



December 1, 2021

Hello Westside Families ~

Our December Newsletter is attached. Happy Reading!

**REMINDERS:**

- **This Friday, December 3 – 2:00 Dismissal**
  - All students are dismissed at 2:00 – if your child is signed up to stay for the movie, he or she will be expected to remain at school. If that is not your intention, please contact the office by email, phone, or note.
  - Busses & daycare vans transport students at 2:00
  - Y-Care at Westside begins at 3:35
  - Please discuss your plan with your child(ren) to avoid confusion.
- Our school day begins at 8:35. We expect that all students are in their seats and ready to learn promptly at 8:35. Please make sure your children arrive at school on time each day.
- Recess is happening each day as well as occasional outdoor mask breaks; so, we ask that all students have appropriate clothes for the weather.
- Please make sure your children have a water bottle each day. Thank you! ☺

**COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

Teens (grades 6-12) build Gingerbread Houses at Kimberly Public Library Dec. 7, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Learn to Skate with Valley Figure Skating Club

Building for Kids Children's Museum Explorer Camps after school and weekends

Make it a great week and please let us know if you have any questions!

Thank you,

Anne Appleton  
Westside Elementary  
920-739-3578

# WESTSIDE EAGLES UPDATE



December 2021

- 12/3—2:00 Dismissal
- 12/23-1/2 **NO SCHOOL-  
Winter Break**
- 1/3—School Resumes
- 1/14—2:00 **DISMISSAL**
- 1/21—**NOON DISMISSAL**
- 1/21—End of 2nd Quarter
- 2/10 & 2/11—**NO SCHOOL**
- 2/18—2:00 **DISMISSAL**
- 3/4—2:00 **DISMISSAL**
- 3/28-End of 3rd Quarter



## A Message from our Principal



Greetings from Westside Elementary,

Welcome to the fastest month of the year for adults and the slowest month of the year for our students! Adults have a lot to get done before the end of the month to make it special for our families. Our students watch the clock daily for winter break and all the festivities that come with it. It can make for a stressful month, but at Westside we stay in the moment and enjoy all that the season brings. I hope you and your family are able to slow down and enjoy it together.

From the invention of public schools, every elementary teachers' goal has been to make students as independent as possible. That push began out of necessity of the times and it continues to be a necessity as times change. We work with our students from the first day of kindergarten on their independent problem solving skills and don't stop until they leave us for Mapleview Intermediate School. A lot of the effort around problem solving for us involves academic problem solving, but it isn't limited to just that. Through our life skills curriculum and daily interactions we work on our students' social and emotional problem solving skills as well.

We know that multiple exposures across environments (school, home, and out in the public) lead to a faster acquisition of skills. We encourage all of our parents to work with their children on their independent problem solving skills at home and around town. In many cases it doesn't require extra work, just a mindset shift. In our fast paced world it is quicker for us as parents just to do things for our children, instead of taking the time for our children to figure it out on their own. Doing things for our children is another way to show we love them. That is all well and good, but it is important to take advantage of opportunities for our children to do and figure things out on their own.

For example, in kindergarten and 1st grade we need our students to be able to get all their snow gear on independently. Shoe tying is also a lost art that can be practiced at home. Those processes are a necessity, but there are other opportunities for our children to be responsible and problem solve on their own from little things to big things! Little opportunities arise daily like scraping their dinner plates and putting them in the sink or having your child carrying their own backpack on the way to school. Any way you can work with your child to be more independent will help them grow to be independent students and successful young adults!

Jonathan Peterson  
Principal

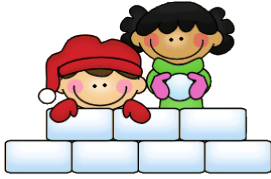


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**OFFICE HOURS: 7:30-4:00**



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## **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.





## SCHOOL REPORT CARDS RELEASED



As part of its assessment and accountability system, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction creates a School Report Card for every publicly funded school in the state. The Report Cards are intended to help all schools and districts utilize data related to student achievement to monitor their performance and target their improvement efforts. On its Report Card, a school receives a score on a scale of 0 to 100 and one of five ratings based on that score. The ratings range from *Fails to Meet Expectations* to *Significantly Exceeds Expectations*. The school's score and rating are primarily based on the school's performance on statewide assessments in the 2020-2021 school year.

Westside's Report Card score was 84.8 and this gave the school a rating of *Significantly Exceeds Expectations*. You can access Westside's Report Card along with those for all the district's schools and a District Report Card on the DPI's website: <http://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards>

Report Card scores as well as other district performance reports can also be accessed from the Kimberly Area School District's website:

<http://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/departments/about/performance-reports>

On the actual Report Card, parents can review the specific student performance information that is used to calculate the school's overall score. Keep in mind that these Report Cards are just one source of information about our school. Our staff will use the data from our Report Card as part of our continuous improvement efforts during the current school year. If you have questions about the Report Card, feel free to contact Mr. Peterson.

## REMINDERS

**MEDICATION AT SCHOOL (including Cough Drops):** ALL medication MUST come to school in the original container and be accompanied by the required Medication Form (found on our website or in the office). This includes BOTH prescription medication and over-the-counter medications such as, Cough Drops, Tylenol, Cough Syrup, etc. A physician AND parent signature are required for prescription medication. A parent signature is required for over-the-counter meds. If you have any questions regarding medications, please contact our office—920-739-3578.



**WINTER BREAK:** Please mark your calendars for our upcoming break—we will be off of school from **December 23 — January 2** — classes will resume on Monday, January 3. Happy Holidays from our Westside Staff!



# DECEMBER 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 2:00 DISMISSAL	4
5	6	7 PURPLE Day	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Vision Screening NEON Day	17	18
19	20	21 Winter Begins 	22 RED/GREEN and UGLY SWEATER Day 	23 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Staff Development	24 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> 	25 Merry Christmas! 
26	27 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	28 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	29 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	30 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	31 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> 	Jan 1 Happy New Year! 
Jan 2	Jan 3 <b>CLASSES RESUME</b>	Jan 4	Jan 5	Jan 6	Jan 7 Dress Like Mr. Peterson Day	Jan 8



# COUNSELOR

monthly  
newsletter

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## Note from Ms. Newman

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!



## December Life Skills

3rd Grade  
Understanding Perspectives

4th Grade  
Understanding Complex Feelings



## December Life Skills

5k

Accidents and Mistakes

1st Grade

Similarities and Differences

2nd Grade

Feelings Triggers (finishing up from the last lesson - make sure to ask your kiddo to see what they made!!)

Mindfulness Centers, which is new to Life Skills this year, is going so great! I have heard from many students that they love this time to focus on being quiet and calm.

My hope is that after winter break, students will be able to choose their own center based on the mindfulness center that works best for them.

Over winter break, try to spend some time practicing mindfulness with your family!

These activities could include yoga, breathing, puzzles, coloring/drawing, using sensory items (like play-doh) or fidgets.

Youtube has a lot of great videos to walk you through yoga and breathing strategies.



# Candy Cane Sale

When:

Starts MONDAY, November 29th 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 Nerds





# COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

When monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms, parents/guardians and students should look for:

**Major symptoms (Students should stay home and take a COVID-19 test if ONE symptom from this list is present):** Fever (above 100.4), cough (above baseline), new loss of taste/smell, trouble breathing/shortness of breath

**Minor symptoms (Students should stay home and take a COVID-19 test if TWO symptoms from this list are present):** Congestion/runny nose (above baseline), chills, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, headache (above baseline), body aches, unusual fatigue, sore throat (above baseline)



COVID protocols vary on a case-by-case basis, but are based on CDC/Wisconsin DHS guidelines. Generally however, protocols will be:

IF MY CHILD...	AND IS...	THEN HE/SHE/THEY SHOULD...
Tests positive for COVID-19	Unvaccinated or vaccinated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quarantine for 10 days from symptom onset or positive test result</li> </ul>
Has COVID-19 symptoms	Unvaccinated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stay home</li> <li>Take a COVID-19 test</li> <li>Stay home while awaiting test results</li> <li>Return to school with a negative result</li> <li>Begin 10 day quarantine with a positive result (or if do not test)</li> </ul>
Has COVID-19 symptoms	Vaccinated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow typical illness protocol, stay home until 24 hours fever free</li> <li>COVID-19 test encouraged</li> </ul>
Is a close contact to a positive case at school and is masked	Unvaccinated or vaccinated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remain in school and monitor for symptoms</li> </ul>
Is a close contact to a positive case	Unvaccinated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quarantine for 10 days after last close contact without testing, or</li> <li>Quarantine 7 days after last close contact, with a negative test result collected on day 6 or 7 (provide a copy of the test result to the school)</li> </ul>
Is a close contact to a positive case	Vaccinated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remain in school and monitor for symptoms</li> </ul>
Is a close contact and had COVID-19 in last 90 days	Unvaccinated or vaccinated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remain in school and monitor for symptoms</li> </ul>





# Join OUR TEAM!




Kimberly Area School District is seeking support from our community. Make a difference and consider becoming a **substitute teacher** or a **substitute paraprofessional**.

APPLY NOW AT  
[kimberly.k12.wi.us/careers](http://kimberly.k12.wi.us/careers)

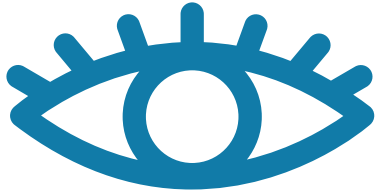


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## FLEXIBLE & REWARDING

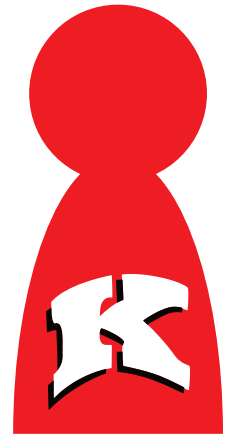
-  Earn extra income while your child is at school.
-  Turn your volunteer hours into a paid position.
-  No prior teaching experience needed.
-  Maintain a flexible work schedule.
-  Help students succeed.

**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.**



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

# Weekend Backpack Program

In partnership with the St. Joseph Food Program

Are you in need of extra food on the weekend when school meals are not available?

*WE CAN HELP!*

We will provide you with a bag of basic, small meals & snacks (per child) that will be sent home on Fridays during the school year.

There is no need to provide documentation to be eligible.

Contact your child(ren)'s school counselor  
or the KASD School Social Worker, Katie DeLain at:  
423-4159 or [kdelain@kimberly.k12.wi.us](mailto:kdelain@kimberly.k12.wi.us)



# 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.
  - \* 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

**KASD Homeless Liaison**  
Rob DeLain  
920.788.7905

#### State Coordinator

**WI State Coordinator**  
Kristine Nadolski  
608.267.7338

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](mailto:homeless@serve.org) ★ <http://nche.ed.gov>