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The most asked question in Kirkwood this summer is about to be answered. That question is of course, "When will the Kirkwood High School Stadium Field be ready for a game?" Despite the rain and a few unforeseen setbacks, crews have worked at a feverish pace to get the field ready for play.

In fact, the first home football game will take place **Friday**, **October 1**, **2010**. It will be a festive occasion as we celebrate "*Pioneer Pride: It Comes With the Turf.*" The Pioneer Pride Marching Band, Cheerleaders, Pommies, Pep Club, and all Kirkwood fans dressed in red, will be there to add to the celebration and excitement.

Prior to the game, the Kirkwood School District Foundation will host *Turf Fest 2010* in the new Varsity gymnasium with activities and prizes for **elementary and middle school** children from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Pioneer Pete, the KHS Drum Line, and Tekno Bubbles will be on hand to welcome our Future Pioneers and PBI will be grilling for all.

Immediately following *Turf Fest 2010*, everyone is invited to join the crowd and cheer the Pioneers on to victory over the Parkway Central Colts. Kick-off is 7 pm. At half-time, there will be a special presentation to recognize and thank the many generous donors who have contributed to the *Kirkwood's Winning Team: Academics and Athletics* campaign to-date. We sure hope you will join us!

After the game, there will be an event you won't want to miss. All Kirkwood spectators will be invited to join the Pioneer Pride Marching Band, Cheerleaders, Pommies and representatives from all of our Pioneer teams to *Take a Walk on the Turf*.

It should be a historic, fun night, so please join us as the Kirkwood community celebrates the new turf and a new era of exciting physical education and athletic opportunities for our Kirkwood kids and community members.

See you on October 1, and be sure to wear red. Go Pioneers!

Sincerely,

Marie Kelly, President Kirkwood School District Foundation

Jim Velten, Director of Development Kirkwood School District

PS: The fun and celebration just keeps on rolling as a formal dedication will take place when the track and new Chopin entrance is completed. We'll let you know the date as soon as it's set!