

Newsletter

The Official Newsletter of Kingsley-Pierson Community Schools

January 2015

A Note from the Superintendent

I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude for all those who have volunteered to help with the many activities and events we participate in throughout the school year. From those who volunteer to help teachers with projects on Tuesday to those who have helped with our various events, such as grandparents/special friends day, the book fair, working concession stands, to participating on the music or athletic booster clubs, to working with your children in their educational projects, to those businesses that have donated money or items for our use. Each of you are an intricate part of our school system. THANK YOU!

We have had a tremendous amount of people request keys to the weight rooms in Kingsley or Pierson. There is a \$50 fee for using the weight room. The use of the weight room does come with some responsibility on the part of the person requesting the key. We do not ask much but to make sure we can continue to offer this service, we ask that everyone take a moment, when done working out, to clean up a little bit, put weights away and wipe off the machines. If you plan on using the treadmill, please use a different pair of shoes than the ones you walked into the weight room with, especially during the winter season. The dirt and moisture will affect the machines. If everyone does their part, we will be able to offer this for many more years. Thanks in advance for your efforts to help us with this.

Thanks again for the continued support you have all shown during this past year. We are truly blessed to have such a supportive community.



The K-P National Honor Society Students raised money for their annual Christmas Adopt-a-Family project. This year, they partnered with Lutheran Services in Iowa HOPES Program purchased Christmas gifts for 38 children.

NHS students sold Christmas tree ornaments for a minimum donation of \$1.00. Ornaments then had the donor's name written on them and were placed on the trees in the Kingsley and Pierson school commons.

Kingsley-Pierson staff also contributed to this project by paying \$20.00 at the beginning of the school year so they can wear jeans on Fridays. Together, these two fundraisers generated over \$1,400.





School Health Information

Elementary Comments

- Mr. Wiese

Spending time with family and friends is always a joy over the holidays! I hope all of you had a relaxing break and spent precious time with your kids!

In addition to this section for elementary updates, in the newsletter there is a letter from Brad Buck, who is the Director of Education for the State of Iowa. Please take time to read the letter. We want every child to be successful at Kingsley-Pierson and the skill of reading is a crucial part of this process.

Report cards from the 1st semester 2014/2015 will be sent home by Friday, January 9 in most cases. Time does fly and our Parent-Teacher Conferences for the 2nd semester are scheduled for March 17 & 19, 2015. Details will be shared about Iowa Assessments (except kindergarten), academic progress, FAST Testing (except 4th grade), and other miscellaneous items.

The weather has been a roller coaster this winter. Please make sure your child has the proper attire for going outside. Thank you for all of your preparation with this issue.

Finally, "thank you" to all of you who brought in canned items, money, etc. for our "Food Drive" this past December 2014! I know we made several families holidays brighter and happier this season!

I Hope that everyone had a peaceful and relaxing Christmas break. It seems hard to believe that our school year is already half over. Before we know it, we will be finishing the school year.

Hearing screenings, conducted by the AEA, will be held January 23rd in the Pierson building and January 28th and 29th in the Kingsley building. All students in Kindergarten through 5th grade and all 8th graders will be screened. Any students new to the district will also be screened for baseline data. Notes will be coming home as reminder as the date gets closer.

If you have a Kindergartner or 9th grader enrolled in the district, you may have received a reminder letter over the break, to have your child examined by a dentist. Please take the certificated of dental screening form that came with the letter, to your dentist. Have your dentist fill out the form and return it to me at the school. This is a required exam for all students in these grade levels.

If you have any health questions or concerns, don't hesitate to call me at the school. Just a reminder that **HANDWASHING IS THE BEST DEFENSE AGAINST ILLNESS!** Washing your hands often throughout the day will help against the spread of infection!

-Barb Sitzmann, School Nurse

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Middle School Comments

- Mr. Wiese



Students and faculty participated in "Ugly Sweater Day" on Friday, December 12. Winners of the Best/Worst Sweater Contest were: Sophomore Class - Hannah Andrews; Junior Class - Michael Nafe; Senior Class - Kiley Klaschen; Freshmen Class - Jena Schmid; Staff - Tammy Miesner. Fans were encouraged to also wear their ugly sweaters to the basketball games vs. Siouxland Christian that Friday night.

Our 1st semester is now in the books and we are excited to begin our 2nd semester of 2014/2015! Please note the dates below for updates and other information. Report cards from the 1st semester will be sent home by Friday, January 9 in most cases.

Please encourage your child to get off to a great start in the third quarter! A special "thanks" goes out to all of the students, faculty, staff, other adults, and agencies who/whom had a part in donating items/money to many in the area this past December 2014!

The basketball season has just about three weeks remaining on the schedule. Congratulations to all individuals involved with the basketball program. The 7th grade game from Dec. 15 has been rescheduled for Jan. 6, 2015!

The wrestling season begins with a meeting (wrestlers, cheerleaders, managers) on Friday, January 23. The official schedule will be given out to the wrestlers then and will also be submitted to the February 2015 school newsletter.

News from Mrs. Goodwin

SPORTS SCHEDULES: Happy New Year!! Winter sports are off and running. Keep up the good work and please continue to show your Panther Pride!

Please utilize our Kingsley-Pierson website for updated schedules and gym times. You can locate gym times under the "community" link. This worked well last year and I have heard great comments again this year. We also have a gym divider/curtain in the Kingsley gym so we will be able to schedule more youth teams for practices. Please remember to supervise your kids at all times. Please DO NOT prop the southwest doors open, we had to replace the door so now there is an wrench to open the bar and keep it unlocked during your practice times.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Senior Parents' Night for wrestling is January 31, 2015 and for basketball on February 10, 2015.

****January 31, 2015 is our KP Wrestling Invite.** Please

contact me if you are able to help at the score table or bout sheets.

****Wrestling sectionals @ West Sioux on Feb. 7th starting at noon**

****Wrestling districts @ Sibley-Ocheyedan on Feb. 14th starting at noon**

Cost is \$6 for admission

SAVE THE DATE: Panther Ball—March 7, 2015

PE NEWS: JH PE students need to change into PE clothes (i.e. t-shirt AND shorts) as well as indoor. Clean PE shoes. These are easy points to earn for your PE grade.

Also, remember if you child has seen a doctor and they are excused from PE for any medical reason, they will need a note from their doctor or from you, the parent/guardian, saying that they are OK to participate. Thank you for your cooperation!

Curriculum Corner

Amy Benson

Lots of exciting things are happening around the district at the end of the semester. We just received our Iowa Assessment results, and even though I have not had much time to decipher them, they look good! I am so pleased at the effort our students put forth, and the support we receive from our parents when we are testing! The TLC (Teacher Leadership & Compensation) Grant results should be here before break. I am really nervous and excited about this opportunity all at the same time. I did hear recently a bit of disheartening news. Remember- each year for 3 years, 1/3 of the students in the state are selected for the grant. Therefore, (here comes the bad news) if Iowa City and Des Moines Public get chosen this year, that takes 1/3 of the students just between those 2 districts. I hope they do reward some of us small schools in rural areas on the West side of the state, but you never know! I will update you in Jan. on the results.

To build a more positive work environment, we started the Panther Shout-Out's this quarter. All the staff has to do is fill out a form recognizing or thanking a staff member for making a difference. At the end of the quarter, one form will be drawn and the person who filled out the slip AND the person they wrote about, will each receive a \$25 gift certificate to Doosky's sponsored by the KP Booster Club. We are so thankful to the Booster Club for sponsoring this fun event for us. I can't wait until everyone can read all the positives written about them these past 9 weeks!

I am currently working on purchasing new Emergency Response Booklets to post in all of our classrooms and offices. This is very important as our information was outdated and these will hang right inside the classrooms for the teachers to have easy access to. We are also trying IXL Math in 6th grade right now. All of those children have a username and password. IXL Math is an online website for students to practice their math skills. Have your child show you how the program works. It is really neat especially if the student misses an answer. It doesn't just tell them incorrect, but rather it shows them the rule and works the problem out for the student to see. Your kids can practice any time at home as long as they remember their username and password. We hope to implement this k-12 second semester. Lawton-Bronson Elementary has used this for 3 years now and attributes this to their growth in math on the Iowa Assessments.

It has been a very enjoyable first semester in my new position. I am so fortunate to work for administrators who are still very passionate about kids and putting them first! Happy New Year!

American Revolutionary War Projects

Kingsley-Pierson 8th grade American History students just wrapped up a major unit on the American Revolutionary War. The students completed different independent projects to help them understand the events, people, and battles that took place during the American Revolution. Some of the projects included: Making log cabins, drawing Betsy Ross' flag, drawing the colonist and British uniforms, mapping out major battle sites, writing biographies on famous leaders, and using Chromebooks to make Slide presentations.





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Dear Counselors,

Western Iowa Tech Community College is excited to extend an invitation for your students to attend the Chad Cargill ACT Test Prep Session. The event will be held on the Western Iowa Tech Community College Campus **February 11th from 12:30-4:00 in our Rocklin Conference Center (Lot 2 or 2B Entrance 7 or 8).**

The Chad Cargill workshop is a practical hands-on instruction session. Chad recently graduated from Oklahoma State with a degree in Industrial Engineering. While in high school, Chad took the ACT 18 times and raised his score from a 19 to a 32. This workshop is packed full of relevant, practical information on how to increase your ACT score as he did. It shows you that the ACT is beatable and that each test will ask you the same questions just worded differently. The workshop covers what will be on the test and how to master the techniques. The workshop is not a practice test. It covers general ideas about the ACT as a whole and the individual sections of English (including what the test-makers are looking for and the relevant English rules needed for the test), Math (including exactly what formulas and rules you will need to answer virtually every question), Reading (including three strategies on how to best take the reading comprehension section), and Science (including common question types and strategies to understand and beat the science reasoning section).

There is more information available on his website <http://www.chadcargill.com/>. We had Chad on our campus last year and the students were so impressed with his delivery and techniques. Many of our students commented on how this was the most valuable event we had ever presented them. He also does prep sessions for Sioux City Community Schools and for Bishop Heelen.

The price for a student to attend this workshop is \$30.00. Students are also able to purchase an ACT Prep Book for \$20.00.

If your students want to purchase an ACT Prep Book, they will need to notify you ahead of time and pay you, so we are able to order them. Transportation will be the responsibility of the student or school.

We are asking all schools to let us know by January 28th if you will be participating in this partnership with us. Please email or call Christina Brandon with your interest in participating. ***We have limited seating and would like all students to be able to attend so RSVP is a must.***

CAMPUS TOURS-Our recruitment team will also be offering campus tours of WITCC before the event from 11:00-12:00. Lunch will also be provided free! I have also attached a scholarship sheet to show students that a 22 ACT will earn them 1/2 tuition at WITCC!

There are several documents I have attached to help you promote this event with parents and students. There are two fliers you are able to use and come directly from his website. Also, I have attached the spreadsheet I will need completed to register your students for the event. We will then need to know your final numbers and order information by January 28th.

We are very excited to offer this opportunity to your students! Please call or email me with any questions or concerns.

Thanks again and we look forward to working with you!

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Singing Valentine Order Form

Due to Mrs. Mauch by Friday, February 6.

Valentines will be delivered between 8:45 am and 12:00 pm on February 15.

Please make checks payable to K-P Music Boosters.

Valentine Selection: Please check only 1 Valentine per form.

Customer Information

Name: _____
Please include first and last names.

Phone number: _____

Recipient Information

Name: _____
Please include first and last names.

Location/address of delivery: _____

**No rural deliveries will be made.*

Grade/Section: _____

Valentine Card

Information in this section will be printed on the Valentine card delivered to the recipient.

To: _____

From: _____ with love!

Special Message (optional): _____

- Crush soda only (\$2)
- Carnation only (\$2)
- Song only (\$4)
- Crush soda & Carnation (\$4)
- Song & Crush soda (\$5)
- Song & Carnation (\$5)
- Song, Crush soda, & Carnation (\$7)

Song Selection: Check the song of your choice.

- Let Me Call You Sweetheart** Let me call you sweetheart, I'm in love with you. Let me hear you whisper that you love me too. Keep the love light glowing in your eyes so true, let me call you sweetheart, I'm in love with you.
- My Girl** I've got sunshine on a cloudy day, when it's cold outside I've got the month of May. I guess you'd say what can make me feel this way? My girl (my girl, my girl) talkin' 'bout my girl (my girl).
- My Guy** Nothing you can say can tear me away from my guy. Nothing you can do 'cause I'm stuck like glue to my guy. I'm stickin' to my guy like a stamp to a letter, like birds of a feather we stick together. I'm tellin' ya from the start I can't be torn apart from my guy.
- Rubber Ducky** (Name) baby you're my hun. You make my life lots of fun! (Name) baby I'm truly in love with, (Name) baby I'm awfully in love with (Name) baby I'll always love you! Boo boo bi doo!
- Sunshine** You are my sunshine, my only sunshine. You make me happy when skies are gray. You'll never know dear how much I love you, won't you be my valentine today?
- We Go Together** We go together like rama lama lama ka dinga da dinga dong. Remembered forever as shoo-bop sha wadda wadda yippity boom de boom. Chang chang changitty chang sha-bop, that's the way it should be. Wah-oooh, yeah!

KINGSLEY-PIERSON COMM. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1				New Year's Day 1	2	3
				*No School. *Teacher In-Service 8:00-4:00.	*No School. *ACT registration deadline.	*JV Boys BB Tournament at LB (Lawton). *WR Tournament at West Sioux (Hawarden) 10:30.
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	*Classes resume - Begin 3rd Quarter/2nd Semester *BB vs. RSM (home) 6:00. *KP Booster Club meeting 7:00 Kingsley library. *Clover Kids 3:30-5:00. *Little Panther Wrestling 6:30-7:30	*JV Girls BB vs. Ridge View (home) 4:00. *JV Boys BB vs. Ridge View (home) 5:00. *BB vs. Ridge View (home) 6:00. *Music Boosters Soup Supper 5:30-7:30.	*WR at Ridge View (Holstein) 6:00 (KP, WW, Rview). *Little Panther Wrestling 6:30-7:30.	*BB vs. Storm Lake St. Mary's (home) 6:00. *Jr. High BB vs. LB 4:00 (B - Pierson, G - Bronson). *WR at Rock Rapids 6:00 (CL/RV/SF/WKP). *Little Panther Wrestling 6:30-7:30.	*BB at RV (Correctionville) 6:00. *ACT registration deadline.	*JV Boys BB Tournament at LB (Lawton). *WR Tournament at West Sioux (Hawarden) 10:30.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	*JV WR at West Sioux (Hawarden) 4:00. *School Board meeting 7:00. *Jr. High BB - Girls only vs. MMC/RU at Pierson 4:00. *Little Panther Wrestling 6:30-7:30.	*JV Boys/Girls BB at MVAO (Mapleton) 4:30. *BB at MVAO (Mapleton) 6:00. *Jr. High BB vs. WC 4:00 (B - Merville, G - Pierson). *Little Panther Wrestling 6:30-7:30.	*BB vs. Storm Lake St. Mary's (home) 6:00. *Jr. High BB vs. LB 4:00 (B - Pierson, G - Bronson). *WR at Rock Rapids 6:00 (CL/RV/SF/WKP). *Little Panther Wrestling 6:30-7:30.	*JV Girls BB at WW (Sloan) 4:00. *JV Boys BB at WW (Sloan) 5:00. *BB at WW (Sloan) 6:00.	*WR WVC Tournament at Ida Grove.	
18	Martin Luther King 19		20	21	22	23
*Little Panther Wrestling Tmty.			*Jr. High BB - Girls only at MMC/RU 4:00.	*Jr. High BB vs. RV 4:00 (B - Mashla, G - Pierson). *JV Girls BB vs. RU (home) 4:00. *JV Boys BB vs. RU (home) 5:00. *BB vs. RU (home) 6:00. *Little Panther Wrestling 6:30-7:30.	*WR Tournament at OABCIG (Ida Grove). *BB at WM (Onawa) 6:00.	*WR Tournament at OABCIG (Ida Grove). *Large Group Speech Contest.
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
*The Dwelling Benefit Breakfast.	*Music Boosters meeting in the music room lobby 6:00.	*BB at Siouxland Christian 6:00.		*BB Boys WVC Tmty (JV/V) TBA. *Little Panther Wrestling 6:30-7:30.	*BB Girls WVC Tmty (JV/V) TBA.	*WR KP Invitational 9:30.

Meal Prices

Breakfast		Lunch	
Grades K-12	\$1.75	Grades K-12	\$2.35
		Adult	\$3.30
		Extra Entrée	\$1.50
Extra Milk or Side excluding F&V Bar		\$0.50	

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Kingsley-Pierson

Breakfast & Lunch Menu



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pancakes 5 Crispy Chicken Sandwich Hot Ham & Cheese Vegetable Soup	Breakfast Pizza 6 Chili Popcorn Chicken Corn Chips Cinnamon Roll Corn	Egg & Cheese Biscuit 7 Mac n' Cheese w/Bread Hamburger or Cheeseburger Carrots	Breakfast Round 8 Country Fried Steak Chicken Nuggets Bread Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy	Breakfast Wrap 9 Corn Dog Pizza Peas
Breakfast Pizza 12 Goulash w/Bread Crispy Chicken Sandwich Green Beans	Omelet w/Toast 13 Italian Sub Soft Shell Tacos Carrots	French Toast Sticks 14 Chicken & Noodles w/Bread Hamburger or Cheeseburger Peas	Breakfast Sliders 15 Hot Dog Chicken Nuggets Corn Chips Baked Beans	Cinnamon Roll 16 Ham & Scalloped Potatoes w/Bread Pizza Green Beans
Pancakes 19 Grilled Cheese Hot Ham & Cheese Tomato Soup	Breakfast Pizza 20 Beef Stroganoff w/Pasta Chicken Wrap Corn	Breakfast Wrap 21 BBQ Beef Sandwich Hamburger or Cheeseburger Baked Fries	Breakfast Round 22 Turkey & Gravy Chicken Nuggets Bread Mashed Potatoes	French Toast Sticks 23 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Breadstick Bean & Cheese Burrito Peas
Breakfast Pizza 26 Tator Tot Casserole w/Bread Crispy Chicken Sandwich Green Beans	Omelet w/Toast 27 Cheese Stuffed Pizza Sticks Soft Shell Tacos Tortilla Chips Peas	French Toast Sticks 28 Grilled Ham & Cheese Hamburger or Cheeseburger Baked Fries	Breakfast Wrap 29 Super Mexi Tots Chicken Nuggets Bread Corn Chips Baked Beans	Cinnamon Roll 30 Chicken Fajita Wrap Pizza Corn

Happy New Year!

- Breakfast Choices Offered Daily:**
- Fruit & 100% Juice
 - Breakfast Entrée
 - WG Cereal
 - Skim, Low-Fat & Skim Chocolate Milk

- Lunch Choices Offered Daily:**
- Fruit & Vegetable Bar
 - Skim, Low-Fat & Skim Chocolate Milk
- Students may select one of the two entrée options



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