Killdeer Public School

November 2026

NEWSLETTER

Knowledge for a Lifetime

Winter Weather and Travel

It's that time of year again... the temperature starts dropping and we want to make sure all our students are warm while playing outside or getting to and from school.

If it feels like 0 degrees or lower, we will keep students indoors during recess time.

***Students need their winter gear for the bus ride to and from school and to participate in extracurricular activities.** Thank you for your help in monitoring the temps and keeping our students safe and warm this winter.

If your family could use assistance with purchasing winter gear, please reach out to Mrs. Adams, our Elementary Counselor. She is available to help and connect families with available resources.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 2nd - 6th - KES Book Fair

Nov. 10th - KES Veteran's Day Program

Nov. 11th - Veteran's Day
No School

Nov. 12th - School Board Meeting

Nov. 26th - 28th - Thanksgiving Break
No School

Tuesday, November 10th

Breakfast for Students and Their Veteran Guest in the Wrestling Room from 7:45-8:30am

Veteran's Day Assembly
Elementary Gym at 8:45am

Thank you to Grab'n Go, Western Choice Co-Op, and Bronson's Marketplace for providing Breakfast

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Pre-ACT

Juniors will be taking their Pre-ACT on December 4th.

Practice Tests and Questions can be found at:
https://www.act.org/content/act/en/students-and-parents.html

Please help your student be prepared by getting a good night's rest and eating a health breakfast.

Jeff Simmons-Superintendent
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Andrew Cook-Elementary Principal

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A note from Elementary Principal Mr. Cook

As we approach cold and flu season please remember to keep your child home if they have a fever or are not feeling well. If they have been home sick, please keep them home until they are fever free for 24 hours without medication.

Please remind your children to dress appropriately for the weather. The temperature fluctuates daily so they should be prepared with cold weather gear, as we do go outside every day that we are able. We do not go out once the feels like temperature is below zero. Students MUST also be dressed warmly to ride the bus in case of a breakdown of the vehicle. Bus drivers have the right to refuse service to a student who is not dressed properly or prepared for that emergency. If you need assistance with purchasing winter clothing please contact our Elementary Counselor, Mrs. Adams.

There will be NO SCHOOL on November 11th for Veteran's Day, school WILL BE IN SESSION on November 13th. November 25th-27th school will be closed for Thanksgiving break.

Andrew Cook, Elementary Principal

A memo from KHS Principal Mr. Wilz

The semester is just over halfway completed, and all junior high quarter length classes are completed. Fall sport programs are coming to an end, and the day light hours are getting shorter. Thank you for all your support with our fall activities including: cross country, football, golf, volleyball, and FFA. Nice work to all the coaches, advisors, athletes, and competitors.

Winter sports will be starting in November. Please see Mr. Elkins (boys wrestling), Mr. Nielsen (girls wrestling), Mr. Walker (girls basketball) or Mr. McCrone (boys basketball) with any questions.

A quick reminder regarding absentee policies. There is an attendance policy that explains students who miss more than 10 days in a class will lose credit for that course. Absences that will not be used towards the 10 days allowed include: school sponsored activities, bereavement, subpoenas, illness or hospitalization verified by a doctor's statement, medical and dental appointments, and out of school suspension.

Students can make up absences by coming into the school outside of regular scheduled periods. Students can come after school from 3:45-4:15pm where they can put in hours and get help on their classwork. There are more specific guidelines spelled out for students in the student handbook which can be found on our school website or requested from the main office or Mr. Wilz. A class make-up sheet can be received from the main office. Parents and students can check absences and grades on Infinite Campus. Please see Mr. Wilz or contact the High School office if you do not know how to access the site.

Brady Wilz, Secondary Principal

Killdeer Athletics

The start of a new sports season is just around the corner.
Winter Parents meeting is set for Wed. Nov 4th at 5:30pm at the High School.

JH Girls Basketball - October 26th
HS Girls and JH & HS Boys Wrestling - November 9th
HS Girls Basketball & Winter Cheer - November 16th
HS Boys Basketball - November 30th
JH Boys Basketball - December 7th

Please have your Sports Physicals, Online Registration and Athletic Fee paid **prior** to the first practice. If you have questions please contact your coach, Mr. Walker or see Jenni in the front office.

Best of Luck this Season!

The **Killdeer Activities Department** is looking for workers for home contests. Ticket Takers and Score Keepers are the biggest needs for winter activities; these are paid positions. If interested, please email Nick Walker at nicholas.walker@k12.nd.us

National FFA Convention & Expo

Killdeer FFA Earns National SILVER in Dairy Cattle Evaluation

Fifteen members of the Killdeer FFA Chapter traveled to Indianapolis for the National FFA Convention and Expo October 18th – 24th. On the trip down, the chapter toured Iowa State University, Blood Dairy (operation milks 7,500 dairy cows), and John Deere. In Indianapolis, students engaged in the expo where more than 300 exhibitors representing agriculture, colleges, fundraising, the U.S. Armed Services and auto and truck manufacturers greeted attendees in the Indiana Convention Center for the 2026 National FFA Expo. There's something for everyone: Members will discover many agricultural careers and explore opportunities in post-secondary job training and education. In addition, students attended leadership workshops and sessions highlighting keynote speakers.

Killdeer also had a team competing and representing ND after they had earned the State Champion title in 2026: Dairy Cattle Evaluation & Management.

Dairy Cattle Evaluation & Management:
Teams engaged in dairy cattle evaluation and management events, cultivating essential herd management skills. Members assess pedigrees and herd records, conduct management exercises, evaluate live dairy cattle, and present oral justifications for their decisions, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of the industry.



Team members consisted of: Hailey Klym, Clover Norby, Addison Hauck, & Ellie Buchmann
The team earned a SILVER award.









Employment Opportunities with KPS:

- Secondary Science Teacher
- Food Service Worker
- Substitute Teachers
- JH Boys' Basketball Coach

WE'RE HIRING
JOIN OUR TEAM!

Looking for some School Spirit items? Getting ahead with your Holiday Shopping?
Check out the Cowboys BoosterClub website!

All items will be left at the school for you or your child to pick up.

Cowboy Closet

Counselor Corner



Fall Greetings! October was filled with students displaying the character trait of Self-direction. One such example was led by the Processing Champs team, in which students in the elementary gathered up 1700 items to donate to the Dunn Co. Food Pantry. Miss Walker's 4th grade class had the most donations at 244 items and enjoyed a pizza party! Great job kids!



October Cowboy Pride winners for the character trait of Self-Direct were: Hazel Lee, Kahlia Sotelo-Garness, Ridge Harris, Parker Scott, Maggee Gartner, Cedar Christophersen, Boston Lynch, Winnie Vettel, Nashton Buckman, Owen Lee, Brynlee Buckman, Jaden Schedlock, Lety Dolezal, and Sawyer Gordon.



And the attendance trophy and ice cream party went to Mrs. Wheeling's 6th Class!





October 23-31, we celebrated Red Ribbon week. Classroom guidance lessons focused on making healthy choices for our minds and bodies and each class participated in creating posters and coloring sheets that emphasized those healthy choices. The S.A.D.D. team from the high school joined us at recess on the 28th to promote a Red Ribbon Recess with games and exercise.

November's character trait is Teamwork, which is working together to reach a goal. Guidance lessons will focus on building this strength and becoming better together!

I do have cold weather gear available should you find that this is a need for your child. Please contact me at the school at the phone number or email listed below so I can make sure and help get your child prepared for the cold weather when it decides to hit.

"A good leader inspires people to have confidence in the leader; a great leader inspires people to have confidence in themselves."
- Eleanor Roosevelt

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The Book Fair is Coming!

Nov 2 – Nov 6
KES Wresting Room
7:45am – 4:00pm Mon-Thurs
9:00am – 12:00pm Friday



Congratulations to the KHS students of the quarter for the first quarter of the school year!

These students displayed strong empathy or self-direction, the two themes for Capturing Kids Hearts for the months of September and October.
Our award recipients were: Shahkohe Spotted Bear, Crimson Younker, Layna Dvorak, Macie Patterson, Bailee Forbes, Ever Maslanka








Notes from Nurse Kylee:



All immunizations have been updated in Infinite Campus, if your parent poral still has an alert stating your student is non-compliant, that means, that according to the records we have been provided, your student is not up-to-date on their school required vaccines and they will need to get them as soon as possible.

Please be aware the state recommends we exclude your students from school if they are not compliant, or at least have a plan in place to become compliant.

Please contact Nurse Kylee at the school if you have questions about your student's immunizations.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED? Consider joining the KPTA

KILLDEER PARENT TEACHER ACTIVITIES
HOME OF THE COWBOYS

KPTA is about parents, teachers, families, and our community working together for our kids.

Meetings are held on the **LAST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH** from **6:00–7:00 PM** at the High Plains Community Center

Come when you can, share your ideas, and help us continue creating great opportunities for our students. Whether you have an hour to give, can help at an event, donate supplies, help with setup or cleanup, or have a great idea you'd like to share—we would love to have you involved.

Thank you for helping us make Killdeer an amazing place for our students!

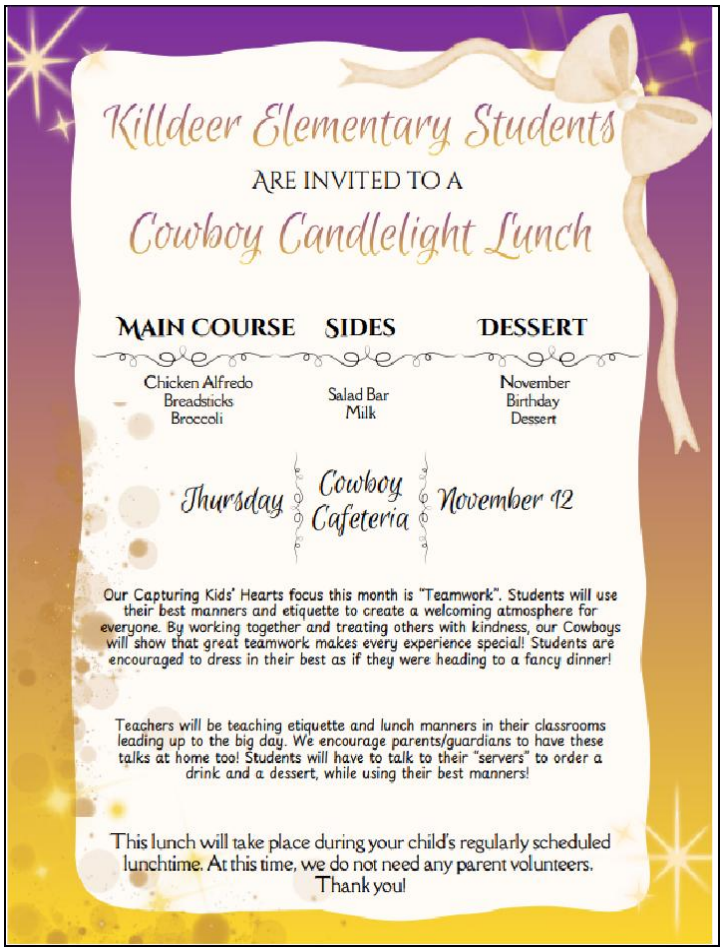
— **Killdeer Parent Teacher Association (KPTA)**

SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) celebrated Red Ribbon Week! This year's theme is "Make a Difference. Be a Hero. Stay Drug Free" SADD students distributed ribbons and bracelets to all students and staff in the district and decorated both school entrances.



At the high school, students enjoyed a Red Ribbon Week trivia game and scavenger hunt. Remember the choices you make today shape your tomorrow.

Stay proud, stay strong, and stay drug-free!



2026-2027 Killdeer Public School Yearbook Sale!

To purchase your yearbook, use the QR code or:

1. go to Treering.com/validate
2. Enter the school passcode: 1017228328342295

Customize your 2 free pages

- Add photos from your computer, Facebook, Google Drive and more
- Answer fun memory questions to help remember the year
- The 2 custom pages are free and are printed only in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages are just $1.99.

KHS Band & Choir Concert

Monday, November 30th at 6:30pm KHS Commons

4-6 Winter Concert

Tuesday, March 2
Elementary Gym
6:30 pm

K-3 Spring Concert

Tuesday, April 13
Elementary Gym
6:30 pm

2027 Great Reads From Great Places

Institute of Museum and Library Services

NDSL

CAST YOUR VOTE!

Adult Nominees

- "Brothers No More: A Vietnam Odyssey" by Lee Rebsom
- "Little Sister: A Family Memoir" by Gayle Larson Schuck
- "Tough but Fair: Reformation of a Prison, Memoir of a Warden" by Winston E. Satran





Youth Nominees

- "The Girl in Lime Green Jeans" by Lindsey Miller
- "Oliver the Owl: The Culinary Pro" by Rayna Jo Zest
- "Sofia's Monster" by Daniel Wolfe

Vote by December 31:

Go to https://bit.ly/NDGreatReadsVote or send an e-mail to Tammy at tlkruger@nd.gov

North Dakota Center for the Book

KHS November Menu

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
1	2 Mini Donuts Fruit, Milk, Juice Chicken Alfredo Breadsticks Cauliflower Salad Bar Milk	3 Cereal, Toast Fruit, Milk, Juice Knoephla Soup Summer Sausage Sandwiches Fruit Salad Bar Milk	4 Yogurt Parfaits Fruit, Milk, Juice Build Your Own Breakfast Burrito Breakfast Potatoes Muffins Fruit Milk	5 Cereal, Toast Fruit, Milk, Juice Sloppy Joes Chips Salad Bar Fruit Milk	6	7
8	9 Cereal, Toast Fruit, Milk, Juice Tater Tot Hotdish Corn Bread Salad Bar Milk	10 French Toast Fruit, Milk, Juice Cheese Quesadillas Refried Beans Fruit Salad Bar Milk	11  No School	12 Pancakes Fruit, Milk, Juice Pulled Pork Sandwiches Mac & Cheese Corn Salad Bar Milk	13 Cereal, Toast Fruit, Milk, Juice Chicken Strips Fries Fruit Salad Bar Milk	14
15	16 PopTarts Fruit, Milk, Juice Tacos Fruit Salad Bar Milk	17 Cereal, Toast Fruit, Milk, Juice Turkey Stuffing Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Dinner Roll Birthday Dessert Milk	18 French Toast Sticks Fruit, Milk, Juice Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwiches Hashbrowns Fruit Salad Bar Milk	19 Cereal, Toast Fruit, Milk, Juice Pepperoni Pizza Sticks Fruit Salad Bar Milk	20	21
22	23 Breakfast Pizza Fruit, Milk, Juice Super Nachos Fruit Salad Bar Milk	24 Cereal, Toast Fruit, Milk, Juice Uncrustables or Summer Sausage Sandwiches Chips Fruit Salad Bar Milk	25	26  **Thanksgiving Break – No School**	27	28
29	30 Cereal, Toast Fruit, Milk, Juice Cheeseburgers Fries Fruit Salad Bar Milk					

KES November Menu

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
1	2 Cereal, Toast Fruit, Milk, Juice Chicken Nuggets Tator-Tots Fruit Salad Bar Milk	3 Long Johns Fruit, Milk, Juice Knoephla Soup Summer Sausage Sandwiches Fruit Salad Bar Milk	4 Cereal, Toast Fruit, Milk, Juice Super Nachos Refried Beans Fruit Salad Bar Milk	5 Breakfast Sandwiches Fruit, Milk, Juice Pizza Fruit Salad Bar Milk	6	7
8	9 Cereal, Toast Fruit, Milk, Juice Corn Dogs Baked Beans Chips Salad Bar Milk	10 Omelets, Sausage Fruit, Milk, Juice Turkey in Gravy Mashed Potatoes Stuffing, Corn Dinner Rolls Dessert Milk	11  No School	12 PopTarts Fruit, Milk, Juice Chicken Alfredo Breadsticks Green Beans Salad Bar Milk	13 Cereal, Toast Fruit, Milk, Juice Cheesy Bread Sticks Marinara Sauce Fruit Salad Bar Milk	14
15	16 Cereal, Toast Fruit, Milk, Juice Cheeseburgers Fries Fruit Salad Bar Milk	17 Biscuits & Gravy Fruit, Milk, Juice Chili Cinnamon Rolls Fruit Salad Bar Milk	18 Cereal, Toast Fruit, Milk, Juice Sloppy Joes Green Beans Chips Salad Bar Milk	19 Mini Donuts Fruit, Milk, Juice French Toast Sticks Cheesy Omelets Sausage Fruit, Salad Bar Milk	20	21
22	23 Cereal, Toast Fruit, Milk, Juice Hot Dogs Baked Beans Chips Salad Bar Milk	24 Pancakes, Sausage Fruit, Milk, Juice Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwiches Hash Browns Corn Salad Bar Milk	25 **Thanksgiving Break – No School**	26  	27	28
29	30 Cereal, Toast Fruit, Milk, Juice Chicken Sandwiches Fries, Fruit Salad Bar Milk Birthday Dessert					

November 2026

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
1	2 VB Home vs Stanley – 4:00pm	3 Elem BBB Home vs Belfield – 4:00pm	4	5 Elem BBB Home vs Watford City – 4:00pm	6	7 Elem BBB Jamboree @ KHS – 8:00am
8	9 VB Regionals @ Watford City JH GBB Home vs South Heart – 4:00pm **Wrestling Starts**	10 VB Regionals @ Watford City **Elementary Veterans Day Assembly @ 8:45am**	11  Veteran's Day No School	12 VB Regionals @ Watford City Elem BBB Home vs Rich-Taylor – 4:00pm KES Cowboy Candlelight Lunch	13 **School in Session**	14 JH GBB Jamb @ South Prairie – 9:00am
15	16 Elem BBB @ Watford – 3:00pm JH GBB @ Hazen – 3:30pm **Varsity GBB Starts**	17	18 FFA LDE @ Medora	19	20 JH GBB @ Rich-Taylor – 4:00pm	21
22	23 Elem BBB @ Taylor – 4:00pm JH GBB @ Belfield – 3:00pm	24 Elem BBB @ New England – 4:00pm JH GBB Home vs Rich-Taylor – 4:00pm	25	26 	27	28
29	30 KHS Christmas Concert - KHS Commons @ 6:30pm **Varsity BBB Starts**				*Times Listed are Mountain Time	

Thanksgiving Break – No School

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Better Together

Work together to reach a goal.

*This month we're challenging students to work together toward a common goal and shared purpose. **We are partnering with you to grow and develop teamwork in your child.** We can do this by modeling gratefulness, acknowledging positive moments, and affirming each other. Use this month's activities to practice working together and celebrate your family as a team.*



1 Engage: Grateful for You

I am grateful for you! Create a culture of appreciation and gratitude at home by celebrating the best in each family member all month. What you give attention to grows! On a sticky note or small piece of paper, write one thing you appreciate each day about your child and post it on their bedroom door. Doing this will plant seeds in their heads and hearts to help them see good things about themselves.



2 Empower: Walk in My Shoes

Create a culture of appreciation and gratitude at home by celebrating the best in each family member. Have every family member trace one of their shoes, then trade drawings and write three words you admire about that family member on their "shoe." Discuss how each family member brings something great to your family team.



3 Excel: Pay it Forward

When someone does something nice for you, do something nice for someone else. Doing this is a wonderful way to continue the cycle of gratitude. "Paying it forward" is a way of showing love and kindness to others. It could be something as simple as holding the door open for someone or buying coffee for a stranger. Once a week, share as a family one time you "paid it forward" during the week.

Conversation Starters

- What is the best affirmation or compliment someone has ever given you?
- What are some things we are lucky to have but sometimes complain about them?
- What is your favorite family memory?

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