A Note from the Superintendent

GREAT START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR

The school year is off to a great start. We are at our 6 week grading period date from the beginning of the year, and it has been a fantastic start.

We are already closing in on our final three weeks of the first quarter and will soon have parent teacher conferences. Jody is in the process of scheduling these and notices will be going out shortly. As far as the high school is considered, we will schedule all conferences in the Fall but have an open conference schedule in the Spring. If you get a chance to thank your son/daughter’s teacher, please do so. They have worked hard to make sure your son/daughter has and will have a great start to the school year.

We do have some great additions to our certified staff. If you get a moment, give a great big Panther Pride welcome to:

- Taylor Mulvihill - Title I Reading
- Erica Wordekemper - 5th Grade
- Kourtney Miller - Middle School Math
- Geoff Olson - High School Business
- Heather Loreth - K-12 Guidance Counselor
- Lanette Peterson - Shared Elem. Guidance Counselor
- Laurie Schweitzberger - School Business Official

Good luck to all our teams as they wind down their seasons. The football team and volleyball teams are close to the end of the season and the shared cross country team is again rated in the state. The play auditions have taken place and the kids are practicing hard to get their parts down. Hopefully, the weather will stay nice and it won’t get too cold too soon.

2018 yearbooks are still available at the office. The cost is $40. 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 2019 yearbooks will go on sale at the end of October. More details in the next newsletter!
Elementary Comments

- Mr. Wiese

“Kingsley-Excellence-Education-Pierson” from the K-P Elementary! Our journey this academic year includes a continued emphasis on reading, math, and making great choices! Special “thanks” go out to the KP Boosters this year for their continued support! All of the elementary students received a t-shirt from the Boosters during Homecoming week! Finally, thank you again for your great attendance at the “Open House” way back on August 21!

The first quarter is going by quickly and ends on October 22. Grade reports (4.5 weeks) were sent home recently for the 3rd & 4th grade students. We want to continue a great partnership between the school and parents. Most of you browse the Kingsley-Pierson web site on a regular basis. The web address is www.k-pcsd.org and contains lots of great data. Please be sure to use the “JMC Parent Access” 2018-2019 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.

All students (K-4) in the elementary get to take part in the F.A.S.T. (Formative Assessment System for Teachers) testing the week of October 1-5. The testing takes place three times throughout the school year. Results are discussed in detail at parent-teacher conferences.

Fire Safety Week happens each year throughout the country. The elementary will have a fire truck visit tentatively on Friday, Oct. 12 in the morning! We sure want our kids to be safe and appreciate all that the fire fighters do for us!

Homecoming Week was a blast in the elementary! Thank you for having your child dress up and show top-notch “Panther Pride!” Go Panthers!!!

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for October 30 and November 1, so please make every effort to attend this special time. Thank you for taking an active role in your child’s education!

Our first get-together included the annual “Grandparent’s/Special Friend’s Day” on Friday, August 31. The attendance of this 30th Annual Event was amazing, 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! A “Photo Booth” continued this year and over $250 was donated for books in the elementary! Your pictures can be picked up from your teacher at parent-teacher conferences!

The elementary has had one assembly so far. It included a kick-off for the new school year and our annual “Schoolmall” promotion. Close to fifty students participated in this voluntary event and each student should have receive a small gift in September for participating.

Please remember to send in Box Tops (we send them in twice a year-first round is on Oct. 12).

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. We encourage you to have a coat at school to wear! 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). Please make sure your child eats a healthy breakfast daily and gets plenty of rest!!!

Finally we are tentatively going to schedule the second “Tip Night at Doosky’s” in Kingsley on Thursday, November 8 from 5:00-8:00 pm. All “Tips” go back to the kids including new books!

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“It is the policy of the Kingsley-Pierson Community School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, creed, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, gender identity and socioeconomic status (for programs) in its educational programs and its employment practices. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy, please contact Rob Wiese, 322 Quest Ave. 712-378-2861, nwiese@k-pcsd.org. The Kingsley-Pierson Community School District offers career and technical programs in the following areas: Agricultural Education, Business Education, and Industrial Education.”
**School Health Information**

This fall we are seeing an early start to the cold and flu season with a moderate amount of strep-throat cases. It is important to talk with your child about good hand washing techniques which include using warm water and scrubbing hands with soap for at least 20 seconds, making sure to get in between fingers and around the nails. It is also important to remind your student that they should not share personal items such as hats and gloves, or items like drinks, food, and lip balm with friends.

Remind your student to cover their coughs or sneezes with their elbow or a tissue. If they do cough or sneeze into their hands they should wash them immediately.

Know the signs and symptoms of the flu or other contagious diseases. Sick children need to stay 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. If your 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.

Please visit the health office website by going to the district website, hovering over the ‘Schools’ tab and clicking on the ‘Health and School Nurse’ link for up to date news and links to download any health documents your student may need.

**Students Create Henge Models**

Stonehenge. An iconic monument located on Salisbury Plain, England. For centuries, travelers have made their way to this ancient marvel. Over time, speculations about Stonehenge’s purpose have grown and been dismissed as new information is gleaned from archaeological digs around the site.

Because the large sarsen stones stand in a circular formation and align with the midsummer sunrise, scientists have described the settings as a type of calendar. It is also known that the slaughter stone at the entrance confirms sacrifices for some type of worship. The construction of Stonehenge took place over thousands of years and required much manual labor from those living in the area.

To begin their study of British Literature this year, Mrs. Vondrak’s English IV class at Kingsley-Pierson read and discussed the early civilizations in England. Students will discover the evolution of the literature from the United Kingdom that originated in the oral traditions. To gain an understanding of the society in the region, the students learned about the Stonehenge creation. Students examined diagrams of how the 25-ton sarsen uprights were set in place with lintels secured across the tops. The proposed scaffolding system to raise the lintels supports an early engineering feat.

To conclude their lesson, the English IV seniors constructed their own henge projects out of any material of their choosing. This year’s projects ranged from marshmallows to Jenga blocks to dowels to homemade dough shaped like stones. Being able to visualize the formation of Stonehenge in a 3-D model helped students understand the placement of the sarsens and bluestones, some of which were transported to Salisbury Plain from as far away as 160 miles. This required moving the stones over land and water. Students also gained a respect for this type of communal labor.

In 1918, England named Stonehenge as the common people’s monument as a way to protect the area and honor those who spent thousands of years designing and constructing this wonder. Mysteries still surround Stonehenge and other henge monuments in the United Kingdom.
Middle School Comments

- Mr. Wiese

The 2018/2019 school year began with an assembly for Grades 5-8 on Thursday, August 23 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 “Kingsley-Excellence-Education-Pierson!”

The volleyball, football, and cheerleading programs are in full swing. Please check the on-line calendar for the remaining games. The basketball season begins around October 23. Thank you for supporting our extra-curricular events. Thank You Panther Fans!!!

Homecoming Week was a blast in the Middle School! Thank you for having your child dress up and show amazing “Panther Pride!” Go Panthers!!!

A reminder that Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, October 30 and Thursday, November 1. Our attendance for this event is excellent, and we hope to continue the past precedent!

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, etc. (Also remember to please send in Box Tops).

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! Please make sure your child eats a healthy breakfast daily and gets plenty of rest!!!

Most of you browse at the Kingsley-Pierson web site on a regular basis. Please be sure to use the “JMC Parent Access” 2018-2019 option to keep track of your child (same user names and passwords from last year). The school web site has been upgraded and looks awesome! www.k-pcsd.org

Also please use the “Calendar” link on the website to see current events of the district and regular test dates!

Finally we are tentatively going to schedule the second “Tip Night at Doosky’s” in Kingsley on Thursday, November 8 from 5:00-8:00 pm. All “Tips” go back to the kids including new books!

Two grade levels in the middle school are enjoying their new Social Studies textbooks. The 8th Graders have a brand new American History textbook that will help them learn about early North American settlements all the way through to the Civil War. The 6th Graders have a new World History textbook which covers some of the great ancient civilizations like the Romans, Greeks, and Egyptians, etc. Pictured below are 6th graders Gabby Boustead and Avery Schroeder and 8th graders Grace Riemenschneider and Liam Dunne.
Imagine setting these goals: Climb the highest mountain in the world. Climb the highest mountains on each of the seven continents. Kayak the Grand Canyon. Adopt a Nepalese boy. Teach a fifth grade class in Phoenix, AZ. Wrestle in the National Junior Freestyle Championships in Iowa.

Now, imagine setting those goals being blind. That’s exactly what Erik Weihenmayer has accomplished, plus many more goals. After going blind from a genetic disorder at age 14, Weihenmayer made the conscious decision that he wanted to have purpose. He made conscious decisions to engage with living. He joined the wrestling team. He, along with his father and brothers, hiked and climbed Machu Picchu in Peru. He became the first blind person to summit Mt. Everest. He earned a college degree, moved across the country to teach, and led a team of blind teenagers part-way up Everest. But, Weihenmayer hasn’t stopped there; he continues to challenge himself and others through his “No Barriers” organization. The motto for a No Barriers life is: “What’s Within You is Stronger Than What’s In Your Way.”

On Friday, September 21, Mrs. Vondrak’s English III class had the opportunity to hear Weihenmayer’s inspirational speech at the Orpheum Theater in Sioux City. The 14 juniors and seniors joined nearly 1700 other students from Sioux City and the surrounding area to hear Weihenmayer’s stories, see some of his photos and videos, and find connections to their own lives and challenges. Students were encouraged to confront their personal barriers in order to improve their lives, their families, their communities and the world.

Following the presentation, the students had the opportunity to share what they learned from Weihenmayer. Matthew Christophersen wrote, “I thought that the Lava Falls part of his presentation was the coolest. I could never do any of the stuff that he did.” What stood out to Riley Iseminger was, “He does not let anything stop him, he believes in no barriers. He is persistent and never gives up. He has a very high level of trust of his teammates.” Another perspective came from Preston Pfaffle. Preston stated, “If you go past your boundaries, you can achieve great things (‘no barriers’). Do not let the adventure end.” Besides sharing stories about his personal experiences climbing and kayaking, Weihenmayer told the audience about his work with “Soldiers to Summits”. Kara Schmid explained, “It was inspiring to hear about all of these people that have a physical struggle that are doing things that some normal people can’t do. These people truly live a no barriers life. He made me want to try new adventurous activities.” Those lessons impacted the students and related to other readings and videos they’ve been studying since school began.

The English III class also discussed key points that Erik Weihenmayer. He told the students to remember the word “alchemy” and to make a conscious effort to turn adversity into advantages. Another concept which the students identified with was “quitters, campers, and climbers.” Weihenmayer believes everyone falls into one of those three categories, and he encouraged the audience to pursue their metaphorical summits and be active participants in life. Following the speaking engagement, the English III students each received a copy of No Barriers: A Blind Man’s Journey to Kayak the Grand Canyon by Erik Weihenmayer. They will be using excerpts from the book in their current unit of study.
SPORTS SCHEDULES: We are in the second half of the High School Fall sports season and we are so proud of our athletes and coaches. Thank you so all the volunteers who make our home events successful. Sharon Spink for keeping scorebook for volleyball and Misty Bubke for libero tracking. Gregg Roepke and Chad Iseminger for running the scoreclock and playclock and for Tom Pederson & Mr. Brown for announcing for football. Thank you ahead of time, for all the volunteers at our home cross country meet and hoping the weather cooperates this year. Special thanks to Coach Harpenau and Mike DeJong for marking the course. Thanks also to Mike DeJong for keeping our football field looking sharp. Keep up the good work and please continue to show your Panther Pride!

So very proud of our coaches and athletes from the 2017-18 sports seasons. #kpstrong

WAY TO GO PANTHERS!!!

Please utilize our Kingsley-Pierson website for updated schedules and gym times. I will be keeping these up to date. You can locate gym times under the “community” link. Please remember to supervise your kids at all times and DO NOT prop the southwest doors open! PLEASE, be respectful of our school and the equipment if you are reserving our facilities so we can continue to allow youth programs and other programs access to it.

IMPORTANT DATES:
HOME CC Meet: Oct. 2nd 4:30 start

Volleyball / CC senior night Oct. 2nd vs WC
VB district pairing will be out soon

Football Senior Night (Players, managers, cheerleaders) Oct. 12th
Coaches vs. Cancer Night—be watching for details

Girls Basketball Starts: November 5, 2018

Boys Basketball & Wrestling starts: November 12, 2018

Winter Sports Meet the Team Night: TBA

SAVE THE DATE: PANTHER BALL (tentatively) February 23, 2019

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 be having Bus safety for K-8th. (9th-12th with HS PE) during the week of conferences.

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!

News from Mrs. Goodwin

Building Resilience in Children

Three Ways to Help Children Become More Resilient

Mrs. Powell - TAG Teacher

- Use growth mindset praise - Instead of “being smart” or “being the best” praise a child’s willingness to try, their effort, their patience, and their practice. Help them understand the connection between hard work, perseverance, and success. Parents can help their child by carefully choosing the words they use when praising them.

- Look at the glass as “half full” instead of “half empty” by being positive. Parents need to model a positive attitude to help their children look for the “good” in situations.

- Help your child find his or her niche. Successful children are confident. As a parent try to provide opportunities for children to experience a variety of things so they can find an area where they thrive and excel. Sports may be the first thing that comes to mind when we consider opportunities but don’t forget to include opportunities that will give them other life long skills such as music, photography, chess, and 4-H.
August 20, 2018

TO: School Administrators

FROM: Alan Beste, Executive Director - IHSAA

RE: IHSAA Member Schools With No Ejections During 2017-2018 Sport Season

It is with great pride that I can send this letter to your school regarding coach and student-athlete conduct during the 2017-2018 school year.

You are one of 166 schools, which calculates to 45% of the IHSAA membership, who had no student-athletes or coaches ejected during the 2017-2018 school year.

So many times we dwell on the negative but this is an opportunity for me to convey to you from the Iowa High School Athletic Association that you should take pride in notifying your coaches and your student-athletes how proud you are of their overall conduct during the 2017-2018 school year.

We continue to see good conduct from our coaches and our student-athletes every year. I realize many times an ejection deals with an emotional outburst and the individual involved regrets what has occurred, but to go through an entire year and not have one flagrant, unsportsmanlike act during any of your competitions, is certainly something to be proud of.

I am proud I can send you this letter about the great conduct and sportsmanship by you student-athletes and coaches. With the start of the 2018-2019 school year I hope you can use this as a springboard to another great year.

Keep up the good work. Keep the emphasis where we need to have it as it relates to your students and coaches representing your school, community and patrons. We do appreciate your leadership.

At every competition venue and in the stands - - - CONDUCT COUNTS!!

Sincerely,

Alan Beste
Executive Director

AB:cc
Dear Senior Parents,

Just a reminder that your son/daughter’s senior picture for the yearbook is due by **Thursday, December 6th**. The photo must be vertical and preferably a head & shoulders shot. Digital pictures work best. Images may be e-mailed to mrschroeder@k-pcsd.org pictures can also be brought in on a CD or flash drive.

vertical orientation needed for senior section

horizonal orientation can be used on dedication page

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. 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 **Thursday, December 6th**.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Mr. Schroeder & The Panther Staff
Kingsley and Pierson Home Events, and Beyond . . .

The 2018-2019 school year is off to an excellent start at Kingsley-Pierson! This is my 17th year here, and I am continually reminded of the incredible support our district receives from our residents, businesses, parents, students, guardians, teachers, staff, fire fighters, and police officers! Kingsley-Pierson is a great place!

The week of Homecoming provides another avenue of showcasing our school throughout the week. The hope is that everyone can have a great week of learning and cheering on the Panthers in many ways (dress-up days, pep rallies/coronation, parade, Super Class night, and the football game).

We want all kinds of Panther fans to attend our home events. That includes grandparents, parents, guardians, students, young kids, community members, and so on. We at Kingsley-Pierson want to fill up the stands at all of our events (band, choir, athletics, etc.)!

A reminder about our home events and the expectations of our students. We want our students to cheer for the Panthers! During the school day, we provide supervision for our students. For events held after school at Kingsley and/or Pierson such as volleyball, football, and cross country events, parent(s)/guardian(s) are in charge of his/her child(ren). We don’t want our students running around unsupervised. IF they come to an event, they are expected to watch it. For instance, when you go shopping, you don’t just allow your kids to go where they please— you know exactly where they are at. Please use this same method with your kids when you attend MS and HS events in Kingsley, Pierson, or wherever you go. This also assures their safety and keeps them out of trouble.

Yes, this article was sent out in an email and again has been placed in the district newsletter! Thank you in advance for your support in this endeavor!

Sincerely,

Rob Wiese, Kingsley-Pierson K-8 Principal