

Newsletter

Kingsley-Pierson Panther Ball



There are several committees needed to make this night successful. We are always looking for great volunteers, as well as donations.

*If you have any questions, please contact:
Chairperson: Pat Henrich at (712)378-2696 or
Co-Chair: Nicole Goodwin at (712)378-3840.*

A Note from the Superintendent

Weight Room Procedures

Here is a short reminder, again, about the equipment in the weight room. The community has a great opportunity to use the weight room facilities, within the school, but it does come with some responsibility on the part of the person requesting access. We do not ask much and there is a minimum charge for access to the facility 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. This means that we are asking you to bring a different pair of shoes to work out in. When a person walks into the facility and steps onto the treadmill with the same shoes they came in wearing, they just tracked in water, sand, ice, snow, etc that gets into the machine and causes it to break down. Although we have not had a lot of snow or ice this winter season, dirt and sand are still tracked in. Thanks in advance for your efforts to help us with this.

Weather

We have enjoyed some unseasonably warm weather this winter. I keep waiting for that to come to an end. Remember to check the local television stations and the radio station out of Lemars. We will also send out information via our automated phone messaging system, Parentlink. With only two late starts this school year, we haven't had to use it much.

Other Items

As we wind down the winter sports season and gear up for fine arts competitions, take a moment to thank the coaches, sponsors and volunteers who help make the season possible. The kids have worked extremely hard and have kept giving their all to the end.

Finally I am proud of our school. I am proud of our students, staff, and what we are trying to accomplish and I am extremely proud of the support given to our school from the parents and the community.

Elementary Comments

- Mr. Wiese

The 3rd Quarter has been quite unique with the roller coaster weather! Many of you have signed up for the JMC On-Line Parent program offered by the school district. Attendance and lunch balances (plus you can pay on-line too) can be monitored with internet access. For 3rd grade and above, parents can also monitor the academic progress of their child. If you would like more information about this feature, please contact me!

Your child at some point this school year has mentioned our "Box Tops 4 Education" collection and the "Land-O-Lakes" 5 cent milk lids. Numerous companies offer these "coupons" on their boxes. Our school can turn-in these items and receive money for numerous things benefiting our children. Thanks for you help!

Here are a couple of other reminders: once in a while the flu bug hits the school. We ask that you do not send your child back to school until she/he has been fever free and/or stomach flu free for 24 hours. Secondly, we want all students and drivers to be safe in the parking lot before and after school. Please personally escort your child to the parking lot and just don't have them run across the busy street/lot. Third, if you want to eat with your child, that is great but if you want another friend in your child's class to eat with you we ask that you limit it to one (not two, three, four, etc.) Fourth, there is NO School on Friday, February 15, 2013.

Please remember our upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences in February. The dates are Tuesday, February 12 and Thursday, February 14. Please remember these conferences are different since they are held prior to the end of the 3rd quarter. The conference will be an opportunity to see the progress of your child along with a few items to work on. For 1st-4th grades, a hand-out will be given to you showing the results of the Iowa Assessments taken in November 2012 (formerly called ITBS) taken by your child. I will be in the elementary on Tuesday and the middle school on that Thursday for conferences for the most part. Thank you for your continued support!

Finally, when entering the building, please "Check-In" at the main office.

School Health Information

Hearing screenings were conducted by the AEA on January 30th, 31st and February 1st. Notes regarding your child's hearing results have been sent home with those students tested. If your child's hearing tested abnormally, hearing rechecks have been already scheduled for February 28th.

The Live Healthy Iowa Kids program started on January 28th for 3rd and 4th graders. They are keeping track of their daily activity and also logging their fruit consumption this first recording period. If you have a child in either of these grades, please encourage them to keep track of their exercise throughout the day.

Dr. Sara Koelling will be visiting the K-4 classrooms for Dental Health month in February. Please reinforce any teaching she may have done, by encouraging your child to brush and floss regularly.

The freshmen Health students have several guest speakers coming in to visit the next few weeks. Topics of discussion will be dating violence, eating disorders, general mental health diseases and substance abuse. I will soon be starting the CPR/AED/First Aid course with freshman Health students. Informational letters regarding the course requirements will be sent home. This is a lengthy course, using approximately 13 class sessions.

Kindergarten roundup will be held on Friday, March 22nd. If you have a child that will be attending kindergarten next year, please call the school to get them pre-registered for roundup ASAP.

If you have any health questions or concerns, don't hesitate to call me at the school.

-Barb Sitzmann, School Nurse

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Middle School Comments

- Mr. Wiese

The 3rd Quarter "3" week Progress Reports have been sent home with your child for grades 6, 7, & 8. The year is flying by and it is crucial that your daughter/son gives 100% at school. The faculty, staff, and administration of Kingsley-Pierson want each student to be successful! Thank you for all of your support and involvement in the lives of our kids.

Our annual "Fund Raiser" for Grades 5, 6, & 7 will begin on February 7 and ends on February 25. More details will follow with specifics in a memo and an email. Any profits made go to our "Activity Fund" which provide equipment, uniforms, etc. for our athletic programs in the middle school. Requests have been made for various things in 2013/2014. However, our account balance is low and the kids have an excellent opportunity to "replenish" the fund! In 2012/2013, the following big items were purchased or had a part in it: volleyball net and accessories, girls basketball uniforms, and a high jump pit. Thank you in advance for all of your help in this matter.

The wrestling season is finally in full swing. We have nine meets this year (weather permitting). Some meets we host once every three years and others rotate once up to every six years.

MS Wrestling Schedule 2012/2013:

Tuesday	Jan 29	4:00 PM @Akron
Thursday	Jan 31	4:00 PM @Early
Monday	Feb 1	4:00 PM @Akron
Friday	Feb 4	4:00 PM @Onawa
Tuesday	Feb 11	4:00 PM @ Pierson
Tuesday	Feb 21	4:00 PM @ Pierson
Thursday	Feb 25	4:00 PM @ Sgt. Bluff
Monday	March 4	4:00 PM @ Moville
Monday	March 7	4:00 PM @ Sloan

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Middle School English

The 6th-8th grade have been really busy since they returned from Christmas vacation. We have been writing, writing, writing. The 6th grade worked on their poetry anthologies in January. They had to write 12 original poems (various styles) with clipart, a cover page, and a table of contents to be bound. I bet I have read each one of their poems at least 5 times to get them near perfection for their anthologies. We are now moving on to Poetry Alive where they get to "be" the poem and act it out. Needless to say they are having lots of fun in class right now.

The 7th grade listened to Dr. Martin Luther King's speech last week in observance of his birthday and wrote their vision for the future. Many of the students wrote very honest thoughtful responses. I dislike when they write what they think I want to hear. I want them to write their thoughts and feelings. I was pleasantly surprised at how focused some of them are for their future. It is exciting to get to be a witness to all they have and will accomplish.

The 8th grade has been fast and furiously getting ready for our annual Heroes' Day which will be held on Feb. 8th at the Kingsley auditorium. This year we will be feasting on ham and cheese bake, coffee cake, and muffins. Again this year they all wrote essays on their family hero, school hero, and community hero. If you were one of the recipients of those essays, I hope you enjoyed them

and it inspired you to be a better person than you already are. My students have been practicing their presentation skills while creating the invitations, programs, itinerary and decorations. This day would not be what it is without their commitment.

We were very fortunate this month to have a Buena Vista student observing and helping in our room. Miss Taylor Carlson was with us for 3 weeks during her J-term. I can honestly say I would not have survived this month without her. She helped me by reading/ editing papers, checking papers, making copies, reading to students, etc. No task was too big of a challenge for Taylor. Even though I have lived in this community 11 years now, I did not really know Taylor. I merely just recognized her from church and knew of her. I am so thankful I got to know her and watch her interact with our students. Taylor will be student teaching this spring at Lawton Bronson middle school and River Valley high school in the English classrooms. Miss Carlson is a natural in the classroom, and I only wish she could've done her student teaching here. Any school district will be lucky to have someone like Taylor teach for them.

As you can see there has been no rest in the middle school writing department. The poor office printer may just blow up one of these days from all the papers we print! Until then we don't plan to slow down!



The 6th grade held the KP Greek Olympics at the beginning of 2nd semester. Groups of students were organized into city states. They had to create a flag and a pledge to honor their city states. They competed in events such as boxing (a word memorization game), a humming event, tongue twister competition, and paper airplane contest. This year there was a tie between the Spartans from 6A and the Athenians from 6B. The 6th graders thought it was pretty cool to have a tie between the two major rivals. In the end the Spartans were victorious winning the tie breaking tongue twister competition.



New Immunization Requirement for All Students Entering 7th Grade Beginning with the 2013-2014 School Year

The Iowa Department of Public Health, Immunization Program has made a change to the Iowa Administrative Code to require a Tdap vaccination for all adolescents enrolled in secondary school. It will be effective beginning with the 2013-2014 school year. The new language is intended to require adolescents entering 7th grade (approximately 13 years of age) to have one dose of the Tdap vaccine.

This requirement will help Iowa achieve and maintain high vaccination adolescent coverage levels while reducing the number of pertussis (whooping cough) cases occurring annually in Iowa. There are approximately 417% more persons with pertussis disease this year compared to the average of the past five years (the five year average is 193; 1156 cases were reported for 2012 through August of 2012).

As you schedule physicals for athletics or if you are in your physician's office this spring or summer, please ask about this booster vaccine. Documentation of the Tdap vaccine on the Certificate of Immunization will need to be provided to the middle school nurse prior to the first day of school.

If you are need of financial assistance to obtain the vaccination, please contact Iowa Department of Public Health for available resources at 1-800-831-6293.

Library News

The Kingsley-Pierson library held a book fair at Barnes & Noble on December 1. The book fair was also held on-line December 1st through the 6th. Barnes & Noble open the book fairs to schools to help them raise profits to increase inventory and update their libraries. The Kingsley-Pierson book fair was a great success and the library will be able to purchase many new books. Some of the teachers have requested books to be added to aide in their curriculum. Agriculture non-fiction and fiction is one area that has been requested to be added to, as well as more current biography's. As students are using the web to research many topics a lot of teachers are still requesting them to use a hard copy for a resource. We are very happy to have had such a great response from the book fairs and thank all of you have contributed to helping our library.

The elementary library continues to receive books from the Junior Library Guild each month. This was a grant that was awarded last year from the Community Foundation of Greater Plymouth County. We will continue this grant until the 2014 school year. The books that we are receiving have been helping to fill our non-fiction section of the elementary library. K-4 students enjoy checking out non-fiction and it is a super opportunity for us to keep that section updated.

News from Mrs. Goodwin



PALS SHARE ORIGAMI SKILLS

According to Japanese legend, a person who folds 1000 peace cranes will be granted a wish for good health and fortune. The intricate folds made in a square piece of paper require patience and practice. Learning, how to create an origami peace crane from a 4 X 4 paper, results in a sense of pride and accomplishment.

As part of the PALS program, (Partners Assist Literacy Skills--a learning partnership established between the juniors and seniors in Mrs. Vondrak's Composition class and Miss Hodnefield's third grade class) students shared their skills of creating the paper birds. Composition students mentored their PALS through the process which had been taught to them by Mrs. Vondrak. Some students quickly acquired the art while others relied on their friends and classmates.

Following directions, developing a process, self-assessment, teamwork and collaboration to complete a project, all play a role in the lesson. Prior to the two classes joining forces, the Composition students learn to follow the process directions during their essay portfolio study. The third grade class reads a chapter called "The Origami Truce" in the book Lucky Charms and Birthday Wishes. Folding the paper cranes with their PALS extends the lesson beyond their literature and beyond their classrooms.

Many students were anxious to continue practicing; others took their lesson home to their families.



SPORTS SCHEDULES: Please utilize our Kingsley-Pierson website for updated schedules and gym times. Mr. Peiffer and his classes will be keeping these up to date. You can locate gym times under the "community" link. Thank you to ALL the volunteers that helped out at our home wrestling meets and tournaments. Score table volunteers, announcer, scorers: John Galles, Mark Galles, Terry Pratt, Gregg Roepke, Jeff Collins, Tom Stauch, Bill Seuntjens, Brett Harvey, Val Sitzmann, Andrea Slota, Crystal Reis and Rich Krosch. Couldn't have done it without you!

IMPORTANT DATES:
Western Valley Conference Tournament
WRESTLING SECTIONALS: Noon on Feb. 2nd in Merville
WRESTLING DISTRICTS: Noon on Feb. 9th in Onawa

Siouxland Christian Basketball game on February 5th @ home— 6pm varsity girls followed by varsity boys. This will be Siouxland Christians' home game, but will be played at our KP facilities. KP activity tickets will NOT be accepted!!

GBB DISTRICTS: FEB. 7th @ Kingsley vs. Whiting 7pm (only 1 game)

BBB DISTRICTS: FEB. 14 @ Marcus vs. MMC 7pm(only 1 game)

Track will start on February 28, 2012 for girls

PE NEWS: Elementary PE just finished up their Jump Rope Unit. I will be sending home information for Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart in February. I will be running these events during class time this year. We have started our weight room workouts and the kids have been doing a great job. K-8th will be starting the Presidential Physical Fitness testing at the beginning on March. Students are trying to improve on their previous years' scores which are given to them in class. 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!

PANTHER BALL 2013 Tribute to the Troops

Sponsored by: An Evening with the Panthers
Tribute to the Troops is the theme for the sixth annual Panther Ball. It is a semi-formal event. Come enjoy a night with the Panthers. Reserve this date: Saturday, March 2, 2013 and Social Hour from 5:00-6:00, Silent Auction from 5:00-10:30 pm. Enjoy a Catered meal, by Central Catering from 6:00-7:30, followed by delicious desserts provided by Carol's Kitchen. Dance to your hearts content to "BB and the Bullfrogs" from 8:00-12:00. Tribute to the Troops is being brought to you as a fundraiser to help with K-12 field trips, extra curricular activities, and other needs at Kingsley -Pierson School.

The following are the Participation levels:

- Under- \$49.00: Donation
 - \$50.00-\$99.00: Panther Fan
 - \$100.00-\$249.00: Black Panther
 - \$250.00—above: Gold Panther
- Any contribution of \$50.00 and above, will receive a ticket for two into The Panther Ball.

THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Duane and Shirley Hiller Student Athlete Scholarships were established in December 2009 by family and friends. The purpose of the scholarship is to assist graduating West Monona and Kingsley-Pierson High School seniors in their pursuit of a post-secondary education at an accredited educational institutional located in Iowa, Nebraska, or South Dakota. Applicants must have been involved in school sponsored sports for each of their four years while in high school and have a cumulative G.P.A. of at least 2.8 out of 4.0. Applications submitted to the Siouxland Community Foundation are due February 15, 2013. Recipients of the \$250 scholarship awards will be announced in April.

DALE SCHROEDER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

This scholarship is available for legal residents of the State of Iowa that reside in a community with a population between 1 and 10,000. Students must be a graduating high school senior. Visit the website at www.act.org/daleschroeder to learn more about Dale Schroeder. The deadline for this application is March 27, 2013 at 5:00 P.M. Central Time. Students must have a high school G.P.A. of 2.8 or higher.

FINANCIAL AID PRIORITY DEADLINES: Seniors need to check with their colleges to determine the financial aid priority deadline. For many colleges, the deadlines fall in the month of February or have a March 1 deadline. This priority deadline means the FAFSA must be completed and filed by this time to give students the opportunity to have first consideration for financial aid.

CALENDAR

- Feb. 1 Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. and A.M. Masonic Scholarship deadline. The application is available in the guidance office.
- Feb. 1 Deadline for the Hixson Opportunity Awards at Iowa State University-please apply at www.dso.iastate.edu/hixson/application.
- Feb. 8 Deadline for the KFC Colonel's Scholars Program. Online applications will be available at www.kfcscholars.org
- Feb. 10 Deadline for the Iowa Newspaper Foundation Scholarships-apply at the Iowa Newspaper Association website at www.inanews.com/inf/scholarships.php
- Feb. 15 Deadline for the Cargill Community Scholarship Program-apply online at www.cargill.com, keyword: scholarship
- Feb. 15 Deadline for the Siouxland Community Foundation Scholarships—Duane and Shirley Hiller Student Athlete Scholarship
- Feb. 15 Deadline for the Siouxland Community Foundation Scholarships-Flight Crew (232) Scholarship
- Feb. 15 Deadline for the Siouxland Community Foundation Scholarships-Col. V. Thomas Considine Scholarship
- Feb. 15 Best Buy Scholarship deadline-apply online at <http://pr.bby.com>
- Feb. 28 Deadline for the Buick Achievers Scholarship (apply at www.buickachievers.com)
- Feb. 28 The Kirkwood Community College representative will be in the guidance office at 9:00 A.M.
- March 1 Deadline for the Iowa Automobile Dealers Foundation for Education Scholarship- application is in the guidance office.
- March 1 All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship deadline-application is available at www.IHaveaPlanIowa.gov. Priority Deadline-March 1, 2013
- March 1 Deadline for the Gov. Terry E. Branstad Iowa State Fair Scholarship. Application is available at www.IHaveaPlanIowa.gov or at <http://www.iowacollegeaid.gov/ScholarshipsGrants/statefairscholarshp.html>
- March 1 MCEC Technical Scholarship Application from the Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M. Applications are available in the guidance office.
- March 1 The deadline for the Plymouth County Farm Bureau Scholarship- application is in the guidance office.
- March 1 Deadline for the Iowa Soybean Association Ag Scholarship Program. (application is in the guidance office)
- March 2 Deadline for the Morningside College Nursing Scholarship. (application in the guidance office)

KINGSLEY-PIERSON COMM. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
*The Dwelling Benefit Breakfast. *BB WVC Boys Tmly TBA. *WR at home 6:00 (K/P/M/M/C/H/M/S). *Music Boosters mtg. 6:30.	*Jr. High WR at AW (Akron) 4:00. *BB WVC Tmly at home Girls vs. RV 6:00 Boys vs. Lo-Ma to follow.	*District Jazz Contest at Le Mars.	*Jr. High WR at Pierson 4:00. *BB Girls Districts TBA.	*Early dismissal 12:30. *Prof. Dev. 1:00 - 3:30. *JV/V Boys BB at MMC 6:00.	*ACT test *Council Bluffs Jazz Festival. *WR Districts TBA. *Sweetheart Dance.	*State Lg. Group Speech at Le Ma *BB WVC Championships (B/G) at Ida Grove. *WR Sectionals at Woodbury Central 12:00.
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
*HSMA Jazz Choir Festival at Spirit Lake H.S. *Jr. High WR at Anthon 4:00. *Booster Club mtg. 7:00.	*BB Boys Districts TBA. *Jr. High WR at Akron 4:00. *School Board mtg. 7:00. *Lewis & Clark Jazz Festival at WIT in Sioux City.	*Early dismissal 1:30. *Parent-Teacher Conferences 2:00-4:00/5:00-9:00.	*State Wrestling	*Early dismissal 1:30. *Parent-Teacher Conferences 2:00-4:00/5:00-9:00. *Music Dept. Singing Valentine Fundraiser. *State Wrestling.	*No School. *State Wrestling.	*All State Lg. Group Speech Festival - Ames.
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
*H Soup Dinner.	*Lewis & Clark Jazz Festival. *K-8 Dance Camp: K-4 3:30 - 5:15 5-8 4:00 - 5:30.	*Jr. High WR at home 4:00. *Track parent/athlete mtg. at Merville 6:30.	*HS track practice begins.	*Jr. High WR at Pierson 4:00.	*K-8 Dance Camp: K-4 3:30 - 4:30 5-8 4:00 - 5:00.	*District Ind. Speech Contest at West Monona.
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
*WVC Jr. High/HS Honor Choir Festival at Lawton. *Jr. High WR at SBL 4:00. *Music Boosters mtg. 6:30.						

Meal Prices

Breakfast		Lunch	
Grades K-12	1.60	Grades K-12	2.15
		Adult	3.00
		Extra Entrée	1.50
Extra Milk or Side excluding F&V Bar		0.50	

February 2013

Kingsley-Pierson Breakfast & Lunch Menu



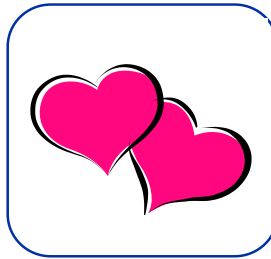
Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



Pancakes w/Syrup 1

Meatloaf w/WG
Dinner Roll
WG Pizza

Peas

Breakfast Pizza 4

Goulash w/WG Bread
Chicken Patty on WG Bun

California Blend

French Toast w/Syrup 5

Italian Meatball WG Sub
Soft Shell Tacos

Corn

Omelet & Toast 6

Chicken & WG Noodles
w/WG Bread
Hamburger or Cheeseburger
on WG Bun
Peas

Breakfast Wrap 7

Hot Dog on WG Bun
Chicken Nuggets w/Sauce

Corn Chips
Baked Beans

Waffles w/Syrup 8

Ham & Scalloped Potatoes
w/WG Bread
WG Pizza

Green Beans

Breakfast Pizza 11

WG Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Chicken Patty on WG Bun

Tomato Soup

Breakfast Bagel 12

Beef Stroganoff
w/WG Pasta
Soft Shell Tacos

Carrots

Cinnamon Roll 13

Fish Sticks
Hamburger or Cheeseburger
on WG Bun
Corn Chips
Baked Fries

Texas French Toast 14

Turkey & Gravy
Chicken Nuggets w/Sauce
WG Bread
WW Sugar Cookie
Mashed Potatoes

15

No School

Cinnamon Tastry 18

Tator Tot Casserole
w/WG Bread
Chicken Patty on WG Bun

California Blend

Pancakes w/Syrup 19

Mozz Breadsticks w/Sauce
Soft Shell Tacos

Peas

French Toast Sticks 20

Italian Pasta Bake
w/WG Breadstick
Hamburger or Cheeseburger
on WG Bun
Corn

Breakfast Pizza 21

Super Mexi Tots
Chicken Nuggets w/Sauce
WG Bread
Corn Chips
Baked Beans

Pancake Sausage Stick 22

Chicken Fajita WG Burrito
WG Cheese Pizza

Baked Fries

Waffles w/Syrup 25

Pork Fritter on WG Bun
Chicken Patty on WG Bun

Baked Fries

Scrambled Eggs & Toast 26

Corn Dog
Soft Shell Tacos

Corn

Cinnamon Roll 27

Turkey Pot Pie w/Biscuit
Hamburger or Cheeseburger
on WG Bun

Peas

Ham/Chz English Muffin 28

Pork Loin Roast
Chicken Nuggets w/Sauce
WG Bread
WW Sugar Cookie
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy



Breakfast Choices Offered Daily:

- Fruit & Juice
- 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

