

February 22, 2017



KIMBERLY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

# SUNRISE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Sunrise Families:

In the spring, we often take time to celebrate many different people in our schools. This year we will celebrate our volunteers during the week of April 24-28. On Wednesday of that week, (April 26) we will recognize the work of our office staff, and the week of May 1-5 is set aside as Teacher Appreciation Week. In each case, I like to sincerely express my gratitude for the efforts put forth by each individual, and I hope that you will as well. Having said that, I would like to share a little insight about some of our volunteers.

I have been a principal in the Kimberly Area School District for 16 years, and in that time I have been a part of several outside organizations as well. In my experiences, I often see volunteers as integral to the success of the organization. In this newsletter, I would like to point your attention to the efforts of our Parent Teacher Organization, (PTO).

You see, the Sunrise PTO is entirely made up of volunteers. Their mission is built around creating community building opportunities for our families, while also supporting our teachers and students. This is done, in part, through fundraising to help coordinate these activities and help purchase technology and literacy materials for Sunrise. There are several examples of the work this group of volunteers does including: Family Fun Nights, Colony Nights, Cookie Dough Sales, etc. This year, the PTO is planning a Sunrise Fun Run for our students. (More information about this endeavor will be coming at the beginning of March.) These people, who continue to give their time year after year, do such a nice job of working toward that end. My plea however, is that I think there are more volunteers out there who could get involved. When there are a few volunteers, each does a great deal for our community. When there are several volunteers, each one has the same impact, but this impact is multiplied by a greater number, giving our school more benefits. I am hopeful that more parents will consider the potential benefits, for our school community, of their involvement with our Parent Teacher Organization. If you have any questions about this possibility, please reach out to one of the following current PTO members:

Daniele Walters	<a href="mailto:danielewalters1@gmail.com">danielewalters1@gmail.com</a>
Staci Wanberg	<a href="mailto:staciwanberg40@att.net">staciwanberg40@att.net</a>
Cheryl Kirkland	<a href="mailto:ckirkland@mac.com">ckirkland@mac.com</a>
Jennifer Pozniak	<a href="mailto:jennchzld@gmail.com">jennchzld@gmail.com</a>
Chris Galapp	<a href="mailto:chrisyschmidt@hotmail.com">chrisyschmidt@hotmail.com</a>

In addition to these opportunities to get involved, I should mention that we will again be holding our End-of-Year Celebration at Sunrise on June 8. This "carnival type" of celebration will take place throughout the day, outdoors – weather permitting, and volunteers are necessary for us to make this event a success. Please consider spending time helping us on that day.

I do hope that you are all enjoying this respite from the cold winter weather that we are experiencing. Without a doubt we will be back to colder temperatures before long, and those evening habits of reading and homework will be important to maintain as we move through the final semester of the school year. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at [sfitzgerald@kimberly.k12.wi.us](mailto:sfitzgerald@kimberly.k12.wi.us), or call me here at Sunrise (954-1822).

*Sean Fitzgerald*

*The purpose of the Sunrise Newsletter is to inform the Sunrise Community of school news and current events, while reflecting on our work and celebrating our success.*

# WANTED: SUBSTITUTE PARAPROFESSIONALS

## Seeking Substitute Paraprofessionals – Help our students reach their potential!

Do you enjoy helping kids and having a flexible schedule? We are looking for substitute paraprofessionals. Paraprofessionals assist teachers and students throughout the school day. Substitute paraprofessionals have a flexible work schedule and a lot of variety in their work. If you know someone who is looking for a rewarding and flexible career where they would be helping all students succeed, please help us by sharing this link with them: [www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/careers](http://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us/careers)



# TRAFFIC PATTERN REMINDERS

## TRAFFIC FLOW DURING STUDENT DROP-OFF TIME (8:30 AM ish)

With the winter months, it becomes apparent that more and more parents are driving their children to school. Coupled with this is the fact that there is a need to bring additional baggage (snow pants, snow boots, etc.) With this increased traffic, we very often observe that our Drop-off area gets backed up all the way to the parking lot entrance. In order to alleviate this, we have come up with a few suggestions that we believe will make this process run more smoothly.

- 1) When the weather is near or below zero degrees, we will allow students to stand inside the building to wait for the first bell to ring.
- 2) If you arrive before the first bell rings, and you do not wish to have your child wait outside, please park in the parking lot. By remaining in the drop-off area, traffic behind you is compromised.
- 3) When you get your child in the car, please have them ready to go before arriving at school. We often observe students going through a process of finishing their “packing” routines in the car, delaying the traffic behind you.
- 4) Above all, if you find yourself stuck in this traffic, please **DO NOT** speed through our parking lot or drop-off area. Student safety is still the number one priority.

Please keep in mind these same principles at the end of the day and realize that our staff can monitor the safety and accountability of our students more effectively if students are watching for their ride **and not** playing in the snow.

If we can work together in these situations, our students will be safe and you will be able to get on your way in a timelier manner. Thank you!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

3/1	BOOK SWAP
3/2	Read Across America Day
3/3	Student Council - Teacher Swap Day
3/3	Elementary 2:00 PM Dismissal
3/8	5K Field Trip—Building For Kids
3/17	Elementary NOON Dismissal
3/23	2nd Grade Field Trip to PAC
3/23	3rd Grade Field Trip to PAC

## BOOK SWAP

Wednesday, March 1, 2017 is our next Sunrise Book Swap. Bring in your gently used books and trade them in for a “new to you” book. Please do not send in any baby books or board books.

## 2017/2018 4K/5K REGISTRATION

The Kimberly Area School District is accepting 4K/5K Registrations for the 2017/2018 school year. This registration is for students who are new to the District. ***Your child’s certified birth certificate, immunization records, and any special needs information MUST be presented at the time of registration.*** If you have any questions, please contact the school office at 954-1822.



## OPEN ENROLLMENT

The timeline for submitting open enrollment applications is February 6—April 28, 2017. A link to the open enrollment application is available on the Kimberly Area School District website. For more information about open enrollment, please contact JoAnn Wurzer at the Administration Building at 788-7900.

## STUDENT COUNCIL

- ◇ Student Council has been very busy volunteering at Sunrise. We continue to work at the Stinger Pro Shop every Tuesday and recently cleaned up our lost and found, made posters for Jump Rope for Heart and also helped out our 1st grade friends with Jump Rope for Heart.
- ◇ On Friday, February 24th, we are heading to Brewster Village to play games, build puzzles and have some snacks with the residents.
- ◇ Our next Student Council fun day is Friday, March 3rd. We are doing a 20 minute teacher swap. If you get a chance, ask your child who their “teacher swap” was and what fun activity they got to do.

## NEWS & NOTES FROM THE PTO

- ◇ Our Movie/Pizza night was a HUGE success this year. Thank you to all of our volunteers, staff and parents for making this so much fun for the kids.
- ◇ Teacher Appreciation Week is fast approaching (May 1st—5th). Please watch for information to come home within the next month or so.
- ◇ Our very first Fun Run will be held on Friday, May 19th. Look for information to come home on Wednesday, March 1st.
- ◇ Our next PTO Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 20th, at 6:00 PM in the LMC. Babysitting will be available. Please feel free to join us!
- ◇ Mark your calendars! Our next restaurant night will be at Marcos Pizza in Kimberly on Monday, March 20th. A portion of the sales for the day will be donated to the Sunrise PTO.

## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART NEWS

Students in Grades 5K—4 participated in the Jump Rope For Heart event on Tuesday, February 14th. Together the students raised over \$21, 400.00. The students have been working really hard on different jump roping skills and learning about heart disease and strokes. If your student raised money for the American Heart Association, their prizes were handed out late last week.



Thank you to Mr. Lamers for all his hard work toward this wonderful cause. Congratulations to all who participated!!

## SIX FLAGS READING PROGRAM REMINDER

For those Sunrise students participating in the Six Flags Read to Succeed Program, the deadline to return your 360 minutes of reading sheets is fast approaching.

**PLEASE RETURN ALL READING LOGS NO LATER THAN Friday, February 24th. WE ARE UNABLE TO EXCEPT LATE READING LOGS.**



## PBIS UPDATE

As a continuing part of our PBIS Acknowledgement Program, staff members are recognizing students who go above and beyond and demonstrate exceptional behavior with Stinger Strong Gold Medal Tickets. These students will be honored monthly and will have their pictures posted on our Stinger Strong Gold Medalist board located in the entrance.

**There are gold medalists all around us doing ordinary things in extraordinary ways.**

### **Congratulations to our January Gold Medalists:**

*Lydia Best, Josie Hanuszczyk, Sihaya Derks, Aubree Warner, Owen Handschke, Brooke Tom-syck, Adalyn Haynes, Levi Forbes, Maggie Otte, Caleb Matthew, Mallory Seabaugh, Jayden Woldt, Ali Alnaeli, Emery Nickel, Tristen Ruys, Brianna Hildemann, Casey Hank, Crew Sambs, Addy Vieth, David Vollmer, Ayden Joslin, Aiden Smith.*

## 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.

## TIMBER RATTLER READING PROGRAM UPDATE

- ◇ 2nd Base due March 3rd
- ◇ 3rd Base due March 17th
- ◇ 4th Base (Home Run) due March 31st
- ◇ Ticket orders due April 7th (order form will be sent home in mid March)

Sunrise Day at Timber Rattler Stadium is:

Sunday, May 21st @ 1:05 PM



# JUMP ROPE FOR HEART PICTURES



# BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIREMENTS

***Just a reminder: Effective March 1, 2009, volunteers are required to complete a background check. Volunteers include field trip chaperones and those that assist students in a one-on-one capacity. If you will be volunteering on a field trip or in a one-on-one capacity, we ask you to complete a background check form. Forms can be obtained in the office or online. Thank you for your cooperation and for considering the Kimberly Area School District as a place to donate your time and talent. Background checks are good for 5 years.***

# STUDENT NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

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.