

# Newsletter

## 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!

The Panther Ball is fast approaching and the Panther Ball committee is in high gear. The Panther Ball is a fun night of food and dancing which is scheduled for February 27th. The money raised from this event has been donated to the school for items such as band uniforms, a portion of the new wrestling mat, the Todd Becker Foundation assembly discussing bullying issues, a portion of the cost for volleyball uniforms and the majority of the donated money goes towards field trips in the elementary. Please continue to support the Panther Ball. If you cannot attend, consider giving a donation to the committee. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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 machine. If everyone does their part, we will be able to offer this for many more years. Thank in advance for your efforts to help us with this. Also, the door between the weight room and the hallway need to remain closed and locked in the evening, for security reasons.

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 over 30 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 \$1,300.



# Elementary Comments

- Mr. Wiese

December and January are great opportunities for spending time with family and friends! Make it a goal to read a couple of good books over these two months!

The second quarter is about to be completed. The second quarter ends on Friday, January 8, 2016. In addition the first semester ends the same day. There is NO SCHOOL on Monday, January 11, 2016. The third quarter/second semester begins on Tuesday, January 12, 2016.

Report cards from the 1st semester 2015/2016 will be sent home by Friday, January 15 in most cases. Time does fly and our Parent-Teacher Conferences for the third quarter are scheduled for March 21 & 22, 2016. Details will be shared about Iowa Assessments (except kindergarten), academic progress, FAST Testing, 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 2015! I know we made several families holidays brighter and happier this season!

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# EGYPTIAN FAIR



# Middle School Comments

- Mr. Wiese

Our 1st semester is almost complete and we are excited to begin our 2nd semester of 2015/2016 on Tuesday, January 12! Please note the dates below for updates and other information. Report cards from the 1st semester will be sent home by Friday, January 15 in most cases. Time does fly and our Parent-Teacher Conferences for the third quarter are scheduled for March 21 & 22, 2016.

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 2015!

The basketball season has just about three weeks remaining on the schedule. Congratulations to all individuals involved with the basketball program. Here are the games from January 7 until the end of the season.

Thursday	January 7	4:00 PM	Ridge View 7th Girls	Girls @Pierson
Tuesday	January 12	4:00 PM	Woodbury Central	Boys @Pierson Girls @Moville
Thursday	January 14	4:00 PM	Lawton-Bronson	Boys @Bronson Girls @Pierson
Tuesday	January 19	4:00 PM	MMC-RU Girls	Girls @Pierson
Thursday	January 21	4:00 PM	River Valley Girls	Girls @Washta
Tuesday	January 26	4:00 PM	Harris-Lake Park Girls	Girls @Lake Park

The wrestling season begins with a meeting tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, January 20, 2016. The official schedule will be given out to the wrestlers then and will also be submitted to the February 2016 school newsletter.

## School Health Information

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

I would like to personally thank those that have donated monetary gifts to be used towards the backpack program. Your donations have helped provide extra nourishment weekly to several students in our school district. Those students that are enrolled are thrilled each week to get their pack of nutritional, accessible and easy to prepare foods for the weekend. We currently have 30 students in our district enrolled in the program. I would also like to thank the many community and church groups that have donated clothing, hats, gloves etc.... for children in our school district. It is very much appreciated!

Hearing screenings, conducted by the AEA, will be held February 1st and 2nd in the Kingsley building and Feb. 3rd in the Pierson 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 a 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 certificate 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.

I want to continue to remind everyone to use good hand washing, especially now that the weather is getting colder and we are having to be confined into closer quarters, in large groups. Diseases can spread very quickly with minimal exposure. **GOOD HANDWASHING IS THE BEST PREVENTION FROM THE SPREAD OF INFECTION, DISEASES ETC....** If your child is ill, please notify the school of their absence. Attendance is checked daily.

Please consider others when allowing your child to return to school after an illness. Students should be fever free without any medication, be eating well and should be almost to their full potential before returning them to school. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in this matter. If you have any health questions or issues, please don't hesitate to call me.

-Barb Sitzmann, School Nurse

# Curriculum Corner

*Amy Benson*

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! It is hard to stay focused on school work right now because all I can think about is all I need to be doing at home such as: shopping, wrapping, cleaning, and baking. I think we are all looking forward to Christmas vacation as a time to relax (no homework or basketball games in the evening) and just enjoy our families.

I appreciate all of the support I receive from the administrators, teachers, and community. I have been busy this month planning professional development for our 5th-12th grade teachers on Jan. 11th (no school for students as the semester ends!) We will be working on our Authentic Intellectual Work (AIW) all afternoon with an emphasis on VBS (Value Beyond School.) On that day we will all have a CPR refresher as usual.

In January I will be attending more training on AIW. I will also be learning more about the roll out of Social Studies standards. In early Jan. I will be attending another ELI (Early Literacy Initiative) information session. We have had about one a month this year and they are so helpful for me. We look at our specific data and have time to collaborate with other school districts on what we can do to make sure our kids are not deficient on our FAST (Formative Assessment for Teachers) tests we give our k-4 students.

Mr. Bailey is working with our KPEA to formalize language into the master contract before we can begin posting TLC positions. This spring we will be very busy as we will be posting, interviewing, and hiring to fulfill our responsibilities of our TLC grant. ( more info to follow)

It has come to my attention that our Iowa Assessment data has been returned, and I will begin dissecting the data and looking at overall student and classroom achievement. I hope to report later this spring that we met all our goals! Once a month this second semester I will be teaching a Growth Mindset lesson to our 7th and 8th graders in the middle school. If you are unsure of what this is- please ask a student. This is a great opportunity for our kids to continue to build positive self-images while realizing they are the ones who can make changes to positively impact their education. Plus, I get to go back into the classrooms and teach some of my former students which makes it a win win for me!

As you can tell, lots going on at KP. There truly is never a dull moment. It seems odd this year as the semester will not end before break as usual. I hope you are still able to relax and seize the opportunity to enjoy your children. Thank you for sharing them with us every day.

# Hour of Code

*Erin Hoffman and Val Sitzmann*

On December 11th the High School business students along with the 7th grade computer literacy class joined millions of students around the world in completing an Hour of Code. “The Hour of Code is a global movement reaching tens of millions of students in 180+ countries.”

Code.org believes that, “Every student should have the opportunity to learn computer science. It helps nurture problem-solving skills, logic and creativity. By starting early, students will have a foundation for success in any 21st-century career path.” Coding or programming is the language that uses characters to give instructions to a machine or computer to complete a task.

Our K-P students participated in this event by completing interactive lessons, at [www.code.org](http://www.code.org), that introduce students to computer science and computer coding. Students in the middle school Computer Lit classes visited the website [www.code.org](http://www.code.org) and were able to choose from coding a scene from Star Wars, a Minecraft set, or make Elsa skate on a pond in Frozen.

The high school students also enjoyed those same activities as well as creating their own Flappy Bird game that could be sent to their cell phone. After students completed their coding activity they were awarded a certificate stating they completed their Hour of Code. Our students are continuing to explore coding and programming and they seemed to enjoy this learning experience at both levels. We would love to extended this learning opportunity to more of our students next year.



# News from Mrs. Goodwin

**SPORTS SCHEDULES:** Our Fall Athletic Banquet was a success! Thank you to the parents for the delicious food and the KP Booster Club for providing, drinks, plates, etc.

Our Winter Season is full swing! We had a great turnout for our Little Leader Cheer Clinic and our Christmas youth basketball clinics. Thank you to Jamie and Barb Sitzmann for running the Knights of Columbus Freethrow Contest. Please check the Google School Calendar for updates, etc. and continue to show your positive Panther Pride!

Please utilize our Kingsley-Pierson website for updated schedules and gym times. You can locate gym times under the "community" link.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Senior Parents' Night** for basketball is: Feb. 9, 2016

**KP Wrestling Invitational** Jan. 30, 2016 @ 9:30am

**Sectional Wrestling:** Feb. 6, 2016 @ MVAO

**WV Conference basketball** tourney brackets will be posted on our website.  
Postseason basketball is not posted yet.

**ELEMENTARY BASKETBALL CLINIC:**

3rd/4th graders will who attended the clinic, will play at half-times of HS games on Jan. 12th. Information was sent out before Christmas. Those players will get in free.

5/6th graders who attended the clinic, will play at half-times of HS games on Jan. 19th. Information was send out before Christmas. Those players will get in free.

**SAVE THE DATE: Panther Ball**—February 27, 2016

**PE NEWS:** Elementary PE will be using the MPR when the wrestling mats are down. The students DO NOT wear shoes on the mats, but they MUST have socks on.

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!

# Mock Interviews

*Erin Hoffman*

On behalf of the 1st and 7th period Personal Finance students we would like to send out a big thank you to all of the volunteers that helped conduct mock interviews. With their help all 35 students were able to take classroom information and apply it to gain real-life experience. It means a lot to have Kingsley-Pierson community members participate in school related activities like this. Our students gained a lot of insight by being able to meet individuals that are in careers they are interested in and discuss the details related to that particular profession. This opportunity has helped them to see what the future has in store for them and gain enthusiasm for their future plans after high school. The following community members volunteered their time to help as volunteer interviewers.

- Scott Bahrke - Northwestern College**
- Scott Bailey - K-P Community Schools**
- Amanda Bainbridge - Mercy**
- Bart Boustead - Jim Harvey Insurance Agency**
- Ann Bubke - MidAmerican Energy**
- Angie Haggin - Kingsley Medical Clinic**
- Brian Hobbs - Entrepreneur**
- Travis Lammers - Koch Automotive**
- Nick Mauch - Mercy**
- Linda Mercer - WIT Physical Therapy**
- Tony Michaels - KSUX**
- Jon Moeller - Military**
- Chris Pedersen - Kingsley Co-Op**
- Laura Phelps - Kingsley State Bank**
- Barb Sitzmann - K-P Community Schools**
- Erica Wenzel - Schuster Trucking**

This is the second year we have been able to offer this experience to our students and we look forward to continuing this learning opportunity. If you are interested in being a volunteer for this project in the future, please contact Erin Hoffman at [ehoffman@k-pscd.org](mailto:ehoffman@k-pscd.org).

**Meal Prices**

Breakfast		Lunch	
Grades K-12	\$1.75	Grades K-12	\$2.45
		Adult	\$3.35
		Extra Entrée	\$1.50
Extra Milk or Side excluding F&V Bar \$0.50			

# January 2016

## Kingsley-Pierson Breakfast & Lunch Menu



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>French Toast Sticks</b> 4 Cheesy Chicken Rotini Chicken Wrap Corn	<b>Breakfast Sliders</b> 5 Beef & Cheese Burrito Mini Corn Dogs French Fries	<b>Cinnamon Roll</b> 6 Turkey Pot Pie w/Biscuit Hamburger or Cheeseburger Peas	<b>Panckaes</b> 7 Breaded Pork Fritter Chicken Nuggets Bread Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy	<b>Breakfast Pizza</b> 8 Sloppy Joe Taco Fiestada Green Beans
<b>No School</b> 11	<b>Long John Donut</b> 12 Turkey & Gravy Popcorn Chicken Bread Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy	<b>Sausage Pancake Stick</b> 13 Macaroni & Cheese w/Bread Hamburger or Cheeseburger Carrots	<b>Waffles</b> 14 Chili w/Corn Chips Chicken Nuggets Cinnamon Roll Corn	<b>Breakfast Pizza</b> 15 Corn Dog Pizza Peas
<b>Apple Bosco Stick</b> 18 Goulash w/Bread Crispy Chicken Sandwich Green Beans	<b>French Toast Sticks</b> 19 Italian Sub Beef Soft Shell Tacos Carrots	<b>Breakfast Sliders</b> 20 Chicken & Noodles w/Bread Hamburger or Cheeseburger Peas	<b>Cinnamon Roll</b> 21 Hot Dog on Bun Chicken Nuggets Corn Chips Baked Beans	<b>Pancakes</b> 22 Ham & Scalloped Potatoes w/Bread Pizza Green Beans
<b>Breakfast Pizza</b> 25 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Hot Ham & Cheese Tomato Soup	<b>Long John Donut</b> 26 Chicken Parmesan w/Pasta Chicken Wrap Corn	<b>Sausage Pancake Stick</b> 27 Breakfast Bagel Sandwich Hamburger or Cheeseburger Baked Fries	<b>Waffles</b> 28 Turkey & Gravy Chicken Nuggets Bread Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy	<b>Breakfast Pizza</b> 29 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce w/Breadstick Beef & Cheese Burrito Peas



**Breakfast Choices Offered Daily:**

- Fruit & 100% Juice
- Breakfast Entrée
- WG Cereal
- Whole Grain Bread/Toast
- 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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# JANUARY 2016

## Kingsley-Pierson Community School District Activities Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>New Year's Day 1</b>	
					*No school.	
	Activities calendar is subject to change. For most up-to-date calendar, please check the school website: <a href="http://www.k-pcsd.org">www.k-pcsd.org</a> .					
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
	*Classes resume. *Jr. High BB vs. RValley 4:00 Girls - Pierson, Boys - Washta. *BB at RSM (Remsen) 6:00. *Clover Kids 3:30-5:00. *JV BB Boys at RSM 4:30.	*FFA Guest Speaker 6:00.		*HS Semester Tests. *WR at home 6:00 (KP, WW, RView). *Jr. High BB 7th girls only vs. Ridge View at Pierson 4:00. *JVR Boys BB at WW/Hinton/OABCIG.	*HS Semester Tests. *End 2nd Qtr/1st Sem. *ACT registration deadline. *BB at MVAO (Mapleton) 6:00. *JV BB at MVAO 4:30.	*WR West Sioux Tournament (Hawarden) 10:30.
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
	*No School. *Teacher In-Service 8:00-4:00. *JV WR at West Sioux (Hawarden) 4:00. *School Board meeting 7:00. *Kingsley Patriots 4-H meeting in the FACS room 2:00-3:15.	*Begin 3rd Qtr/2nd Sem. *Jr. High BB vs. WC 4:00 B - Pierson, G - Moville. *BB vs. LB at home 6:00. *JV BB vs. LB at home 4:00.		*Jr. High BB vs. LB 4:00 B - Bronson, G - Pierson. *BB at SLSM (Storm Lake) 6:00. *WR at Rock Valley 6:00 (KP, CL, RV, SFW).	*BB at WC 6:00 *JV BB at WC 4:00.	*WR WVC Tournament at Holstein. *JV Boys BB Tournament at LB.
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
*Little Panther Wrestling Tournament.		*Jr. High BB vs. MMC 4:00 Girls only - Pierson. *BB vs. RValley at home 6:00. *JV Boys BB vs. RV at home 4:30.		*Jr. High BB vs. RValley 4:00 Girls only - Washta. *JV BB at RU 4:00. *BB at RU 6:00.	*BB at WM (Onawa) 6:00. *WR OABCIG Tournament (Iida Grove). *JV BB at WM 4:00.	*WR OABCIG Tournament (Iida Grove). *District large Group Speech. *JV Boys BB Tournament at WC.
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
*Dwelling Benefit Breakfast.	*BB vs. HLP at home 6:00.	*Jr. High BB vs. HLP 4:00 (Girls only at Lake Park).		*BB Girls WVC Tmny (JVW) TBA.	*BB Boys WVC Tmny (JVW) TBA.	*WR KP Invitational 9:30 at home.
<b>31</b>						