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Kenowa Hills High School
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Grand Rapids
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Pathways High School
3950 Hendershot NW
Grand Rapids
616-785-3225

Kenowa Hills Middle School
3950 Hendershot NW
Grand Rapids
616-785-3225

Kenowa Hills Alpine Elementary
4730 Baumhoff NW
Comstock Park
616-784-0884

Kenowa Hills Central Elementary
4252 3 Mile Rd NW
Grand Rapids
616-453-6351

Kenowa Hills Zinser Elementary
3949 Leonard NW
Grand Rapids
616-453-2461

Kenowa Hills Early Childhood Center
3971 Richmond Ct. NW
Grand Rapids
616-647-0910



ONLINE REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Together, we see the possibility. At Kenowa Hills, students define their destination and we help them design a path to get there. Student voice is paramount in everything we do. Our educators encourage students and provide access to numerous resources that empower them to dream big and chase their goals.

KNIGHTHOOD AWAITS

Become a Knight! Enrollment is open for the 2024-25 school year. Visit khps.org/registration to get started!

KINDERGARTEN SCREENINGS

Our dedication to all learners starts with our youngest Knights. Kindergarten and Young 5s (known as K-Knights) students at Kenowa Hills experience a school culture and climate that supports learning. To enroll, your child must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2024. Kindergarten and K-Knights are offered at all three of our elementary buildings.

Make your appointment today!

If your child will be attending Kindergarten or K-Knights this fall, please call to schedule a screening appointment:

Alpine Elementary
April 30 | 616.784.0884

Central Elementary
May 2 | 616.453.6351

Zinser Elementary
May 1 | 616.453.2461

Students currently attending programs at the Early Childhood Center will be evaluated during their regular school day; no appointment will be needed. 📞

We see the
POSSIBILITY

We see the
POTENTIAL

We see the
PERSON

“My girls have been embraced since moving to Kenowa Hills a couple of years ago. The teachers see their unique skills, passion, and potential. They feel loved and cared for and as a parent there’s nothing more important.”

Ashley P.
Mom of a 4th and 7th Grader

FIND EVERYTHING YOU NEED AT
khps.org

khps.org/HUB

Ongoing updates and information about the 2024-25 school year

khps.org/REGISTRATION

Information and links to register

Find Knight Community events, clubs, and other opportunities at
KHPS.ORG/COMMUNITY-EVENTS

KNIGHT POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS

WE SEE THE POTENTIAL



The Kenowa Hills High School Debate Team, guided by Mrs. Mae Leigh Perry, earned a record number of trophies in 2024! The Novice team, which included Rose Salstina, Jeannette Dudley, Niki DeWolf, and Emma Van Wingen took

first place, while the Advanced team, which included Adalynn Gracia, Gabi Howe, Asia Franks, and Fred Badger-Howard, took home a second-place trophy overall. All eight KHHS team members also earned individual trophies for placing in the top 10 speaker category, acknowledging their professionalism and argumentative skills. The high school is thrilled to announce plans to add Mock Trial as an additional elective alongside Debate in the upcoming 2024-25 school year.



In February, Ronan Jameyson completed the last of his core requirements to graduate early from **Kenowa Hills Pathways High School**. Ronan joined Pathways as a sophomore. He

attended Alpine Elementary in 4th and 5th grades and then Kenowa Hills Middle and High Schools. He was the Pathways student representative on the Kenowa Hills School Board of Education and attended the criminal justice program at the Kent Career Technical Center (KCTC). He plans to enroll in a police academy to become a police officer.

WE SEE THE POSSIBILITY



The Kenowa Hills **Middle School Student Council**, led by Mrs. Haines is a hardworking dedicated group of students. They are tasked with everything from planning the middle school dance, spirit week events,

and assemblies, to greeting families at Parent Night events and organizing the Toys for Tots holiday gift drive. They are also responsible for raising the funds necessary to plan extracurricular student events. Student Council teaches leadership, organization skills, and teamwork, along with fostering a culture of inclusion and kindness toward each other.



Lady Knights Basketball, led by head coach Brandon Kimble, brought a new district title trophy home to the castle for the first time in 21 years!



Girls on the Run is a running club for 3rd through 5th grade girls that focuses on building social, emotional, and physical skills while encouraging healthy habits for life. Students at all three of our elementaries

have opportunities to join Girls on the Run or Total Trek Quest (similar program for boys). In these programs students work toward individual strength and stamina goals, while learning valuable life lessons as a group like developing a healthy lifestyle and resisting peer pressure.



Zinser Elementary had 12 4th and 5th graders show great courage by participating in the school-wide **Spelling Bee** in January. Fifth-grader Leah Hoebeke and fourth-grader Ray Kerkorian-Reese earned the top two spots and went on to the county competition.

WE SEE THE PERSON



At Kenowa Hills, we value our community and welcome family members and special guests into our classrooms to contribute to our students' learning experience. Central Elementary student Levi invited his mom recently to visit his classroom to read "My Friend Has Down Syndrome" to his classmates and friends. Levi's mom also brought goodie bags for students and staff, which included fun mismatched socks they could wear in solidarity on World Down Syndrome Day held on March 21.



At Kenowa Hills we understand that collaborative, experiential learning creates a love of learning. Recently, Middle School Spanish I students celebrated "la comida" by making and sharing foods from across Latin America from scratch, including chips & salsa, enchiladas, churros, chocolate churro pies and cookies, alfajores, rice pudding, and pork verde. Qué delicioso!



On March 1st, the high school hosted the annual **Special Olympics Unified Basketball Tournament** at the fieldhouse. Knights hosted five additional schools and ended the day with a student vs. staff game. Knights of all ages – from the high school all the way to our ECC (pictured here) – came out to support our Knights!

KNIGHT ATHLETICS

12th Annual

Knight Golf Classic

Presented by KHAB

Saturday, July 27, 2024
Gracewil Country Club

Details to come – watch kenowahillsathleticboosters.com and follow us on social media!




Save the Date



Gus Macker
September 7-8, 2024

Register now at macker.com/local/grand-rapids-mi

Youth Sports Summer Camps

Watch khps.org/camps for all the summer youth sports opportunities and updates! 

IMPORTANT DATES



Half Days
May 24
June 4-5



No School
May 3
May 27



Commencement
May 29



Last Day of School
June 6

KHPS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Community members are welcome to join in the Board dialogue regarding agenda items. Board of Education meetings are meetings of the Board held in public, not public meetings. For more information, visit khps.org/board-of-education.

Board

Erin LaBotz, President
Jeff Gustinis, Vice President
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Danielle Roberts, Trustee
Mark Robinson, Trustee
Corey Turner, Trustee

Meetings

May 6 Administration Building
May 20 High School
June 10 Administration Building
June 24 Administration Building

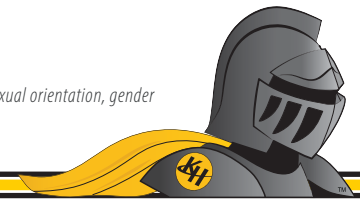


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SUPER NOTES



Springtime always hits me differently than other seasons. It reminds me how fast time flies as we enter the homestretch of another school year, even though it feels like this school year has just begun. For our seniors, the homestretch means much more. Whether entering the workforce, joining the military, or continuing their education at a trade school, college, or university, I have no doubt they are ready for their next challenge. Please join us as we celebrate the Class of 2024 at Commencement on May 29th.

I continue to be amazed at our students and the work they accomplish both inside and outside of the classroom. Our high school debate team was recognized this year with a record number of trophies including first place for our novice team, second place for our advanced team, and several individual trophies. Our Lady Knights basketball team took home an MHSAA District Championship with a thrilling victory against Forest Hills Northern. Our middle school STEM Academy was featured on WZZM for their innovative Paper Roller Coaster Showcase.

There is no shortage of good news and inspiring stories throughout the district. I encourage you to follow us on social media to stay abreast of many of the exciting things that are happening in and out of our classrooms.

If you have not heard, the Kenowa Hills Board of Education has called for a special election on May 7, 2024. This vote would maintain the existing 4.67

millage rate, generating an additional \$37 million for capital improvements. These improvements are focused on the green spaces surrounding our High School and Middle School campuses and include many features designed to support the health and wellness of the community and students in kindergarten through high school. Improvements, upgrades, and access to outdoor learning spaces, pedestrian safety, youth, middle school, and athletic fields, marching band facility improvements, community recreational spaces, and more are all included in this zero-millage increase proposal.

For more information on the bond proposal, scan the QR code or visit khps.org/bond-info.

Thank you for being a valued member of our community. Go Knights! 

#KnightPride

Gerald Hopkins – Superintendent
[@khpsuper](https://twitter.com/khpsuper)

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BOND PROPOSAL

VOTE DATE: **TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024**

Kenowa Hills is asking voters to consider a zero millage increase over the current tax rate to fund additions and upgrades to outdoor activity and learning spaces surrounding Kenowa Hills High School and Middle School.

Zero Millage Increase Would Generate \$37 Million

