

Kinnikinnick CCSD #131

Spring Edition



GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING!

Congratulations to **Jennifer Sanderson** who is a finalist for the Rockford Symphony Orchestra Music Educator of the Year. Jennifer is one of nine area music educators that are selected by the following criteria:

- Demonstrates passion for music education and is a leader in the music education community
- Has a documented successful music education program at his/her school
- Makes a measurable difference in the lives of his/her students

Check, Check and Check! Mrs. Sanderson you have our vote! The RSO will select its winner on April 29th. You can read more about Jennifer and the other finalists [here](#).



Congratulations to **Steve Bergler** and the **RMS Science Olympiad team** who placed 5th as a team in their grouping of 20 schools at the state competition! 8 Individual medals were also brought home! Science Olympiad is committed to:

- Developing hands-on, standards-aligned STEM content with industry and education partners
- Providing volunteers and mentors a platform to share subject-matter expertise in relevant STEM topic areas
- Creating opportunities for student teamwork, problem solving and collaboration
- Recognizing outstanding achievement by students and teachers
- Encouraging diverse students to enroll in STEM courses
- Building a strong STEM workforce

What an exciting conclusion to much hard work and prep! Those smiles exude pride and confidence!

News from the Board of Education

- 2023–2024 School Registration for returning students will begin May 15th through Schoolmint
- New student registration will begin June 5th
- The Board is seeking letters of interest to fill a board vacancy seat. If interested, please submit a letter of interest to kfreedlund@kinnschools.org by May 8th.
- The Board approved the purchase of
 - 21 ViewSonic interactive whiteboards which will begin the replacement cycle for this existing and essential classroom tool.
 - 400 new Chromebooks for student use per the replacement cycle
- The Board approved the expansion of our English Language Learner program! Mrs. Fuentes will join Mrs. Kuo to provide EL support to our students and families who are learning English.
- The First Student transportation contract was renewed.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- ☑ **Not returning next year**, please contact the School Secretary.
- ☑ [2023-2024 School Calendar posted](#)
- ☑ Check out the [Digital Backpack](#) for fun activities in the community. Emailed every Friday.