

August 2014
Quarter 1 Newsletter

Bobcat News



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Hours of the School
Day: 8:40 a.m. to
3:55 p.m.

Half Day Dismissal-8:40
a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Please do not drop
your child off before
8:25

If your child uses the
breakfast program,
you may drop them off
no earlier than 8:15
a.m. No breakfast will
be served after 8:35
a.m.

**Schedule Pick-Up
Date:**

Make sure to pre-
register online at
kUSD.edu/pc

August 14, 7:30 AM-7:00
PM

Picture Dates:
September 3, 2014

Makeup:
October 14, 2014

John Bullen Middle School
2804 39th Avenue
Kenosha, WI 53144
"Together, We Are At Our Best"
Main Office 262-359-4460

Welcome

Welcome to everyone new to our Bobcat family. We are very excited to return and turn Bullen into a Blue Ribbon School. Registration is just around the corner and this newsletter contains information you will need to begin the school year. My family is originally from Salem, WI where I grew up with 3 brothers and my parents. I am married to Andrea (a teacher at Indian Trail) and we have three children; Max (5), Nolan (2), and Gemma (3 mo.). We also have a 6 year old English Bulldog named Maisy. After I graduated from

Bienvenidos

Bienvenidos a todos los nuevos en nuestra familia Bobcat. Estamos muy contentos de volver y girar Bullen en una escuela de la cinta azul. El registro es a la vuelta de la esquina y este boletín contiene información que necesitará para comenzar el año escolar. Mi familia es originaria de Salem, WI donde crecí con 3 hermanos y mis padres. Estoy casado con Andrea (profesor en Indian Trail) y tenemos tres hijos; Max (5), Nolan (2), y Gemma (3 meses.). Cartago (y estudiante enseñado en Bullen), que comenzó como un maestro de matemáticas en Reuther. Después de 10

Carthage (and student taught at Bullen), I began as a math teacher at Reuther. After 10 years in the classroom, I became the Assistant Principal for Reuther and Harborside Academy. I just completed the end of my first year at Bullen.

In July, we sent a State of the School letter out that highlighted some of the ways we improved as a school and some of our plans to continue to grow. I am very proud of how hard everyone worked to make us a PBIS school of merit for the improvement in student behavior.

años en el salón de clases, me convertí en el Director Adjunto de Reuther y Harborside Academia. Acabo de terminar al final de mi primer año en Bullen.

En julio, enviamos a un Estado de la carta de la Escuela que destacó algunas de las maneras en que mejoramos como una escuela y algunos de nuestros planes para continuar creciendo. Estoy muy orgulloso de lo duro todos trabajaban para hacemos una escuela PBIS de méritos para la mejora en el comportamiento de los estudiantes.

Como educador, creo que debemos tratar a

As an educator, I believe that we should treat every child as we would expect our own children to be treated. I believe that every child can learn when given the right opportunity and supports. There are still areas for us to improve. As a result, we have changed some of our structures to more immediately support all of our students that need extra work or extra support.

I look forward to our continued work together.

-Mr. Baumgart, Principal

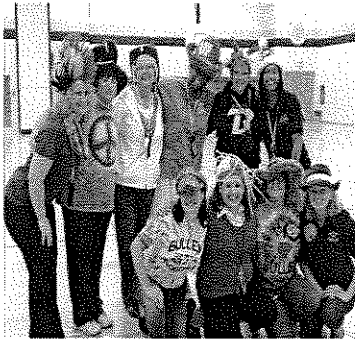


cada niño como esperaríamos de nuestros propios hijos a tratar. Creo que todos los niños pueden aprender cuando se les da la oportunidad y el apoyo adecuado. Todavía hay áreas para que mejoremos. Como resultado, hemos cambiado algunas de nuestras estructuras para apoyar de manera más inmediata a todos nuestros estudiantes que necesitan trabajo extra o apoyo adicional.

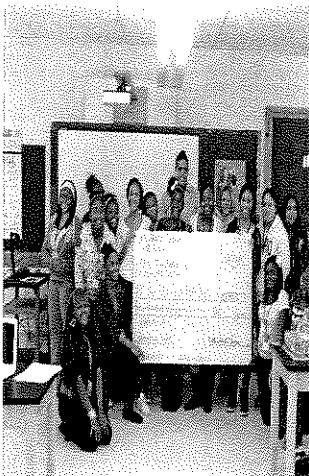
Espero que nuestro trabajo continuado juntos.

-Sr. Baumgart, director

Schedule Pick-Up



Bullen Office hours are from 7:45-4:15 daily. Call anytime. English: 359-4460 Española: 359-4071



This year's schedule pick-up will be on August 14th from 7:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. The KUSD School Board has set the fees for Middle School to be \$72.00(subject to change) for the 2014-2015 school year.

Please see the insert for information about online registration. You must be registered online before obtaining your schedule. Please see the website for a link to more details.

All Middle and High Schools will again accept credit or debit cards for Visa, MasterCard, or Discover Card. You will be able to charge the required general fees. Checks are also accepted and made out to "KUSD". The check should include your child's first and last name along with their student ID number. Please do not make checks payable

for the fees due until you have the current fee sheet. See the Athletics section for other optional fees.

The online forms that are most important to fully register your student are the enrollment form and the emergency form. Other optional paperwork is included at registration. There is a Request to Dispense Medicine (blue) for any medications that must be given out at school (prescription or over-the-counter). This form will require a doctor's signature. **All medication must be in its original container AND kept in the Main Office.** Also available at Registration are a Request for Free and Reduced Lunch Form. You have received one in the mail if you previously qualified for the program and can use that form. Included in this

newsletter is the Family Life Objectives Form. KUSD will be teaching Family Life Objectives to all students in our system as part of our K-12 Health Curriculum. You have the right to exempt your child and may do this by returning the form only if you DO NOT want your child involved when the school nurse presents the Objectives in grades 5, 6, and 7.

New students enrolling in KUSD **must** present a medical record of Immunization to the Main Office. You may also be asked for address verification documents such as electric bills or lease agreements.

We look forward to seeing you next month!

New Student Information System "Infinite Campus"

KUSD has now transitioned from Zangle to our new student information system, which is called Infinite Campus. This new system has many new features and benefits related to tracking student progress and performance, improved communication options, and greater awareness for parents and guardians. Further features

will be promoted as they are activated and the school year progresses. The first priority is to prepare for the August student registration. **Similar to the previous 2 years, parents and guardians will be able to access their student registration online by the end of July.** Each existing parent/guardian will use their Zangle Parent Connect PIN and password

to begin the process. Please help to ensure accurate student information by taking the time to review all items in the new system related to your child during the registration process. You can visit www.kusd.edu for all the latest details.

Music Department

Hello Bullen Families! On behalf of the Music Department I would like to welcome you to our school. We have a history of a very strong music program here at Bullen Middle School and would love for you to be a part of our musical family. It is not too late to join! We have opportunities for beginners in band, orchestra and choir. If you missed the chance to participate in 5th grade we hope you will give it a try this year. If you would like to join you will be able to do so at schedule pick-up in August. I look forward to seeing you in the music department next year!

Bullenpalooza

Each year, partnering with the B-CATS we will be hosting the Bullenpalooza Open House on Wednesday, August 27th from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. This event is filled with fun, food, a scavenger hunt and lots of excitement! During this time, your child will also have a chance to take a tour of the school and see their classrooms. Come join us for some fun and meet your teachers!

School Breakfast and Lunch Program

The School Breakfast & Lunch program will be in operation on the first day of school. Breakfast will be served from 8:15 until 8:35. A cost breakdown for breakfast and lunch will be available at registration. An ala carte line will be available to students again this year. Students are welcome to bring their own lunch and milk is available to all students. If you have qualified for free and reduced lunch, please make sure to fill out the application that was mailed to you. You may put money in your child's lunch account through www.myLunchMoney.com using a credit card. You may also add money with cash or check at registration or in the lunch line. Checks should be made to KUSD.

B-CATS Wants You!

John Bullen Middle School recognizes that a child's education is a responsibility shared by the school and family during the entire period your son or daughter is in school. We have many activities that need parent involvement, including the B-CATS.

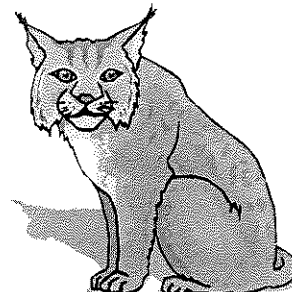
The B-CATS (Bullen's Community Action Team) is an independent parent organization that is vital to the success at our school. We are not affiliated with a

PTO or PTA. B-CAT members are parents who care about their child's education and want to help make a difference at Bullen

If you are interested in attending regular B-CATS meetings, please sign up at the B-CATS table during schedule pick-up. Meetings will be take place in the Library, the second Tuesday of every month at 6:00 PM. Everyone is welcome.

The B-CATS need volunteers for a variety of small and large tasks. If you are interested in volunteering for a committee or helping out for any event, please come to the B-CAT table at schedule pick-up. Some of the activities include Bullen Fest, Staff Breakfast/Lunch, Chat N Chew, Book Fair, Family Activities, School Clubs and Fundraisers. Thank you for any help you can give toward this partnership.

B-CAT Officers 2014-2015
President: Maranda Moore
Treasurer: Maranda Moore
Secretary: To Be Determined





Bullen Girls Softball

is for girls in grades 6,7 and 8. It begins on Wednesday, September 3, 2014. There is a Varsity and a Junior Varsity team and no prior Softball experience is necessary. To come out for the teams, a player must have a physical card on file signed by a doctor in addition to a few other forms. This paperwork will be handed out by Coach Ruffolo at schedule pick-up in August, or it can be picked up in the main office at any time. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Ruffolo at jruffolo4@wi.rr.com.

Football

*Parent Meeting Aug. 24
5:00 PM Auditorum*

*Equipment Hand Out Aug. 25
12:30 PM*

*Opening Practice Monday
Aug. 28th, 4:30-6:30 PM*

Attendance

The school office hours are 7:45 A.M. until 4:15 P.M. When a student is absent from school, the student's parent/guardian **MUST call the school's attendance office at 262-359-4460 on the morning that the child is absent to give a reason**

If parents do not call with a valid excuse, a child will be considered truant until parent contact is made with the school. Invalid excuses include, but are not limited to, oversleeping, non-working alarm clock, missed bus, etc. In addition, the John Bullen Middle School office will attempt to contact parents of students who are absent each day. Based on these calls, an absence list is distributed to teachers each day. Reasons for excused absences include a personal illness, family emergency,

death in the immediate family, and medical or dental appointments.

If an appointment is pre-arranged, a note signed by the parent, with time of dismissal should be brought to the main office. We will ask the parent to come in and sign their child out. If approved of in advance by the principal, school-sponsored field trips, prearranged absences (more than 3 days will need to fill out form), or special circumstances may also be excused.

The following is designated as DIRECTORY DATA: The student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance,

degrees and awards received, the most recent previous school attended by the student, and student's photograph.

Any parent, guardian or an adult student may inform the District by letter of their desire that all or any part of the Directory Data NOT be disclosed without the parent, guardian or eligible student's consent provided that such notification is given to the District within thirty (30) days of the student's enrollment in this school.

Athletics

All students trying out for any sport **MUST** have an updated physical **ON FILE** in the Bullen Main Office. Physicals are valid for TWO years. Many students have been to the doctor **AND** actually have had a physical done. However, many **DO NOT** have the necessary paper work filled out by the physician **AND** on file in our main office.

Please consider scheduling your child's physical for them **THIS SUMMER** as they do become difficult to schedule if you wait until the last minute.

ABSOLUTELY NO STUDENT MAY PARTICIPATE IN ATHLETICS WITHOUT AN UPDATED PHYSICAL ON FILE IN BULLEN'S MAIN OFFICE PRIOR TO THE SEASON BEGINNING!!!!

Any questions, please call or email Mr. Richter, Bullen's Athletic Director, at 262-359-4466 or krichter@kUSD.edu.

Any student that is involved in any sport must pay the \$50.00 Athletic Fee before they will be able to participate. Students in Middle School will only be charged for 2 sports, no matter how many sports they are involved with.

Picture Day

As in the previous year, Lifetouch will provide the services we need for our student pictures. As in the past, every student will be getting their picture taken as part of the process in the beginning of the school year. There are two reasons for

their pictures: the yearbook and their school ID. These pictures will also be available for you to purchase from Lifetouch if you would like. There is no requirement to buy them.

This year's picture day will take place on Wednesday,

September 3, 2014. The makeup day will be on Wednesday, October 14th.

Picture envelopes with more details on their current pricing will be provided at Schedule Pick-up August 14th.



Bus Information

Either First Student (657-7155 or the City Transit (653-4287 buses take many of our students to Bullen. First Student will bus students who reside two miles or more from Bullen and live outside the city transit area. You will receive bus passes and bus information at schedule pick-up explaining the times and bus stops if you are eligible.

Students residing less than two miles from school may purchase a monthly bus ticket from school.

Bus behavior is very important for the safety of all the students on board. Please speak with your child regarding the importance of using appropriate manners and respecting their peers.

We also ask that students work to respect the bus drivers so they can maintain a safe bus. Any abuse of this privilege of buses could result in school consequences or loss of a bus pass.

Thank you for your help to teach respectful behavior.

Dress Code

Thank you for all of your support as we continue to support the KUSD Student Dress Code. Dress Code policy has been adjusted for this upcoming year. While this is just a summary, the items listed below are the key areas that can be stumbling blocks for our middle school students. Please take time to review these with your child before school begins. If ever you are in doubt about an article of clothing, students may always ask and bring alternate apparel with them, just in case.

- No Sagging, no Bagging, under clothing covered at all times.
- Clothing must be clean, nothing see-

- through and with no holes or rips above mid-thigh with skin showing.
- Tops must have sleeves and cover the chest at all times.
- Tops must be long enough to be tucked in, no skin showing at midriff.
- Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be fingertip length or longer.
- Leggings may not be worn as pants. Skirts worn over them must be fingertip length or longer.
- No baseball caps, hoods, hats, do-

rags, sweatbands, hairnets. Only hats worn for warmth will be allowed when outside the school building.

Student ID's

All students are required to wear school issued ID's at all times during the school day and at school activities. Students who do not have their ID will be issued a new ID and lanyard for \$2.00. (The ID is \$1.50 and lanyard is \$.50) If a student does not have the cash available to purchase a new ID, their student fee account will be billed the cost, with account updates mailed home.

The complete KUSD Dress Code policy is online and we thank you for your continued support!

Back to School with a Cop!

Sponsored by the Kenosha Professional Police Association

***Where: Boys and Girls Club of Kenosha
1330 52nd ST***

***When: August 9th, 2014
11 AM- 4 PM***



“Together We Are At Our Best!”

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School District**

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

Bullen.kUSD.edu

School Supply List

*Pens – 6 Black, 6 Blue, 6 Red (NO Gel pens)

*12 - #2 Pencils

*Colored Pencils (pkg. of 12 or larger)

*2 pkgs. Wide-ruled theme paper

*2 inch 3 ring binder

*2 Highlighters

*Ruler

*Calculator (4 function)

*Protractor

*Large pink eraser

*Facial Tissue – 2 boxes

*Pencil pouch

*Spiral Notebooks, wide ruled (1 of each, red, green, yellow, black, blue, purple)

*Pocket Folders (1 of each, red, green, yellow, black, blue, purple)

*Flashdrive (or thumbdrive)

*Headphones for online learning

*Backpacks must be small enough to fit into your locker. **NO ROLLING BACKPACKS.**

Please note the Flashdrive is optional as the students have the ability to save documents online in My Big Campus.

Immunization Reminder

Students enrolling NEW to the Kenosha Unified School District must present a medical record of Immunizations to the office.

The State of Wisconsin mandates these records for all students. You are encouraged to immunize your child well in advance of

school opening to avoid the late summer rush at public immunization clinics.

Waivers are available for medical, personal conviction, or religious reasons.

However, in the event of an outbreak, students with waivers or those who have not had their immunizations

may be excluded from school until the outbreak subsides.

If you have any questions, please call the main office at 262-359-4460 or the Kenosha Health Dept. @ 262-605-6700.

Coming Soon! 8th Grade DC Trip Informational Meeting

Each year 8th grade students have the opportunity to participate in an excellent learning experience: The 8th Grade Class Trip to Washington D.C. An informational meeting for the 8th Grade Class Trip to Washington D.C. will be held on Thursday, September 18th at 7:00

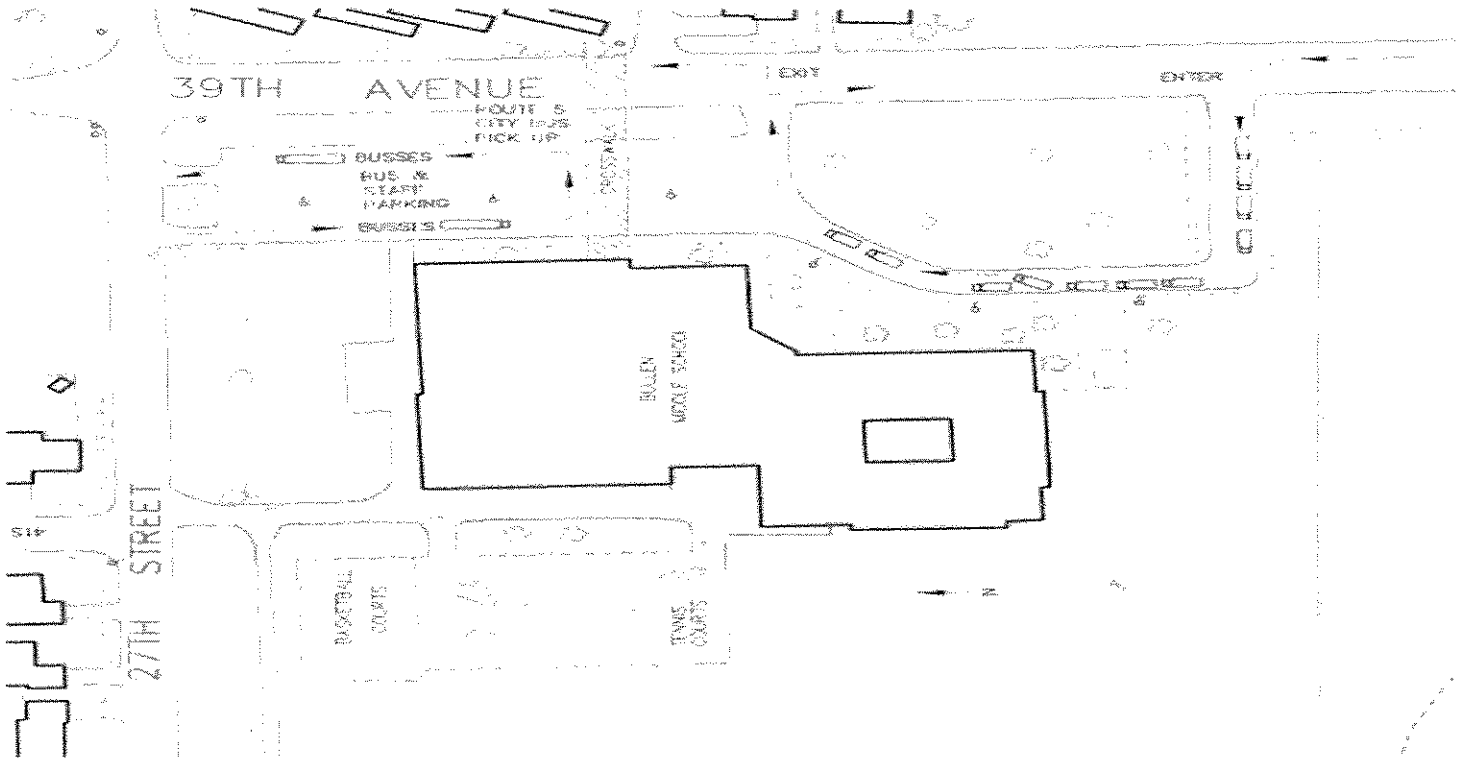
p.m. in the Bullen Auditorium.

Students need to attend the meeting with a parent/guardian. Dates of the trip are Tuesday, May 26 - Saturday, May 30, 2015. Cost of the trip is \$550 per student. A \$50 non-refundable deposit will be due on October 3, 2015.

Gear-Up News

Welcome to Bullen "GEAR UP" sessions are being offered beginning **Monday, August 18th and going through Thursday, August 21st**. *Session times are either 8-11am or 11:30am-2:30pm.* Please sign up for one 3.5 hour session. The cost for GEAR UP is \$10.00-checks to Bullen Middle School. If you wish to sign up, you may do so in the Bullen main office or at schedule pick-up later this month. All attendees should meet in the commons area on their scheduled date and time.

Any questions, please contact the Main Office at 262-359-4460.



Traffic

In an effort to make sure picking up your child is as quick as possible and ensure the safety of the students, we ask that you follow the guidelines listed in this section.

First, please drive slowly and watch out for children running between vehicles. The speed limit is **15 mph** in the school zone.

Secondly, the circle drive is for student drop off and pick up only. If you are picking up, stay single file on the left and keep moving forward if space permits. To exit, pull out in the right lane. There will be staff directing traffic. All buses will load in the staff/bus parking lot. Please do not use the parking lot to drop off or pick up.

Please use alternate pick up points on 27th Street, 28th Street, or 29th Street. Union Club on 39th Avenue is cooperative and a good pick up spot as well. There is no parking on 39th Avenue.

Finally, walkers should only cross 39th Avenue at the main crosswalk in front of Bullen. Please refer to the map at the end of the packet for a visual of the pick-up process.

Please plan ahead for picking up. There is limited supervision after school at students should be picked up no more than 10 minutes after dismissal.

**John Bullen & Kenosha Unified School District
2014-2015 School Year Calendar**

August 14 (Thursday)Registration 7:30 AM-7:00 PM
 August 15(Friday)Office Closed
 August 18-21 (Monday-Thursday)...Gear-Up 8:00-11:00 AM session/11:30-2:30 PM session
 August 27 (Wednesday)Open House 5:00-6:00 PM
 September 1 (Monday-No school)Labor Day
 September 2 (Tuesday).....Student’s First Day of School
 September 3 (Wednesday).....Picture Day
 September 12 (Friday- No School for students).....Professional Development
 October 14 (Tuesday)Picture Make-Up Day
 October 17(Friday-No School for students).....Professional Development
 October 28 (Tuesday).....5:00-7:00 PM Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences
 October 30 (Thursday)..... 5:00-7:00 PM Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences
 October 31 (Friday No School for Students).....8:00-11:00 AM Conferences/ Qtr 1 Ends
 November 14 (Friday-No School).....Professional Development
 November 26 (Wednesday).....Early Release Students & Staff
 November 27-28 (Thursday-Friday).....Thanksgiving Recess
 December 20 (Saturday).....Winter Recess Begins
 January 5 (Monday-Schools Reopen).....Students Report
 January 19 (Monday).....Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, No Students or Staff Report
 January 23 (Friday).....Second Quarter Ends, Staff Work Day No School Students
 February 13 (Friday-No School for students).....Professional Development
 March 13 (Friday- No School for students).....Professional Development
 March 24 (Tuesday).....5:00-7:00 PM Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences
 March 26 (Thursday).....5:00-7:00 PM Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences
 March 27 (Friday-No School for Students).....8:00-11:00 AM Conferences/Qtr 3 Ends
 April 3 (Friday).....Spring Recess Begins, Schools Closed
 April 13 (Monday-Schools Reopen).....Students Report
 May 22 (Friday).....Early Release Students & Staff
 May 25(Monday-No School).....Memorial Day
 May 26-May 30.....8th Grade Field Trip Tentative
 June 10 (Wednesday).....Tentative 8TH GR. FAREWELL
 June 11 (Thursday-1/2 Day).....4th quarter ends. End of Year for students

Please note: All information is subject to change



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July 2014

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The K-12 revised Family Life Objectives were approved by the Kenosha Unified School Board on May 23, 2000 and the curriculum was approved by the Kenosha Unified School Board on June 22, 2004.

Copies of all of the above are available for your review in all school libraries, at the Library Media and Instructional Technology Center and at the Department of Health and Physical Education. The Library Media and Instructional Technology Center and the Department of Health and Physical Education are located in the Educational Support Center at 3600 - 52nd Street.

On the back of this letter is a form which must be returned to your building principal only if you do not want your child(ren) involved when the Family Life Objectives are being taught.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Steven J. Knecht".

Steven J. Knecht, CAA
Coordinator of Health, Physical
Education & Recreation

FAMILY LIFE OBJECTIVES KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

The Kenosha Unified School District No. 1 will be teaching Family Life Objectives to all students in our system as part of our Kindergarten through Grade 12 Health Curriculum.

You have the right to request exemption and/or modifications of the curriculum through your building principal if you do not want your child(ren) to participate when Family Life Objectives are being taught.

Return to building principal only if you DO NOT want your child(ren) involved when the school nurse presents the growth and development Family Life Objectives in grades 4, 5, 6 and 7; or when the health instructor presents the Family Life Objectives in middle school and grade 10.

I do not want my child(ren) involved when the school nurse presents the growth and development Family Life Objectives in grades 4, 5, 6 and 7; or when the health instructor presents the Family Life Objectives in middle school and 10.

Child(ren) Name(s)/Grade

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Parent's Signature

Address

Phone Number

*Please request specific curriculum modification directly through the building principal.

FLLTR



Julio del 2014

Estimados Padres/Representantes:

El programa K-12 revisado Objetivos de la Vida Familiar (Family Life Objectives) fue aprobado por el Consejo del Distrito Escolar Unificado de Kenosha el 23 de mayo del año 2000 y el curriculum fue aprobado por el Consejo Educativo del Distrito Escolar de Kenosha el 22 de Junio del 2004.

Copias de todo lo mencionado están disponibles para su revisión en todas las bibliotecas escolares, en la Biblioteca Mediática y en el Centro de Tecnología Educativa en el Departamento de Salud y Educación Física. La Biblioteca Mediática y el Departamento de Educación Física están localizados en el Centro de Apoyo Educativo en la siguiente dirección: 3600 - 52nd Street.

Al reverso de esta carta encontrará un formulario que Ud. debe devolver al principal de su escuela solo si Ud. no desea que su hijo/a(s) participen en las clases de Objetivo de Vida Familiar.

Respetuosamente,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven J. Knecht'.

Steven J. Knecht, CAA
Coordinador de Actividades
Atléticas, Educación Física y
Recreación.

OBJETIVOS DE VIDA FAMILIAR KINDERGARTEN – 12vo GRADO

El Distrito Escolar Unificado de Kenosha No. 1 estará enseñando Objetivos de Vida Familiar a todos los estudiantes en nuestro sistema como parte de nuestro Curriculum de Salud para Kindergarten hasta 12vo Grado.

Ud. tiene el derecho de solicitar una excepción y/o modificaciones al curriculum a través del principal de su escuela si Ud. no desea que su hijo/a (s) participen cuando Objetivos de Vida Familiar sean enseñados.

Devuelva este formulario al principal de su escuela solo si Ud. NO DESEA que su hijo/a(s) participen cuando la enfermera de la escuela presente Objetivos de la Vida Familiar en 4to, 5to, 6to y 7mo grados o cuando el instructor(a) de salud presente Objetivos de Vida Familiar en Escuela Secundaria (middle school) y 10mo grado..

Yo no deseo que mi hijo/a(s) participe cuando la enfermera escolar presente Objetivos de la Vida Familiar en 4to, 5to, 6to y 7mo grados o cuando el instructor(a) de salud presente Objetivos de Vida Familiar en Escuela Secundaria (middle school) y 10mo grado.

Nombre(s) del Niño/a(s)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Firma del Padre/Representante

Dirección

Teléfono

*Por favor solicito modificaciones al currículo directamente a través del principal de la escuela.

FLLTR SPANISH