A Note from the Superintendent

Once again, the school year is off to a great start. We have just reached our 6 week grading period date, the weather has been fantastic and we are looking forward to a fantastic school year.

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. We did this for the first time last school year and believe this worked extremely well for those that wanted to communicate with other teachers. If you get a chance to thank your son/daughter’s teacher, please do so. They continue to work hard to make sure your son/daughter is having and will have a successful school year.

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

Kassie Compton - 4th grade
Nancy Ruhland - Title I Reading
Katie Goodwin - Middle School Math

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 musical auditions have taken place and the kids are practicing hard to get their parts down for the *Wizard of Oz* performance. Hopefully, the farmers almanac is wrong and we will have a mild winter. I’m not looking forward to making the call on late starts or no school days any time soon.

Mr. Bailey presented Nicole Goodwin and Scott Bohle, from the Panther Ball Committee, $1,040 from the staff at Kingsley-Pierson. The Kingsley-Pierson Staff pays $20 a semester to wear jeans on Fridays. Each semester, this money is given to a local charitable organization. Previous donations have gone to the backpack program, the KCAC, the Dwelling, the spooks and the Kingsley and Pierson fire departments.
“Be Positive” from the KP 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 25. 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” 2019-2020 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 (this year includes before reading and math). The testing takes place three times throughout the school year. Results are discussed 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. 18 in the morning! We 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 November 5 and 7, 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 30. 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 money 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. Fifty-three 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 and be aware they have gone “digital” and you can download an “ap” on your smart phone and simply scan the box tops from your receipt!

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 going to schedule the third “Tip Night at Doosky’s” in November. Details will come out soon and “thank you” in advance for your support! All “Tips” go back to the kids including new books!
**School Health Information**

This August elementary students were welcomed back to school with a new water fountain from the “Rethink Your Drink” grant that was awarded to our district at the end of last year. This water fountain/bottle filling station replaced an older drinking fountain in the elementary hallway. The new water bottle filling station makes drinking water more accessible for students and staff to stay hydrated with fluoridated drinking water during the school day. Fluoride is a naturally occurring mineral that has been found to help prevent tooth decay. Along with the new Elkay water fountain/bottle filling station students in the elementary received a water bottle, tooth brush, and book mark as part of the grant. The program, “Rethink Your Drink” is funded by Delta Dental of Iowa Foundation and supported by the Iowa Department of Public Health Bureau of Nutrition and Health Promotion, Iowa Public Health Association, Iowa Department of Education and In Depth Marketing.

Thank you to parents of kindergarten, third, and ninth grade students who have turned in health paperwork required at each grade level. It is not too late to turn these forms in! If you have questions about what your student needs please call the school and ask to speak with the nurse.

Students in fifth grade received the P&G Always Changing® and Growing Up puberty education on Friday, October 4th. Materials and videos that are presented during the class are available to preview at [https://www.pgschoolprograms.com/Educators](https://www.pgschoolprograms.com/Educators). Sample products were provided by the program and distributed to the students at the end of the lesson.

This month marks the third senior class who has been trained through the American Heart Association’s Heartsaver® CPR course. Students learn how to provide high quality CPR and use an AED for adults, children, and infants. They also learn how to administer the Heimlich maneuver.

Mrs. Spooner’s first graders and Mrs. Conrad’s fourth graders have been spending their buddy time getting to know our different gadgets that go with our Computer Science Award. Students have had the chance to play with our dash robot, makey’s, coding mice, beebots, and code.org. Students are loving all of the hands on opportunities and are eager to progress in computer science as the year goes on!

Fourth-grade students had the chance to listen to Anne, from Water Rocks! She talked to them about the importance of pollinators. Students learned many different things about bees and butterflies and got to play a game to learn the struggles that butterflies face while traveling down to Mexico for the winter.
The 2019/2020 school year began with an assembly for Grades 5-8 on Friday, 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 “Be Positive”!

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 31. Thank you for supporting our extra-curricular events. Thank You Panther Fans!!!!!

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A reminder that Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, November 5 and Thursday, November 7. Our attendance for this event is excellent, and we hope to continue the past precedent!

There are numerous documents sent home with your child and/or emailed to parent/guardian. For students in 6th, 7th, & 8th grade, there are “3 Week & 6 Week Grade Reports” (so please ask your son/daughter about them). For students in 5th grade, 4.5 week grade reports are created for parents/guardians. Additionally, there may be forms for field trips, notes from the school nurse, etc.

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!!!

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

Finally we are going to schedule the third “Tip Night at Doosky’s” in Kingsley in November. More details will be coming in the near future! All “Tips” go back to the kids including new books!

The Kingsley-Pierson Drama Department is excited to announce their presentation of “The Wizard of Oz.” We will have our first performance on Friday, November 8 at 7:00 pm. On Saturday, November 9 we will have two performances at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Tickets are available at the school office for $5 per ticket. You won’t want to miss this show!
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 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!

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. 8th 4:30 start

VB Coaches vs. Cancer Night Oct. 10th FB Stand up to Cancer Balloon Release Friday, Oct. 11th (weather permitting)

VOLLEYBALL / CC senior night Oct. 15th vs MVAOCOU

VB district pairing will be out soon

FOOTBALL SENIOR NIGHT (Players, managers, cheerleaders) Oct. 25th

Girls Basketball Starts: November 11th

Boys Basketball & Wrestling starts: November 18th

Winter Sports Meet the Team Night: Nov. 22nd

PANTHER BALL will be Dec. 31, 2019 “PANTHERS ROCKIN' EVE”
TICKET SALES START @ HOME VB OCT. 15TH

(Will also be for sale Friday, Nov 8th @ the KP Musical.)

The Panther Ball Committee would like to give a special THANK YOU to the KP Faculty & Staff for their generous donation. We are so grateful for all you do to support the Panther Ball.

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!
Dear Senior Parents,

Just a reminder that your son/daughter’s senior picture for the yearbook is due by Thursday, December 5th. 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

horizontal 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 5th.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Mr. Schroeder & The Panther Staff

Pages 96-97 from the 2018 Yearbook
2019 - 2020
Panther Yearbook
on sale now!

You may order a yearbook at the high school office or through your homeroom teacher. The cost of this year’s book is $40 $38 if you order before December 20, 2019. After Christmas break, the price will be $45.

Elementary & Junior High - Return your order forms to your homeroom teacher.
High School - Return your order forms to the office.
Public & Community - Return your order forms to the high school office.

Yearbooks will be sent home with students by September 2020.

2019-2020 YEARBOOK ORDER FORM
(Please detach and return along with payment to Kingsley-Pierson School)

Name: __________________________________________________________

Grade: ___________________________ Phone No.: _________________________

Address: _________________________________________________________

QUANTITY OF YEARBOOKS ORDERED: _______________________

AMOUNT ENCLOSED (QTY. x $38 by December 20, 2019 $45 after January 2, 2020): ________________________