

# Janssen Journal

November Issue, 2020

## ***Dates to Remember:***

### November

12 & 16 Parent/  
Teacher Conferences,  
2:00 Dismissal  
20 Noon Dismissal  
26 & 27 No School

### December

23 Noon Dismissal  
24-Jan.1 No School

Hello Janssen Families,

Simply amazing. We are in Quarter 2 and continuing our good work in person. How did we get here? We have adjusted through this pandemic by working together: “We are better when we work together.” Was it because of new work? Yes. Was it because of good work? Yes. Do we still need to keep planning and adjusting to improve? Yes.

Here is where you come in. I am very thankful that our families are intentional in getting the latest school information and updates related to COVID-19. Most importantly, our families are using this information to make informed decisions. These decisions keep our school open.

Here is where our teachers and staff come in. Since the start of the year, we are practicing physical distancing, social grouping, and risk mitigation. As a result, we have a better understanding how to serve our students—by building on relationships and engagement. We have also a better understanding of how to support each other. We are “all hands on deck” each day to make an impact on our students.

Here is where our students come in. Each day they bring joy into our building. Why are they joyful? They feel safe and loved. They understand things are different. They too are adjusting. They too are persevering. They are readers and writers who learn from each other. They are mathematicians who are strategic as problem solvers. They appreciate music and art and see the value of fitness.

Here is where our school comes in. We have virtual parent/teacher conferences this month. This is different. What remains the same is students’ success: *Students will grow as problem solvers to reach their potential in academics, arts, and co-curriculars.* If you have any questions about conferences, please connect with your children’s teachers.

The pandemic brings out the emotions in us. Empathy, kindness, and safety go a long way in helping us during the pandemic. As a staff, we are committed to these three things each day. Is it hard at times? You bet. We know, however, why we are here.

Sincerely,

Hercules Nikolaou, Ph.D.  
Principal

## **Check us out:**

[www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/schools/janssen-elementary](http://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/schools/janssen-elementary), Twitter: @JanssenElem, PTO on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/janssenpto>

## PBIS NEWS

As part of Bullying Awareness Month, Janssen held a coloring contest where students created anti-bullying posters. The three winners were Lyla Firgens, 5K Mrs. Alvarez, Clara Freund, 2nd grade Mrs. Kohler, and Liem Laitinen, 4th grade Mrs. Bemowski.



Lyla Firgens  
5K Mrs. Alvarez



Clara Freund  
Gr.2 Mrs. Kohler



Liem Laitinen  
Gr.4 Mrs. Bemowski

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## JANSSEN COUNSELOR CORNER

Welcome to November!

I hope everyone had a great October. Here are some updates for what is going on in the school counseling world:

### Life Skills Class Updates

During November and December, students in each grade will be receiving lessons on "Protective Behaviors". Each year, I am required to deliver these lessons as part of our Personal Safety unit. At each grade level we will be talking in grade level appropriate terms about safe vs. unsafe touch, how to report instances of unsafe touch to trusted adults, who the trusted people are in each child's safety network, and overall how students can make safe choices. These lessons can often prompt serious questions and/or thoughts from our students. If your child comes home with a question about any of the topics I listed above, please take the time to have those important conversations with them. And as always, if you have any questions about the lessons or materials that I use, please do not hesitate to contact me.

### Holiday Season

This holiday season is probably going to look different for many of us. This will no doubt lead to some stress and confusion. I am attaching an article from Child Mind that discusses how parents can handle the holidays and best support their children during this pandemic.

<https://childmind.org/article/holiday-during-the-pandemic/>

I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing Thanksgiving.

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## OCTOBER STARS!



These students show an exceptional job of the Janssen Way and are role models for the other students in our school! You can look for their Star award on the bulletin board displayed outside the office. Way to go!

### 5K

Andrea Freund, Natalie Malson, Brady Vanevenhoven, Brock Lamine

### Grade 1

Alexis Lillie, Lilah Uphill, Brooklyn Finch, Alexa Lesnick

### Grade 2

Nathan Schink, Jackson Schaefer, Jay Davies, Wade Harke

### Grade 3

Kanessa Keefer, Shay Garvey, Taylen Fulcer, Lucas Savage

### Grade 4

Madeline Bartman, Isla Kazel, Addison Lawson

### **NOON HOUR SUPERVISORS NEEDED!**

Are you interested in helping out at school but just don't know how or when? Or do you know somebody (grandma, grandpa, etc.) who would like help? If so, we have a great opportunity for you. We are looking for a lunchroom supervisors Monday-Friday from 10:45-12:45. **AND THIS IS A PAID POSITION!**

If you are interested in learning more about this position, please contact Laurie in the office at 788-7915.

### **JANSSEN PBIS MONTHLY UPDATE**

We've got an attitude of gratitude! During the month of November, students will be learning about gratitude. Studies have shown that practicing gratitude makes people happier, enhances empathy and improves relationships, as well as self-esteem. What a better time to focus on this trait than leading into Thanksgiving the holiday season. Teachers will be talking with their students about gratitude and creating a display outside of their classrooms to highlight what they have learned. We will also celebrate our learning with some gratitude themed dress-up days the week of Thanksgiving break.

### **EMERGENCY MEDICATION**

Please be aware that emergency medications that are provided for use during the school day will not be accessible before or after school hours. Parents and students must plan ahead to have emergency medication available during school activities such as clubs and sports. If an emergency arises and a student does not have their emergency medication available, 911 will be called.



## **CLEAN MASKS ARE CRUCIAL!**

Cloth masks are designed to be washed after every use. They should not be worn multiple days in a row unless washed in between uses. Here's how to care for your cloth mask:

### Washing:

Wash masks in a washing machine, using the warmest setting recommended for the fabric. Use your usual laundry detergent.

**OR**

Wash masks thoroughly by hand, using soap or laundry detergent and warm/hot water.

### Drying:

Dry masks in a dryer, using the warmest setting recommended for the fabric.

**OR**

Allow the mask to air dry completely.



**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>.



**Kimberly Area  
School District**

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[www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/careers](http://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/careers).**

# KIMBERLY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT PARENT CALENDAR 2021-2022

## September 2021

M	T	W	TH	F
		1	2	3
NS	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	AM
27	28	29	30	

## October 2021

M	T	W	TH	F
				1
4	5	HS	7	E2
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	NS	NS

## November 2021

M	T	W	TH	F
1	2	3	4	Q
8	9	10	E2&C	12
E2&C	16	MS	MS	AM
22	23	24	NS	NS
29	30			

## December 2021

M	T	W	TH	F
		1	2	E2
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	NS	NS
NS	NS	NS	NS	NS

## January 2022

M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	E2
17	18	I	I	Q/AM
24	25	26	27	28
31				

## February 2022

M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	NS	NS
14	15	HS	17	E2
21	22	23	24	25
28				

## March 2022

M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	E2
7	8	9	MS	AM
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
Q	29	30	31	

## April 2022

M	T	W	TH	F
				E2
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	NS
NS	NS	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

## May 2022

M	T	W	TH	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	AM
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	EN
NS	31			

## June 2022

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

\*If needed, snow day make-up will be on Friday, June 3rd

**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 18th - 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