



KEGONSA FAMILY NEWSLETTER

25-26 School Year

August 1, 2025

On behalf of the entire Kegonsa Elementary staff, I'm honored to welcome you to the 2025–2026 school year! We can't wait to greet our students and families during **Family Conferences on Wednesday, August 27**. Keep an eye out—an email with the link to sign up will be sent next week. Please note that **school pictures will also be taken that day**, so be sure to mark your calendar!

At Kegonsa, strong relationships are at the heart of everything we do. I'm excited to continue building meaningful connections with our students, families, staff, and community partners this year. Communication is key to those partnerships, so please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher—or to me—if you have questions, suggestions, or concerns. My door is always open, and we are here to support you. Here's to a joyful and successful school year! - Erin



Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **School Carnival:** August 25, 4:30–6:00 p.m.
- **Kindergarten Back-to-School Parent Night:** August 25, 6:00–7:30 p.m.
- **Family Conferences & Picture Day:** August 27 (Sign-up link coming on August 7)
- **First Day of School:** September 2
 - Doors open at **7:35 a.m.**
 - School begins promptly at **7:45 a.m.**

Family Conference Sign-up is Released on August 7

At 8 a.m. on August 7, I will send out a family conference sign-up via Smore. Please make sure to sign-up for a conference. Don't forget that conference day is also picture day!

School Supply List

School Supplies

Here is a [list](#) of our school supplies for the 25-26 school year.

If you need help with school supplies, please reach out to. We can help! School Social Worker~ Kayla McDermot kayla.mcdermot@stoughton.k12.wi.us (608) 440-0270

25-26 KEGONSA ELEMENTARY - Stoughton Area School District SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

Labeled with student's first and last name

Kindergarten	1st Grade
12 #2 pencils pre-sharpened if possible (Ticonderoga are preferred)	48 #2 pencils pre-sharpened if possible (Ticonderoga are preferred)
2 packs of markers (10 count) ***label	2 black Sharpies
1 pack of crayons (24 count) ***label	2 packs of colored pencils (12 count) ***label
2 packs of colored pencils (12 count) ***label	4 durable plastic pocket folders (student choice) ***label
4 black Expo thick dry-erase markers	2 packs of Crayola markers (8-10 count) ***label
1 composition notebook - ***label	2 packs of Crayola crayons (24 count) ***label
1 package of baby wipes for cleaning (non-toxic)	4 black Expo thick dry-erase markers (chisel tip)
1 pair of corded headphones (over the ear, not earbuds, no Bluetooth) ***label	1 pencil pouch or case ***label
2 glue sticks	1 pair of corded headphones (over the ear, not earbuds, no Bluetooth) ***label
2 boxes of tissues (for the classroom)	2 boxes of tissues (for the classroom)
1 package of napkins (for classroom snack)	Band-Aids of all shapes and sizes (for the classroom)
2 boxes of snacks - peanut/tree nut free (classroom snack to share)	1 glue stick
	1 child's scissors
2nd Grade: No need to individually label supplies	3rd Grade
48 #2 pencils pre-sharpened if possible (Ticonderoga are preferred)	48 #2 pencils pre-sharpened if possible (Ticonderoga are preferred)
1 pack of Washable Crayola Markers (8-10 count) ***label	1 pencil box or bag ***label
1 box of crayons (24 count) ***label	1 package of Crayola colored pencils ***label
1 box of colored pencils (12-24 count) ***label	3 folders with pockets (blue, yellow, 8 green) ***label
3 plastic durable folders with pockets (1 Blue, 1 Red, 1 choice) ***label	2 spiral notebooks, wide-ruled (blue 8 green) ***label
1 composition wide-ruled notebook ***label	1 pack of Washable Crayola Markers (8-10 count) ***label
1 pair of corded headphones (over the ear, not earbuds, no Bluetooth) ***label	1 pack of multicolor highlighters (4 count)
1 pair of scissors	1 pair of corded headphones (over the ear, not earbuds, no Bluetooth) ***label
2-4 packs of black dry-erase markers (chisel tip)	1 Scissors
1 pencil box or bag ***label	1 pack Expo Chisel Tip Dry Erase Markers (multi-colored)
4 small glue sticks	4 black Papermate Flair pens
2 boxes of tissues (for the classroom)	Band-Aids all shapes and sizes (for the classroom)
	2 boxes of tissues (for the classroom)
4th Grade	5th Grade
2 48 packs (No. 2) Pre-sharpened Pencils if possible	3 48 packs (No. 2) pre-sharpened Pencils if possible
3 folders with pockets (1 Blue, 1 Red, 1 Green) ***label	4 folders with pockets (2 Blue, 1 Red, 1 choice) ***label
5 spiral notebooks, wide-ruled (2 blue, 2 red, 1 green) ***label	5 spiral notebooks, wide-ruled (2 blue, 1 red, 2 choice) ***label
1 pair of corded headphones (over the ear, not earbuds, no Bluetooth) ***label	1 pair of corded headphones (over the ear, not earbuds, no Bluetooth) ***label
1 pencil box or bag ***label	2 packs of Expo Dry Erase markers (black)
1 box of colored pencils ***label	1 pack of skinny Crayola markers ***label
4 black Papermate Flair pens	2 highlighters (any color)
Band-Aids all shapes and sizes (for the classroom)	Sticky flags (arrow post-it notes)
1 box of tissues (for the classroom)	Small individual pencil sharpener for personal use ***label
	1 box of tissues (for the classroom)

SAVE THE DATE- FAMILY CARNIVAL

THE GOOD OL' CARNIVAL DAYS ARE BACK

Old School Kegonsa Cool

CLASSIC CARNIVAL, GAMES, PIZZA, FRIENDS
AND GOOD FUN - FREE!



August 25, 2025

4:30 - 6:00 PM

Kegonsa Elementary

**FREE
Admission**



For Kindergarten Parents!

After you drop off your children on the first day of school, please stop by our library to meet other kindergarten parents and our wonderful members of Working for Kids, our parent group. We will welcome parents into the building through the main office at 7:45 AM. We look forward to seeing you there!



Exciting Playground Upgrade!



We're thrilled to share that our playground has a brand *new* addition—and it's a big one! Over the summer, we installed new play equipment, including **swings** and other exciting features that are already bringing smiles to our students' faces.

This upgrade is a huge step forward in making recess even more fun, active, and inclusive for all. Every student will have the opportunity to enjoy the new equipment during at least one of their recesses each day.



Want to Get to Know Our Amazing Staff?

We love our Kegonsa crew—and we want you to get to know them too! From favorite snacks to hidden talents, our staff bios are a fun way to learn more about the incredible people who make our school such a special place.

🗨️ Click [here](#) to meet our staff!

Whether you're new to our community or have been with us for years, we hope you enjoy getting to know the team who helps your child learn and grow every day.

Kegonsa Elementary School Staff Bios 2025-2026

Dr. Conrad, Principal
Cheryl Nelson, Dean of Students
Kelsi Butler, Administrative Assistant
Mr. Hart, Health Assistant / EA
Elly, School Mascot

Nursery Team

Reed, teacher
Lyndy, teacher
Michelle, teacher

First Grade Team

Sarah Bryson, teacher
Madison Weaver, teacher

Second Grade Team

Grace Gage, teacher
Taylor Vining, teacher

Third Grade Team

Julia, teacher
Shanna, teacher
Bernice, teacher

4th Grade Team

Tim Jarmuz, teacher
Anna Slowiak, teacher

5th Grade Team

Tim Strandlie, teacher
Maddie Jost, teacher

Student Services Team

Kristen, School Counselor

Special Education Team

Michelle, Special Education Teacher

Educational Assistants

Mr. Hart, Educational Assistant

Welcome to Ms. DeNure our Speech and Language Pathologist

My name is Ms. Emily DeNure, and I am excited to be working as your student's speech-language pathologist (SLP) this school year. This is my 6th year as an SLP and first year at Kegonsa. I am eager to meet many new students and their families.

I received my Bachelor's of Science degree in Communication Science & Disorders from UW-Madison in 2018 and completed my Master's Degree program at UW-Whitewater in 2020. I enjoy working in the school setting and supporting students with their academic and vocational goals. Being a part of the school community and making a difference in the life of my students is what I look forward to each day coming to work. In my work, I hope to build confident communicators who know that their voice matters.



Outside of work, I love being active outdoors, reading, dancing and spending time with my family and friends. I recently moved back to southern Wisconsin from Minneapolis and am excited to be back in Badger and Packer territory. I grew up in Belleville, WI as an avid Badger sports and Packer football fan. Most of my social life is centered around watching my favorite teams play!

Welcome back to Special Education Teacher Ms. Segebarth



My name is Serena Segebarth, and I am thrilled to be a learning strategist at Kegonsa! I will be working with students at Kegonsa, as well as Sandhill Elementary, this school year. I recently graduated from UW-Whitewater with a bachelor's degree in Special Education and I was fortunate to have my student teaching experience at Kegonsa. I look forward to returning to the welcoming environment that fosters growth and self-confidence in the classroom.

In my free time, I enjoy playing board games and spending time with my family. We spend most weekends camping and enjoying lots of s'mores. When I'm home, I like to read mystery/thriller novels and create designs with my Cricut. I've made tons of fun creations like onesies, shirts, stickers, and car decals for my family and friends.



Welcome to Ms. Meyer our School Librarian

HEIDI MEYER

SCHOOL LIBRARIAN

EDUCATION AND CAREER

I am eager to start my journey as a school librarian with Kegonsa Elementary School. The library has always been my happy place. Since childhood, I have loved how reading is both an individual and a collaborative experience. I value how storytelling allows people to connect and enrich each other's world. I am excited to share my love of learning and storytelling with a new learning community.

I started my career in education with a Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh. I spent the first chapter of my professional career teaching 7th grade English language arts in the Madison area. I've continued my education, earning a Master of Library and Information Science at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee.

As an educator, my goal is to assist in creating a community of learning that allows students to question and explore. As a librarian, I would like to create a welcoming space that sparks students' curiosity and nurtures a love of learning.

QUICK HIGHLIGHTS

In addition to enjoying reading books, I like to read books about books. I also like watching movies, exploring the special features, listening to the feature commentary, and then watching the movie again. When possible, I enjoy pairing listening and watching stories with quilting and cross-stitching. I have sewn over 4 quilts by hand and have another two in progress. I stay active by walking, swimming, kayaking, and hanging out with my niece and nephews.



Welcome to Ms. Butler to our Front Office

Alicia Bulter

Kegonsa School Administrative Assistant

I'm thrilled to join the team at Kegonsa Elementary as your new administrative support! With over 15 years of experience in administrative roles—most recently providing support to 3 administrators, 75 staff, and all students and families in a special education setting high school—I bring a strong background in organization, collaboration, and teaming- keeping things running smoothly behind the scenes!

Most recently from Minnesota, I've relocated to Wisconsin to be closer to family and am excited to plant roots in this beautiful community. I'm passionate about supporting students, staff, and families, and I look forward to helping provide a joyful, welcoming educational experience for our students at Kegonsa!

I have been married to my husband Kevin since 1986 (yep that is a long time!) We met in high school and have been together ever since. We have two grown sons, and 4 grandkids! Our dog Freyja is our current roommate. She is the 5th German Shepherd dog we have been blessed to call our own. I am a committed GSD fan 🐾

I love to read and have a large personal library both physical and digital. I am a huge supporter of literacy and always tell my grandkids that "readers are leaders"- I truly believe that statement!

Other favorites include camping, trail walks, lake sunsets, smores and dogsled races!

A few fun facts about me: I am also a certified pastor. Caring for and supporting people of all ages is in my DNA! I have also trained with two of our shepherds to be certified therapy dogs.

I'm looking forward to getting to know everyone and becoming part of the Kegonsa family!



School Hours 7:35-3:00

Office hours: 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

School hours: 7:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Doors open at 7:35 a.m.

Please try to get your student to school by 7:35 every day. It gives your students ample time to get to their locker, chat with friends, and grab breakfast. We start our morning meeting at 7:45 and it is hard for kids to walk in late to the classroom when everyone is already begun the day.



If students are not in their classroom at 7:45 they will be marked tardy.

If your student is absent

If a student is absent or tardy, parents and/or guardians must contact the school by either calling the school attendance line or sending a note to the office.

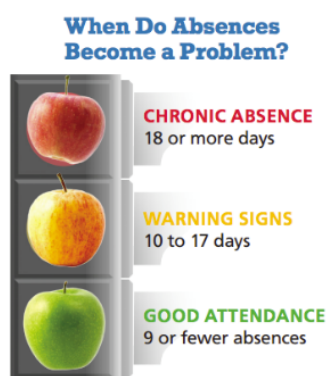
To leave an absence message, please call 877-5200 and listen to the attendance line prompt. Provide your name, child's name, homeroom teacher, date of absence, and reason for absence.

If Absent call

877-5200

When a student is absent and the parent/guardian has not contacted the school, an automated message will be sent to your phone(s) and/or email advising you that your child is not present in school. If you do not confirm the absence, your child will be marked with an “unexcused” absence. For further information regarding the School Board of Education and the State of Wisconsin policies for student Attendance, please consult the 2023-24 Stoughton Area School District Legal Notices and Student Policy Handbook.

Attendance Policy - 10 days



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

A student may be excused by a parent/guardian for **ten full days per school year**. The parent or guardian must call the school to excuse the absence. These absences are considered parent-excused absences.

- **Partial days combine to contribute** to the 10 excused absences a student may have each year. The following explains a ‘partial’ day: Arriving later than 8:30 a.m. or departing earlier than 2:15 p.m. would count as one half-day absence. Two half-days would combine into a full day.
- Any absences beyond the ten parent excused absences will be

considered unexcused unless the absence is included in the list of excusable absences below.

Students who have accumulated 5 or more unexcused absences per semester are considered by the school board and the State of Wisconsin to be habitually truant.

- At this point, a meeting between school staff and the parent/guardian would be held to develop an attendance improvement plan. We understand that various barriers may prevent regular attendance, and we are committed to working with you to overcome them.
- When the attendance improvement plan is made, the student’s attendance will be monitored and is expected to improve. If no improvement is made, the school may file with the court that the student is habitually truant. The parent/guardian may receive a fine of over \$500.

Students can be excused for these specific reasons:

- Medical, dental, counseling or other professional appointments that cannot be scheduled outside the school day may be medically excused with proper written documentation from the provider.
- A court appearance or other legal procedure that requires the student’s presence.
- An emergency in the family or other crisis that requires the student to be absent
- A death in the immediate family, or funerals for relatives or close friends.
- Religious holiday.
- Absence from school during a period of suspension or expulsion.
- Approved school activities during class time.
- Special circumstances that show good cause and which are approved by the school principal.

Student Morning Arrival Procedures

Bus arrival: Students arriving by bus will enter the building at 7:35 a.m. All students will enter the building at 7:35 and proceed to their classrooms. If you have any questions regarding transportation, please call 608-877-5062

Kindergarten and 1st-grade students should be dropped off at the west circle driveway (located near the K-2 wing of the building). Kindergartners and first graders will enter through door #3.

2nd - 5th-grade students should be dropped off at the main entrance drive starting at 7:35 a.m. They will enter through door #1. We have outside supervision beginning at 7:30.

Notes about drop-off:

- *If you have a K-1 and 2-5 students, you can drop them off at the main entrance.
- Staff members in both circle parking lots will greet your children at their car door to ensure their safe arrival into the building.

Student End of Day Departure Procedures

All students will exit the building at 3:00

Bus Departure: Students taking the bus will exit with assistance from staff members through the playground doors.

K-1: will exit the building with their teachers through door 3 (West Entrance)

2-5: Students in 2-5 who are being picked up by car or foot will leave through door 1 (front entrance)

*K/1 siblings may join 2-5 students at the main entrance. Please communicate the plan with the teacher of the youngest sibling.





SIGN-IN & SIGN-OUT for STUDENT LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY DISMISSAL DURING SCHOOL

Kegonsa Drop Off after 7:45 am

Please walk your child into the building to sign them in for the day.

Kegonsa mid-day arrival/departures

- Parents/guardians should contact the office *in advance* with the time of pick up, name of the person picking up, name of the student(s), and their teacher.
- Parents/guardians may need to show ID at pick-up time.

School Security Measures

Kegonsa Elementary School implements the Raptor System as a safety and security measure. During school hours, **all doors will be locked**. Visitors must enter through the main door at the front entrance, where the front office staff will buzz them.

SECURED ENTRANCES – All of our doors will be locked during the school day from 7:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. When a visitor comes to the



building during the school day, please look to the right of the doors. You will see a small camera and buzzer to alert the main office of your arrival. At this point, the visitor will wait for an office staff member to buzz him/her into the building. Once buzzed into the building, the visitor will proceed to the office.

RAPTOR – Once a visitor enters the office, he/she will present state-issued identification to an office staff member. If it is the visitor's first time visiting a building, his/her ID card will be scanned into Raptor. Raptor collects the ID photo, name, date of birth, and first four digits of the license number on the identification to perform an instant sex offender background check against databases in all 50 states. Once that person's ID is scanned, he/she is entered into the system. The office staff member will identify whether the individual is visiting the building or volunteering in a specific area or classroom. Once this information is entered, a visitor badge will be printed with the visitor's name, picture, and destination in the building. When the visitor is leaving, he/she must stop back in the main office to check out.

Communications From Families to School

Students Picked Up From School - A note or a phone call must be received from the parent or guardian for your child to be picked up by you or someone else after school, for an appointment during school hours, or if you will change the normal after-school route home. If you need to call the school with this information, please call the Kegonsa Office (877-5200) to leave a message; do not leave a voicemail for the teacher or a message on the school attendance line. So that the office staff has sufficient time to deliver your message to your student, please contact the school before 2:45 p.m.



Bus Notes - A note for the bus driver, signed by Kegonsa office staff, is required when

- There is a change in where your child will be dropped off.
- When your child will be riding a different bus.
- Any time a friend rides home with your child.
- Any time your child rides home with another child on the bus.

Recess Notes - Parents and guardians are asked to refrain from sending notes requesting that their child stay in for recess unless they have a doctor's note.

Kegonsa School has an **inclement weather policy**. Students are not allowed to go outside when the weather conditions harm their health and safety. Our policy is that the children will not go out for recess whenever the wind chill is below -5 degrees.

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[August 1](#)



Kegonsa Elementary School

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Mrs. Nelson, **Dean of Students** (877-5222)

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Mr. Schultz, **School Counselor** (877-5229)

Mrs. Menon, **School Psychologist**

Mrs. McDermot, **School Social Worker** (440-0270)

Mrs. Hart **Health Assistant** (877-5204)

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Staff Bios

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