

Newsletter

The Official Newsletter of Kingsley-Pierson Community Schools

February 2014



It is time once again for the Panther Ball on February 22nd. This year's theme is *A Walk Down Memory Lane*. The silent auction and social hour begins at 5. The meal, catered by Central Catering, will be served from 6-8. The dance begins at 8:00 and ends at midnight. This year the Ball will feature two bands. Playing from 6-8 will be the No. 7 Band, featuring Heath Davis. Back Track will take the stage at 8.

The funds raised from the Panther Ball support K-12 programming at Kingsley-Pierson. In the past, monies have funded elementary and middle school field trips, band uniforms, sports uniforms, speaker system for the Pierson building, and microphones for the music program.

A new addition to the silent auction this year is class books made by grades K-4. Each book has a different theme. A wide variety of other goods will also be available at the silent auction.

The decorating committee is looking for Kingsley Pierson memorabilia to use for display. Please contact Dawn Plendl at 378-3115 or Emily Harvey at 898-1267.

Tickets are \$50.00 for two people to attend. Please join us in supporting our school at the Panther Ball. If interested please contact Becky Collins at 378-3107 or Kathy Ploeger at 375-5932.

A Note from the Superintendent

Mrs. Carver checks out Chromebooks to Abi Oehlerking, Bryce Burke and Ethan Boelsma.



Chromebooks for Kindergarten through 4th Grade Students

Thanks to a \$10,000 grant from the Foundation of Greater Plymouth County, forty Google Chromebooks were purchased for the elementary grades, along with two secure mobile charging carts. These mobile labs will allow entire classes to have access to a wide range of applications and web based research.

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. Wrestling Sectionals are Saturday the 8th. Girls basketball Districts start Feb. 13 and Boys start Feb. 17th. Good Luck to all of our teams during their tournament run.

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

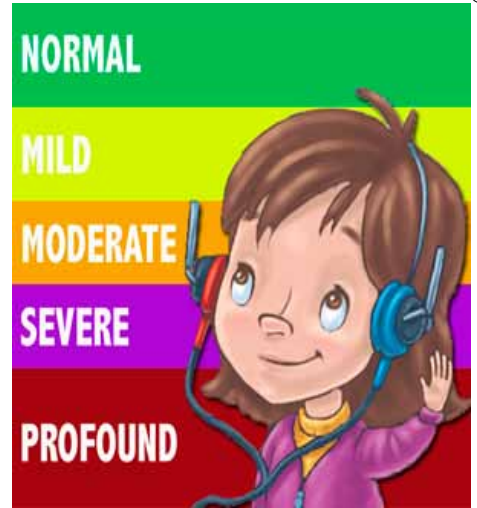
The 3rd Quarter has been unusual with the extreme winds and frigid weather! Many of you have signed up for the JMC On-Line Parent program offered by the school district. Attendance and lunch balances (plus you can pay on-line too) can be monitored with internet access. For 3rd grade and above, parents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

Your child at some point this school year has mentioned our "Box Tops 4 Education" and the "Coke" pop lids collections. Numerous companies offer these "coupons" on their boxes or on the Coke beverages. Our school can turn-in these items and receive money and/or gifts to benefit our students. Thanks for your 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 Monday, February 17, 2014.

Please remember our upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences in March. The dates are Tuesday, March 11 and Thursday, March 13. For 1st-4th grades, a hand-out will be given to you showing the results of the Iowa Assessments taken in November 2013 (formerly called ITBS) taken by your child. In the middle of each quarter, 4.5 week Progress Reports are sent home. They will be sent home around Feb. 7 for 3rd and 4th graders. Thank you for your continued support!

Finally, when entering the building, always remember to "Check-In" at the main office.



School Health Information

Hearing screenings were conducted by the AEA on January 29th, 30th and 31st. 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 either March 3rd or 4th.

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 21st. If you have a child that will be attending kindergarten next year, please call the school to get them pre-registered for roundup ASAP.

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.

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. For 5th grade, 4.5 week Progress Reports will be sent home around Feb. 7. 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 your kids.

Our annual "Fund Raiser" for Grades 5, 6, & 7 is quickly approaching and will happen a little in February and conclude in March. 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 2014/2015. However, our account balance is below \$100.00 and the kids have an excellent opportunity to "replenish" the fund! In 2013/2014, the following items were purchased: several new footballs, basketballs, volleyballs, and many track sweats. 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 of which two are home.

MS Wrestling Schedule 2012/2013:

Tuesday	Feb 4	4:00 PM @ Onawa
Thursday	Feb 6	4:00 PM @ Merville
Friday	Feb 7	4:00 PM @ Pierson
Monday	Feb 10	4:00 PM @ Sloan
Thursday	Feb 13	4:00 PM @ Pierson
Thursday	Feb 27	4:00 PM @ Cleghorn
Monday	March 3	4:00 PM @ Sgt. Bluff
Tuesday	March 4	4:00 PM @ Early
Monday	March 10	4:00 PM @ Le Mars

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Library News

The elementary library continues to receive books each month from the Jr. Library Guild. This year (2014) is the last year we will receive books from them as it was part of a three year grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Plymouth County. The library has received many non-fiction books that the kids love to read. Please help your child to remember their library day and return books so they have a chance to check out new ones.

Accelerated Reader session two ended just before our break. We held our surprise day on Jan.15. Kids that met their goal of reading points were treated to games in the gym. Mrs. Todd's Child Development classes helped with the games that included bowling, concentration and catch the book! The kids were also given a small snack before heading back to class. The kids really liked to get up and move and it was a good inside activity since the weather has been so cold.

The 3rd session of AR started on Jan. 3 and will end on March 7th. Remember you can check your child's progress by visiting the AR Home connect web site <https://hosted155.renlearn.com/143837/HomeConnect> use your child's password and ID. They need to get new points each session, they do not carry over for the classroom. We had one student get into our 100 points club so far.

Avery Schroeder from Ms. Hodnefield's 3rd grade got to pick a friend and eat lunch with Mr. Wiese. Congratulations Avery! I know there are more not far behind. We will celebrate National Library Week in the Elementary April 7-11th.



News from Mrs. Goodwin

SPORTS SCHEDULES: Happy Valentine's Day!! 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. Mrs. Page and her classes will be keeping these up to date. 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.

Exciting news!! There is a new link that you will be able to access on our KP website called, High School Cube. We will be able to upload our athletic events and other activities at Kingsley-Pierson so you can watch them. We are live streaming home events. I am out recruiting for some HS students to do the broadcasting and streaming. If your teenager is interested, please have them come talk to me. We will plan to upload winter sports, but cannot live stream or upload any post-season events or musicals/plays that would have a copyright. Sorry!

IMPORTANT DATES:

**February 1, 2014 is our KP Wrestling Invite. Please contact me if you are able to help at the score table.

- **Wrestling sectionals @ Woodbury Central on Feb. 8th starting at noon
- **Wrestling districts @ Sibley-Ocheyedan on Feb. 15th starting at noon

WV Conference Basketball Tournament starts on Jan. 30th—JV/V GBB plays in Ida Grove @ 6pm

Boys BBB starts on Friday, Jan. 31st at KP JV/V vs. WW

Girls Basketball Districts starts on Feb. 13th—KP vs. Siouxland Christian in Kingsley

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!

SAVE THE DATE: Panther Ball, February 22, 2014

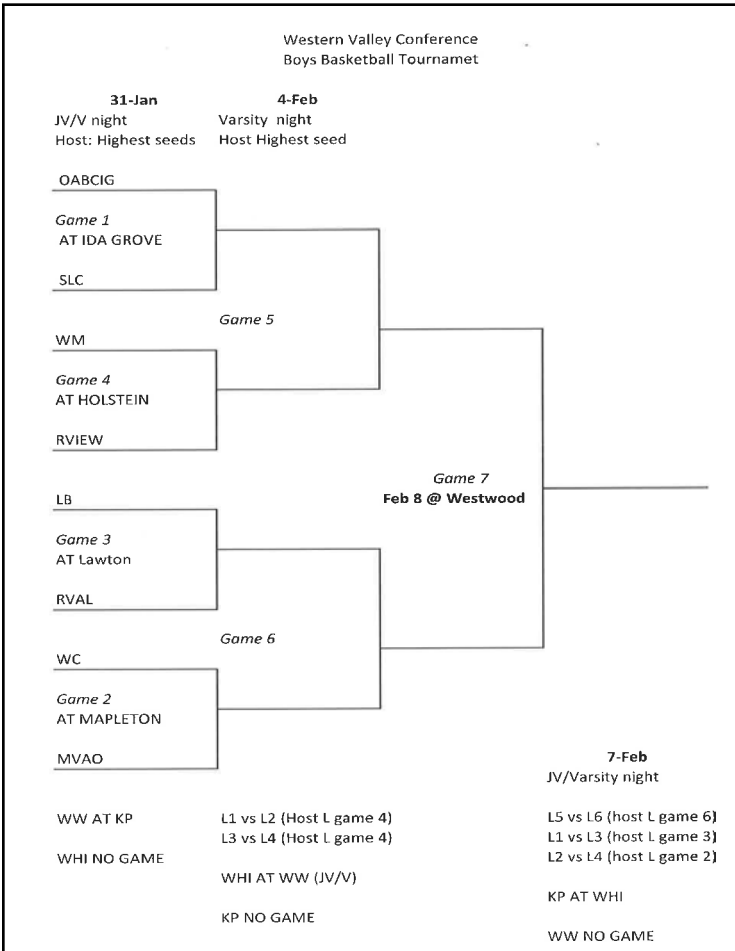
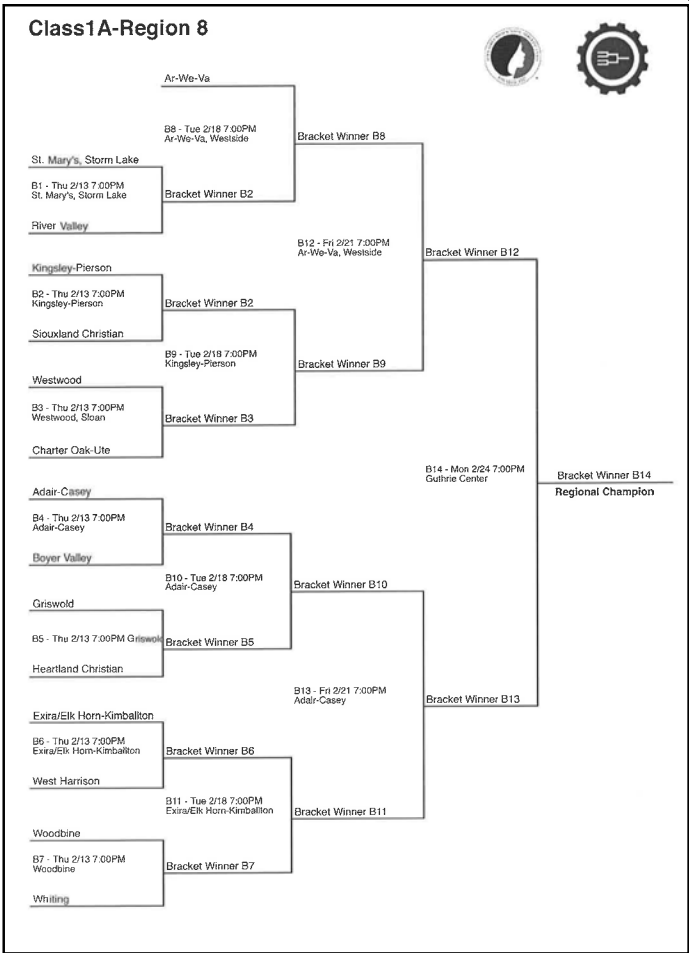
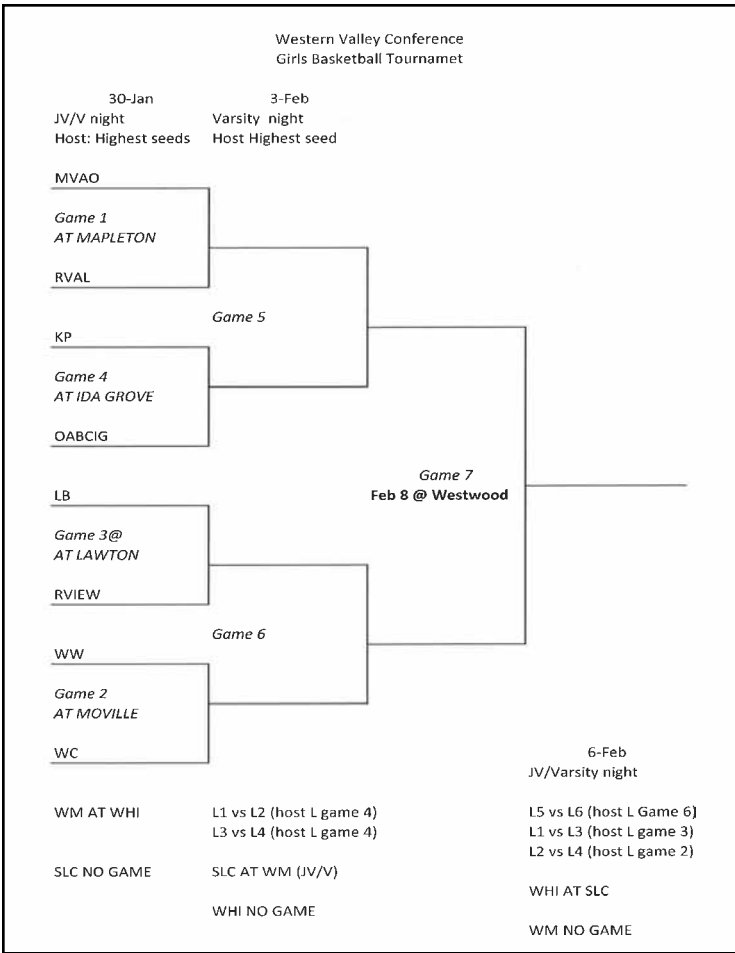


The flu bug has arrived at KP! With several students out with illnesses, I thought it would be a good idea to remind everyone of the illness policies here at KP. PLEASE, everyone adhere to these policies so that we can keep our student body and staff as healthy as possible. Thank you!!

POLICIES REGARDING ABSENCES DUE TO ILLNESS:

1. Students are not to participate in or attend a school activity (music, sports, drama, etc.) at night on a day when he/she was absent from school. Students must be in attendance for all afternoon classes (not just 8th period) in order to participate in or attend evening activities.
2. If a student leaves during the school day due to illness, they are not permitted to come back to school on that same day. The student is not permitted to participate in afternoon or evening activities. If you are too ill to be in school, you are too ill to participate.
3. Students are not permitted to leave school to go home to take medicine and rest, then return to school in order to participate in an activity. Once again, if the student is ill enough to have to leave school, they are too ill to participate.
4. Please keep sick children at home for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever (under 100.0 degrees) or do not have signs of fever, without using temperature-reducing medications such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen. If sick with vomiting or diarrhea, the student should be eating a regular diet for 24 hours before returning to school. Keeping children that are physically ill at home, will reduce the number of people who may get infected.

Please take these factors into consideration when deciding to send your child to school or not. If you have any questions regarding these policies, please feel free to contact the school at (712)378-2861. Thank you.



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, 2014. 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 26, 2014 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.

CASH FOR COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID EVENT: The College Goal Workshop for financial aid will be held on February 27 at the Western Iowa Tech Enrollment Services Office from 4:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. This event offers help in filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), an opportunity to get advice from financial aid experts, receive scholarship information and learn about the process and your next step. To find out what you will need to bring go to the website www.iowaCGS.org or call 1-877-272-4692.

UNITY POINT HEALTH SCHOLAR ATHLETE: Students involved in athletics may apply for the Unity Point Scholar Athlete Scholarship. Please log on to www.unitypointscholarathletes.com to get all of the details.

BUSINESS HORIZONS: Sunday July 20-24 a Business Horizons Workshop will be held at the Central College Campus in Pella, IA. This workshop is a week long, hands on, action oriented, live-in summer program for high school students who want to learn about what the future holds for them in the business world. This is a great opportunity for high school students to actively participate in the business world in a learning environment. This week will give students an opportunity to gain an understanding of economics, the free enterprise system, entrepreneurship and a wide variety of careers. Students will develop a product from junk, run a mock business, develop a marketing plan, and present the plan to potential investors. This workshop is an excellent item to have on a scholarship resume. If registration is postmarked by April 15, the cost is \$300, if postmarked by May 15, the fee is \$350, and after May 15, the fee is \$385.

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CALENDAR

- Feb 1 Deadline for the Hixson Opportunity Awards at Iowa State University—please apply at www.dso.iastate.edu/hixson/application.
- Feb 1 Jam the Gym and Senior Visit Day at Iowa Central Community College
- Feb 3 Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. and A.M. Masonic Scholarship deadline-application in guidance office
- Feb 14 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 Siouxland Community Foundation Scholarships—Duane and Shirley Hiller Student Athlete Scholarship—app. in guidance office
- Feb 15 Deadline for the Siouxland Community Foundation Scholarships—Flight Crew (232)
- Feb 15 Deadline for the Siouxland Community Foundation Scholarships—Col. V. Thomas Considine Scholarship
- Feb 27 College Goal Sunday (on a Thursday)—WITCC Enrollment Services—4:00-7:00 P.M. for Fin. Aid Help
- March 1 Deadline for the Montiford and Mary Doupe Scholarship—app. in guidance office
- March 1 Deadline for the Iowa Soybean Association Ag. Scholarship—app. in the guidance office
- March 1 All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship deadline—application is available at www.IHaveaPlanIowa.gov.
- March 1 All Iowa Opportunity Foster Care Grant—app. is available at www.IHaveaPlanIowa.gov
- March 1 Deadline for the Gov. Terry E. Branstad Iowa State Fair Scholarship—app. is available at www.IHaveaPlanIowa.gov
- March 3 Deadline for the Iowa Automobile Dealers Foundation for Education Scholarship—app. is in the guidance office.
- March 3 MCEC Technical Scholarship Application from the Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M. Applications are available in the guidance office.
- March 3 The deadline for the Plymouth County Farm Bureau Scholarship Application is in the guidance office.
- March 3 Deadline for the Iowa Farm Bureau Scholarship—app. is available at www.IHaveaPlanIowa.gov
- March 7 ACT registration deadline for the April 12 ACT test—Juniors should seriously consider taking the test in April.
- March 10 Submission deadline for the Special Abilities Art Scholarship Competition at Wayne State College
- March 15 Deadline for the Farmers Mutual Insurance Association Scholarship—applicants should have a 3.0 G.P.A.—application in the guidance office.
- March 26 Deadline for the Dale Schroeder Memorial Scholarship Program. Apply at <http://DaleSchroeder.scholarshipapply.org>
- April 1 Deadline for the Floyd Valley Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship (health majors) app. in guidance office
- April 1 Deadline for the ACACIA Leadership Scholarship at Iowa State University—App. in guidance office
- April 15 Leo H. Grether Memorial Scholarship in Choral Music Education deadline—app. in guidance office
- April 15 Winter Dance Party Scholarship deadline—application in the guidance office
- May 1 Application deadline for the Pearl Hull Falk Scholarship. This application is for students planning to attend the University of Iowa and at least one recipient must have an interest and promise for a career in banking. This application is available in the guidance office.

KINGSLEY-PIERSON COMM. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
						*WR KP Invitational. *BB at Storm Lake St. Mary's 6:00.
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Groundhog Day	*WR at MMC (Marcus) 6:00 (KP, MMC, HMS). *BB WVC Girls Tryn TBA (V).	*Jr. High WR at WMI (Onawa) 4:00 (KP, AOMV, Woodbine, WC, WMI, LB, AVV). *BB WVC Boys Tryn - no game for KP.		*Morningside Jazz Festival (jazz band attending). *Jr. High WR at WC (Merville) 4:00 (KP, WC, WMI, R View) *BB WVC Girls Tryn TBA (JV/V).	*Jr. High WR at home 4:00 (KP, AW, EPJ, West Sioux). *BB WVC Boys Tryn KP at Whiting 6:00 (JV/V).	*State Large Group Speech at Spencer. *ACT test. *WR Sectionals TBA. *BB WVC Championships at Sloan (V boys/girls).
		<i>*3rd -5th mid-term report date.</i>				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	*HSMA Vocal Jazz Festival at Spirit Lake *Jr. High WR at Sloan 4:00 (KP, WH, WMI, WW) *School Board meeting 7:00. *Girl Scouts meeting in Foods Room 3:30-5:00.	*BB at WW (Sloan) 6:00.		*BB Girls Regionals - KP vs. Siouxland Christian at home 7:00 (varsity only). *Jr. High WR at home 4:00 (KP, LB, WC, WW). <i>*6 week progress report date.</i>	Valentine's Day	*WR Districts TBA. *Sweetheart Dance.
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Presidents' Day	*No School. *District Jazz Festival at Le Mars (jazz band attending). *BB Boys Districts TBA.	*BB Girls Regionals - TBA at KP 7:00.	*State Wrestling Tournament.	*State Wrestling Tournament.	*State Wrestling Tournament.	*State Wrestling Tournament. *All-State Speech Festival Large Group Events - Ames.
23	24	25	26	27	28	
	*Music Boosters meeting 6:30. *HS Track Parent/Athlete meeting 6:30 in Kingsley auditorium. *Lewis & Clark Jazz Festival at WIT (jazz band & jazz choir attending).			*Jr. High WR at MMC (Cleghorn) 4:00 (KP, AW, LB, Heelan, MMC).		

Meal Prices

Breakfast		Lunch	
Grades K-12	\$1.75	Grades K-12	\$2.25
		Adult	\$3.25
		Extra Entrée	\$1.50
Extra Milk or Side excluding F&V Bar		\$0.50	

February 2014

Kingsley-Pierson Breakfast & Lunch Menu



Monday



Tuesday



Get Your Color On...All Lunch Meals Include a Nutrient Packed Fruit and Vegetable Bar.

Wednesday



Dairy contains important nutrients such as protein, potassium, phosphorus, calcium and vitamin D

Thursday



Eat 3 serving daily of whole grains. Look for the whole grain stamp on consumer products.

Friday

WG Pancakes w/Syrup 3

Chicken Patty on WG Bun
Italian Meatball WG Sub

WG Corn Chips
Vegetable Soup

Scrambled Egg w/WG Toast 4

Chili w/Crackers
WG Nacho Grande

WG Cinnamon Roll
Corn

Ham & Cheese WG Bagel 5

WG Cowboy Cavatini w/WG Bread
Hamburger or Cheeseburger on WG Bun
Carrots

WG Cinnamon Roll 6

Country Fried Steak
Breaded Chicken Fingers

WG Biscuit
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy

Breakfast Pizza 7

Corn Dog
WG Pizza

Peas

Breakfast Burrito 10

WG Goulash w/WG Bread
Orange Chicken WG Wrap

California Blend

Waffles w/Syrup 11

Italian WG Sub
Soft Shell Tacos

Carrots

Cheesy Eggs w/WG Toast 12

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

Sausage Pancake Stick 13

Hot Dog on WG Bun
Chicken Nuggets

WG Corn Chips
Baked Beans

Ham & Cheese WG Biscuit 14

Ham & Scalloped Potatoes w/WG Bread
Chicken Fajita WG Wrap

Green Beans

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No School
Presidents Day

WG French Toast 18

Beef Stroganoff w/WG Rotini
Chicken WG Wrap

Corn

WG Cinnamon Roll 19

BBQ Pulled Pork on WG Bun
Hamburger or Cheeseburger on WG Bun

Baked Fries

Scrambled Egg w/WG Toast 20

Turkey & Gravy Meatballs w/Gravy

WG Bread, WG Cookie
Mashed Potatoes

Ham & Cheese WG Bagel 21

WG Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce w/WG Breadstick
WG Hot Ham & Cheese

Peas

Waffles w/Syrup 24

Tator Tot Casserole w/WG Bread
Orange Chicken WG Wrap

Green Beans

WG Biscuit & Gravy 25

BBQ Meatball WG Sub
Soft Shell Tacos

WG Tortilla Chips
California Blend

Cinnamon Tastry 26

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

Cheesy Eggs w/WG Toast 27

Super Mexi Tots
Chicken Nuggets

WG Bread, WG Corn Chips
Baked Beans

Breakfast Burrito 28

Grilled Turkey Bacon Swiss
Chicken Fajita WG Wrap

Baked Fries

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

