



# The KURTZ CONNECTOR

## November 23

### Building Hours:

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

Picture retakes	11/2
Half day: Students released at 12:40.	11/3
Election day - No school for student.	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
Breakfast with a Buddy (8:15 - 9:00)	11/14
Thanksgiving break	11-22
McDonald's night	12/7
PTA meeting @ 9:30	12/13
Winter recess - No school for students.	12/25 through 1/5

### Fall into Goals!

With the close of the first marking period and parent teacher conferences taking place this month, it is a great time to establish goals with your child (ren). Goal setting is a life skill that has the best opportunity for success when parents and care givers help to establish, maintain and celebrate success. We encourage parents to discuss behavioral and academic goals.

Each classroom teacher unpacks the student profile throughout the year in order to make sure expectations are clear to every student. Parents are encouraged to ask questions about behavior during conferences this month. Reinforcing safe, respectful and kind behavior is important.

Academically speaking, there are always ways to establish opportunities to reinforce the learning that your child(ren) are engaged in throughout the year. Our teachers reinforce grade level appropriate learning strategies both in school and at home. Parents can look for these essential learning targets to set goals. Making time to engage with your students and practicing goal setting in this manner will help them to grow and succeed both now and in the future.



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

The Veterans Day celebration at Kurtz will take place on Friday, November 10. We are thrilled to invite the family members of our Kurtz students to come in early and enjoy breakfast in the cafeteria, starting at 8:15. Our new partners this year including Leo's Coney Island, Anna's House, Biggby Coffee (New Hudson), Mattie's Fresh Market and our own Milford Kroger. Their donations will certainly help us to celebrate the sacrifice our valued veterans have made for all of us. After breakfast, there will be a short presentation outside at the flag pole at 9:45.

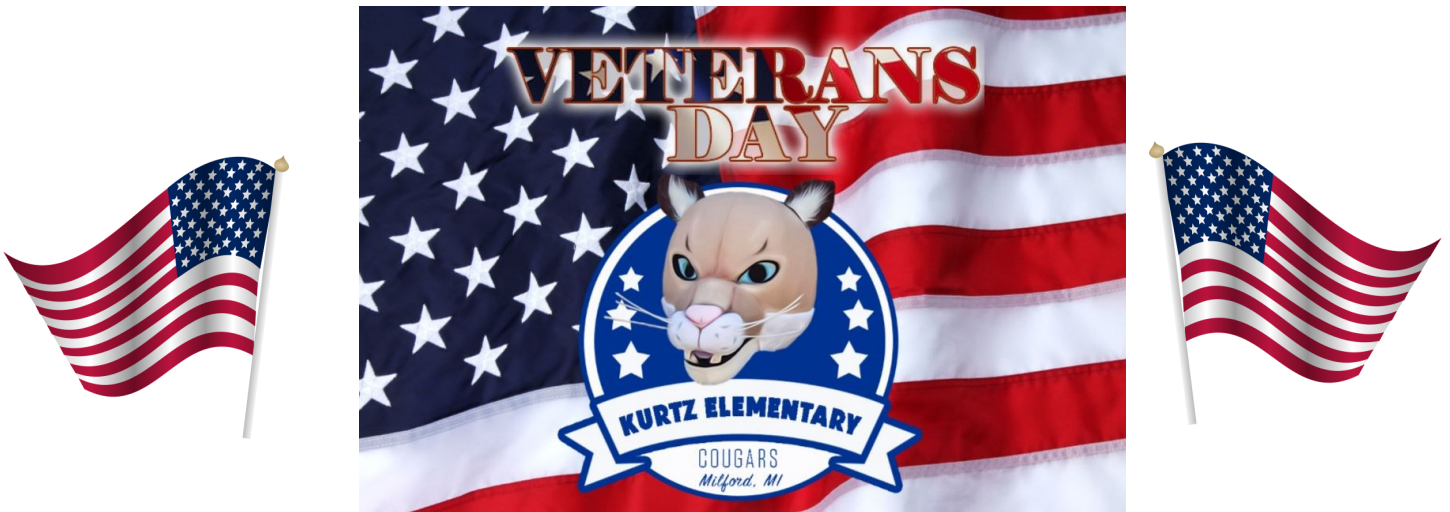
Parking is always a challenge at Kurtz, especially during our big events. As always, we greatly appreciate our friends at the Milford Methodist Church for allowing us to park at the church (on Atlantic next to the Milford Post Office) and walk over to the school. We look forward to celebrating the importance of those who have served our great country.



## Veterans Day at Kurtz

**Veterans Matter at Kurtz!** We hope to recognize the members of our Kurtz family and extended family that have or are currently serving our country. Veterans are welcome to come in and enjoy a wonderful breakfast provided by some of our most valued community partners. Breakfast starts at 8:15 in the cafeteria. Veterans can either park in the lot at Kurtz (remember, parking is limited), along Kurtz Drive or at the Milford Methodist Church (on Atlantic and next to the Milford Post Office). Our guests will have the opportunity to eat with their family members and mingle with Kurtz staff and other vets. At 9:45, all guests will meet our entire Kurtz community outside around the flag pole for our Veterans Day celebration. There will be seating opportunities for our valued guests, if needed. We could not be more proud of the work our students put into making this event a memorable experience for veterans year after year. We hope your loved ones will consider joining us and be recognized by our students.

**Send in your pictures!** We plan to celebrate veterans on a new bulletin board in the hallway by the Veterans Day Showcase. Please make sure to identify the veteran, the branch of service they are associated with and the child (and their teacher) that is sending in the picture on the back of the photo.



### Students in the Spotlight

Congratulations to Emmerson Phillips and Benjamin Wilson for being recognized as our Students in the Spotlight this month.

Emmerson is a positive force here at Kurtz. She is a fifth grader in Mrs. Spurlock’s class. She always has a positive attitude about learning. Emmerson is a kind person who works hard to make sure everyone is included in class and on the playground. She has been working hard on our WKRZ news broadcasts this year and has even taken her editing work home to work on in order to make sure our clips are the best quality possible.

Benjamin is a leader in Mrs.

Rupp’s first grade classroom. He is a hard worker and is kind and caring to all of his peers. Ben is a great friend and works hard to make sure rules are followed and his friends are all safe at school.

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.



### WKRZ News

At Kurtz, our fifth graders run our weekly WKRZ newscasts. The WKRZ news team is made up of students that completely program, film and edit our news broadcasts. Students who are interested in participating spend time writing scripts and creating clips that run for all students and members of the Kurtz community to watch each week. Our students love creating fun and informative segments that share important details about the week to come. When you stream, you will see

things like birthday alerts, weather forecasts, information on past and future events and even interviews. You can check out WKRZ news when it is shared on Facebook each week or visit @kurtzelementaryschool (our Youtube channel) and check out the latest edition or do a deep dive on broadcasts you might have missed.



## The Color Run was a HUGE Success!

Thank you to everyone for making sure our 2023 Color Run was a lot of fun for every member of the Kurtz community. Congratulations to Mrs. Kazer's third grade class for raising the most money. Their commitment to our school is greatly appreciated. We also celebrate Edith Stanislav and Annalisa Fikany for being our top two individual earners this year. It should be noted that this is Annalisa's second time being recognized as a top earner. The entire Kurtz community is very appreciative of their commitment to supporting our school. Both Edith and Annalisa will each enjoy the privilege of being Principal for Their Own Half Day, in December.

Whether you donated a couple of bucks or lead the pack like Analisa and Edith, we sincerely appreciate everyone's support in meeting and exceeding our fundraising goal. All of the funding we receive is allocated directly to making sure the PTA can support programming at Kurtz. We appreciate you supporting our vision of making fundraising as easy and the least distracting as possible. The Color Run is our way of making fundraising as easy as possible for everyone. So thank you again for your support. We did it!

We have a few other up coming events to note. Popcorn Fridays start this Friday. Please send in your forms for the popcorn as soon as possible. We are also looking for volunteers for our Mileage Club which will run until 11/21/23. It will be on Tuesdays and Fridays, 11:45-1:45 pm. We are also happy to report that we gave our well-deserved teachers their stipends for this year. Please join us at our PTA meetings. All are welcome!



### Fall Costume Parade 2023

Thank you to everyone for making sure that every child at Kurtz had a great October 31st! We were very pleased with the shift in the time of the costume parade, from the end of the day to first thing in the morning. We felt like the kids had a great time starting with the festivities in the morning and (as always) enjoyed checking out each other's costumes.

Classes enjoyed the fall theme-based day, classroom parties and just engaging with each other. We will be debriefing and discussing the event at the upcoming PTA meeting. So please feel free to share any thoughts you may have with your PTA leadership, Mr. Chisik or Mrs. Hornyak, before our next PTA meeting.



# 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  
13-Color Run  
11-PTA Meeting At Kurtz @9:30AM



## November

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



## December

5-Hungry Howie's Night  
7-Kurtz Takeover At McDonald's  
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 10/19/23

## Breakfast with a BUDDY!

The Kurtz PTA is excited to host our first Breakfast with a Buddy for this school year on Tuesday, November 14, in the Kurtz cafeteria. We invite each Kurtz Cougar to bring one special buddy to this free event, be it parent, guardian, grandparent, etc. Guests are invited to begin arriving at 8:15 a.m. Breakfast will be served, and there will be crafts available to work on with your buddy.

You may enter the building at the food service entrance near the cafeteria. Students will stay with their buddy until school begins. The special buddy will not be allowed anywhere inside the building other than the cafeteria.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE CIRCLE DRIVE OR THE BUS DROP OFF AREA. You will find parking along Kurtz road or in front of the building. Please refrain from parking past the main entrance so your staff can park and prepare for the day.

RSVP below by November 10th if you'd like to attend. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F49A8AA22A7FAC07-45382664-breakfast>

Please consider volunteering your time for this awesome event. You can find the help needed here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F49A8AA22A7FAC07-45383344-breakfast>



# Report cards are available on Family access on 11/16



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## 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 convenience.

Welcoming + Empowering + Achieving = GREATNESS!