Mrs. Baron’s Bulletin... Thank you to everyone who came out and participated in our first annual Halloween celebration on Saturday. Also, thank you to Nicole Larson, Kellar PTO, Look. It’s My Book!, The Zoo Lady, The Unique Twist, and all of our volunteers to help make this event successful. Thank you for all your support for Peoria Public Schools!

AVID

We are proud to be an AVID school. AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. We use different AVID strategies to help our students succeed. To learn more about AVID click here.

PTO

Come join us on Nov 10th, 2021, at Fox Pub for our first Kellar PTO Restaurant Night Out fundraiser this year! Fox Pub will be donating 10% of all food sales to the Kellar PTO! Kellar PTO would also like to invite all Kellar parents to get together and socialize during this time starting at 7:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to meet other Kellar parents!

Library

Did you know that November is National Picture Book Month? Picture books come in all reading levels and subjects and are beneficial in many ways. They help children to build language skills, recognize sounds and patterns, identify sequences, improve comprehension, and encourage imagination and creativity. Picture books can also allow children to explore challenging subjects in an approachable way (bullying, friendship, grief, etc.). Best of all they can foster a love of reading at an early age. You may want to choose a special picture book to read with your child on Family Reading Night, November 18.

Kellar has received a large assortment of new books this year! Our students can choose from many exciting new non-fiction subjects and some engaging fiction. Another great way to encourage reading is to obtain and use a public library card. Applications are available in our library. All you need to do is fill out your information and return it to school.

I couldn’t be easier! They have many services available to our students, from homework help to e-books and data bases. Check them out!

Speech

The students have done a great job working on all their speech sounds and have made some good gains in intelligibility. We will continue to address sound errors and error patterns and working toward correct productions.

If you have concerns about your child’s speech, please email me at julee.amerman@psd150.org and I would be happy to discuss those concerns with you. SEL

Our First Characteristic for the week of October 4-15 was “Responsible” and those students, who were chosen by their teacher, were as follows: Ari B, Emmett M, Avery Wl, Maya E, Lucy W, Zakari B, Bailey D, Sadie S, Kaycee S, Callen K, Brynne R, Tommy W, Boston S, Nathan, Audrey T, and Henry B

For the week of Sept. 20 - Oct. 1st the characteristic was Polite, and those students are as follows: Rio W, Quincy T, Rowan L, Bennett S, Gianni T, Jayden P, Addy B, Theodore F, Zander M, Sloane E, Mekhai L, Blake C, Kavi M, Adam W, Aubrey W, Vaia J, and Caden A (who was nominated by classmate Oliver M)

Congratulations to all those Responsible and Polite students. Next Characteristics are: Oct. 18-29 Safe, Book: A Little Safety Spot, By Diane Alber, Nov. 1-12 Kind, Book: A Little Spot of Kindness, By Diane Alber, Nov. 15-19 Thankful, Book: A Little Thankful Spot, By Diane Alber. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at Kellar 309-693-4439.

Kellar Nurse

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 or send your copy to the school nurse as soon as possible. If your child uses an inhaler during school hours, or at school-sponsored activities, we must receive a new School Medication Authorization form each 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 copy or the prescription label from the inhaler box substitutes for the health care provider signature (send the inhaler in its original box with the prescription label attached) Please indicate on page two of the form if you wish for your student to be in possession of the inhaler. Stay safe, Deb, LPN deborah.pence@psd150.org

Encore Class Updates

PE

Hello from Mrs. Olson, your P.E. teacher. Now that the weather is turning colder, please remember to send gym shoes if your child wears boots to school. Also, we continue to go outside as much as possible so be sure to
dress for the weather i.e. coats, hats, and gloves! In the upcoming month, Kellar students will continue to learn exercises and we will end the month with a fun Thanksgiving themed unit. A cleaned, well-fitting mask will help your child enjoy their daily P.E. time while being safe. Stay Healthy!

**Technology**

Hello Kellar friends, this is Mr. Bootz the technology teacher. For the month of November, all grade levels will continue to practice typing, kindergarteners and first graders will continue to practice letters, math, and reading, and second, third, and fourth graders will be using MS Word to create various projects. Thank you!

**Music**

Music classes are combining both rhythm and notation for comprehensive music reading. Additionally, we were utilizing songs that corresponded with the SPOOKY holiday! 3rd and 4th grade can sign up for Music Club. 3rd grade will meet Thursday, November 4th, and 4th grade will meet Thursday, December 2nd. Both meeting times are scheduled for the Music Room at 8:30am to resume regular rehearsals next semester. Please contact me if you have any questions! – Dr. Anderson

**Art**

Wow, November already! In art, we are making masterpieces focusing on the brilliant colors of the season. We will be making cards to show our gratitude to loved ones in our family as well as in the community this month. Please continue to ask your child to put forth his or her best effort and creativity each day at school. I truly see beautiful works of art in the students on a weekly basis.

**Grade Level Updates**

**Kindergarten**

October has been a month of exploration, investigation and discovery as our kindergarten students have worked on their ‘Great Pumpkin Project’. Students covered topics that related to math, science, and literature. I think it’s safe to say that our kindergarten students have become experts in all things pumpkin. Our kindergarten team is working on showcasing the Great Pumpkin Project and the students’ hard work!

**First Grade**

The first-grade team would like to thank all the parents who attended parent-teacher conferences on the 18th & 19th of October. It was great to be able to see all of you in-person and discuss the great things your children are doing in class. Now that the weather is getting colder, please make sure your children are dressed appropriately. Hats, gloves, and warm jackets/coats are recommended. We will continue to go outside for recess until the weather drops below 32 degrees. **Second Grade**

In second grade, we will begin Module 3 in Math. The module covers place value, counting, and comparison of numbers to 1,000. We will also wrap up Unit 2 in our Journey’s reading. During November we will have a two-week project-based learning activity that will be part of a trade book we will read called, Poppleton in Winter. Speaking of winter weather, please remember we will go outside for recess and students will be needing coats, gloves, and hats. Thank you for attending conferences and we look forward to another enjoyable month. **Third Grade**

Third grade students are working hard! Your child brought home seeds and dirt in October from Ag in the Classroom. Hopefully they are continuing to water them and watch the seeds grow! We will begin unit three, “Lessons Learned”, in our Journey’s book. The genres will be informational text, trickster tale, legend, and humorous fiction this month. In math we are continuing Module 2, place value and problem solving with units of measure. Please remember to send your child with appropriate outer wear as the temperatures are getting cooler.

**Fourth Grade**

4th graders at Kellar are growing so much in all their subject areas! In November, 4th graders will be investigating how to apply the formulas for area and perimeter, as well as multi-digit multiplication and division! These are exciting times! Please make sure your 4th grader is fluent with her/his basic multiplication facts. If he/she has those down, please start quizzing on basic division facts. In ELA, we will continue with Unit 2 of Journeys entitled “Tell Me More.” We will be building on our knowledge of how to research and what it takes to be a great performance. Thank you for collaborating with us at conferences!
Important Dates

November 3 SIP Day Dismiss at 12:10pm - No Latchkey  November 17 Progress Report 2 Sent Home
November 5 Picture Retake Day  November 19 College Colors Day
November 12 Progress Report 2 Grading Ends  November 24-26 Thanksgiving Break No School
November 16 PTO Meeting 6:00pm

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

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