November 29, 2017

Hello Westside Families –

Please take a moment and read through our attached notes for this week which include our **December Newsletter**!

Don't forget... Tomorrow, November 30 is a 2:00 Dismissal Day for Parent-Teacher Conferences

- There is NO SUPERVISION (no movie) provided by Westside staff on this day.
- **All Students** will be dismissed at 2:00
- Busses and daycare vans will transport student at 2:00
- **If your child attends Y-CARE** at Westside, please make arrangements directly with them.
- Please discuss your plan with your child(ren) to avoid confusion – thank you!

Please give our office a call if you have any questions – thank you!

Anne Appleton
Secretary
Westside Elementary
920-739-3578

WESTSIDE EAGLES UPDATE

December 2017

11/30—**PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES** **2:00 Dismissal** —NO Childcare provided by Westside Staff

12/ 8—**2:00 DISMISSAL**

12/14—Holiday Concert
Grade 1—6:30 Grade 2—7:15

12/22—**NOON DISMISSAL**

12/25-1/1/2018-**NO SCHOOL** Holiday Break

1/2—School Resumes

1/12 —**2:00 DISMISSAL**

1/19—End of 2nd Quarter

1/19-**NOON DISMISSAL**

2/2—**2:00 DISMISSAL**

2/16—**NOON DISMISSAL**

A Message from our Principal

Hello Westside Families!

I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying the start of our winter season. I hope all of you were able to make it for our parent teacher conferences. All of the students at Westside have grown so much already, I am sure there was a lot to share! The conference times are short. If you ever feel as though you need more time, please work with your child's teacher. We know that a strong school / home connection is critical for student growth.

This is a fun time of year to be in an elementary school! Mrs. Kinzel has started prepping our 1st and 2nd grade students for their winter concerts. If you haven't seen our Westside students perform, you are in for a treat! As per usual Mrs. Kinzel has a few special numbers that are sure to impress! I hope you and your family can join us.

Our concerts are a great way to celebrate all of our students' hard work in music throughout the year. One way we celebrate our students' hard work in literacy is our author's wall. Each year all students can publish pieces that go on our author's wall. It takes many revisions for a piece to get published on our wall. Once on the wall, anyone can read them and offer feedback. It is exciting for our staff and students to share these awesome stories! I encourage you to check it out if you haven't already and ask your child if they have a piece on the wall.

Warm Regards,

Jonathan Peterson
Principal

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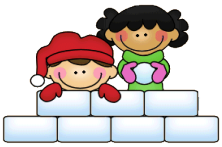
OFFICE HOURS: 7:30-4:00



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The newest edition of ***School Matters*** (the District Newsletter) is available here or on the KASD website!

HOLIDAY CONCERT COMING SOON!!

The Grade 1 & 2 Holiday Program is set for Thursday, December 14th. There is an all-school performance at 2:00 PM and the evening programs are at **6:30—Grade 1** and **7:15—Grade 2**.

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 6:30 a.m. Parents with students in school receive a direct call, text and/or email from our auto-call system 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, WHBY-1150AM, WKFX-104.9FM, WEMI-91.9 FM, WGEE-1360 AM, and WOZZ-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 update

WINTER WEATHER… COLD & FLU SEASON

As the temperature continues to drop, we remind you to send your children to school dressed appropriately for the weather. Coats, hats, gloves, and appropriate shoes/boots for the weather are a must to keep them warm and healthy!

Along with the colder weather comes cold and flu season. Here are several tips to help you avoid becoming ill:

- Get a flu shot.
- Wash your hands a lot! Use plenty of soap and water and scrub for at least 20 seconds. The act of scrubbing is what removes germs; simply running your hands under water is not effective.
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available.
- Clean common surfaces often i.e. door knobs, light switches, etc.
- Rest, Rest, Rest—getting enough sleep each night is a great way to fight illness!

REMINDERS

YEARBOOKS: Many of you have already paid for a 2017-18 Westside Elementary Yearbook! If you haven't had a chance to order and pay for a yearbook, please go online to your Infinite Campus portal and make the $11.00 payment, OR, send the $11.00 payment to the office in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and "yearbook". If you are unsure if you ordered a yearbook, please check your account on Infinite Campus, OR, give us a call. We will not receive the yearbooks until the end of the school year. Also, yearbooks are optional!

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 **NOON on December 22 — January 1 — classes will resume on Tuesday, January 2nd.** Happy Holidays from our Westside Staff!

DECEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Inside Out Day!	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 **2:00 DISMISSAL**	9 PTO Holiday Fun Festival 6:00-8:00
10	11	12	13	14 **Holiday Concert** **Grade 1-6:30** **Grade 2-7:15** 	15 Hat Day! 	16
17	18	19	20	21 2nd Grade to EAA 4th Grade to YMCA	22 **NOON DISMISSAL** Ugly Sweater Day for Kids	**23**
24 	**25** **Merry Christmas!**	**26** **NO SCHOOL**	**27** **NO SCHOOL**	**28** **NO SCHOOL**	**29** **NO SCHOOL**	**30**
31	**January 1** **NO SCHOOL**	**January 2** **SCHOOL RESUMES** **Welcome Back!**	**January 3**	**January 4**	**January 5** Favorite Team Day!	**January 6**

School-wide Book Swap

Who: All Westside kids (grades 5K – 4th Grade)

What: Bring an old book from home and swap it for a different one to keep.

Where: Westside School

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Parenting 1 2 3

Instilling Perseverance in Children

It's easy for a child to give up on a task that seems too difficult. However, encouraging your child to persevere to accomplish a task is a great way to build their self-confidence, as well as show how rewarding it can be to overcome difficulties and accomplish something they thought they couldn't.

Why Teaching Perseverance is Important

If children are permitted to just give up on a task they think is too hard, they may eventually develop a fear of trying to overcome obstacles in their lives or of trying new things. However, by being persistent when they're trying to learn a new subject in school or a new task, children will learn the value of hard work and how good it feels when they accomplish something they consider difficult.

Being persistent can also help children develop self-confidence. When they do persevere and accomplish something, children need to have their perseverance reinforced with praise from both their teachers and parents. For small children, learning to tie their shoes can be difficult, but if they persevere, they'll master tying their shoes and move on to learn the next new skill. Praise children for their efforts and accomplishments to help build their self-esteem and confidence.

How to Teach Perseverance

Children usually learn from their parents by watching and imitating their behavior. If their parents give up on difficult tasks easily, children will learn that behavior as well. However, parents can model perseverance by continuing to make an effort to learn new skills, overcome difficulties, and accomplish their goals. When their parents are rewarded with a promotion and/or pay raise, children will learn there can be rewards for persevering on a task.

Parents can also use language to help children make the connection between their hard work and success. For instance, rather than just giving general praise, tell them that their practice has paid off — that playing their instrument, their grade in math class, or their sports performance has gotten much better. Make the direct connection between their perseverance and their accomplishments. Not only will they learn to persevere, but they can learn self-discipline as well.

REMEMBER:

- *Adults need to model perseverance for children.*
- *Praise children by connecting their accomplishments with their hard work.*
- *Teaching children perseverance will help them build confidence, boost self-esteem, and learn self-discipline.*

* Last day to purchase any equipment will be Nov. 30th.

Hello Westside Families!!

I am so excited that Speed Stacking begins this week. I am also super excited about the new opportunity you have to purchase your child his/her own Speed Stacks, Mats and Timers. This year we have been given Speed Stack Standard Cup sets, mini-Speed Stacks, StackMats with Timers, and the Pro Series sets to sell at our school. The cups sets, mats and timers will be made available during school hours, and at Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Having the cups, mats and timers at school will give you and/or your child the chance to see the equipment before you purchase anything, pick out the stack or mat your child wants, and receive everything immediately. No waiting or paying for shipping.

If you are interested in purchasing any of the equipment please feel free to contact me or send the payment to school with your child.

Payment can be made with either cash or checks...please make checks out to Westside Elementary.

All purchases will help raise money for our Physical Education program. The money raised will be used to purchase more classroom stacking sets and mats.

Thank you so much....Speed Stacking is one of my favorite things to teach in Physical Education. It is fun, great for hand-eye coordination, challenges both the left and right brain and can be a great cardiovascular activity as we add relays and other physical challenges.

Again, Thanks so much,
Mrs. Phillips
aphillips@kimberly.k12.wi.us

Mrs. Phillips

SPEED STACKS

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KIMBERLY BASEBALL

WINTER CAMP 2017

Tuesday, December 26th & Wednesday, December 27th
Kimberly High School's Indoor Facility

Grades 4K- 2	Grades 3-5	Grades 6-8
Tuesday, December 26th 11:00-12:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 27th 11:00-12:30 p.m.	Tuesday, December 26th 1:00-3:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 27th 1:00-3:00 p.m.	Tuesday, December 26th 3:30-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 27th 3:30-5:30 p.m.

What to Bring:
- Baseball glove and tennis shoes (bat optional). Mark all equipment clearly with name&phone number. Parents are welcome to stay&watch.

Cost:
- $25 per player (Includes a "Kimberly Baseball" t-shirt)

Please return bottom of this form with check made payable to **"Kimberly Baseball"** by **Tuesday, Dec. 19th** to:

Ryan McGinnis-Winter Camp, Kimberly H.S.
1662 East Kennedy Avenue, Kimberly WI 54136

There will be an informational meeting for parents on the 27th beginning fifteen minutes after the start of camp. Meeting will last for apx. 15-20 minutes.(4k-2nd@11:15 a.m.; 3-5 @1:15 p.m.; 6-8 @ 3:45 p.m.).

(Please remove and return to address above)

Name(s): _____ Grade: _____ $25 _____

T-shirt size (circle one): Youth: S M L or Adult: S M L XL

Name(s): _____ Grade: _____ $25 _____

T-shirt size (circle one): Youth: S M L or Adult: S M L XL

Name(s): _____ Grade: _____ $25 _____

T-shirt size (circle one): Youth: S M L or Adult: S M L XL

Total $ _____

Parent(s) name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Questions? Call Ryan McGinnis at 423-4160.
Also sign up for Remind 101 by texting the number 81010 the message @6a8kf