

September 1, 2022



These savvy entrepreneurs from our Transition Program, visited the Board Office this week to conduct a survey before opening their Snack Rack for the school year.

[School and Community Info and Events of Interest](#)

[City of Kettering EcoFEST](#)

[Flag Football with Moraine Parks & Rec](#)

[Moraine Parks & Rec Fall Programs](#)

[Oakwood United Soccer Club Fall Programs](#)

[Code Ninjas 2022-2023 Programs for Kids](#)

[Girl Scouts of Western Ohio Membership Drive in Aug. and Sept.](#)

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

Firebird Families and Staff:

As I reflect on the three core foundations we are focusing on as a district this school year, I want to reiterate that we all have a role to play in this year's number one goal of assuring the safety and security of our students, staff and visitors in our facilities.

We have numerous resources and procedures in place to keep our schools safe and secure, but I can't say it enough: It is very important that we have everyone's eyes and ear attuned to safety, as well. When you see or hear something that doesn't seem right, please don't hesitate to report it to a staff member, via our [Safety/Bully Tip Line](#) or directly to the Kettering Police Department, if you feel an immediate danger exists.

KPD Chief Chip Protsman spoke to our staff on Opening Day and underscored that the police department would rather get a call about an issue that turns out to be nothing, than to find out after a tragedy occurs that someone had knowledge about the situation, but hesitated to report it because they didn't think it warranted a call to law enforcement.

This week, we had a parent alert us to the fact that the door was unlocked at one of our elementary schools when they came to pick their child up at after-school care. After alerting us to the situation,

our business director, who oversees the district's facilities, immediately went out to each of our schools that house the YMCA's childcare program, and met with principals and childcare staff members to underscore that the doors to the buildings need to be locked while after-school childcare is in session.

Our facilities are community resources and we have always made them available during after-school hours to groups and organizations who want to use them for things like meetings, events and sports practices and games. We will continue this practice of making our buildings available to the groups who use them and will work with the YMCA to come up with a plan for keeping the areas where children are watched during their after-school program secure when outside groups are in the buildings.

Reporting a safety or security issue that you see or hear, as the parent did this week, is a great example of just how important it is that if you see or hear something concerning, that you let us know. This helps us to continually look at the procedures and measures we have in place to keep our buildings safe and to make changes and adjustments, when needed.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable holiday weekend. Hope to see some of you at the Holiday at Home Parade on Labor Day!

Mindy McCarty-Stewart
Superintendent



[Calamity Day Notifications](#)

It's that time of year when we have to make plans for notifying you when we have to close or delay school because of bad weather. The district uses The Education Connection to call and/or text families and staff when school will be closed or delayed. [Visit our website for additional information and to access the link to sign up for "Calamity Day" Notifications.](#)

[Nomination Window Open for Roush Hall of Fame](#)

The Hall of Fame Selection Committee is accepting nominations for the 2022 *Chester A. Roush Educational Hall of Fame* through September 18. Information about the Roush Hall of Fame and the nomination criteria can be found under ["Forms"](#) on the district's website, and the online nomination packet can be found [here](#), under the "Links" page on the district website.

