

Kegonsa Family Newsletter

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Happy Halloween! I hope you all are able to have a fun and safe weekend. Tonight we are going to have a blue moon for a fully spooky evening. The next blue moon on Halloween won't occur again until 2039! I have a feeling that we may all remember the 2020 Blue Moon!



Enjoy! - Erin

K-2 REOPENING SELECTION FORM. DUE BY MONDAY

Grades K-2 Reopening: In-Person Vikings starts on Monday, November 16; Virtual Vikings continue

After a Board Meeting on Thursday, October 29, Our K-2 families now have the choice to attend school in person starting November 16. Families may also choose to continue learning virtually.

We are asking ALL of our families with students in kindergarten, 1st or 2nd grade to make a selection for November 16. Please fill out our 2-question form [HERE \(KEGONSA\)](#) by MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2 at 4 p.m. Families who do not fill out our form by this time will be called.

We will provide you with all the details in the next two weeks. Please watch your email inbox.



20-21 Official Family Calendar				NOVEMBER 2020		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Athletic Clothing/ Sports Day!	6 NO SCHOOL	7
8	9	10	11 VETERANS DAY Observance @ 8:15	12	13	14
15	16	17 WFK Meeting 6:15-7:15	18	19	20 MISMATCH DAY Mismatch Day	21
22	23	24	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28
29	30 HAPPY BIRTHDAY All school Zoom at 12 to celebrate Nov. birthdays!					
Important Reminders						

ENGINEERING CHALLENGE WINNER

Shout out to all our Engineering Challenge participants!
Kindergarten student Marissa built a tower that was 37 inches tall. Wow!

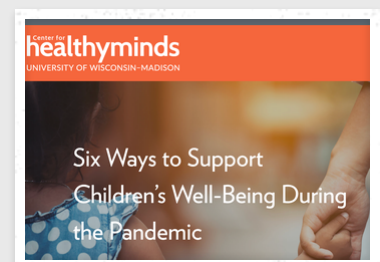
Hold on to your engineering pieces. We can use them again for our next challenge!





SIX WAYS TO SUPPORT CHILDREN'S WELL-BEING DURING THE PANDEMIC

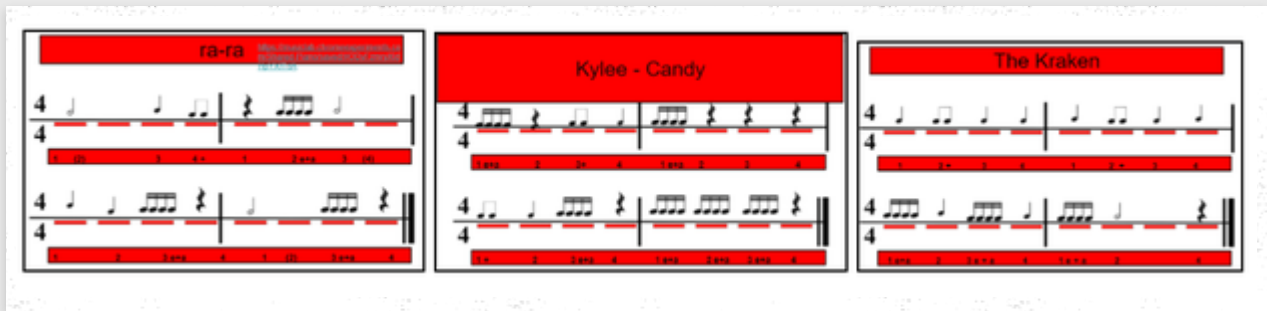
From the University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for Healthy Minds



How do we support the well-being of children during challenging times? Below are six ways parents and caregivers can help children be more resilient throughout the pandemic. Read more [here](#)

NEWS FROM MUSIC!

All grades continue to work on a rhythm unit. This week's artifacts are from Caleb, Kylee, and Levi V. in 5th grade who are preparing for their final composition of the unit next week.



THIS WEEK IN ART

This week in art, we made Storybooks in K-2 and Nature Journals in 3-5. Our big idea for both projects is artists create art that is functional, decorative, or both. We learned that some art, like illustrated storybooks and nature journals, can have a purpose—to tell a story, to record observations—and be aesthetically pleasing—to be beautiful to look at and fun to interact with. K-2 students practiced telling stories by creating a storybook with a cover, a beginning, a middle, and an end. 3-5 students learned about scientist, author, and artist Beatrix Potter and how she used nature journals to record her observations of nature. Students created pocket-sized nature journals and went out into nature to notice and wonder.



OUT AND ABOUT WITH PE

Located right in our own backyard, Kegonsa State Park is a wonderful place to go and get some exercise! Walk the trails while enjoying the views of beautiful Lake Kegonsa!

[Kegonsa State Park](#)



LIBRARY CURBSIDE PICKUP

While we are learning virtually, we want to help get books in students' hands! When school starts, students will be able to use our school library website to put books on hold. When the books are ready, I will reach out to students and families to schedule a contactless pickup. When students are done with their books, families can drop them back off at a specific location during the school day, or they can schedule a contactless pickup. More information [here](#)



WHAT WERE UP TO IN THE LIBRARY!

This week in Library, grades K-1 got to hear a Read-At-Home Wit and Wisdom book, and then answer a question about how the book supports what they've been learning in ELA. Grades 2-5 have been working on their digital citizenship. Fifth grade is going to get to start 3D printing soon!



SCHOOL PICTURES

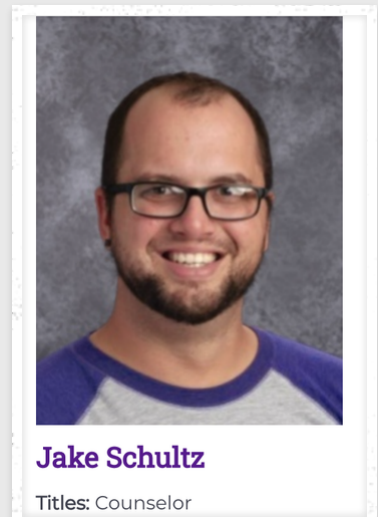
As a reminder, all communications and reminders about school pictures will come directly from the District. Please disregard any communications you have received from our school picture vendor, Lifetouch. Earlier this week we successfully provided an opportunity for students grades 1-5 to have school pictures taken. We will begin our focus on grades 6-12 soon as well as retakes for the elementary grades. Thank you for your patience as we work through this process.



SCHOOL COUNSELING

Navigating these virtual times can be challenging. If your child would benefit from some individual counseling, small group counseling, or a facilitated "virtual lunch bunch" with Mr. Schultz, our school counselor, please reach out. We are here for you!

Mr. Schultz, School Counselor (877-5229)
jake.schultz@stoughton.k12.wi.us



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

- Attendance will be taken **each day** by classroom teachers.
- Attendance for the day is submitted by the classroom teacher at 3 p.m.
- Students will be marked present if they participate in **FULL** virtual synchronous Math/ELA instruction and/or they submit daily work to their grade levels learning management system.
- Automated attendance messages will be sent out at 4 p.m. if a student has not participated during the course of the day.



FEELING EMOTIONS FROM NURTURED HEART

My life-work balance has gotten very out of balance. You hit a busy time when you have to get something done, and work just starts taking over your life. [To read more...](#)



KOATS FOR KIDS

Koats for Kids is a community-wide effort to provide coats for families in Dane and Jefferson Counties. For the past 35 years, this coat drive has helped area families facing financial hardships by providing them with coats and other winter gear.

Dane County coat distribution will begin on October 23 and run until October 31st at 1856 Wright Street in Madison. We will be open to the public 12 PM to 8 PM. You do not need an appointment.



COVID-19 Koats for Kids Update:

This year, our distribution process will look a little different. We want to keep everyone healthy! We will require masks, social distancing, temperature checks, and are limiting the number of people in at one time.

**FREE
CHRISTMAS
DINNER**

All Are Welcome!

**PICK UP OR
DELIVERY ONLY**

Donations are
Appreciated

**RSVP to indicate which
option works for you!**
**Call (608) 873-8585 by
December 18th, 3:00pm**

Pick up is at:
**American Legion (608) 205-9090
803 N. Page St., Stoughton, WI**

**Deliveries will start at 10:00am
Pick up 11:00am - 1:00pm**

Deliveries limited to Stoughton Area School District

Leave
Your name
Address
Phone number
How many
dinners you
need

**Hosted By: American Legion, VFW Post 328
And Their Auxiliaries And Volunteers**

REMINDER AND HELPFUL LINKS

Missed materials pick-up or conferences? Contact your classroom teacher or principal for help. Find our building phone numbers below.

[Click here](#) to sign up for door-to-door meal delivery

[Click here](#) for tech support

[Click here](#) to request a hotspot

[Family Slide Deck](#) (We published this last week, and recently updated it to reflect the Dane County Emergency order #9)

KEGONSA WORKING FOR KIDS (PARENT GROUP)

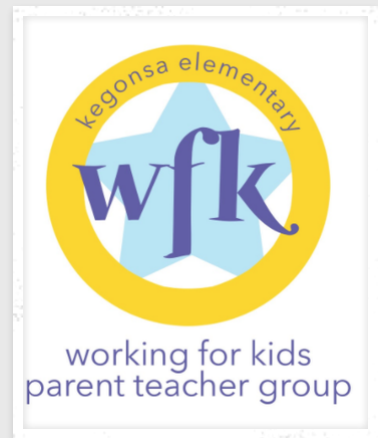
On behalf of Working for Kids, we would like to introduce ourselves and ensure you have all you need to know for supporting your child(ren) and school throughout this school year... and beyond! Click [here](#) to read more about what we do.

Upcoming Meetings! (Held via Zoom at 6:15)

November 17

December 22

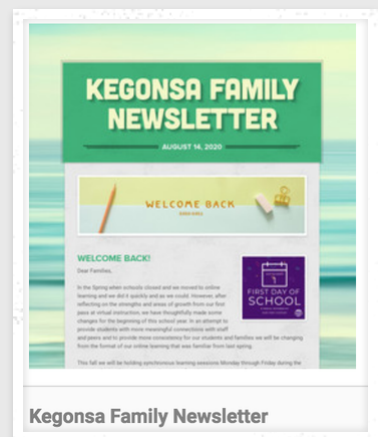
If you would like to sign up to come to a meeting, please submit your name and email [here](#). This form is managed by our WFK parent leadership. They will connect you with a zoom link for upcoming meetings.



PAST NEWSLETTERS

Fall Newsletters:

[October 3](#), [October 9](#), [October 16](#), [October 22](#), [October 31](#),
[September 7](#), [September 11](#), [September 22](#), [September 25](#),
[August 14](#), [August 21](#), [August 31](#)





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)

Ms. Hopper, Instructional Coach/Reading Teacher

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

Ms. Menon, School Psychologist

Mrs. Wirag, Health Assistant (877-5204)

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