

Janssen Journal

December Issue, 2016

Dates to Remember:

December

26-Jan.2 No School

January

3 Classes Resume

6 2:00 Dismissal

12 Skate City Night, 6:00-8:30

16 PTO Mtg. @ 6:00—
LMC

20 12:00 Dismissal

20 End of Quarter

20 & 21 PTO Craft-o-
Rama

Concert Info.

Feb.8, 5K Concert @ 12:45

Mar.16, Gr.3 & 4 Spring
Concert

Dear Janssen School Community,

With this being my last newsletter for 2016, I wish to reflect on our school year so far. From our teachers' professional learning over the summer to our Friday professional development days, our teachers build on their learning to better serve our students. From our Morning Paws to community circles, our students, through reteaching and practice, do the Janssen Way and are kind, honest, respectful and responsible. From our mathematicians, to our readers/authors, to our musicians, and to our artists, our students are building on their success as confident, problem-solvers who produce quality work, daily. From reflecting on their instruction to planning and adjusting for their next lessons, our teachers push themselves daily to get our students to or above grade. From their leaf raking in Lindberg Park to providing Thanksgiving meals, our student council continues to contribute to our community. From the Hansens/Entertainment book fundraiser to Family Fun Night, our PTO continues to raise money this year for our music program. When one creates such a list, the first word that pops in one's head can only be...AWESOME.

Taking the time to appreciate what we have and what we do as a school to serve our students and sharing this with you comes at a great time of year--the winter, holiday season. For me, this holiday season is special because it brings our families together to create memorable experiences and to be thankful for each other. Our Janssen families and the daily support you give us for working with your children creates lasting memories for all of us. I am thankful for each of our families for believing in us to make a difference in your children's lives as students and citizens.

With my next newsletter, I will be welcoming in the 2017 year. Based on what I have observed and the feedback that I have received up to this point, I am so excited to see what and how our students will be doing to build on their learning for the remainder of the school year.

To each and all, a safe and family-rich winter, holiday break.

Sincerely,

Hercules Nikolaou, Ph.D.
Janssen Elementary School Principal

BACKGROUND CHECKS

If you are interested in volunteering at school, whether in your child's classroom or chaperoning a field trip, you need to have a completed background check form on file with the school district. Please keep in mind that these take 2 weeks to complete. If you are not sure if you have a completed check on file or if you have any questions, please contact the school office.

EMERGENCY MEDICATIONS

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.

JANSSEN WAY ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Every Monday morning during Morning Paws, we have 5 random drawings, four for students and one for a staff member. Please see below for a list of the selected individuals...

The Principal Chair

The student drawn for the Principal chair gets a special chair to sit in during their week instead of the regular classroom chair. Previous winners are: 12/5—Brody, Mrs. Graf; 11/28—Seren, Mrs. Paradiso; 11/21—Everlynn, Mrs. Smits

Bulldog Staff Member of the Week

The staff member gets a special treat and a special lunch. Previous Winners are: 12/5—Mrs. Scholz; 11/28, Mrs. Romenesko, 11/21—Mrs. Paradiso

Dog Bone Winners

These winners pick from: lunch with Dr. Nikolaou, lunch with Miss McCormick, prize from the office, read with Miss Christina, and help with lunch recess. Previous winners are: 12/5—Bryton-Mrs. Smits, Wesley-Ms. Schmitz, Kaelyn-Ms. Schmitz; 11/28—Jaxon-Mrs. Paradiso, Olivia-Mrs. Pattermann, Grace-Mrs. Paradiso; 11/14—Peyton-Mr. Wilczek, Braiden-Mrs. Graf

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 2015-16 school year.

Janssen Elementary School's Report Card score was 73.2% and this gave the school a rating of Exceeds Expectations. You can access Janssen's Report Card along with those for all of the district's schools and a District Report Card on the DPI's website:

<http://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards>. 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 me.

Hercules Nikolaou, Ph.D.
Principal

THANK YOU FROM THE LMC

What a fantastic Scholastic Book Fair we just completed! Thank you for being so supportive of Janssen School. With your purchases, the library received books to add to our collection, which in turn benefits the children of Janssen School.

Also, a big THANK YOU to our volunteers: Janet Fleming, Brooke Mader, Amy Regal, Emma Regal, and Sandy Storch. You were a huge help, and are very much appreciated.

Congratulations to the following students whose names were drawn for the book/poster raffle: Vivian Alft, Evan Aman, Matthew Anderson,

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Check us out:

www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/schools/janssen-elementary, Twitter: @JanssenElem, PTO: <http://janssenelementarypto.shutterfly.com>

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Maddox Bartel, Macey Bauer, Brady Bell, Bianca Borchardt, Gabriela Bruch, Claire Buckley, Grace Carew, Kelan Ceman, Kacey Coenen, Erin Conrad, Aleena Copeland, Blake Diedrick, Bryn Dietzen, Logan Dissen, Jameson Donaho, Ivory Donnerbauer, Ryker Dykstra, Kinnley Fulcer, Jada Greene, Ella Haese, Ben Hass, Hunter Holschuh, Destiny Huettner, Hannah James, Sienna Karls, Sophia Kattestad, Benjamin Klein, Elana Lacey, Jude Lodl, Finn Mantey, Nathaniel Miller, Clara Nelson, Caleb Regal, Ellianna Reinke, Dawson Ripley, Isaac Romberg, Elias Sahr, Haley Schmitt, Abby Sommer, Kara Stearns, Samara Tucker, Jaxon Yonke, Cayden Zahringer, and Grayson Zahringer.

Thank you,
Mrs. Brigman, Mrs. Bohne, and Mrs. Romenesko

JANSSEN COUNSELOR CORNER

Happy December Janssen Families,

Here are some updates from your friendly neighborhood School Counselor:

Life Skills

We have had a busy month full of Life Skills lessons! All students have learned about protective behaviors, how to handle strangers and how to handle touch from others that they do not like. In addition, all students have identified adults who they can go to if they are in need of help. Our students are informed and prepared when it comes to their safety. Way to go kids!

In addition, our third and fourth grade students participated in a lesson about bullying. They learned about what is rude and mean versus bullying. Students learned about the four kinds of bullying and how to deal with bullying situations, as well as situations when their peers are being rude or mean.

It's Cold Outside!

Tis the season when we all question why we live in Wisconsin! The bitter cold and snow is upon us. It is imperative that our children are dressed and prepared to handle the weather. Luckily in Kimberly, all families have access to the Clothes Closet at Westside Elementary. The Clothes Closet provides winter clothes, free of charge, to any family who might need assistance with gearing their children up for winter. There is a flyer attached to this newsletter with more information. In addition, if you have any clothing that you would like to donate, Westside is always accepting donations for the Clothes Closet.

Holiday Stress

This time of year while joyful, can also bring about quite a bit of stress. Here are two articles I found from Psychology Today that give some tips about how to help our little ones with stress, as well as an article focusing on how we as adults can better manage this time of year.

For kids: <https://goo.gl/2w3VEj>

For adults: <https://goo.gl/Npdi9F>

I hope everyone has safe, wonderful, and stress free holidays!

Ms. McCormick :)



From all the staff at Janssen Elementary School, we would like to wish all of our families a wonderful winter break!

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

All items are free!

Westside Kid's Closet

Westside School
746 W. 3rd St.
Kimberly, WI 54136

Phone: 739-3578

SOMETHINGS IN LIFE ARE FREE!



Winter Gear has arrived!

At the

Westside's Kid's Closet

The Westside Kid's Closet is open from 8:00-4:00 during school days.

All items are free!

We are looking for donations of gently used and clean children's clothing for 5 year olds to 4th graders. We are in need of snowpants, mittens, both boys and girls snow boots and boys and girls athletic shoes. We have lots of hats and scarves. Thanks in advance for your donations!

We have just put out our winter ware in our Kid's Clothes Closet! While we have lots of coats we are still in need of some winter items. Please check the box to the left to see what we are missing! During tough economic times we can all use a helping hand. If you could use a little help in getting your kids ready for the change of seasons come and choose from some gently used and clean clothing. Located downstairs across from the lunchroom!



Kimberly Dance Team
Winter Dance Clinic
KimberlyDanceTeam@gmail.com

The Kimberly Dance Team would like to welcome all 5K-8th grade students to join in the 2017 Kimberly Dance Clinic! Participants will engage in learning a variety of dance skills as well as learning a fun pom routine! Dancers will perform at halftime of the basketball game that night!

When: Friday, January 20th, 2017

Where: Kimberly High School Commons/gym

For: Grades 5K-8th (skill levels for all ages!)

Cost: \$30.00 registration fee (includes: 2 – tickets to that night's game KHS vs. Neenah, poms, dinner and t-shirt*)

*Must be pre-registered to be guaranteed a t-shirt – extra shirts will be available that day.

Agenda

- 5:00 – 5:30pm Registration and games
- 5:30 – 5:45 Warm-up, stretches, technique
- 5:45 – 7:00 Break into groups, learn pom routine
- 7:00 – 7:30 Dinner break
- 7:30 - Halftime Groups continue to work on routine
- Halftime Show off



ATTIRE: Please dress comfortably and wear some form of a shoe (please no sandals or socks). Dancers who pre-register will have their t-shirt to wear during the clinic. To guarantee a t-shirt, order forms must be in hand by Friday, January 6th. If forms will be late, please **email: kimberlydanceteam@gmail.com** with dancer's name, grade and t-shirt size. Limited extra shirts will be available for late registrations.

Dinner: Hot dog, water bottle, chips and baked goods will be served.

Walk in registration is welcome, however it is suggested to pre-register to guarantee a clinic t-shirt. You must pre-register by Friday, January 6th, 2017. We apologize, but there will be no refunds due to illness or any other situation which may conflict with attendance.

If you do not receive a confirmation email by January 6th, your registration form may have not been received or the email on file was listed in error. Please contact: **kimberlydanceteam@gmail.com**

Please visit our website: <http://kimberlydanceteam.wixsite.com/khsdance> 'Like' us on Facebook: Kimberly Dance Team, follow us on Instagram: Kimberlydanceteam and twitter: @khsdance

Participant name: _____ Grade: _____ Age: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____

(Please list any and all numbers to be reached at during the time of the clinic if applicable)

Email: _____

(Confirmation will be sent to this address)

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

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

Are there any allergies or health conditions we should be made aware of at this time?:

Checks made out to: Kimberly Dance Team

Please send registration forms and payments to:

Kimberly High School
ATTN: Kimberly Dance Team
1662 E. Kennedy Ave
Kimberly WI 54136

Registration: \$30.00

An email address must be listed for confirmation regarding pre-registration. If you do not receive this email by Friday, January 6th, 2017 please contact us at **Kimberlydanceteam@gmail.com**

Release and Hold Harmless Agreement: As a parent or legal guardian of the dance participant named above, I authorize my child to participate in the Kimberly Dance Team Dance Clinic on Friday, January 20, 2017. Any illness or injuries resulting from participation in the clinic are my responsibility. Participation in the clinic is voluntary. Safety of participants will be a first priority during the clinic. Kimberly High School faculty, staff, volunteers, students, advisors, and the instructors shall not be responsible for treatment of defects, illness, or injuries that occur during participation or that become apparent after the individual had completed the clinic. Photographs taken at the event may be used for marketing purposes online and for future event registration. I hereby certify that I have read and understood the statement concerning Kimberly High School and participant responsibility and authorize my child to participate in the clinic on Friday, January 20, 2017.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____