Notes from the Superintendent

I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude for all those who have volunteered to help with the many activities and events we participate in throughout the school year. From those who volunteer to help teachers with projects on Tuesday to those who have helped with our various events, such as grandparents/special friends day, the book fair, working concession stands, to participating on the music or athletic booster clubs, to working with your children in their educational projects, to those businesses that have donated money or items for our use. Each of you are an intricate part of our school system. THANK YOU!

What a great start to the school year. As we head into the final weeks of the semester, I wanted to say how smooth the year has gone. The kids are working hard in their classes. We have had some success in our Fall activities and the start of the winter season has been fantastic. The weather has cooperated with our academic season, as well.

We have had a tremendous amount of people request keys to the weight rooms in Kingsley or Pierson. There is a $50 fee for using the weight room. The use of the weight room does come with some responsibility on the part of the person requesting the key. We do not ask much but to make sure we can continue to offer this service, we ask that everyone take a moment, when done working out, to clean up a little bit, put weights away and wipe off the machines. If you plan on using the treadmill, please use a different pair of shoes than the ones you walked into the weight room with, especially during the winter season. The dirt and moisture will affect the machine. If everyone does their part, we will be able to offer this for many more years. Thanks in advance for your efforts to help us with this. Also, the door between the weight room and the hallway needs to remain closed and locked in the evening, for security reasons.

Just a reminder, when there is a holiday break or a no school day, keys, whether for the weight room or for the athletic hallway for gym access, will not work during the normally scheduled school day. The keys are on a programmed timer. The only time they will work throughout the entire day would be during the summer months.

Thanks again for the continued support you have all shown during this past year. We are truly blessed to have such a supportive community.
Elementary Comments

- Mr. Wiese

December is a great opportunity for spending time with family and friends! Make it a goal to read a couple of good books this month! Our holiday concert is scheduled for Monday, December 4, at 6:30 pm in the Kingsley gym! The main doors open at 6:00 pm. Students can go down to their classrooms at 6:10 pm.

The second quarter has about three weeks remaining. The second quarter ends on Friday, December 22, 2017. In addition the first semester ends the same day. School resumes Wednesday, January 3, 2018. The third quarter/second semester also begins on Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

Report cards from the 1st semester 2017/2018 will be sent home by Friday, January 5 in most cases. Our second round of F.A.S.T. testing (Winter) will take place more than likely in late January. Parent Teacher Conferences take place on Tuesday, March 13 and Thursday, March 15. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

The weather has been mild up to this point. More than likely things will change this month! Please make sure your child has the proper attire for going outside. Thank you for all of your preparation with this issue.

Finally, “thank you” to all of you in-advance who brought in canned items, money, etc. for our “Food Drive” December 4-15, 2017! A memo about this event goes out on Monday, December 4. I know we will make several families happier this season!

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Elementary Instructional Coaches (Laura Boustead and Amy Bailey)
10 Minute Math PD

This month much of our focus has been on math anchor charts that originated from the Kim Sutton classes some of our teachers took this past summer. These anchor charts provide a quick assessment of a variety of math skills and logic. During staff development, a 10-15 minute tutorial is given on how to use the charts. Then teachers can easily put them to use the very next day as part of their instruction. They can be used in a whole group or small group setting. One of the favorites is the Input/Output chart. Teachers program these charts with whatever skill they are working on. These easy laminated surfaces makes it a snap to record answers and reprogram for the next skill or lesson. The other beneficial aspects about the anchor charts are they are virtually applicable to all grade levels and can be used for other skills beyond math.

Below left is an example of how Mrs. Spooner, 1st grade teacher, uses her input/output chart. She says it is her students’ favorite. They don’t even realize they are doing math because they’re having so much fun.

Below right is another example of a math chart: Estimate to Actual. A teacher fills a jar with small items. Students need to estimate how many items are in the jar. The teacher records the answers in either the greater than or less than columns. When a student gets the answer correct, then the teacher directs the students to rename the number in as many ways as they can.

High School Instructional Coaches (Kris Hackett and Jayne Vondrak)

Leadership training has been instrumental for Teacher Leaders since Kingsley-Pierson implemented the Teacher Leadership cohort. In addition to providing support for high school teachers this fall, Amy Benson, Kris Hackett and Jayne Vondrak attended a two-day training on Better Conversations.

On October 17-18, Jim Knight, author of the books Better Conversations, High Impact Instruction, Instructional Coaching and others, facilitated the training to improve communication within the school setting. Knight believes that “communication is central to school improvement.” Communication at all levels enhances the district’s mission and goals, builds stronger relationships between all stakeholders, and provides a voice from every sector.

While one of the Teacher Leadership goals has been relationship-oriented, improved conversations will enhance those relationships school-wide. Knight claims that “better conversations is a movement toward a more authentic version of yourself.” However, in order to be authentic, a person needs to understand what he/she believes, AND a person needs to act in a way which is consistent with those beliefs.

Knight’s beliefs about better conversations center around the following six belief statements:
Belief #1: I see others as equal partners in conversations.
Belief #2: I want to hear what others have to say.
Belief #3: I believe others should have a lot of autonomy.
Belief #4: I don’t judge my conversation partners.
Belief #5: Our conversation should be back and forth.
Belief #6: Conversation should be lifegiving.

Throughout the two-day workshop, participants engaged in many conversations, practicing the strategies and beliefs, and enhancing their communication skills. In today’s world, communication has become more vital. As Martin Luther King, Jr. stated: “Our lives begin to end when we become silent about things that matter.”

Conversations must happen in order for Kingsley-Pierson to continue as an innovative, challenging, exemplary school district.
Middle School Comments

- Mr. Wiese

The annual holiday concert takes place in the Kingsley building on Tuesday, December 19 at 6:30 pm. Please note the location and that the high school band/choir also will be performing!

Our 1st semester is almost complete and we are excited to begin our 2nd semester of 2017/2018 on Wednesday, January 3! Please note the dates below for updates and other information. Report cards from the 1st semester will be sent home by Friday, January 5 in most cases. Time does fly and our Parent-Teacher Conferences for the third quarter are scheduled for March 13 & 15, 2018.

Please encourage your child to finish the second quarter strong! From December 4-15, 2017, we will be having our annual “Food Drive”! A memo will be sent out on December 4. A special “thanks” in-advance goes out to all of the students, faculty, staff, other adults, and agencies who/whom had a part in donating items/money to many in the area this December 2017!

The basketball season is in the heart of the season! Congratulations to all of the players, managers, cheerleaders, and coaches involved with the basketball program. Here are the games in December 2017.

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The wrestling season begins with a meeting tentatively scheduled for Monday, January 15, 2018. The official schedule will be given out to the wrestlers then and will also be submitted to the January and February 2018 school newsletters. The first middle school wrestling meet of the season is on Tuesday, January 30 @4:00 pm in Onawa!

Coach’s Corner

continued

Digital Literacy Coaches

(Jackie Lammers & Erin Hoffman)

December 4-10th is Computer Science Education Week. Kingsley-Pierson Community School District students, teachers, staff and administrators will be participating in an Hour of Code. The Hour of Code is a global movement reaching tens of millions of students in 180+ countries. Every student should have the opportunity to learn computer science. It helps nurture problem-solving skills, logic and creativity. By starting early, students will have a foundation for success in any 21st-century career path.

- New computing jobs are growing 3 times faster than the number of computer science graduates.
- More than 50% of all math and science jobs are for computer scientists.
- Computer science jobs are the highest-paying jobs for new graduates.

KP’s theme for our coding event this year is Crafty Coders. Throughout the week, students will be working on coding while also creating some crafts to help them understand computer science concepts. Students will be learning about binary code and as a district we will be creating a giant line of binary code to be displayed in the Kingsley Commons. Our coding goal for the week is to complete 518 hours of code. Across the world, 100 million students have completed 450 million hours of code. We are excited to be able to contribute to this growing number while giving our students the opportunity to learn logical thinking, problem solving, persistence, collaboration, and communication skills.

Make sure to ask your students about their coding experience! If your student would like to continue coding outside of school checkout https://hourofcode.com/us and try it out yourself.
Curriculum Corner

Amy Benson

Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah, Happy Kwanzaa, Feliz Navidad or whatever you say in your home. I hope you have a wonderful holiday season with those you hold most dear.

I am excited at all the teachers and administration are doing at KP to make our school the best it can be! We started 10 min. Professional development this fall. We meet as a staff in the Commons for 10 minutes and do some sort of team building activity. Before Thanksgiving we played some Thanksgiving Minute-To-Win-It activities. Not only is this fun for everyone, but it also builds climate and culture and promotes teamwork within our staff. The secondary teachers then split off into departments to work. The social studies and fine arts teachers needed time to look at their new standards to find any gaps or overlaps in their deliverance of materials. Even though we are a small district, we are still in two buildings in two different towns which causes some disconnect. The elementary teachers were led by Chuck Hackett and Michelle Schroeder, Model Teachers, all afternoon on the new science standards (NGSS). The Teachers Leaders and I have started Mastermind Meetings on the first Wed. of the month from 4:00-4:30. This is our time to meet as a team and reflect on what we have accomplished and any obstacles or hurdles that are hindering our success.

I know many community members feel our teacher leaders are out of their classrooms too much, but I can honestly say they are working harder when they are out. When they have release time, they are attending trainings on what we need to do at KP to help our students reach their full potential. They go to the trainings to learn the material to come back and “teach” it to all of our teachers. It is more work for them as they have to prepare for a sub and then come back and get caught up. It is not ideal. If you look around, every district has local control over their Teacher Leadership. When we wrote the TLC grant at KP, we wrote it with the best of intentions. If you ever have a question as to what the teacher leaders are doing during their release time, please reach out to that teacher leader or myself. I guarantee what they are doing will positively impact students at KP because that is our ultimate goal.

We Do Art! Mrs. Hackett, along with art students: Ashley Schroeder, Payton Manker, Casidy Otto, Paige Huth, Shelby Schweitzberger, (back) Lauren Krohn, Emily Redinius, Jamie Zunft and Joshua Korynta attended Buena Vista University’s I Do Art workshop. Students participated in drawing, metal working, relief sculptures and many other activities.

Keep on Coding! Miss Hoffman and many high school students help elementary students with coding. The goal for the week of December 4th - 8th was 518 hours of coding by students, faculty and staff.
You may order a yearbook at the high school office or through your homeroom teacher. The cost of this year’s book is $40 if you order before December 22, 2017. 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 2018.

**2017-2018 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 $36 by December 22, 2017 $45 after January 3, 2018):** __________________________
K-P Booster Club Donation form

The K-P Booster Club is a parent-teacher-student organization. All parents and students are members of the K-P Booster Club, with or without financial contribution. The K-P Booster Club supports and enhances the educational, athletic, and social experience for all students. We strive to link the school and the parents and as a team, promote parental involvement, provide educational assistance to teacher/club sponsors and athletic support to coaches. The K-P Booster Club is funded through donations and fundraisers. We meet with community members to build and promote support for the Kingsley-Pierson School. Together we can make a difference!

If at any time you are interested in attending a Booster Club meeting, we would be happy to see you!!! Please watch your school e-mail for meeting dates and times. We welcome your input and ideas! President: Amber Schweitzberger aschweitz_2@hotmail.com.
Treasurer: Mary Kennedy mkennedy@k-pcsd.org

Name: ____________________________________________
Address: ____________________________________________
City, State: ____________________________________________
Phone: __________________________

K-P Booster Club is a non-profit organization- 100% is tax deductible

Donation Amount ___$10 ___$20 ___$50 ___$100 $__________ Other

Need a receipt? ___Yes ___No    Make checks payable to the K-P Booster Club

Mail check or cash to: K-P Booster Club

322 Quest Ave, Kingsley IA 51028

Do you want to be recognized for the donation ___Yes ___No

Treasurer's use only:    Amount of donation _______ CK# ______ Cash ______
## Breakfast Choices
Available every day, breakfast includes:
- Breakfast entrée or
- Choice of cereals with toast
- Fruit
- 100% Fruit Juice
- Milk choices

## Breakfast Meal Prices & Extras
- ES/MS/HS Student Breakfast: $2.00
- Adult Breakfast: $2.25
- Extra Breakfast Entrée: $1.00
- Extra Cereal: $1.00
- Extra Milk: $0.50

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## Breakfast Menu - December 2017

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**Fruit and Juice Available Every Day**
Start your day off right

**Breakfast is Good for Everyone!**
Start your day the healthy way! Whole grains and protein get you going and help you do well in class. Come join us!

**Breakfast Pizza**
- A. Egg & Cheese B. Cereal Choices and Toast
- Juice Choices
- Pineapple

**French Toast Sticks**
- A. Egg & Cheese B. Cereal Choices and Toast
- Juice Choices
- Sliced Pears

**Egg & Cheese**
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- Pineapple

**Breakfast Sliders**
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- A. Cereal Choices and Toast
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**Cereal Choices**
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## Lunch Menu - December 2017

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### Other Entrée Choices Available Daily:

**C. Sub Sandwich Entrées**
- M-F Sub Sandwich Choice
  - Choices vary. See menu board for details.

**D. Deli Wrap Entrées**
- M Combo Deli
- T Fajita Chicken
- W Roasted Chicken
- Th Ham Deli
- F Grilled Chicken
  - All Salads include whole grain bread item.

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

### Lunchtime Solutions food service staff!

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