

# Newsletter

The Official Newsletter of Kingsley-Pierson Community Schools

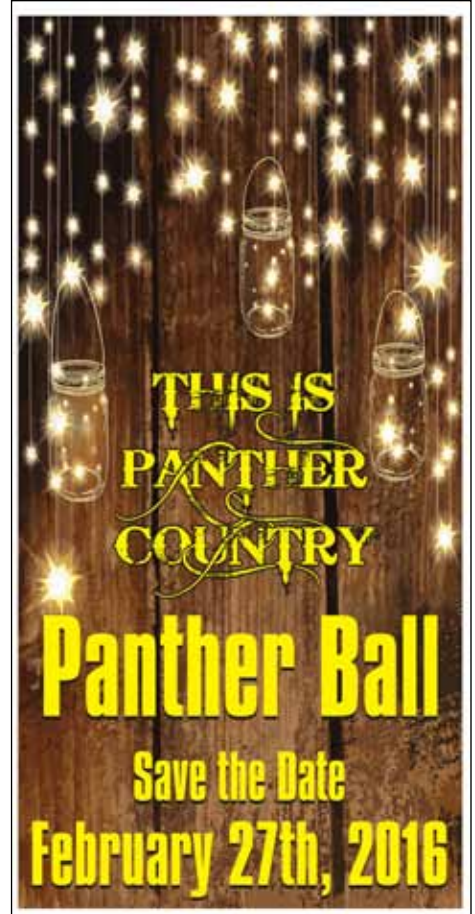
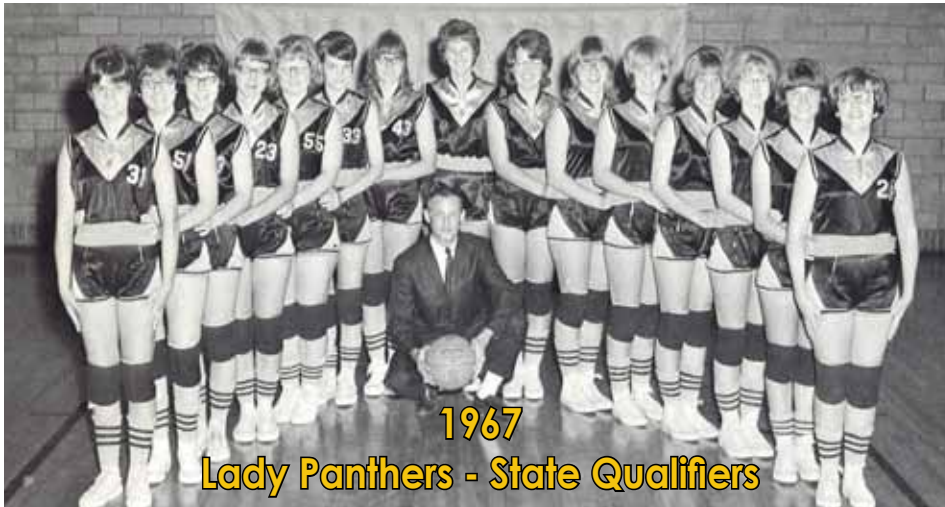
February - March 2016

## A Note from the Superintendent

We are working on the school calendar for next year and are close to having it finalized. We know that the start date will be the 23rd of August. By state law, you can not start before that date. However, there are some things we are still trying to figure out. How long to have for the holiday break and when to end the 1st semester. Stay tuned for more updates.

We have had an interesting winter, so far. We've had a little of everything, from fog, to ice, to tremendous amounts of snow to wind, hopefully, we have come to an end of this winter weather and we will head into a warm

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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](http://www.k-pcsd.org).

Your child at some point this school year has 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, 2016 (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 12. There is an "AM" and a "PM" session offered for parents and the "Class of 2029" kids! Regular kindergarten students do not have school this day!

Please remember our upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences in March. The dates are Monday, March 21 and Tuesday, March 22. For 1st-4th grades, a hand-out will be given to you showing the results of the Iowa Assessments taken in November 2015 (formerly called ITBS) taken by your child. Effective in 2014-2015, all students in grades K-3rd grade take the FAST assessment test plus this year we added the 4th grade. Information may be shared with you about these tests at conferences and/or with a letter. Thank you for your continued support!

Remember there is No School from March 23-March 28. School resumes again on March 29.



**Congratulations to the Sweetheart Royalty!** Queen Jesse Inman and King Austin Wilson.

## School Health Information

March is National Nutrition Month and I will be visiting the K-4 classrooms and talk about the "My Plate" nutrition program. We talk about the different food groups, making good food choices and ways we can be more active. I will also talk about serving sizes and reading nutrition labels with the older elementary students.

The Freshman Health classes are been getting CPR trained with me over the past few weeks. We will be finishing this unit at the end of March.

Hearing checks were done by the AEA on February 1st and 15th. If you child tested abnormally, they will be rechecked on March 9th or 10th

Kindergarten roundup will be held Friday, March 11th, with a session at 9 am and 1 pm. If you have an eligible child and have not gotten them preregistered yet, please call the school ASAP to do so.

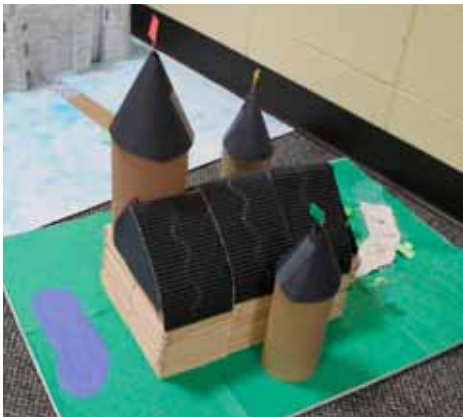
-Barb Sitzmann, School Nurse

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# Superintendent

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spring. The last day we didn't have school because of the blizzard conditions, I actually saw a robin outside my office window. We will have to make up a few days so the last day of school is scheduled for June 2nd right now. Let's hope we continue to have good weather and we don't have to cancel any more.



**Castle Project** - In Mr. Harpenau's World History class, students made castles based on the medieval era. Many different building materials were used, including pop cans, t-p tubes, cardboard, and even candy



What a fantastic winter season we have had. Please take a moment to thank the coaches, sponsors, directors and volunteers who help make the season possible. The kids have worked extremely hard and have truly kept giving their all to the end. The Jazz Band has qualified for the State Jazz Festival in April and of course you know of the girls advancing to state. The boys won their first round tournament game and ran into a very tough team from South O'Brien. The wrestlers advanced one wrestler to the District tournament and the Dance team has had some excellent halftime performances and have a few girls ready to perform with the All Iowa Dance Team during the girls state tournament.

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.

# Industrial Technology Fair

The Northwest Iowa Industrial Technology Fair will be held at the Kingsley-Pierson High School on Wednesday May 4. About 12 schools, and over 250 students will be participating in this event. Students will be able to enter projects into 15 different areas that they have made in their industrial technology class. Students can enter group projects in the Junk Yard Wars Vehicle Competition as well as the Pneumatic Ball Launcher. Students will be able to participate in mini competitions during the day as well. Competitions will include welding, nail pounding, drill driving, and more.

New this year Family and Consumer Science will be invited to bring projects and compete in competitions.

I could use some help from the community. If there is anyone that would be interested in judging projects, making a donation (money or items) to be used for prizes / expenses please contact me by e-mail [mbenson@k-pcsd.org](mailto:mbenson@k-pcsd.org) or call the Kingsley office and leave a message.

For more information please visit our website [www.sites.google.com/site/nwiaindustrialtechfair](http://www.sites.google.com/site/nwiaindustrialtechfair) or like us on Facebook, search Northwest Iowa Industrial Technology Fair.

# Curriculum Corner

*Amy Benson*

I hope this newsletter all finds us basking in the warm rays of sunshine. If not, some of us might be getting pretty crabby :) Last newsletter I shared with you some of our Iowa Assessment Data. This month I would like to update you on all I have been doing at K-P.

I know some of you feel like your child is never in school or every time you turn around, it is an early out. I just want to give you a little insight into what we do on those early out's. We are busy each first Wednesday of the month learning in professional development. The K-4 teachers work with Mr. Wiese. They usually discuss FAST (Formative Assessment System for Teachers) or work on collaboration with an area of focus in mine. In grades 5-12 we are assigned groups and we delve further into A.I.W. (Authentic Intellectual Work) AIW has been very well received here at K-P. One or two teachers a month brings a task they plan to teach. This is a lesson they know needs work. The groups then score the task with a 3-4 point rubric. We look at how well the knowledge is constructed, if there is elaborated communication, and what value the lesson has beyond the school walls. We then discuss our scores together and the most valuable part of the discussion (in my opinion) is the suggestions we give one another on how to improve their lesson. It really is pretty neat to see one of our 5th grade teachers help the Industrial Tech teacher or vice versa. After the discussion, the teacher is to revise the lesson. We post all lessons, new and revised, plus our team notes on our AIW website. This is a valuable tool that all teachers in our district can look at for ideas and see what each group accomplished during their time together. The teachers are able to take this class for a renewal credit as well which most of them greatly appreciate. The only complaint I hear about AIW is that they would like to get together more often. The one Wednesday a month is just not enough especially like February as that Wednesday was snowed out.

Mr. Bailey and I are getting ready to post the Teacher Leadership and Compensation jobs we will have available at K-P next year. The positions we are offering are: (3) Model Teachers, (2) Digital Literacy Coaches, and (5) Instructional Coaches. If you remember, the grant must employ 25% of our staff so that is how we came up with the number of positions being offered. Each job has a detailed description. The positions all require the teachers to work 5-10 extended contract days. We hope to have all the interviews completed and positions filled by May 1st. Personally I am really excited to finally put this grant into action. Plus I am super excited to get to work more closely with some of our exemplary teachers.

As you can tell the learning never stops at K-P. That is my favorite part about being an educator :-)



## *Large Group Speech*

Kingsley-Pierson High School had 17 students participate in Large Group Speech this year. We had 6 teams perform at the District competition at Sioux City East on January 23rd. Austin Grubb, Bryce Weinreich, Faith Seggerman, Michael Nafe, and Mallory Rock competed in Radio Broadcasting. Gabe Ruhland created a Short Film titled, "No Turning Back pt 2: Jason's Revenge" to show at East.

We had three Group Improv teams; Team Bohle consists of Carter Bohle, Madelyne Juelfs, and Brooke Riordan. Cheridan Wenzel, Rachel Dreeszen, Jacque Laddusaw, and Mackenzie Moodie are Team Wenzel. And Team Kraft is made up of Abbie Kraft, Cameron Kraft, and Luke Edgar. The Ensemble Acting group of Rachel Dreeszen, Jacque Laddusaw, and Morgan Rassel performed "Oprah Made Me Do It" at competition.

Four large group teams, Team Bohle, Team Wenzel, Team Kraft and the Ensemble Group, advanced on to the Northwest Iowa Large Group State Competition. The teams competed at Le Mars Community High School on Saturday, February 6th. All four groups did a great job at State. Team Bohle and Team Wenzel earned a I rating while Team Kraft and Ensemble Acting walked away with a II.

# Middle School Comments

- Mr. Wiese



**Successful is how I would describe the KPMS Girls Basketball season.** The 7th grade girls worked very hard learning a new offense and some other new plays while continuing to work on their shooting and fundamentals. The girls ended their winning season 11-1, with their only loss to Woodbury Central at Moville by 3 points.

The 8th grade girls also had a great season. They worked hard as a team, improving fundamental skills and developing an effective defense. 11-1 is how the 8th graders also ended their season. Their only loss came from Woodbury Central.

Coach Hackett and Coach Hoffman want to congratulate both teams on a great season. We are all looking forward to next year's basketball season.



Our annual "Fund Raiser" for Grades 5, 6, & 7 took place Feb. 2-16. 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 2016/2017. 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 Thursday, March 17.

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

### Remaining MS Wrestling Schedule 2015/2016:

<b>Feb 25</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>AW/LB/Heelan/MMC-RU/WC</b>	<b>@Pierson</b>
Feb 29	4:00 PM	SBL	@Sergeant Bluff
March 1	4:00 PM	WW/AOMV/WC/RView	@Early
March 7	4:00 PM	WW/LB/WM/RView/Poky/SSC	@Odebolt

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The highly acclaimed 8th grade "Hero's Day" happens in Pierson in the gym on Thursday, March 17 (there is an early dismissal at 12:30 pm that day). Remember there is No School from March 23-March 28. School resumes again on March 29.

Below is a picture from our annual "Food Drive December 2015" and the 6th grade having fun putting shaving cream on Mr. Wiese's head as a reward in a competition.

Finally, the middle school track season begins on Monday, March 14 with a meeting. I need volunteers to help out at our home meet on Tuesday, April 19 in Kingsley from about 3:45-6:45 pm. Please email me [rwiese@k-pcsd.org](mailto:rwiese@k-pcsd.org) or call the school if you can help out.





*Fail Harder now, so you can Succeed Easier Later!*

*Always Proud of you on and off the court!*

*Let's continue to make diamonds!*

# News from Mrs. Goodwin

**SPORTS SCHEDULES:** Congrats to all the winter sports! Kevin Seuntjens for qualifying for wrestling districts and the Boys Basketball Team for advancing to second round! Congratulations to the Girls' Basketball Team co-champions for the conference and **QUALIFYING FOR STATE!** First time that KP has made it to state in 5 on 5. 1967 was the last trip to state in 6 on 6. Way to go, proud of our Panthers!! Thank you to all the school and community support through the winter season.

**Thank you to all the Volunteers for wrestling meet & our tournament**—Gregg Roepke, Brett Harvey, Bill Seuntjens, Andy Pratt, Terry Pratt, Mr. Stauch, John Galles, Mrs. Sitzmann, Mrs. Hill and Ms. Hoffman and Abby Sitzmann. Thank you for our cheer sponsors: Shelly Schaeuble, Crystal Reis and Ms. Hoffman and their cheerleaders for all the school spirit and support through the winter season. Thank you for Jesse Lalumendre for volunteering run clock for basketball games along with scoreboard from Mr. Benson, Coach Koedam and for announcing and scorebook from Mrs. Sitzmann, and Mrs. Benson.

**Congratulations to Mr. Snakenberg and the KP Jazz Band for qualifying for State Jazz Band!**

**Please utilize our Kingsley-Pierson website for updated schedules and gym times. You can locate gym times under the "community" link. Please contact me for gym times. 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. **YOU MUST** have an **ADULT** supervising any high school kid or younger at the school. Please do not take/play with equipment from storage rooms or bounce balls out in the commons.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**  
\*\*Track starts on March 1st  
\*\*Golf starts on March 14th

**Home track meets: April 11th and May 5th**

**Host WVC HS Track Meet: May 2nd**

**PE NEWS:** JJH 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.

An American Heart Association Representative, came and did a "Kick off" to our JUMP ROPE & HOOPS for HEART events which will be held during regular PE classes. All fundraising envelopes and money are due by March 22nd! Remember your child doesn't have to raise money to be able to participate!!

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!

# MARCH 2016

## Kingsley-Pierson Community School District Activities Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 *Early dismissal 1:30. *Teacher In-Service 2:00-4:00. *Kingsley Patriots 4-H meeting 2:00-3:15 in the FACS room.	2 *NASA trip.	3 *ACT registration deadline. *NASA trip.	4 *NASA trip.
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> .						
6 *NASA trip.	7 *Jr. High W/R at OABCIG 4:00 (Odeball). *NASA trip. *Clover Kids 3:30-5:00.	8 *Spring Showcase Concert.	9	10 *NHS Blood Drive 9:00-1:00. *Cheerleading tryout practice 6:00.	11 *HS Spring Play 7:00. *Kindergarten round-up.	12 *HS Spring Play 7:00.
13 *Daylight Savings Time starts.	14 *K-8 Dance Camp 3:30-5:30. *School Board meeting 7:00. *Cheerleading tryout practice 6:00.	15 *Cheerleading tryouts 6:00.	16 *Early dismissal 12:30. *Teacher In-Service 1:00-4:00. *End 3rd Qtr.	17 *Begin 4th quarter. *K-8 Dance Camp 3:30-5:30. *Dance Team Night 7:00.	18	19 *TR J/V/ Co-ed WVC Indoor Meet at BVU 10:00 a.m.
20 <b>Palm Sunday</b> *KP to DC Breakfast fundraiser.	21 *Early dismissal 1:30. *Parent-Teacher Conferences 2:00-8:00.	22 *Early dismissal 1:30. *Parent-Teacher Conferences 2:00-8:00.	23 *No School.	24 *No School.	25	26 *TR Norm Heeren indoor meet.
27 <b>Easter</b>	28 *No School.	29 *Fr Dan Lennon indoor meet at Vermillion.	30	31 *WVC Art Show.		

**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	

# March 2016

## Kingsley-Pierson Breakfast & Lunch Menu



**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**

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

**Breakfast Sliders 1**

Chicken Parmesan w/Pasta  
Chicken Wrap

Corn

**Cinnamon Roll 2**

Breakfast Bagel Sandwich  
Hamburger or Cheeseburger

Baked Fries

**Pancakes 3**

Turkey & Gravy  
Chicken Nuggets

Bread  
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy

**Omelet & Toast 4**

Grilled Cheese Sandwich  
Hot Ham & Cheese

Tomato Soup

**Long John Donut 7**

Tator Tot Casserole w/Bread  
Crispy Chicken Sandwich

Peas

**Sausage Pancake Stick 8**

Italian Dunker  
Beef Soft Shell Tacos

Tortilla Chips  
Green Beans

**Waffles 9**

Grilled Ham & Cheese  
Hamburger or Cheeseburger

Corn

**Dutch Waffle 10**

Super Mexi Tots  
Chicken Nuggets

Bread  
Baked Beans

**Breakfast Pizza 11**

Chicken Fajita Wrap  
Cheese Pizza

Carrots

**Apple Bosco Stick 14**

Cheesy Chicken Rotini  
Orange Chicken Wrap

Corn

**French Toast Sticks 15**

Beef & Cheese Burrito  
Mini Corn Dogs

Baked Fries

**Breakfast Sliders 16**

Turkey Pot Pie w/Biscuit  
Hamburger or Cheeseburger

Peas

**Cinnamon Roll 17**

Breaded Pork Fritter  
Chicken Nuggets

Bread  
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy

**Pancakes 18**

Macaroni & Cheese w/Bread  
Taco Fiestada

Green Beans

**Omelet & Toast 21**

Hot Ham & Cheese  
Crispy Chicken Sandwich

Vegetable Soup

**Long John Donut 22**

Ham Dinner Roll  
Corn  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
Cookie

**23**

No School

**24**

No School

**25**

No School

**28**

No School

**Sausage Pancake Stick 29**

Italian Sub  
Beef Soft Shell Tacos

Carrots

**Waffles 30**

Chicken & Noodles w/Bread  
Hamburger or Cheeseburger

Peas

**Breakfast Pizza 31**

Hot Dog  
Chicken Nuggets

Corn Chips  
Baked Beans



**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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