Welcome to Keith Elementary School - Video Transcript

[Voiceover/Marci Augenstein, Principal]: Keith Elementary School is known for being just an amazing school with that hometown feel. We kind of have a hometown feel in education here at Keith Elementary because our kids live in the neighborhoods surrounding Keith.

Parents walk their kids to school, kids ride their bikes to school and our parent community is extremely supportive of the school and ensuring a safe arrival and dismissal for all children not just their own. It has that feel where everybody's kind of looking out for one another and that's one thing I really love about Keith Elementary. I think another important thing is that typically our PTA raises over twenty thousand dollars every single year with our fun run events and other fundraisers to help support and enhance the learning growth of our children here at Keith Elementary and we couldn't do it without such amazing support from our parents.

The Keith teachers really have such a care and compassion and empathy for their children each and every single day so they come to work and just put their heart and soul into what they do here at Keith's and I think that's one of the most amazing things about Keith Elementary but the teachers love what they do they love their students and they work so hard and are so dedicated at making sure that every student here at Keith's has that personal touch to their learning and growth.

Keith is a true community and teachers, parents and staff work collaboratively together to help our kids I think being known for that sense of belonging that I hope parents feel here at Keith Elementary where we have that personal touch and our staff goes above and beyond to ensure the parents feel welcomed that's very, very important to us here at Keith.

Students are really the reason that were here we work so hard to give our students leadership opportunities with our Keith Caring Community Club where students are able to go out and do service projects within our community. Our student council offers leadership opportunities for our students and we also are implementing a second step program to help ensure that students can encourage one another positively in their lives not just learning and classroom but that beyond the classroom.

Our teaching staff has over 600 years of combined teaching experience and their level of expertise and knowledge and how to teach kids the skills that they need you know in math and literacy and all other areas is really you know beyond compare our teaching staff is just top-notch and I think that's another really important positive thing here at Keith and also our support staff is really kind of the heart and soul of helping ensure that every family and every student has that personal touch here at Keith.

I think graduates of Keith Elementary School would tell you that they want to come back to Keith and in fact they do come back to Keith to thank their teachers. The positive relationships between teachers and students here at Keith is just beyond compare and they come back because they really want to thank their teachers for that positive experience they've had here at Keith.
Last spring we invited our Walled Lake Northern High School graduates back to Keith to do a clap out and it was fun listening to them talk about their memories of Keith. They spoke very family of our Jump Rope for Heart event where Mr. M, PE teacher has annually raised over $15,000 for the American Heart Association.

We've started a snaps program here at Keith's where our 5th graders have the opportunity to work with our students with autism and students have already come back from Clifford Smart Middle School to because they miss their younger friends and they want to say hi to them. They also talk about our wonderful art program, our musical informants is where they've gotten to play the recorder and ukulele. We also have a lot of leadership opportunities for our students here at Keith where they participate in our Green Club and do recycling, our Garden Club, our safety patrol, our announcement team, and reading buddies where the older students look out for the younger ones.

At Keith Elementary School we hope that our students achieve the very best. Our hope is that students will be lifelong learners and positive members of our community and we really want our students to find that joy and happiness in life as they pursue their own dreams and hopes and that they're confident in doing so. We hope that our students will grow up to also pay forward all of the kindness and love that we've given them over the years.

I think parents should choose Keith Elementary School because we work so hard and are so dedicated to giving families that personal touch despite being an elementary school of over six hundred thirty students, one of the largest in Walled Lake we work so hard to ensure that every individual child receives the very best care every single day.