



## A Message from Miss Campione



Happy February!

This month is filled with exciting events and learning opportunities as we continue to explore new topics, celebrate important occasions, and grow as a school community. We are looking forward to working together to make the most of this month!

Educationally Yours,  
Miss Mary Campione



## Kindness Month



February is recognized as Kindness Month, a time to promote kindness and inspire people to engage in acts of compassion and goodwill. The month serves as a reminder to practice empathy, understanding, and kindness not only towards others but also towards ourselves.

One of the most notable days that falls in February is Valentine's Day (February 14), which aligns well with Kindness Month, emphasizing love, affection, and caring gestures. However, it also encourages people to go above and beyond and extend kindness to family, friends, coworkers, and even strangers.

In many ways, Kindness Month encourages reflection on how a simple act of kindness can have a ripple effect and make a difference in people's lives. The idea is that small gestures – whether it's offering a compliment, helping a neighbor, or supporting a cause – can create a culture of compassion, making the world a better place, one act at a time.

## Valentine Party Information



Students and staff will celebrate Valentine's Day on Friday, February 14th. Classroom celebrations will begin at 2:45pm. Students are encouraged to show their holiday spirit by wearing various shades of red or pink. For health and safety reasons, holiday treats must be store bought. Look for more information from your student's classroom!

## Black History Month



This week starts the celebration of Black History! This month we will take time to look at the many contributions African Americans have made to this country. We will honor the past while celebrating the future. There are so many individuals who have paved the way for all of us, and it is important to take time to learn about these amazing people and great moments. While the past is our history, we also look to the future and celebrate those blazing their own trail now.

Over the next month we will explore a different individual each day. We will celebrate individuals in the arts including music, dance and poetry; along with inventors, scientists and many more. During the final week of Black History Month, students will learn about Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), and explore their rich culture and their influence on the African American community.

Black History Month is not just for African Americans, but for us all. Black history is everyone's history! We all benefit from something an African American did, or is doing, in this country. Their contributions cannot be ignored or go unnoticed. As we go through Black History Month and move forward towards our future, we are challenging the students to take away something to apply in their own lives.

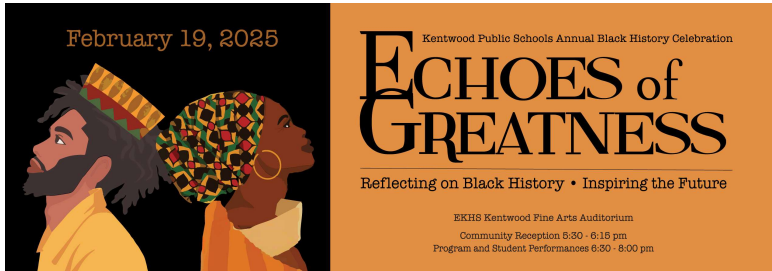
## Pencilgrams



Pencilgrams will be available from 2/10-2/14. Students and families can purchase a card and pencil for \$.25 each. Students will buy these during lunch and afternoon recess. Families may stop by the Collaboration Center any time or send an envelope with the information and money until 2/14. Thank you for supporting All for Books for our Bowen Falcons!



## KPS Annual Black History Celebration



Bowen 5<sup>th</sup> Graders will be creating artwork to be celebrated at this event at East Kentwood High School! Be sure to check it out!

## Spring Conference Information



There are no fixed dates for conferences in March. If needed, families can request conferences with teachers, which can be conducted via phone, in writing, or virtually. If you would prefer an in-person conference, it will be scheduled for March 18 or March 20 between 4:30-7:30pm. Please look through your child's progress report when it comes home at the end of the month!

## Important Dates



February 3-6	5th Grade Water Literacy 12 pm - 2pm
February 7	Falcon Feather Redemption
February 10-14	Pencilgram Sale
February 13	Link Up Concert (Grades 4-5)
February 13	PTC Meeting 5:30pm
February 17-18	No School - Mid-Winter Break
February 19	Black History Month Celebration
February 20	Jump Rope for Heart Assembly 3pm
February 21	Falcon Feather Redemption
February 24	Online Registration Opens
February 25	Kids Have Rights (Grades K-2)
February 27	Kids Have Rights (Grades 3-4)
February 28	PTC Popcorn Sale



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## Y5 & Kindergarten Registration



Young Fives and Kindergarten Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is coming up! If you have a future Young 5s or Kindergarten student, please join us for Registration Night at your child's home school on Thursday, March 6 at 7:00 PM. Check out the link for more information! If you have any questions about the process or which school is your home school, please call (616) 455-4400.

<https://tinyurl.com/KindergartenFlyer25-26>



## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Visitation



Prepare your 5<sup>th</sup> Grader for Middle School by attending 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Visitation at their new school! Visitation is on Thursday, March 13 at 5:30 PM. Meet the staff and check out the building they will be heading to next year! If you have any questions about the process or your child's new school, please call (616) 455-4400.

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## World Down Syndrome Day

March 21, 2024 is World Down Syndrome Day! On this day we create a single global voice advocating for the rights, inclusion and well being of people with Down Syndrome. Show your support and love by wearing mismatched socks, your t-shirt, or your bracelet. Our Bowen community is lucky to celebrate our students with Down Syndrome, so show your love and support!

