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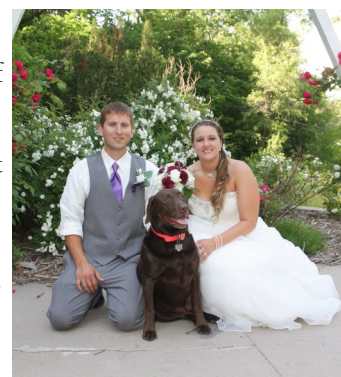
- *Cross Country Parent Meeting, July 31, 6:30 PM*
- *Football Parent Meeting, July 31, 7:00 PM*
- *Volleyball Parent Meeting, July 31, 7:30 PM*
- *Alumni Banquet, August 4, 6:00 PM*
- *First Day of Practice, August 6*
- *Teacher Work Days, August 13-14*
- *First Day of School, August 15 12:00 PM Dismissal*
- *Sports Drink Scrimmage, August 17, 5:30 PM*
- *Sports Pictures, August 23*
- *School Pictures, August 23, K-12*
- *Booster Club BBQ, August 28 6:30 PM*

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New Staff

I grew up in Grand Island, Nebraska and graduated from Grand Island Northwest. I got my Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education and Special Education K-6 from the University of Nebraska at Kearney in December of 2011. I recently received my Master of Arts degree in Curriculum and Instruction with an Emphasis in Early Childhood from the University of Nebraska at Kearney in May of 2018. After receiving my bachelor's degree, I spent two years working as a classroom paraprofessional for the Kearney Public Schools district. Then I taught for four years in Franklin, Nebraska. My first two years were spent teaching Special Education. For my third year, I moved over to teach First grade and then moved up with the class to teach Second grade. This will be my first year at Kenesaw, fifth year teaching, and seventh year in the education field.



Carlie Kwiatkowski

I currently live in Kearney with my husband, Lance, and our 8-year-old chocolate lab, Rylee. My parents, brother, and one sister still live in Grand Island while my other sister now lives in Lincoln. When I am not working on things for school, I enjoy reading, cooking, surfing Pinterest, crafting and scrapbooking, spending time with family, and being outdoors next to the water or fire pit!



Bethany Gerdes

My name is Bethany Gerdes and I will be one of the new Preschool teachers at Kenesaw Public Schools. I will be teaching the 3-year-old Preschool class in the mornings and then teach Title 1 during the afternoons.

I've spent the last two years teaching full-day preschool for the Webster County Early Learning Center in Blue Hill, Nebraska.

I was born and raised in Hastings, Nebraska. I graduated from Adams Central Jr.-Sr. High School in 2011. I attended Hastings College where I graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education with an endorsement in Early Childhood Education and a minor in Spanish in 2015. I continued my education and graduated with a Master of Arts in Teaching degree in Kindergarten-12th Grade Special Education from Hastings College in 2016.

My husband, Kevin, and I got married in October 2016 and have lived in Hastings until this summer when we will be moving to Kenesaw. I enjoy reading, watching Netflix, and napping. We plan on getting a dog, so eventually I will enjoy taking the dog on walks. We enjoy going to sporting events, especially football, basketball, baseball, and hockey.

I'm very excited to start teaching at Kenesaw and to join the community!

School Board Minutes for Summer 2018

May

The Kenesaw Board of Education was called into regular session at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 10, 2018. Action was taken on the following.

- Approved the minutes of the April 9, 2018 Regular Meeting as presented
- Approved the Treasurer's Report.
- Approved the May 2018 Claims in the amount of \$57,969.30 and payroll of \$223,306.30 for a total of \$281,275.60
- Approved the resignation of Katie Hohensee - 4th Gr. Teacher and Marcy Burr - 7-12 Special Education Teacher with regret
- Approved hiring of Jacob Lovejoy - 4th Gr. Teacher, and Carlie Kwiatkowski - 1st grade teacher for 2018-2019 school year.
- Approved 2018-2019 Teacher Contracts
- Approved the Coaching and Activity (Extra Duty) Assignments for the 2018-2019 school year.
- Approved the Salary Increase of 3% for the Non-certified/Classified Staff for the 2018-2019 school year
- Approved the Adjusted Wages for Identified Non-certified/Classified Staff
- Approved the Non-certified/Classified contracts as recommended by Superintendent Masters for the 2018-2019 school year
- Approved the of Three Students to work the Summer of 2018.
- Reviewed of Facilities, Transportation, Hot Lunch, and Extra-Curricular Programs
- Approved the Milk Bid from Hiland Dairy for the 2018-2019 school year.
- Approved the Carpet Bid from B & B Carpet of Doniphan
- Approved the Catastrophic Insurance for the 2018-2019 School Year
- Approved the bid from Jameson painting, not to exceed the amount of \$14,500, to paint the Old Gym

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2018 @ 8:00 P.M.

June

The Kenesaw Public School Board of Education met in regular session on June 11, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. Action was taken on the following.

- Approved the Minutes from the May 10, 2018 Regular Meeting as amended
- Approved the Treasurers Report.
- Approved the June 2018 Claims in the amount of \$263,328.68, payroll in the amount of \$217,736.06 and claims in the amount of \$45,592.62
- Approved the 2018-2019 school lunch price set as K-6 \$2.70, 7-12 \$2.85, adult at \$3.55, extra entrée at \$1.00, and milk at \$.40 as recommended by Superintendent Masters
- Approved the Supplementary Service Contract with ESU9 (\$3,160).
- Approved the hiring of Carol Hoffman for the 7-12 Special Education Position beginning the 2018-2019 school year.
- Approved the update of Policy 5422 as recommended by Perry, Guthery, Hasse, and Gessford, P.C., L.L.O
- Approved the Skills USA to be offered beginning with the 2018-2019 school year.
- Approved the Allow Superintendent Masters to Contract with Adams Central to House the Kenesaw Preschool in their Juniata Classrooms (2 classrooms @ \$500 per month) and to Provide Lunch for the Kenesaw Students (\$2.60 per student lunches).

The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 09, 2018 @ 8:00 P.M.

July

The Kenesaw Public School Board of Education met in regular session on July 9, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. Action was taken on the following.

- Approved the Minutes from the June 11, 2018 Regular Meeting as presented
- Tabled the Treasurers Report.
- Approve the July 2018 Claims as Payroll \$216,250.96 and Claims as \$39,092.40 for the total amount of \$255,343.36
- Approved NRCSA Membership
- Approved the use of the Football Field by the Midget Football Team
- Approved the 2018-2019 ESU #9 Contract for School Age and Below Age Five Special Education Services for the amount of \$187,181.50
- Approved the payment to Carmichael Construction for work completed - (\$145,808.36)
- Approved the Change Order - Request for Proposal 2 - (\$47,729.00)
- Approved the Change Order - Request for Proposal 3 - (\$17,090.00)
- Approved the Purchase of new Classroom Desks and Chairs for Brett Sales' Classroom in the amount of \$5,705.40
- Approved the second reading of Required Policies - 3570. 4003. 5401. 5101. 5402. 5403. 5418. 6212. 6213. 6410. 8231 and Recommended Policies - 1102, 5406
- Approved the new signage throughout the building (Approximate Cost (\$6,000)

School Starts!



WELCOME BACK!

School will begin on Wednesday, August 15, 2018, at 8:00 a.m.

Dismissal for the first day of school will be at 12:00 p.m.

NO BREAKFAST OR LUNCH WILL BE SERVED THIS DAY!

SCHEDULE

Classes begin each day at 8:05 a.m. and dismiss at 3:32 p.m. Monday through Friday except classes will dismiss at 2:31 p.m. each Wednesday.

STUDENT ARRIVAL TIME

Any student arriving after the 8:05 bell sounds will be counted as "tardy," and needs to check in at the main office.

SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

In case of inclement weather, the Superintendent will notify local news media and Power Announcement notifications will be sent. For school closing information, tune to the following:

TV: KSNB: Channel 5
KOLN: Channel 10/11
NTV: Channel 13

RADIO: KHAS: 1230 AM
KQKY: 105.9 FM
KRGJ: 1430 AM/96.5 FM



BUS SERVICE



Students new to the district need to contact the school if they will need bus service. Drivers will contact those needing bus service one to two days prior to the first day of school to inform them of a pick-up and drop-off time. Routes can vary depending on who rides and how often, so please have your child ready five minutes prior to your usual pick-up time. Under normal circumstances, the bus waits five minutes after the dismissal of school before departing on their routes.

No one except school personnel and pupils assigned to a pupil transportation vehicle for a particular route schedule or for an activity trip may ride in such vehicles. This means students or personnel who are not part of the team, class, or serving in a supervisory capacity may not ride on the bus to the activity. This also means that students may not ride on another bus route other than their own, such as for the purpose of going to a friend or grandparent's house.

CHECK OUT THE SCHOOL WEBSITE!

Go to www.kenesawschools.org/ to get all of the latest school news as well as activity and lunch calendars. You can even choose to receive updates at home. Just go to "calendar" and choose "sign in now for free event reminders!"

ALL SCHOOL-RELATED FORMS ARE ALSO ON-LINE ONLY THIS YEAR. PLEASE VISIT THE SITE TO DOWNLOAD AND COMPLETE THESE FORMS.

Available: Enrollment, Computer Usage, Medication Release, Press Release for Photos, Hot Lunch Letter, and Free & Reduced Lunch Application.



Booster Club News

Booster Club is excited for another school year! The Booster Club is reorganizing for the upcoming school year and has some exciting things planned!

- Bingo will take place on Saturday, August 4, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the school, as part of Wasenek weekend. Everyone is invited to take part!
- Turtle Races will take place at 7:00 on Main Street
- The Kick-off BBQ will be held in the city park on Tuesday, August 28, at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend, and it's free!
- Did you know your Booster Club provides the funding for the athletic fall and winter programs?
- Members are encouraged and welcome at the monthly board meetings. Watch the calendar for dates to come.
- PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A MEMBER! Enclosed in this newsletter, you will find a membership form. Forms are also available on the school website, kenesawschools.org. Please return to Jan at the school office. **Forms must be received by August 28 to be included in fall sports program.** Memberships received after the date will appear in the winter sports program.

Welcome Back, Students!

Wednesday,
August 15, 2018
8:00 a.m.

Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school.

-Albert Einstein

Medical Information



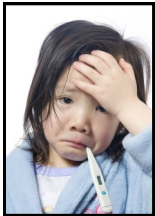
PHYSICALS

All Kindergarten, seventh graders, and out of state transfer students need to have a medical physical within six months prior to the start date of school. All students going out for athletics must also have a physical after May 1 of the subsequent year they plan to participate in athletics. Forms are available at the office. Kindergarten and out-of-state transfer students must also obtain a vision exam from a physician, PA, APRN, or optometrist prior to school.



VACCINATIONS

All students K-12 must have the following vaccinations: 3 DPT's (one after the age of 4), 3 polio, 2 MMR's, the Hepatitis B series of 3 vaccinations, and 2 Varicella (chickenpox) vaccinations. If the student has already had the chickenpox disease, parents, guardians, or health care providers can provide a written document confirming the child had the disease and the year it occurred. Proof of Disease forms are available at the school. Additionally, incoming seventh graders are required to obtain a Tdap vaccination (includes Pertussis). **All vaccinations will need to be completed before the start of the 2017-2018 school year this August.**



STUDENT ILLNESS

Parents will be notified when a child becomes ill at school. Conditions requiring a student to be sent home include: temperature at or greater than 100 degrees, vomiting, diarrhea, unexplained rashes, head lice, or any condition which presents a health risk to others, or prevents meaningful participation in the educational program. **STUDENTS MUST BE FEVER FREE FOR 24 HOURS BEFORE RETURNING TO SCHOOL.** A student may not return to school until **24 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhea.**



MEDICINE

Whenever possible, your child should be given medications outside school hours. In the event that it is necessary that the child have medication at school, written permission from the parent or guardian requesting the school to administer the medication is required. **MEDICATION MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE SCHOOL BY THE PARENT/GUARDIAN IN THE PHARMACY OR MANUFACTURED LABELED BOTTLE AND GIVEN TO THE SECRETARY. REPACKAGED MEDICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS ON THE DRUG NAME, DOSE, AND INTERVALS TO BE TAKEN ARE NECESSARY. FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE AND ONLINE.** All medicine is to be stored and administered in the office. Students are not to carry medication with them or store it in their desks or lockers, for their security and the safety of others.



ABSENCES

Students are allowed five absences per semester, (including medical, dental visits, etc.). If a student needs to miss school for a doctor, dental, therapy, or other medical reason, please bring a signed note from your doctor's office after the visit. Parents must send a note prior to the medical visit so that we can assign the student a pre-makeup slip. On the sixth absence, students are subject to a credit reduction. If a student is ill, please call the office right away in the morning. We also need a note when a student returns, in the parent or guardian's handwriting stating why the student was absent.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT
WWW.KENESAWSCHOOLS.ORG**

LUNCH PROGRAM



School lunches are to be paid in advance! Prices for hot lunch are as follows:

K-6= \$2.70

7-12= \$2.85

Adults= \$3.55

The cost for a second portion will be \$1.00. An extra carton of milk is \$0.40.

Breakfast will be served each morning from 7:30- 7:55 am

K-12= \$2.00

Adults= \$2.25

Applications for free and reduced meals must be submitted each school year. The deadline is September 18. An application is available online at www.kenesawschools.org.

WHAT'S COOKING

Parents and Grandparents are invited to eat with us during the school year. We ask that you call the school by 9 a.m. the day before you plan to dine with us.

NINTH HOUR STUDY HALL



In an effort to cut down on numbers of students on the weekly ineligibility list for failing a class, any student with a grade below 70% in any one class will be required to attend ninth hour study hall to bring up deficient grades. The study hall will be in session from 3:40 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Failure to attend will result in the student having to make up the time missed. Continued failure may result in suspension for an unexcused absence. Students participating in athletics will be allowed to go to practice after the ninth hour study hall is over at 4:30 p.m. The purpose is to allow students to seek help from teachers, complete assignments, make use of time to study for tests and quizzes, etc. More information is available in the student handbook. If parents decide that they do not want their son/daughter to utilize ninth hour, they must sign a form to release the student from ninth hour. By signing this form, the parent and student should understand that this could lead to the student failing the class.

SPORTS PICTURES SCHEDULED AUGUST 23

High School and Junior High sports pictures are scheduled for Thursday, August 23. The senior high sports pictures will be taken at 3:30 p.m. for volleyball, football, and cross country. Pictures will include photos for booster buttons. Order envelopes will be handed out at the Parents' meeting on July 31. Orders and payment must be submitted when the photos are taken. Pictures also may be ordered online.



SPORTS PASSES/ADMISSION

Single Game Price:

Adult Price - \$5
K-12 Student - \$4

Senior Citizens - Free admittance if live in the district

Yearly Pass (Fall and Winter):

Family - \$100
Single - \$35
1 Student - \$20
2 Students - \$35

These passes will include admission to Varsity, Junior Varsity, Junior High, and any "C" games. Senior Citizen Courtesy Passes, for those district patrons 65 years of age and above, are available by calling the superintendent's office. Please give advance notice for pass requests. If you already have a senior pass, it is good for life.



For more information on important school matters, consult the student handbook, which will be made available on the school website: www.kenesawpublicschools.org. School Phone: 402.752.3215.



ATTENTION ALL PARENTS AND STUDENTS!

All new students and incoming 7th grade students must return the Chromebook release form and a \$35 tech fee on first day of school to get a Chromebook, or they will not be allowed to take one from building! This will be a one time fee if nothing happens to the Chromebook during the 2018-19 school year and it will roll over to next year. To download the release form, visit the following link or scan the QR Code.



<https://goo.gl/wPpJrw>

SCHOOL PICTURES



Elementary and Junior and Senior High School pictures will be taken on the same day this year.

Elementary school pictures will be taken Thursday, August 23 beginning at 8:15 a.m.

starting with the Elementary then following with the Junior High and High School students. Faculty and staff pictures will be taken at 7:30 a.m.

Picture packets will be sent home with your child prior to this date. Parents with preschool age children will be able to pick up a packet at the school office during this time. Please remember that all pictures are pre-pay. This means that students must have their money with them the day of the photo shoot. Regardless of whether you are ordering individual pictures, each student will have his/her picture taken with the rest of the class for the composite picture so that it can be available for school records including use in the Annual and for proper documentation purposes. Pictures can also be ordered online.

Kenesaw Public School announces Quarter 4 and Semester 2 Honor Roll for 2017-2018 School Year

In an effort to recognize a high level of achievement in scholastic endeavor, an honor roll is published every nine weeks. To be on the "A" Honor Roll, a student must average 93 or above, with no grade below 86, and only one grade below 92. To be on the "B" Honor Roll, a student must have an average of 86 or above, with no grade below 81, and only one grade below 85. Classes must meet a minimum of four times a week to be averaged in the Honor Roll. Grades are based on academic courses only. Students who have "incompletes" are not eligible.

A HONOR ROLL/4th QUARTER

7th GRADE:

None Eligible

8th GRADE:

Cassidy Gallagher, Lisa Johansen, Natalie Kyle, Rylee Legg, Chloe Uden, Izabella Voelker, Meadow Wagoner

9th GRADE:

Deric Goldenstein

10th GRADE:

Jenna Jaeschke, Paityn Jameson, Paige Morrow, Elisha Reiners

11th GRADE:

Ryan Denkert, Noah Klein, Taylor Pulver, Hannah Schnitzler, Haley Schukei

12th GRADE:

Tyson Burr, Lacy Gamble, Whitney Hansen, Alex Heier, Jessica Kuehn, Jamie Peshek, MaKensy Schroeder, Victoria Wehrman, Jacob Weiler, Alexander Williams

A HONOR ROLL/2nd SEMESTER

7th GRADE:

None Eligible

8th GRADE:

Cassidy Gallagher, Lisa Johansen, Trey Kennedy, Natalie Kyle, Rylee Legg, Chloe Uden, Izabella Voelker, Meadow Wagoner

9th GRADE:

Deric Goldenstein, Kaylee Larson, Hope Nienhueser

10th GRADE:

Jenna Jaeschke, Paityn Jameson, Paige Morrow, Payton Morrow, Elisha Reiners, Tabitha Sidders, Sydney Weiler

11th GRADE:

Ryan Denkert, Noah Klein, Taylor Pulver, Hannah Schnitzler, Haley Schukei

12th GRADE:

Tyson Burr, William Gallagher, Lacy Gamble, Whitney Hansen, Alex Heier, Jamie Peshek, MaKensy Schroeder, Victoria Wehrman, Jacob Weiler, Alexander Williams

B HONOR ROLL/4th QUARTER

7th GRADE:

Jadyn Jackman, Kayla Mack, Cecelia Parker, Madeline Pulver, Trinity Sidders

8th GRADE:

Madalyn Allen, Mason Arnold, Tyson Denkert, Michaela Edwards, Eli Jensen, Trey Kennedy

9th GRADE:

Madeline Kennedy, Kaylee Larson, Hope Nienhueser, Liam Parker, Kaylee Steer

10th GRADE:

Payton Morrow, Tabitha Sidders, Sydney Weiler, Savannah Williams

11th GRADE:

Sawyer Brumbaugh, Nyah Jones, Walker Ruh, Ashley Uden, Mariah Uden

12th GRADE:

Martina Crema, William Gallagher, Riston Mais, Ty McKimney, Philip Quackenbush, Kelsie Robinson,

B HONOR ROLL/2nd SEMESTER

7th GRADE:

Jadyn Jackman, Kayla Mack, Cecelia Parker, Madeline Pulver, Trinity Sidders

8th GRADE:

Madalyn Allen, Mason Arnold, Tyson Denkert, Michaela Edwards, Eli Jensen, Shawna McKimney, Dominga Sanchez

9th GRADE:

Madeline Kennedy, Liam Parker, Austin Peterson, Emma Schroeder, Kaylee Steer

10th GRADE:

Micha Cordes, Savannah Williams

11th GRADE:

Parker Bittfield, Sawyer Brumbaugh, Nyah Jones, Walker Ruh, Ashley Uden, Mariah Uden

12th GRADE:

Jessica Kuehn, Ty McKimney, Jacob Morrow, Dalton Olsen, Philip Quackenbush, Kelsie Robinson, Sam Schukei, Teya Sidders, Ethan Stade

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OFFER verses SERVE LUNCH PROGRAMS



Offer versus serve (OVS) is a serving concept that applies to menu planning and the determination of reimbursable school meals in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National School Breakfast (SBP) and Lunch Programs (NSLP). OVS cannot be utilized in the After School Snack Program. The USDA meal patterns include five food components: Meat/meat alternative, grains, fruits, vegetables, and low-fat (1%) or fat-free milk. OVS allows students to decline a certain number of food components in the meal, reducing food waste and food costs, and allowing students to select the foods they prefer to eat. OVS must be implemented in senior high schools for lunch. OVS is optional for junior high, middle schools and elementary schools.

OVS Requirements for Lunch

For a lunch to be reimbursable under OVS, schools must meet the criteria below.

- All five food components must be offered to all students (meat/meat alternative, grains, fruits, vegetables, and low-fat or fat-free milk).
- Serving sizes for all food components must equal the required quantities for each grade group specified in the NSLP meal pattern.
- Meals must be priced as a unit, i.e., students pay the same price regardless of whether they take three, four, or five food components.
- Students decide which foods to decline, if any. Students must be allowed to decline up to two food components.
- All students must take at least three of the five food components offered, including at least 1/2 cup servings of fruits or vegetables and the full serving of the other selected food components. Students may take smaller portions of the declined food components; however, they do not count toward the reimbursable meal.
- When the meat/meat alternative is provided in two menu items (such as cheese stick and yogurt), the student must take at least the minimum daily serving size depending on the grade group: K-5 and 6-8 grades 1 oz.; 9-12 grades 2 oz.
- When the meal includes multiple grain items and the student selects more than one (e.g., 1/2 cup of pasta and a one-ounce roll), only one grain counts as a component toward the OVS requirements.

A food component is one of five food groups that comprise the reimbursable meal, including meat/meat alternative, grains, fruits, vegetables, and low-fat (1%) or fat-free milk.



A food item is a specific food offered within the five food components.

Wasenek Weekend Events

Friday, August 3, 2018

10:00 AM- KHS Golf Tournament

5:00 PM-7:00 PM - Project DC BBQ, Meadow Muffin, Kiss the Pig, Laser Tag

7:00 PM - Kenesaw Music Parents Rat-A-Pult

9:00 PM - Family Movie in the Park

9:30 PM-1:00 AM - Karaoke

Saturday, August 4, 2018

8:00 AM - Zombie Run/Walk

8:00 AM-10:00 AM - Back Pack Program Pancake Feed

10:00 AM - Ping Pong Drop, Kids Pedal Tractor Pull

12:00 PM-4:00 PM - Free Swimming

3:00 PM-5:00 PM - Booster Club Bingo

4:30 PM-6:30 PM - Kids Games @ Premier Estates

5:30 PM-7:30 PM - Ribfest

6:00 PM - Kenesaw Alumni Banquet

7:00 PM - Turtle Races

8:00 PM- 12:00 AM - Street Dance

Sunday, August 5, 2018

1:00 PM - Road Rally



Welcome to
Preschool

Preschool Parent Meeting
July 30, 7:00 p.m. in
Kenesaw

Preschool Open House
August 20, 7:00 p.m. in
Juniata

Kenesaw Public School



*Mission Statement:
"In partnership with stakeholders we will
develop challenging academics, encourage
positive citizenship, and promote lifelong
learning."*

<http://www.kenesawschools.org>

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