

NO SCHOOL:
FEB. 16 & 19

EARLY RELEASE:
THURS, FEB. 15
TUES, MARCH 5

HIGH SCHOOL
SHOWCASE NIGHT:
TUESDAY, MARCH 12



NEWSLETTER



SAVE the DATE
2K5K
Walk/Run Event
Friday, May 10

From the superintendent's desk...

Happy Winter! Hopefully you are all enjoying the mild winter so far and are finding ways to spend more time with your children (and enjoying the Minnesota weather). We have passed the halfway point of the school year and feel like the year has just begun! It has been a real treat seeing the academic growth of our students. I cannot wait for the spring to continue to see how much they've learned!

Many of you have been hearing about our upcoming summer projects and future ideas/hopes for the school. For those of you who haven't, I wanted to share our 2024 summer plans with you:

- We will be upgrading our heating/cooling system in the building, evening out the large discrepancies in temperatures between classrooms. It is a challenge for our students to go from a room that may be 61 degrees to another classroom that is 76 degrees. It is equally challenging for the facility as a whole to operate smoothly when the thermostats in these rooms are calling for such increased heating/cooling all of the time.

- We will be adding dehumidification throughout the entire building. As it currently stands, only a portion of the building has this right now. (The public will definitely feel it immediately upon entering our gymnasium and auditorium, as those two areas are notoriously hot and muggy!) Our students deserve to learn in a comfortable, healthy environment.

- We will also be upgrading our ventilation systems throughout the building, to allow for clean air to be

consistently circulated throughout the building to help maintain this comfortable environment.

- We will be fixing the roofing leaks this summer over many areas of our building, with the hope of helping our current roof system last another 10 years before it will need replacement.
- Finally, we plan to upgrade the electrical components that tie in with all of these other upgrades, as many of our panels are extremely outdated and could result in electrical fires.

We are confident these safety upgrades to the district will benefit all of our community, as your children, siblings, friends, neighbors, and relatives use this facility for many, many aspects of life. We are excited for the future and thank you for helping continue to offer the best education possible to our youth!

Yours in Education,
Travis Hensch

Swanville Kindergarten Round Up



When: Wednesday, Feb. 21 from 8:30-11:00

Where: Swanville School

Who: Families who have children entering Kindergarten Fall 2024.

What to bring: Immunization Forms

We are very excited to share our school with you! Please contact our school office at (320)547-5100 to register your child.

Greetings from the desk of Mrs. Johnson!

It is hard to believe that we are half-way through the school year. The end of the quarter was January 19th. Report cards should have come home last week.

Congratulations to Colton Villnow and Lexi Hanson for being selected to represent our high school at the Sourcewell Students of Character banquet.

Seniors and parents please be checking the shared google sheet on scholarships that was sent out to seniors. Also, continue working on your DFS applications!

Important dates coming up:

- Deep Portage for grades 4-6 February 12th-14th
- No School on February 16th and 19th
- Kindergarten Round Up February 21st
- High School Showcase March 12th 3:30 to 7:30
- No School March 29th and April 1st
- Biz Town for grades 4-6 April 17th
- Prom May 4th
- Graduation May 24th 7 p.m.

Mrs. Sheryl Johnson, Principal

Our Northern Pines staff want to share a neat opportunity that will be coming in the weeks to follow. We will host an evening presentation of the documentary **ANGST on Friday, March 22.**

Angst is an IndieFlix Original documentary geared toward middle school and high school students to discuss anxiety and mental health needs that people may face on a day-to-day basis. Morrison County is funding the opportunity to show this film to our students and families within the community.

We will have a presentation of the movie and a Q & A panel to follow. The runtime combined will be an hour and a half, 45 minutes for the film and 45 minutes for the panel. The hope is to share this with parents first and then we will have a day that we share it with students.

More information on that and the times for March 22 will follow. Flyers will be around the community as well as paperwork sent home with students to remind and share important information.

Please feel free to reach out to our Behavior Interventionist on site: Lacy Zupko 320-547-5155, if you have any questions.



Winter Sports Schedules

dates/times/opponents are subject to change

Girls Varsity Basketball

- 2/13 vs Little Falls
- 2/15 @ LPGE
- 2/20 @ Pillager
- 2/22 vs Bertha-Hewitt
- 2/26 Playoffs begin

2/24 Team Sect. @ Grand Rapids

Robotics

3/6-10 @ Grand Forks

Spring Sport Start Dates

- 3/11 Softball
- 3/11 Track and Field
- 3/18 Baseball
- 3/31 Trap

Junior High Girls Basketball

2/20 @LPGE

Boys Varsity Basketball

- 2/13 @ Osakis
- 2/15 @ McGregor
- 2/19 @ St. John's Prep
- 2/23 vs Brow./Eagle Valley
- 2/26 vs Kimball
- 3/1 @ Pine River-Backus
- 3/4 Playoffs begin

For all the latest, most up-to-date schedule info, download the Activity Scheduler App.



Varsity Wrestling

2/17 Individual Sect. @ Mora

High School Showcase Night

Tuesday, March 12, 3:30-7:30pm

- *See department and activity projects displayed and demonstrated.
- *High school teachers will be available to meet and conference.
- *6:00pm: **Question and Answer** session for students interested in taking college classes at Swanville School— **parents of incoming students in grades 10-12** are encouraged to attend.

Look for more details to come.

SAVE the DATE:

Spring Band Concert, Monday, May 13 at 7pm
featuring 5th, 6th, and Jr/Sr High Bands

Students of the Month



Swanville Public School is pleased to announce the December Senior High student of the month, junior Josie Larum. Josie is the daughter of Julianne Peterson and Josh Larum. While at school her favorite part of being there is seeing her friends and having a good variety of classes. She enjoys showing cattle, riding horse and working outside. After graduation she plans on starting to buy and sell livestock, in essence becoming a livestock jockey.

She would like to continue to grow her Gelbvieh cattle herd and start a Simmental herd to eventually raise and sell show calves while continuing to expand her grandfather's herd. Josie has participated in volleyball and band during her time at Swanville. Outside of school Josie shows cattle and participates in 4-H. She has won awards of Grand Champion at the county fair level and has placed second at the State Fair. Tom Bzdok, Social Studies instructor says "I have had Josie in several classes over the last few years. During that time, I have seen her make a complete transition as a student. She has become a very dedicated student with clear goals to achieve. She knows what she wants and puts her best effort into achieving it. Josie never seems to be bothered by anything. She always seems to be in a good mood and never fails to greet you in a friendly way every chance she has. Congratulations Josie!" Math instructor Shelly Peterson adds "I have known Josie since she was in elementary school. She shared my math classroom for the first time in junior high. Returning to my classroom as a junior, she has shown tremendous growth. Growth in her classroom responsibilities, interest in learning "math" and focus in doing well in her coursework. She is pleasant, respectful and courteous. I am proud of her self-motivation and congratulate her on this award." Josie's advice for other students is "even if you think you don't care, put in the work. It's more of a hassle to fail than to put in the work and pass.

Swanville Public School is pleased to announce the December Junior High student of the month, eighth grade student Matea Allen. Matea is the daughter of Heather and Matthew Allen. She enjoys reading, playing catch in the summer, cooking and baking, and playing board games with her family. She plans to attend college to become a registered nurse. Matea's favorite thing about school is her friends because they make school a lot more fun and interesting. Her advice to other students is "Be yourself and don't be afraid to speak up for yourself and others." Matea is involved in softball and theatre. She is consistently on the Honor Roll and has been selected as the student of the month previously. Outside of school, Matea is



involved with various charitable organizations. Language Arts instructor Chantelle Frie says "Matea Allen has proven herself time and again as a diligent, hardworking, understanding, dedicated, reliable, and pleasant young woman. Matea is a joy to have in class as she is a thoughtful, responsive, and engaged student. Matea is not afraid to take on a challenge, try something new, or entertain a new idea. I have also enjoyed seeing Matea blossom as an actress in her stage presence and confidence over the last three years. Congratulations, Matea, on being recognized for your outstanding qualities."

Swanville Public School is pleased to announce the November Senior High student of the month, sophomore Madelyn Buchanan. Madi is the daughter of Roxy Buchanan and Terry Buchanan. She enjoys working, reading, baby-sitting and being with friends and family.

Madelyn's future plans include getting a well-paying job, she is leaning towards becoming an ultra sound technician. Although new to the school, she served as the volleyball manager during the 2023 season. She actively participates in school activities as much as she is able. Madi is a PBIS reward recipient and is consistently on the A Honor Roll.



Chantelle Frie, English Instructor says, "Madi is a delightful young woman. She is always ready for any task. She has a positive attitude and kind demeanor that come through in her presence, her questions, and her written work. Madi always

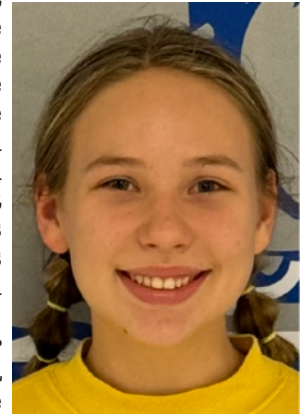
strives to do her best and displays her level of maturity in her thoughtful insight, diligent thoroughness, and devoted work ethic. Congratulations, Madi!"

Madi's favorite thing about school is "the friendly community and challenging subjects." She advises other students to "pay attention, get your homework and studying done and do your best!" Math Instructor Liza Hasse adds "I have enjoyed getting to know and working with Madi this year. As a new student to our district this fall, she has made a remarkable first impression. Madi is very attentive in class and works hard to complete every assignment. Her dedication to her work has made her stand out as a student of the month. She is very kind and respectful to others and always has a kind word and smile to share."

Swanville Public School is pleased to announce the November Junior High student of the month, seventh grade student Lexis Brever. She is the daughter of Chad Brever and Stephanie Schmidt.

Lexis enjoys all sports and creating art. She states that her plans for the future include going to college to become a dermatologist. Lexis' favorite thing about school is being around kind people. She participates in volleyball and basketball. She was also in the fall theater production. Her advice to other students is "help others with work if you understand." Lexis works hard academically and earned a position on the B Honor Roll for first quarter. Lexis has participated in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest, garnering an award there. She is active in her church and volunteers as she is able. English teacher Chantelle

Frie states "One of Lexis's best qualities is her positive presence and attitude. I have never heard a negative response from her. Lexis is ready to take on new challenges and learn new information or skills with an open mind and the utmost effort and diligence. Lexis is respectful to everyone and is often a voice of reason and positivity among her peers. Lexis is a great choice for student of the month as she is a wonderful example to those around her."



Swanville High School

Second Quarter Honor Roll

7th Grade

A Honor Roll

Lexis Brever
Zoe Giese
Dawson Hasse
Marshall Hollermann
Brannon Karjala
Chloe Leyendecker
Violet Peterson

B Honor Roll

Kaleb Bellefeuille
Emmitt Phillips
Payton Priebe
William Schafer
Charlei Van Zee
Noah Van Heel
Ethan Veldkamp
Mallie Zimmermann-Cameron

8th Grade

A Honor Roll

Maci Allen
Ali Barthel
Clare Bryce
Addison Hudalla
Lydia Hudalla
Morgan Pechan-Klemish
Ayla Sandelin
Morgan Van Heel

B Honor Roll

Olivia Bobick
Milo Hutchins
Hannah Johnson
Kinzie Johnson
James Kraska
Isabella Miller
Nathaniel Van Heel

9th Grade

A Honor Roll

Matea Allen
Allison Bernadot
Delaney Chuba
Isaac Gapinski
Ronelle Hasse
Hannah Kruchten
Cristian Ledesma Carrillo
Braydon Loven
Isaac Miller
Maranda Mollner

Claudia Pechan-Klemish

Macallister VanZee
Abby Wimmer
Libby Wimmer

B Honor Roll

Shelby Barber
Logan Gallus
Asher Johnson
Ellie Johnson
Caden Kizer
Beau Thieschafer
Colby Twardowski

10th Grade

A Honor Roll

Madelyn Buchanan
Reese Jackson
Brody Kircher
Alexander Notermann
Corinne Notermann
Harlee Schultz

B Honor Roll

Ethan Barthel
Cody Czech
Avery Douglas
Christopher Harrison
Alex Karnes
Frank Meagher
Abraham Notermann
Warner Pechan-Klemish

11th Grade

A Honor Roll

Therese Bryce
Emma Kurowski
Abbigail Morris
Lily Peterson
Ethan Wimmer

B Honor Roll

Caden Beseman
Nikole Cichon
Trevor Hanson
Autumn Hinton
Tanner Hoffman
Zachariah Johnson
Lakiesha Kuhl
Hunter Moore
Sahara Muellner
James Reece
Isaac VanZee

12th Grade

A Honor Roll

Landon Baggenstoss
Jayden Barber
Morgan Bellefeuille
Travis Bellefeuille
Kennedee Chuba
Lexi Hanson
Jasmine Johnson
Karley Loven
Samantha Sobiech
Colton Villnow

November Athletes of the Month



Volleyball: Lily Peterson

Head Coach Luke Peterson, "Junior Lily Peterson is our November Athlete of the Month for Volleyball. Lily finished the season with 321 kills with a .247 hitting percentage. She also added 61 service aces, 227 assists and 226 digs. Lily is a go to player when games are on the line and is a great leader both in practice and in games. Congratulations Lily!"

Football: Carter Natvig

Head Coach Jay Loven, "Carter Natvig is USA Patriots November Athlete of the Month for football. Carter was only able to play 7 out of the 10 games this year due to a broken thumb and torn ACL ligament. Despite missing 3 games, Carter was the 2nd leading rusher, with 56 carries for 434 yards (7.8 yd/carry) and 4 TDs as well as the 6th on defense with 32 tackles, 2 sacks and 2 fumble recoveries. More impressive than his stats, Carter would not be sidelined from his injuries, playing both playoff games to finish a wonderful career. Carter is a true leader, showing his teammates that you can do whatever you put your mind to. Congratulations Carter...well deserved!"



January Athletes of the Month

JV Girls Basketball: Abby Wimmer

Assistant Coach Luke Peterson, "Abby Wimmer is the JV January Athlete of the Month for Girls Basketball. Abby has been one of our leading scorers, helping us to a couple of close games. She is a good shooter and continues to work hard in practice. Congratulations Abby!"

Varsity Girls Basketball: Addison Hudalla

Head Coach Chad Brever, "Addison Hudalla is the January Athlete of the Month for Girls Basketball. Addison has shown excellent improvement throughout the year. Her ability to play defense on one of the opponents best players every night, combined with her rebounding, scoring, and disruption of shots has earned her to be the player of the month. Congratulations Addison!"

JV Boys Basketball: Asher Johnson

Assistant Coach Colten Kruzel, "Asher Johnson is the JV January Athlete of the Month of Boys Basketball. Asher has displayed admirable hustle even through deep minutes this season. Since the start of the season, Asher has become more confident with the ball in his hands and facilitating plays for his teammates. We're delighted to have Asher and his teammates working hard to sharpen their game and be leaders on the court. Congratulations Asher!"

Varsity Boys Basketball: Hunter Moore

Head Coach Derek Pfeiffer, "Hunter Moore is the January Athlete of the Month for Boys Basketball. Hunter is one of our captains this year and has done a good job of being a leader for our team. Hunter pushes himself every day to be the best player he can be. Not only is Hunter a great leader, he is also near the top in all of our statistical categories. Congratulations Hunter!"



December Athletes of the Month



JV Girls Basketball: Sahara Muellner

Assistant Coach Luke Peterson, "Sahara Muellner is the JV December Athlete of the Month for girls basketball. Sahara has worked hard to be the go to player for the JV team. She is the floor leader for the young girls. Congratulations Sahara!"

Varsity Girls Basketball: Karley Loven

"Karley Loven is the V December Athlete of the Month for girls basketball. Karley has shown great leadership on and off the court. Her positive attitude, dedication, and communication are a few ways that she makes a difference. We are a better team on both sides of the court when she is on the floor. Congratulations Karley!"

JV Boys Basketball: Jonah Urman

Assistant Coach Colten Kruzel, "Jonah Urman is the JV December Athlete of the Month for boys basketball. Jonah has taken it upon himself to be a leader on the court. He is open-minded to new skills and techniques, and has executed when asked to take on additional responsibility within the team. We're excited to see Jonah's progression throughout the season. Congratulations Jonah!"

Varsity Boys Basketball: Brody Kircher

Head Coach Derek Pfeiffer, "Brody Kircher is the V December Athlete of the Month for boys basketball. Brody has done a great job of working hard, as well as pushing his teammates to get better every day. Brody is averaging 14.5 points, 10 rebounds, 2 steals, and 1 block per game. Congratulations Brody!"

JH Boys Basketball: Milo Hutchins

JH Coach Barney VanHavermaet, "Milo Hutchins is the JH December Athlete of the Month for boys basketball. Milo has shown steady improvement throughout the season. He also shows leadership with his effort in games. Congratulations Milo!"

Wrestling: Colby Twardowski

Head Coach Simon Waltman, "Colby Twardowski is the December Athlete of the Month for wrestling. Colby is undefeated on the season for the JV. He won the Edina Tournament, going 3-0 with 3 pins. Last week he went 6-0 overall, including going 5-0 with 3 pins to win the Brainerd Tournament. Colby works hard at practice and is eager to learn. Congratulations Colby!"



Northern Pines Mental Health Center provides Children's Therapeutic Support Services (CTSS). These are

counseling services offered on site at your school. Some services provided are diagnostic assessments, crisis assistance, and individual/family/group skills and therapy. Some interventions focus on anger control, problem solving, decision making, self-esteem, independence, conflict resolution, communication and stress reduction.

HOW TO MAKE A REFERRAL FOR NORTHERN PINES SERVICES:

Go to our website at www.npmh.org. Click on Client Forms tab, scroll down to and click on "Child Online Referral" and fill in the information. **WE HAVE IMMEDIATE OPENINGS AVAILABLE!**



Winter Sport Senior Spotlight: Basketball

Karley Loven

- Favorite Memory from Basketball: When I was a sophomore we beat Upsala in Swanville and everyone went crazy. I also will never forget the section game vs BBE. We lost by 60 points but it was fun to be a part of that.
- Future Plans: I plan to go to the University of Northwestern- St. Paul to study psychology and play basketball.
- What 3 words best describe you? Joyful, dedicated, and grateful.
- If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go and why? Mexico because I want to see our old foreign exchange student, Jose.
- What is your favorite childhood memory? Playing trivia games with my grandpa and always learning something new with him.

Kennedee Chuba

- Favorite Memory from Basketball: My favorite memory from basketball would have to be when I first started playing on the court with my little sister, Delaney Chuba. With us both getting injuries at different times, we haven't gotten to play together for a while. Us being on the court together is my favorite part of the game.
- Future Plans: I am not quite sure what my future plans hold for me. I am planning on going to a 4 year college somewhere. Although, I will be graduating high school with my AA Degree from CLC, which will hopefully do me some good for my future academics.
- What 3 words best describe you? Loyal, Passionate, and Ambitious.
- If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go and why? There are two places where I dream to travel to. I would love to go to Nashville to pursue my music/singing career. I would also love to go to Greece.
- What is your favorite childhood memory? My favorite childhood memory is my Justin Bieber themed bedroom.

Samantha Sobiech

- Favorite Memory from Basketball: Playing in the section championship



game at Minnewaska against BBE my freshman year.

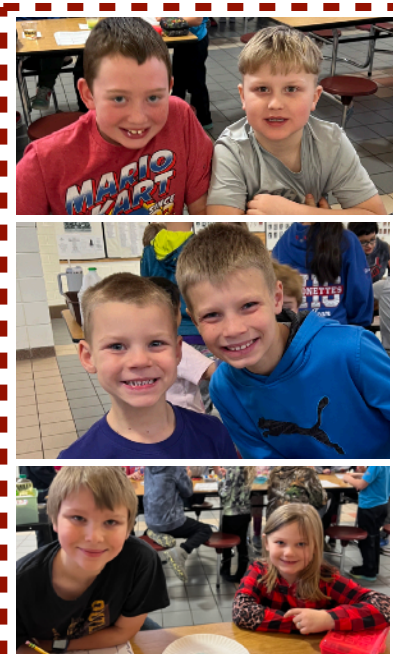
- Future Plans: Attend the University of Minnesota Moorhead to major in Elementary Education
- What 3 words best describe you? Humorous, Spontaneous, Reliable.
- If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go and why? I would go to Africa, I have always thought it would be cool to experience the safaris and the culture.
- What is your favorite childhood memory? Playing flashlight tag in gym class

Morgan Bellefeuille

- Favorite Memory from Basketball: Scoring my first varsity point against Peirz. Though it was only a freethrow it was a start.
- Future Plans: I plan on going to Michigan Tech and majoring in Mechanical Engineering. I also plan to participate in the Army ROTC program.
- What 3 words best describe you? Clever, caring, truthful
- If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go and why? I would like to travel to Antarctica, because it's so vast and unexplored. Antarctica has been little touched by humans and it would be cool to explore.
- What is your favorite childhood memory? My favorite childhood memory is when my family went on vacation to the Mall of america. I can remember having fun on all of the cool Nickelodeon rides and seeing the large Lego store.

Alex Skillings

- Favorite Memory from Basketball: Playing in 8th Grade because we stopped at a Dairy Queen at all of the away games.
- Future Plans: Currently enlisted in the National Guard for the next 8 years.
- What 3 words best describe you? Listener, Caring, Humorous
- If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go and why? Europe because I would like to experience the culture and the food that they make.
- What is your favorite childhood memory? My favorite memory from my childhood is from playing backyard football with my family at my family reunions.



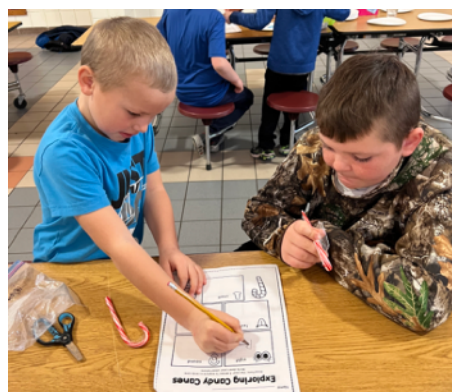


Paraprofessional Recognition week was Jan. 22-27. Thank you paras for all you do for our students and our school!



First grade has had a fun month!

- ★Mr. Ryan led us in a Christmas sing-a-long.
- ★First and second graders earned "dollars" and went "Christmas Shopping" for parents.
- ★We made sea turtle life cycles with Playdoh and sand.
- ★Ms. Darlene wrapped up Junior Achievement.



Kindergartners had a blast experimenting with candy canes with their 5th grade friends.



Elementary Students of the Month

November

- Gr. 6 - Brynna Hauck
- Gr. 5 - Thunder Jones
- Gr. 4 - Jayden Tucker (Hintz)
Simon Kunz (Weisz)
- Gr. 3 - Braxton Reece
- Gr. 2 - Corbin Larson (Hannah)
Ava Maciej (Wimmer)
- Gr. 1 - Beckett Gerads (Novak);
Saphira Czech (Waltman)
- Kindergarten - Felix Bonrud
Almarez
- STEM K-3 - Myla Miller
- STEM 4-6 - Ellen Hutchins
- PE Dept. K-3 - Isaac Martinez Cruz
- PE Dept. 4-6 - Hunter Miller
- Art K-3 - Braxton Reece
- Art 4-6 - Tjade Miller



December

- Gr. 6 - Dylan Proell
- Gr. 5 - Mabel Hollermann
- Gr. 4 - Lilah Moore (Hintz)
Lucy Hagstrom (Weisz)
- Gr. 3 - Lawrence Cofell
- Gr. 2 - Lola Peterson (Hannah)
Dawson DeFoe (Wimmer)
- Gr. 1 - Cooper Van Heel (Novak);
Kylie Gilyard (Waltman)
- Kindergarten - Emma Block
- STEM K-3 - Brock Rocheleau
- STEM 4-6 - Dixie Keppers
- PE Dept. K-3 - Layne Day
- PE Dept. 4-6 - Ava Terhaar
- Art K-3 - Harry Sibul
- Art 4-6 - Brynna Hauck



The American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge, for grades Kindergarten through six will run March 11-22, 2024. In the 2022 - 23 school year, Swanville raised

\$10,968.09 and set a new school Record.

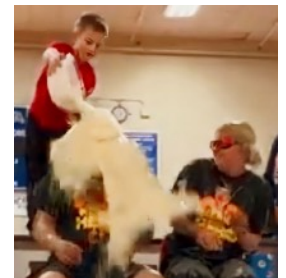
This was made possible by the help and support from staff, students, and community members. This challenge helps the school earn P.E. equipment and resources while raising funds for the American Heart Association.

- Students have to register online at www.heart.org/KHC.
- Students who register will receive a free wristband just for signing up.
- Many students have already registered and can use the same account from previous years.

- Under this account students can take advantage of online games and activities focused on physical and emotional health.



This year our online fundraising goal is \$9,000. If we reach our goal we will have a fun reward day that is yet to be determined. In the past we have thrown pies in the faces of our physical education teachers and superintendent, dumped slime over their heads, and turned them into ice cream sundaes.



Our kindergarteners wish everyone a very happy 2024!