



# KLOEFKORN CHRONICLE

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## Upcoming Events

Did you know the Kloefkorn calendar is on the website? Please click [HERE](#) to access the calendar. Having the calendar on our website allows us to add school activities to keep it current, as well as save calendar printing costs. Take a minute to mark it as a favorite to keep updated on Kloefkorn events.

### **December**

**20** • Kloefkorn Chronicle

Last Day of 2nd Quarter

**Dec. 23-Jan. 3** • NO SCHOOL

### **January**

**6** • 1st Day of 3rd Quarter

**9** • 3rd grade Morrill Hall field trip

**13** • Cub Council meeting, 3-4pm

**15** • Report Cards on ParentVUE

Advanced Orchestra Rehearsal, 7:15am

**20** • NO SCHOOL

**21** • Chorus Rehearsal, 7:20am

**22** • Advanced Orchestra Rehearsal, 7:15am

**23** • Band Rehearsal, 7:15am

**26** • Happy Birthday Eloise Kloefkorn!

**27** • Cub Council meeting, 3-4pm

Cub Clubs begin, 3-4pm

**28** • Chorus Rehearsal, 7:20am

**29** • Advanced Orchestra Rehearsal, 7:15am

**30** • Band Rehearsal, 7:15am

**31** • Kloefkorn Chronicle

### **February**

**3** • PTO General Meeting, 7pm

**4** • Chorus Rehearsal, 7:20am

**5** • Advanced Orchestra Rehearsal, 7:15am

**6** • Band Rehearsal, 7:15am

Nature Night, 5:30pm

**7** • FriYAY Fun Day: Crazy Hair

### **Testing**

**Jan. 13-14** • 3rd grade MAP Math testing

**Jan. 16-17** • 4th grade MAP Math testing

**Jan. 16-17** • 5th grade MAP Math testing

## **Principal's Note**

### **Hello, Kloefkorn Community!**

First and foremost, a *huge* thank you for the delicious PTO Cookie Exchange—it's truly one of my favorite days of the year! 🍪 There's nothing quite like filling up a plate with your family's favorite treats to enjoy during the holiday season. You all outdid yourselves!

We've officially made it through Semester 1, and what a success it has been! I'm beyond grateful for the hard work and heart our staff, students, and families pour into making Kloefkorn such a special place. A huge celebration is in order as we were once again recognized with an **Excellent Rating** from NDE! 🎉 While each school year brings changes, the dedication of our incredible staff and the unwavering support from you remain constants and it makes all the difference! 💙

When we return on **January 6th**, we'll kick off the new semester by reviewing our school expectations and "goals for life." These help us maintain a positive, focused environment to achieve academic success throughout the rest of the

year. Thank you for continuing to instill the values of education and positivity in your children—it's such a privilege to partner with you in their growth!

Wishing you all the coziest winter break and the happiest New Year ahead!



Warmly,

♥ *Ms. Cook*

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## Important Reminders

### Lost and Found

Our lost and found area is OVERFLOWING! We have been collecting many coats, sweatshirts, hats, mittens and gloves. Please remind your children to take a look and claim anything that belongs to them. At the end of the 1st semester we'll donate all unclaimed items to a local charity. Adding a label to coats and hats could help return lost items.

### Dressing for Winter

We have now entered the time of year where temperatures can fluctuate greatly. It's important for our students to dress for the weather. The temperature and weather conditions are the determining factor on inside or outside recess. Have your student dress in layers with hats, gloves and warm coats so we can be outside as much as possible. Thanks for your help!

### Special Attendance Permits

Fifth grade families interested in attending a middle school outside their home attendance area may submit applications for special attendance permits. Please turn in permits by **January 6th**. If your address has

changed from what the school has on file, please make sure we have your updated address. Applications are available [HERE](#). To find your child's middle school based on your home boundary address, can be found [HERE](#).

## Kloefkorn Positive Recognition

### Weekly Shout-Outs

Briley Cathey · Isaac Anderson · Lennan Hellevang · Mila Petersen · Harper Gielb · Finley Domgard · Corbin Peterson · Eva Arnold · Evie Thimmesch · Ryan Van Pelt

### Friday Pencil Winners [Students exhibited Positive Words and Actions during the week.]

December 6



December 13





December 20



## Quarterly Achievement Awards

Kindergarten







1st Grade

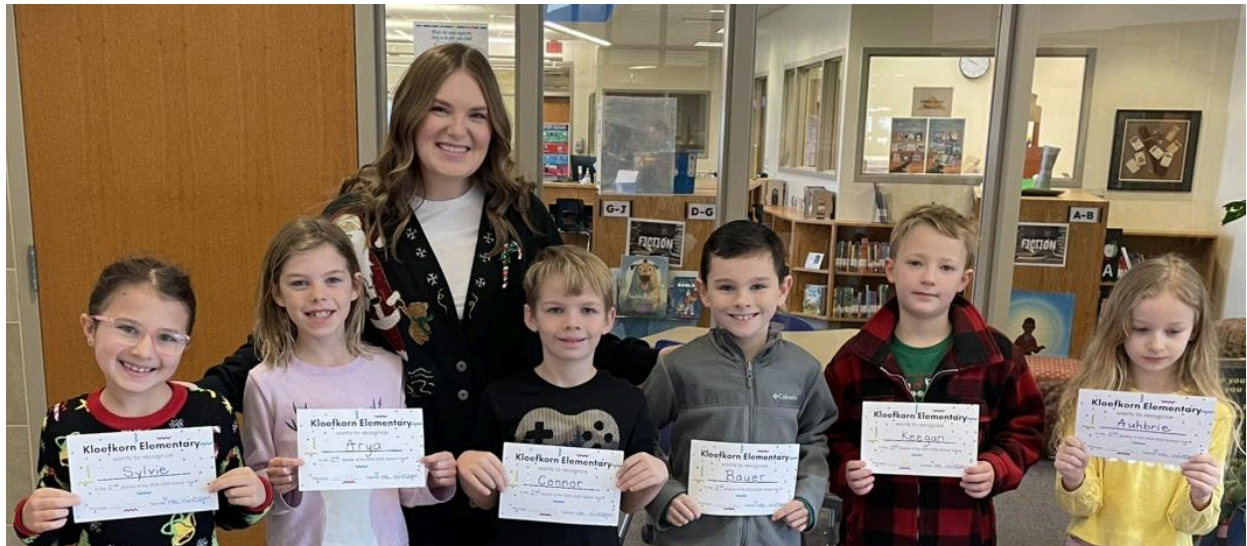






2nd Grade





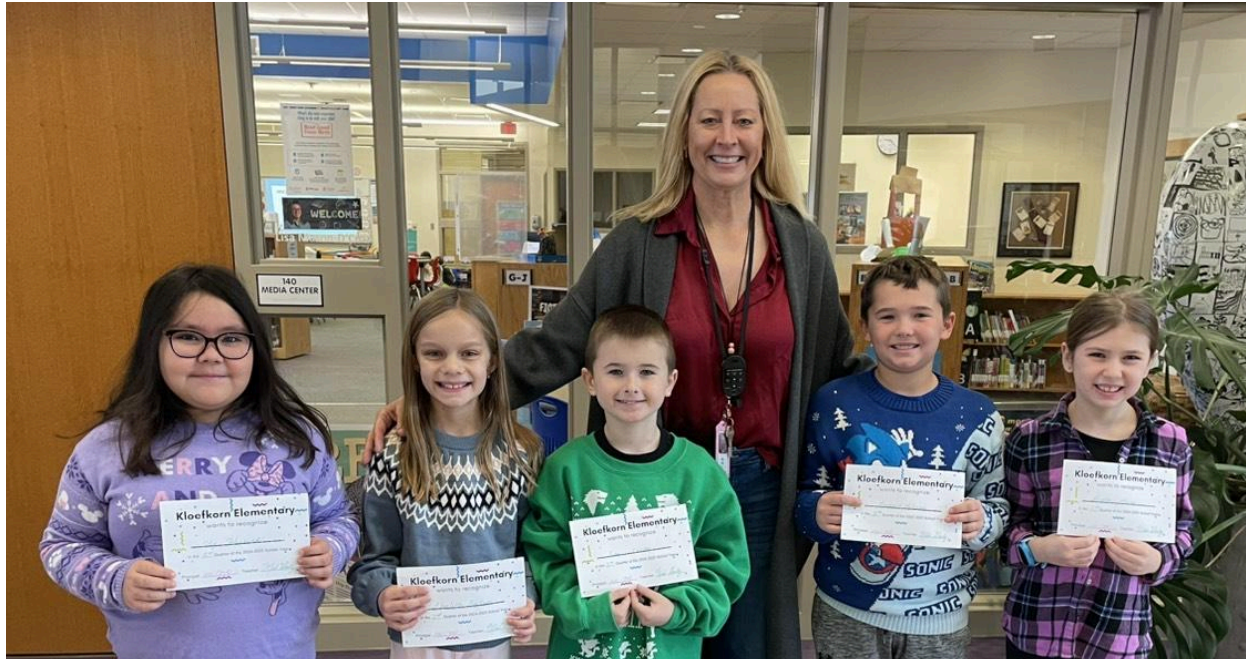




3rd Grade







4th Grade











## 5th Grade







## Nurse News

School Health Screening Results are available on ParentVue

The Health Office has been diligently working on completing school health screenings; vision screening, hearing screening, height and weight screening for students in Early Childhood, Kindergarten and 1st through 4th grades (if they did not have one done by a doctor this year.) School health screening is required by Nebraska State regulations.

If your student was present at school when school health screening took place their results are now available on the ParentVue site. If your student was absent for school screening, the Health Office will be attempting screening in the near future.

If your student has failed vision or hearing screening, you will be contacted by the School Nurse.

If you have concerns about your students height and weight screening, we encourage you to reach out to your students' medical provider.

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## School Counseling Program

**Classroom lessons** have continued this month. Kindergarten and first grade wrapped up conflict strategies. We have now discussed and practiced what it would look and sound like to ignore, walk away, share/take turns, talk it out, take a break, and apologize. Second grade-fifth grade put all skills together - showing respect, resolving conflict, and being a good friend - to talk through various situations that have happened or may happen at school and ways they can handle those scenarios while continuing to show respect, include others, and use their problem solving skills.

### Kloefkorn Check-In

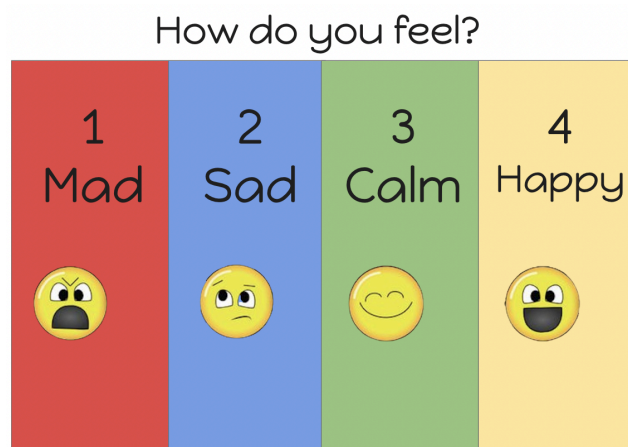
Our nurse, Mrs. Kelsey, and I have also visited each classroom together in the last couple of months to introduce our new school-wide check in we will be using after winter break. As part of our lesson and the check in preview, we discussed "sad vs. sick." We talked about how our brain and body might feel when we are sad, when we are sick, and how they are similar. We encouraged thinking about what happened before you noticed you weren't feeling your best, what is coming up, or any changes at school/home that could help you decide how you are feeling or what you might need.

We want students to be aware of this so they can be problem solvers and try a strategy that could help or advocate for themselves so they can do their best learning at school. This check in system is a tool for the students because it gives them a chance during their day to think about how they are feeling and to make a plan for some things they might want to do or try to



make it the best day possible. It's also a tool for teachers to know who might need some time to have a conversation, or to reach out to grown ups at home if it becomes a pattern. Each teacher may use it a little differently depending on the needs of their students and times of the day they feel would be beneficial for students to have this check in.

Below are the two posters that will be in each classroom (the first is K/1 and the second is 2-5). Students were encouraged to think more about the “zone” they were in or where their battery level is at, since mad, sad, calm, happy may not always match how they are feeling.



**Additional resources to share:**

[Mental Health Brochures in multiple languages](#)

[10 Top Tips For Navigating Holiday Grief And Stress In 2024](#)

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## Technology Corner

### **First Semester Report Cards Available in ParentVUE**

In an effort to get families information about their student's grades sooner, Lincoln Public Schools posts your child's report card in ParentVue soon after January 8. If you have a ParentVue account you will not receive a paper copy of your child's report card unless you contact your child's school office and request a paper copy. The school will continue to print a report card for families without ParentVUE.

Parents at your child's school, along with all other Lincoln Public Schools, are increasingly using ParentVUE to immediately access student progress, including report cards. ParentVUE provides greater immediacy to information while reducing the environmental impact of printing.

If you do not currently have a ParentVUE account and would like one, please contact our school office for assistance.

### **Student Data Privacy**

LPS cares deeply about protecting students DIGITALLY. We go to great lengths to ensure that your child's digital interactions are safe and appropriate, that the data we collect about them is secure, and that we are guiding them to make good digital decisions. Because these efforts are less visible than our physical security efforts, we have assembled this resource to shine light on these important measures that are happening in LPS every day:

[https://home.lps.org/cs/?page\\_id=18083](https://home.lps.org/cs/?page_id=18083)



## Personal Computing Devices

This time of year often brings questions about whether students are allowed to bring/use personal computing devices at school. Where connecting to the LPS network and/or completing school work is concerned, the answer is “no.” There are a number of reasons for this, but you should be aware that the LPS Chromebook comes with limits on the web sites that can be visited and the applications that can be accessed. You can support teachers’ efforts in managing a consistent learning environment by encouraging your student to use the district issued Chromebook for all school work.

## Messaging Your Student’s Teachers

Parents/Guardians can easily send messages to their student’s teachers from right within ParentVUE. Clicking on the small “envelope” button next to a teacher’s (or other staff member’s) name anywhere within the platform (e.g., Current Schedule, School Information, Grade Book, etc.) will begin a draft message within Messages/Synergy Mail. More information about messaging your student’s teachers can be found on the [LPS ParentVUE Quick Guide](#).

### From the PTO

Email [board@kloefkornpto.org](mailto:board@kloefkornpto.org) if you have any questions or visit our website [www.kloefkornpto.ptboard.com/home](http://www.kloefkornpto.ptboard.com/home) for information regarding what the PTO is up to.

### Upcoming Dates

Jan. 24 – Glow Dance  
Jan. 27 – Session 2 Clubs start  
Feb. 3 – General Meeting  
Feb. 14 – Spring Room Parties  
Feb. 25 – Science Fair  
Feb. 27 – P/T Conferences  
Mar. 4 – P/T Conferences  
Mar. 25 – Book Fair  
Mar. 27 – Book Fair & Art Night

Apr. 7 – General Meeting  
Apr. 17 – Earth Day & Color Run  
May 5–9 – Staff Appreciation Week

### **2024–2025 Yearbook Ordering Now Available**

Want to reserve a 2024–2025 yearbook? Place your order online today! Cost is \$20 and yearbooks will be delivered to students in May, prior to the last day of school.

[Kloefkorn Yearbook Orders 2024–25](#)

### **Glow Dance:**

Join us for a GLOWsome good time on Friday, January 24 at 6:30pm for our first ever **GLOW DANCE!**

### **Cub Clubs are right around the corner!**

Get excited Cubs! Registration for the second session of Cub Clubs opens on Monday, January 6th at 6:00am and will close Monday, January 20th at 10:00am. Mark your calendars as clubs do tend to sell out quickly. We ask that if you are a frequent flyer of a specific club, please think about taking a break to allow other students to register and enjoy a club.

### **Attend the Next General Meeting: Monday, February 3!**

See what the PTO has planned. Join us in the media center at 7pm. We will discuss past events and look forward to planning upcoming events for student enrichment and community benefit.

### **Yearbook Photos Needed**

*Have pictures from the walkathon, movie night, or other school activities? We want to see them!* The best way to make sure your child is in the yearbook is to send pictures to [kloefkornyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:kloefkornyearbook@gmail.com). Send pictures of your child during school activities, such as the walkathon, recess, field trips, classroom parties, first day of school, etc).

### **Join the PTO today!**



When you join PTO, you make a difference in your child's education! Make sure to join PTO for the 2024-2025 school year. Dues are only \$15 and help us to meet the needs of all our students! School directories can be found on our website for paid members.

Sign up at [kloefkornpto.ptboard.com](https://kloefkornpto.ptboard.com).



### 2023-2024 Prior Year Yearbooks On Sale

Lifetouch sent extra yearbooks! If you wanted a yearbook from last school year, but didn't order one, now is your chance! Reach out to Leticia Atkinson ([latkins@lps.org](mailto:latkins@lps.org)) in the office to grab yours today. On sale for \$10 and can be paid for via cash, check to Kloefkorn PTO, or Venmo @KloefkornPTO.



