

**Kennedy Elementary**  
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**August/September**  
**Events**

- 9-6** NO SCHOOL—Labor Day
- 9-7** PTO/7:00 (library)
- 9-9** school picture makeups
- 9-13** School Board Meeting—5:30
- 9-30** parent teacher conferences  
NO SCHOOL
- 10-1** parent teacher conferences  
NO SCHOOL

Parents & Families,

Welcome to Kennedy Elementary School! Back to school is always a tremendously exciting and energetic time and I hope all share our staff's enthusiasm for the start of the year. As we move forward into the year we will continue to work through the challenges of the past year in promoting safety, health, and wellness. I ask each and every one of you to use discretion and exercise personal responsibility to help keep your family, children, staff and others safe. Please be diligent about utilizing the home health screener that is part of our district Back to School Plan. Should you ever have any concerns about your child's health or are uncertain about if they should be in attendance or staying home don't hesitate to reach out to myself or our school nurse, Lana Martin.

As with every school year there will be plenty of opportunities for your child to experience success. We will provide your child with as many quality learning opportunities, as possible. Your parental involvement in your child's education has a significant impact upon their success at school. As we begin the school year, please check with your teacher about different methods to communicate regarding your child's progress. Numerous other opportunities exist to assist in our mission of educating the whole child, and your involvement in our PTO is always encouraged. Please make it a priority to be an active part of your child's education and Kennedy Elementary.

It has been a pleasure getting to see everyone at our back to school activities. Thanks for taking part in those events and helping get the year off to a great start! If we have not had the chance to meet, my door is always open! I look forward to working with your child and family during this year! We expect to have another great year, building on the successes that were achieved previously at Kennedy Elementary.

**Kelly Hansen,**  
**Kennedy principal**

**HEALTH ALERT: Please remember that no nuts or nut products are permitted in Kennedy School.**



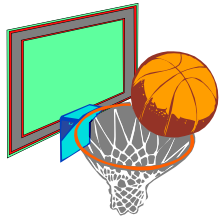
### ***MEDICATIONS***

There are times when your children need to take medication at school. Students **CANNOT** take medication of any kind, including Tylenol, at school unless a Parental Consent Form is on file in the school office **WITH** a doctor's prescription and signature. This includes children who must use inhalers. Non-prescription medication cannot be dispensed by school personnel and may not be carried by students. If your child has any medical concerns and or conditions the school should be aware of, please contact: Mrs. Lana Martin (school nurse); Ms. Brenda Hyde (secretary); or Mr. Kelly Hansen (principal).

## **HEALTH ALERT**

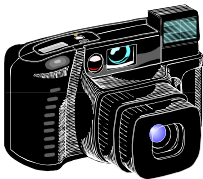
### ***HEALTH ALERT***

There are children attending Kennedy School who have a **severe allergy to nuts and nut products**. Strict avoidance is the only way to prevent an allergic reaction. **The allergy can be life threatening!** In our efforts to do all we can to provide a safe environment, we ask that you read the label of all food items that you bring to school and **NOT send any foods to school, including sack lunches, which contain any nuts or nut products**. Should a student bring a nut or nut product item in his/her sack lunch, parents will be called and an alternative lunch will be provided for the day.



### ***HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES***

We make special efforts to help elementary students understand the expectations of them when they attend a high school activity. You might help us by reinforcing appropriate behavior when your child attends a game with you. An elementary seating section is available at football and basketball games. We expect that students will sit in this section if they do not sit with you. The elementary principals supervise this section. Just as we are concerned about student safety and well being during the school day, we limit student activity (running around, etc.) at high school activities for the same reasons. If your child is attending an activity please help remind them of the expectation to sit in assigned areas and watch the event.



### ***SCHOOL PICTURES***

The second school picture date is set for **Thursday September 9**. Picture retakes for this year are scheduled for **Tuesday October 5**.

### ***PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES***

**Conferences will be held on September 30 and October 1**. Classroom teachers will share information about our curriculum, classroom expectations, and Report Cards. There is no school for elementary students on those dates. Evening slots will again be available. Second semester conferences will be held again on **February 15 and 17**, in the late afternoon/early evening.

### ***ATTENDANCE***

Please make sure to notify the school of any absence that your child may incur during the course of the year. For absences other than illness or emergency please notify us in advance. While some absences cannot be avoided it is of crucial importance to your child's success that they are in school and attend regularly.



### **SCHOOL HOURS**

All students start class at 8:05 am (tardy bell). Our staff will be ready to assist your children at 7:50. Students should not arrive at school before that time. Students who are eating breakfast or participating in morning Boost Up should utilize door A. Please make arrangements to accommodate this schedule. Student health and safety is our primary concern. Your assistance will help ensure their safety as each day begins. ***If you are running late and arrive after 8:05*** please take your child to the front door (A). Students will need to be buzzed into the main office at this time. They can do so by pushing the green bell button near the handicapped entrance.

### **PICK UP AND DROP OFF**

The loop in front of the school was designed for easy pick up and drop off of students. This loop is one way, two lane traffic that runs from east to west. When entering the parking lot make sure to pull up past the playground, pull aside and utilize all parking spaces to avoid creating a backup at the entrance. Students who are coming to breakfast should be dropped off near entrance A and come in the building through that entrance. School buildings will open at 7:30 am each morning for breakfast. There will be no supervision prior to school on the playgrounds. At 7:50 am students will enter the building using their assigned doors and go directly to their classrooms.

Students will go to assigned door and enter; students go to lockers and then directly to the classroom;

KG – Door L  
1st - Door K  
2nd - Door J  
3rd – Door I  
4th - Door H  
5th - Door G

At the end of the day students will be dismissed through the door that correlates to their classroom wing. The only exception to this is that fourth and fifth grade students will be asked to exit through the main entrance of the building (A). Students using busing will go to the west parking lot where bus loading and unloading will take place. Please make sure to avoid parking in the lot west of the school, as it is intended for bus use and staff parking. ***Following pick up and drop up off expectations creates a safer situation for all and a smooth transition to the start and end of the school day. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!***

### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION REMINDERS**

All students have physical education (PE) class two times each week. It is important that they have appropriate footwear when participating in PE. Please help your child remember tennis shoes for PE days. ***Sandals, clogs, hiking boots, flip flops and shoes with stacked soles or open backs are not acceptable and could cause injury.***



# LUNCH MENU Kennedy, Buchanan & Jefferson Elementary

[Elementary Nutrition Info:](#)



Menus created by Tessa Kostas, Pierre School District Food Service Director. Please contact Tessa with any questions! Tessa.Kostas@k12.sd.us. These menus are subject to change based on availability. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer

Please note that the Pierre Schools strive to be peanut/nut allergy friendly. Our menus will not have peanuts/nuts of any kind. Please do not send peanut/nut items to school with your students.  
**EZ School Pay**  
To easily add money to your student's account, visit [www.ezschoolpay.com](http://www.ezschoolpay.com)

**Employment Opportunities:**  
Want to join our team?  
Looking for motivated individuals who like working with food and love working with kids.  
Part and full time positions available. [Click here to apply.](#)

**Breakfast Prices:**  
Elementary - \$1.80  
Middle School - \$1.90  
High School - \$2.00  
Reduced Price - \$0.30  
Adult - \$2.25

**Lunch Prices:**  
Elementary - \$2.95  
Middle School - \$3.15  
High School - \$3.25  
Reduced Price - \$0.40  
Adult - \$3.90

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New app must be filled out each year</li> <li>- Pick up at school or find on website</li> <li>- Online version available through Parent Portal</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- These are separate from their meal account</li> <li>- Inquire with school secretary</li> <li>- 20 punch cards and quarter and school year pass available</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Students are allowed to charge 5 meals in the negative</li> <li>- After that we ask that they bring a sack lunch from home until the balance is paid</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- You may make payments via cash or check at each school</li> <li>- Online payments can be made through <a href="http://www.EZSchoolPay.com">www.EZSchoolPay.com</a></li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Students need to take at least 3 food groups &amp; 1 of the 3 must be a fruit or veg to make a meal</li> <li>- If no meal is made, items will be charged separately</li> </ul>																										
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