming Public Administration Building at 3575 Gladiola Ave SW. There will be a Pick-up Box with paper registration forms available and a Drop-off Box to return the forms.

If you need help with either online enrollment or paper registration, feel free to email pvue@wyomingps.org or call 616-530-7550.

Back to School Registration – *Returning Students* – Opens early August through ParentVue

Look for an email in **early August** to complete your Online “Back to School Registration” through your ParentVue Account. It *will not* be available to fill out until you have received the email.

If you do not currently have a ParentVue account, email pvue@wyomingps.org to obtain one now so you are prepared in August for Back to School Registration.

First Day of School is Tuesday, August 24th
1/2 day for all students

Kent County Preschool – Great Start & Head Start

STEP 1

Complete online application at
preschool.kentisd.org

STEP 2

Children must be 4 on or before September 1.

Turn in all required documentation

- Proof of birth – copy of legal birth certificate, passport, hospital record, baptismal record or other government form
- Proof of income – income tax form, W-2, pay stub, unemployment, written statement from employer, foster care reimbursement, SSI documentation, child support, alimony, or pensions
- Proof of residency – drivers license with current address, current utility bill, rent receipt, tax bill or land contract
- Most recent Physical or Well child Checkup or Health Appraisal form
- Immunization Record
- If your child has an IEP we will need a copy

Email to KCPI@kentisd.org or mail to KCPI, 2930 Knapp NE, Grand Rapids MI 49525

Or call intake staff: Great Start Readiness 616-447-2409 or HeadStart 616-453-4145

STEP 3

Placement You will be contacted by email as soon as placement is made for your child. Placements will start Mid-July and will continue until all spots are filled. Placements are made based on need using the State of Michigan required placement process.



Special Education Early Childhood Program

This program is located at Huntington Woods
Early Childhood Center, 4334 Byron Center Ave.

Wyoming Schools' Student Services Department provides a special education program and services for children 2.5 through 5 years of age who may need special help to be better prepared for Early Childhood instruction.

We will evaluate your child if you feel there may be some developmental difficulties in the following areas of development: Cognitive, Language, Perceptual, Fine Motor, Gross Motor, or Social-Emotional.

Through close cooperation with parents, the program offers individual testing and goal setting designed just for your child. Instruction includes half day sessions five days a week with specially trained teachers using equipment designed to meet special needs. The services of speech therapists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, psychologists, and social workers are available.

For more information, call Renee Thomas at 616-530-7525

We Have Great Meal Program News!

We are pleased to inform you that Wyoming Public Schools will be participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) as part of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for the School Year 2021-2022.

The GREAT NEWS is that ALL students enrolled at our school can receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at NO CHARGE to your household each day.

In place of the Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application we still need your household **to fill out and sign the Household Information Report**. This report is **critical** in determining the amount of money that our school receives from a variety of State and Federal supplemental programs like Title I A, At-risk (31a), Title II A, E-Rate, etc.

These supplemental programs have the potential to offer supports and services for our students

including, but not limited to:

- Instructional supports (staff, supplies & materials, etc.)
- Non-instructional services (counseling, social work, health services, etc.)
- Professional Learning for staff
- Parent and Community engagement supplies and activities
- Technology

We are asking that you please complete and submit it as soon as possible to ensure that additional funding for our school is available to meet the needs of our students. All information on the report submitted is confidential. Without your assistance in completing and returning the attached report, our school cannot maximize the use of available State and Federal funds.

If you have any questions or if we can be of any further assistance, please contact WPS Food Service at (616) 530-7522.

Food service begins on the first day of school, Tuesday, August 24, 2021

One carton of milk is included with each meal and a la carte milk is available for \$.50 each. Additional a la carte menu items are also available for charge. Complete meal pricing is available in the cafeterias and on menus.

A la carte items can be purchased through the WPS online system. The online system also allows you to make deposits, check balances and review meal histories from any computer with internet access.



Lunch menus will be available at the Wyoming Public Schools web site under “Resources” and “Lunch & Breakfast” in mid August. They will also be sent home with elementary students and be available for all secondary students in the school office. Menus are also available online at wyoming.nutrislice.com

Please feel free to contact the Food Service Office at 530-7522 if you have any questions.



BUS INFORMATION

Bus run schedules will be available at the August registrations at each school. Schedules will also be posted on Wyoming Public School's website (www.wyomingps.org) after August 1.

BUS ROUTES AND STOPS

Safety is the most important factor in transporting WPS students. The following information is offered to help make transportation safe and successful.

1. Bus stops and routes are established on the basis of safety, efficiency, the age of students, and in accordance with the State laws, recommendations, and School Board policy. Bus stop locations must avoid as much traffic as possible. Stops shall not be on a hill or before or after a curve. Buses shall be visible in both directions when stopped.
2. It is each parent's responsibility to get her/his student to and from the school bus stop safely.
3. Bus stops shall not be located on cul-de-sac streets. The Michigan Department of Education recommends that backing of a school bus shall be avoided whenever possible.
4. Students should arrive at the bus stop and be lined up ready to be loaded on the bus five minutes prior to the scheduled arrival of the bus. This will allow time to catch the bus but not enough time for problems to arise among students. Bus departure times are subject to change. **PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR STUDENTS UNTIL THE BUS ARRIVES.**
5. By state law, students **MUST** cross in front of the school bus. They will receive instruction on proper crossing procedures from bus drivers. **PARENTS/GUARDIANS WHO MEET STUDENTS AT THE**

STOP SHOULD SET THE EXAMPLE AND ALSO FOLLOW THIS IMPORTANT SAFETY RULE

WALK AND RIDE POLICY

Students may find it necessary to walk some distance to their designated bus stops or to school. In compliance with state laws, Wyoming Public Schools walk/ride policy is:

- Elementary School students, grades K-4, may be expected to walk up to 1/2 mile to school or up to 1/2 mile to a bus stop.
- Intermediate School grades 5-6 may be expected to walk up to 3/4 mile to school or up to 3/4 mile to a bus stop.
- Junior and Senior High School students, grades 7-12, may be expected to walk up to 1 mile to school or up to 1 mile to a bus stop.

Upon request by a parent/guardian, the district may approve transportation for an individual student regardless of residential distance from the school if a travel route is judged to be hazardous, as deemed by the district or if other extenuating circumstances exist.

NOTE: Once a student boards a bus, they must remain on that bus until they reach their final destination.

**For Questions Contact the Transportation
Office 2181 Prairie Parkway
616-530-7545**

CROSSING PROCEDURE

Please review these important safety procedures with all of your children. Parents who escort their children to and from the bus must set the example for their children and also adhere to these important safety procedures when crossing. Everyone needs to know that not all cars stop as required by state law, even when the red lights are flashing on school buses.

When crossing the street to board the bus:

1. Students wait in a group at the designated bus stop at least 10 feet away from the edge of the roadway and look to the bus driver for the signal to cross.
2. Bus drivers will display a sign to indicate when it is safe to cross the street. If it is dark, drivers may turn on an inside light to be seen more easily.
3. Students proceed directly across the road, always staying well in front of the bus, and board the bus.
4. Do not stop in the middle of the street or cross behind the bus.

When crossing the street after leaving the bus:

1. Students will exit the bus and take 10 steps straight out from the side.
2. Students stand in a group and look to the bus driver for the signal to cross.
3. Bus drivers will display a sign to indicate when it is safe to cross the street. If it is dark, drivers may turn on an inside light to be seen more easily. Red means “STOP” DO NOT CROSS STREET and Green means “GO” IT IS SAFE TO CROSS THE STREET.
4. Students proceed to a point even with the left side of the bus and stop.
5. Students look left and right for passing cars.
6. Students look to the driver for instruction to complete the crossing.
7. Do not cross behind the bus.
8. If a paper or article goes under the school bus, always ask the bus driver for help.
9. Do not get mail from roadside mailboxes until after the bus leaves the stop.
10. At all times stay out of the “BUS DANGER ZONE”.

School Buses are Like Traffic Signals



SENDING MEDS TO SCHOOL

If a student is required to take prescription medication during the school hours, and a parent or guardian of this student cannot be at school to administer the medication, the school principal and the principal's designee(s) will administer the medication according to the physician's instructions on the label and on the medical request form (provided to you by the school). The exact dosage and frequency of use must be clearly indicated on the prescription label and request form, or on written instructions signed by a physician.



In a situation that threatens the life or health of the pupil, the requirement for two adults to be present when administering medication will not apply.

Medications should be brought to the school by a parent or guardian in a clear zip-lock bag clearly marked with the student's name, along with instructions (on the medication request form), signed by a parent or guardian and student's physician. Do not send medications to school with your student.

Please also remember to stop in the school office at the end of the school year to pick up any remaining medications.

IMMUNIZATIONS

All schools in Michigan are required to report the immunization status of all children entering kindergarten, all seventh grade students, and all children changing school districts. This is to assure that children are adequately immunized against preventable diseases before they reach adolescence, when some of these diseases become a great threat to their health.

If your child needs immunizations, please try to have these completed during the remainder of the summer. Please be advised that any student who has not had all of his/her immunizations will not be allowed to start school in August.

**If you have any questions, please call
Lisette Perez at the Wyoming Public Schools
Administration Building at 530-7550.**



Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry Schedule 2021

**Here is the
mobile food pantry schedule
for Wyoming Public Schools**

**August 30: West
September 27: Gladiola
October 25: Parkview
November 29: Gladiola
December 13: Parkview**

**Mobile Food Pantry
distribution will
begin at
5:00pm**

If you have any questions please contact:

**Anna Rivera for Gladiola Elementary
at (616)530-7596 ext 4163**

**Sarai Gamez for Parkview Elementary
at (616)530-7572 ext 4706**

**Sonia Riley for West Elementary
at (616)530-7533 ext 4673**



StriveTM for Less Than

Make every day count!

- Be on time, every time
- Set appointments before or after school
- Plan vacations when school is out
- Build backup plans or a buddy system to get students to and from school

Give a High 5 for higher success!

Did you know...

1. Missing more than 5 days in Kindergarten makes learning to read harder
2. Missing more than 5 days any year hurts learning and lowers test scores
3. Students who miss more than 10% of school a year (just 2 days a month) are more likely to drop out
4. Being late to school or leaving early leads to poor overall attendance
5. Absences affect everyone when teachers have to help students catch up

Being in school all day every day gives students a greater shot at success. Every day, every hour in class is a learning opportunity. Students who are absent, arrive late or leave early get less learning time than students with better attendance. That's why every student and every parent should Strive for Less Than 5 absences each school year.

#StriveForLessThan5

The Kent Intermediate Superintendents Association (KISA) has adopted the Strive for Less Than 5 campaign as an ISD-wide initiative because regular attendance is critical to student success!

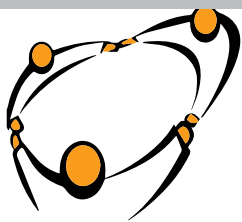
Thanks to Pageworks for sponsoring the printing of this flyer and sharing these important messages with our community.

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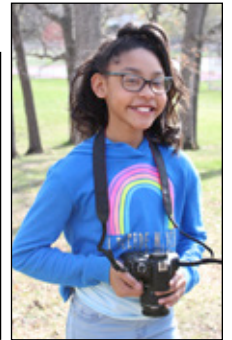
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TEACH ENRICH ACHIEVE MOVE

TEAM 21 is a free after-school program offered through Wyoming Public Schools and the City of Wyoming Parks and Recreation department. The program operates Monday – Thursday and provides homework help, enrichment and recreation activities, field trips and other engaging experiences. Dinner is served each day for all students and transportation is available to those students who qualify for bussing.

All students are welcome to apply and applicants will be notified of acceptance or waitlist placement prior to the start of the program. Applications are available at the administration office, participating schools' offices and online at www.wyomingmi.gov/team21.

The TEAM 21 programs are made possible through a partnership between the Wyoming Public Schools, the City of Wyoming Parks & Recreation Department, Godfrey-Lee Public Schools and Godwin Heights Public Schools. These programs are funded with 21st CCLC funds through grants awarded by the Michigan Department of Education.



Locations & Times

Gladiola Elementary	3:30 PM – 6:15 PM
Oriole Park Elementary	3:30 PM – 6:15 PM
Parkview Elementary	3:30 PM – 6:15 PM
West Elementary	3:30 PM – 6:15 PM
Wyoming Intermediate	3:00 PM – 5:30 PM
Wyoming Junior High	2:30 PM – 5:15 PM

DIRECTORY INFORMATION/PERSONAL IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION

“Personal identifiable information” about current students of the district will not be released without the consent of the student’s parent(s), or the student if the student is 18 years or older, unless the information or the law permits disclosure without consent.

“Directory Information” means information contained in an education record of a student which would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. It includes, but is not limited to the following areas: name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, grade, participation in school activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, honors and awards received, student picture, and the most recent educational institution attended.

A parent or eligible student has the right to refuse the designation of all or part of a student’s personal identifiable information as directory information, except that directory information may be disclosed to government or other educational institutions as permitted by law.

Directory information may be disclosed without further notice or consent, unless the parent, or eligible student, refuses release of information by providing written notification to the Superintendent or Board of Education within thirty days of the date of the student’s registration.

2021-22 PESTICIDE ADVISORY

Wyoming Public Schools has adopted an Integrated Pest Management program. Inherent with this are the District's efforts to reduce pesticide use as much as possible. While it may occasionally be necessary to apply a pesticide, this program does not rely on routine pesticide applications to resolve problems. We use various techniques such as habitat alteration, sanitation, mechanical means, exclusion, etc. to prevent pest from becoming a problem.

As required by Michigan law, you will receive advanced notice of non-emergency application of a pesticide (insecticide, fungicide, or herbicide), other than bait or gel formulation, which is made to the school, school grounds, or buildings. This advance notice of a pesticide application will be given 48 hours before the application by the following two methods:

- 1) Posting at the primary entrances to your child's school. The entrances that will be posted are the main entrance and those that have a sidewalk that leads directly to a parking lot.
- 2) Posting in the common area located by the main office of the school.

Please note that notification is not given for use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants or anti-

microbial cleaners. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be promptly notified following any such application, via the two posting methods identified (above).

You may review the school's Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request by contacting Matt Walker, WPS Director of Operations, at (616) 530-7570 or walkerm@wyomingps.org.

Parents or guardians of children attending the school are also entitled to receive the advance notice of a pesticide application, other than a bait or gel formulation, by first class United States mail postmarked at least 3 days before the application, if they so request. If you would like to be notified by mail please contact the WPS Operations Department at (616) 530-7570. Please provide the Department with your name, mailing address and what school(s) your child or children attend and your name will be placed on the advance notification by US Mail list.

Matt Walker, Director of Operations
(616) 530-7570 walkerm@wyomingps.org

CLOSINGS & SEVERE WEATHER PROCEDURES

During school hours, the Superintendent's office continuously monitors the weather and alerts each school in the event of approaching severe weather.

Announcements will be made on local radio and television stations regarding school cancellations prior to the start of the school day. There will also be a Robo Call made to all families and a notice on the district website under School Closings. Please make sure the school has your current phone number.

If students are in school when a tornado **watch** (meaning the possibility of a tornado exists) or thunderstorm warning is issued, students will remain in session until the regular dismissal time. If students are in school when a tornado **warning** is issued, students will remain in school, taking shelter in designated areas.

Parents, legal guardians, or predetermined individuals may pick up students at school during any severe weather warning. Please **do not** call school during severe weather warnings unless you have a particularly serious problem. It is important that school lines remain open.

AUGUST 2021				
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*February 21, 2022 - Mid-Winter Break: This day will be held as a day of instruction if the District exceeds the allowable number of snow days.

WYOMING PUBLIC SCHOOLS



2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR

DESCRIPTION CODES

AUGUST 27 - FRIDAY - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

AUGUST 27 - STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

STUDENTS - 1/2 DAY - AM ONLY

AUGUST 24 - TUESDAY

FEBRUARY 17 - THURSDAY

OCTOBER 21 - THURSDAY

MARCH 10 - THURSDAY

OCTOBER 22 - FRIDAY

MARCH 11 - FRIDAY

DECEMBER 16 - THURSDAY

APRIL 22 - FRIDAY

DECEMBER 17 - FRIDAY

JUNE 02 - THURSDAY

JUNE 03 - FRIDAY

NO SCHOOL - ALL

SEPTEMBER 03 - 06

Labor Day Weekend

NOVEMBER 24 - 26

Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER 20 - JANUARY 02

Winter Break

FEBRUARY 18 - 21

Mid-Winter Break

APRIL 01 - APRIL 08

Spring Break

MAY 30

Memorial Day

TEACHERS & STUDENTS REPORT

Elementary Semester Dates

1st Semester 08/24/2021 - 12/17/2021

2nd Semester 01/03/2022 - 06/03/2022

Fall K-6 Conferences TBD

Spring K-6 Conferences TBD

Secondary Semester Dates

1st Semester 08/24/2021 - 12/17/2021

2nd Semester 01/03/2022 - 06/03/2022

Fall 7-12 Conferences TBD

Spring 7-12 Conferences TBD

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SCHOOL HOURS

Six Period Day - Secondary

	High School	Junior High
First Period	7:30-8:30	7:45-8:45
Second Period	8:35-9:35	8:50-9:45
Third Period	9:40-10:40	9:50-10:45
Fourth Period (lunch)	10:45-12:10	10:50-12:25
Fifth Period	12:15-1:10	12:30-1:25
Sixth Period	1:15-2:15	1:30-2:30
	High School Lunch	Junior High Lunch
	A: 10:30-11:00	A: 10:45-11:15
	B: 11:05-11:35	B: 11:20-11:50
	C: 11:40-12:10	C: 11:55-12:25
School Day (1/2 day)	7:30-11:20	7:45-11:35

School Day - Elementary

	Elementary K-4	Intermediate
School Day	8:45-3:30 w/30 min lunch	8:15-3:00 w/30 min lunch
School Day (1/2 day)	8:45-12:35	8:15-12:05
	RCenter	Early Childhood
School Day	8:00-2:45 w/30 min lunch	8:15-3:00 w/30 min lunch
School Day (1/2 day)	8:00-11:50	8:15-12:05



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CLASS OF 21

WYOMING WOLVES

The parents of the WHS Class of 2022 have started planning for the Senior All-Night Party (SANP) which will take place immediately following graduation on May 24th, 2022.

Parents, if you would like to get involved and help make sure our kids have memorable SANP please plan on attending our meetings which will be held the first Tuesday of every month at 6pm at Wyoming High School. We encourage and welcome everyone to attend. There will be many opportunities to volunteer throughout the school year and we need help from everyone to make a memorable event.



Lisa Cole..... President
 Natasha Anderson..... Vice President
 Danielle Parsons..... Secretary
 Ann Marie Marzean Communications/Media
 Lisa Cole and Treasurers
 Natasha Anderson

SENIOR ALL NIGHT PARTY

Our first big fundraiser of the year is our golf tournament which will be held Saturday, September 25th, 2021 at Maple Hill Golf Course. This will be an amazing event! Proceeds from this event will be put toward the SNAP. If you would like to get a team together, volunteer, sponsor a hole or donate prizes please contact Brian Jirous at Briandjirous@yahoo.com.

Join our official Facebook group **Wyoming Wolves 2022 “SANP”** to stay informed and to sign up for volunteer opportunities.

To donate to the WHS Class of 2022 SANP or volunteer at one of our events, please contact us at Wyomingclassof22@gmail.com.

A Career with Wyoming Public Schools



Guest Teachers:

You impact our students by:

- Bringing your teaching skills and love of our students into a classroom setting.
- Keeping them engaged as learners.
- Providing a consistent school structure.
- Working with colleagues, administrators and paraprofessionals.
- Helping in ways big and small.

Food Service Staff:

Your contributions matter because:

- You are one of our valuable staff members who will interact with our students on a daily basis.
- You prepare and serve healthy meals to our students and staff.
- You maintain a clean work environment.
- You manage our food inventory.



Volunteers:

Your service matters because:

- You serve as a mentor and role model to our students.
- You read to and with our students.
- You keep our students safe on the playground.
- You help staff with administrative needs.



Bus Drivers:

Why you are important to us:

- You are the one of the first and last WPS faces that our students see each day!
- You provide safe transportation of our students and staff to and from school, field trips, and sporting events.
- You play a very important role within our school community.



Join our team today!

Call to find out more about how to begin your career with Wyoming Public Schools!

(616) 530-7570

Easy online application at:
www.WyomingPS.org

WYOMING ATHLETICS: MEET THE TEAM NIGHT

(For Fall Sports)

**Monday, August 16, 2021 in the
big gym at Wyoming High School**

Parents will have the opportunity to meet the coaches and players and learn about their expectations.

5:15 - 7:20pm Individual/Team Pictures

7:20 - 7:30pm General Meeting

7:30 - 8:00pm Team Meetings

Below is the schedule for fall sports teams, athletes, and/or families. **It is very important that everyone be on time in order to stay on schedule. Please understand that we may run ahead of schedule.** All pictures are pre-paid at site (Make checks out to **Brad Legg Photography**) when the picture is taken. Pictures will be taken on Football Field

TEAM PICTURES

5:15 Varsity Golf
5:25 Varsity Soccer
5:35 J.V. / Freshman Soccer
5:45 Varsity Tennis
5:55 Cross Country
6:05 Varsity Dance
6:15 Freshman Girls Volleyball
6:25 Varsity Cheer
6:35 J.V. Girls Volleyball
6:45 Varsity Girls Volleyball
6:55 Freshman Football
7:05 J.V. Football
7:15 Varsity Football

INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY/GROUP

5:15 Varsity Soccer
5:25 Varsity Golf
5:35 Varsity Tennis
5:45 J.V./Freshman Soccer
5:55 Varsity Dance
6:05 Cross Country
6:15 Varsity Cheer
6:25 Freshman Girls Volleyball
6:35 Varsity Girls Volleyball
6:45 J.V. Girls Volleyball
6:55 J.V. Football
7:05 Freshman Football
7:20 Varsity Football

Team Photos:

8x10 \$8.00 – 5x7 \$5.00

Individual Photos:

8x10 \$8.00 – 5x7 \$5 – 4x5 \$4.00

Individual Packets:

A. 1-8x10, 2- 5x7, 8-Wallets \$24.00

B. 2-5x7, 8 Wallets \$16.00

Special Photos:

Wallet Photo Magnets \$3.00

4x5 Photo Magnet \$4.00

Buttons 3.5" \$4.00



Be sure to friend the:
Wyoming Wolves

WOLVES FOOTBALL SCHEDULE 2021

Thurs. Aug. 26	Forest Hills Northern HS	Wyoming HS	7:00PM
Thurs. Sep. 02	@ Northview HS	Northview HS	7:00PM
Friday Sep. 10	@ Reeths-Puffer HS	Reeths-Puffer HS	7:00PM
Friday Sep. 17	Holland Public Schools (Homecoming/Football Frenzy/Honors Choir)	Wyoming HS	7:00PM
Friday Sep. 24	Muskegon HS	Wyoming HS	7:00PM
Friday Oct. 01	@ Zeeland West HS	Zeeland West HS	7:00PM
Friday Oct. 08	@ Zeeland East HS	Zeeland East HS	7:00PM
Friday Oct. 15	Grand Rapids Union HS (Community Night: Senior/Parent Night. 1971 Wyoming Team/Honors Choir)	Wyoming HS	7:00PM
Friday Oct. 22	@ Mona Shores HS	Mona Shores HS	7:00PM

Wyoming Athletics:



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Direct Text Updates:

Receive direct text for any schedule changes as they occur.

- Step 1: Download the Remind101 App
Step 2: Text 720-399-4448
Step 3: Message Box @wolves

You will then receive direct text messages from the Athletic Office of any update or changes to athletic schedules and plans.

WPS Athletic Schedules

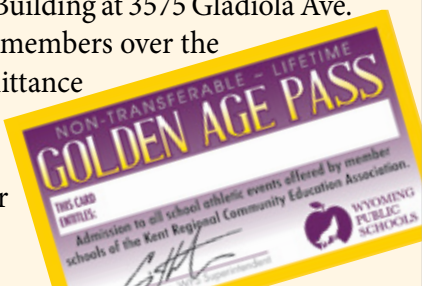
Athletic schedules can be found at highschoolsports.net or at the administration building, Wyoming Junior High, or Wyoming High School Offices.

WPS Athletic Passes

Athletic passes are available to help defray the cost of home games. Student passes are \$40, Adult passes are \$50 and a family pass is \$120. These passes allow you to attend all home games for the 2021-2022 school year; however, they may not be used for State playoff games. Passes may be purchased at the Wyoming High School Athletic Office.

Golden Age Athletic Passes

Golden Age Passes are available, free of charge, from the Administration Building at 3575 Gladiola Ave. SW. for community members over the age of 60 for admittance to home athletic events. These passes may not be used for State playoff games.



WE ARE THE WOLVES

Here's to The Mighty Wolves
Charging straight into the fight.
We will always cheer for victory
And you'll show them all your might.
WY-O-MING!

Hail to purple! Hail to black!
We're behind you all the way.
So let's go, team, go!
WE ARE THE WOLVES!
Let's win today!

To hear the music for the song:
wyomingps.org/schoolsong/SchoolSong.htm

*Special thanks to Troy University and composer, Dr. John M. Long,
for allowing the district the use of the fight song music, and
to Chad Dykema, WPS employee, for writing the lyrics.*

Volunteers Welcome!

Wyoming Public Schools derives immeasurable strength from unlimited parent and community involvement in its schools. Hundreds of residents are involved as individual school volunteers. If you would like to become involved, please consider the opportunities listed below. Join the fun.....get involved in making our schools the best they can be!

Volunteer Opportunities in our schools:

- School PTO's
- 1-on-1 Mentor
- Academic, Athletic, Music Boosters
- Media Center, playground or recess aides

If you are interested in volunteering in one or more of the groups listed above, please call the school's principal or secretary to get more information.

BOND CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



WPS staff and students remain extremely grateful for the community's support of the November 2017 bond proposal. The district is approximately 29 months into a 66-month construction process that will greatly transform all district facilities.

Through the 2020/21 school year, all work has been concentrated at Wyoming High School. Due to the scope and scale of these projects and limitations on how much construction can be completed in a period of time, the district can only work on a limited number of sites each year, focusing the majority of work during summer break periods to limit instructional disruptions.

Back in 2017 when funding for the construction program was approved, the district made the decision to focus first on the high school site (by far the largest project). This was largely to ensure that as many students as possible that were WPS students in 2017 would experience the positive impact of the changes before graduation (as well as to allow the 9th grade to transition to the high school building as soon as possible).

Unfortunately, due to the impact of COVID, the community has yet to see the remarkable changes completed at Wyoming High School. We hope to remedy that this fall with an open house event. (Expect more details in a future edition of the Insight newsletter.) Until then, please enjoy some photographs of the work completed to date. Progress pictures from work at Oriole Park and Parkview being completed currently are also included.

The schedule for future work looks like this:

- Summer 2021 - Oriole Park, Parkview and the final phase of High School
- Summer 2022 - Gladiola, West, Huntington Woods
- Summer 2023 - Intermediate, Junior High and Regional Center
- Summer 2024 - Central Services and Transportation

For fun time-lapse videos of work at Wyoming High School, please go to: <https://webcams.christmanco.com/>

If you have any questions regarding work completed to date or future plans, please feel free to contact Matt Lewis at lewism@wyomingps.org.



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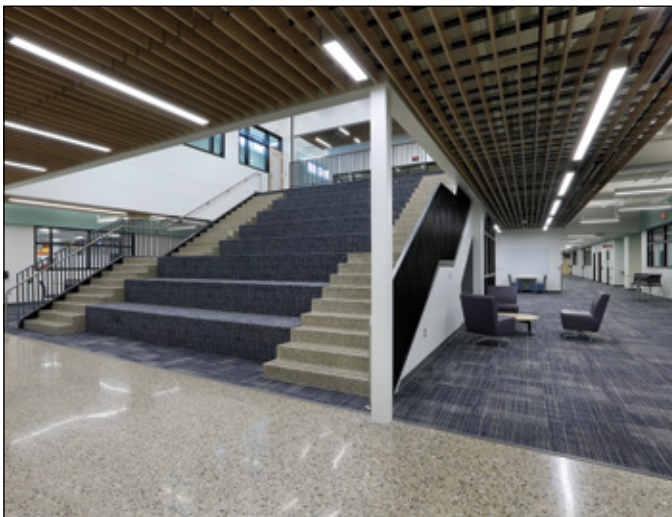


After:





High school upper level classrooms and study areas.



High school stairs to upper level.



High school cafeteria.



New windows for Oriole Park and Parkview Elementaries, new bus loop for Oriole Park, and new playground equipment for Parkview.





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KINDERGARTEN SMART START

Friday, August 20, 2021

Kindergarten Smart Start is a time for a parent/guardian to join their child to learn what a day in the life of a kindergarten student looks like!

You and your child will be picked up at your bus stop*, ride the bus to school, meet their teacher, and spend time learning about kindergarten. Your child will begin to learn what the school and classroom procedures are, as well as practice the breakfast and lunch procedures. At the end of the morning, you and your child will board the bus to go home.**

*Please call WPS Transportation at 530-7545 for bus stop locations and pick up time.

**Please note that a parent or guardian must attend Smart Start with their child.

We hope you are able to join us August 20!

**If you have additional questions,
please contact the building principal.**

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1ST DAY: TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2021 – 1/2 DAY