



KSD family CONNECTION

February 22, 2022

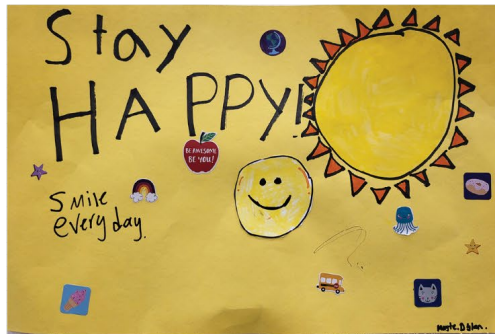
Dear KSD Community,

This is our twice monthly communication, KSD Family Connection. Each edition includes:

- Relevant and timely information based on the month's theme
- A health and safety section
- A brief spotlight on one of our district programs, clubs, services, etc.

this month

Last week we had our third Listening Tour stop at Wallace Elementary. In addition to the opportunity to hear student voice, we were pleasantly surprised to see student art from the Sunshine Squad.



SUNSHINE SQUAD @

health & safety

The health and safety of our students and staff is always a top priority. We continue to work closely with state and local health authorities, such as Washington Department of Health (WDOH) and Cowlitz County Health & Human Services department (CCHHS) to ensure our mitigation strategies are strong and effective. Cowlitz County's epidemiologist provides regular data reports on their [COVID-19 Data webpage](#).

FREE COVID-19 Testing

Kelso School District students and their immediate family members may receive [free COVID testing](#) if they:

- are showing [symptoms](#), or
- may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19

Testing is available at the **KSD Family Community Resource Center** (2001 Allen Street, directly across from the KHS/CMS parking lot entrances) from 7 AM to 4 PM on weekdays. ADDITIONAL DAYS IN FEBRUARY: Saturdays from 9 AM to Noon.

NEW HOURS Starting February 28: 7:00AM – 10:00AM

COVID-19 links and resources:

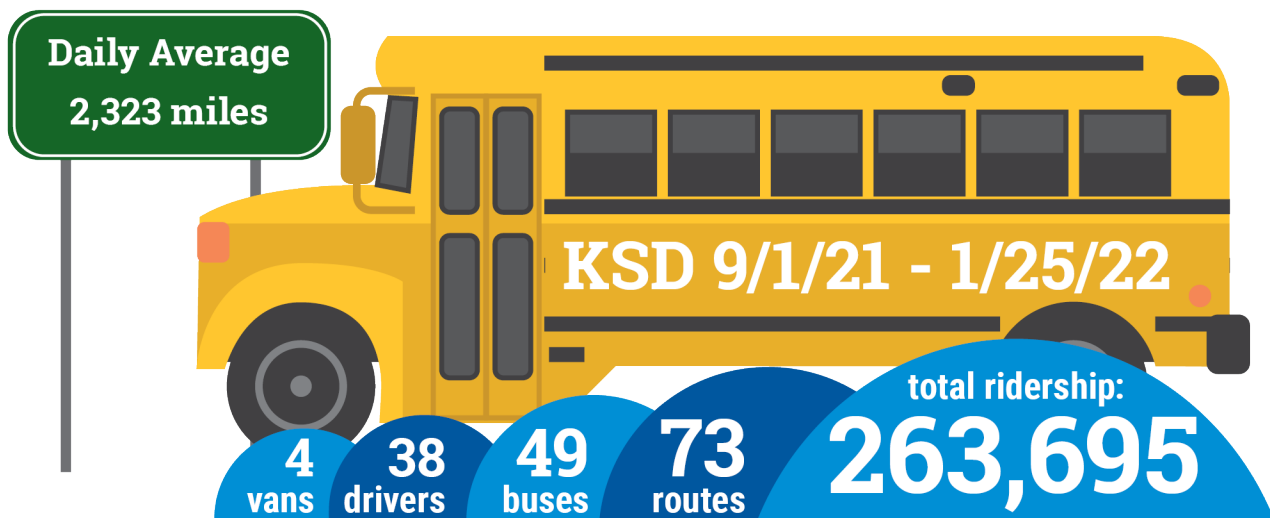
- WDOH [K-12 COVID-19 Requirements](#)
- CCHHS [COVID-19 Reports & Presentations](#)
- WDOH [K-12 Isolation and Quarantine Decision Trees](#)
- Kelso School District [COVID-19 Dashboard](#)
- Cowlitz County is 1 of 8 WA counties participating in the [Say Yes! COVID Test program](#), allowing residents to get free at-home test kits. [Learn more here](#). (NOTE: At-home tests are not acceptable proof of a negative result for coming back to school.)



Transportation Department Keeps Kids Moving

We are so very grateful to our Transportation Department for all they do to get our students to and from school every day. Our 38 drivers have 73 routes and drive a combined average of 2,323 miles per day (11,615 per week)!

Our dedicated drivers are an essential part of our district and provide equal access to education for many of our Kelso students. Please join us in thanking them for their service.





celebrations & accolades

We have much to celebrate at Kelso High in academics, music, and athletics!

DECA State Qualifiers

Andrea Guterrez
Avery Schlecht
Blake Eastham
Bubba Declue
Georgie Emmert
Hannah Kinch
Judah Bradburry

K'dynce Gillespie
Kirra Anderson
Logan Heard
Macy Grafton
Makoa Perez
Mauro Cruz
Michelle Dec

Netty Mauer
Neveah Gingerich
Owen Toms
Rachel Moroney
Rylee Brown
Sophia Contreras

Vocal Solo & Ensemble Contest

- Kayla Aalvik, Soprano, 2nd Alternate
- The Scots, Mixed Vocal Large Group, 2nd Alternate
- Braden Lesh, Tenor, 1st Place, State-Bound
- Emily Knapp & Braden Lesh, Mixed Vocal Small Group, 1st Place, State-Bound
- Lucy Wells, Alto, 1st Place, State-Bound

Basketball

- Girls team: League Champs, District Champs, State-Bound, Dome-Bound
- Boys team: League Champs, State-Bound

Swimming

Congratulations Spencer Thomas:

- district champion and school record holder in the 50 freestyle
- district champion in the 100 Freestyle
- competed in both events at state and finished 15th in both

Wrestling

State qualifying girls (by weight class)

- (105) Ellie Freund
- (190) Alexia Jimenez
- Alternates
 - (115) Marina Jimenez-Gonzalez
 - (120) Belliarose Victoriano
 - (170) Tara Liebe

State qualifying boys (by weight class)

- (106) Wesley Leeper
- (106) Treston Myren – Took 7th in State
- (113) Ashton Ammons – Took 7th in State
- (126) Justin Broxton
- (132) Ethan Freund – **STATE CHAMPION**
- (160) David Mirenta
- (170) Tyler Roggow

- (182) Michael Hause
- (285) Brady Phillips – Took 8th in State

Congratulations to all!!



As always, if you have any questions, feel free to email me.

Sincerely,

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