



Kato Public Charter School seeks to create an environment of excellence where our students own their academic path and achieve their goals, with family, staff and community as their engaged partners.

Community
Responsibility
Respect
Growth

Important Dates to Remember:

December:

- Dec. 8th - Early Release (Students out at 11:00)
- Dec. 22nd - Early Release (Students out at 11:00)
- Dec. 25th-29th - **NO SCHOOL**



KATO Robotics Team Is Coming Together!

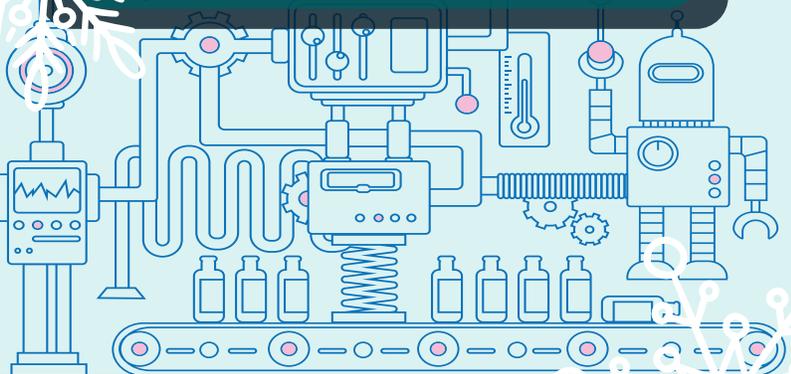
The robotics team is in the throes of building two competition robots for upcoming VEX events. Our first meet will be on January 27 in Austin, MN. Students and families are encourage to come and cheer our team! The students are really focused on winning the competition and it shows in their enthusiasm building the "bots." If parents or community members with expertise in robotics or fundraising would like to volunteer, please contact Kurt at kschroeder@katopcs.org.

Wish us good luck and "GO COYOTES!"
- Coach K

Help Raise Money for our school!
Kato PCS will be collecting the following items throughout the school year:

- BOX TOPS --
- MOOLA MILK CAPS --
- HY-VEE RECEIPTS --

These can be dropped off in the Main Office with Kristen.



Echo Food Shelf
COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY

VOLUNTEERING AT ECHO FOOD SHELF!

Eleven students went to the ECHO Food Shelf to volunteer. Some students were bagging apples and applesauce, others were handing out food to clients and doing whatever they could to assist.

DID YOU SEE?

Kato Public Charter School has been awarded!

Exceeding the State in Proficiency in Reading for Students in Special Education and from Low-Income Households.

The award was presented by

Novation Education Opportunities, our charter school sponsor.



It was a successful blood drive
Tuesday, Nov. 21!

THANK YOU TO SOFIA AND AMANDA!

Even though we had 5 no-shows and 9 deferrals, we were still able to collect 22 units of blood. The American Red Cross staff were great and we hope to see them again at our next blood drive in February. Good job, everyone!

SEAC Meeting!

The Special Education Advisory Committee held its second meeting of this school year on Tuesday, November 21. Staff gave an update on changes to our special education program. Parents were asked to provide ideas on supplies and equipment that KPCS could purchase to better support students. Peggy Sorensen, Program Director at Counseling Services of Southern Minnesota, moderated a discussion on how disabilities impact family dynamics and how to improve communication between parents and school staff.

The next SEAC meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 9. PACER has been invited to inform about their support services to families of children with disabilities. More information will be provided in the January newsletter and via e-mail.

Information regarding SEAC has been emailed to parents and guardians of students in special education. If you have not been receiving these emails, please contact **Claudia Madrigal** at cmadrigal@katopcs.org

WORLD'S BEST WORKFORCE/ANNUAL REPORT

The 2016-17 annual report and World's Best Workforce Summary and Plan were submitted to the school board at the meeting on Thursday, November 30. Once approved, the report will be submitted to the Minnesota Department of Education and charter school authorizer Novation Education Opportunities as required. It will be available on the school website and in the Business Office.

In our drama class, the 11-12 grade students read the play "A Marriage Proposal". This play, written by Anton Chekhov, features a 35 year old man who decides he wants to marry and when he goes to propose, he and his intended bride argue about many different topics. As an assignment, students then had to make a brochure outlining advice for marriage. The areas of advice fell into four categories.

Satirical advice	Heart-warming advice
Get a good job to pay for child support.	Stay loyal and learn to trust one another.
Eat spaghetti to help you forgetti.	Love one another.
Tongue-in-Cheek advice	Practical advice
Never do housework-that's their job obviously!	Get free stuff!
Love all your children-cough-I mean dogs!	Have each other's back.

Marriage tips

NOTES FROM OUR DRAMA STUDENTS

TRIFLES PLAY PERFORMED

"Trifles", a one-act play, written by Susan Glaspell, was first performed in New York, 1916. On Friday, November 17, the KPCS theater troupe presented this compelling drama about a rural Iowa woman who murders her husband. Ms. Glaspell was inspired by the murder of John Hassock by his wife, Margaret, and she actually reported it for the Des Moines Daily News.

The story unfolds as actor, Gavin A., county attorney, Sarah Z, Sheriff Peters, and Mr. Hale, played by Allistar B., visit the crime scene at an Iowa farmhouse followed by Mrs. Peters (Brenna E.) and Mrs. Hale (Kendra S.). A flashback with Mr. Hale and his friend, Harry (Adam R.) questioning Mrs. Wright (Haley M.) leaves them perplexed as to how Mr. Wright died upstairs in his bed.

Adapted in the 40's, this drama addresses the social roles of men and women. It also explores social justice as both women hide incriminating evidence. If you missed it, a student-directed play is scheduled for spring!

A GAME OF PEN AND PAPER

Does learning about probability and statistics sound exciting to you? How about sitting through a training about teamwork and character building? Did you know that these things can all be learned via an old-fashioned game of Dungeons & Dragons?

Kato PCS was able to welcome back former advisor Austin (AJ) Grossenburg as a community expert to lead a Friday Enrichment where students could learn to work as a team, as well as engaging in critical, mathematical thinking concerning probability and statistics. This was also a great opportunity for two of our students to take some leadership roles in our school to help plan and conduct this event.

HAPPY

HOLIDAYS! FROM KPCS!

ASD Presentation at Town Hall

During our November 17th Town Hall, students had the opportunity to learn, experience, and hear firsthand what it's like growing up with Autism. Chris, one of our special education teachers, shared information and organized an activity. The guest speaker, a former advisor, spoke about his gifts, and described his experiences of life on the autism spectrum to help the students gain awareness and compassion. He spoke about the challenges that being on the autism spectrum presents and how others can help. He also answered very thoughtful questions from the students. Overall, our goal was for students to have the knowledge and compassion and to be on the lookout for those who might need help. Thank you for this opportunity to spread the message of hope, compassion and understanding for the creatively wired and socially challenged! For more information, check out autismspeaks.org.

Kato PCS participated in the Z99 Stuff-a-Truck again this year. Students and staff brought in donations to support this worthy cause. Overall the school collected more than 300 pounds of food to donate while Laurie's advisory won the prize with over 130 pounds.

**GREAT WORK
LAURIE'S ADVISORY!**



Lunch will have ½ pint of 1%, skim or chocolate milk served daily from 11:00 am – 11:35 am.

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NOVEMBER LUNCH MENU

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KATO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL
December 2017

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Homemade Chili With Cheese WG Crackers Romaine Tossed Salad Cobread Fruit Choice
4 Chicken Poppers Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Whole Kernel Corn WG Dinner Roll with Butter Fruit Choice	5 Cheese Baked Macaroni & Green Beans Spinach Salad WG Bread With Butter Fruit Choice	6 Fixings Hotdog on a Bun With Potato Chips Baked Beans Fresh Fruit	7 WG Waffles with Syrup Sausage Links Hashbrowns Raw Vegetables Fruit Choice	8 Early Release No Lunch
11 Beef Vegetable Stew WG Biscuit WG Crackers Romaine Tossed Salad Fruit Choice	12 Super Nachos with Fixings Refried Beans Raw Vegetables Fruit Choice	13 Chicken Alfredo Casserole Cooked Carrots Romaine Tossed Salad Bread Stick Fruit Choice	14 Baked Sliced Ham Scalloped Potatoes Green Beans WG Dinner Roll/Butter Fruit Choice Holiday Dessert	15 Hamburger Gravy & Mashed Potatoes Cooked Carrots WG Dinner Roll with Butter Fruit Choice
18 Cheesy French Bread With Marinara Buttered Peas Spinach Salad Fruit Choice	19 (Fixings) Chicken Tender Wrap Corn Chips Black Bean and Corn Salsa Cooked Carrots Fruit Choice	20 Tator Tot Casserole Green Beans WG Bread With Butter Fruit Choice	21 Meatball Sub Sandwich Rotini Pasta Raw Vegetables Fruit Choice	22 Early Release No Lunch
25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL



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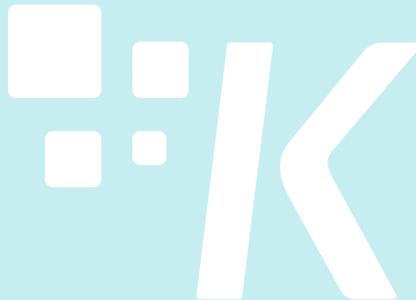
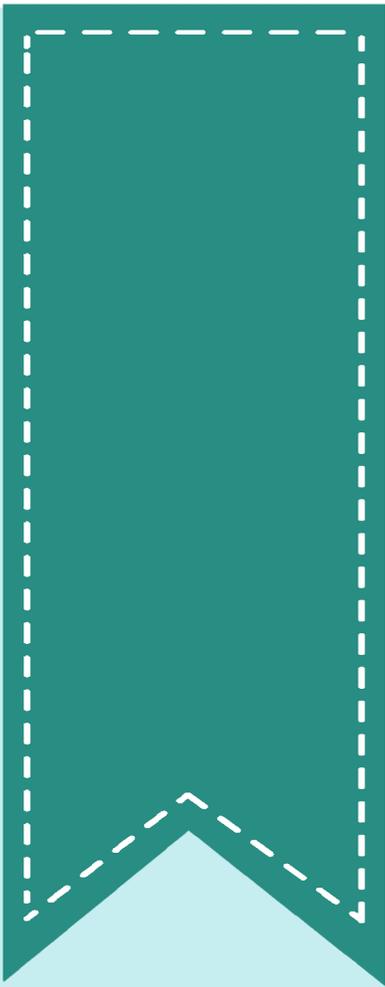
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