

November 30, 2022

Hello Westside Families ~

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Tuesday, December 6—**Purple** Day (Wear Purple!)
- Friday, December 9—**2:00 Dismissal**
- Saturday, December 10—Breakfast with Santa (See attached flier for details.)
- Wednesday, December 15—Neon Day (Wear your brightest colors!)
- Wednesday, December 21—PTO Meeting 6:00 PM in the Art Room
- Friday, December 23—12:00 Dismissal & **Red/Green/Ugly Sweater Day**
- December 26-January 2—No School
 - Classes Resume—Tuesday, January 3


WINTER RECESS: Recess is happening each day, so we ask that all students have appropriate clothes for the weather (coat, hat gloves). Please remember we go outside each day for recess unless the regular temperature or wind chill is below zero. When snow arrives, students must wear snow pants and boots to play on the playground equipment or any other snow-covered area during recess. Students that do not have appropriate attire, will need to stay on the blacktop. Thanks for helping keep Westside students warm and dry.

COMMUNITY EVENTS: Please visit the KASD website and check out the [Community Events](#) page for more great opportunities and activities for your family. Events and activities listed there are updated often.

Have a great end to your week! Please reach out if you have any questions.

Thank you!

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Secretary – Westside Elementary
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NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

Dear Parent(s),

The Kimberly Area School District is updating its 5-year [Plan for Excellence](#) in an effort to improve your child's educational experience. Recently, the District offered five parent listening sessions across the District to clarify student graduate outcomes, referred to as Life Ready Skills. Below is a list of the top 12 skills identified by parents. A survey will be sent to all parents in January to get your opinions on these skills and many other District priorities. We hope you will participate in the January survey.

Top LIFE READY Skills Identified by September Parent Focus Groups (in alphabetical order)

Collaboration	Growth Mindset
Communication	Integrity
Conflict Resolution	Perseverance
Cultural Awareness and Competence	Self-advocacy
Empathy and Perspective Taking	Self Control and Regulation
Fostering Inclusiveness	Time Management and Prioritization



COUNSELOR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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SCHOOL COUNSELING AT WESTSIDE

	5K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Teacher Taught	We Can Be Kind	The Power of Kind Acts	Feeling Proud	Take a Break	Rethink It!
Counselor Taught	What Are They Feeling?	Noticing Clues and Zones	Different Feelings, How Do You Feel?	Strength of Feelings	Changing Your Mind, New Point of View

This year has been off to a great start. I have enjoyed working with your students through Life Skills, small-groups, individually, and through lunch bunches.

I know this time of year can be tough for families, so please reach out to me if there is anything I can do to help support your student(s) or your family!

I hope you and your families have a wonderful holiday season!

TRAIT OF THE MONTH : COURAGE

Facing your fears with confidence ; being brave.

Learn more about how to model, praise, and reinforce courage at home by clicking

[HERE!](#)



WESTSIDE PTO BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



Storytime with Santa and Mr. Peterson

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 10
AT WESTSIDE ELEMENTARY
09:00AM - 11:00AM
(SANTA 9:30 - 10:30)**



Free Event

**INCLUDES: SANTA, DONUTS, DRINKS,
CRAFT TABLE, PHOTO AREA.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
30 MIN TIME SLOTS AVAILABLE**

*Please RSVP online by November 30th or
watch for a signup sheet coming home soon*

RSVP & Volunteer

SCAN ME





Candy Cane Sale

When:

Starts MONDAY, December 5th and goes until candy canes are sold out! Limited supply, get them while you can!

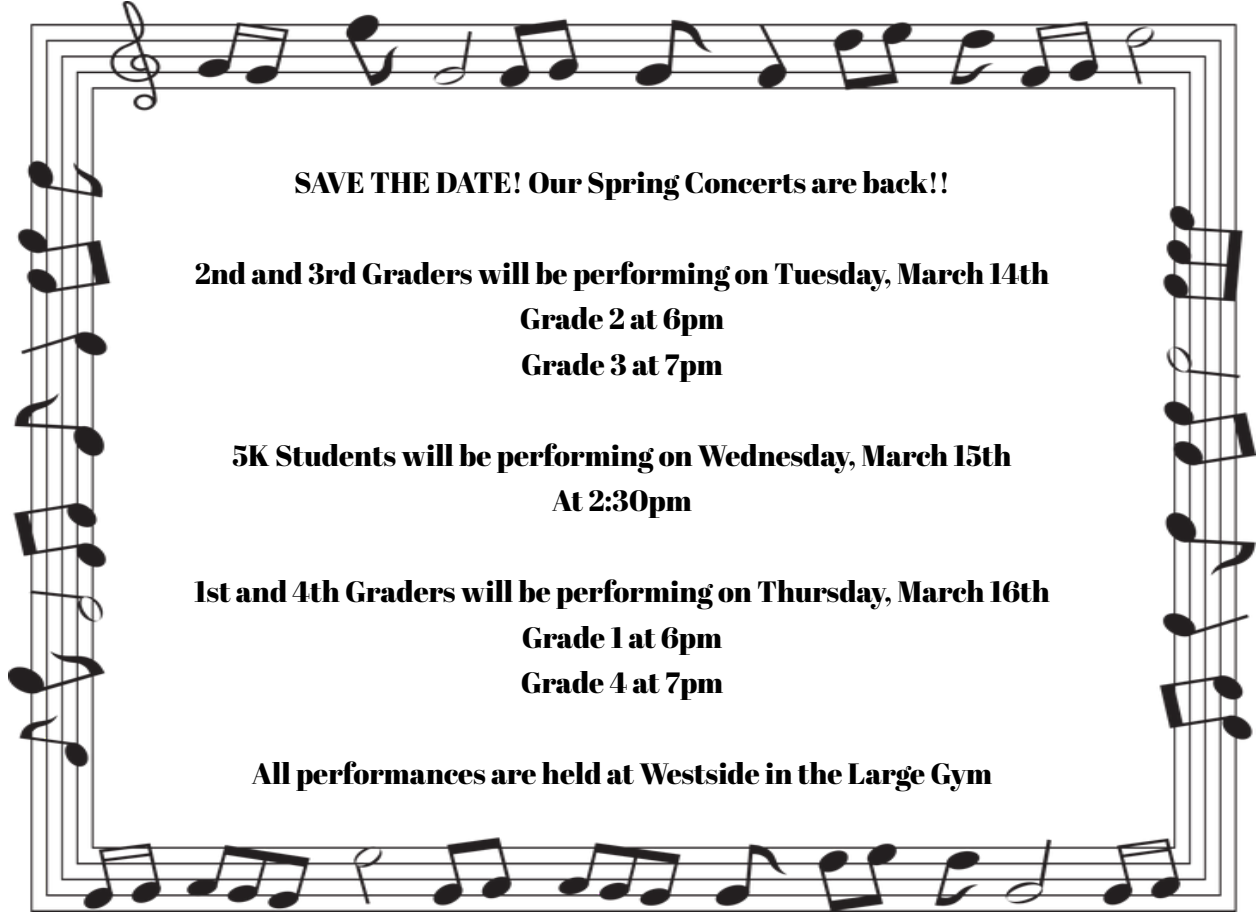


Price:

25¢ each or 4 for \$1.00

Two Flavors: SweeTart or Peppermint



A decorative border of musical notation, including a treble clef, eighth notes, and quarter notes, framing the central text.

SAVE THE DATE! Our Spring Concerts are back!!

2nd and 3rd Graders will be performing on Tuesday, March 14th
Grade 2 at 6pm
Grade 3 at 7pm

5K Students will be performing on Wednesday, March 15th
At 2:30pm

1st and 4th Graders will be performing on Thursday, March 16th
Grade 1 at 6pm
Grade 4 at 7pm

All performances are held at Westside in the Large Gym



WINTER WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

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 A.M. 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. ALSO, WEATHER ALERTS GO OUT USING THE "GENERAL NOTIFICATION" MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE "GENERAL" BOX CHECKED WHEN VERIFYING YOUR INFINITE CAMPUS NOTIFICATIONS.

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-103.5FM, 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.

It's time to order your Westside Elementary



Many of you have already paid for a 2022-23 Westside Elementary Yearbook! If you haven't had a chance to order and pay for a yearbook for your child, please go online to your Infinite Campus portal (choose fees, then optional payments) and make the \$11.00 payment, OR, complete the form below and return it to school with a payment – cash or check. If you are unsure if you've paid for a yearbook, please check your account in Infinite Campus OR, give us a call!

We will not receive the yearbooks until the end of the school year! Also, yearbooks are optional!

Order your yearbook online OR complete and return the form below to reserve your copy!

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Yearbook Order Form

Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

Name: _____ Homeroom: _____





Number of Books Ordered: _____ X \$11.00 = _____

Please pay online through IC or return this form with cash or check (payable to Westside Elementary. Thank you!

OUR STUDENTS NEED YOU!

BECOME A **SUBSTITUTE TEACHER**

Make a difference and consider becoming a substitute teacher or a *substitute paraprofessional*. Learn more at kimberly.k12.wi.us/careers.

				
POSITION	EXPERIENCE LEVEL	PAY	FLEXIBILITY/ SEASONAL	IMMEDIATE OPENINGS
Substitute Teacher	Associates or Bachelor's	\$125/PER DAY	✓	✓
Substitute Paraprofessional	High School Diploma	\$12.00/PER HOUR	✓	✓

APPLY TODAY




Kimberly Area School District





COVID-19 STRATEGIES FOR EVERYDAY OPERATIONS

Kimberly Area School District is taking a variety of actions every day to prevent the spread of infectious diseases, including the virus that causes COVID-19. From the start of the pandemic new tools have become available to limit the effect of COVID-19 on communities and healthcare systems. As a result the CDC and Wisconsin Department of Public Health Services have shifted their COVID response.

KASD is adopting the COVID Strategies listed below, which are supported by our local public health department. These strategies may be revised depending on updated information and guidance from the CDC and Wisconsin Department of Public Health Service.

STRATEGIES

Ill or have COVID-like symptoms

- Stay home, for more details see [When to Keep Your Child Home](#)
 - Return to school after 24 hours fever-free without fever reducing medications
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Positive for COVID

- Stay home from school for 5 days after symptoms begin, AND
 - Return to school after 24 hours fever-free without fever reducing medications
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General Mitigation

- Increased air ventilation;
 - Standard surface cleaning;
 - Handwashing; and
 - Respiratory etiquette
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Masking

- Optional, Students/Staff may mask at any time
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Adapted from CDC and Outagamie Public Health