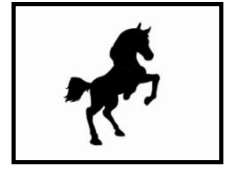


KELLAR PRIMARY NEWS

Kendall Turner, Principal
March 4, 2019



Note from Mr. Turner

This month we “turn the corner” on the school year. As we complete our PARCC testing, we change our clocks and prepare for our busy spring season. I am struck by the fact that so much hard work and dedication goes into each event and activity – all for our students and our community. Thank you to all who give of your time and resources for our children. Kellar is truly a special place!

Even as spring is still weeks away we are looking ahead to the 2019/2020 school year. On Saturday, April 27 we will offer the **Kindergarten Round-Up**. Families who will have children in kindergarten next year are invited to participate in the learning activities planned at the Peoria Zoo. Please help us get the word out.

Spring Forward

On **Sunday, March 10** Daylight-Saving Time begins.



Remember to **move your clocks ahead one hour** before bed Saturday night.



Class of 2032

We will register children for 2019-2020 Kindergarten on **Tuesday, April 30** at Kellar. Join us for our orientation at **9:00 AM**. Parents of children who turn 5 on or before September 1, 2019 should attend. Please bring the child's original certified birth certificate and health records. Families are also invited to the Peoria Zoo on Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM to learn about Kindergarten and pick up registration materials. Please share this information with friends and neighbors as well.

Coins for Kids



Kellar families and staff collected **\$1,148.88** for Easter Seals in this year's Coins for Kids! The

Kindergarteners edged out 2nd grade in the Penny War by just over \$9. Thank you for generously helping children with disabilities!



Accelerated Reader



February was another busy month in the library! Kellar students have read **9,559 books** this

school year. In February alone, our students read 1,669 books! That translates to 6,275,631 words in February alone or **45,676,130 words** for the school year. Eighty-two percent of our students took and passed at least one AR test this month!

Third graders are practicing using Destiny library software and three students have begun writing book reviews. Your student can log onto Destiny at home through the PSD150.org website. They can look at our catalog, find the most popular books, make their own lists (books read or books to read), do research and write book reviews. The Peoria Public Library's website is also a great resource for learning and fun. I encourage all of you and your children to investigate all the wonderful things you can access. You will need your library card number and PIN for access. All student cards use “student” as their PIN.



Parent Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences will be held **March 27th** from **4:00-7:00 PM** and **March 28th** from **4:00-7:00 PM**. Students will NOT attend school at all Friday, March 29. The teachers have designated conference times for each child. Please contact your child's teacher if you cannot attend at the assigned time. Conferences are a great time to hear of your student's progress and ask questions of his or her teacher.



IAR/PARCC

Students in the 3rd and 4th grades will take the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR), formerly known as PARCC, **March 18 – April 12**. 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.



Kellar Kindergarten Fine Arts Night



The Kellar Kindergarten Fine Arts Night will be held in Kellar gym on **Tuesday, April 9 at 6:00 PM**. All Kindergarten students, as well as our Music Club students, are involved. Students will sing on the stage and their art work will be displayed in the hallway. Parents, family and friends are all invited!



First Day Compliance



Board of Education Policy 7:100, requires that physical and immunization requirements be met 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 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.



Parent Conference Rides

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Families who need rides to Kellar from the River West/Village Green neighborhood for conferences have a wonderful option. Family Core will provide rides the evening of Thursday, **March 27**. Contact the school at 693-4439 if you would like a ride. See you there!



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.



Important Dates

- Mar. 1 – 8 Read Across America Week
- Mar. 7 2nd grade to Glen Oak Zoo
Start Time Forum at RHS 6:00
- Mar. 10 Daylight Saving Time begins
- Mar. 12 Chipotle Restaurant Night
- Mar. 13 2nd grade to Riverfront Museum
LOOK! It's My Book!
- Mar. 15 End of Mid-Term 2
- Mar. 16 Destination Imagination tournament
- Mar. 18–Apr. 12 IAR/PARCC (3rd & 4th graders)
- Mar. 19 1st grade to Riverfront Museum
- Mar. 21 Parent University (Peoria Public Library Downtown Branch) 5:00-8:00
- Mar. 25 1st grade to WTVP
- Mar. 26 PTO meeting 6:00
- Mar. 27 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00
- Mar. 28 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00
- Mar. 29 NO SCHOOL
- Apr. 6 PFT Chess Tournament
Easter Egg Hunt
- Apr. 9 Kindergarten Fine Arts Night 6:00
- Apr. 15-22 Spring Break
- Apr. 27 Kindergarten Round Up
- Apr. 30 Kindergarten Registration
- May 8 Drama Club performance
- May 16 Kellar Family Picnic
- May 20 Field Day
- May 23 28 Awards Day
Students' last day – 2:30 dismissal