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KINDRED VIKING NEWSLETTER

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Superintendent Message

Happy Friday, KPSD#2 Families and Staff Members!

The third week of the new semester is already coming to a close and I can see February on the horizon. Mother Nature has not been in the best of moods lately and I am looking forward to next Monday when the temperature is predicted to climb above zero for the first time in several days. Please review the following information and feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you!

Mike Kolness
Superintendent of Schools

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Preschool Registration is Open

We are pleased to welcome families to the Kindred Public Schools Preschool Program - the first step in your child's learning journey. Our program is designed to provide a high-quality, developmentally appropriate, nurturing environment that supports children's social, emotional, physical, and academic growth before entering kindergarten.
Students must be 4 years of age by August 1st. There is also a $50 deposit to hold spots.
CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Gearing up for Kindergarten

Gearing Up for Kindergarten registration is now open. The program offers an opportunity for your child to spend time with the KG teachers and an optional parent meeting. You can sign up for one of the following meeting times by going to GEARING UP FOR KINDERGARTEN .
Group 1 – Tuesday, April 21st from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Group 2 – Tuesday, April 21st from 6:15 – 7:15 p.m.
Group 3 – Thursday, April 23rd from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Group 4 – Thursday, April 23rd from 6:15 – 7:15 p.m.

February Parent-Teacher Conferences

The final round of Parent-Teacher Conferences for all three buildings will be on February 16, 2026. More information about PTC's will be shared by each building in the near future.

Work With Us

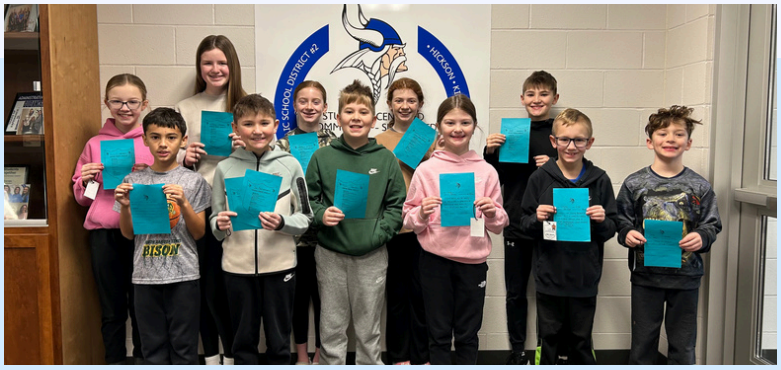
Come be a Viking! If you'd like to fill one of the following positions or know of someone who would be a great fit, please let us know!

Bus Drivers
Kindred Middle School- Long-Term Substitute Teacher (ELA)
Substitute Teachers



CLICK HERE TO FIND JOB OPENINGS

Viking Awards





These students have been recognized for demonstrating Viking Pride by being responsible, respectful, and ready. When they show acts of kindness like following directions or smiling, they receive marks for being respectful. The students show responsibility when they are seen making good choices. A Viking shows they are ready to learn by listening, doing their best work and having all their materials. Way to Go Vikings!

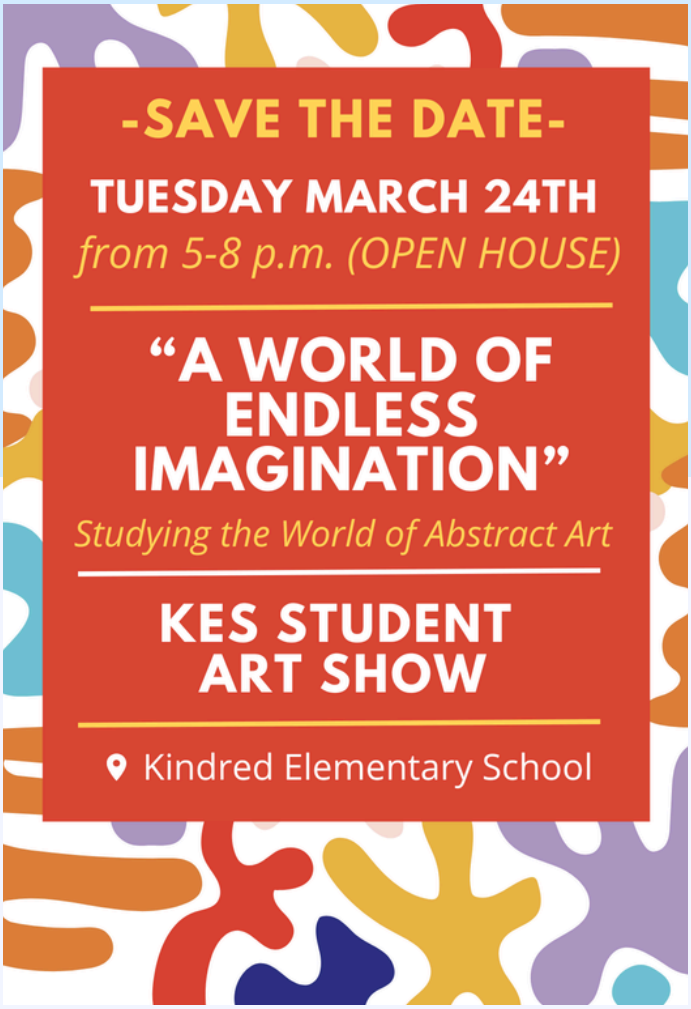




Elementary Art Show

We are thrilled to be hosting our Elementary Student Art Show on Tuesday, March 24th, titled "A World of Endless Imagination."
This year, students have taken a deep dive into the world of Abstract Art, learning about influential artists who pioneered this exciting art movement. All student artwork from Preschool through 5th grade will be on display, featuring a wide variety of paintings, collages, ceramics, and sculptures.
Please join us anytime between 5:00–8:00 p.m. at Kindred Elementary School to celebrate creativity, imagination, and the incredible talents of our students.
We can't wait to celebrate our students' creativity and share their incredible masterpieces with you! Kelsey Mehrer, Kindred Elementary Art Teacher To see past KES Art Shows: CLICK HERE

March 24th 5:00-8:00







Night at The Game

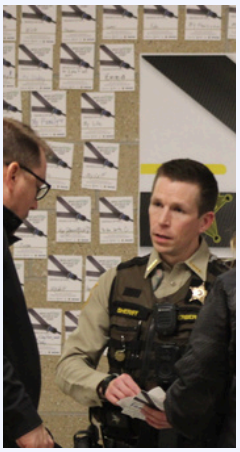
KINDRED AREA ARTS PARTNERSHIP

Night at the Game was so much fun again this year! Thank you to Kindred Area Arts Partnership for bringing this collaboration to the community.

Zayden Mack won the Chuck A Ball and $100 Scheels gift card from the Keller family. Reed and Viktor announced winner.
Soups & Hoops was delicious! Thanks to all who brought soups and treats and congratulations to the Culinary Champion Bernadett Baxter and her Hungarian Pork & Bean Goulash!
Lots of sparkles in the crowd thanks to hair tinsel by Abby from Simply Sparkle and fancy face paintings by Mandie and Faces of Fun.
Max and JJ hung pledge cards from fans on behalf of Kailee Mills Foundation - "Who do you Buckle Up for?" Lots of Vikings pledged to buckle up every drive, every time, no matter the distance. The gym was rocking with the community band and choir, that included some recent alumni players. All the community members who participated had a chance to win two Gala tickets to the upcoming event on February 7th, and the winner is clarinetist Emily Hahn!
The 50/50 Viking Village clothing sale and 50/50 raffle was a success.
And a fun highlight was surprising Coach Tanya Neumiller! She won the Class B Play Director of the Year and celebrated with her 3X State Champion One Act Team center court. See all the photos: CLICK HERE








Join us at the KAAP [Love Art] Gala, Saturday, February 7th at The Pines BLACK starting at 6:30 pm!
A three part evening for just $75 a ticket - delicious food, lovely entertainment, and the opportunity to meet local artisans with proceeds funding scholarships for arts students and supporting rural arts in the Kindred area. Sponsorships at various levels are available - all include complimentary tickets.

Night at The Game

3x State One Act Champs and Director of the Year







3X state champs



and Director of the Year

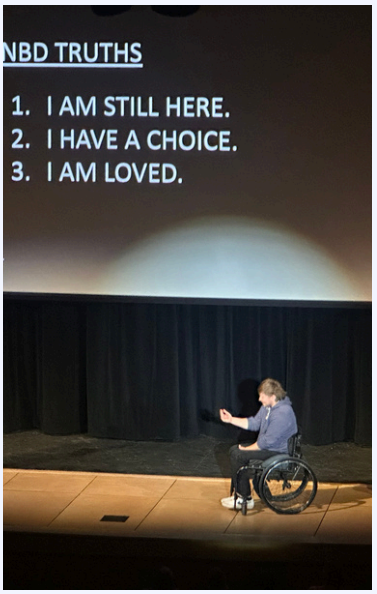
Our 3 time State Champion One Act team was recognized during Night At The Game, and Coach Tanya Neumiller was awarded the CSTAND Class B Play Director of the Year! What a fun surprise!

KPAC
KINDRED PERFORMING ARTS CENTER









Thank you to Kindred Hoops and Norman Lutheran Church Foundation for hosting speaker Hunter Pinke in the KPAC. He spoke to the students and the community about “NO BAD DAYS” . He inspired and made a lasting impression.

KPAC
KINDRED PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



This year the kids will perform FOUR shows! Tickets are going fast...CLICK HERE to get your tickets.






Scholastic Writing Awards

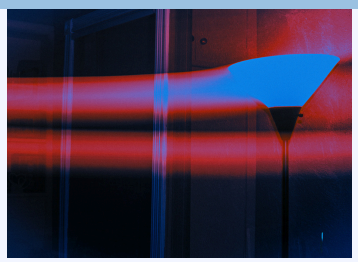
Kindred High School North Dakota Regional Scholastic Writing Award Winners!

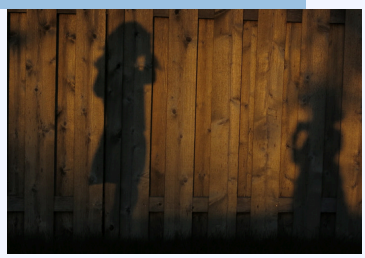
These are the closest thing we have to a North Dakota state championship for creative writers!

Riley Nielsen, Flash Fiction - Google Search History, Silver Key - Grade 11
Carson Gette, Personal Essay - Sh*t Happens, Gold Key - Grade 12
Riley Nielsen, Personal Essay - The Race, Gold Key - Grade 11
Maximillian Bernier, Personal Essay - Steve, Silver Key - Grade 12
Lyla Kittelson, Personal Essay - Toxic, Silver Key - Grade 12
Ashley Haas, Personal Essay - I Wondered, I Hoped, I Figured, Honorable Mention - Grade 12

Writer's Educator: Tanya Neumiller

Scholastic Art Awards



Kindred High School North Dakota Regional Scholastic Art Award Winners!

Dexter Lee – 12th Grade
Art in Motion – Senior Portfolio (six works) – Gold Key
Caught in Headlights – Photography – Silver Key
Leaning – Photography – Honorable Mention
Lydia Lange – 11th Grade
Edwardo Atticus II – Ceramics & Glass – Gold Key (American Visions Award)
Zoe Richard – 11th Grade
Pour Your Heart Out – Ceramics & Glass – Gold Key (American Visions Award)
Kaiyah Bundy – 9th Grade
Reflections – Photography – Gold Key (American Visions Award)
Serenity – Photography – Silver Key
Benjamin Pfeifer – 12th Grade
Life Moves Pretty Fast – Experimental Photography – Gold Key
I Love Lamp – Experimental Photography – Gold Key
Scan Test 4 – Experimental Photography – Silver Key
Ashley Haas – 12th Grade
Behind The Eyes – Photography – Silver Key Award
Mallory Keller – 10th Grade
Sunset Promises – Photography – Honorable Mention
Where Childhood Pauses – Photography – Honorable Mention



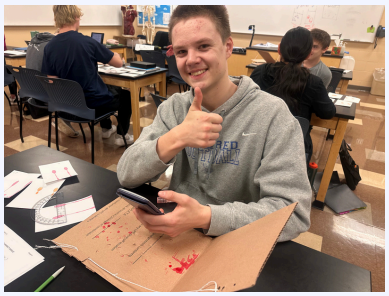


Students and Staff in Action

The best part of my job is getting to see and interact with all the great students and staff members at KPSD! THANK YOU to everyone who contributed the following pictures! It is awesome to see all the smiles!

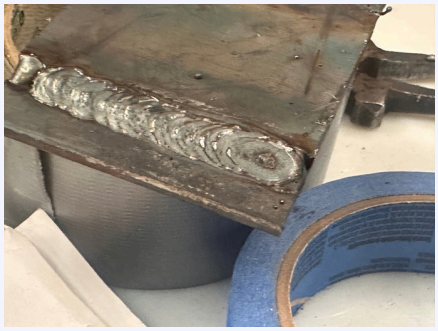
Forensic Class






Mr. Clapper's Forensic class is learning about blood and splatter patterns. They also got to find out what type of blood they have.

Welding Class

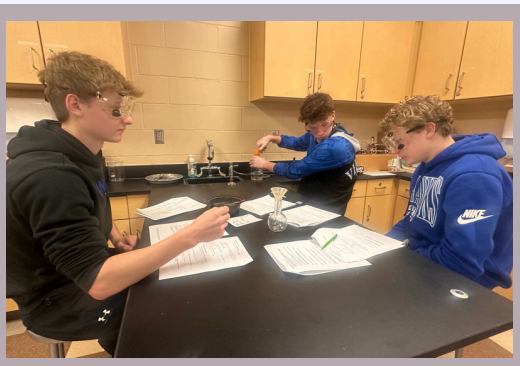
French Class




The welding class practiced their joints and the French class went on a scavenger hunt. The students are learning more than just the language. They explore the culture, celebrations, fashion history, and of course the food! There are lots of extra opportunities too: French Club, French Honor Society , and travel! Follow on Instagram @Kindred_French

Chemistry Class





Chemistry students put on their safety gear and started to learn about synthesis reactions. Catching iron on fire was apparently "pretty cool".

Upcoming Events

KINDRED'S COMMITMENT TO CORDUROY

CLICK HERE TO GET TICKETS

NIPSTAD FARMS, RURAL KINDRED

1.31.26 5PM

2026 VIKING PRIDE NIGHT

ENSURING ONGOING IMPROVEMENTS TO ALL KHS ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

APRIL 10 5PM AVALON

Ticket information for 2026 Viking Pride Night coming soon, until then...save the date.

Huge news! This is BIG for our students! 💙

Kindred Area Dollars for Scholars is now part of Giving Hearts Day! Thanks to our generous matching donors, every gift made through the Giving Hearts Day site is MATCHED now through February 12!

Let's rally together and invest in the future of Kindred.

Kindred Area Dollars for SCHOLARS®

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GIVING HEARTS DAY

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GIFTS ARE MATCHED NOW - FEB 12TH

Founded in 1991, the chapter's purpose is to raise funds for scholarships and to award the scholarships in an equitable and non-discriminatory manner to graduates of Kindred High School for post-secondary education as full-time students. These scholarships may be used at any two- or four-year college, university, or vocational school.

Thank you to our match sponsors: • Matthys Orthopedics. • Kindred State Bank

Sports Summary

SCHOOL ATHLETIC CALENDAR

Find Activities Here

Follow Kindred Girls' Baskeball via Coach Brandt's Facebook - Click Here

Follow Kindred Boys' Basketball on X - Click Here

Congratulations

The winter athletic teams have been competing across the state with a high level of success. Please check out the activity schedule at KPSD#2 Activities Calendar and come on out to support the Vikings teams! A big "THANK YOU" goes out to all the players, coaches, and fans for all their efforts! GO VIKINGS!

Brooks and Liza hit 1000 & Myles and Tanner busted some school records! #VikingPride









NATIONAL SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER APPRECIATION DAY

(technically SUNDAY, FEB 15)

WE'LL CELEBRATE **FRIDAY, FEB 13**

Wear Pink

WEAR PINK TO THE GIRLS' BASKETBALL GAME *FRIDAY, FEB. 13* & SHOW OFFICER JJ HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE HIM



Sunday, February 15th is National School Resource Officer Day! We'd like to honor our own Officer JJ for the vital role he plays as a mentor, educator, and law enforcement officer. He fosters safety, builds positive relationships and bridges gaps between our youth and the law enforcement community.

We can show our appreciation Friday, February 13th at the Girls' Basketball game Everybody WEAR PINK and show JJ how grateful we are to have him in our community.