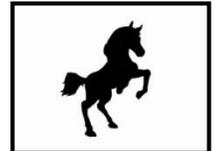




KELLAR PRIMARY NEWS

Kendall Turner, Principal
January 7, 2019



Note from Mr. Turner

I hope everyone enjoyed a restful and relaxing break. It was nice to spend time with family and friends.

Once again, I am amazed at the incredible generosity of our Kellar families! The Holiday gift collection was a big success again this year. Also, our students collected pajamas for needy families. Thanks to all who have helped!

It's difficult to believe that the school year is almost half over! During the second semester, we look forward to introducing new skills and content. The PARCC tests will be given to 3rd and 4th graders in March and April. Your help is critical to our students' success. Please continue to encourage your children to read every day. Ask them questions about their readings. Help them find reading materials that interest them. Listen to them read aloud and encourage them to read with expression. Look at their written work. Ask them questions about what they have written. And of course, encourage them to do their best on their Young Authors manuscripts!

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

There will be NO SCHOOL Monday, January 21, 2019 in observance of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Early Dismissal

School will dismiss at 11:30 on Wednesday, January 30 for a SIP Day.

Spelling Bee

Students who are the classroom spelling bee winners will compete in the school-wide spelling bee on Friday, January 18 at 2:00 in the gym. Parents and fans are invited to attend. Practice the words on the list the teachers sent home!



Faculty Changes

Mrs. Swearingian will be leaving Kellar at the end of January to embark on her next career. We will miss you! Mrs. Bixby will begin as our PE teacher in February.

Young Authors

All students are required to submit a Young Authors manuscript again this year. All manuscripts are due Tuesday, January 22, 2019. Watch your teacher's newsletter for classroom due dates. Following are the guidelines for Young Authors:



- Must be the original work of the student (idea, composition, illustrations)
- Students may receive help proofreading, typing, and binding
- Will be judged on
 - Focus
 - Support/elaboration
 - Organization
 - Conventions
 - Presentation
- Must be in book form with cover and pages securely attached
- Two students may co-author story, poem, play, etc.
- Length is determined by the author
- Typed identification card must be glued inside the front cover of the book
- Include an "about the author" page at the end of the book
- 10 manuscripts will be selected and submitted to represent Kellar entries

We are writers!

Boundary Waiver Forms

Boundary waiver forms for next school year will be available online from January 7–March 8. Parents should read Remarkable Times or visit www.psd150.org/choice to learn the process and procedures. Students currently on a boundary waiver will not need to re-apply for next year.



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.



Perfect Attendance

The following students and staff members had perfect attendance and no tardies for the second grading period: GRAYSON A., ADALYNN A., AALIYAH B., HENRY B., IMARA B., AVAH B., RILEY D., LOU D., LUCY D., LYRIC F., GUYLEN G., BONNIE H., ISAAC L., ALANNAH L., JACKSON M., NATHAN M., SEAN M., AIDEN M., MOHAMMED N., RYDER N., ARIEL P., RYLEE R., BRYNNE R., MAIWEN R., LARONDRIC R., KENYON S., AARON S., DONOVAN T., EMBER T., NATALIE V., ISABELLA W., RYAN Z., Mrs. Mullens, Mrs. Popken, and Mr. Fowler.

The following students and staff members had perfect attendance and no tardies for all of first semester: JACK B., GABRIELLA B., OWEN C., MICHAEL C., HAYDEN D., ISABELLA E., BREA E., LAYLA F., MICHAEL G., LINDA H., KEATON H., JADEN H., COLTON J., HEAVYN J., KEMYA L., OLIVER M., MADELINE M., ALEEYAH M., CARTER M., TERRANCE P., BRAYDEN P., DALLAS P., LEONA P., GABRIELLA S., AMARAH S., ELLIE S., MOLLY S., LILLIAHNA T., PIPER W., AIYONNA W., CHRISTOPHER W., DEXTER W., Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Zeller, Mr. Ballentine, and Mr. Turner.



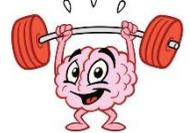
Volunteers Needed

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.

Coding & Fitness Club

Watch for information to come home this week to sign up for our new Coding and Fitness Club. The club will meet after school Monday through Thursday beginning January 14 and ending March 21. It will be open to twenty-five (25) 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade students at no cost. Parents will need to provide transportation, as buses are not available.



Chess Club

We are excited to announce that Chess Club will be starting soon for students in grades K-4! Mr. Anderson will lead weekly practices in preparation for the District tournament.



Holiday Gift Collection



This year **18** Kellar families (**38** children) received **over 400 gifts**, plus pajamas, uniforms, and household goods.

How wonderful it was to see the outpouring of help for our own students and families! Thank you to Kellar Cares and everyone who donated gifts. Thanks to Mrs. Kenser and Mrs. Swearingian for all of their work.

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.

Students with Asthma

Illinois state 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.



Accelerated Reader

December has been another busy month in the library. Our students have read **6,223 books** and **33,251,101 words** so far this year. That's a lot of reading! **77%** of students have taken an Accelerated Reader test in the last 30 days.



Three students, all 4th graders, have read over one million words. They are **Mary K., Donald F., and Linda H.** Congratulations! Who will be next?

The most popular books in the library this month have been Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Wonder, Polar Express, and Ghost Tale at Christmas Time (Magic Tree House series).

The Peoria Public Library's Bookmobile will resume visits to Kellar on Friday, January 11, 2019. Remember, if you don't yet have a library card, see Mrs. Harris for an application. It's free and provides many benefits!



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**. Watch for more information soon.

Absence & Tardy Procedures



It is critically important that students attend school regularly to optimize their learning, but if your child is absent, please phone the school or send a note upon his or her return. If we do not hear from you, we have to mark absences as "unexcused." It is also important that children arrive to school on time. Parents who are transporting their children should have them in their classrooms *before* the 8:30 bell rings. We don't want to miss even a minute of learning!



Important Dates

Jan. 7	School resumes
	Boundary waiver window opens (closes Mar. 8)
Jan. 11	Report cards sent home
Jan. 14	Winter NWEA testing begins
Jan. 17	2 nd graders to Hult Center
Jan. 18	School-wide Spelling Bee
Jan. 21	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School
Jan. 22	Young Authors manuscripts due
	PTO meeting 6:00
Jan. 23	Muffins with Mom 7:30-8:15
Jan. 24	Muffins with Mom 7:30-8:15
Jan. 29	100 th Day
Jan. 30	SIP Day 11:30 dismissal
Feb. 1	College Colors Day
	1 st grade to Riverfront Planetarium
Feb. 4-8	Guest Reader Week
Feb. 5	1 st & 2 nd grades Fine Arts Night
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. 26	5Essentials Uniform-Free Day
Mar. 4 – Apr. 26	PARCC (3 rd & 4 th 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
Apr. 15-22	Spring Break
May 16	Kellar Family Picnic & Carnival
May 20	Field Day
May 23	Awards Day
	Students' last day – 2:30 dismissal