

Dear Parents, Families, and USD 392 Students:

As part of our District and KESA-based goals (Kansas Education Systems Accreditation), both the Elementary and Jr/Sr High are working to foster and cultivate our Individual Plan of Study program. This is a KSDE and KESA goal that follows a continuum from PreK/Kindergarten to Seniors. It focuses on giving students several opportunities to learn about different careers and what incredible possibilities might await them in their post-secondary adventures!

In an effort to kick-start this heightened focus, we are hosting a district-wide Winter Fest Career Fair on Friday, December 15th! The IPS Professional Learning Committee has been hard at work to bring a myriad of people and careers examples to campus! We will be spending the day doing hands-on learning activities, led by community members, highlighting careers such as agriculture, agriculture equipment, art/wax seals, culinary arts, dentistry, law enforcement, library/STEM, mechanics, medical, nutrition, radio broadcasting/video production, and wildlife/parks.

We will be touring the sessions in Bigs-Littles groups. Each Junior High/High School student will attend the sessions alongside an elementary student. These groups will be supervised by multiple teachers as well. We will begin at 8:15, eat a school sack lunch (students can bring their own sack lunch if they would like, but microwaves will not be available) and then continue through the afternoon. High School Basketball players will be dismissed as scheduled. Junior High Basketball practice will begin at 3:30pm.

While this is expected to be a fun and exciting day, students will still need to follow expectations of USD 392. This includes acting appropriately and setting good examples for their littles as we are collectively learning from one another! Each student is expected to stay with their Little as well as with their group. Phones need to be kept put away and if parents are needing to contact their student, they may do so through the office. We will briefly meet as a school on Thursday, December 14th to review the expectations of students. We are truly hoping that this is an engaging and fun experience for all and want to be in-the-moment as much as possible!

We are eager to share this with the students and spend the day learning and exploring career ideas!

*Please keep backpacks at home on Friday, December 15th!

** Please be sure to have your coat, hat, gloves, etc. Weather permitting, we will be outside several times!

**If you are planning to bring your own sack lunch on Friday, please let Mrs. Jeanne Mans know no later than Thursday, December 14th.