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!

We have had a great start to the 19-20 school year. As we head into the holiday break and then the last few weeks of the 1st semester, I wanted to express my gratitude to the senior class for providing great leadership the first part of the school year. We have had some success in our Fall activities and the start of the winter season has been fantastic. The weather has cooperated, for the most part, and the progress our students have made on their academics have been beyond question.

We have had a few more people request keys to the weight rooms in Kingsley or Pierson. As a reminder, 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.

Gym access is reserved for parents coaching youth teams and parents that will be with their high school student to workout outside of normal school times. A parent is responsible to supervise their children, if in the gym. Students SHOULD NOT be in the gym without supervision. Students SHOULD NOT be in the gym playing games with former students, that are in their first year of college.

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.

Also, there is a MANDATORY dead week during the Holiday break. This is a conference rule. This dead week is from two days before Christmas, Christmas day, and two days after Christmas. The gym will reopen for practices on December 28th. The doors to the gym will not work during this time.

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

January 2020 is a great opportunity for spending time with family and friends! Make it a goal to read a couple of good books throughout this month!

The second quarter is about to be completed. The second quarter ends on Wednesday, January 15, 2020. In addition the first semester ends the same day. There is an early dismissal that same day at 12:30 pm. The third quarter/second semester begins on Thursday, January 16, 2020.

Report cards from the 1st semester 2019/2019 will be sent home the week of January 20 in most cases. Time does fly and our Parent-Teacher Conferences for the third quarter are scheduled for March 24 & 26, 2020 (always good to mark that on your calendar).

The weather has been a roller coaster this winter. 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 who brought in canned items, money, etc. for our “Food Drive” this past December 2019! I know we made several families holidays brighter and happier this season!

Fourth grade students spent time at Seglem Farms, thanks to the Computer Science is Elementary award. Students enjoyed combine rides, learned about soil, and saw the way corn is kept throughout the winter. While there, we saw all of the different ways technology influences farm life. A huge thank you to Seglem Farms for letting us come out and spend the afternoon with them. It was a huge hit!

“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, rwiese@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.”
Hearing Screening Notice

If your student is in grades K-5, 8, or a new student in middle or high school they will have their hearing screened on January 13th and 14th. Screenings are done by trained NWAEA Audiometrist, Cari Clyde. Please notify us in writing if you do not wish for your student to receive a hearing screening. If, in the past, you opted out of the hearing screen and now wish for your child’s hearing to be screened you will need to indicate this in writing before January 13th.

If your child does not pass the initial screening, the NWAEA Audiologist, Jill Sheehan, will do a follow-up screening on February 3rd and 4th.

Any questions should be directed to Jackie Schroeder, school nurse, at 712-378-2861.

School Health Information

A lot of health related education has been taking place so far this month! In the first week of December the staff had refresher training on how to administer the Heimlich in the event that a student or another staff member is choking. Training was led by a respiratory therapist from Unity Point Health. During health class Senior students had a guest speaker from Plymouth County Health Department who gave them information on the health effects of vaping.

Also in December, kindergartners and third grade students who did not return a vision screening or exam certificate were screened during the school day. In addition, any kindergartners who did not turn in a dental screening certificate were screened. Students who do not pass the screenings will get a note sent home by Winter Break.

Just a reminder that it is not too late to get your flu shot! At the end of November, the state of Iowa saw the spread of influenza as ‘local;” however the IDPH noted that cases of influenza have been increasing. The best way to fight influenza is to practice good hand hygiene and to cover your cough. It is also important to keep your student home if they are sick. Any student who has a fever of 100.00F or higher should stay home from school until they are fever free for 24 hours without the help of fever reducing medication such as Tylenol.

The health office is currently taking donations of mittens or gloves. Also, any pants or Panther spirit wear your student has outgrown can be donated. Thank you in advance!

The first and fourth grade students had the awesome opportunity to take computer science to Kingsley Nursing & Rehab. The students worked so well with the residents, they even found themselves getting some help with their computer science activity from their partners! We are looking forward to going back to see our friends later this year.

En Español por favor! Spanish III and IV students order meals while practicing their Spanish speaking skills at Monterrey restaurant in Sioux City.
Middle School Comments
- Mr. Wiese

Our 1st semester is almost complete and we are excited to begin our 2nd semester of 2019/2020 on Thursday, January 16! Please note the dates below for updates and other information. Report cards from the 1st semester will be mailed home the week of January 20 in most cases. Time does fly and our Parent-Teacher Conferences for the third quarter are scheduled for March 24 & 26, 2020.

Please encourage your child to finish the second quarter strong and to get off to a great start in the third quarter! A special “thanks” goes out to all of the students, faculty, staff, other adults, and agencies who had a part in donating items/money to many in the area this past December 2019!

The basketball season has just about three weeks remaining on the schedule. Congratulations to all individuals involved with the basketball and cheerleading program. Here are the games from January 9 until the end of the season.

Thursday Jan 9  4:00 PM  River Valley Boys  Boys @ Correctionville
Tuesday Jan 14  4:00 PM  Woodbury Central  Girls @ Moville  Boys @ Pierson
Thursday Jan 16  4:00 PM  Lawton Bronson  Girls @ Pierson  Boys @ Bronson
Tuesday Jan 21  4:00 PM  MMC-RU Girls  Girls @ Pierson
Thursday Jan 23  4:00 PM  River Valley Girls  Girls @ Correctionville
Monday Jan 27  4:00 PM  River Valley Girls  Girls @ Pierson
Tuesday Jan 28  4:00 PM  Akron-Westfield  Girls @ Akron

The wrestling season begins with a meeting tentatively scheduled for Friday, January 17, 2020. The official schedule will be given out to the wrestlers then and will also be submitted to the February 2020 school newsletter. Please mark on your calendars Thursday, February 27 at 4:00 PM as that is our home middle school wrestling meet!

Sports Schedules: Our Fall Athletic Banquet was a success! Thank you to the parents for the delicious food and the KP Booster Club for providing, drinks, plates, etc.

Our Winter Season is full swing! Please check the Google School Calendar for updates, etc. because schedules change all the time, and continue to show your positive Panther Pride!

Also, remember that during wrestling season, while the mats are down in the MPR, no one should be in there unless it is reserved for a specific group (i.e. youth wrestling). No one is allowed to use the PE equipment unless prior approval. We need to respect the equipment and mats in our MPR/wrestling room. Also, the cage of basketballs are available for youth practices and men’s league.

Thank you!

Please utilize our Kingsley-Pierson website for updated schedules and gym times. You can locate gym times under the “community” link.

Important Dates:
Senior Parents night for basketball is Jan. 24, 2020
Senior Parents night for wrestling was Dec. 12, 2019
WVC Wrestling Invitational @ KP Jan. 18th @ 10am
KP Wrestling Invitational Feb. 1st @ 9:30am
Sectional Wrestling: Feb. 8, 2020 @ (Noon) Sibley
District Wrestling: Feb. 15, 2020 @ Sioux Center (Noon)

Panther Ball—PANTHERS ROCKIN’ EVE is Dec. 31, 2019!! Money raised goes to our K-12 students.

Elementary Basketball Clinic:
3rd/4th graders who attended the clinic, will play at half-times of HS games on Jan. 14th. Information will be sent home before Christmas. Those players will get in free.

5/6th graders who attended the clinic, will play at half-times of HS games on Jan. 21st. Information was sent out before Christmas. Those players will get in free.

PE News: Elementary PE will be using the MPR when the wrestling mats are down. The students DO NOT wear shoes on the mats, but they MUST have socks on. 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!
KP PANTHERS BASKETBALL

Dear 3rd—8th grade student & parent (guardian),

We will be having our 3rd through 8th grade basketball clinic during the Christmas break this year. This is still a free clinic that the high school boys’ and girls’ teams will be running. We will stress fundamentals and basketball skills, along with drills that the high school teams use. A lot of the young children are in basketball leagues now so we will advance the skills as needed. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet and learn from the high school teams and coaches. We are promoting sportsmanship, positive attitudes, teamwork, fundamentals, and Character Counts. Due to the way our Christmas break falls with Mandatory gym closed schedule, we can only have a one-day clinic on Monday.

The 3rd through 8th grade girls will practice on:
Monday, December 30, 2019 from 9:00-10:00am

The 3rd through 8th grade boys will practice on:
Monday, December 30, 2019 from 10:00-11:00am

The 3rd & 4th grade boys will scrimmage on January 14, 2020 during the high school girls’ half-time. The 3rd & 4th grade girls will scrimmage during the during the boys’ half-time.

The 5th & 6th grade boys will scrimmage on January 21st, 2020 during the high school girls’ half-time. The 5th & 6th grade girls will scrimmage during the boys’ half-time.

High School Girls Game begins at 6:00pm. High School boys’ game begins at approximately 7:30pm.

We are looking forward to everyone attending the clinics and scrimmage dates. Please encourage your children to participate and get active. You can bring the “Parent Signature” slip with your child to the clinic. Thank you for your support of Kingsley-Pierson Basketball.

Go Panthers!
Coach Goodwin & Coach Hill
Coach Schott & Coach Hirschman

___________________________________ has my permission to attend the 2019-20 K-P Basketball Clinic.

(Students name and grade)

___________________________________  ______________________
Parent Signature      Phone Number (H/C)
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 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.

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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): ______________________