



Westside

ELEMENTARY

DECEMBER 2022

Greetings from Westside Elementary School,

I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying the change in weather. If you are, that makes one of us. As the weather turns cold and our playgrounds begin to get covered with snow and ice, I encourage all parents to send their children with all the gear. When students don't have snow pants or boots their access to the playground is limited. We also hope our students are bundled for the cold. We spend up to 20 minutes outside at a time and we go out as long as it stays above 1 degree!

December is always a fun month for elementary students and often times can be a stressful time for their adults. Luckily for me, the only thing I "run" is Westside, my wife takes care of much of our holiday plans. And when I say I "run" Westside, I mean I assist the staff in running Westside!

We try to keep things as normal as possible, as long as possible at Westside because we know our students thrive with consistent structure. Even with that structure, it can feel crazy for adults at school too! I recently had a conversation with one of our literacy resource teachers, and she said she was not going to get wrapped up in the crazy of this month, but instead look for the joy in the season.

It is always about perspective, isn't it? You can find whatever it is you are looking for. I encourage all of you to look for the joy of the season as well. At Westside, we will continue to look for what we always look for. Students being responsible, respectful, honest and kind! We will be celebrating the joy of learning and when students get a little too excited for their Elf on the Shelf or any of the other holiday traditions this season brings we will center ourselves of that joy.

Warm Regards!

Jonathan Peterson

December 7, 2022

Hello Westside Families ~

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Friday, December 9—**2:00 Dismissal**
- Saturday, December 10—Breakfast with Santa—9:00-11:00 AM
- 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

This **FRIDAY, December 9** is a 2:00 PM dismissal. If your child is signed up to stay for the movie in the gym on 2:00 dismissal days, your child will go to the gym at 2:00. Students can be picked up from the movie any time between 2:00 and 3:35. If your child attends Y-Care at Westside, he/she will be escorted to Y-Care at 3:30. All students must be picked up at 3:35. If your child is signed up, but will not be staying on a given 2:00 dismissal day, please call our office 920-739-3578, send an email to gvandenberg@kimberly.k12.wi.us or send a note with your child and we will remove him/her from the list for just that day. Please make sure your children know your family's plan to avoid confusion.

PTO FUNDRAISER: Please see that attached flier regarding a new PTO fundraiser with Kwik Trip. Kwik Trip gift cards make great gifts and a portion of your purchase will go directly to our Westside PTO. Please help support our school.

NOETIC MATH CONTEST: In November, fifteen third and fourth grade students at Westside Elementary School participated in the Noetic Learning Math Contest with the enrichment teacher, Mrs. Hendricks. The purpose of this national contest is to inspire young students to challenge themselves and excel in math. Congratulations to Sydney Granato for being the Team Winner for third grade! Congratulations to Brodie Witalison for being the Team Winner for fourth grade! And finally, congratulations to **all** the students that participated! They each worked hard to do their best in this challenging contest! Many students earned Honorable Mention awards and Participation certificates as well. Mrs. Hendricks will deliver the medals, awards and certificates to students as soon as the package arrives from the Noetic Math Company, which is expected to arrive no later than December 16th!

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!

Gina Vandenberg,
Secretary – Westside Elementary
920-739-3578

GET THE PERFECT

Christmas GIFT



ORDER BY
December
14th



**GIFT CARDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR GAS, GROCERIES OR BOTH.
DOMINATIONS AVAILABLE: 5, 10, 20, 25, 50, 100, 200 & 500 DOLLARS.**

Payment accepted: Cash or check made out to Westside PTO. Payment can be sent with your kiddo to school. Gift cards will be sent home with your child by December 23rd.

[Order Now >>](#)

IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO SUBMIT YOUR ORDER ONLINE YOU CAN REQUEST AN ORDER FORM FROM AMBERSPRANGERS22@GMAIL.COM AND RETURN IT WITH YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL.



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

Flavor: Peppermint





RECEIVE DENTAL CARE RIGHT AT SCHOOL!

Oral Screening
Dental Cleaning
Fluoride Varnish
Sealants
Silver Diamine Fluoride
Referral Assistance

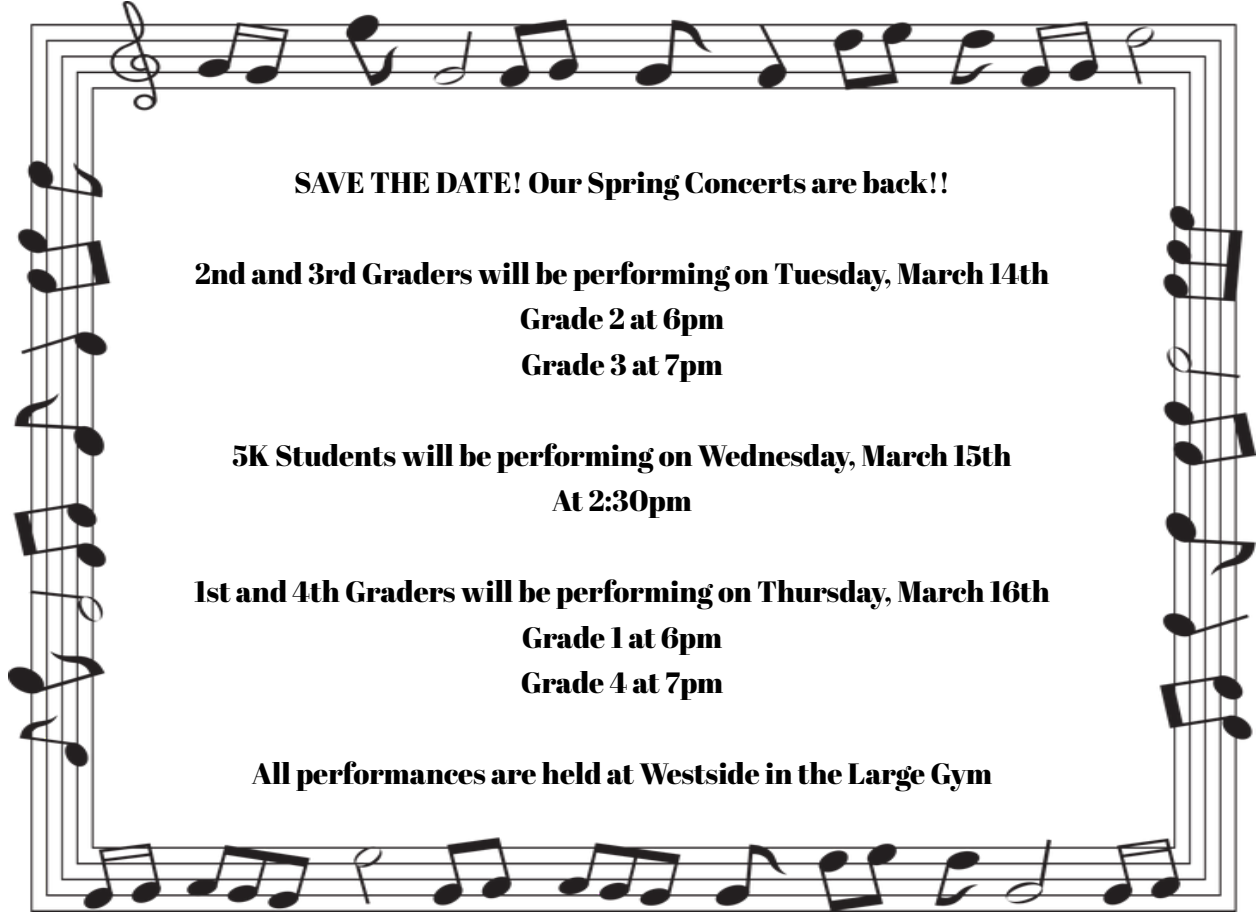
Services are provided during the day and visits are held throughout the school year.

Enroll Now!

<https://enrollment.bbsmiles.org/>

Bridging Brighter Smiles, Inc. accepts Forward Health/BadgerCare Insurance Only.
Dental care in school is also available on a self-pay basis.

Any Questions Please Call Bridging Brighter Smiles at (262)896-9891 or visit www.bbsmiles.org

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

BUZZ IN

KIMBERLY SCHOOLS

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



Is your child going to be 4 or 5 years old by September 1, 2023?

IT'S TIME TO ENROLL YOUR NEWEST PAPERMAKER FOR 2023-2024!

Residents in the Kimberly Area School District can now register their newest Papermaker in Kindergarten.

Registration is quick and easy...

1. Complete the required forms online at <http://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/parents/registration>
 - If you do not have computer access, computers will be available at any of KASD's schools or the District office.
 - If you are unable to stop in during normal business hours, please contact the school secretary to set up a time to stop in.
2. Birthdates are confirmed through the Wisconsin Immunization Registry. For non-immunized students or students registering from out of state, an ORIGINAL birth certificate must be brought in at some point after you have registered online. The birth certificate can be brought to any of the schools listed on the right or KASD's District Office.

The Kimberly Area School District takes a nurturing approach to 4K and 5K development. It is expected, as with all grades, that students will be ready for the next grade level at the end of the school year.

4K CENTER FOR LITERACY

614 East Kimberly Avenue, Kimberly
Phone: (920) 423-4190

JANSSEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

420 Wallace Street, Combined Locks
Phone: (920) 788-7915

SUNRISE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

N9363 Exploration Drive, Appleton
Phone: (920) 954-1822

WESTSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

746 West Third Street, Kimberly
Phone: (920) 739-3578

WOODLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

N9085 North Coop Road, Appleton
Phone: (920) 730-0924



Pupil Nondiscrimination Statement: 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.



October 12, 2022

Re: Public Nature of School Events

Dear District Families:

The Kimberly Area School District strives to offer a broad array of opportunities for student enrichment. As part of this effort, students have the opportunity to engage in many activities, through both the District's regular curriculum and co-curricular offerings, which allow students to share their talents with the broader school community.

Examples include concerts, theatrical performances, academic and athletic competitions, and many similar events. These events, often held on District property during or after regular school hours, are generally open to family, friends, and members of the public.

While the District takes measures to ensure the safety of its events, it does not typically regulate who may attend. Nor does the District regulate the use of photography or video/audio recording at such events. As a result, it is possible that members of the public, including media, will take photographs or recordings of those attending the events. Such photography and recordings are generally for the purposes of celebrating and/or reporting on the events. However, the District recognizes that there may be occasions when this type of attention is unwanted by some families based on safety concerns particular to their family situation, or for other reasons.

If, for any reason, you or your student have concerns regarding participation in District events because of the event's public nature, please contact me to discuss whether your student may need to opt out of participation in the event, or if there are other measures that can be taken to address your concerns.

Sincerely,





Jonathan Peterson

Westside Principal

OUR STUDENTS NEED YOU!

BECOME A **SUBSTITUTE TEACHER**

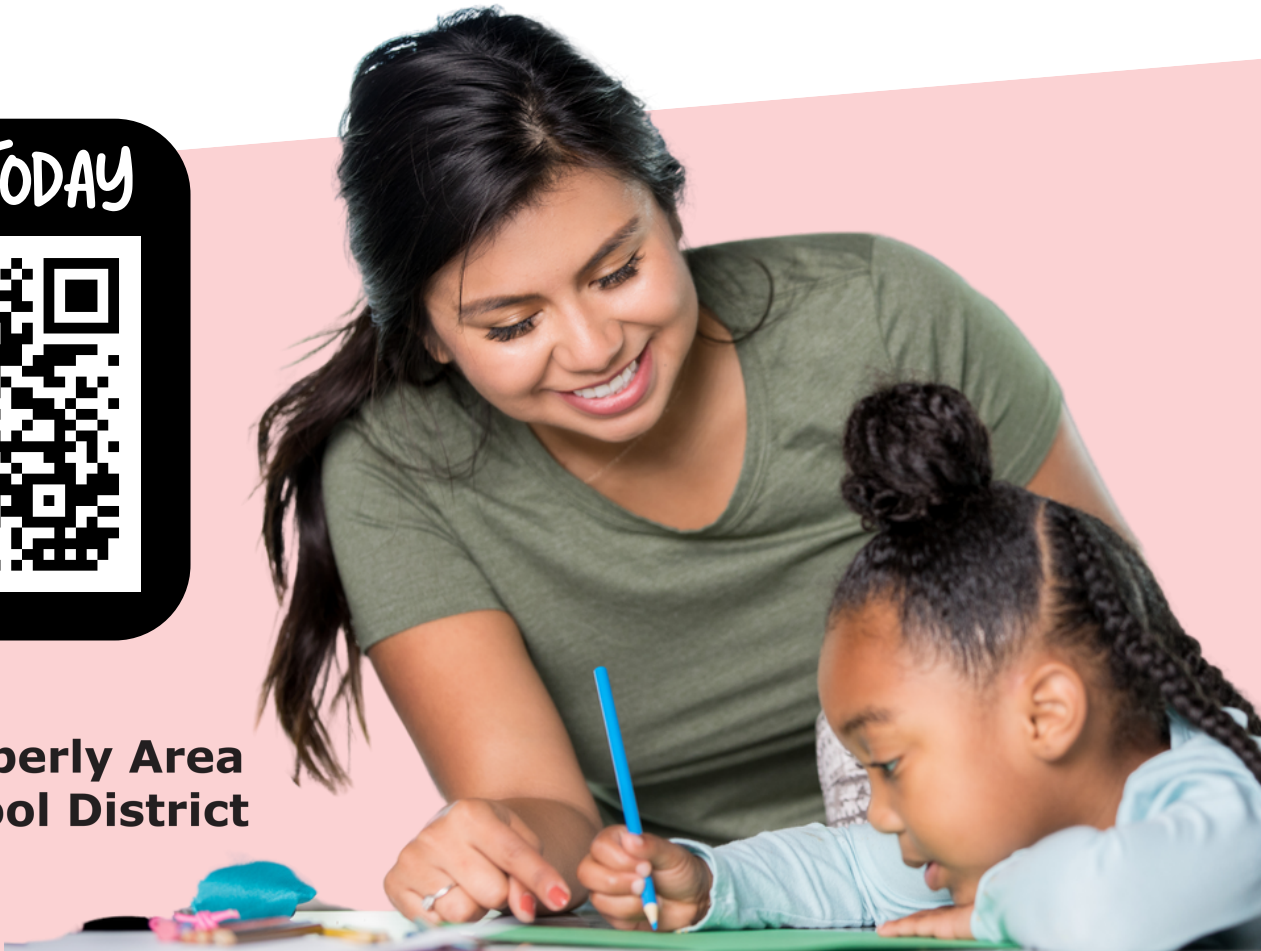
Make a difference and consider becoming a substitute teacher or a *substitute paraprofessional*. Learn more at kimberly.k12.wi.us/careers.

				
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

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

General Mitigation

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

Masking

- Optional, Students/Staff may mask at any time

Adapted from CDC and Outagamie Public Health