



Kennedy Elementary News

Willmar Public Schools—ISD 347

September, 2021



FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, KRISTIN DRESLER...

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year at Kennedy Elementary. Each year has its highs and lows, and last year was no exception. Most of us are happy to leave 2020 in the past due to all of the uncertainties of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is difficult to measure its impact on our country, yet I can speak to how it impacted us here at Kennedy. It created a whole new level of communication and collaboration. It created a whole new level of teamwork--with every person in every position working together on the goal of educating students in the safest way possible. I am proud to work with the Kennedy team and I am confident that you and your child(ren) are in great hands!

We will continue to prioritize the health and safety of everyone. Please refer to WPS [Safe Learning Plan](#) for more details on our COVID-19 response..

At Kennedy, we value partnerships with our families and community. We strive to maintain a positive school climate so that all students have the best educational experience possible and that families know they are welcomed and valued. Feel free to contact us with any questions, concerns, or ideas!

This year we welcome [Shelly Boelter](#) as our new Assistant Principal. Mrs. Boelter comes to us from Willmar High School where she served as an instructional coach. Prior to that, Mrs. Boelter had an impressive variety of teaching and leadership roles. I am very excited to work alongside her this year.

If you haven't already signed up for the Remind App, please do so. Teachers will use that for communication with their class and I will use it for schoolwide reminders as well! If you need help with that, please contact us.

I want to stress the importance of following our process for student drop-off and pick-up. It has been carefully coordinated to ensure student safety. All students are released at the south end of the building and will stay with the teacher until the parent car is located. PLEASE PULL YOUR VEHICLE UP AS FAR AS POSSIBLE and wait for the child to find you. The teacher will assist with this. For younger students, you may want to practice them identifying your vehicle. Under no circumstances should you park and leave your vehicle in the line as this causes major disruption to others, and it also causes traffic issues on 7th Street..

If you choose to park your vehicle in the parking lot and come for your child, you will need to wait on the curb and we will cross students at the crosswalks when the teacher sees you. Please do not cross over to the building side as we have many students that we need to safely hand off to parents.

Your cooperation in this is greatly appreciated

Again, I am super excited to start the school year and look forward to partnering with each of you!

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

Bienvenidos al año escolar 2021-2022 en Kennedy Elementaria. Cada año tiene sus altibajos, y el año pasado no fue la excepción. La mayoría de nosotros estamos felices de dejar 2020 en el pasado debido a todas las incertidumbres de la pandemia de COVID-19. Es difícil medir su impacto en nuestro país, pero puedo hablar de cómo nos impactó aquí en Kennedy. Creó un nivel completamente nuevo de comunicación y colaboración. Creó un nivel completamente nuevo de trabajo en equipo, con todas las personas en cada puesto trabajando juntas con el objetivo de educar a los estudiantes de la manera más segura posible. ¡Estoy orgullosa de trabajar con el equipo de Kennedy y estoy segura de que usted y sus hijos están en buenas manos!

Continuaremos dando prioridad a la salud y seguridad de todos. Consulte el Plan de aprendizaje seguro ([Safe Learning Plan](#)) de WPS para obtener más detalles sobre nuestra respuesta COVID-19.

En Kennedy, valoramos las relaciones con nuestras familias y la comunidad. Nos esforzamos por mantener un ambiente escolar positivo para que todos los estudiantes tengan la mejor experiencia educativa posible y que las familias sepan que son bienvenidos y valorados. ¡No dude en contactarnos con cualquier pregunta, inquietud o idea!

Este año le damos la bienvenida a Shelly Boelteras, nuestra nueva subdirectora. La Sra. Boelter viene de la escuela Willmar High School, donde se desempeñó como entrenadora de instrucción. Antes de eso, la Sra. Boelter tenía una variedad impresionante de roles de liderazgo y enseñanza. Estoy muy emocionado de trabajar junto a ella este año.

Si aún no se ha registrado en la aplicación Remind, hágalo. ¡Los maestros lo usarán para comunicarse con su clase y yo también lo usaré para recordatorios de toda la escuela! Si necesita ayuda con eso, comuníquese con nosotros.

Quiero enfatizar la importancia de seguir nuestro proceso para dejar y recoger a los estudiantes. Ha sido cuidadosamente coordinado para garantizar la seguridad de los estudiantes. Todos los estudiantes salen en el extremo sur del edificio y permanecerán con el maestro hasta que se localice el automóvil de los padres. **POR FAVOR ADELANTAR SU VEHÍCULO LO MÁS POSIBLE Y espere a que el niño/a lo encuentre.** El maestro ayudará con esto. Para los estudiantes más jóvenes, es posible que desee practicarlos para identificar su vehículo. Bajo ninguna circunstancia debe estacionar y dejar su vehículo en la línea, ya que esto causa una gran interrupción a los demás y también causa problemas de tráfico en 7th calle.

Si elige estacionar su vehículo en el estacionamiento y venir a buscar a su hijo/a, deberá esperar en la acera y cruzaremos a los estudiantes en los cruces peatonales cuando el maestro/a lo vea. Por favor, no cruce hacia el lado del edificio ya que tenemos muchos estudiantes que debemos entregar de manera segura a los padres.

Su cooperación en esto es muy apreciada.

Nuevamente, estoy muy emocionada de comenzar el año escolar y espero poder asociarme con cada uno de ustedes.

Sinceramente,

Kristin Dresler, Directora

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

Ku soo dhowow sanad dugsiyeedka 2021-2022 ee Dugsiga Hoose ee Kennedy. Sannad kasta wuxuu leeyahay heerarkiisa sare iyo hoos -u -dhacyadiisa, sannadkii horena ma ahayn mid ka reeban. Waa ku faraxsanahay inaan ka tagno 2020 waqtiyadii la soo dhaafay sababtuna waa dhammaan hubin la'aanta masiibada COVID-19. Way adag tahay in la qiyaaso saamaynta ay ku leedahay dalkeenna, haddana waan ka hadli karaa sida ay noo saamaysay halkan Kennedy. Waxay abuurtay heer cusub oo isgaarsiineed iyo iskaashi. Waxay abuurtay heer cusub oo wadashaqayn kooxeed ah-iyadoo qof kasta oo boos kasta ka wada shaqeeya ujeeddada ah in ardayda wax loo baro sida ugu ammaansan ee suurtoogalka ah. Waan ku faanayaa inaan la shaqeeyo kooxda Kennedy waxaan ku kalsoonahay in adiga iyo carruurtaada aad ku jirtaan gacmo weyn!

Waxaan sii wadi doonaa inaan mudnaanta siinno caafimaadka iyo badbaadada qof walba. Fadlan tixraac Qorshaha Barashada Nabdoon ee WPS [Safe Learning Plan](#) wixii faahfaahin dheeri ah ee ku saabsan jawaabteena COVID-19.

Halkan Kennedy, waxaan qiimeyneynaa iskaashiga aan la leenahay qoysaskeena iyo bulshada. Waxaan ku dadaaleynaa inaan joogteynno jawi dugsi oo wanaagsan si dhammaan ardayda ay u helaan waayo -aragnimada waxbarasho ee ugu wanaagsan ee suurtoogalka ah iyo in qoysasku ogaadaan in la soo dhoweeyo oo la qiimeeyo. Xor ayaad u tahay inaad nala soo xiriirto wixii su'aalo ah, walaacyo ah, ama fikrado ah!

Sannadkan waxaan soo dhawaynaynaa Shelly Boelteras Kaaliyaha Maamulaha cusub. Marwo Boelter ayaa nooga timaaday Dugsiga Sare ee Willmar halkaas oo ay ka ahayd macallin wax barasho. Intaas ka hor, Marwo Boelter waxay lahayd door kala duwan oo wax -barid iyo hoggaamineed. Aad ayaan ugu faraxsanahay inaan ka garab shaqeeyo sannadkan.

Haddii aadan hore u saxiixin App Remind App, fadlan sidaan samee. Macallimiintu waxay u adeegsan doonaan inay la xiriiraan fasalkooda aniguna waxaan u isticmaali doonaa xusuusinta dugsi oo dhan! Haddii aad caawimaad uga baahtahay arrintaas, fadlan nala soo xiriir.

Waxaan rabaa inaan carrabka ku adkeeyo ahmiyadda ay leedahay in la raaco habraacayaga arday-ka-tagista iyo sooqaadista. Waxaa si taxaddar leh loo agaasimay si loo sugo amniga ardayga. Dhammaan ardayda waxa laga siidaayaa dhammaadka koonfureed ee dhismaha waxayna la joogi doonaan macallinka ilaa laga helayo gaariga waalidka. FADLAN USOCO HORAY ILAA INTA AAD GAARI KARTO oo sug in ilmuhu ku helo. Macallinka ayaa kaa caawin doona arrintan. Ardayda da'da yar, waxaa laga yaabaa inaad rabto inaad ku tababarato aqoonsiga gaarigaaga. Lama ogola inaad uga tagto baabuurkaaga lenka maxaa yeelay tani waxay u keeneysaa carqalad weyn dadka kale waxayna sidoo kale sababtaa arrimaha taraafikada wada 7aad.

Haddii aad doorato inaad dhigato gaadhigaaga meesha baabuurta la dhigto oo aad u timaad ilmahaaga, waxaad u baahtahay doontaa inaad ku sugto dariiqa waxayna ka gudbi doonaa ardayda jidadka isgoysyada marka macallinku ku arko. Fadlan ha u dhaafin dhinaca dhismaha maadaama aan haysanno arday badan oo aan u baahannahay inaan si ammaan ah ugu dhiibno waalidiinta.

Wadashaqayntaada arrintan aad baa loo mahadiyey

Mar labaad, aad ayaan ugu faraxsanahay inaan bilaabo sannad -dugsiyeedka waxaan rajaynayaa inaan iskaashi la samayno mid kasta oo idinka mid ah!



Si daacad ah,

Kristin Dresler, Maamule

KENNEDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

September 2021

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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5	6 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY	7 Parent- Teacher Meetings	8 Parent- Teacher Meetings	9 1st Day of School for Grades K-5	10	11
12	13 1st Day of School for Pre-School Students	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 	22 Bus Safety	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 PICTURE DAY	30 		

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER, 2021...

Thursday, October 14 ... Parent-Teacher Conferences, 3:30-7:30 PM

Monday, October 18 ... Parent-Teacher Conferences, 3:30-8:00 PM

Wednesday, October 20 ... Parent-Teacher Conferences, 7:30-12:00

Wednesday, October 20 ... NO SCHOOL/FALL BREAK

Thursday, October 21 ... NO SCHOOL/FALL BREAK

Friday, October 22 ... NO SCHOOL/FALL BREAK



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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

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

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

4th 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



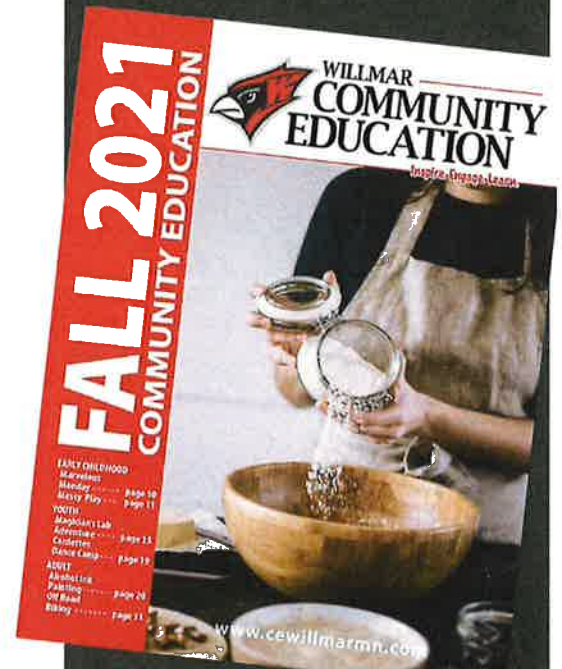


WILLMAR COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Inspire. Engage. Learn.

- **Cardettes Mini Dance Camp**
(grades 1-6)
- **Magician's Laboratory 4-H Adventures**
(grades 1-4)
- **Evening Canoe** at Prairie Woods ELC
(all-ages, family)
- **Rock Painting** (ages 5+)
- **Cookie Art** (ages 10+)
- **Pioneer Crafts** at Prairie Woods ELC
(grades 1-5)
- **TKD/Karate** Beginners, Adv Beg, and
Colored Belts (ages 6+)
- **3D Printing & CAD** (grades 3-7)
- **Game Day at Pioneer Cabin** at Prairie
Woods ELC (grades 3-6)
- **Galactic Quest** 4-H STEM challenge
(grades 5-12)

View the program catalog
online and register at
www.cewillmarmn.com



Willmar Community
Education is located at
Jefferson Learning Center
1234 Kandiyohi Ave SW

www.CEWillmarMN.com

(320) 231-8492



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