

Kegonsa Family Newsletter

August 28th, 2019



Welcome Back!

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Welcome Kegonsa school families and students! On behalf of the Kegonsa Elementary staff it is my honor to welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year. We have been busy this summer preparing the building for the new school year. We are excited to welcome all our students back on **Tuesday, September 3rd for a full day of school.**



Our school leadership team adopted our theme for the year - Be.....Like last year when we highlighted kindness, this year we will be lifting up all the things that are students can be. Be kind, be a leader, be a mathematician etc.

As always I continue to look forward to working together to continue to build strong relationships with students, staff, parents, families and community partners. Effective communication is critical in our partnerships and I encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher or to me if you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns. My door is always open. Please don't everhesitate to call, e-mail, or drop in. We are here for you! - Erin

Please take a few minutes to read the [welcome back letter to families.](#)

Back to School Open House is Tonight!



Just a reminder that our Kegonsa Back to School Open House is Tonight from 4:30 -6:00. Come and meet your child's classroom and specialist teachers, tour the school, and shoot hoops on our new playground black top!



First Day of School - Reminders






All teachers will be meeting students on the playground each morning to walk their classes into school. Families- feel free to walk with the class.

Please look for the teacher with a large fish with their grade and name on it.



School drop off and pick up procedures

Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with our [drop off/pick up procedures.](#)

Kegonsa Family Calendar				September 2019		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 First Day of School 	4	5	6	7
8	9	10  Working for Kids Meeting 6:15-7:15 p.m.	11	12  All-School Picture 9:00-9:30  Wear Orange For Hunger Awareness	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Science Night 	26	27

We've been recognized at the state level!

Time to celebrate! Our school is a #WisconsinRecognizedSchools recipient for our work implementing an equitable, multi-level system of supports. #KegonsaKnowBetterDoBetter



Staff Bios

Interested in getting to know your child's teachers this year read their [bios here!](#)

Kegonsa Elementary School Staff Bios			
Erica Gavigan, Principal Maria Serrano, Clerk of Students Sue Moss, Administrative Assistant Tamara Wieg, Health Assistant, JSA			
Kindergarten Team Amy Winger, teacher Amanda Bradley, teacher Courtney Schweitzerberg, teacher	First Grade Team Phyllis Wilson, teacher Julie Alexander, teacher Laurie Raulo, teacher Amanda Zieminski, student teacher	Second Grade Team Kaitlyn Nelson, teacher Angel Schwaninger, teacher Penny Fleming, teacher	
3rd Grade Team Tina Spindler, teacher Jess Davis, teacher Theresa Bisset, teacher Abby Sings, student teacher	4th Grade Team Tim Price, teacher Alina Adams, teacher Lauren Powell, teacher	5th Grade Team Stephanie Smeets, teacher Kristi LaPlante, teacher Tim Jarman, teacher	
Specials Team Kristin Rosenburg, library Lisa Benson, music Carsten Melis, music, student teacher Erika Meyer, 5th Science Emily McEntire, art Melinda Dossola, physical education Andy Martin, physical education	Special Education Sarah McEntire, learning strategist Rebecca Schwartz, learning strategist Nicole Lamm, learning strategist Anna Gaskins, speech/language Kim Kozak, physical therapy Phyllis Martin, occupational therapist Susan Norris, student teacher	Specialties Tim Housen, reading/instr coach Tim Jones, math instructional coach Claire Bruchman, english learners Chris Krenke, district nurse Sara Raloff, advanced learner	
Student Services Staff Brian Schultz, school counselor Karla McDermis, social worker Rachel Schaeffer, school psychologist Lauren Goodrich, district nurse	Educational Assistants Robert Goodrich Kim Hays Angela Kasper Dan Deach Renee Prunthaler Anne Tash	Custodial Staff Steve Wilson, day Tim Peters, night Food Service Staff Cassandra Berber Holly Nelson Kim Henry School Nurse Kelly	
*Operates Building Leadership Team Member			

Some new faces at Kegonsa!



Emily Wellentin

Art
[Staff Bio](#)



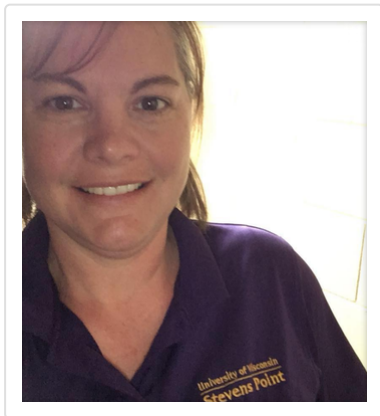
Laure Radai

1st Grade
[staff bio](#)



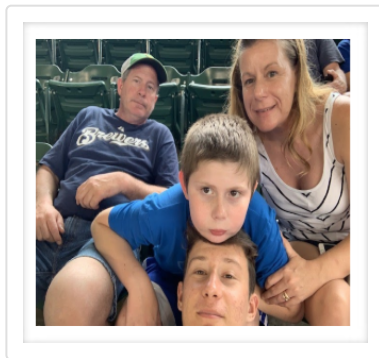
Belinda Goodman

Educational assistant
[staff bio](#)



Sarah MacFarland

Special Education
[staff bio](#)



Nicole Lamers

Special Education
[staff bio](#)



Tiffanie Lee

Special Education
[staff bio](#)



Alan Krebs

Night Custodian
[staff bio](#)



Barb Dietrich

Educational Assistant
[staff bio](#)

Raising Caring Children

"Research in human development clearly shows that the seeds of empathy, caring, and compassion are present from early in life, but that to become caring, ethical people, children need adults to help them at every stage of childhood to nurture these seeds into full development." Read more [here](#).



Rock the Block

Yet another successful Rock the Block. Our team of educators visited over 150 families in just one afternoon. We loved getting out and seeing everyone. Here's to a magical year!





Kegonsa School Day Lunch & Recess Schedule

2019-2020 (updated 8.2019)

Morning Recess

K & 2nd Grade - 9:25 - 9:45

3rd Grade - 9:30-9:50



Afternoon Recess

1st Grade - 12:55-1:15

4th & 5th Grade - 1:15 -1:35



Lunch/Recess

Kindergarten 11:15-11:55 (Recess First)

1st Grade 11:10-11:50 (Recess First)

2nd Grade 11:00 - 11:40 (Lunch First)

3rd Grade 11:05-11:45 (Recess First)

4th Grade 11:05 -11:45 (Lunch First)

5th Grade 11:10-11:50 (Lunch First)



School Supply Lists

Click [here](#) to see our school supply lists for the 2019-2020 school year.

Need help buying school supplies? We can help! Please call the school office so we can get you set up.

Stoughton Area School District
Kegonsa Elementary
STUDENT SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST 2019-2020

*Please label all coats, snow pants and backpacks with your child's name.
*We encourage all children to have an extra set of clothes in case of an emergency.
*1 Backpack that fits in locker -- no wheels

Kindergarten	1st Grade
24 pencils (No. 2) (sharpened)	24 Pencils No 2 (sharpened)
1 Wide ruled composition notebooks (no spirals)	1 Eraser (large)
4 pocket folders - (1 red; 3 any color)	1 box Crayola crayons (24 count)
2 boxes of 24 pack crayola crayons	1 box Crayola colored pencils (12 pack)
2 boxes of colored pencils	2 boxes Crayola markers (8 count) washable
1 box of Crayola classic markers- washable	2 Glue sticks (large)
1 4 oz bottle washable school glue and 8 Glue sticks	4 pocket folders
1 watercolor paint set 8 basic colors	5 black Expo thick dry erase wide
1 4 pk black thick dry erase	2 wide ruled composition notebooks
Small craft supply (ex. beads, pipe cleaners...)	4 black Paper mate flair felt tip pens
White t-shirt w/ first and last name on front & back for kids to wear in Gym	1 set of headphones or earbuds (best for your child)
1 box of kleenex (large)	1 box of kleenex (large)
3 boxes for class healthy snacks (see below for suggestions)	3 boxes of class healthy snacks (see below for suggestions)
2nd Grade	3rd Grade
24 pencils (No. 2) (sharpened)	24 pencils (No. 2) sharpened
2 eraser (large)	1 box of colored pencils or markers
2 glue sticks (large)	2 erasers - large
1 scissors	2 Expo dry erase markers any color
2 70 ct. wide-ruled, spiral notebooks	1 package of 3x3 Post-it Notes
1 box of Crayola colored pencils	4 folders with pockets (red, green, yellow, blue)
1 box of Crayola markers	4 notebooks wide rule (red, green, yellow, blue)
1 box of Crayola crayons	1 Headphones or earbuds
1 6-pk Dry erase markers - black	3 boxes of class healthy snacks (see below for suggestions)
1 Headphones or earbuds	1 box of kleenex (large)
4 folders (any color)	
3 boxes of class healthy snacks (see below for suggestions)	
1 box of kleenex (large)	

KEGONSA ELEMENTARY

SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATIONS



Can you help us by donating?

Small and large Ziplock Bags

Hand Sanitizer

Plastic Cutlery

Kleenex (large)

Napkins

Transparent Tape Refills

Coffee Filters (for class snack)

Post-it-notes (all sizes)

Expo Markers (all sizes and colors)

Chart Markers

School Wellness

We all know that wellness matters. Healthy students are better learners and help to build stronger communities. In Stoughton and at Kegonsa we are recommitting ourselves to helping our students and staff lead healthy lives. We recognize that at the school level we have the ability to influence healthy choices and help students build solid lifelong habits.

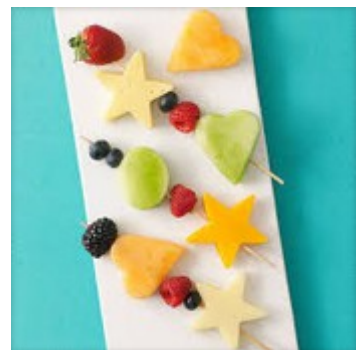


To do this we need your help!

We are asking that **for all parties, birthdays, student of the week celebrations** we bring in either **non-food items** or **healthy treats**. Our wellness team and WFKids parent group have already come up with a ton of fun and inexpensive items that you can bring in. Classroom teachers too are wonderful resources for ideas as well.

[Alternatives Ideas for Birthdays/Student Ideas](#)

[Working For Kids Wellness Ideas](#)



From the School Nurse: A Reminder about our Managing Allergies Policy

Dear Families,

The Stoughton Area School District is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all of our students. As part of that commitment, our District has a policy in place to help protect students who suffer from allergies that may lead to a serious life-threatening medical condition (anaphylaxis).

This policy (1022 Managing Life Threatening Allergies) was developed using guidelines from the Wisconsin Association of School Nurses and CDC and after reviewing similar policies in place in other school districts. Although our policy does not ban certain allergens (peanuts, tree nuts, egg, soy, for examples) from District facilities, it does ask our students, staff and visitors to be aware of the medical needs of our students and to comply with the safety measures our staff put in place to reduce our students' risk of exposure to these allergens.

We have included a link to the policy and the policy guidelines in this communication if you would like more information about the specific types of allergens that could affect some of our students and the protocols we have instituted to address those issues. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we try to maintain allergy-aware facilities. If you have any questions about this policy and/or these guidelines, please do not hesitate to contact Laurel Gretebeck, our District Nurse, at Laurel.Gretebeck@Stoughton.K12.WI.US or 608-877-5405.

Chaperones for Field Trips Must Complete a Background Check

The Board recognizes volunteers make valuable contributions to the District's schools and enhance learning opportunities for students. Therefore, the Board encourages community members to volunteer in the Stoughton schools, subject to all applicable laws, district policies, regulations and safeguards and administrative guidelines. The safety of all of our children is one of the top priorities of the Stoughton Area School District. All visitors must submit to a security check which will be performed by the building they are visiting. In addition, anyone interested in volunteering for day and overnight trips or driving students must submit to a full background check. Please see scenarios below.

Forms should be **submitted at least three weeks in advance** to ensure processing time. The background check form needs to be **renewed every four (4) years**.

A **background check form** (fillable form to complete and send in) **MUST** be completed, signed and submitted to Jenny McKenna in the Business office in the below scenarios.


- Chaperoning day trips (i.e. Aldo Leopold)
- Chaperoning overnight trips (i.e. Band or Choir)
- Driving Students in school or personal owned vehicles

Forms may be submitted via:







- Fax at 608.877.5018
- dropped in the night drop box at the building

- school office to be sent interoffice
- mail to 320 North Street

Meet our Student Services and Specialist Team



KEGONSA ELEMENTARY SPECIALIST TEAM

 <p>KATIE SANNES, DEAN OF STUDENTS katie.sannes@stoughton.k12.wi.us Phone: (608) 208-3468</p>	 <p>JAKE SCHULTZ, SCHOOL COUNSELOR jake.schultz@stoughton.k12.wi.us Phone: (608) 877-5229</p>	 <p>KAYLA MCDERMOT, SOCIAL WORKER kayla.mcdermot@stoughton.k12.wi.us Phone: 608-440-0270</p>
 <p>SARA KOLFF, ADVANCED LEARNING sara.koloff@stoughton.k12.wi.us Phone: 877-5000 x5149</p>	 <p>CLAIRE BRIETSMA, ENGLISH LEARNERS claire.breitsma@stoughton.k12.wi.us Phone: 877-5000 x5535</p>	 <p>JENNIFER HOPPER & JAMES JONES INSTRUCTIONAL COACHES jennifer.hopper@stoughton.k12.wi.us and james.jones@stoughton.k12.wi.us Phone: (608) 877-5281</p>

Save the Date! September 12th - Wear Orange to Fight Hunger

Kegonsa Elementary School Food Drive



**SEPTEMBER IS FOOD FOR
ACTION MONTH
GO ORANGE, FIGHT HUNGER**

District ENEWS - Sign up!

Did you know that in addition to the e-Newsletters you receive from Kegonsa, you can also sign up to receive a District e-Newsletter that includes student features, reminders about upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, community flyers, videos, photos and more? [Follow this link to sign up.](#) You can opt out at any time.

Infinite Campus Portal

Is your Parent/Guardian Infinite Campus Portal account set up and active? Is your household information accurate? Please take a moment to verify by going to this [site](#).

This is a great tool to have to review your child's student information (attendance, grades, schedules, etc) as well as for registration and contact purposes. If you discover you do not have an account, cannot remember your login information or other related questions, please contact the Stoughton Area School District Infinite Campus Specialist, Heather Lucas at 608-877-5045 or heather.lucas@stoughton.k12.wi.us





You can now receive Text Alerts* from the district!

We are proud to offer Text Alert messaging as an additional means of communication. Text Alerts will be used as a reminder to families of upcoming scheduled school closings or early releases, inclement weather, other school or district events, etc.

If you're interested in receiving these alerts, please follow the outlined instructions below:

Step 1—Update Infinite Campus Parent Portal Account:

1. Log into your [Infinite Campus Parent Portal Account](#) and open Contact Preferences under the User Account menu. If you do not have an account, please email heather.lucas@stoughton.k12.wi.us and request assistance in getting one setup.
2. Check the box **Text SMS** for any phone you want set up to receive text messages. Select all notification types you want included.

Step 2—Set up your mobile device:

1. From your mobile device, text the word **START** to 91201
2. You will receive a message from SASDVikings
3. Please text **YES** in response to confirm that you want to receive text alerts from the district.

If you text the word **START** to 91201 and do not receive a response, call your carrier to see if "Premium Messaging" (short code) is blocked. If it is, ask your carrier to unblock it so you can receive texts from the district.



*Standard message & data rates may apply dependent on your service provider & plan.

If you are ever looking for something, be sure to check out the Lost and Found!



SASD Now Hiring Bus Drivers!

Would you like to make money and make a difference at the same time? The Stoughton Area School District is now hiring regular and substitute bus drivers for our transportation team. We offer competitive pay, flexible hours and the opportunity to work with great kids. No experience? No worries. We will help you get trained and licensed. Interested? Call 608.877.5061 today!

Working For Kids

Upcoming Meetings: 6:15-7:15 in the Kegonsa Library/Free Childcare

September 10th, October 8th, November 12th, December 10th, January 14th, February 11th, March 10th, April 14th, May 12th





Kegonsa Elementary School



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Ms. Conrad, Principal (877-5201)

Mrs. Sannes, Dean of Students (208-3468)

Mrs. Moe, Admin Assistant (877-5202)

Mr. Schultz, School Counselor (877-5229)

Mrs. McDermot, School Social Worker (440-0270)

Mrs. Wirag, Health Assistant (877-5204)



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