



KELLAR PRIMARY NEWS

Kendall Turner, Principal
February 4, 2019



Note from Mr. Turner

What unusual weather we have had this year! Thank you for your flexibility. This is the time of year when we "kick it up a notch." Third and fourth grade students are preparing for the PARCC and everyone is trying to learn as much as possible before the distractions of spring. Unfortunately, this is also the time of year when illness seems to be all too common. We need parents' help on both counts. Please help your children stay on top of their studies. Ask them questions about what they learn. Provide extra practice and review at home when possible. Above all, *show them you care* about their education! Help them stay healthy, too. Be sure they continue to get plenty of rest and exercise. Keep them "fueled up" with nutritious foods. Teach and reinforce good hygiene habits to prevent the spread of germs.



Presidents' Day

There will be **NO SCHOOL** on **Monday, February 18** in celebration of President's Day.



Early Dismissal

Wednesday, February 27 is a School Improvement Day. School will dismiss at **11:30**.

Guest Reader Week

February 4-8 is the 26th annual Guest Reader Week at Kellar! **Ninety (95)** members of our community will read to our students throughout the week. The books they will read were purchased by the PTO, and they became part of our library. Each class will have at least one reader every day. Please ask your children about their guest readers and books. A big "Thanks!" to Mrs. Tortora for planning and organizing this very special week!



Young Authors

Each student at Kellar submitted a Young Authors manuscript. What amazing writers we have! Our teachers selected manuscripts as classroom winners, six of which will represent Kellar in the PPS round of competition (marked with an asterisk). Following are the students whose manuscripts were selected:



- **Phoebe A.** (Tapling) *
- **Olivia B.** (Vitale) *
- **Bridger B.** (Olson)
- **Lucy D.** (Larson)
- **Owen H.** (Gorman) *
- **Lilly H.** (Young)
- **Bonnie H.** (Popken)
- **Giselle H.** (Thomas)
- **August L.** (Mullens) *
- **Carson M.** (Nelson)
- **Sean M.** (Christy)
- **Elena R.** (Lewellyn) *
- **Isabelle S.** (Bullard)
- **Aaron S.** (Foulk)
- **Paisley T.** (Bousky)
- **Aiyonna W.** (Hassinger) *
- **Ella W.** (Jones)
- **Charles W.** (Heltzel)

Congratulations to our winners! Good luck in the next round!



PARCC

Students in the 3rd and 4th grades will take the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) **March 11-April 26**. Third and fourth graders are tested online in reading and mathematics. The results of these tests are used to generate the *School Report Cards* and to measure Kellar's progress from year to year. It is very important that our children are well prepared and give good effort during testing. Parents can help children do well by encouraging good attendance and by reviewing their daily work with them. Teachers will send home additional information as the time approaches.

Coins for Kids

Start saving your coins! Kellar will engage in Disability Awareness activities and a coin collection to support Easter Seals again this year. The collection will be held the week of **February 25**.



Spelling Bee Winner!

Kellar students demonstrated their spelling prowess in our school-wide spelling bee on **Friday, January 18**. This year's participants were



- **Jad A.** (Heltzel)
- **Henry B.** (Foulk)
- **Jack B.** (Lewellyn)
- **Bridger B.** (Olson)
- **Sharief C.** (Vitale)
- **Hayden C.** (Lewellyn)
- **Brea E.** (Tapling)
- **Joyce F.** (Christy)
- **Matthew G.** (Gorman)
- **Ronnie H.** (Larson)
- **Bonnie H.** (Popken)
- **Yacoub K.** (Jones)
- **Magnolia L.** (Popken)
- **Nathan M.** (Bousky)
- **Cole M.** (Tapling)
- **Junaid N.** (Gorman)
- **Neha S.** (Young)
- **Max S.** (Heltzel)
- **Khadija S.** (Foulk)
- **Sidi S.** (Bullard)
- **Amarah S.** (Vitale)
- **Sydney S.** (Young)
- **Sarah T.** (Larson)
- **Elliana T.** (Bullard)
- **Paisley T.** (Bousky)
- **DiOran T.** (Jones)
- **Aiyonna W.** (Hassinger)
- **Vincent W.** (Hassinger)
- **Preston Z.** (Christy)
- **Zane Z.** (Olson)

After spelling many difficult words, **Jad A.** emerged the winner and **Sydney S.** was runner up. Jad will advance to the City of Peoria Spelling Bee on **March 22**. Good luck Jad!

Library News

Did you know Kellar students have read **7,890 books (39,400,499 words)**? Did you know **86%** of our students took Accelerated Reader tests in January?



Congratulations to Kellar students who participated in the District's *Snow is Falling and Books Are Calling* contest. Kellar came in 2nd place. Kellar had five of the top readers in the District:

- **Olivia B. (#1)**
- **Linda H. (#2)**
- **Asher I. (#2)**
- **Molly S. (#2)**
- **Kobbina T. (#3)**

All will be recognized at an upcoming School Board meeting. We are all proud of your hard work and accomplishments!

What Is AVID?

Student Success Skills –



encompassing communication skills (e.g. listening, speaking, writing), self-advocacy skills, note-taking strategies, critical thinking, and study skills.

Organizational Skills – both mental and physical; students learn to use organizational tools, as well as learn and practice skills around time management and goal-setting.

WICOR Lessons – emphasize instruction on writing to learn, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading to learn in all content areas.

Partnerships – among students, classrooms, grade levels, schools, feeder patterns, families, and communities.

First Day Compliance



Board Policy 7:100, requires physical and immunization requirements by the first day of school. Students not in compliance by the first day of school (August 14, 2019), will not be allowed to start the school year until all health documentation requirements are met. Families are strongly encouraged to start health appointments now, so that documentation can be prepared and turned in to your school, avoiding first day compliance issues.

Students with Asthma

Illinois law requires school districts to request a copy of the Asthma Action Plan for students diagnosed with asthma each school year. Please bring your copy to the school office as soon as possible. If your child uses an inhaler or nebulizer treatment during school hours, or at school-sponsored activities, we must receive a new School Medication Authorization form each school year. The form is available to print



from www.psd150.org; under the red "Students & Parents" tab, drop down to "Forms." For inhalers ONLY, Do not take the form to the doctor's office; a Xerox copy of the prescription label from the inhaler box substitutes for the health care provider signature. Please indicate on page two of the form if you wish for your student to be in possession of the inhaler.



Dental Exams

All children in Kindergarten, second and sixth grades must present proof of having been examined by a licensed dentist. The examination must have taken place within 18 months prior to May 15, 2019. The record must be dated November 15, 2017 or later.

If a child in the second or sixth grade fails to present proof by May 15, the school may hold the child's report card until the parent presents proof: (1) of completed dental examination, or (2) that a dental examination will take place within 60 days after May 15. A parent may apply for a waiver from this requirement for their child, if they demonstrate an undue burden or a lack of access to a dentist.



5Essentials Survey

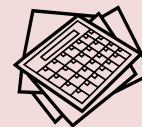
The **5Essentials Survey** is open for families to provide us feedback to make improvements to our school. On February 26th we will offer a **uniform free day** for students who bring in a printout of the survey completion notification! Please complete the survey at <https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/> any time before February 15th.



Volunteers Needed

As we gear up for our spring Junior Achievement program, we still have a few volunteer spots open. Please consider donating a little of your time to help Kellar students learn about work readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy.

For more information or to sign up to volunteer, please contact: Rachel Tan, Program Assistant rachel.tan@ja.org Angie Houck, Program Director angie.houck@ja.org 309-682-1800.



Important Dates

- Feb. 4-8 Guest Reader Week
- Feb. 5 1st & 2nd grades Fine Arts Night 6:00
- Feb. 9 Valentine's Day Dance 4:00-6:00
- Feb. 14 Valentine's Day parties 2:30
- Feb. 15 5 Essentials Survey ends
Progress reports sent home
- Feb. 18 Presidents' Day – NO SCHOOL
- Feb. 20 1st grade to Riverfront Museum
- Feb. 21 4th grade to Jump Simulation
- Feb. 22 Movie Night 5:30-7:30
- Feb. 25 & 26 Marco's Pizza Nights
- Feb. 25-Mar. 1 Easter Seals Coins for Kids
Penny War and Disability Awareness Week
- Feb. 26 5Essentials Uniform-Free Day
PTO meeting 6:00-7:00
- Feb. 27 SIP Day – 11:30 dismissal
- Feb. 28 Scholastic Book Fair
Family Night 5:00-7:00
- Mar. 1 – 8 Read Across America Week
- Mar. 11–Apr. 26 PARCC (3rd & 4th graders)
- Mar. 27 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00
- Mar. 28 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00
- Mar. 29 NO SCHOOL
- Apr. 9 Kindergarten Fine Arts Night 6:00
- Apr. 15-22 Spring Break
- Apr. 27 Kindergarten Round Up
- Apr. 30 Kindergarten Registration
- May 16 Kellar Family Picnic & Carnival
- May 20 Field Day
- May 23 28 Awards Day
Students' last day – 2:30 dismissal