



# Kennedy Elementary News

Willmar Public Schools—ISD 347

November, 2021



## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, KRISTIN DRESLER.....

Hello Kennedy Families!

It is so exciting to be here at school and to be able to see all of the learning that takes place each day! Thank you for sharing your sons and daughters with us!

We value our partnership with you very much and we want you to know that you are welcome to take part in your child's education in many ways!

One of the most important ways is to attend conferences with the teacher. Thank you to those of you that recently attended our October conferences. If you were not able to attend, please reach out to the teacher to set up a time to learn about your child's daily experiences. Everyone will also be invited to attend conferences again in February.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is still uncertain whether we will be able to hold in-person family events that bring a large group together in one space. Until that time, we will communicate with you about any virtual or small group opportunities we are able to offer. You can find information about involvement opportunities as they come up on our website!

Don't forget that there are many opportunities to become involved in Willmar Community Ed as well. [Here is a link to the catalog](#) that describes the many classes available.

At October conferences, you were told about WPS inclement weather day plans. Here is a recap:

- If a day is called prior to February 21, 2022:
  - There is no school on that day and it will be made up in person on February 21, 2022.
- If any subsequent inclement weather days occur, we will switch to *e-Learning*. *For elementary, that means that your child(ren) will need to complete the work that was provided to you at October conferences and return it to the teacher for attendance purposes. The teacher will be available via email those days. (Elementary students will not have iPads at home.)*

If you were unable to attend the October conferences, the teacher will send the e-Learning packet home with your child. It is important that you keep it in a safe place so that it can be accessed when needed.

As always, we welcome your ideas and suggestions at Kennedy. Please feel free to email or call.

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, KRISTIN DRESLER  
(continued).....

Salaan Qoysaska Kennedy!

Aad bay u xiiso badan tahay inaad halkan joogtid dugsigu oo aad awooddo inaad aragto dhammaan waxbarashada maalin kasta socota! Waad ku mahadsan tahay inaad nala wadaagto wiilashaada iyo gabdhaahaaga!

Aad baannu u qiimaynaynaa wada-shaqeyntayada aan kula leenahay, waxaan rabnaa inaad ogaato in lagugu soo dhaweynayo inaad siyaabo badan uga qayb-qaadato waxbarashada ilmahaaga! Mid ka mid ah siyaabaha ugu muhiimsan waa ka qaybgalka shirarka macalinka. Waad ku mahadsan tihiin kuwiina dhaawan ka soo qaybgalay shirarkeennii Oktoobar. Haddii aadan awoodin inaad ka soo qaybgasho, fadlan la xiriir macalinka si aad u sameyso wakhti aad ku barato khibradaha maalinlaha ah ee ilmahaaga. Qof kasta waxaa sidoo kale lagu martiqaadi doonaa inuu ka soo qayb galo shirarka mar labaad Febraayo.

Faafida COVID-19 dartiis, weli lama hubo in aan awood u yeelan doono inaan si shaqsi ah u qabanno mu-naasabadaha qoyska oo koox ballaaran isugu keeno hal meel. Ilaa wakhtigaas, waxaanu kula soo xidhiidhi doonaa wixii ku saabsan fursad kasta oo toos ah ama koox yar oo aanu awoodno inaanu lakunano. Waxaad ka heli kartaa macluumaadka ku saabsan fursadaha ka-qaybgalka marka ay soo baxaan bog-gayaga!

Ha iloobin inay jiraan fursado badan oo aad kaga qayb qaadan karto Willmar Community Ed sidoo kale. [Halkan waxaa ah xiriiriyaha buug-yaraha](#) oo qeexaya fasallada badan ee jira.

Shirarkii Oktoobar, waxaa lagu sheegay qorshooyinka maalinta cimilada xun ee WPS. Halkan waxaa ah dib u koobid:

- Haddii maalin la magacaabo ka hor Febraayo 21, 2022:
  - Maalintaas ma jiro dugsi waxaana loo samayn doonaa qof ahaan February 21, 2022
- Haddi ay dhacaan maalmo cimilo xun oo danbe, waxa aanu u wareegi doonaa waxbarashada e-e-Learning. Dugsiga hoose, taasi waxay la macno tahay in ilmahaagu (carruurtaada) ay u baahan doonaan inay dhamaystiraan shaqadii lagu siiyay shirarkii Oktoobar oo ay u soo celiyaan macalinka si loo ogado xadirkooda ahaan. Macalinka ayaa maalmahaas laga heli doonaa iimaylka. (Ardayda dugsi hoose kuma lahaan doonaan iPads guriga.)

Haddii aadan awoodin inaad ka qaybgasho shirarka Oktoobar, macalinku wuxuu guriga u soo diri doonaa baakadda e-Learning guriga ilmahaaga. Waa muhiim inaad dhigto meel aman ah si loo heli karo marka loo baahdo.

Sida had iyo jeerba aan irahdo, waxaan ku soo dhawaynaynaa fikradahaaga iyo soo jeedinta Kennedy. Fadlan xor u noqo inaad i iimaylgareyso ama iwacdo.

Thankful

## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, KRISTIN DRESLER (CONTINUED)...

¡Hola familias de Kennedy!

¡Es muy emocionante estar aquí en la escuela y poder ver todo el aprendizaje que se lleva a cabo cada día! ¡Gracias por compartir a sus hijos e hijas con nosotros!

Valoramos mucho nuestra asociación con usted y queremos que sepa que puede participar en la educación de su hijo/a de muchas maneras. Una de las formas más importantes es asistir a conferencias con el maestro. Gracias a aquellos de ustedes que asistieron recientemente a nuestras conferencias de octubre. Si no pudo asistir, comuníquese con el maestro para programar un horario para saber sobre las experiencias diarias de su hijo/a. También se invitará a todos a asistir a las conferencias nuevamente en febrero.

Debido a la pandemia de COVID-19, todavía no está claro si podremos realizar eventos familiares en persona que reúnan a un grupo grande en un solo espacio. Hasta ese momento, nos comunicaremos con usted sobre cualquier oportunidad virtual o para grupos pequeños que podamos ofrecer. ¡Puede encontrar información sobre oportunidades de participación a medida que surgen en nuestro sitio web!

No olvide que también existen muchas oportunidades para participar en [Willmar Community Ed.](#) Aquí hay un enlace al catálogo que describe las muchas clases disponibles.

En las conferencias de octubre, se le informó sobre los planes para el día de las inclemencias del tiempo de WPS. Aquí hay un resumen:

- Si se llama un día antes del 21 de febrero de 2022:
  - Ese día no hay clases y se recuperará en persona el 21 de febrero de 2022.
- Si se producen días posteriores de mal tiempo, cambiaremos a e-Learning. Para la escuela primaria, eso significa que su (s) hijo/a (s) necesitarán completar el trabajo que se le proporcionó en las conferencias de octubre y devolverlo al maestro para fines de asistencia. El maestro estará disponible por correo electrónico esos días. (Los estudiantes de primaria no tendrán iPads en casa).



Si no pudo asistir a las conferencias de octubre, el maestro enviará el paquete de aprendizaje electrónico a casa con su hijo/a. Es importante que lo guarde en un lugar seguro para que se pueda acceder a él cuando sea necesario.

Como siempre, damos la bienvenida a sus ideas y sugerencias en Kennedy. No dude en enviarnos un correo electrónico o llamarnos.



# Kennedy Elementary School

## November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 	3 <b>Picture Retakes</b>	4	5 <b>End of Term I</b>	6
7	8	9	10	11 <i>Appreciation Lunch for Veterans</i>	12	13
14	15	16 <b>Report Cards Sent Home</b>	17 <i>2 Hour Late Start, Kennedy Classes Begin at 10:30 AM</i>	18 <i>1st Grade— Pederson's and Lemke's and Ashton's Classes on Field Trip to Village</i>	19	20
21	22	23 <i>1st Grade— Roehl's and Burkett's Classes on Field Trip to Village</i>	24	25 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	26 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	27
28	29	30				

## **KENNEDY SCHOOL INVITES VETERANS TO LUNCH**



**WHO:** All Veterans

**WHAT:** Appreciation Lunch for Veterans  
(No Cost to Veterans)

**WHEN:** November 11, 2021

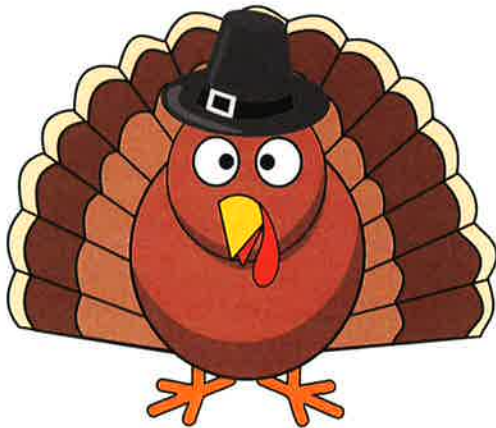
Lunches are from 11:00-1:30 PM

**WHERE:** Kennedy Elementary School Cafeteria

Please RSVP to your student's teacher by Wednesday, November 3rd



## **TURKEY BINGO**



**Wednesday, November 17**  
**DURING THE SCHOOL DAY**

**Thursday, November 18**  
**Turkey Pick-Up for Winners**



## **LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER, 2021.....**

**December 8 ... Two Hour Late Start for Students;**

**Kennedy Classes Begin at 10:30 AM**

**December 23 ... NO SCHOOL for Students and Staff**

**December 24-31 ... Winter Break;**

**NO SCHOOL for Students and Staff**



### **PARENTS....ATTENDANCE REMINDER...**

If your student(s) is ill or unable to come to school, please call the attendance line, **320-214-6681**, and leave a message with your child's name and teacher and the reason for the absence.





## Title I School-Wide Programs

Kennedy, Lakeland and Roosevelt Elementary Schools have Title I school-wide programs that focus on raising achievement of all students. Balanced literacy, mathematical concept development, and social emotional learning are strategies that are being implemented to accelerate student learning. In addition, Title I staff collaborate with classroom teachers to determine students that would benefit from additional reading or math support based classroom assessments and/or Star assessments. Alongside classroom teachers, Title I staff provide small group instruction focused on specific skills to support students with meeting grade level reading and math standards.

### Parent Involvement, Family Events & Conferences:

Your partnership and involvement with your child's education is essential to his or her academic and future success. You are invited to participate in the following activities:

- February Parent/Teacher Conferences
- March virtual family event with annual Title I meeting.
- View and provide feedback to our plan for family engagement. The plan can be found on our website or by calling the office at 320-214-6688.

View the *Willmar Public Schools District Parent and Family Engagement Plan* at <https://www.willmar.k12.mn.us/Page/4489>.

### Assessments

Willmar Public Schools uses a variety of tools to measure and determine a student's academic growth and proficiency of grade-level standards.

- Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA)
- ACCESS for ELLs
- Star Assessments
- Classroom assessment and more

For more information about assessments, including a form to opt out, and school testing calendars, please visit

<https://www.willmar.k12.mn.us/domain/742>.

### Parent's Right to Know

Each school year school districts must notify parents/guardians of children attending Title I schools that they can request information regarding the professional qualification of their child's teacher(s) or paraprofessional(s). A paraprofessional provides academic or other support for students under the direct supervision of a teacher. If a student receives instruction from a teacher who is not highly qualified, parents/guardians must be notified. If you would like to request information about the professional qualifications of your child's teacher(s) or paraprofessional(s), please contact your child's school.

# Kandiyohi County Food Shelf

624 Pacific Ave SW  
Willmar MN 56201  
320-235-2641

## Hours of Operation

*Monday, Tuesday and Thursday*

**Curbside: 8am-3:45pm -- In Person 10am-3pm**

*Friday*

**Curbside: 8am-2pm -- In Person 10am-1pm**

## NAPS Distribution

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month 1pm-2pm

(For individuals 60 years of age and older and that income qualify with Second Harvest Heartland-Call 1-800-365-0270 to sign up)

**\*We help people living in Kandiyohi County that are in need of food assistance\***







# Cardinal BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM

Dear Families,  
United Way of West Central Minnesota is excited to tell you about a new program for children in Willmar Schools. The Cardinal Backpack Food Program will service all of the Willmar Public Schools K-5 elementary schools for the 2021-2022 school year.

This program is to help students who may be in need of weekend food supplies. Each student in this FREE program will receive a plastic bag packed with child-friendly, single-serving snacks, and easily prepared meals each Thursday.

At this time any child can be in the program, but there is an initial cap of 100 children for each elementary building; Lakeland, Roosevelt, and Kennedy. Parents, you will need to register your child online at <https://liveunitedwcm.org/cardinalbackpack>.

We do ask that if you are able to provide enough food for your child without assistance, please refrain from signing up. You can sign up anytime during the school year.

For more information about the Cardinal Backpack Food Program please contact, Julie Anfinson at United Way of West Central Minnesota.

**PHONE:** (320) 235-1050 **EMAIL:** [julie@liveunitedwcm.org](mailto:julie@liveunitedwcm.org)

## REGISTER ONLINE AT

<https://liveunitedwcm.org/programs/cardinalbackpack>

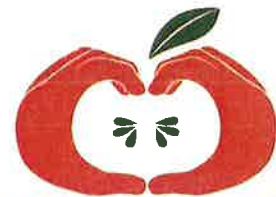
*When children experience food insecurity, they usually do not experience only hunger. It often may be paired with inadequate housing, insufficient healthcare and weakened community and family support. When you see a child that is struggling with hunger, it may mean that there are additional problems that present a multi-faceted challenge.*

- Tufts University Center on Hunger, Poverty and Nutrition Policy

*United Way of West Central Minnesota will be working with The Story to provide the Cardinal Backpack Program containing ready-to-eat items which require little or no preparation to help our kids in Willmar Schools.*



WILLMAR AREA  
Community  
Foundation



**KANDIYOHI COUNTY**  
FOOD SHELF



# WILLMAR COMMUNITY EDUCATION

*Inspire. Engage. Learn.*

- **Cookie Art** (ages 10+)

November cookie decorating theme is Thanksgiving.

- **Extreme Robotics: Virtual Battlebots** (grades 1-6)

Create robotic mayhem while problem-solving.

- **Multiplayer Minecraft: World Builder** (grades 1-6)

Work collaboratively online with other students to create and build a unique world.

- **Rock Painting** (ages 5+)

November rock class theme is lettering.

- **Video Production for YouTube** (grades 2-6)

Learn to create and edit content- tricks for better shots, lighting, and sound.

View the program catalog online and register at [www.cewillmarmn.com](http://www.cewillmarmn.com) or call us at (320) 231-8492.

