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KANE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

From the Desk of the Interim Superintendent, Ann Kearney to All of our Stakeholders:

We have reached the end of the 1st quarter and I wanted to take a minute to acknowledge the hard work put forth by our students and staff these first 9 weeks of school. We are seeing some academic growth from our students and that is what we are all about.

I also want to thank all our families for their continued support as we continue to navigate school during a challenging national pandemic. It is our hope that this letter finds you all well and that your families are healthy and keeping joy in your hearts. Providing a safe and healthy learning environment along with robust learning is the goal of the district.

The district has been fortunate to be able to keep our schools open and maintain normal operations during the first quarter of this 2021-2022 school year. There have been challenges with finding substitutes and catching up students academically. We will continue to keep monitoring the trends and supporting our students whether they are at home or in school. The diligence and adherence to the PA DOH Mask Order has prevented numerous students and staff from having to be excluded from school due to close contact. We continue to do the other mitigation strategies that were done in the past 2 school years as well.

Vaccines are now available for the younger students ages 5-11, and you can contact your health care provider for more information. You can find updated information on vaccine eligibility and availability on the Pennsylvania Department of Health website. (www.health.pa.gov) The current trend of reduced COVID-19 infections in McKean Country is good news.

The fall sports season has concluded, and we are very happy to see that the students and coaches put forth so much work representing the district. Thank you to the wonderful coaches who give so much of their time for these athletes. Thanks to the parents also for their support of the programs.

- a. Boys' Soccer-12-6
- b. Cross Country -smaller teams which limited the number of meets
- c. Football-3-7
- d. Girls' Soccer 0-3-13
- e. Volleyball- JV-12-3 and Varsity 8-8 in season and 8-9 with playoff loss

We now look forward to the Winter Sports.
GO WOLVES!



Report cards are available today, November 4th. Be sure that you are monitoring your students' grades and attendance. We had 45 students who missed 20% of the days in the first quarter. If your student is doing the online program with our district or any Cyperschool, please monitor their grades as well. We encourage all parents and guardians to be diligent in monitoring the technologies that their children are using. Constant supervision and encouragement can help to move students along in a successful path for their education.

Some items of interest:

- a. ESSER FUNDING information is on the NEWS portion of the district website.
- b. Our Comprehensive Plan process is underway, and information can be found on the website soon.
- c. Parent/teacher conferences will be held on November 11th in all buildings. Call to make an appointment. Teachers can have a phone conference, face-to-face conference, or a zoom meeting.

As we move into the second quarter of this school year, I would like to thank each of you for your resilience, flexibility, commitment and dedication to our students, teachers, and school district.

Thank you and have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Ann Kearney