

ALGOMA Elementary PTS

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What's Happening:

Spirit Wear Sale: We are currently in the middle of the Fall Spirit Wear Sale. If you are interested in ordering clothing, please have order forms and money turned into your child's teacher or the Elementary School Office by **November 22nd**. Spirit Wear will be sent home with your child the week of December 18th unless you note on the order form that it is a gift.

Fall Fundraiser: A huge THANK YOU to all who participated in the Fall Fundraiser. Thanks to you, our school's profit will be approximately \$7,500.00. Just a reminder, that **Pickup will be on December 7th from 3 PM – 6:30 PM in the Commons Area at the Elementary School.** You must make arrangements to have your items picked up on December 7th. We do not have storage available to keep your frozen items.

Congrats: Congrats to our top 3 fundraisers – you win additional prizes!! Eli Grovogel (Electric Scooter), Deziray Ploor (Sound System with Lights) and Olivia Zirbel (set of Body Bumper Balls). Great work!!

Playground Update: As many of you know, the PTS and the Algoma School District have been working together for a new playground at the Elementary School. Thanks to Lee Recreation LLC our vision is coming together and looking great!! Watch for a preview at the Winter Concert!!

Winter Concert Supper: The PTS will be holding a Fundraiser Supper on the evening of the Winter Concert, December 21st. The money raised from this supper will be put towards the new playground. We need volunteers to make this happen. Please see the attached sheet and email us at AlgomaElemPTS@gmail.com to sign up.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting is scheduled for **November 29, 2015 at 5:15 PM** in the Elementary School Cafeteria. We are always looking for new ideas and new families to join the group!



Happy Thanksgiving

November
Classroom
Guidance
Topics

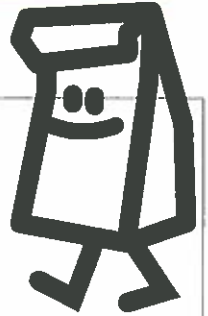
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1st	-School of Champions
	-Act Now! Bullying Prevention
2nd	-School of Champions
	-Act Now! Bullying Prevention
3rd	Act Now! Bullying Prevention
4th	Act Now! Bullying Prevention
5th	-Study Skills
	-Act Now! Bullying Prevention
6th	ACP Work : Career Research

Counseling Corner

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Lunch Bunch is Back!



Good News! Due to a high success rate in previous years, my Lunch Bunch small counseling groups will back starting in December and continuing on throughout the rest of the year as needed.

This counseling service will be available for students in second and third grade who choose to participate. This year all the Lunch Bunch groups will center on the topic of "Self-Care." We will learn together through discussion, games, and activities, about how to care for ourselves mentally, physically, emotionally, and socially through our words, actions and thoughts. These groups will meet during students' lunch time for two consecutive weeks.

If your student selects that they want to participate in Lunch Bunch, they will bring home a note describing this small group, it's purpose, and my contact information, if you have any questions or concerns about this counseling service.



ACT NOW! BULLYING PREVENTION

Kindergarten through sixth grade students will soon be starting the e-learning Bullying Prevention program from the Children's Hospital's called **Act Now!** during their Guidance classes. Kindergarten through fifth grade will have classroom lessons that are Smartboard based, along with classroom and parent/child activities. The sixth grade program involves the students navigating through an online program where they get to pretend to be different sixth grade students and make choices as to what these characters do in "bullying" situations. Based on these choices, other character's actions and the ultimate outcome

for them will look different.

Children's Hospital has also developed a complementary online bullying education and prevention program for parents called: **Act Now! What Parents Need to Know About Bullying.** This program is for any parents of students in K4 through high school. (Your child does not need to be in the grade doing the program at school for you to use this resource). It is an easy to use online program consisting of a series of short video-based lessons that include information on a variety of bullying topics tailored to parents with children in two different age groups: kids and teens.

To use this program and learn more, go to www.ParentsActNow.com

AVAILABLE COUNSELING SERVICES

- Individual counseling
- Small student groups (Study Skill, Academic Improvement, Listening, Different Kinds of Families, Friendship, Social Skills, Self-Esteem, Anger Management)

If you think your student would benefit from these counseling services now or as concerns arise throughout the school year, please contact me so that we can work together to best meet the needs of your student(s).

~Angela Kinjerski

Algoma Elementary School Counselor

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ext. 1212

What You Can Do to Protect Your Child From Sexual Abuse

The American Psychological Association has designated November 19, as the International Day for Prevention of Child Abuse. Below is some information that can help you do your part to prevent child abuse.

We can prepare children for what they might face if someone tries to abuse them. We can protect them from dangerous situations. And if a child says he or she has been abused, there are ways we can help.

Preparing Children for the Possibility of Abuse

- Children need lots of loving words and physical affection. Help your child feel secure in your love so they will be less likely to accept the unhealthy attention of an abuser.
- Remind your child that most people protect children and would never hurt them. However, some people seem nice but may do mean things. Encourage your child not to keep any secrets about someone like this.
- Help your child understand they should disobey anyone, even an adult, who tells them to do something wrong. Staying safe is more important than concerns about rudeness or authority.
- Teach your child to say "no" in words and body language. Help them learn to get away and tell you if anyone tries to touch them in a bad way.
- Make it easy for your child to talk to you. Spend time listening and observing. Take what your child says seriously.
- Give your child specific age appropriate definitions and examples of sexual abuse.
- Prepare your child to deal with bribes, threats, and physical force. Play, "What if?" games to help your child learn how to reach in different situations.
- Be aware of who spends time with your child. Unwanted touch may come from someone you like and trust. Get to know the adults and older children who are close to your child.
- Take care when choosing babysitters and day-care providers.
- Refuse to leave your child in the company of anyone you do not trust. Pay attention to what your child says and does around people, especially if they talk about feeling uncomfortable or unsafe.

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- Make sure your child can identify signs of trouble and can get away before something happens.
- Know where your child is at all times. If you allow them to go some places in public without you, ask them to stay with a buddy.
- Teach your child never to play in deserted areas.
- Set up a "password" for you and your child to use as a secret clue. If it is safe for your child to go with someone, tell the person that password and instruct your child to ask for it before they leave with them.
- Talk to your child about safe Internet behaviors. Children should never give out information about themselves in chat rooms or email. Tell your child to let you know right away if someone they "met" online asks to see them in person.

Helping Children Who Have Been Harmed

- Children seldom lie about sexual abuse. They find it very hard to tell someone. If a child tells you about abuse, you need to listen carefully and believe what they say. Talk about it in a safe, private place.
- Reassure the child that they abuse isn't their fault and that telling you was the right thing to do.
- Don't blame the child for what happened.
- Don't over-react or minimize the incident. The effects of sexual abuse are different for each child.
- Understand that it may take time to figure out the problem.
- Know local resources, and choose help carefully.
- Let the child talk about the assault whenever they need to express feelings.
- If you learn that your child has been abused, be willing to talk with experts or counselors as a family.
- Report any abuse to authorities immediately. The number for Kewaunee County Social Services/Child Protective Services is (920)388-3777.

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taken directly from the Michigan Model Health Curriculum

What's Happening @ Algoma Public Library
Nov. 20th - Dec. 5th

Every Tuesday: **Baby Story Time** at 10 am. For ages birth -2.

Every Friday: **Story Hour** at 10 am. For ages 3-5.

Thurs. Nov. 22nd & 30th: **Crazy's 8's Math Club at 3:15 pm!** Crazy 8s is a recreational after-school math club, for kids in grades 3rd-5th that helps kids enjoy the math behind their favorite activities. Its math gone wild, nothing like your usual math club!

Wed. Nov. 22th: **Pokémon League Exhibition** at 3:15 pm. Bring in your cards and bring your friends! Battle and trade together with your Pokémon cards.



Fri. Dec. 1st: **After School Movie** at 3:30 pm **Cars 3**. Popcorn provided.

Week of Dec. 4: **Holiday Crafts** Join us every day this week from 3-5 pm for a different craft!

Fri. Dec. 8th: **Polar Express, Cocoa & Bells** at 5 pm Join us for the showing of the Polar Express! Wear your pajamas, bring a blanket, and we'll provide the cocoa! Don't forget to Believe!



Sat. Dec. 9th: **Cookies with Santa** from 9-11 am Santa will be at the Algoma Public Library to visit with all the good little boys and girls. Stop in and say hi! Sponsored by the Algoma Optimist Club and the Algoma Public Library.



A Frank's Christmas



Remember Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer?

Well, we bring you the story of Randolph the baddest outlaw of Christmas.

Can he change his ways? This is, after all, the season of miracles.

We turn the bad into good and isn't that what Christmas is all about?

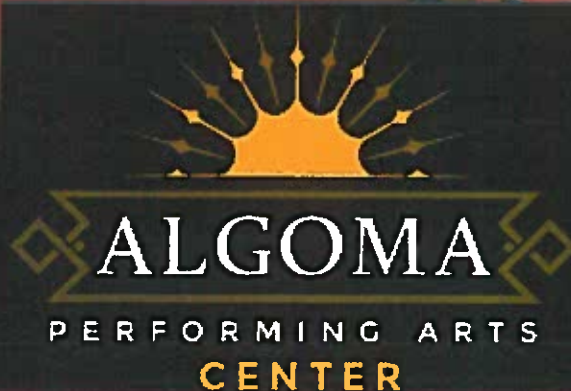
Tickets available now!

Nicolet Bank and Bank of Luxemburg, Algoma branches

\$33, General Admission



Saturday, December 2nd
7:00pm





The Algoma Elementary School Library is in need of volunteers. No library experience necessary! Possible tasks include:

- Shelving books
 - Pulling books for teachers
 - Setting books out for display
- Aiding students in book check out

For more information or to volunteer your time, please contact Mrs. Lasecki @ 920-487-7001 ext. 1103 or jlasecki@alghs.k12.wi.us

KEWAUNEE COUNTY
Star-News

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Dear Teachers and Staff,

It's that time of year when The Kewaunee County Star-News invites area schools to participate in our *What Christmas Means to Me* tradition. Our readers, young and old alike, look forward to receiving this section featuring drawings by area children.

If you choose to participate, here are a few helpful guidelines:

- Drawings should come from the students, grades K - 2.
- Each drawing should be limited to one 8 ½ by 11 inch page.
- The drawing appears best in the newspaper when students use a black pen, colored markers, or #2 pencil on white paper.
- Please have each student put their name, grade, and teacher's name on the back of the drawing.
- Our deadline to receive drawings is **Friday, December 1, 2017**.
- Please include a cover letter indicating your school and class/grade level.
Mail to: Kewaunee County Star-News, Attn: What Christmas Means to Me
PO Box 130, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235-0130.
- If you wish to scan and send them electronically, send them to:
thaen@gannett.com. Please be sure to indicate each child's name with their drawing.

Pictures will be published in the December 23 issue of the Kewaunee County Star-News as a separate section. Due to limited space, not all pictures may appear in the section. We'll do our best to fit additional pictures in the main section of the Star-News. Thank you for your participation. We always look forward to your drawings. May the coming holiday season be joyous for you!

Sincerely,
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