

February 24

# The KURTZ CONNECTOR

**Building Hours:**

**9:10 1st Bell (students may enter) / 9:15 2nd Bell (school starts) / 4:08 Dismissal**

**February is Heart Month!**

The staff and students at Kurtz have made Heart Month a priority once again this year. Our goal is to help students understand the importance of giving back to those in need. Our focus is on teaching our students to understand there are children who are battling physical challenges. This creates empathy and understanding, while making the process fun and engaging.

It is our hope that Kurtz families will participate in this endeavor and bring the kids out to the Lakeland High School Field House on February 10th, from 1:00 - 3:00. Students will be able to have fun hanging out with staff members who will be celebrating the hard work of our students who raised funds for the Heart Challenge this year. There will be activities and prizes for students who raised funds and attended the event. Thank you in advance for saving the date. We hope to see you all at Lakeland, on the 10th!



*From the Principal's Desk...*



I would like to say thank you to Mr. Brugger and the rest of the Kurtz team for all of the hype that was created around our Detroit Lions in January. The interest and enthusiasm was tangible as Lions' gear and Honolulu Blue were on display almost every day. Students seemed to be so interested in supporting their home team as they made it to the playoffs, for the first time in 30+ years.

We celebrate winning and losing at school and we see it as an important part of the work we do. Although the sting of loss is not fun for our players or for their fans. It is a reminder of how important it is to have GRIT throughout life. Just like our Detroit Lions, our students will certainly experience both wins and losses in their lives. Our goal is to make sure we focus on their resilience and ability to do their personal best each and every day. We sincerely hope that our Kurtz Cougars enjoyed the football season and can appreciate and support all of the hard work that went into having such a successful season and getting us to the playoffs!

## Follow US ONLINE!



**Kurtz Elementary School**



**@kurtzelementary**



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**Kurtz Elementary**

Early Release Day. Students dismissed at 2:37	2/6
Kids Heart Challenge at Lakeland High School from 1-3	2/10
PTA meeting in the cafeteria at 9:30.	2/12
Student Count Day	2/14
STEM Assembly	2/16
Mid Winter Break	2/19 through 2/20
STEM Night - 6:00 - 8:00	2/22
Pins and Pancakes 9:30 - 11:30 at Pinz Bowling Center	2/24
No School for students. Teacher in-service	2/27
The Shamrock Shuffle from 6-9	3/9
Early Release: Students are dismissed at 2:37.	3/12
PTA meeting in the cafeteria at 9:30.	3/13
Kindergarten Orientation @ 6:00	3/14
Penny Wars	3/18 through 3/22
Spring Break - No school for students.	3/25 through 4/1

## Students in the Spotlight

Congratulations to Vivianna Vitale and Ebe Fear for being recognized as our Students in the Spotlight this month.

Vivianna is a third grade student in Mrs. Peterman's class. She is a true leader in school. Vivianna comes to school with a positive attitude and enthusiasm that is contagious. She is kind and considerate of all of her peers and is always ready to lend a helping hand.

Ebe Fear is in Mrs. Hornyak's third grade class and is also viewed as a leader and role model among her third grade peers. Ebe works hard on every-

thing she does at school. She is a positive person and is a great friend to all of her 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.



## WKRZ News: A Special Presentation

Last month, a group of fifth graders from our very own WKRZ News team presented to the HVS Board of Education, at Milford High School. They did a wonderful job articulating the great work that goes into creating quality video announcements at our school each week.

As a part of Board Appreciation month, the students interviewed Board of Education members and asked key questions that helped our students better under-

stand what the Board of Education is and what the members do for the Huron Valley community.

Mr. Chisik, Mr. Phillips and Mrs. Spurlock were all on hand, but the students did all of the work. All in all, our student showcase was a big hit with the Board of Education and we are so proud of all of the students that volunteered to come in and share the work they are doing for us every week. Board of Education meetings stream each month on the district's YouTube page.





***It Takes Heart To Be A Hero!*****17th Anniversary**

Huron Valley Schools  
**Kids Heart Challenge Event**  
 Saturday, February 10th, 2024  
 \*Lakeland High School Fieldhouse\*



Dear Parents,

**Kids Heart Challenge (KHC)** is a fun event that helps children understand the importance of community service and physical activity. This is a heart health program that helps raise awareness and money to fight heart disease and stroke. It is sponsored by the American Heart Association (AHA) and supported by the Huron Valley Schools' Physical Education Association. Come and join in on all the fun at **Lakeland High School Field House!** HVTV, HVS Physical Education Staff, Teachers, Principals, and more...including some Kids Heart Challenge give-a-ways will be waiting for your arrival!!

All Huron Valley Schools (HVS) Physical Education Teachers are preparing our students for this activity in our PE classes. They are learning how the KHC program is a special community service to raise funds for the AHA while working toward living longer, healthier lives. Here's how our KHC program works...

- **Pledges-** Each student will be given a KHC pledge envelope. Participants will secure flat rate donations based on the two hour event time. The students will honor their pledges by doing a variety of exercise activities and simply having fun. Please ask friends, family, neighbors, parental colleagues, etc. to be sponsors for this event. **Thank You Gifts-** Students have the opportunity to receive thank you gifts listed on the front of the envelope for funds raised. **Online Donations-** Students may also receive pledges online. Information is also on the front of the envelope. Go to [www2.heart.org](http://www2.heart.org) for additional information.
- **Event Sessions-** Please enter through the Pools and Fitness entrance on the **SouthWest side of LHS.**

<b>Session I</b> Schools – <b>Country Oaks, Lakewood, Oxbow, Spring Mills</b>	<b>Check-In 8:30-9:00</b>	<b>Event Time 9:00-11:00</b>	<b>Check-Out 11:00</b>
<b>Session II</b> Schools - <b>Heritage, Highland, Johnson, Kurtz</b>	<b>Check-In 12:30-1:00</b>	<b>Event Time 1:00-3:00</b>	<b>Check-Out 3:00</b>

**IMPORTANT**

- **Security** For the safety and security of all students please be sure to check your child in at the entrance under your school name. Identification will be required. You will also need to present identification at check-out.  
**PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE for Security Procedures**
- **Permission Slip** A permission slip is attached to the pledge envelope. This must be filled out completely and turned in during the Check-In process. Your child will not be doing anything more strenuous than what he/she has been working on in PE Class.
- **What to bring to the event...**
  1. Permission Slip
  2. Pledge Envelope with Donations
  3. Proper Tennis Shoes, School designated T-Shirt Color and Comfortable Attire (Water will be provided)

**Huron Valley Schools KHC/JRFH Funds Raised...**

- Since 2000, Huron Valley Schools have raised **over \$1,122,000 to help heart health**
  - In our last event in 2023, our HVS Elementary Schools raised **over \$102,000.**
    - **Please join us in saving lives! Life is Why!**

Sincerely,  
 HVS Physical Education Staff and KHC Coordinators



## 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

### February PTA Corner

Exciting news! The PTA received the new popcorn machine this month. Now the popping can continue for all the hungry kiddos.

Breakfast with a Buddy had delicious morning treats to start back after two snow days. February is an exciting month with lots of events. Please follow us on FB to keep up to date on news and events.

- February 6 - Hungry Howie's Night
- February 14 - PTA meeting @9:30
- February 22 - Stem Night
- February 24 - Pins and Pancakes

