Coach’s Corner

Elementary Instructional Coaches: Amy Bailey & Laura Bousted

This month we have continued our focus on our K-5 Reading Data Wall. We met with all grade level teachers to move student cards within the four levels according to the new second quarter data that was gathered by classroom teachers. Discussions were once again held to note interventions that are in place for certain students and teachers shared successes and concerns from the second quarter.

“Know Your Learner” data sheets are a new tool that was introduced and used at this month’s data wall meeting. The sheets are used by classroom teachers to compile individual student testing data into one central location for easy access. The sheets will be updated each quarter and will assist at data wall meetings.

Another work in progress for us is the start of a Kingsley-Pierson Care Team which is composed of different elementary teachers and TLC leaders to assist classroom teachers with individual student concerns post data wall meetings.

Middle School Instructional Coach: Valerie Sitzmann

In October, Amy Benson and I attended a math workshop in Omaha presented by Kim Sutton. We learned about several different tools Kim used.

A Note from the Superintendent

Calendar Update

Due to the snow days, please note the following calendar updates: We will have school on Monday, February 20th. As of now, the last day of school for the year will be Friday, May 26th, with staff development on Tuesday, May 30th and Wednesday, May 31st. Remember, this is subject to change depending on any more snow days.

Upcoming PPEL Election

There will be an election on February 7, 2017 to vote on the continuation of the Kingsley-Pierson Community School District Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) that was approved by voters in September of 2006. If passed, the levy would continue for another ten years.

This is a combination property tax and income surtax generating approximately $120,000 annually. Currently the income surtax funds about two thirds of the levy with the remainder being funded through property tax. The allocation between the taxes can be changed by the board annually but is limited to a dollar amount equivalent to sixty-seven cents per $1000 of assessed valuation. The budget for the fiscal year ending in June of 2017 included about 22 cents per thousand of assessed property valuation and an income surtax on state individual income tax of 3%. As an example, if your assessed property valuation equals $100,000, this would equal $22.00 in annual property tax. In addition, if your state individual income tax equals $1000, this would add $30 to your income tax bill.

The district typically uses this funding to purchase equipment such as computers, including non-instructional software, furniture, vans and buses, kitchen and custodial equipment, and leasing of copiers. The funds are also used for facility and grounds improvements, such as a major roof or HVAC repair or a parking lot replacement.

While the board has discussed the possibility of adding a second gym in Kingsley and the funds could legally be used to help with that project, the purpose of this election is to continue a current tax that is funding current needs as listed above. If the board decides to proceed with a gym project, the funding likely would come mostly from the one cent statewide sales tax.

Polls will be open from noon until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2017.

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Elementary Comments
- Mr. Wiese

A majority of parents 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! Also, the school calendar on our web site is a very helpful tool with upcoming activities: www.k-pcsd.org.

Your child at some point this school year has probably mentioned our “Box Tops 4 Education”. Numerous companies offer these “coupons” on their products. Our school can turn-in these items and receive money to benefit our students. Thanks for your help again! The “Box Tops” can be turned in twice a year. The second deadline is March 1, 2017 (if you still have some please send to the school).

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.

Our annual “Kindergarten Round-Up” takes place on Friday, March 24. There is an “AM” and a “PM” session offered for parents and the “Class of 2030” kids! That makes me feel old!!! Regular kindergarten students do not have school this day!

Please remember our upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences in March. The dates are Tuesday, March 14 and Thursday, March 16. For 1st-4th grades, a hand-out will be given to you showing the results of the Iowa Assessments taken in November 2016 (formerly called ITBS) taken by your child. Effective in 2015-2016, all students in grades KGT-4th grade take the FAST assessment test. Information may be shared with you about these tests at conferences and/or with a letter and contract. Thank you for your continued support!

Please remember there is School now on Monday, February 20!

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School Health Information

Hearing screenings will be conducted by the AEA on February 13th-16th. All K-5 and 8th graders are tested. If you would not like to have your child tested, please let me know ahead of time. If your child tested abnormally, hearing rechecks have been already scheduled for either March 8th or 9th.

The Freshmen Health students have started the CPR/AED/First Aid course. Informational letters regarding the course requirements were sent home in the mail. This is a lengthy course that I teach, using lasting approximately 13 class sessions.

Kindergarten roundup will be held on Friday, March 24th. 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
Middle School Comments

- Mr. Wiese

Our annual “Fund Raiser” for Grades 5, 6, & 7 takes place Feb. 3-17. 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 2017/2018. However, our account balance is low and the kids have an excellent opportunity to “replenish” the fund! Thank you in advance for all of your help in this matter. Our candy should be delivered to the middle school on March 20.

The wrestling season is off to a great start. Pep rallies are planned for February 25 and March 7 at 2:35 PM.

MS Wrestling Schedule

Tuesday  Jan 31   4:00 PM @ Onawa
Friday   Feb 3   4:00 PM @ Akron
Monday   Feb 6   4:00 PM @ Sloan
Friday   Feb 10  5:00 PM @ R. Rapids
Tuesday  Feb 14  4:00 PM @ Moville
Thursday  Feb 23  4:00 PM @ Pierson
Monday   Feb 27  4:00 PM @ S. Bluff
Tuesday  Feb 28  4:00 PM @ Early
Monday   March 6  4:00 PM @ Odebolt

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The highly acclaimed 8th grade “Hero’s Day” happens in Pierson on Friday, March 10 (there is an early dismissal at 12:30 pm that day). Remember there is school on Monday, February 20!

The fourth graders celebrated the 100th day of school in style! We decided it would be fun to dress up like we were 100 years old; all of the different outfits were so much fun to see and brought plenty of laughs throughout the day! In math we did different stations that dealt with the number 100, and in English we came up with 100 different things that our class is thankful for. We’ve had so much fun during the first 100 days of school and can’t wait to finish out the year strong!

Mrs. Dunne’s class had fun celebrating the 100th day of school. We hunted for 100 Hershey kisses in the classroom, built structures using 100 cups, wore crowns to lunch, did an activity with Mrs. Bailey’s third graders about being 100 years old, ate a special 100 day treat, and created objects using 100 marshmallows.
Mrs. Bailey’s 3rd Graders had a wonderful time celebrating the 100th day of school on January 30. The students partnered with Mrs. Dunne’s kindergartners to complete an activity about what they would look like when they are 100 years old. They also filled out a questionnaire about what they would eat, do for fun, and if they would still be working when they reach 100 years of age. The kids worked great together. Later they completed a list of 100 things they love about our school and 3rd grade. They came up with some really creative ideas! The students also completed a project about 100 various objects and published it with a photo of themselves in which they had been age progressed to be 100 years old. We completed the day with a 100s day treat. #kpstrong

American Revolutionary War Projects

The 8th grade American History students just wrapped up a major unit on the American Revolution. The students completed different independent projects to help them understand the events, people, and battles that took place during this time period. Some of the projects included: Building log cabins, creating Betsy Ross’s flag, drawing and labeling British uniforms, mapping out major battle sites, writing biographies on famous leaders, creating timelines of important events, and using Chromebooks to make Slide presentations. Through this project the students were able to pick high level interest projects to help them learn about this important time in American History.
to increase student understanding of essential math concepts. Place Value Pockets, Number Sticks, and a color-coded number line are just a few we have implemented into our district.

The school invested in the number lines for the K-5 classrooms and 6-12 math classrooms. Teachers in the lower elementary will utilize the number lines in their classrooms to develop number sense and practice math facts (addition and subtraction as well as multiplication and division.) In the upper elementary and middle school, the students will use the number lines for better understanding of factors and fraction concepts. They will be used in the high school as an anchor for the students to see the connections between what they learned previously to the content they are learning in upper level math classes.

I will be working in the coming months with math teachers at all levels at Kingsley-Pierson to utilize this tool as well as the other tools in their classrooms. If you have a 6th grade student, ask your son or daughter how we have used the number line in the classroom.

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High School Instructional Coaches: Jayne Vondrak & Kris Hackett

As 2nd semester begins, we have re-established connections with classroom teachers and offered assistance with lessons, implementation of the Iowa Core, aided in writing Farm Bureau grants, co-taught across disciplines and content areas, and provided strategies for more effective questioning. One goal we have maintained throughout the year has been to observe multiple times in every high school teacher’s classroom, and by the end of the first semester we had achieved that goal. As we tailor our collaboration with individual teachers, we continue to put students at the center of our discussions. As individual teachers, we must ask ourselves, “Why are we teaching this subject matter?” and “What are the best methods or strategies for students to learn the material?” These are areas in which Instructional Coaches may help guide teachers for improved learning and achievement.

In addition to our Instructional Coaching cycles, teachers are beginning to share student work in their Authentic Intellectual Work (AIW) teams. Teams will be scoring samples based on Construction of Knowledge, Conceptual Understanding, and Elaborated Communication. By looking at students’ products and/or performances, we will better understand what the teachers’ expectations are and whether students’ understanding of those expectations are met. Ultimately, we want to see our students engaged and achieving at a higher intellectual ability across the curriculum.

The high school and middle school instructional coaches will be attending an Edcamp in Storm Lake on February 25, 2017. What is an Edcamp? An Edcamp is a conference that is designed in a unique form and specifically tailored for teachers and their needs. It is not like traditional conferences which have schedules set months in advance by the people running the conference. An Edcamp is created by the participants at the start of the event and based upon the input and allows the teachers to direct the agenda.

Some areas that we are trying to improve include: How are teachers involved in growing as educators in your school? Do they have opportunities to observe and learn from each other? Do they feel valued for what they do - every single day? Do they trust each other in their work environment? Do they feel all students are worth the risk of learning and growing together?
Thank you for your cooperation! Your guardian, saying that they are OK to participate. Thank you for your cooperation! If your child has a medical condition that requires them to be 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!

Also, remember if your 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!

Sports Schedules: #KPSTRONG is our hashtag!! Our Panthers are making us proud in the classrooms, music and drama competitions, wrestling mats and gym floors. Continue to be a positive supporter and cheer with our wonderful cheerleaders. Show your Black and Gold, Panther Pride in a positive way for our kids!!

Thank you for all the workers to make our KP Wrestling invite a success. Gregg, Bill Sitzmann, Chad Utesch, Andy Pratt and John Galles at the scoretable. A special thanks to Val Sitzmann for running the tournament and Erin and Torey for running track! Thank you to our volunteers who also helped on our home wrestling meets, those listed above along with Brett Harvey, Bill Seuntjens and Tim Reis.

Our regular seasons are winding down. Please check the Google School Calendar for updates, etc. and continue to show your positive Panther Pride! Also, remember that during wrestling season, while the mats are down in the MPR, no one should be in there unless it is reserved for a specific group (i.e. youth wrestling). No one is allowed to use the PE equipment unless prior approval, as well (we are having damaged equipment & missing/stolen things from that room). We need to respect the equipment and mats in our MPR/wrestling room. Thank you

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. 7, 2017
Sectional Wrestling: Feb. 4, 2017 @ West Lyon
WV Conference basketball tourney brackets will be posted on our website. Boys have not been released yet.
SAVE THE DATE: Panther Ball—February 18, 2017
Track Parent Meeting: Feb. 24, 2017 @ Kingsley Auditorium 5:30 pm

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!

Curriculum Corner

Amy Benson

Last newsletter I told you we had many teachers writing Farm Bureau grants. Here is a little background information on the grants and what they help fund. The Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation in partnership with the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation offers grants up to $200 to support the integration of agriculture into regular classroom instruction or after school programs with an academic focus. Agriculture in the Classroom Teacher Supplement Grants are designed to initiate new projects or expand existing projects that promote agriculture literacy. Grants can be used to fund innovative lessons, activities, classroom resources, guest speakers, outreach programs, fieldtrips and other projects. I am so pleased to report that we had over 16 teachers/administrators apply for the grant and as of late last week, 14 will be funded! Those receiving the funding and what they are receiving are Katie Vondrak (Title I/CIM books), Jo Riemenschneider (2nd grade, Where Ice Cream Comes From), Elaine Hodnefield (3rd grade, Guided Reading books), Amy Bailey (3rd grade, Guided Reading/CIM books), Jenn Conrad (4th grade, Ag and United States Regions), Laura Boustead (6-8 social studies, individual globes and books about other cultures), Jackie Lammers (6-8 Lang. Arts, 7 pairs of virtual reality glasses), Jill Groetken (5-8 SPED, Guided Reading books), Kathy Ploeger (9th English, 9th History, Librarian, books for all 3 libraries), Erin Hoffman (9-12 Business, a drone and tablet to program the drone), Sue Delfs (Guidance Counselor and Foods teacher, non-stick skillets and resources to study Avian Flu), Jayne Vondrak (H.S. English, Iconic Barns and Their Untold Stories), and Amy Benson (Curriculum Director, 3rd grade CIM books). That boils down to $3000 worth of instructional guides for our students! I can’t thank these teachers enough for putting the time and energy into writing these grants, and I am so excited to see the projects put into place. Make sure you ask your child how agriculture has been fused into their curriculum.

The Iowa Stem grants have just been released and teachers have also been encouraged to write those. Last year in Iowa all of the STEM grants written were rewarded which makes it even more exciting to apply. Stem = Science, Technology, Engineering, Math. Mrs. Sitzmann currently teaches Power Math, a STEM grant, in 6-8 math. She and her students have found this to be a highly effective program and therefore, she is going to reapply for the grant.

I am very thankful to our staff for being so receptive to our Teacher Leadership program. I am thankful to the teacher leaders we have and the work they are doing. I know there are still a few naysayers and that students and parents do not like their teachers missing class, but trust me- the positives far outweigh the negatives! The future of education is scary at times and yet, very exciting at others. Most days I love coming to work. If you ever have a question about what we are doing, please don’t hesitate to call me at the school. #kpstrong
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Activities calendar is subject to change. For most up-to-date activities calendar, please check the school website: www.kpcs.org.
### Breakfast Menu - February 2017

#### Breakfast Choices
Available every day, breakfast includes:
- **Breakfast Entree or Choice of cereals with toast**
- **Fruit**
- **100% Fruit Juice**
- **Milk Choices**

#### Fruit or Juice Available Every Day
- **Start your day off right!**

#### Breakfast Meal Prices & Extras
- **ESA/MSH Student Breakfast**: $2.00
- **Adult Breakfast**: $2.25
- **Extra Breakfast Entrée**: $1.00
- **Extra Cereal**: $1.00
- **Extra Milk**: $0.50

### Lunch Menu - February 2017

#### Lunch Meal Prices & Extras
- **ES Lunch**: $2.60 Extra Entrée $1.75
- **Adult Lunch**: $3.45 Extra Milk $0.50

#### Questions, Comments
- **Contact Whitney Vos, Food Service Director at 515-230-5855 or whitneyv@lunchtimesolutions.com**

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### KINGSLEY-PIERSON ELEMENTARY GRADES K-4

#### Fruit & Veggie Bar & Milk Choices
Unlimited fruits and vegetables and choice of milk are included with the lunch meal everyday.

Each student is required to have 1/2 cup of fruits or vegetables on their tray.

- **Look for the Farmer’s Market Logo on this month’s menu for the featured Farmers Market selection.**

  Learn more about this month’s Selection on the poster in the dining area or at:
  - [server.lunchtimesolutions.com:81/farmersmarket.pdf](http://server.lunchtimesolutions.com:81/farmersmarket.pdf)

#### Choose It - Try It!
Students MUST have at least ¼ cup of a fruit or a vegetable on their tray. If you always skip the fruits and veggies – Don’t fight it – You’ll learn to LOVE IT! You have lots of choices for fruits and veggies every day, so choose something you like, or try something new! Benefits? A healthier, more stamina for the day, and a healthier life!

#### Lunch Meal Prices & Extras
- **ES Lunch**: $2.60 Extra Entrée $1.75
- **Adult Lunch**: $3.45 Extra Milk $0.50

#### Questions or comments
- **Contact Whitney Vos at 515-230-5855 or whitneyv@lunchtimesolutions.com**

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### Lunch Menu - February 2017

**KINGSLEY-PIERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL (9-12)**

#### Food Choices!

**Fruit & Veggie Bar & Milk Choices**

Unlimited fruits and vegetables and choice of milk are included with the lunch meal everyday.

Each student is required to have 1/2 cup of fruits or vegetables on their tray.

Look for the Farmer's Market Logo on this month’s menu for the featured Farmer's Market selection.

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#### Other Entrée Choices Available Daily:

C. Sub Sandwich Entrées (M-F)

- Choices vary. See menu board for details.

D. Deli Wrap Entrées
- M Combo Deli
- T Fajita Chicken
- W Roasted Chicken
- Th Ham Dog
- F Grilled Chicken

E. Salad Entrées
- M Grilled Chicken
- T Fajita Chicken
- W Chef
- Th Taco
- F Crispy Chicken

All Salads include whole grain bread item.

#### Lunch Meal Prices & Extras

- **HS Lunch:** $2.60 Extra Entrée $1.75
- **Adult Lunch:** $3.45 Extra Milk $0.50

Questions or Comments?
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**KINGSLEY-PIERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADES 5-8**

#### Food Choices!

**Fruit & Veggie Bar & Milk Choices**

Unlimited fruits and vegetables and choice of milk are included with the lunch meal everyday.

Each student is required to have 1/2 cup of fruits or vegetables on their tray.

Look for the Farmer’s Market Logo on this month’s menu for the featured Farmers Market selection.

Learn more about this month’s Selection on the poster in the dining area or at http://server.lunchtimesolutions.com/st/farmersmarket.pdf

#### Other Entrée Choices Available Daily:

C. Sub Sandwich Entrées (M-F)

- Choices vary. See menu board for details.

D. Salad Entrées
- M Grilled Chicken Salad
- T Southwest Salad
- W Chef Salad
- Th Taco Salad
- F Crispy Chicken Salad

All Salads include whole grain bread item.

#### Lunch Meal Prices & Extras

- **MS Lunch:** $2.60 Extra Entrée $1.75
- **Adult Lunch:** $3.45 Extra Milk $0.50

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