A Note from the Superintendent

Welcome back to a new school year and the next edition of the Kingsley-Pierson Community School Newsletter. I want to thank Mr. Mark Schroeder and his yearbook staff for putting together our monthly newsletter. We will again be sending this out via email, in PDF format, and placing copies of each in the Kingsley and Pierson Public Libraries. We feel this is an additional way to get information out to the community on what is happening in our district.

CBM Managed Services, our food service management company, has provided our students and staff with quality meals at a good price. They have pledged to provide a healthier, more homestyle cooked meal, the best quality food and service available with a variety of choices, constant contact with students and parents, and a unique wellness curriculum.

The start of school also seems to trigger the start of cold and flu season and there have been numerous students and even staff sick. Because of this, I wanted to take a moment to share some precautionary measures everyone can take. To help with our record keeping, please call the school if your child is home sick.

1. Practice good hand hygiene by washing your hands with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleaners also are effective.
2. Practice respiratory etiquette by covering your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don’t have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow or shoulder, not into your hands. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth; germs spread this way.
3. Know the signs and symptoms of the flu. Influenza symptoms include fever and/or chills and a cough. In addition, symptoms of the flu can include sore throat, runny nose, body aches, headache, tiredness, diarrhea, or vomiting.
4. Go home if you have the flu or flu-like illness, and stay there for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone. Your fever should be gone without the use of fever-reducing medications (any medicine that contains ibuprofen or acetaminophen).

As we close in on the end of the first quarter, just a few short weeks away, help your child continue with good study habits.

1. Designate a study time and place. Students are assigned homework to help them practice the skills learned at school. Every home needs a setting that provides a quiet atmosphere for your child to study.
2. Eat breakfast. Research tells us that students who eat breakfast learn better. The brain needs nourishment just as a car needs gasoline.
3. Have a set time for reading at your home, no matter how old the child. Parents can help improve a child’s ability to read by having a designated reading time for the family. This may be individuals reading, children reading to parents, parents reading to children, or children reading to children. Parents need to model the importance of reading to their children, as well.

Come out to support our athletic teams in the various activities they participate in. It gets them motivated to see and hear an enthusiastic and supportive crowd. While you are in the building, check out the painting the Booster Club did in the commons. A huge thank you to the ladies that came in and volunteered their time.

We are off to a great school year. Kingsley-Pierson has traditionally had fantastic community support for the educational opportunities the school is able to offer. We will continue to work with our parents and community to meet the needs of our students.

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2013 yearbooks are still available at the office. The cost is $45. There are also many extras left from various other years if anyone is interested. The cost for those would vary depending upon the year. Contact the high school office if you are interested. The 2014 yearbooks will go on sale at the end of October. More details in the next newsletter.

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Periodic Table
Periodic Table of the year 2013

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Elementary Comments
- Mr. Wiese

“Great Choices Lead To Great Things” from the K-P Elementary! It is awesome to see the students at K-P every day. Special “thanks” again goes out to the K-P Boosters this year for their continued support of K-P. Many volunteers have painted and added lots of “K-P Panther Spirit” throughout the building! All of the elementary students will receive a t-shirt (each grade has a unique color) from the Boosters. All of the t-shirts will be showcased during Homecoming, school, and at many other events! Finally, thank you again for your great attendance at the “Open House” way back in August!

The first quarter is already 67% complete and ends on October 17. Grade reports (4.5 weeks) were sent home recently for the 3rd & 4th grade students. We want to always have a great partnership between the school and parents. Also remember to please send in Box Tops and Land-O-Lakes Milk Lids (milk lid promotion ends on Oct. 31). Most of you browse the Kingsley-Pierson website on a regular basis. Please be sure to use the “JMC Parent Access” option to keep track of your child (same user names and passwords from last year). Please use the “Calendar” link on the website to see current events of the district! If you have a smart phone and have a calendar on it, you can “subscribe” to the KP calendar with the following:

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Homecoming Week goes from September 30-October 4. The students in the elementary will be participating in the “Dress-Up Days” this year. A memo was sent home explaining details. Hope to see all of you at the parade (2:00 pm) and game (7:00 pm) on Friday, October 3rd! Go Panthers!!!!!!!

Parent-Teacher Conferences are presently scheduled for October 22 and 24, so please make every effort to attend this special time. (Note: I will be in the Kingsley building for the most part on October 22 and the Pierson building for the most part on October 24.) Thank you for taking an active role in your child’s education! Red Ribbon Week is held this week too (more details to come).

To date the elementary has experienced three assemblies/gatherings. Our first get-together included the annual “Grandparent’s/Special Friend’s Day” on Friday, August 30. The attendance of this “25th Annual Event” was awesome, and the extra efforts shown by all involved are much appreciated. This year I would like to again recognize Emily Harvey and Shelby Harvey. These two individuals took the lead and I appreciate all of their efforts! Our second assembly held on Friday, September 6, included the opportunity to use “Schoolstore.com” if you purchase items online. Our third gathering happened on Friday, September 27, a “Yo Yo Assembly”. A memo came home explaining the details.

Since the climate changes in Iowa, please make sure your child is prepared for the upcoming Fall weather. Mother Nature always keeps life interesting, so please send your daughter/son off to school with the appropriate apparel. Another reminder is to encourage your child to wash their hands often. The more sickness we can avoid the better (remember your child needs to be healthy for 24 hours before sending him/her back to school). Finally, the Iowa Assessments (formerly known as ITBS) will start around November 5! Please make sure your child eats a healthy breakfast daily and gets plenty of rest!!!
School Health Information

I have been busy getting the proper health papers for new students and updating records for existing students. I have made several phone calls to parents regarding paperwork I may need yet. Please make arrangements to get those necessary documents to the school ASAP. I have obtained the height, weight and checked vision on all K-8 grade students. If you have received a vision referral letter in the mail, please attend to the letter and have your child’s vision rechecked by a vision specialist. Proper vision is vital to student learning.

I visited the 2nd-4th grade classrooms and discussed germ prevention and hand washing with them. We talked about ways to prevent others from getting our germs, especially when we are sick. If your child is spending extra time washing their hands, please encourage them to do so. Hand washing is the best defense against the spread of germs. In October, I will be teaching fire safety/prevention to 1st and 3rd graders and poison prevention to kindergartners, 2nd and 4th graders. Scrubby Bear will be here in October to talk with the kindergarten and first graders about germ prevention.

Mr. Wiese and I presented the puberty talk with the 5th grade students on September 20th. Jane Griesel from the CSADV will be presenting the “Flirt vs. Hurt” program to the 6th graders mid-October. Several guest speakers will be talking with the high school health students regarding dating violence, general mental health disorders, substance abuse and eating disorders, over the next few weeks.

Cold and flu season will be here before we know it. TO KEEP OUR SCHOOL FUNCTIONING IN A NORMAL MANNER THIS COMING SCHOOL YEAR, following are a few things you can do to help:

Teach your child to wash their hands often with soap and warm water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. You can also set a good example by doing this yourself.

Teach your children not to share personal items like drinks, food or unwashed utensils and to cover their coughs and sneezes with tissues. Teach them to also cover their coughs or sneezes using the elbow or sleeve instead of the hand when a tissue is unavailable.

Know the signs and symptoms of the flu or other contagious diseases.
Keep sick children at home for at least 24 hours AFTER they no longer have a fever or do not have signs or fever, without using fever-reducing medications. Keeping children with a fever at home will reduce the number of people who may get infected.
Do not send children to school if they are sick. Any children who are determined to be sick while at school will be sent home. If our child becomes ill, encourage plenty of fluids and rest and offer a healthy diet. Treat the symptoms they are having. You may want to contact your physician- there are medications that may lessen the severity of the symptoms or illness. It is best to be seen within the first 48 hours of onset. By acting quickly, you may prevent any further complications of the illness.

COMPLYING TO THE SCHOOL HEALTH POLICIES WILL DECREASE THE AMOUNT OF CROSS CONTAMINATION WITHIN THE SCHOOL. If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact me at the school.

-Barb Sitzmann, School Nurse

Library News

The Scholastic book fairs held at the Back to School Night and Grandparent/Special Friends day were once again a huge success! Scholastic sends us a great selection of books that are set up for everyone to shop. All profits from the fairs go towards our school. This year we are able to purchase new books thanks to everyone’s generous purchases. Thank you to all who participated!

We are planning on doing book fair with Barnes & Noble again this year in December. This is a day that is reserved at B&N for our school. You simply shop in store or on-line and at checkout tell them you want your purchase to go towards K-P School. Watch the newsletter and your e-mail for details as that date gets closer.

AR is off and running with the 2nd -4th graders. We will have 4 sessions where the students will need to meet a goal for a surprise. This year we started AR Homeconnect where parents can use on-line tools to track the progress of their students. If you didn't receive a note home with your child on this and are interested please contact your child's teacher or the elementary library.

Congratulations to Val Sitzmann and Nicole Goodwin for being named District 1A coaches of the year in Golf and Girls Basketball.
The 2013/2014 school year kicked off with an assembly for Grades 5-8 on Thursday, August 15 at 8:30 am. This annual event provided the opportunity to see all of the faculty and staff and to quickly go over many of the expectations at the middle school. “Thank You” again to the KP Boosters for the t-shirts for the entire student body during the Homecoming Week!!! The theme for the middle school this year is to “Great Choices Lead To Great Things”!

The volleyball, football, and cheerleading programs are in full swing. Remaining volleyball games: October 1, 8, 15, & 21. The remaining football games: October 7 & 14. The basketball season begins on Monday, October 28 (pre-season meeting during the school day before this date). Thank you for supporting our extra-curricular events. We have had top-notch “Panther Spirit” at our home contests! Thank You Fans!!!!!

Homecoming Week goes from September 30-October 4. The students in the middle school will be participating in the “Dress-Up Days” this year. A memo was sent home explaining details. Hope to see all of you at the parade (2:00 pm) and game (7:00 pm) on Friday, October 3rd! Go Panthers!!!!!!!

In addition to the normal routine, our student body has participated in one other assembly on 9/27/13: “Yo Yo Man”. Specific details were sent home via an email and note.

A reminder that Parent-Teacher Conferences are presently scheduled for Tuesday, October 22 and Thursday, October 24. Our attendance for this event is excellent, and we hope to continue the past precedent! (Please Note: I will be in the Kingsley building for the most part on October 22 and the Pierson building for the most part on October 24.) Red Ribbon Week is held this week too (more details to come).

There are numerous documents sent home with your child. For students in 6th, 7th, & 8th grade, there are “3 Week & 6 Week Grade Reports” sent home (so please ask your son/daughter about them). For students in 5th grade, 4.5 week grade reports are sent home. Additionally, there may be forms for field trips, notes from the school nurse, Red Ribbon Week, etc. Also remember to please send in Box Tops and Land-O-Lakes Milk Lids (milk lid promotion ends on 10/31/13).

The school year is off to a great start, and we look forward to working with you and your child. Your involvement in your child’s life is critical! Finally, the Iowa Assessments (formerly ITBS) will take place November 5-7ish! Please make sure your child eats a healthy breakfast daily and gets plenty of rest!!!

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See You at the Pole

Students and faculty gather around the flagpole to honor and pray for the school, community and nation. The event was sponsored by the K-P FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes). It began with scripture reading in the auditorium, continued with prayer at the flagpole and ended with breakfast.
Middle School Celebrates Constitution Day

On Sept. 18, 2013, schools across the United States are required to teach a part of the Constitution in every one of their classes. This date is special because it is the anniversary of when the Constitution was signed. The following are what each teacher did in his/her classroom to honor the Constitution.

5th Keyboarding: Mr. Wiese
The students played a trivia game where they had to find the number of words in the Constitution, the size of our country at the time, the age of the oldest and youngest signers, the cost of penmanship, and which country has the oldest Constitution and the shortest number of words in it.
In case you are curious like me.. The answers in order: 4400, 4 million, 81 and 26, $30, and the USA for both.

6th – 8th Social Studies: Mrs. Spooner
The students had a choice to work in groups and create a Constitution fun flag with 13 stripes naming the 13 original colonies and 13 stars naming facts about the Constitution, or they could work on a rap of the Constitution. Some students recorded their rap and put it to a power point of different US symbols. We also watched short video clips about the Constitution.

6th-8th Science: Mr. Hackett
I had students think about, and then discuss, a famous scientist who signed the Constitution and his contributions to science. (Benjamin Franklin)

Jr. High P.E.: Mrs. Goodwin
We had a “Team Building Preamble Search”. I put students into 5 groups and they had to hook elbows. Each team had to work together to find the words of the Preamble and take them to the stage. When all pieces were found, the class had to put the pieces together in order and read the Preamble out loud. After they finished, they had to get back with their teams and go hide the pieces of the Preamble around the gym for the next class. Students had a great time hunting for all the pieces and I enjoyed seeing them work together to improve their team work.

6th-8th Language Arts: Mrs. Benson
In 6th grade the students made a Patriot Day flag where they wrote about something they are thankful for and a paragraph about why they are proud to be Americans.
The 7th grade emulated an activity in which they acted as the authors of the Constitution. They had to work quietly to create a game with only 12 paperclips and a die. It exemplified how daunting the task of writing the Constitution was.
The 8th grade was to write either a found poem, a concrete poem, or a free verse poem about why they are proud to be Americans.
SPORTS SCHEDULES: High School Fall sports are underway and the excitement is spreading K-12. The school spirit at the High School and Junior High events is impressive. We are coming off a huge win against CCE and excited to play our homecoming game against RSM. We, unfortunately, have had to cancel our JV football games due to low numbers and injuries. The High school volleyball teams are on the road a lot with our new conference schedule, but they have had some exciting matches. Keep up the good work. Our cross country meet is Oct. 8th, so come cheer on our runners. If you are willing to help, please contact Coach Harpenau. Keep up the good work and please continue to show your Panther Pride!

POSITIVE SPORTSMANSHIP COMMENDED FROM FOOTBALL OFFICIALS AT CCE GAME!
I just wanted to share a positive email that I received from one of the officials from our CCE football game on September 20th. I am so proud of everyone! Positive attitudes spread quickly!!

“Just wanted to let you know that I was a part of the officiating crew that worked your football game at Clay Central Everly, last Friday night. I wanted to let you know that I was truly impressed with the sportsmanship shown by the K-P players, coaches and fans at the game that night. The players for K-P were constantly helping the CCE players and I heard continuous positive comments from the players toward the opponents. I could tell that your coaches are constantly stressing the importance of good sportsmanship to their players. It was very evident that this is taking place and your coaches are to be commended for displaying this type of behavior that is definitely wearing off on to the players.

So many times we as officials dwell on the poor sportsmanship of teams and fans. I feel it is important to also let players and coaches know when we see good sportsmanship. So would you please pass this onto your coaches and players and let them know that we as a football officiating crew were truly impressed. Kudos to your players, coaches, and fans.

Thanks --” WAY TO GO PANTHERS!!!

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. More detailed information will follow in next months’ newsletter.

IMPORTANT DATES:
KP CC Invitational: October 8, 2018 at 4:30 (Please contact Coach Harpenau if you could volunteer.)

VB & CC senior parents’ night is: Oct. 17th (approximately at 7:45 or after JV match)
Senior parents’ night for FB is: Oct. 25th (done right at start of game)

Girls Volleyball Districts: TBA

Girls Basketball Starts: November 11, 2013
Boys Basketball & Wrestling starts: November 18, 2013

FALL SPORTS BANQUET: We will be having a Fall Banquet, Winter Banquet, Spring Banquet and Summer Banquet. The tentative date for the fall sports banquet is October 29, 2013. More details will follow in the upcoming weeks.

PE NEWS: Elementary and JH PE have been outside as much as possible, pending weather. We are enjoying the beautiful Fall and getting a lot of exercise. We will have Bus Safety in October as well as Bus safety for K-8th, 9th-12th with HS PE. I talked to the kids on the first day of PE about the importance of locking their belongings up. ALWAYS lock your things up! 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!
Dear Senior Parents,

Just a reminder that your son/daughter’s senior picture for the yearbook is due by **Tuesday, December 3rd**. The photo must be **vertical** and preferably a head & shoulders shot. Digital pictures work best. Images may be e-mailed to maschroeder@kingsley-pierson.k12.ia.us pictures can also be brought in on a CD or flash drive.

In addition, if you would like to make a donation for a dedication to your senior, please include the donation, your name, and your senior’s name. The donation can be any amount, but we ask for a minimum of $25.

The yearbook staff will include your son/daughter’s senior picture along with a photo of your choice, next to your note of contribution. If you wish to use a different senior picture other than the one used at the beginning of the book, you may do so (**it can be either vertical or horizontal**). The dedication pages will look similar to the ones shown below. The deadline for the dedication pages is also **Tuesday, December 3rd**.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Mr. Schroeder & The Panther Staff

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Pages 96-97 from the 2009 Yearbook
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

October 2013
Kingsley-Pierson
Breakfast & Lunch Menu

Monday
- French Toast w/Syrup
- Chicken WG Wrap
- Soft Shell Tacos
- Peas
- Waffles w/Syrup
- Pork Fritter on WG Bun
- Hot Ham & Chz on WG Bun
- Baked Fries
- WG Pancakes w/Syrup
- Chicken Patty on WG Bun
- Hot Ham & Chz on WG Bun
- Vegetable Soup
- Breakfast Burrito
- WG Goulash w/ WG Bread
- Hot Ham & Chz on WG Bun
- California Blend
- Breakfast Pizza
- WG Grilled Cheese Sandwich
- Hot Ham & Chz on WG Bun
- Tomato Soup

Tuesday
- Wednesday
- WG Cinnamon Roll
- Italian Pasta Bake w/ WG Breadstick
- Hamburger or Cheeseburger on WG Bun
- Corn
- Cinnamon Tasty
- Turkey Pot Pie w/ WG Biscuit
- Hamburger or Cheeseburger on WG Bun
- Corn
- Cheesy Eggs & WG Toast
- Salisbury Steak
- Chicken Nuggets w/ Sauce
- WG Bread, WW Cookie
- Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy

Wednesday
- Thursday
- Egg Patty & WG Toast
- Super Mexi Tots
- Chicken Nuggets w/ Sauce
- WG Bread, WG Corn Chips
- Baked Beans
- Ham & Chz WG Bagel
- Grilled Turkey Bacon Swiss
- WG Pizza
- Baked Fries

Friday
- Breakfast Burrito
- Sloppy Joe on WG Bun
- WG Pizza
- Green Beans
- Breakfast Pizza
- Mexi Taco WG Wrap
- WG Pizza
- Peas

Lunch Choices Offered Daily:
- Fruit & Vegetable Bar
- Skim, Low-Pat & Skim Chocolate Milk

Students may select one of the two entrée options

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**Activities Calendar for October 2013**

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