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IMPORTANT DATES

Board of Education Meetings

Thursday, October 27, 2011*

7:00 p.m.

Administration Building

*Only one regular meeting this month due to various schedules.

For more information, call (269) 337-1572

**K-Central Presents
"Beauty and the Beast"**

K-Central's musical "Beauty and the Beast" will be presented on November 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 2011. Friday and Saturday shows begin at 7:30 p.m., and the Sunday matinees are scheduled for 3:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for students and seniors and \$12 for adults. Family tickets are available for \$35.

For general information, call Fred Colgren at 337-0330, ext. 341, at the choir office.

**Loy Norrix Presents
"Disney Magic"**

The Loy Norrix Music Department is sure to enchant their audience when they present "Disney Magic." The event will take place on Friday and Saturday, November 4 and 5, at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, November 6, at 2:30 p.m. The advanced choirs will perform songs from Disney shows. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under.

Children will have an opportunity to meet the characters and take pictures at intermission.

Celebrity Greeters Welcome Students on Opening Day at KPS, September 6

Again this year, community leaders and celebrities gathered at KPS schools to warmly greet the students as they arrived for the first day of school. Since 1998, VIPs have accepted invitations to arrive early at the schools where they enthusiastically make the students feel special. KPS is grateful for all of the greeters who made the program a huge success once again. A list of the celebrities for the school year is on page 11.

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Superintendent Michael Rice warmly welcomes Benjamin Campbell to his first day in kindergarten at Woodward.



Kalamazoo Mayor Bobby Hopewell starts his day with Woodward students (L to R) Chabrea Moore, Sigourney Koprek, Jeremiah Moll-Maystead, and Rayshawn Grady.

Children Start School With New Shoes

First Day Shoe Fund enabled children to start school again this fall on an equal footing. Prekindergarteners to second graders in summer school at Northeastern and Prairie Ridge and in the community received a new pair of shoes. Volunteers for the organization assisted all children to ensure that they would get the proper fit. The total goal was to distribute 2,000 pairs of new shoes, up from last year's 1,700 pairs.

The heavy bins of shoes were brought to the distribution center by U.S. Navy

recruits from in and around Kalamazoo County who were waiting to go to basic training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center.

Valerie Denghel, founder of the organization, said, "They (the recruits) are volunteering their services to nonprofits in the area that need help. We thank them and all the many other people that make our shoe distribution possible and a success."

Kamari Saunders, second grader at Northeastern, just knows he will love his new shoes.



Navy recruiter Jeremiah Clark, K-Central Class of 1997, and recruit Hailey Kirk organize the shoes at Prairie Ridge in preparation for the children's arrival.

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