



WILDERNESS STUDENTS GO WINTER CAMPING



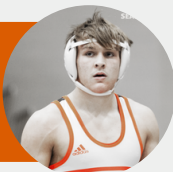
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Over Presidents' Day Weekend, Kingsley High School wilderness students packed their bags for the annual Winter Camping trip. A group of mostly senior students headed to the district's 500-acre property off Hammer Road to eat, sleep, and survive using skills they learned in class.

"Ahead of the trip, we learn about fire building, dressing for the outdoors, how to pack a backpack or sled, leaf and tree identification, and then we do a lot of hiking so they're comfortable," said wilderness teacher Boone Scharp.

Mr. Scharp has been leading students on the excursion for the past 17 years, but he's never had a weekend like this one.

"This feels like cheating!" he exclaimed, marveling at the weekend's unusually warm weather.

Students enjoyed nearly 40-degree weather and full sunshine, the perfect ingredients for staying warm and building the Quinzhee shelters to sleep in.

"The snow is really packable which is helpful because when it's really really cold, it's too powdery. We are so spoiled, we can make bricks and make a real igloo, we can goof around," said Mr. Scharp. (continued on page 2)

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"They say if you're in a survival situation, the act of building the Quinzhee keeps your body temperature up, and then when you finally go inside, so long as you have straw, or cattails, or grass to keep you off the cold ground, the interior will be about 40-50 degrees," said Mr. Scharp.



Above: Sophia Hansen and Morgan Faunce build their shelter. Right: Kati Smith cooks dinner.

Once their shelter is built, students have leisure time and work to prepare dinner. "Stone Soup" was on the menu, and each student brought a cooked item to add to the pot.



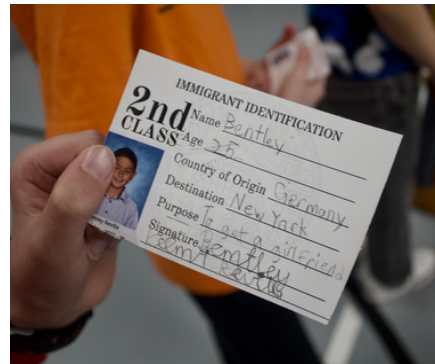
Later that night, students enjoyed songs and conversation around the fire.

"My goal for this trip would not only be to have them feel good about the skills that they're learning, but I would like them to be able to pack a backpack, set up a tent, have the basic skills to cook outdoors, and then when they graduate, be able to go and travel." -Mr. Scharp

For future trips, Mr. Scharp wants to add a fundraiser component to the weekend. He hopes to build one or a few large shelters that community members could rent for the night "like an Airbnb." The package would include a dinner around the campfire and proceeds would benefit his class.

"We would fix them a wild, foraged meal, play music, tell stories about the Hill Sisters [who donated the camping property to the school]. We're hoping to do this next year, maybe on the Friday of that weekend."

To learn more about Wilderness class, contact Boone Scharp at bsharp@kingsleyschools.org.



Top left: Students line up to go through a "medical examination" simulation (performed by their teachers dressed as nurses) that was customary for people coming into the US. Top middle: Students who made it through Ellis Island line up to arrive to America! Top right: Several students dressed up in old-fashioned garb from the time period. Bottom left: Every fourth grader was given an Immigration Identification card as part of the documentation they would have needed to go through Ellis Island. Second photo from bottom left: Mrs. Bach and Mrs. Trowbridge man the "legal interview" station. Third photo from bottom left: Every student had to write their country of origin, intended destination, and reason for wanting to come to America. Some of the fourth graders' answers were pretty cute! Bottom right: Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Ralph police the line.

Fourth Graders Immigrate to America through Ellis Island Simulation



By Sara Trowbridge
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On Friday, February 10th, students took part in an unforgettable simulation of the journey through Ellis Island! More than 12 million immigrants traveled through Ellis Island while it was in operation and more than 40 percent of Americans can trace their family history back to the famous "Immigration Station." Throughout our Human Geography unit, we have explored many key ideas about immigration and the profound effects it has had on the present-day culture of our state, as well as various regions throughout the United States. As a culminating activity, we ended the unit with Ellis Island Day!

Upon arriving at school, students were

transported through the simulation. They worked to pass through several checkpoints and obstacles, all with the dream of making it through to America! Later in the day, after their journey was complete, students presented a culture project. For this project, students chose a country and heritage to study and then presented the information as if they have traveled from that place, reflecting on the artifacts, customs, and traditions they brought with them to America.

Many students embraced the theme by coming to school dressed in costume as a traveler from the early 1900s! Additionally, students were encouraged to share their own family recipes, relics, and tales from their family's own heritage story. It was a great experience for students and a fun chance to get out of the classroom!



The simulation included stations such as Medical Examination, Legal Questioning, Quarantine, Detainment, and finally, entrance to the United States.



Our Board of Education meets monthly for regularly scheduled meetings at 7:00PM in the High School library. The public is welcome to attend.

If you need any special accommodations to attend a meeting please contact the Superintendent's office. Board minutes are available online or at the Superintendent's office located at 402 Fenton St., Kingsley, MI.

Upcoming Meetings: March 13, April 10, May 8, June 26, August 14. Special meetings are scheduled as needed.

To find the full board schedule or to read agendas, board policies, and meeting minutes, visit www.kingsleyschools.org. You may email the board at schoolboard@kingsleyschools.org.

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FOLLOW US ON OUR NEW FACEBOOK PAGE

We've moved! **Kingsley Area Schools** has a **brand new Facebook page** as of **2/15/2023**. Please follow and like the page to see official district news, photos, and Stag Spotlights on Kingsley students and staff.



Scan this code to visit our new page!

Our Counselors Are Here to Help

WHAT OUR KAS COUNSELING TEAM PROVIDES:

Our mission is to help all students develop and enhance their academic, social, career, and personal strengths in order to become responsible and productive citizens.

ELEMENTARY

- Child Study
- Social Emotional Learning
- Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports
- Career Development
- Educational Development Plans
- Student Check Ins
- Behavior Plans
- Student Groups
- Additional Out of District Resource Support
- 504's
- McKinney Vento Support

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- Scheduling
- PSAT Testing

HIGH SCHOOL

- Child Study
- Social Emotional Learning
- Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports
- Career Development
- Educational Development Plans
- Student Check Ins
- Additional Out of District Resource Support
- 504's
- McKinney Vento Support
- Scheduling
- College / Career Readiness
- Testing
- Scholarships / Awards Night
- Dual Enrollment
- Early College
- Graduation Preparation



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THIS WEEKEND!

*Kingsley High School
Drama Club presents...*

MURDER'S IN THE HEIR



IF YOU LIKE THE GAME CLUE, THEN YOU WILL LOVE THE 2023 KHS DRAMA CLUB PLAY, MURDER'S IN THE HEIR!

ALMOST EVERY CHARACTER HAS THE MOTIVE, OPPORTUNITY, AND MEANS TO DO AWAY WITH THE BILLIONAIRE OWNER OF STARKWEATHER MANSION. THE RELATIVES AND EMPLOYEES GATHER ON A DARK AND STORMY NIGHT TO DISCOVER IF THEY WILL INHERIT OR LOSE A FORTUNE. THE AUDIENCE WILL PLAY ARMCHAIR DETECTIVE IN THIS COMEDIC MYSTERY AND DECIDE "WHODUNNIT."

JOIN US ON FRIDAY, MARCH 3, AND SATURDAY, MARCH 4 AT THE KINGSLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL STAGE.

- DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM AND THE CURTAIN RISES AT 7:00 PM
- CONCESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE
- TICKETS ARE \$3 FOR STUDENTS, \$5 FOR ADULTS AND \$15 FOR A FAMILY.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE FOR AN EVENING OF MYSTERY AND COMEDY!

MURDER'S IN THE HEIR IS WRITTEN BY BILLY ST. JOHN AND PRODUCED BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH PIONEER DRAMA SERVICE, INC., ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO.

KINGSLEY BASKETBALL COACH NOTCHES 400 CAREER WINS



Congratulations to Varsity basketball coach, and Kingsley High School teacher Matt Schelich on 400 career wins. The Lady Stags and athletic director Mitch Miggenburg celebrated the milestone at their game against Glen Lake.

DANCE, DODGEBALL TAKE OVER MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM

In February, Kingsley Middle School staff and students spread some love by participating in the "Great Kindness Challenge Week." Middle schoolers played kindness games, collected canned food for charity, and paid compliments to one another via a shoutout board. The grade levels also competed to earn points for acts of kindness. The week concluded with a blowout assembly featuring performances by the Kingsley Dance Company and a dodgeball tournament! What better way to celebrate kindness than by nailing your classmates with a dodgeball? ;)



Top left: KMS counselor Olivia Wiltjer and eighth grade science teacher Tiffany Smith gear up for the student-staff dodgeball game. Top right and middle left: the Kingsley Dance Company performs. Middle right and bottom left: fifth and sixth grade students give dodgeball their all! Bottom right: the Kingsley Dance Company poses for a picture.

Teacher Feature: A Morning with Kingsley's First Grade Team



By Chloe McCarthy
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Picture this. It's 7:45AM on Valentine's Day at Kingsley Elementary School. The lights haven't turned all the way on yet and the building is quiet. The whirl of the copy machine echoes through the front entrance. Teachers walk briskly down the halls, many with a coffee tumbler in hand, getting ready for the day that will be full of cards, sweets, treats, and love. On Valentine's Day morning, I spent time with the first grade team to learn more about who they are, and what they love about their class.

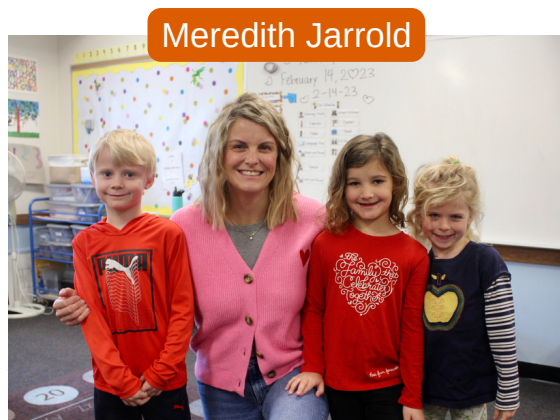


Katy Giglio

It's 8:00AM now and Mrs. Giglio is playing tranquil instrumental tracks over her classroom speakers as she gets ready for the day. Her room is empty, but in the next ten minutes, the spa-like soundscape is replaced by dozens of laughing children who are excited to celebrate Valentine's Day. Their excitement for everything is one of her favorite things about the age group. And while all first graders possess that whimsy she loves, she says this year's group is one of her favorites of all time.

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"I just love teaching writing, personally. That's my favorite. I can see the growth and progress in that which is super exciting. Sometimes I read some funny things. Like, 'what do you want to be when you grew up?' and they say, 'I want to be a babysitter!' That is just so sweet and so genuine. The core of everything is the growth of making amazing little humans that are hard workers who have a good work ethic, and are just genuinely sweet, nice people."



Meredith Jarrold

I caught up with Mrs. Jarrold as her kids began trickling into the classroom. She wears a wide smile on her face as she talks about the joys of teaching first grade. She's been in the role for six years, and it's clear she's a pro: between every few sentences, she pauses to address several interjections from her students, one hands her a Valentine's Day present, another asks where to leave their coat, and several more come over just to say good morning. In the chaos of the morning rush, Mrs. Jarrold remains unfazed and completely unaware of her multitasking superpowers.

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"My favorite part of first grade is their passion for everything. Teaching them to read is my favorite thing in the entire world. Watching them go from knowing a couple of letter sounds to reading a book by the end of the year is incredible," says Mrs. Jarrold. "I would love the community to know that you can learn so much from a six-year-old. Their minds are full of amazing knowledge. They're sponges and love learning. If you spend the day with a six-year-old your day will definitely be better."



Jenifer Wolf

Mrs. Wolf has been a first grade teacher at Kingsley Area Schools for 14 years. She's seen it all and has watched several of her groups go all the way through school to graduation. It's something she says is both beautiful and bizarre. She admits she doesn't always remember every name, but she remembers every face, and often their adventures from their time in first grade. "They'll come back to me and say 'Mrs. Wolf, do you remember me?' and sometimes it's like, 'yeah, I remember you, you broke your arm the year you were in my class!'"

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"Probably my favorite thing is seeing the light bulb go off when they're learning to read. All of the sudden, they just start reading. Reading is a huge part of first grade, they make the biggest gains this year! Socially, there's a lot of building friendships and learning how to sit just a little bit longer periods of time to learn. My favorite part about first graders is their honesty; what they're thinking in their mind comes out of their mouth."

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"I have a highly energetic and enthusiastic class. I like seeing the kids grow as they explore the world around them and learn how to interact with each other in a classroom setting. The leaps they make in reading and math during the course of the first grade year are truly remarkable. The goals for first grade are reading fluency with good word decoding skills, basic paragraph writing, and independence in math reasoning for addition and subtraction operations."

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"I've always heard great things about Kingsley. I'm friends with Kindergarten teacher Felicia Mondry, and she let me know that there was an opening. It was a whirlwind. I love first grade. They're just adorable. They have this passion where they want to learn, they want to be here. They want to hear me talk and they want to learn the concepts. I love seeing when the light bulb goes off, and they actually are understanding, and they can use what we're learning in other areas of the day."



Jason Blyth

NEW!

Mr. Blyth is brand new to Kingsley Area Schools and to the profession itself; 2022-2023 marks his first-ever school year as a first grade teacher! He's spent the past 21 years as a Navy and Coast Guard helicopter pilot and flight instructor. His final duty station was in Traverse City where he decided to settle with his family and pursue a degree in education. Now, instead of piloting a helicopter, he flies through his classroom diffusing problems and keeping his class on course. In the first few minutes of the day, I watch Mr. Blyth hand out worksheets, greet his students, locate a pencil, help a student with a math problem, and work one-on-one with another child on phonetics.



Madison Boyd

NEW!

As soon as you enter Ms. Boyd's classroom, you're greeted with rainbows. They adorn encouraging posters, the "behavior chart," filing cabinets, name tags, and even her classroom door. "When I walked in this room during my interview and school tour, I was like, 'Oh my gosh, I love this classroom, I love the decorations, this is totally my style.'" she said. The room and its decor belonged to first grade teacher Mrs. Bielas before she switched to teaching PE just a few weeks before schools started. When the classroom opened up, it was assigned to Ms. Boyd, rainbows and all. That's when Ms. Boyd knew the job was meant to be!

KINGSLEY SCHOOLS CALENDAR

Thursday, March 23 - End of Marking Period

March 24-31 - Spring Break

April 3 - First day back to school

April 7 - No School, Good Friday

April 10-14 - Conference Week

School Board Meetings

Monday, March 13 | 7:00PM
Kingsley High School Library

Monday, April 10 | 7:00PM
Kingsley High School Library

JV and Varsity Wrestling

Friday, March 3 @ FMHSAA Indy States

Middle School Wrestling

Tuesday, March 7 @ Lake City 5:30
Thursday, March 9 @ Houghton Lake 5:30
Tuesday, March 14 @ Benzie Central

Kingsley Choir

District Choral Festival
Wednesday, March 1 @ Benzie Schools

Kingsley Band

Middle School All Star Band
Tuesday, March 7 @ Kalkaska Schools

State MSBOA District Solo and Ensemble
Saturday, March 18 | Cadillac

Project Graduation Fundraisers

Can Drives @ Kingsley Library
Sunday, March 12 | 12-3:00PM
Sunday, April 16 | 12-3:00PM
Sunday, May 21 | 12-3:00PM

Bake Sales @ Northland Market
Saturday, March 11 | 9:00AM-3:00PM
Saturday, April 15 | 9:00AM-3:00PM

KHS Drama Club Play

Murder's in the Heir
March 3-4 | 6:30 Doors Open, 7:00PM Show
Kingsley Middle School

MUSIC & ATHLETICS



Band Notes
by Jena Van Wagner

It's competition season here in band land! Individuals, ensembles, and the whole band(s) are preparing to show what Kingsley musicians can do! At the beginning of February, nearly 800 students from high schools around Northern Michigan attended the MSBOA District Solo & Ensemble hosted at Kingsley High School. We had nine groups participate in the festival, seven of which earned a 1st division rating, qualifying them for States on March 18 in Cadillac. Two groups earned a 2nd division rating. Congratulations to these students for their participation and accomplishments: Levi Sterk, Caylan Schaub, Mara VanWagner, Natalie Sterk, Abby Scarbrough, Mackenzie St. John, Gracie McPherson, Annamae Schaub, Kati Smith, and Emma Belanger.

Middle School District Honor Band takes place on Tuesday, March 7, at Kalkaska High School, with the concert at 7:00PM. Kingsley is honored to have five students selected to participate this year: Lilly Wagner - Flute, Lylah Newton - Oboe, Ian Mitchell - Trombone, Molly Schichtel- Contrabass Clarinet, and Morgan DeVries – Percussion.

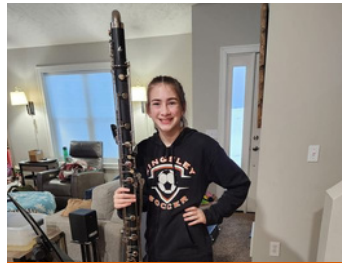


Kingsley's Double Reed duet earned the highest rating of 1.

We would like to thank the entire Kingsley Community for their support throughout the year and especially for our Christmas Raffle. Study after study shows how important music education is and your participation in our program makes Kingsley Bands a point of pride in our schools and community!



The Band's Saxophone Quartet earned a 1 at festival.



Molly Schichtel holds her Contrabass. She will participate in the Middle School Honor Band on March 7.



Senior Kati Smith pictured before her performance at festival.

STUDENT ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Isaiah Cosgrove

Isaiah is a freshman on the varsity wrestling team went 6-0 on the week, winning the Hudson B Invite, and pushing his season record to 23-5 in the 157-pound weight class. He also excels in football and baseball and has all A's in his first high school semester.



Moira Martz

Moira is a senior on the varsity wrestling team and is having an outstanding season for Kingsley going 3-0 at Gaylord, winning the Northern Michigan Championships girls' division 120-pound weight class and pushing her season record to 24-8. Moira also excels in soccer at Kingsley while carrying a 4.0-grade point average.



Adalene Chambers

Adalene is a sophomore on the varsity Stags wrestling team and went 3-0 at the Midland Invitational girls-division 170-pound weight class. Adalene also excels in track & field at Kingsley while carrying a 3.86-grade point average.



Gavyn Merchant

Congratulations to Kingsley Varsity Wrestler Gavyn Merchant for achieving 100 career wins! He is the second wrestler to achieve the feat this season and joins his teammate Isaac Grahm.



To learn more about Kingsley Athletics, visit kingsleystags.com



KINGSLEY COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

2023-2024 Kindergarten Registration We are starting our planning NOW!

If you have a child that will be **five years of age on or before September 1, 2023**, and you plan to enroll your child in Kindergarten for the **2023-2024** school year, please complete the form below and return it to:

Kingsley Elementary School

Attn: Erin Lefler
311 Clark St.
Kingsley, MI 49649

****A copy of your child's birth certificate required to enroll. Return with this form****

If you have a child that will be 5 years old **BETWEEN September 2 and December 1, 2023**, and would like them to start kindergarten this year, you may apply for a **waiver**, to do so contact the elementary office for more details. Mrs. Goethals ext 2100 or Mrs. Lefler ext. 2101

First Name _____ Middle Name _____ Last Name _____
Child's Birth Date _____
Parent's Names _____
Street Address _____
Mailing Address (if different) _____
City, State, Zip Code _____
Home Phone # _____ Work/Cell Phone # _____

Join us for Kindergarten Roundup! You may show up anytime on one of these dates.

June 19, 2023, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. or June 20, 2023, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Plan on approximately 30 minutes to enroll.

2023-24 Preschool

GSRP: Free State Funded Preschool

To apply for a GSRP slot parents will need to call 1-800-632-7334 or go to NMCAA.net to set up an appointment and indicate Kingsley Preschool Program as their first choice of schools. The appointments are done in collaboration with NMCAA for Kingsley GSRP and Hannah Headstart slots. The GSRP slots are for students who are four years old by September 1st 2023.

GSRP slots will be offered to qualifying at risk families based on a series of risk factors including low family income.

Families qualifying for GSRP after their appointment will be asked to designate a first choice and second choice of program locations. Students may also be offered a Hannah Headstart slot if they qualify. The state qualifies students through June and acceptance letters are mailed at that time.

Tuition Preschool

The tuition based program is open to any family whose child is 30 months of age up to school age, and is potty trained. There are no income qualifiers to be accepted into the program, and the cost is \$32 per day (for the 2022-23 year, subject to change).

The \$32 per day includes lunch, a morning snack, and an afternoon snack. Program options include Tuesday/Thursday, Monday/Wednesday/Friday, or

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday. Space is limited. Filling out a preregistration form does **NOT** guarantee enrollment. Letters will be mailed in May verifying acceptance. Please complete the form below and return it to:

Kingsley Elementary School Attn: Kristin Goethals
311 Clark St.
Kingsley, MI 49649

First Name _____ Middle Name _____ Last Name _____
Child's Birth Date _____

Parent's Names _____

Street Address _____

Mailing Address (if different) _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Home Phone # _____ Work/Cell Phone # _____

***Tuition Paperwork mailed in April. *GSRP: NMCAA.net, Early Childhood Tab, Application, Pre-Application**

Please note your preferred preschool method.

_____ Tuition Schedule: _____ (days of week)

_____ GSRP (State Funded Free Preschool for Monday through Thursday) Application completed at NMCAA.net. This is an income based program.

THANK YOU, KINGSLEY! ATHLETICS BOOSTER TRIVIA NIGHT RAISES \$10,000 FOR STUDENT ATHLETES

The Kingsley Athletic Boosters would like to thank our Champion Sponsor H&R Block, our Round Sponsors, Kingsley Family Vision Care, The Stoneridge Barn, Southtown Property Management, Covered Wagon Farms, Attitude and Experience Signs, Service, Crain, Chassis Farms, Advanced Plumbing Systems, Shier Builders Inc., Stag Dental, and all of the businesses who helped to make this night special!

We'd also like to thank our volunteers, emcees Maestro Tim Lueck and DJ Mitch Miggenburg and their technical assistant Kathy Stein, scorers Scott and Julie Alpers, Lydia Case, and Jeff Yacks, Reverse Raffle Sales Phenom Jackie Reamer, accountants Whitney Spector and Tony Temple, and the whole crew at The Stoneridge Barn for all of their help!

Save the Date! Trivia Night 2024 February 3rd, 2024!

-Kris Weger, Janie Shier and Tanya Reckow
Trivia Night Planning Committee



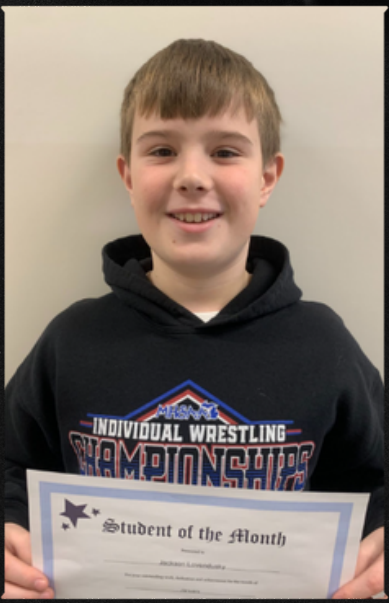
TRIVIA NIGHT FUN



2/4/23 AT STONERIDGE BARN



Kingsley Middle School's Students of the Month



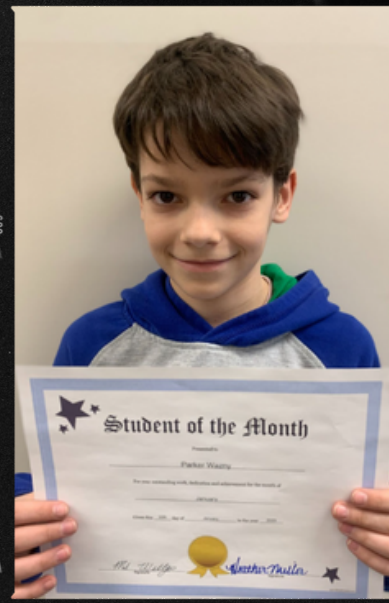
Jackson Lovendusky

Jackson is friendly and outgoing. He is organized, on task, and a leader in the classroom.



Karissa Bender

Karissa is a model student! She is kind, organized, and on task.



Parker Wazny

Parker is helpful and kind to everyone! He is a conscientious student, does a good job, and always has a smile on his face!



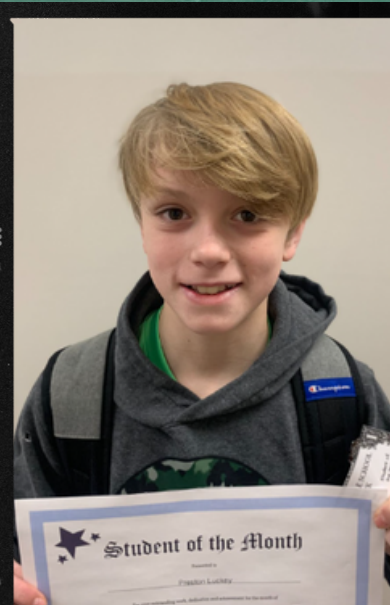
Maria Skrzpczak

Maria is a fun and responsible student. She adapts to any situation with a positive attitude and is a great role model for others.



Molly Schichtel

Molly is kind and helpful to everyone in the classroom and sets an example of excellence in behavior and cooperation. She tackles classroom assignments, tasks, and group work in an organized manner. Molly exceeds expectations every day.



Preston Luckey

Preston makes friends quickly in the classroom and treats other students with fairness and understanding. He takes an active role in discussion and regularly volunteers to assist in classroom activities. Preston shows respect for teachers and peers while showing a positive outlook and attitude in the classroom.



Jacob Vongkhamchanh

Jacob is a great student. He comes to class prepared, works hard, and gives his best! He is polite and respectful and has a funny side as well.



Josie Ray

Josie is one of the hardest working students I have ever met. She pushes herself to make sure all her work meets or exceeds expectations. She is willing to give up her time to work on closing her gaps or building her ideas. She is an amazing student and role model to everyone!