

Kellar Primary News

Mrs. Heidi Baron, Principal
September 1, 2021



Mrs. Baron's Bulletin...

Welcome Back! I hope that everyone had a relaxing and rejuvenating summer break and ready to start the school year strong! It is wonderful to see all students in the building excited to learn and continuing Kellar's high standards of excellence. Please take note of all information given throughout the year on details of dismissal to keep students and staff safe. Thank you for a great start to a new school year!

Secretary's Section

Please remember to call or email the office when your child is absent. If they are absent due to the presence of COVID symptoms the office will need to have a copy of their negative COVID results before they are able to return to class. Please email ana.zeisel@psd150.org. Also, please communicate any transportation changes directly to your child's teacher by 2pm. Thank you!

PTO

The PTO will hold meetings once a month on Tuesdays. Our PTO encourages you to join the "Kellar PTO" Facebook group for further information.

Speech, ESL, SEL, School Nurse, Library - OH MY!

Speech

Screenings will begin the end of August for all Kindergarten students. This process will take several weeks. After I have completed all the testing, we will send home a paper to students who will need to be rescreened, evaluated, or need interventions. If you do not receive a paper for your Kindergarten student, it is because they already have an IEP or have age-appropriate Speech skills. If you have any questions, please contact me at julee.amerman@psd150.org.

ESL

This is your friendly ESL teacher Mrs. Ali welcoming you to the new school year. I am screening the incoming Kindergarten students who have a second language spoken in their homes. For those students already in the program, I can't wait to start my sessions when all screenings are complete.

SEL

My name is Mrs. Kenser, I am the Family School Liaison at Kellar Primary through FamilyCore's Outreach Program. This year I will be working with Mrs. Camp to support our Kellar students and families to ensure that our students are successful. We have many duties at Kellar such as teaching coping skills, conducting small groups to learn social skills, and providing a safe, supportive place for students who may need a little extra support. We also focus on a characteristic every other week. Our first characteristic is 'Welcoming'. At the end of the two weeks a student is chosen from each classroom and acknowledged on morning announcements. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at Kellar 309-693-4439.

Balloon Breathing: Hold your hands together, take a deep breath and blow into your hands as if you are blowing up a balloon spreading your hands apart as you blow into your hands. Once your balloon is as big as it can be gently sway from side to side as you release your balloon up into the sky.

Kellar Nurse

2021-2022 Compliance:

In accordance with the State of Illinois Law, students must have a current physical exam and complete record of immunizations to be compliant and attend school. All students enrolled in school, whether that enrollment is Virtual, Distance or In-person, are required to submit these health-related requirements no later than October 15, 2021.

Kindergarten:

Physical dated within one year of the first day of school. (August 19, 2020 or later)

A complete up to date Immunization Record

Vision Exam dated within one year of the first day of school. (August 19, 2020 or later)

Dental Exam by May 15th.

Dental exams must have taken place within 18 months prior to the May 15th deadline. The record must be dated November 15, 2020 or later.

2nd Grade:

Dental exams must have taken place within 18 months prior to the May 15th deadline. The record must be dated November 15, 2020 or later. If you have questions about your child's Immunizations, Physical or Dental Exams please contact me at deborah.pence@psd150.org

Kellar Library

Welcome back to the Kellar Library! I am looking forward to seeing familiar faces return along with new ones! We have gotten many new books of all kinds and can't wait to share them with our students! September is library card sign up month, so if you don't have a library card see Mrs. Harris for an application. If you return it to school, I will take care of the rest. In October, we can look forward to the Peoria Public Library's Bookmobile resuming their weekly visits to Kellar. They will be coming every Friday morning. How exciting!

Encore Class Updates

PE

Welcome back from Mrs. Olson, your P.E. teacher! I'm so impressed with Kellar student's listening and following directions during P.E. already this year. We have been focusing on rules and safety, learning 4 square to play on our new 4 square painted on our playground, and using and perfecting our teamwork skills with our giant parachute. Please remember to wear gym shoes to P.E. and a mask that stays securely over your nose and mouth. I am looking forward to our Superhero warmups and fun, engaging P.E. activities and I hope you are too!

Technology

Hello Kellar families, this is Mr. Bootz the technology teacher. For the month of September, we will continue to learn how to use computers in and out of MS Teams (K-4th), learn about digital citizenship (K-4th), practice letters and reading (K), and practice typing (1st – 4th). Thanks for all you do, no one plays a more important role in the success of a student than their family!

Music

Hello! We have had a lot of fun being able to start this 2021-22. Music in the classroom is so important to children and a gateway for all other disciplines such as math and reading. I'm excited to work towards all incorporation of reading music, singing, and the implantation of instruments. 3rd and 4th grade will have information coming home with the start of music club. Thank you for doing your part and being amazing Kellar families! – Dr. Anderson

Art

We are off and showing creativity in Art classes! Your child will receive Art once a week for 45 minutes. I do ask that each child continue to bring his/her own supplies-crayons(K-1) markers & or colored pencils (2-4), pencil(s), glue stick, and scissors in a bag/pouch each week to Art and be prepared to work diligently. We are reviewing the elements of art with all the grade levels and have started to create our masterpieces. I look forward to a great school year and cannot wait to participate and observe all the wonderful creations of the Kellar students. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at beth.montgomery@psd150.org

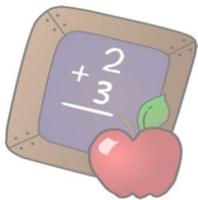
Grade Level Updates

Kindergarten

The kindergarten wing has been a busy, busy place with so much to do and learn! Students have been working on learning classroom rules, expectations, and procedures such as unpacking backpacks, where daily folders go, our breakfast procedure, and lining up and walking in the hallways. And that's just a small part of our morning! These early weeks are all about rules, expectations, procedures and how we treat one another.

First Grade

First Grade is off to a great start to the year. Everyone was excited to be back in class and to see their friends.



9/2 Vision Screening #2 library
9/3 College Color Days
9/6 No School Labor Day
9/7 Panorama begins thru 9/30

We have begun to prepare your children for the NWEA test, which is a skill based computerized test in reading and math. With the weather still on the warm side, please send a bottle of water with your child daily (water fountains are not accessible).

Second Grade

What a great start to the year! We are so proud of the 2nd graders as they are learning and beginning to follow our daily procedures. Please continue to help your child remember their responsibility of bringing their green folder, planner, and any homework back to school. Students also need to remove all graded and completed work from their green folders each evening. Thank you for sending the refillable water bottles to school each day, the children get very thirsty, and these are necessary to keep them hydrated. Lastly, please double check your child's mask while they are wearing it. If they do not fit correctly, they will fall below their nose each time they talk. Thanks for all your support in making this a great year!!

Third Grade

Third grade is off to a great start! Please make sure your child has the necessary school supplies as we return. We have been working hard learning and reviewing Kellar expectations. We began Unit One, good citizens, in our Journey's book. The genres will be humorous fiction, informational text, realistic fiction, and historical fiction this month. In math we started Module 1, multiplication, and division with units of 2-5 and 10. The NWEA fall testing is also underway. Thank you for your continuing support and encouragement as we start the new school year!

Fourth Grade

Fourth grade is off to a great start! We have been working hard in ELA and Math. Our students have been reading and working on story structure, summarizing, author's purpose, and monitoring and clarifying information. In Math, we have been working on understanding the place value chart, multiplication, and division. We pack many things in our hours together and we always end the day tired, but we are learning every day! Parents, we could not do it without your support! Thank you for your support and encouragement at home.



WE ARE KELLAR!!!!

Important Dates

9/15 Look It's My Book
9/15 Hispanic Heritage Month
9/16 Picture Day
9/17 Progress Report 1

****Spirit Day Fridays! All students are encouraged to wear their Kellar Spirit Wear!****