



4K Center for Literacy NEWSLETTER February 2020

Principal Reflections....

As I write this newsletter, the temperature outside is 0 degrees. Without a doubt, it is cold out there. Factoring in the windchill, the temperature is too cold for outdoor recess. (We stay inside when the windchill drops below 0.) I suspect that many of the outdoor creatures are even staying out of the elements today. For those of you who enjoy the outdoors, I don't imagine many fresh tracks will be made in the snow, but I do like looking at and marveling about the information that these tracks leave behind.

When I think of tracks, I think of how they show not only where one has been, but also where one is heading. In the snow, I can see where a rabbit or deer may have come from, and where they have gone. I suppose though, that the important thing for that animal is that they know, in some sense, where they are going and why.

The tracks of teaching can be equally informative. Today I was speaking with a colleague and mentor and she used the word "tracks" to describe what she believes to be visible proof of good work taking place in our classrooms. I like that word. Using this word and the idea of direction (from where and to where) is tremendously important in the classroom. If we do not account for where the students have come from (background learning and experience), then setting a course for where they are to go, can be quite random. It would presume that all students must follow the same path, and I am very happy that our 4K teachers believe that there are multiple paths to get to where we want our students to end the year. What is important is that our teachers are helping students know where they are going with their learning and setting a direction for getting there.

I realize that this column may seem trivial to many parents. I guess I am okay with that, but I should say that my intention is to highlight the parallel that exists between parenting and teaching. Using the "tracks" analogy, I hope to draw attention to the need to consider where we came from and where we are heading whenever we make decisions that are intended to set direction for our children. After all, we are all interested in getting our children to be aware of their strengths and engage with their own learning. Helping them recognize the tracks that they are laying, and the direction they are heading in, is equally important.

As always, I hope that if you have any questions or concerns, that you will reach out to me by phone (423-4190) or via email (sfitzgerald@kimberly.k12.wi.us). Stay warm and enjoy the lengthening days!

Sean

The Kimberly Area School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, sex, (including transgender status, change of sex or gender identity), or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability ("Protected Classes") in any of its student programs and activities.

Dates to Remember

February 28th—Early Release

March 6th—Early Release

March 19th—Literacy Night

March 20th—NO SCHOOL

March 31st—PAC Field Trip

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.

Are You On Our Mailing List

We want to ensure parents of young children (age 0-5) in our District are on our mailing list, so you can receive information relative to your child's age group, such as early childhood screening information or 4K and 5K registration information. We also need to have information for all children age 0-21 for state reporting. Click on this link <https://goo.gl/DFjSne> to complete the census form, or complete and mail the census form found here <https://goo.gl/TkNvX6>. If you know of other families with children in our District that may not be in our system, please help us by sharing this information with them.

School Board Meetings for 2019-20

Board of
Education



February 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

View the Board of Education's current and past Agendas and Meeting Minutes in BoardDocs <http://www.boarddocs.com/wi/kasdwi/board.nsf>.

Weather Cancellations and Delays

Winter is HERE! 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?



Kimberly Area School District

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"/>					

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Open Enrollment — 4K / 5K Registration

The timeline for submitting **open enrollment** applications is February 3—April 30, 2020. A link to the open enrollment application is available on the Kimberly Area School District website. For more information about open enrollment, please contact Jen Bixler at the Administration Building at 423- 4166.

The Kimberly Area School District is accepting **4K/5K Registrations** for the 2020/2021 school year. Please click [HERE](#) to complete a registration form. If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Chevalier at jlchevalier@kimberly.k12.wi.us or at 920-423-4130



Zoomobile



Drop Everything and Draw!



Fancy Nancy Day!



Post Office Visit!





It's time to "Flip" Pop-Tabs to help the Ronald McDonald House



The annual 4K Center Pop Tab collection is underway and running through Friday, May 8.



If you haven't started collecting yet, please begin saving tabs now. It's a great way to teach our 4K students about philanthropy, the importance of recycling, and making a difference for others.

We are also combining our efforts with other schools in the Kimberly School District. Together we can make a difference!!



All **Minimakers** grow up to be **PAPERMAKERS!**



Support Kimberly public schools
with a **FREE** vehicle decal.
Pick one up in the school office.

These decals were printed by our own Papermakers - students at Kimberly High School! A limited quantity of the vehicle decals are available on a first come, first serve basis in the school office.

(If you're concerned about the permanency of the decal - please know that they are removable, but not reusable because they tear during removal.)





Appleton Little League 2020 Season Registration



Co-ed Tee Ball & Baseball
"League age" determined as of 8/31/20
Ages 4-12

Girls Tee Ball & Softball
"League age" determined as of 12/31/2019
Ages 4-14

REGISTRATION OPEN

Baseball & Girls Softball

Major/Minor Baseball - until February 16, 2020
 All Softball & Rookie/Tee Ball BB - until March 15

www.AppletonLittleLeague.org

Founded in 1958, Appleton Little League, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, serving Appleton area youth with baseball and softball opportunities. **Be a part of the tradition, for over 60 years!**

For more information and to register, go to our web site,
www.AppletonLittleLeague.org

- Online registration, email/text alerts, mobile friendly web site
- **New in 2020!** - Girls Junior Softball Division for ages 12-14
- Dedicated Girls Softball Tee Ball and higher divisions
- Games played weekday evenings, from early May to July
- Individual player development through team practices
- In-season and post-season tournaments for most levels of play
- Discounted player fees for other Appleton LL seasons & events
- Financial aid available (*no player is ever turned away due to inability to pay*)

Do you have registration questions not answered on our web site?
 Please send an email to: **Registration@AppletonLittleLeague.org**.

For non-registration information or questions regarding team or other sponsorships, coaching, volunteer opportunities, etc., visit the "Connect » Board" page on our web site to contact a Board Member.

Appleton Little League



Baseball Tee Ball (4-6)
Introduction to Baseball
 Beginner (all 4-year-olds & first-year 5-year-olds)
 Advanced (5-year-olds w/ 1 yr. experience; all 6's)

Baseball Rookie (6-8)
Instructional, coach (machine) pitch
 6's must pass skills assessment & subject to avail.

Baseball Minor (8-11)
Developmental, player pitch
 Tryout/draft required for all players
 8-year-olds not guaranteed roster spot

Baseball Major (10-12)
Competitive, player pitch
 Tryout/draft req'd for non-returning Major; limited

Girls Softball Tee Ball (4-6)
Introduction to Softball

Girls Softball Rookie (6-8)
Instructional, coach pitch
 6's must pass skills assessment & subject to avail.

Girls Softball Minor (8-10)
Developmental, player pitch
 Tryout/draft required for non-returning Minor
 8-year-olds not guaranteed roster spot

Girls Softball Major (11-12)
Competitive, player pitch
 Tryout/draft required for non-returning Major

Girls Softball Junior (12-14)
Competitive, player pitch
 See info on web site; Major 12s must dual-roster
 12-year-olds not guaranteed roster spot

No access to web to register?
 Call or text 920.944.8081

Pre-printed flyers graciously donated by:



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INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



IF YOUR FAMILY LIVES IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:

In a shelter



In a motel or campground due to the lack of an alternative adequate accommodation



In a car, park, abandoned building, or bus or train station



Doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship

Your school-age children may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act.

Your eligible children have the right to:

- Receive a free, appropriate public education.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment.
- Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.
- Enroll in the local school; or continue attending their school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), if that is your preference and is feasible.
 - * If the school district believes that the school you select is not in the best interest of your children, then the district must provide you with a written explanation of its position and inform you of your right to appeal its decision.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if you request this.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to your children's needs.

If you believe your children may be eligible, contact the local liaison to find out what services and supports may be available. There also may be supports available for your preschool-age children.



Local Liaison

State Coordinator

If you need further assistance with your children's educational needs,
contact the National Center for Homeless Education:
1-800-308-2145 * homeless@serve.org * www.serve.org/nche

KIMBERLY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT PARENT CALENDAR 2020-2021

September 2020

M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
NS	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	E2
21	22	23	24	AM
28	29	30		

October 2020

M	T	W	TH	F
			1	2
5	6	HS	8	9
12	13	14	15	E2
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	NS	NS

November 2020

M	T	W	TH	F
2	3	4	Q	6
9	10	11	E2&C	13
E2&C	17	MS	MS	AM
23	24	25	NS	NS
30				

December 2020

M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	AM	NS	NS
NS	NS	NS	NS	

January 2021

M	T	W	TH	F
				NS
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	Q/AM
18	19	I	I	22
25	26	27	28	29

February 2021

M	T	W	TH	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	NS
15	16	HS	18	19
22	23	24	25	E2

March 2021

M	T	W	TH	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	MS	AM
15	16	17	18	19
Q	23	24	25	26
NS	NS	NS		

April 2021

M	T	W	TH	F
			NS	NS
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	E2
26	27	28	29	30

May 2021

M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	AM
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	EN
NS				

June 2021

M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	*SNOW DAY MAKE-UP

*If needed, snow day make-up will be on Friday, June 4th.

NS No School

AM AM classes only (exception: No school for 4K) KHS dismissed at 11:31am, JRG & Intermediate dismissed at 11:20am, Elementary dismissed at 12:00pm

E2 Elementary Early Release - Elementary dismissed at 2:00pm (Exception: 4K morning classes 8:45am - 10:45am, afternoon classes 11:45am - 1:45pm)

EN Elementary Noon Release - All Elementary students dismissed at 12:00pm (exception: No school for 4K)

HS High School Parent/Teacher Conferences - KHS students dismissed at 2:00pm

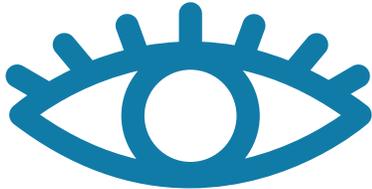
MS Middle School Parent/Teacher Conferences - JRG students dismissed at 2:00pm except on November 19th - students will have a full day of school

I Intermediate School Parent/Teacher Conferences - Intermediate students dismissed at 2:00pm

E2&C 4K-4th Gr. Parent Teacher Conferences; No school for 4K; Grades 5K-4th Grades dismissed at 2:00pm

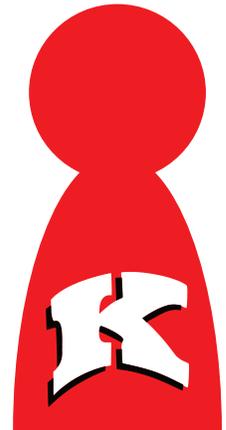
Q End of quarter

IF YOU



**SEE
SOMETHING**

**SAY
SOMETHING**



IF YOU
See something
Read something
Hear something
Know something
Then you should
SAY SOMETHING



TELL YOUR
Parent
Teacher
Principal
School Counselor
School Secretary
Librarian
Any Trusted Adult
*Or Call 911 for
Emergencies*

We are encouraging school and community members to become the eyes and ears of the Kimberly Area School District in order to provide information that keeps our students, staff and schools safe.

It sometimes can be difficult to define:

- Take your time to pay attention to your surroundings and to the behaviors of others around you.
- Know what suspicious or concerning behaviors look like.
- Does the activity look strange to you?
- Are you worried someone you know is thinking about hurting others or themselves?

Report it, don't just repeat it.



**Kimberly Area
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See Something, Say Something® is modeled after the Department of Homeland Security's program.



**Do you enjoy working with children while maintaining a flexible work schedule?
Have you considered becoming a substitute teacher?**

The Kimberly Area School District is seeking talented Substitute Teachers who want to join a team of ambitious professionals who help all students succeed. Sometimes, our educators are away from their classrooms for things like professional development or when they are ill. That's when we need talented individuals to continue providing a high-quality education to our students.

Qualifications:

- **Current Wisconsin Educator License - or - Substitute Teacher Permit**
- Have an **Associate's Degree** or **Bachelor's Degree** but not a **Substitute Teacher Permit**? Contact us at (920) 788-7900 to learn more about pursuing training to obtain a Substitute Teacher Permit.

Substitute Teachers new to KASD are supported by helpful District staff at each building. The District uses Frontline, an online Substitute Teacher system, where you can view and customize subbing positions you are most interested in for your subbing career. KASD offers a competitive daily pay rate for our substitute teachers.

Are you ready to join a team of talented professionals who help every student reach their potential? Complete an online application through WECAN (Wisconsin's K-12 hiring website) <https://wecan.education.wisc.edu>.



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**Learn more about the Kimberly Area School District at
www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/careers.**

When to Keep Your Child Home

Children should be kept home from school when they don't feel well. It is important to get the rest they need to recover, and to prevent the spread of germs to other children and the staff. If you are unsure of when to keep your child home, please contact the school nurse or your family medical provider.

The following symptoms may suggest a communicable disease. Children who have the following symptoms should be kept home from school until a doctor has seen them, they no longer have symptoms indicating a communicable disease or they have received treatment for at least 24 hours for certain diseases.



FEVER

An oral temperature of 100.4 or higher indicates a fever. If your child has a temp of 100.4 or higher at school he/she will be sent home. Your child will be excluded from school until they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of a fever reducer (Tylenol or Ibuprofen product).



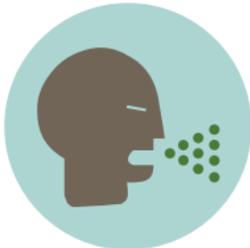
SORE THROAT

If a fever is accompanied by a sore throat, stomach ache or head ache it may be strep throat. Strep throat is diagnosed by a throat culture obtained at a medical clinic. If your child is diagnosed with strep throat, your child will be excluded from school for 24 hours after initiation of appropriate antibiotic and fever free without the use of a fever reducer (Tylenol or Ibuprofen product).



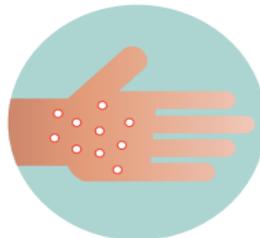
VOMITING/DIARRHEA

If your child has an episode of vomiting and/or diarrhea at school, he/she will be sent home. Anyone with these symptoms will be excluded from school until symptom free for 24 hours.



COUGH

A cough may be a sign of many different illnesses. If a cough is accompanied by a fever, sore throat, body aches or any other symptoms you should keep your child home. Any cough that lasts for more than several days should be discussed with a doctor.



SKIN LESIONS/SORES

Rashes and infected sores needed to be diagnosed by a medical provider. Many skin rashes such as impetigo, scabies, chicken pox, Fifth disease or Hand Foot and Mouth disease are very contagious. Students may return to school once the rash has been diagnosed and treated for 24 hours or cleared by a doctor. Open sores from illnesses such as chicken pox and impetigo may need to be covered at school with bandages for several days.



OTHER

Symptoms that prevent the student from active participation in usual school activities OR student is requiring more care than school that can safely provide.

Resource: State of Wisconsin, Department of Health Services, Childhood Communicable Disease Chart