

KOKANEE ELEMENTARY

2019-2020 Curriculum Night



Welcome to Kokanee and the
2019-2020 School Year!

WE ARE SO EXCITED TO HAVE
YOUR CHILDREN HERE!

CLASSROOM TEACHER INTRODUCTIONS

It is our pleasure to introduce the classroom teachers present for tonight's Curriculum Night event. We are grateful for the hard work and dedication of every single teacher here!

ADMINISTRATIVE AND OFFICE STAFF

Joel Fagundes, Principal

Megan Bernicchi, Assistant Principal

Karen Johns, Office Manager

Peggy Aguilar & Gail Wingender, Secretaries

Michelle Song, School Nurse

Jenn Haynes, School Psychologist

SPECIALIST STAFF

PE: Kael Fisher, Ellen Hanley &
Michael Hatlen

Library: Jenni McKnight & Maria
Tobias

Music: Sofia Kim, Jeanne Lynn &
Michelle Poage

SCHOOL DEMOGRAPHICS

Student Population: 677 students

3 Kindergarten Classes

7 First Grade Classes

5 Second Grade Classes

5 Third Grade Classes

6 Fourth Grade Classes

5 Fifth Grade Classes

2 Mid-Level Spec. Ed. Programs (Sensory)

2.5 Spec. Ed. Learning Center Teachers

1.5 LAP Teachers

1 EL Teacher



MISSION STATEMENT

At Kokanee Elementary School, we, *in partnership with families*, provide a safe, inclusive environment challenging each student to learn, grow and apply their knowledge to contribute positively in our diverse society.



OUR FOCUS AT KOKANEE ELEMENTARY

- High quality instruction differentiated to meet the individual learning needs of each student in all content areas
- Focusing on growth and improvement in every single student
- Explicit and intentional social emotional learning opportunities
- Partnership with families to support the whole child at school and beyond

At Kokanee Elementary, we...



Kodiak

CODE

show

RESPECT

make

GOOD CHOICES


solve

problems



CHARACTER TRAITS OF FOCUS

- Perseverance
- Respect
- Accountability
- Integrity
- Service
- Empathy



**PAW PRAISE
AWARD**

Name: _____

- Perseverance
- Respect
- Accountability
- Integrity
- Service
- Empathy

Teacher: _____

Staffing Issuing Award: _____



POSITIVE RECOGNITION FOR STUDENTS

- Students can earn PAW PRAISE tickets for showing the character traits at school.
- Each week administrators will choose winners from each classroom to receive a special prize. The prize winners are selected by a drawing from the tickets students turn in weekly. Prizes are available from our prize buckets at the office.
- Each quarter, we will recognize students by classroom and grade level for the character traits of focus. Students will receive a certificate for their recognition.

BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS & SUPPORT

- We believe it is essential to both teach our expectations and provide positive reinforcement to encourage your child to meet the expectations.
- If your child has difficulty following a specific behavioral expectation, our staff will use a variety of positive behavior supports to encourage a change in behavior.
- Students will be given opportunities for reflection and logical consequences for their behaviors.
- Any student discipline measures taken will be within the parameters of the Northshore School District Code of Conduct, described in the Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook.

KOKANEE ELEMENTARY HANDBOOK

- Our school handbook is revised yearly, and is aligned with NSD policies.
- Both the NSD Student Rights and Responsibilities and the Kokanee Handbook are available on our website.
- Please review the handbook in its entirety to be certain you are aware of our district and school policies.

ATTENDANCE POLICIES

- Excused and Unexcused Absences
- Tardies
- Extended Absences

****Nothing can replace the instruction that happens in the classroom. Please do everything possible to ensure timely arrival and consistent attendance at school.**



ARRIVAL: CAR & WALKER DROP OFF

- Our school day runs from 9:30am-4:00pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays as well as the few full day Wednesdays in our school year. Early Wednesdays are from 9:30am-2:30pm.
- Students can arrive to school via car or walking to the upper parking lot. Kindergarten students should not walk to school on their own if they are within walking distance.
- Car drop off is opened in the upper parking lot at 9am. Students will be monitored from crossing and safety to get from parking lot to the lower recess area anytime between 9:10-9:30am.
- **NO CAR DROP OFF SHOULD HAPPEN IN THE LOWER BUS CIRCLE OR IN THE DRIVEWAY AT ANY POINT!**

DISMISSAL: CAR RIDERS & WALKERS

- Each afternoon students are escorted by staff to the appropriate dismissal area. Car riders and walkers are brought to the upper parking lot near the green benches and sidewalk area.
- Walkers will be escorted across the parking lot to access the walking paths beyond our fence line.
- Car pick up is a busy area requiring all to adhere to procedures and safety. Cars may not park or idle in the fire lane or refuse to move forward when directed by dismissal supervisors.
- **EVERY CAR SHOULD HAVE A GREEN PLACARD WITH CHILD'S NAME AND GRADE ON IT TO PLACE IN THE DASHBOARD WINDOW. (Look in the first day packet for these placards and request extra in office if needed.)**

ARRIVAL: BUS RIDERS

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- Students will arrive to school via bus in the lower bus circle. Kindergarten students are given the front seats on the bus for safety. They leave the bus first and board first in the afternoon as well.
- Bus drop off is opened in the bus circle at 9am. Students will be monitored from the bus area to the lower recess area anytime between 9:10-9:30am by staff.
- **If a bus runs late, your child will not be charged with a tardy and your child will still have access to breakfast regardless of drop off time!**

DISMISSAL: BUS RIDERS

- Each afternoon students are escorted by staff to the appropriate dismissal area. Bus riders are brought to the lower covered area and arranged in bus lines.
- Every line is marked by a bus sign held by an intermediate student. This includes the bus symbol (cupcake, boat, etc.).
- Bus riders wait in line with kindergarten lining up in the front of the line for first access onto the bus.
- **EVERY CHILD SHOULD KNOW BUS SYMBOL. THIS IS A REALLY WONDERFUL PIECE OF INFORMATION TO PRACTICE WITH YOUR CHILD ONCE YOU GET THE INFORMATION FROM TRANSPORTATION !**
- K and 1st grade bus riders will also have on a waterproof wristband with name and bus info to help ensure all students are in the right place even if they step out of line.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

- Students can access breakfast and lunch at school each day. Breakfast eaters should go directly to the kitchen area upon arrival at school. Breakfast eating area is located in the gym.
- The monthly menu is available online. Copies are also available in the office.
- Students should know if they are buying lunch or brought lunch from home. They should also know which lunch they want to buy (A, B or C). Every morning this information will be collected to help the kitchen prepare enough food for the school.
- **Students will NOT have access to microwaves for heating food. Please send either a cold lunch or food in an insulated container to keep warm if needed.**
- Students will have support in the lunch line area.
- All student will eat lunch in their classrooms each day.

VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS

- ***What is the difference between a volunteer and a visitor?***
 - School volunteers have completed volunteer packets and background checks, allowing them to be left with students for periods of time unattended. Visitors are granted rights only to visit on campus and cannot be left with students unattended.

VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS

- Visitors and volunteers must check in at the office. **No adults should go directly to classrooms or playground area without first checking in at the office.** Visitors and volunteers must ***always*** be pre-arranged with classroom teachers or administrative staff.
- All persons who volunteer at Kokanee will need to submit a background check/volunteer **online** to the office **every single school year**, regardless of their previous volunteer status.

PARTNERSHIP WITH FAMILIES

- We will be utilizing our school email, website and Facebook as modes for communication with families. If you have not provided an email in the registration process, please contact the school office to update your information in Synergy.
- Remind has changed their offerings and capped their user limits, so we are looking for a cost-effective alternative.
- We also look forward to celebrating our volunteers at the end of the school year. This event will be in the morning on the last day of school, so mark your calendars!



I wish my school knew...



We look forward to partnering with you in the
2019-20 school year.

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Sign up for PTA using the membership forms
outside the gym or available in your child's
classroom!

www.kokaneepta.com

