

STANTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

# Building Connections



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Dear Stanton Families,

I hope this letter finds everyone having a wonderful and relaxing summer with family and friends. Many of you have been out and about in the community at sporting events, picnics, and community celebrations, such as the annual Heritage Festival. At Stanton, the excitement of the upcoming school year is in the air as we look forward to welcoming you all back. Mrs. Singer, Mrs. Scott, and I look forward to working with you and helping your student achieve success during the 2010-2011 school year.

As many of you may have heard, I am assuming the role of building principal as Tom Larkin moves to the position of Assistant Superintendent. My love for Kent through my experiences as a KSU student-athlete, teacher, and community supporter makes me so excited about the opportunity to work again in a place I have always held dear. What a year it is going to be!

At Stanton we will continue to provide a family-like environment that is student-centered and nurturing. We will always be focused on helping to meet the social, emotional, and academic needs of each student and family. Towards that end, we will continue to stress the importance of the *Stanton Rough Rider Golden Rules*:

- **Respect All Students**
- **Respect Yourself**
- **Respect All Adults**
- **Report All Dangers**

As was done in the past, we will be sending the newsletter out via e-mail and posting it on our website: [www.kentschools.net/sms](http://www.kentschools.net/sms). This will be the last hard copy of the newsletter that will be mailed to you, unless you request a hard copy through our main office. We ask that you please fill out the E-MAIL section on your child's EMA, or contact Patti Finley at 330-676-8633 so that we can update your information and continue to communicate with you in this manner.

Thank you to those of you who I have already met or reconnected with for making me feel so welcome in my return to Kent and the Stanton family. We look forward to filling our halls and classrooms with the vibrant minds and smiling faces of your children. Please feel free to call any of us in the office if you have any questions about the start of the school year. Enjoy your last days of summer vacation, and we will see you all soon!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Justin Gates".

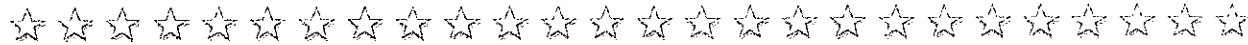
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Mark Your Calendars:

## **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Back to School Night**

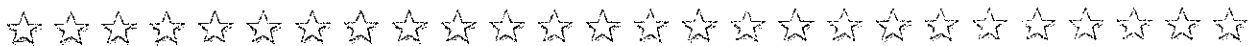
Monday August 23<sup>rd</sup>

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

For 6<sup>th</sup> graders accompanied by an adult

**Also for NEW 7th and 8th graders**

The program will begin at 6:00 p.m.; parents, please be prompt. Students can locate their pod, their homeroom, their locker, and meet their teachers. What a cool way to start the year! See you then!



Mark Your Calendars:

## **7th and 8th Grade Open House**

Thursday, September 2

7:00—8:00 p.m.

On this evening, you will be following your child's daily school schedule, so be sure to be present right at 7:00 p.m. See you then!



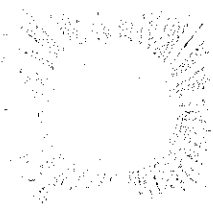
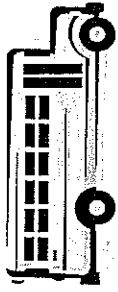
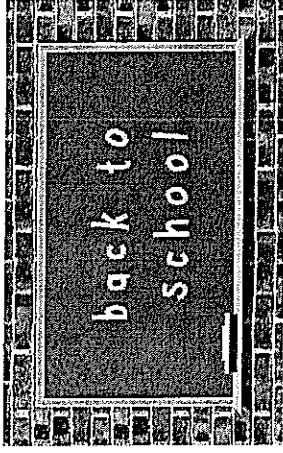
Stanton Middle School has a **New Bell Schedule** (please look for it in this newsletter). **School starts at 7:30 a.m.** Students should arrive no earlier than 7:10 a.m., when the entry bell sounds. **School is dismissed at 2:35 p.m.**

### **PickUp/Drop Off:**

- **In the morning, students should be dropped off by the auditoria entrance** (as busses will be using the circle drive on Hudson Road.)
- **In the afternoon, students should be picked up on the circle drive on Hudson Road** (as the busses will be using the auditoria entrance.)

Questions about bussing? Call our Transportation Dept. at 676-7690.  
Thank you for helping to keep our students safe as they arrive and depart!





# August 2010

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Fall Sports Begin Golf Try-outs Volleyball Tryouts	10 Golf Try-outs Volleyball tryouts	11 Golf Try-outs Volleyball tryouts	12	13	14 9 Fall Sports Mtg. -RHS 11 Fall Sports Pix -RHS Gym
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 4 Football Scrim. 6 Back to School Night	24	25 School Begins 7:30 a.m.	26	27	28
29	30 4 Volleyball 4:15 Boys Soccer 4:15 Girls Soccer	31				

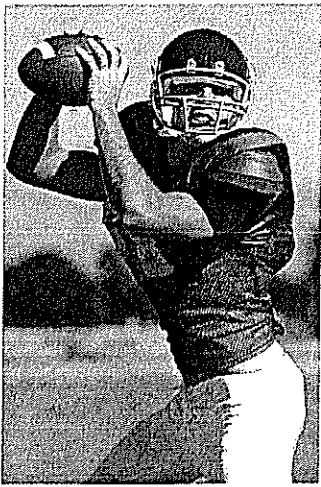
For more information, go to the Stanton website at [www.kentschools.net/sms](http://www.kentschools.net/sms) and click on "Calendar" under "Parent & Student Resources".



# September 2010

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 4 Volleyball	2 4:15 Boys Soccer 4:15 Girls Soccer 7pm - 7/8 Open House	3	4
5	6 <b>NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY</b> 4 Volleyball	7 4:15 Boys Soccer 4:15 Girls Soccer	8 4 Football Game 4 Volleyball	9	10 2:05 Pep Rally 2:45 Back to School Dance	11 10 7 <sup>th</sup> Volleyball
12	13 4 Volleyball 4:15 Boys Soccer 4:15 Girls Soccer 7 PTO Mtg.	14 4 Cross Ct. Mtg. 4:15 Boys Soccer	15 4 Football Game 4 Volleyball	16 4:15 Boys Soccer 4:15 Girls Soccer	17	18 10 8 <sup>th</sup> Volleyball
19	20 4 Volleyball 4:15 Boys Soccer 4:15 Girls Soccer	21	22 4 Football Game 4 Volleyball	23 4:15 Boys Soccer 4:15 Girls Soccer	24	25
26	27 4 Volleyball 4:15 Boys Soccer	28 4 PTC Cross Country Day	29 <b>FALL PICTURES</b> 4 Football Game 4 Volleyball	30 4:15 Girls Soccer 5:15 Boys Soccer		

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## 2010 Fall Sports Information

Fall Sports offered are:

- Football (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- Volleyball (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- Golf
- Cross Country
- Boys Soccer
- Girls Soccer

To check the Stanton online calendar, go to the Stanton website at: <http://www.kentschools.net/sms/> and click on "Calendar" under "Parent & Student Resources."

Only 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students may participate in school sports; no 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are eligible.

**You MUST have physicals/EMAs on file at Stanton or with you on August 9<sup>th</sup>** in order to participate.

**Practice for all Fall Sports begins on Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.** Sports that require tryouts are *volleyball and golf*. **These tryouts will take place on August 9-11. Teams will be announced on August 12th.**

**Mandatory Fall Sports Parent & Student Meeting – Saturday August 14<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00-10:00 a.m. at RHS.

**Fall Sports Pictures are Saturday August 14<sup>th</sup>** from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the RHS Gym.

**Fall Sports Banquet – Tues. October 26<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Mark your calendars!

If you have any questions, or need more information, please call the Athletic Director Mr. Fred Jones at 330-676-8640. Thank you.

# New Vaccination Requirements

Students entering 7th grade are required to have a Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) vaccine prior to the start of the school year.

For more information, contact the school nurse, Marianne Kitakis, at 330-676-8604.

## Stanton Middle School **Rough Rider** Golden Rules



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### Counselors' Corner:

Welcome back! Through Counselors' Corner, the School Counselors will update you on counseling news and tidbits. For the 2010-11 school year, Mrs. Laurie Knuth is the counselor for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Ms. Carly Frey is the counselor for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and Mr. Jason Goshe is the counselor for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. While your student is at Stanton, his or her school counselor will move with the entire grade in order get to know

each student well and to help each student through the transitions. Our counseling mission is to prepare today's students to become tomorrow's adults by offering personal, social, emotional, and academic activities and services throughout the students' middle school years.

Stanton has many activities and programs scheduled for the new school year. One club that we like to promote right away is the homework club/mentorship program, which starts in October. This program is designed to promote student-to-student partnerships between Stanton students and Roosevelt mentors. This program runs two times per week after school and offers the Stanton students help with homework and organization.

Speaking of joining... make sure you take a look at all the clubs to get involved in at Stanton and encourage your student to join a group right away! Clubs are a great way to make new friends and have a great year at Stanton!

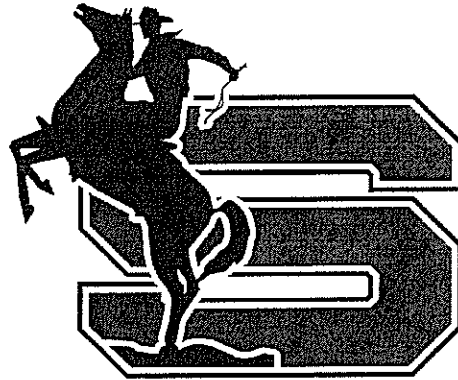


Watch for beginning year/transition stress!

- Talk to your child about what is happening at school daily.
- Call the school counseling office if you are worried about any unusual behaviors. We can help you decide if these are typical for the middle years.
- Ask about the fun things that happen at school.
- Have homework supplies in an organized place that is easily accessible. Promote quiet time at home for studying.
- Call the team teachers during their planning time to check-in.
- If your child is having a hard time sleeping, or is sleeping too much, give us a call.
- Watch for signs of emotional distress: changes in eating and sleeping habits, mood shifts, and attitude changes; however, remember we are dealing with **Inbetweeners!**

The school counselors wish you a safe, peaceful, and stress-free year!  
School Counseling Department Phone: (330) 676-8620

# School Supply Drive 2010-2011



The Stanton Student Ambassadors and Student Council are working together to collect supplies for students at Stanton Middle School who cannot afford the necessary items to have a successful school year:

Highest need:

- Expandable accordion-style file folders
- 3-ring binders (1")

Also needed:

- Pencils (#2 only please)
- Pens (blue, black, and red)
- Notebook paper
- Markers
- Spiral notebooks
- Pocket folders
- Highlighters
- Backpacks (without wheels)

If you can donate supplies, please put them in a bag and place them in the Supply Drive Box in the main office.

Thank You,  
The Stanton Student Ambassadors and Stanton Student Council

\*If your child is in need of supplies, please contact the School Counseling Office at (330) 676-8620\*

# ideas for parents

## Easy Ways to Build Assets for and with Your Child

### FAST FACTS

#### ASSET CATEGORY

#### Empowerment

*The more a young person is valued and feels valuable, the more likely he or she is to grow up healthy.*

#### Youth Speak

- "Applaud my efforts and successes."
- "Help me solve problems and change things for the better."
- "Let me take care of things when I think I can."

## The Value of Appreciation

Everyone wants to feel valued and be valuable, but it's easy for children and teenagers to feel as if they have little to contribute. In our fast-paced society, it's often easier to do things for young people instead of doing things with young people so that they gradually learn and master their own skills.

Young people need meaningful, valuable roles at home, at school, in the community, and in all the places where they spend time. They also need to feel safe. When children and youth feel safe and valued, they're more apt to bond with their families, their schools, and their communities. They then become even more valuable because they want to contribute.

Empowerment—the sense that you can make a difference and that you have a valued place or role—starts at home and starts slowly. What makes your child feel valued? What unique skills and talents does your child have to offer? What meaningful, age-appropriate roles does your child have in your family?

And what about you? How do you as a parent feel empowered? What made you feel valuable when you were a child? A teenager?

### Helpful Hints

**Tips that make empowering your child easier:**

- **Have regular family meetings to plan, solve problems, and encourage each other. Rotate who leads the meetings.**
- **Get involved with your child's school and in the community.**
- **Think of yourself as your child's empowerment coach.**
- **Advocate that your community develop meaningful opportunities for young people.**



How can you translate your experience into creating a home that empowers your children?

Even if you don't know the answers to all of these questions, begin today with one thing you do know about empowerment.

Start small. You can help your child feel more valued and valuable today.

**Quick Tip:**  
Empower your child by providing choices.

## 4 Key Areas of Empowerment

Search Institute researchers have identified four empowerment assets that are crucial for helping young people grow up healthy. Check the areas of strength in your child's life:

- Community values youth**—Your child perceives that adults in the community value children and youth.
- Youth as resources**—Your child is given useful roles in the community.
- Service to others**—Your child serves in the community one hour or more per week.
- Safety**—Your child feels safe at home, at school, and in the neighborhood.

# Empowerment through the Years

## Age Ways to Empower Your Child

- 0-1
  - Prop up babies and hold young children so that they can see what is around them.
  - Arrange family life around children's needs.
  - Watch over children to keep them safe.
- 2-3
  - Find simple ways for children to serve others. For example, they may be able to place donated toys in a box.
  - Keep track of children at all times.
- 4-5
  - Take children along when visiting elderly people and those who are sick.
  - Give children simple chores, such as sorting laundry by color, matching socks, or feeding pets.
  - Teach children their first and last name, address, and phone number.
- 6-10
  - Ask children how they would like to help others, and figure out simple ways for them to carry through on their wishes.
  - Use the buddy system. When children go out to play, have them do so in pairs.
  - Ask children what they do and do not like in their daily routines. Make some changes based on their comments.
  - Display or use things your child makes.
- 11-15
  - Discuss with your child her or his fears and feelings of not being safe. Work together on these. Be ready for concerns to range from safety at school to safety on dates.
  - Ask your child for ideas on family community service projects. Act on your child's ideas.
  - Laugh at your child's jokes.
- 16-18
  - Continue allowing your teen gradual independence while teaching safety skills (including making good decisions about physical and mental health) so that he or she is ready to live independently (and safely and successfully) by age 18.
  - If your teen wants to work, encourage a job that empowers your teen and balances with other time commitments.
  - If he or she feels ready, encourage your teenager to take a leadership role in addressing issues that concern her or him (such as homelessness, racism, hunger).

### More Help for Parents

**Empowering Your Child: How to Help Your Child Succeed in School and Life** by C. Fred Bateman. This book suggests how to create an empowering home environment and be an empowering parent. (Published by Hampton Roads Publishing Company)

### The Empowerment Equation

**C. Fred Bateman, author of Empowering Your Child, defines empowerment with this equation: Interacting with life's challenges + influencing those challenges in valuable ways for all = empowerment.**

## Final Word

**"Each child deserves to be acknowledged and cherished for the qualities that make her [or him] unique." –Lee Salk, Ph.D., author of *Familyhood***

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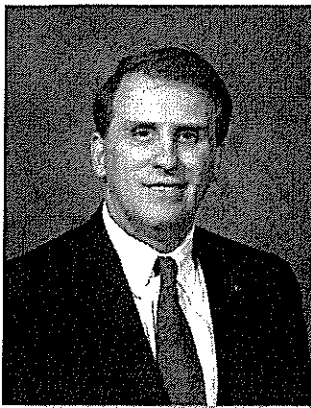
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# STANTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Entry Tone	7:10		
Warning Tone	7:20		
Homeroom	7:30	—	7:41
1 <sup>st</sup> Period	7:44	—	8:27
2 <sup>nd</sup> Period	8:30	—	9:14
3 <sup>rd</sup> Period	9:17	—	10:01
4 <sup>th</sup> Period	<u>10:04-10:40</u>	8 <sup>th</sup> 10:04-10:48	6 <sup>th</sup> 10:04-10:48
5 <sup>th</sup> Period	10:43-11:27	<u>10:51-11:27</u>	7 <sup>th</sup> 10:51-11:35
6 <sup>th</sup> Period	11:30-12:14	11:30-12:14	<u>11:38-12:14</u>
7 <sup>th</sup> Period	12:17	—	1:01
8 <sup>th</sup> Period	1:04	—	1:48
9 <sup>th</sup> Period	1:51	—	2:35
Dismissal Tone	2:35		

(6<sup>th</sup> grade will have different class times.)





KENT CITY SCHOOLS

# UPDATE

News for Kent parents from Superintendent Joe Giancola

August/September, 2010

Dear Kent Parents, Students, and Friends,

With the beginning of a new school year comes an excitement about what awaits our students in the classrooms. I extend my heartiest words of welcome to each and every student, family, and staff member in Kent! This year, take advantage of every opportunity we offer to visit us!

For many details about the start of our new school year, please feel free to navigate our excellent Web site at [www.kentschools.net](http://www.kentschools.net) for all of the information you need about your children's programs and school buildings. In Kent Schools, we have made a strong commitment to technology as a tool for communicating with our parents and for teaching our students.

Traditionally, I introduce new Kent administrators in this August/September letter. We welcome the following new administrators to Kent. First, I would like to introduce **Abbey Bolton**, who has been appointed to the position of Davey Elementary School Principal. Prior to coming to Kent, Abbey served as an elementary principal in the Southeast Local Schools and assistant principal in the Streetsboro City Schools, both districts of Portage County. She currently is working on her doctorate in educational administration at Kent State University.

Next, I welcome to Kent **Justin Gates**, the new Principal at Stanton Middle School. You might call this appointment a "homecoming" for him, as he once served our school district as an intervention specialist for Stanton and Davey students with special needs. Most recently, Justin was the middle school principal and special education coordinator for the Barberton City Schools. Interestingly, Justin's wife, **Carrie Gates**, also is a teacher and speech pathologist at Stanton Middle School and Davey Elementary School. Justin currently is working on his doctorate in educational administration at Kent State.

Finally, I welcome to the board office **Tom Larkin**, new Assistant Superintendent and Personnel Director for the Kent Schools. Of course, those who know Tom in the community recognize his past work for us as Stanton Middle School Principal and Roosevelt High School Assistant Principal. Interestingly, Tom's wife, **Amy Larkin**, is a math teacher at Roosevelt High School. Tom currently is working on his doctorate in educational administration at Kent State.

On a different note, at our convocation for all staff on August 23, 2010, we acknowledge **Kevin J. McFarland**, our 2010 recipient of the **Dr. Emilio D. Ferrara** Community Service Award. Previously, Kevin and his family were honored by the Kent Board of Education at its May regular meeting. Kevin's posthumous award recognizes his community service and 10 years of work as a custodian for Kent Schools. Kevin died suddenly this past school year, and his involvement in the community will be sadly missed.

In this letter, I also honor **Greg Starc**, a Roosevelt teacher of students with special needs, who suddenly passed away this summer. Greg's 27 years of commitment to Kent children will be sadly missed. There is a part of Kent Schools that will never be the same without him. We always will remember both Greg and Kevin. Their legacy lives on in the students they served.

Have a great school year,

Dr. Joe Giancola  
Superintendent



# KENT CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2010-2011 Calendar

AUGUST 2010				
M	T	W	TH	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

(5 days)

SEPTEMBER 2010				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

(21 days)

OCTOBER 2010				
M	T	W	TH	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

(21 days)

NOVEMBER 2010				
M	T	W	TH	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

(17 days)

DECEMBER 2010				
M	T	W	TH	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

(13 days)

JANUARY 2011				
M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

(20 days)

FEBRUARY 2011				
M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28				

(19 days)

MARCH 2011				
M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

(18 days)

APRIL 2011				
M	T	W	TH	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

(20 days)

MAY 2011				
M	T	W	TH	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

(21 days)

JUNE 2011				
M	T	W	TH	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

(3 days)

- School not in session
- Teacher Work days; school not in session for students
- Parent/Teacher Conference Days

New Teacher Orientation .....Wednesday, August 18 & Thursday, August 19, 2010  
 Convocation Day .....Monday, August 23, 2010  
 Staff Meetings .....Tuesday, August 24, 2010  
 Schools Open .....Wednesday, August 25, 2010  
 Labor Day .....Monday, September 6, 2010  
 End First Nine Weeks .....Friday, October 29, 2010 (47 days)  
 Inservice Day .....Tuesday, November 2, 2010  
 Parent/Teacher Conferences ..... Mon. Evening, Nov. 22 & Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2010  
 Thanksgiving Recess ..... Wednesday, November 24 – Friday, November 26, 2010  
 Winter Vacation .....Monday, December 20, 2010 – Friday, December 31, 2010  
 School Reopens .....Monday, January 3, 2011  
 Martin Luther King Day .....Monday, January 17, 2011  
 End Second Nine Weeks ..... Friday, January 21, 2011 (44 days)  
 End First Semester .....Friday, January 21, 2011  
 Presidents Day .....Monday, February 21, 2011  
 Spring Vacation .....Monday, March 21 – Friday, March 25, 2011  
 End Third Nine Weeks ..... Friday, April 1, 2011 (44 days)  
 Good Friday .....Friday, April 22, 2011  
 Memorial Day .....Monday, May 30, 2011  
 End Fourth Nine Weeks ..... Friday, June 3, 2011  
 End Second Semester ..... Friday, June 3, 2011 (43 days)  
 Last Day for Students ..... Friday, June 3, 2011  
 Records Day .....Monday June 6, 2011

If necessary to make up school days, calendar may be amended using these days:

March 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25, 2011  
 June 6, 7, 2011

	Early Release Days/Times*	
	HS/MS	Elem.
October 15	12:15 PM	1:00 PM
January 21	12:15 PM	1:00 PM
February 25	12:15 PM	1:00 PM
April 21	12:15 PM	1:00 PM

\*Contingent upon approval from the Ohio Department of Education.

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6th Grade Back to School Night  
Monday Aug. 23  
6-7 p.m.

*First Day of School*  
Wednesday, August 25



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