# Kegonsa Family Newsletter

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## January 9, 2021

A big shout out to families for indicating their decision to stay virtual or return in-person for the remainder of the school year on the district survey. The survey isn't due until Monday, January 11th at 8 a.m so you still have time to think it over this weekend. If you have questions this weekend about reopening, please give me a ring at 877-5201 and leave a message and I will get back to you, or email erin.conrad@stoughton.k12.wi.us. I want to answer as many of your questions as I can. Please, don't hesitate to reach out!

Once we have all the survey data in hand we will be working on schedules and for those joining us in-person and finalizing a "Frequently Asked Questions Guide" to help you prepare your family for a return in person. Next Friday look for videos and the FAQ.

Again, please reach out with questions. No question is too small!

We are heading to the sledding hill to enjoy the snow. Hope you can too! - Erin

## Re-opening

For more information on our next phase of reopening, please read Dr. Onsager's letter to families or view our Grades 3-12 Reopening slide deck.

## SASD Family Selection Form: January 25 to June (click survey icon to the left)

We are asking all of our families with students in grades 3-12 to indicate whether they want their children to remain virtual or to

attend school in the hybrid model (detailed below) on this form.

Note that start dates will vary by grade level. Families with students in **grades K-2** should only fill out the Selection Form **if they wish to change their current placement.**

*Please indicate your **decision on this form** by **Monday, January 11 at 8 a.m.** Please submit one form for each child. Your decision is in effect through the end of the 2020-21 school year, unless otherwise approved by the District Administrator.*

## Details about REOPENING

Our grades 3-12 students will operate in three groups -- Group A, Group B, and Group V (virtual). While students in Group V attend full-time virtual learning by zooming into their classes, students in Groups A and B attend school every other day. The same routine and classes happen daily. The only difference is which set of students are on campus. We call this method the "A/B rotation." Families will be able to access the group their children are in on Friday, January 15.

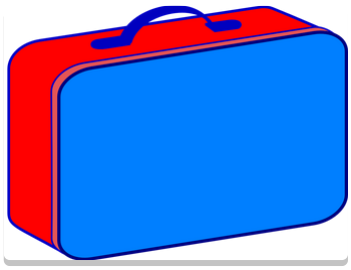
This form will ask you if you wish for your children to learn virtually or to learn in the hybrid model (attend school every other day).

TIMELINE for Hybrid Start Dates by Grade Level
Monday, January 25: Grades 3-5 Hybrid begins (District A Day)
Monday, February 1: Grades 6 and 9 Hybrid begins (District B Day)
Monday, February 8: Grades 7-8 and 10-12 Hybrid begins (District A Day)

## REOPENING Transportation

ALL students grades 3-12 who are eligible for transportation based on their home to school distance will receive an email from Jenny McKenna on Wednesday, January 6th. If you have chosen to remain virtual and you receive an email from Jenny McKenna, you may disregard the email. If you do not receive an email, you are not eligible. If you have a transportation question or concern, please submit it at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfTrkR0zBkFBUkLNtjeEh-qp56UKBmf8KtB8SOFzk8_J-zEVw/viewform. Note: We will be unable to accommodate requests for students who are ineligible for transportation or requests to alternative locations

## REMINDER !!! Meal Program Changes Effective January 21, 2021



Our district is able to continue serving free meals through the end of the 2020-21 school year, thanks to the USDA and National School Lunch Program. As we transition more grade levels back to in-person learning, we will no longer be able to support our current door-to-door meal delivery. Our final door-to-door meal delivery will be on Tuesday, January 19. Please click here to review

the full meals communications which include options by grade level. Please review for program description and next steps for your child.

## In-Person VIKINGS Grades K-2 Meal Sign Up

**In-Person Vikings Grades K-2** may participate in daily school meals

- Students currently receiving meals will continue receiving meals daily; They will also continue to receive a Friday grab and go bag including meals for Saturday and Sunday. Students must take breakfast and lunch.
- If you are not receiving meals at school and would like to, you will need to SIGN UP HERE.

## HYBRID Vikings 3-5 Meal Sign Up

**Hybrid Vikings Grades 3-5** may participate in onsite meal pick up for virtual instruction days and daily lunch at school for in-person instruction days. Students who sign up commit to eating while in person AND onsite pick up for non-in person days on Thursday. It is currently not an option to select lunch for just in-person instruction days.

- Onsite pick up will include lunch for virtual instruction days and breakfast for all 7 days
- Each student will receive lunch at school on in-person instruction days.
- Breakfast will not be served at school

Students currently receiving meals at home WILL NOT automatically transfer over to the new meal process and will need to SIGN UP HERE.

## Virtual Vikings K-12 Meal Sign Up

**Virtual Vikings Grades K-12** AND children not yet in school may participate in weekly onsite meal pick up

- Onsite pick up will include breakfast and lunch for 7 days
- Students currently receiving meals at home WILL NOT automatically transfer to the new pick up process and will need to SIGN UP HERE.

## News from Kegonsa

## Upcoming NBC School Shout Outs

We have been busy filming NBC School Shouts for both our in-person and virtual students. Here are some upcoming shout outs! Don't miss them!

Mrs. Nelson, 2nd grade, 1/14

Ms. Fleming, 2nd grade, 1/22

Ms. Wilton, 1st grade, 1/26

## When Bad Things Are Happening - When news breaks of disaster or violence, your students may want to discuss a crisis as it unfolds.

- Here's how. – Teaching Tolerance
- Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Parents and Teachers – NASP
- Explaining the News to Our Kids - https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/explaining-the-news-to-our-kids
- NCTSN Resources - http://www.nctsnet.org/resources/audiences/school-personnel/crisis-situation
- National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement - https://www.schoolcrisiscenter.org/
- How to talk to children about difficult news from the APA - https://www.apa.org/helpcenter/talking-to-children
- NPR - What To Say To Kids When The News Is Scary – Jan 2020

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NEXT UP

Elementary schools prepare to expand next month

Stoughton Area School District

# Kegonsa holiday shoe drive seeking donations to reach goal

Scott De Laruelle Unified Newspaper Group Jan 6, 2021

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"When it came to summing up the school's annual Shoe Drive fundraiser for this year, Kegonsa Elementary School principal Erin Conrad quoted Fred "Mister" Rogers.

"He said 'When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news (and) my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping,'" she wrote in an email to the Hub. "(Those) words so perfectly capture what I believe to be true about our Stoughton and school community."

Kegonsa students, staff and families are getting toward the end of a two-month drive to collect shoes, which will end on Saturday, Jan. 9. Led by the Kegonsa Working for Kids group, they are partnering with around a dozen community businesses and organizations to host used shoe drop-off locations. With a few weeks to go, they are around halfway to their goal of collecting 2,500 pairs."Read more here

## School Pictures & Yearbooks during unique school year

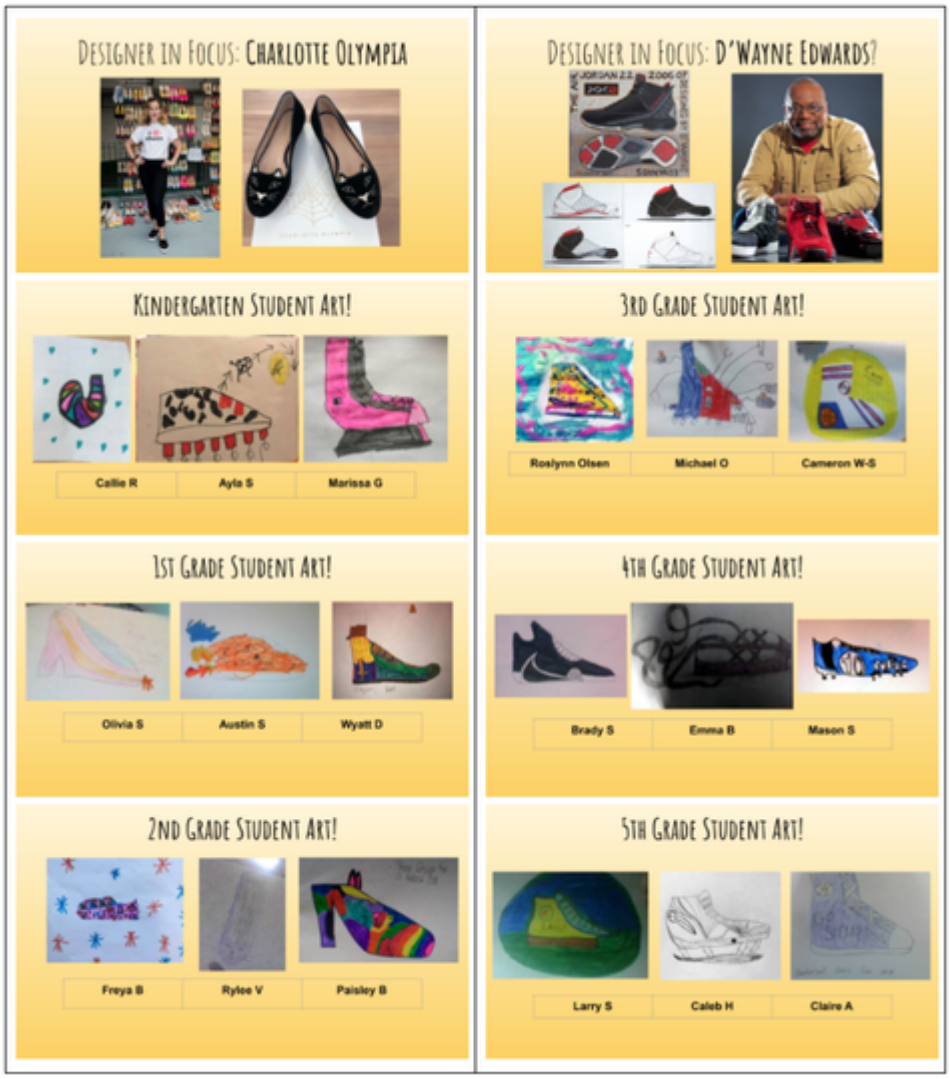
We had hoped to have been in a position to offer in-person pictures by appointment to a larger number of students than we have been able to. With the reopening of grades K-2 partnered with local pandemic orders, we are not able to proceed at this time.

Instead, we have compiled a list of workarounds for our families here for both school pictures and yearbooks on our website.

## Out and About with PE

This week we share with you Westside Park in Cambridge! This gem of a park offers an excellent playground, sledding hill, and ice skating rink! It is a great place to go and enjoy our current Winter Wonderland :)

## Some Good News from Art

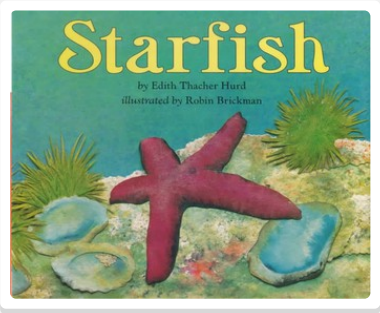


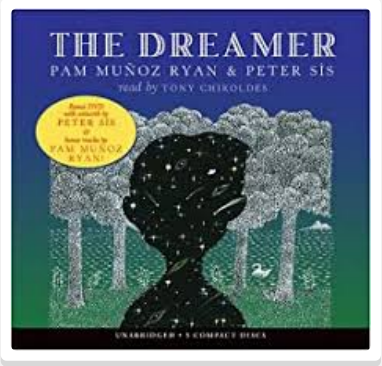

## What's happening in the library!

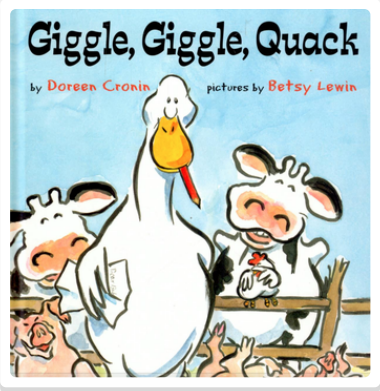
This week in Library, students get to work with:
Kindergarten: **Giggle, Giggle, Quack, by Doreen Cronin**
First Grade: **Starfish, by Edith Hurd**
Second Grade: **Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa, by Erica Silverman**
Third Grade: **Moonwalk, by Judy Donnelly**
Fourth Grade: **The Wild Robot, by Peter Brown**
Fifth Grade: **The Dreamer, by Pam Munoz Ryan**

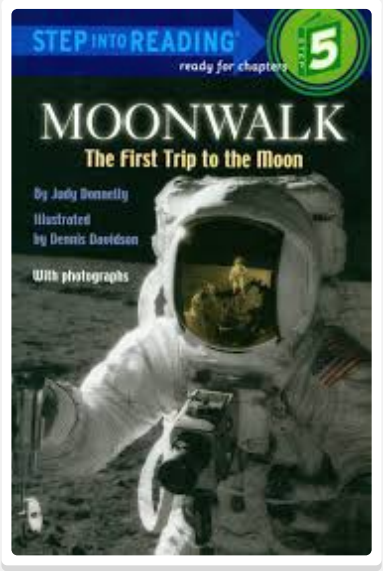
All kindergarten, first grade, and second grade lessons can be found in the Library Seesaw classes. All third, fourth, and fifth grade lessons can be found in the Library Google Classroom.

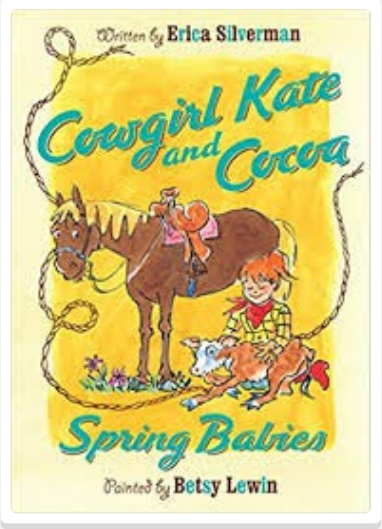
As of this week, all students in grades 3-5 can request something to be 3D printed! Students, check your Library Google Classroom for more information.






## What we are up to in music!

K-5 Music just wrapped up a unit on Expression and are starting on Melody. This week's artifacts are from **1st Grade** where Ben, Bea, Maddie, and Jasmine used their bodies and voices to show melodic **pitches** going from ***low*** to ***high***.

## From Nurtured Heart

Unwrinkle the Heart

## Health Screening

## 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

SASD

### 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.

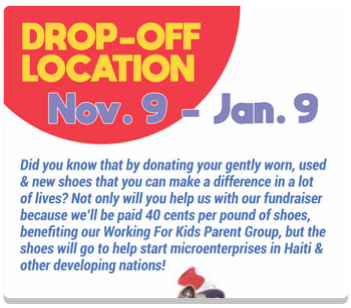
***Symptoms of COVID-19**

- 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

## Kegonsa Working For Kids (Parent Group)

## LAST DAY FOR SHOE COLLECTION!

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



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.

Our next meetings is on **January 19th at 6:15**

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.

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## Past Newsletters

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**Winter Newsletters:**
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November 6, November 13, November 23
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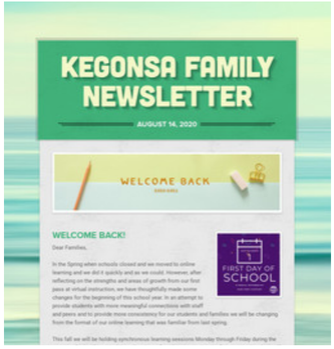

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# Kegonsa Elementary School

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