



# 4K Center for Literacy NEWSLETTER December 2019

## Principal Reflections....

On the morning of December 2nd, as I was on my way to work following the Thanksgiving weekend, I was reflecting on the time I was able to spend with my family. You might remember that we got a pretty good snowfall on that Saturday night into Sunday. My two sons, Quinn - who lives and works in Minneapolis, and Jack who is in college in Milwaukee, were still at home and they got me off the couch on that Sunday morning to help shovel the driveway. Some of you may be able to imagine that this was a huge moment of pride for me. I spent many days over the course of their upbringing, trying to get them to help with snow removal, lawn mowing, etc. and always found them to be reluctant. So when we were moving snow together, and they were both way more efficient than I was, all I could do was smile.

I don't know the science behind this, but have you ever been listening to a song and it just seems so appropriate for that moment in your life? Here's the thing about that drive to work on the 2nd: Harry Chapin's song, *Cat's in the Cradle came on the radio and, if you aren't familiar with it, it is one of the saddest songs I know and like. The sentiment of the song is that the time we spend, or don't spend with our children, has a significant impact on the way they grow up.*

Getting to the point now - we all know that we never really get to know the impact that we have on others, but as parents, we do get to enjoy the time that we have with our children and we are likely to see the fruits of our labor spread out over the years in front of us. As we are now in the "holiday season", I urge everyone to slow down and spend some quality time with family. Life is truly best when we are with the ones we love.

Having said that, as this is a time of "giving", give some quality time to your children. Play games - outside, inside, board games, cards, or anything else that allows for dialogue. Also, keep in mind that a **good** book is a **great** way to spend time as well. Please enjoy the break from the school routine. If you are traveling please do so safely. I look forward to seeing everyone on January 2nd.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out. Over the break I will be easiest to reach by email - [sfitzgerald@kimberly.k12.wi.us](mailto:sfitzgerald@kimberly.k12.wi.us).

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### Dates to Remember

December 23—January 1—  
Christmas Break

Early Release—January 10th

No School—January 24th

No School—February 13 & 14

## Calling Your Student in Absent



- ☑ In an effort to minimize classroom interruptions, and more importantly, to ensure the safety of all students, we are asking that you make a concerted effort to clearly communicate your child's end of school day transportation plans. Please be sure that your child's teacher and school office are well aware of the plan. We understand that there are occasions in which normal plans are changed. In these cases, please make an effort to communicate this to all important parties before the school day begins. Thank you for your help!
- ☑ When calling school to report an absence please provide specific information about illness symptoms that your child has, such as:
  - **Influenza-like illness** (fever/chills, coughs/sore throat/congestion, headache/muscle aches)
  - **Gastrointestinal** (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea)
  - **Other illness** (strep throat, pneumonia, etc.)
- ☑ If you have any questions, always feel free to call the office at 920-423-4130. Office hours are Monday-Friday from 7:30 AM—3:45 PM.

## Parent / Teacher Conferences

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming break—we will be off of school from

**December 21 — January 1**

**Classes Resume on Thursday, January 2nd**

## School Board Meetings for 2019-20



January 13 & 27  
February 10 & 24  
March 9 & 23  
April 13 & 27  
May 11  
June 8

All Board of Education Meetings unless specifically stated otherwise are held at:

Kimberly Administrative Offices

425 S Washington St—Combined Locks

Beginning at 6:30 PM

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<http://www.boarddocs.com/wi/kasdwi/board.nsf>

# Weather Cancellations and Delays

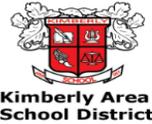
Winter is right around the corner. If weather conditions dictate that there will be no school or a delayed start, a decision to keep the schools closed is usually made by 6:00 am. Parents with students in school receive a direct call, text and/or email from our auto-call system through Infinite Campus since that is the fastest way to communicate with thousands of parents at one time.

**As a reminder:** If you have a new phone number or email address, please update your information in the Infinite Campus parent portal or contact your school's secretary to update the portal.

Announcements are also sent to local T.V. and radio stations, please tune to local stations such as these rather than call the school directly: WAPL-105.7FM, WIXX-101.1FM, WHBY-1150AM, WKFX-104.9FM, WEMI-91.9 FM, WTAQ-97.5FM/1360AM, WWWX-96.9FM and WGEE-93.5FM; and WBAY-TV2, WFRV-TV5, WGBA-TV26, and WLUK-FOX11. If other school events, such as concerts or sporting events are also cancelled because of weather, they are typically communicated through these stations as well.

The District's website and Facebook page are not our primary way to communicate school closures, so we ask parents to listen to the auto-call messages or tune in to the radio and T.V. stations listed for the timeliest updates.

**WINTER IS ALMOST HERE.**  
**Are your Infinite Campus settings up-to-date?**



**General Notification:**  
**Weather Alerts, School Closings,**  
**Food Service, School or District Messages**

		Emergency	Attendance	Behavior Message	General Notification	Priority Notification	Teacher
Household Phone	Voice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
	Text (SMS)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Cell Phone	Voice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
	Text (SMS)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Work Phone	Voice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
	Text (SMS)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Email		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

# Lost and Found

The Lost & Found is located outside the Office. Please check the lost & found frequently if your child is missing anything. All unclaimed items will be brought to Goodwill in January.

I still have two sets of keys that were found in the parking lot. Also found was a V-Tech DX2 watch. If yours, call the office at (920) 423-4190.



# Happy Holidays from All of Us at the 4K Center for Literacy!

