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As we move along through these wonderful winter months, the students in the Kiel Area School District continue to thrive both in academic and co-curricular activities.

We have many high school clubs currently participating in competitions: Math, Forensics, Ice Fishing, etc. The robotics team continues to prepare for their upcoming competitions. Winter sports teams continue to exemplify what Kiel is all about: grit, determination, hard work and sportsmanship. We continue to support our students in all of their efforts!

Our middle school students have the opportunity to participate in a number of exciting programs that challenge their minds, including Makerspace Stem team challenges, Chess Club, Art Club, PI Girls (robotics for girls) and SWAT Boys (students working to advance technology). During advisement time students are working on a project called "Angel Hugs," where they are creating Valentines cards for Veterans.

February 7th and 8th are designated as "Future Raider Days" here in the Kiel Area School District. We offer the chance for our future "Raiders" to spend some time at Zielanis Elementary School; this process helps ease the transition into next school year as we open our arms to our incoming students!

On February 7th our elementary students will be entertained by well known author Patricia Polacco. We are thrilled to welcome this award winning author to work with our students to enhance their writing skills and creativity.

In an effort to continue partnering with our community, the National Honor Society will be working with St. Vincent De Paul and their "Christmas Cheer" program. At the boys home basketball game against New Holstein on Thursday, February 8th, members of the National Honor Society will be collecting new toys, games, children's books, movies, puzzles, gift cards, etc. for this program. Please feel free to bring items to help support the cause!

Our FFA (Future Farmers of America) program continues to work with the community to provide students with exceptional opportunities related to agricultural education. This group of dedicated students, parents, teachers and community members do a great job providing agricultural and leadership opportunities for our students.

Our Board of Education recently had the chance to attend the School Board Convention in Milwaukee. This professional development opportunity allowed school board members to collaborate with colleagues across the state as well as one another as they help shape the future vision of our school district.

Our Parent Advisory Council group and other interested parents met last week to hear a presentation from the Raider Nation Community Group about the upcoming referendum and financial state of the district. This dedicated group of parents takes a sincere interest in learning more about our schools and would welcome parents to attend any future meetings.

The Board of Education is asking the community to support two questions. The first question asks the community to support ongoing resources for students and the second question asks for the community to support the renovation of our athletic facilities and to construct a new performing arts center. We continue to find support from our local businesses and community members as we communicate the facts and information regarding the referendum. There is a referendum link on our main web page at www.kiel.k12.wi.us

As we continue forward with our referendum planning and communication, community members will be receiving an informational postcard as well as future mailings and communications that outline the two questions on the referendum ballot on April 3.

As you can see the District has many positive events and activities going on each and every day. We welcome and encourage everyone to join us and continue celebrating the exceptional work of our staff and students!