

# Principal's Corner

Be kind to each other. Middle School can be a rough time for some. Before you speak negatively, think to yourself, is it true, is it necessary? If it isn't, there is no point saying it. Treat others how you want to be treated.

## Viking News

The Middle School Newsletter

6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> | March 2020



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### March 9<sup>th</sup>

- 4pm Scholars Bowl @ Pittsburg
- Golf practice begins

### March 11<sup>th</sup>

- 7 pm Middle School Choir at High School
- Boys Tennis practice begins

### March 16<sup>th</sup>

- Track practice begins

### March 20<sup>th</sup>

- No School

### March 23<sup>rd</sup> -27<sup>th</sup>

- Spring Break



Student/Parents login. Infinite Campus is used to check schedules, lockers, grades, behavior and update any personal information that may need changed. If you do not have a username or password, please stop by the office for us to give you one or request one at enrollment.



**Breakfast Service** – Breakfast is served from  
7:30am – 7:50am

**Lunch Service** – Parsons Middle School operates a closed lunch period. All students are required to remain at school during the lunch period. Students may purchase their lunch at school or bring a lunch from home.

1<sup>st</sup> Lunch is from 11:29am – 11:59am

2<sup>nd</sup> Lunch is from 12:23pm – 12:53pm

### Meal Prices

#### Breakfast

Full Price \$2.05

Reduced Price \$ .30

#### Lunch

Full Price \$3.05

Reduced Price \$ .40

Meal Modification forms are available in the office for parents to fill out for students with food allergies. A Physician must sign the request. Please send forms back to the office.

### Attendance Procedures

Students are required by law to be in attendance each day of school unless they are ill or there is serious family emergency. If your child must be absent from school, please call us at 421-4190 by 8:30am on the day of the absence. Otherwise, the school will attempt to contact you to obtain information concerning your child. If telephone contact is not made between home and school, please send a Dr. note to the office for your students absence. Otherwise it will be unexcused.

### Tardy Policy

If a child is late to school, not only is your child missing out on instruction that started on time in the classroom, other students are impacted. In an effort to emphasize the importance of being on time, students will be allowed 2 tardies in a quarter. On the third and all subsequent tardies, students will be assigned a detention to be served within the next two days at either 7:05am or 3:15pm. Because of the large number of students who arrived to school late last year, students late for school will be given an unexcused tary as well as those between classes.

Kiwanis BUGS  
Students of the Month  
Axten Peters  
Mike Ramsey  
Kera Haviland  
Zoe Schmid  
Sean O'Banion

Rotary Eagles  
Students of the Month  
Kelsey Fitzgerald  
Javen Wooden

Lions Club  
Students of the Month  
Autumn Shields  
JJ Pierce

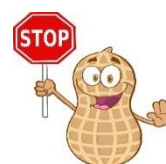
# Go Vikings!

## We Are A Nut Free Building

Please **DO NOT** bring anything nut related to the school!

**\*Food allergies affect approximately 15-32 million Americans, including 6 million children.**

**\*When a person with a food allergy eats the food, his or her immune system releases massive amounts of chemicals, including histamine, that trigger a cascade of symptoms that can affect the respiratory system, the gastrointestinal tract, the skin, and/or the cardiovascular system.**



# FACT SHEET



## Census 2020

### Why take the census?

- By law, the U.S. Census Bureau must deliver a report of population counts to the President of the United States within 9 months of Census Day (December 31, 2020).
- The U.S. Constitution, Article 1, Section 2 mandates Census to provide the data for an apportionment of representatives among the states for the House of Representatives every 10 years. During the last Census, ten states lost positions while eight states gained positions.

### How do I get my household included?

- All households will receive an invitation to respond online to the U.S. Census between March 12-20, 2020. Some households will receive a paper copy.
- If a household has not responded after a reminder letter and a reminder postcard, a second reminder letter will be sent with a paper questionnaire between April 8-16, 2020.

### What questions will I be asked?

- Name
- Phone number
- Age
- Sex
- Race
- Hispanic Origin
- Relationship to householder
- Household tenure (own/rent)
- Number of people in household and
- Usual place of residence

### Who needs to be counted?

- Everyone in the household
- Include children from birth up
- Include everyone living in the home

### How does the census data bring dollars to Kansas?

Census numbers are used to distribute over \$6 billion in federal funds to Kansas every year.

- Federal dollars allocated to Kansas programs based on Census counts include:
- Medical Assistance (Medicaid)
- Federal Direct Student Loans
- Supplemental Nutrition for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- Medicare (Part B)
- Highway Planning and Construction



## What other federal Dollars are represented?

- Title funds
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) funds
- Federal Pell Grant Program
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- National School Lunch Program
- Head Start
- Child Care/Development Block Grants
- Crime Victim Assistance
- Public Housing Capital Fund
- Career and Technical Education Grants
- Business and Industry Loans
- Low to Moderate Income Housing Loans

## Websites for more Information:

[www.eachkansancounts.org](http://www.eachkansancounts.org)

<https://www.census.gov/>

<https://kansascounts.org/>

Twitter:  
#KansasCounts



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# Viking Vitals



March 2020

School Health Office

## Upcoming Events

March 3rd—Fluoride treatments. These treatments are provided to students who signed up for dental services.

March 20—27th—  
SPRING BREAK

## Flu Update

Our district has seen quite a few cases of both Flu A and Flu B. It is not too late to get a flu shot if you haven't gotten one. Reach out to your primary care provider and schedule it today!



## A Look Ahead

An immunization clinic for those student needing to get caught up on their vaccines will be held on April 29th. If your student is going to participate we must have consents completed and returned to the health office no later than April 20th.



Sports physicals will be done at the Middle School on May 4th and the High School on May 6th. Insurance will be billed if applicable, but there is **no out of pocket cost** to families for these physicals.

## School Health Team:

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District Nurse

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## Information on Covid19 (aka Coronavirus)

Updated information from the CDC on coronavirus in the United States can be found at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.



A lot is being learned about this newly emerged virus. Based on the current information, health officials are recommending local communities and schools should take the same steps to protect against coronavirus as we take to prevent the spread of everyday illnesses like the common cold or the flu:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with the inside of your elbow when you cough or sneeze.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with 60%-95% alcohol.

The 2019 novel coronavirus is believed to be spread through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes, much in the way the flu and other respiratory viruses are spread. Symptoms can be fever, cough, or difficulty breathing. At this time, persons considered at risk are those with travel to China, or those in close contact with persons infected with novel coronavirus.

While a new type of illness can be scary, we can protect our students, teachers, and the entire community by using simple everyday actions that protect people from other types of respiratory viruses. Our school health office, teachers and staff are working diligently to encourage these simple and effective habits of frequent handwashing, covering every cough or sneeze, and cleaning classroom tables/surfaces frequently.

This is important not just to help prevent the spread of coronavirus, but to help prevent the spread of other infections that can lead to student illness and absences.

