

Kegonsa Family Newsletter











December 4

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It was an outstanding week at Kegonsa. We can't believe we are already a third of the way through the school year. Hats off to all our families for all you have done to support your kids and our school community as we have navigated this time. Have a wonderful weekend - Erin

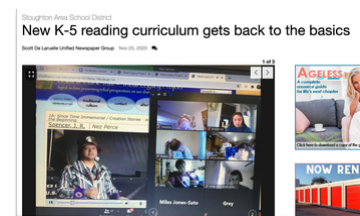
20-21 Official Family Calendar

DECEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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K-5 Reading Curriculum Get's Back to the Basics

If you didn't catch it in the Hub, take a few minutes to read the "why" behind our ELA curricular adoption. We are so proud of this work.



Take a few minutes to read an article about all our work in the district to adopt high-quality materials. We are Stoughton famous!

https://www.unifiednewsgroup.com/stoughton_courier_hub/schools/new-k-5-reading-curriculum-gets-back-to-the-basics/article_3d2b3807-7062-5efe-a480-8d6e4d65fd60.html

Joyful Hum Returns to K-2 Classrooms

Check out another recent article in the Hub!

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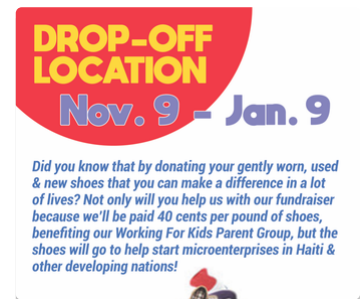
"No matter what rules or guidelines you put in place for kids, they will still find a way to find delight when they are together," she said. "It reminded us how resilient kids really are." Angie Kettner

"We can't wait until (our) halls are fully packed once again and ring with the laughter of students," he said. "Until then we will continue to teach, love and care for in-person and virtual students as best we can." Jake Shultz

"There is a joyful hum from students and teachers as we have dived into learning," she wrote in an email to the Hub. "It has just been a reminder that even in these uncertain times, kids are just as curious and eager to learn as ever." Erin Conrad

Save your shoes. We are collecting!

We are having a shoe drive to raise funds for our school. Consider donating gently used shoes. Drop off site at Kegonsa!



K-2 Virtual Vikings



Library Curbside Pickup

While we are learning virtually and in-person, 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](#)

K-2 In Person



♥ Kids Book Read Aloud: WHILE WE CAN'T HUG by Eoin McLaughlin and Poll Dunbar

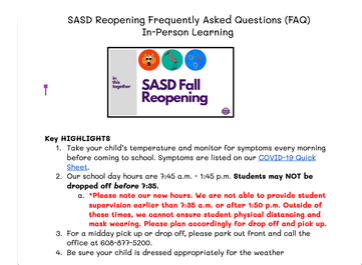


In case you missed it!

[Frequently Asked Questions](#) document for details about arrival, departure, transportation, meals, and materials needed.

[Bus expectations video](#)

[Back to school in-person video](#)




COVID-19 Absence and Screening

Each morning families are expected to screen their child based on the [Self-Screen Quick Sheet](#).

1. If your child has tested positive for COVID-19,
2. Has symptoms of COVID-19, or

3. Has had close contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19, please keep your child at home. Call our attendance line to report the absence. Coming next week we will also have a Student COVID-19 Form that we will ask families to fill out. Thank you for doing your part!


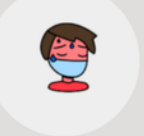

SELF-SCREEN QUICK SHEET



Before sending your student to school, you must screen them.

Answer the question: **Does my student meet one or more of the self-screen criteria listed?** If NO, you may send your student to school. If YES, follow the **Next Steps**.


SELF-SCREEN CRITERIA

-  Student has tested positive for COVID-19
-  Student is experiencing symptoms* of COVID-19
-  Student has had close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19


NEXT STEPS

1. Call your school's attendance line to report your student's absence.
2. Fill out the [Student COVID-19 Form](#) at stoughton.k12.wi.us under the "COVID-19" tab.
3. Contact your health care provider for next steps.

*Symptoms of COVID-19



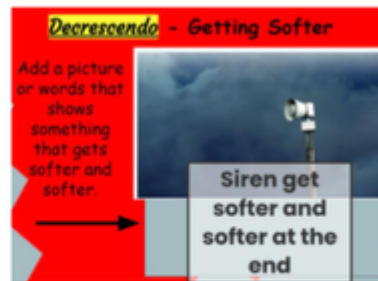
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever equal to or greater than 100.4°F
- Chills
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting



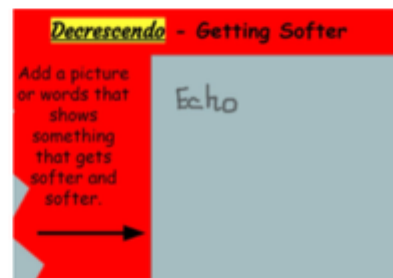
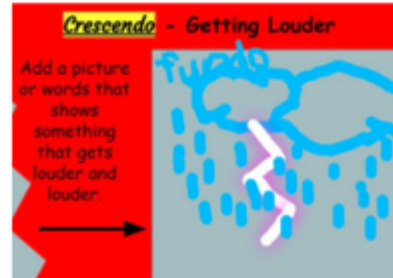
News from Music!

K-5 Music is continuing a unit on Expression. This week's artifacts are from Austin, Maddie, and Bea who made or collected pictures of things that represent the dynamics terms crescendo (getting louder) and decrescendo (getting softer).

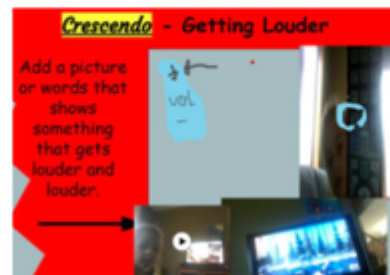
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Maddie



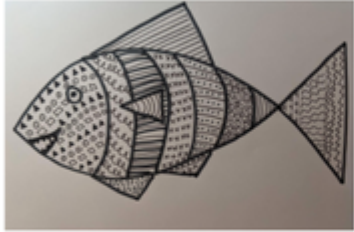
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This week in Art

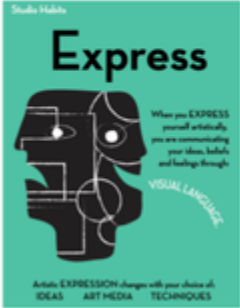
K-2 Art

CALMING ART



BIG IDEA:
ARTISTS MAKE ART TO FEEL BETTER.






Express

When you EXPRESS yourself artistically, you are communicating your ideas, beliefs, and feelings through VISUAL LANGUAGE.

Artists' EXPRESSION changes with your choice of IDEAS, ART MEDIA, TECHNIQUES.




Silkscreen Fish by Yayoi Kusama


I can create art that helps me feel calm.

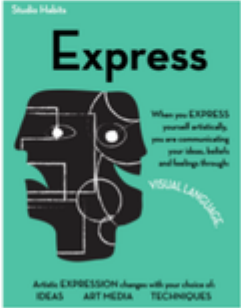
3-5 Art

ZENTANGLE



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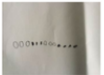

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Pumpkin by Yayoi Kusama

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KINDERGARTEN STUDENT ART!








Ethan W-S

Beatrice K

William M

1ST GRADE STUDENT ART!








Clayton B

Evan O

Bea G

SECOND GRADE STUDENT ART!








Rylee V

Eliana H

Freya B

3RD GRADE STUDENT ART!








Jordan S

Michael O

Violet K

4TH GRADE STUDENT ART!








Saphira F

Seth H

Cy I

5TH GRADE STUDENT ART!

Larry S

Caleb H

Miles J-S

Out and about with PE

Grab your ice skates and head to the Norse Park Ice Skating Rink right here in Stoughton! The rink is set to open this Saturday and will remain open as long as the ice can be maintained. Happy skating :)

[Norse Park Ice Skating Rink Information](#)



What we're up to in the library!

This week in library, kindergarten gets to hear a version of The Three Little Pigs, first grade gets to hear The Cat and The Bird, third grade gets to hear Mr. Cornell's Dream Boxes, fourth grade gets to hear Fallingwater, and fifth grade gets to hear C D B! - all of which are module 2 read-at-home books! If you would like a closer look at these or any other read-at-home books, remember that your student can put them on hold through Destiny Discover! And

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



Jake Schultz

Titles: Counselor

Attendance Matters

- Attendance will be taken **each day** by classroom teachers.
- Attendance for the day for Virtual students 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 for Virtual students will be sent out at 4 p.m. if a student has not participated during the course of the day.
- Attendance for the day for In Person students is submitted at 8:30 a.m. and the attendance message will be sent out for unexcused absences at 9:00 a.m.
- To leave an attendance message, please call 608-877-5200 and press "1."

EVERYday
counts
attendance matters

After tracking attendance for the first quarter of the 2020 virtual school year, our attendance team is prepared to take the necessary steps regarding student truancy. Student attendance is still vitally important to the success of our students. even when we are in a virtual environment.

Should your student need to be absent, please follow the guidelines established in the Student Handbook by **calling the attendance hotline at 877-5400**. Should your student need to be absent for a medical appointment, please provide a medical note from your doctor so that student can be excused. We would like to remind you that medical notes do not count toward a parent excuse. Medical excuses include doctor, dental, orthodontist, and therapeutic appointments as well. Based on state law, parents are allowed to excuse their student 10 days for the year. The truancy process can begin when a student has five unexcused absences.

If your student's attendance is of concern you will be receiving a letter in the mail inviting you to a virtual meeting to discuss barriers and solutions.

From Nurtured Heart -- Emotional Tunnels

From the virtual desk of NHA:

Learn how to use NHA to teach our children to not get stuck in [Emotional Tunnels](#).



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)
December 15th

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

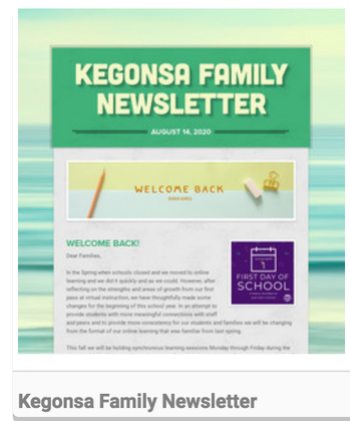
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Mrs. Moe, Admin Assistant (877-5202)


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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 608-877-5202

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