

# JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Between the Lakes Virtual Academy

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## Nominate our Staff for Excellence in Education Awards!

We are excited to announce that twenty-four school districts are partnering with Channel 5 to recognize exceptional school employees in a program called the “Eastern Wisconsin Excellence in Education” awards. This program is similar to the “Golden Apple” and “Shining Stars” programs in Green Bay and the Fox Valley.

This program allows parents, students,

community members, and staff to nominate deserving school employees in the following categories:

- Innovation in work (How has the employee demonstrated innovation in his/her work area?)
- Culture creator in the work environment (How has the employee gone above and beyond in creating a positive school culture?)
- Social/emotional well being (How has the employee impacted the social/emotional well being of students and/or the school environment?)
- Community involvement (How has the employee positively impacted the community?)
- Student connection (In what ways has the employee built positive relationships with students?)

• **Nominations** need to be submitted by February 5, 2024. Following the submission deadline, a panel of judges will review each nomination to determine finalists. These finalists will then be asked to elaborate on the work outlined in the nomination. The judges will then select the award recipients in each of the five categories.

The awards show ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2024 at the Kiel Area School District Performing Arts Center. The program will be live streamed on the Channel 5, [WeAreGreenBay.com](http://WeAreGreenBay.com) website.

Link: [Nomination Form](#)

End of term for online students is January 22! Be sure to check with your teachers NOW about any missing work or getting caught up!

## Wisconsin Historical Society Virtual Ojibwe Storytelling

### Series Starts in January

Tune in virtually each Tuesday evening from January 9-30 to hear from Ojibwe storytellers from the Lac Courte Oreilles, Sokaogon, Lac du Flambeau and Bad River Tribes. This is the third year the Wisconsin Historical Society is hosting this series, which has brought in listeners from across the state, country and globe to listen to and learn from Ojibwe narrators. [Visit the WHS web site for more information and to sign up for the series.](#)

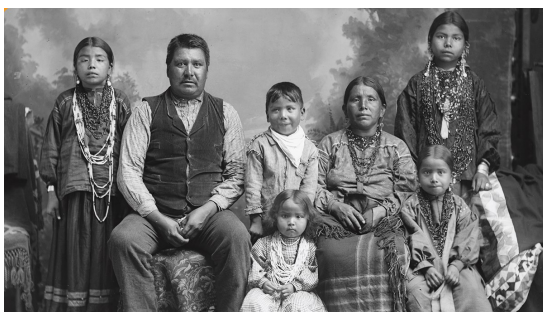


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We have some exciting news! Tickets to our Kiel Middle School production of *30 Reasons Not to Be in a Play* are on sale now (opened to the public this morning)! We have an amazing group of students- about 50 with performers, stage crew, and student directors. They are all working hard, and excited to be a part of this fun comedy! It's wonderful to see them all come together as a team and put their creative energy into making this play a success.

### **Ticket sales information:**

**-Two shows at the Kiel PAC.**

**- Friday, February 9th at 7:00 p.m.**

**- Saturday, February 10th at 3:00 p.m.**

**-Ticket website is- [www.showtix4u.com/events/kiel](http://www.showtix4u.com/events/kiel)**

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If you have not yet, please like and share our Facebook and Instagram pages for Between the Lakes Virtual Academy!



Lastly, if there is a snow day called for Kiel or your home district, know that we will still be having school as usual! We are all hopefully safely working from home!

The Kiel Area School District offices will be closed if there is a snow day, however; many of us will be working from home. If you need any-