

# October 23

# The KURTZ CONNECTOR

Student Count Day	10/4
Milford Fire Department visit for kindergarteners	10/9
Early release day - Students are released at 2:37.	10/10
PTA meeting @ 9:30 at Kurtz	10/11
Milford Fire Department visit for 1st graders / Police Department visit	10/11
The Color Run! (Rain date 10/20)	10/13
School Safety Week	10-16 through 10/20
Vision screening (1st, 3rd, 5th and Cats)	10/23
Fall Costume Parade @ 3:00 on the Mileage Club track	10/31
Picture retakes	11/2
Half day - Students released at 12:40	11/3
Election Day - No school for students	11/7
Book Fair	11/8 through 11/16
PTA meeting at 9:30	11/8
Conferences	11/9 & 11/14
Veterans Day Celebration	11/10
Thanksgiving break	11-22 through 11/24

### Building Hours:

**9:10 1st Bell (students may enter) / 9:15 2nd Bell (school starts) / 4:07 Dismissal**

## Fall Events this Month

Halloween is a fun and exciting event at the elementary level. The staff at Kurtz embraces the fun of fall-focused activities and wearing costumes at school. Students are encouraged to wear appropriate costumes on Halloween. Costumes deemed inappropriate for the elementary school level are those that include blood, weapons or questionable content. Please reach out to Mr. Chisik directly if you have questions about acceptable costumes.

**Students wearing inappropriate costumes will not be allowed to wear their costumes at school, but will certainly be able to participate in events.** Classes will be celebrating Halloween in fun ways. Parents can look for information coming from classroom teachers, indicating the schedule of events for the day.

The whole building will be participating in our traditional parade on 10/31, at 3:00. Parents are welcome to attend and enjoy the parade on the playground. Students will all be able to show off their costumes as we walk the Mileage Club track outside on the playground, (weather permitting).



## *From the Principal's Desk...*

The Color Run is coming up this month. It is my hope that each family supports our fundraising goal, if they can. Our PTA and I have worked together to set a conservative goal that supports programming and classroom initiatives, throughout the school year. Making a donation should feel like the safest and easiest way to show your support of our programs here at Kurtz and to do your part to make sure students and staff have what they need to make each school year a success! Thank you in advance for your support!

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## Students in the Spotlight

Congratulations to Zachariah Porter and Jackson Nickerson-Tucker for being recognized as our Students in the Spotlight, this month.

Zachariah is a first grade student in Mrs. Zimmerman's class. He is a leader in school. Zachariah is a focused student who follows rules and expectations and works hard in the classroom. He goes out of his way to make sure everyone is included in activities, both in the classroom and on the playground.

Jackson is in Mrs. Hornyak's third grade class and is also viewed as a leader and role

model among his third grade peers. Jackson regularly helps others and is quick to make sure his peers understand their school work. He is a great friend to all of his classmates.

Both students exemplify the type of leadership attributes our staff and students recognize as meaningful and effective.

We celebrate our Students in the Spotlight each month because they make a difference at school and in our great community.



## Watch D.O.G.S. Pizza Night

The 2023 Pizza Night was a huge success this year. Program leaders, Mrs. Zimmerman, Mr. Brugger and Mr. Chisik, ran our perspective D.O.G.S. through an informational presentation after enjoying dinner with our students.

We greatly appreciate our friends at our local Hungry Howie's for the donation of the pizza and breadsticks, for all of the attendees. Our supportive PTA took care of the rest. We are all looking forward to the official start of the program this month.



# Kurtz Elementary PTA Events At A Glance



## 2023-2024



### September



5-Welcome Back  
13-PTA Meeting At Kurtz @9:15AM  
28-Picture Day

### October



3-Hungry Howie's Pizza Night  
6-Family Movie Night  
13-Color Run  
11-PTA Meeting At Kurtz @9:30AM  
TBD-Halloween Celebration

### November



7-Hungry Howie's Pizza Night  
8-PTA Meeting At Kurtz @9:30AM  
11-Veteran's Day  
TBD-Breakfast with a Buddy

### December



5-Hungry Howie's Night  
13-PTA Meeting At Kurtz @9:30AM  
TBD-Holiday Shop  
TBD-Cocoa & Crafts along with Yuletide Yoga

### January



10-PTA Meeting At Kurtz @9:30AM  
TBD-Breakfast with a Buddy  
TBD-Stem Night

### February



6-Hungry Howie's Night  
14-PTA Meeting At Kurtz @9:30AM

### March



5-Hungry Howie's Night  
13-PTA Meeting At Kurtz @9:30AM  
TBD-Shamrock Shuffle  
TBD-Penny Wars

### April



2-Hungry Howie's Night  
10-PTA Meeting At Kurtz @9:30AM  
TBD-Teacher Takeover  
TBD-Breakfast with a Buddy  
TBD-Cereal Box Collection

### May



8-PTA Meeting At Kurtz @9:30AM  
7-Hungry Howie's Night  
TBD-Teacher Appreciation Week  
TBD-Cereal Box Domino Event  
TBD-Family Fun Night

### June



7-Field Day  
12-Last Day of School  
TBD-5th Grade Party  
TBD-5th Grade Clap Out

### July



Summer Break!

### August



Summer Break!

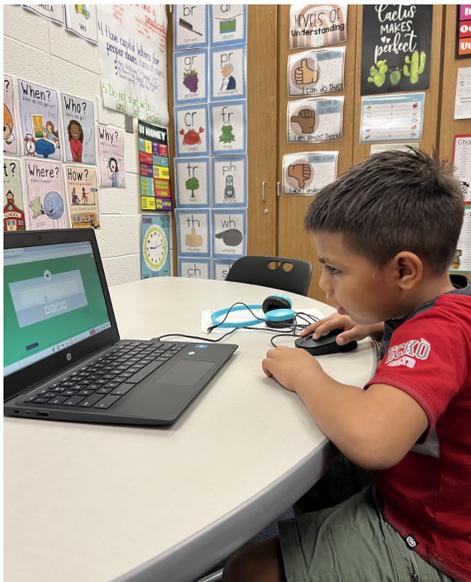
**\*\*Please Note\*\***  
All events subject to change,  
please check social media for up-to-date details  
Last Updated 9/10/23

## English Language Learners are a Focus at Kurtz

The start of the school year has been an exhilarating time for our English Language Learners. We have engaged in many exciting activities, gradually settling into new routines, and getting to know our caring teachers and administrators.

The use of technology at Kurtz enables our students to master concepts in many innovative ways. This is especially valuable to our English Language Learners, as these experiences help them become immersed in valuable learning content, while mastering the English language.

We are proud to provide such a caring, nurturing and loving environment to all of our students!



## Veterans Matter at Kurtz!

Veterans Day is a big deal at Kurtz Elementary School. This year, we will be observing **Veterans Day on Friday, November 10**. We are working on all of the logistics now, but we want to make sure families save the date and plan to join us in celebrating our heroes at 9:30 in front of the building. If you are interested in donating time, food items for breakfast or in stepping in to run or sponsor our big breakfast for our veterans, please reach out to Mr. Chisik.



## Pick Up and Drop Off

We are very proud of the pick-up and drop-off processes we have in place at Kurtz. We work hard to make this daily routine safe and effective. There are Kurtz staff members assigned to ensuring our systems work effectively, while still making sure to use the time to connect with students and provide support when and if support is needed. We assure you that our system works and is most effective when visitors follow our plan. We are always focused on getting you in and out of the parking lot as quickly as possible. Visitors can help us make pick-up and drop-off times flow best by not parking on the curb during pick-up and drop-off times.

- Mind the 15 MPH speed limit on Kurtz Drive.
- Vehicles should be pulling all the way up and quickly getting child(ren) in and out of the car. Please do not get out and help children in or out of the vehicle.

- Utilize pick-up and drop-off Kurtz staff or park if your child requires extra support.
- Visitors should never pass in the left lane of the loop because it is not safe for our students and could (and has) resulted in damage to vehicles, adding unnecessary stress on individuals. We feel strongly that passing really only has the potential to save a few seconds on your commute and strongly expect you not to do it.



- If you are planning to park, please park in a designate parking space. Kurtz staff members park in the back of the lot in order to make it as easy as possible for parents to find a parking space in our small parking lot. Al-

so, students should never be walking through the parking lot without an adult. Parents, please observe the posted speed limit sign on Kurtz Drive.

- We ask parents to respect our neighbors and never block driveways when you are picking up or dropping off. We have also been contacted by our neighbors at the Document Store to ask parents not to use their parking lot as a pick-up space.

Parents are not to escort their child(ren) to their classrooms for various health and safety reasons. Teachers meet their students outside each morning to start the day in a positive and personal manner. Your participation in this process is both expected and appreciated. Please feel free to share ideas and suggestions in writing with me, Mr. Chisik, at your earliest conven-

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### PTA Corner

Welcome back Kurtz families! We have a lot of exciting events planned for October. The *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle* Movie Night is this Friday, at 6:30pm. It is a family event. Bring chairs, bug spray and your appetite for delicious snacks. We hope to see lots of families enjoying this event.

The Color Run is October 13. We are actively fundraising for our only fundraiser of the year. We are looking for volunteers as well, to help make this event run as smoothly as possible.

Upcoming Events:  
October 6 - Movie Night 6:30pm  
October 11 - PTA meeting 9:30am  
October 13 - Color Run afternoon

Please watch Social Media for the agenda and up-to-date information

2023-2024 Kurtz PTA Board:  
Jodie Courtney - PTA President  
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Laura Clarke - Communications Secretary  
Elizabeth Goldberg - Recording Secretary

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Free Donuts & Cider

CONCESSIONS FOR PURCHASE

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6TH**

**6:30 PM-9 PM**

**KURTZ ELEMENTARY SOCCER FIELD**

Featuring:

**Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem**

**\* MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT \***  
**\*The playground will be closed for this event\***