

Kiel/Sisco School News

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Happy Valentine's Day

This is truly my favorite holiday both in the classroom and outside of the classroom. I love to watch the children's faces as they open up a kind message from one of their friends.



KEHSA VOTER AWARENESS UPDATE

There will be a **School Board Election** on April 15. Polls will be open from 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm. We will elect three members of the Board of Education and vote on the School Budget for 2007/08. KEHSA encourages all parents to be aware of the following dates and events:

Voter Registration: If new to town, (even if you moved within Morris County) or you have not registered as a voter here, please register by **March 17**. Forms are available at the Municipal Building or may be downloaded at

www.morriselections.org.

Absentee Ballots: If you will be out of town or at work during voting hours (2pm-9pm) on April 15, **April 7** is the last day the county can accept mailed absentee ballot applications. Walk-ins (at the county office) are allowed until 3pm the day before the election. These forms are also available at the Municipal Building or at

www.morriselections.org.

Public Hearing on the budget: A public hearing on the proposed budget will be announced at a later date.

Board of Education: For anyone interested in running for a seat on the Board of Education, completed petitions are due **February 25**. These are available at the Board of Education office.

Character Trait of the Month: **Honesty**
Telling the truth, admitting wrongdoing. Being trustworthy and acting with integrity. The following books are good examples of honest:

- Anderson, Hans C. **Emperor's New Clothes**
- Avi **Nothing But the Truth**
- Bawder, Nina **Hamburg**
- Bunting, Eve **A Day's Work**
- Choroao, Kay **Molly's Lies**
- Collodi, Carlo **Pinocchio**
- Moncure, Jane **Honesty**
- Weinman, Marjorie **A Big Fat Enormous Lie**

A Life long tip

Showing appreciation for the kind things that are done

There are times when expressing gratitude can seem like a lost art. Please encourage your children to say "Thank You", write a Thank You Note and do something kind in return when a good deed is done for them. It will truly reward them forever.

One of the most important things we can do for our children is to read to them. Our teachers read aloud to their students on a consistent basis and from a variety of texts. The practice of "read alouds" is one of the core components of our balanced literacy and reading workshop programs. Reading aloud to children allows them to hear the cadence and rhythm of the written word, and offers us the opportunity to model essential reading behaviors. I encourage you to continue the work that is started in the classroom and read aloud to your child as often as possible. Happy reading!!!

Bill Kane

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Did you know?

~About 1 in every 2.5 women who die, die of heart disease.

~Cardiovascular disease is the No. 1 killer of women over 25.

~Cardiovascular disease ranks as the No. 3 cause of death for children under the age of 15.

The American Heart Association has designated **Friday, February 1st- Go Red for Women Friday**. The staff of the Kiel/Sisco Schools will be wearing red for the day and all donations will be sent to the American Heart Association. Show your support by wearing red for the day!

Acts of Kindness



Our **Random Acts of Kindness Week** will be celebrated in Kiel School from February 11th through the 15th. Our hope and desire is that the students continue to model kindness each and every day of their lives. As I have said many times before, children learn what they live. What they see modeled in their everyday lives by the adults and children around them are what they will believe is the correct way. The following list includes a list of behaviors we call "acts of kindness" toward others. Please discuss these items with your child. Applaud them for the ones they do on a regular basis and encourage them to try some of the others.

- Respect other's rights and property
- Share your things with others
- Make others feel better when they are hurt or sad
- Make fighting a non-possibility; remember, Kiel School is a "Hands Off" school.
- Play with a new student at Kiel School and help him/her make a friend so he/she won't feel lonely.
- Pass out compliments
- Play with left-out classmates
- Be quiet in class so others can concentrate
- Treat others the way you would like to be treated
- Be polite and listen when someone is telling you something
- Hold the door for people whose hands are full
- Give someone the ball if you get it in P.E.
- Hold a younger student's hand when walking to and from school.

Nothing makes me smile more than watching a student reach out to another in a helping manner or hearing a student respond "you too have a nice day" to an adult who has just offered them that same greeting. As the Principal of this caring school, I will be on the lookout for children who are truly kind. The teachers will also be recognizing kindness in their classrooms in various ways.

Some Ways to Say "I Love You"
Pin a paper heart to your kids' pillows with a treat.

Give them a big hug when they least expect it!

Have "our kids are the greatest" night. Let them pick dinner and games to play. Whisper how much you love them before they fall asleep.

