Mrs. Baron’s Bulletin…
Kellar has a great start to the school year! I am pleased with how smooth this year has begun and how well our students adapted to all classroom procedures. Our staff has gone above and beyond! We are continuing to work with your children to create a positive and motivating learning environment. Thank you for sending those amazing students to Peoria Public Schools!

From the Secretary:
Did you know that parents have their own Skyward account? You can check your student’s attendance, grades, pay fees, change contact information and more. Go to www.peoriapublicschools.org/familyaccess. If you don’t know your login information you can click on “Forget login/password” or call the school office.

PTO
The PTO will hold meetings on the third Tuesday of each month. Our PTO encourages you to join the “Kellar PTO” Facebook group for further information.

Library, ESL, SEL, School Nurse - OH MY!
Hello Readers! September has been a busy month in the Library. Many students have completed library card applications for the Peoria Public Library. Grades 2, 3, and 4 will be using them in the PPL Bookmobile beginning next Friday. Students will visit the Bookmobile every other Friday and can choose one book to check out. It is recommended that each student spend 30 minutes each evening reading, either with an adult or by themselves. Help your child develop a lifelong habit of reading by providing a variety of reading materials!

ESL
Fall greetings from Mrs. Ali ESL teacher. ESL sessions are going strong. We are focusing on writing this month. Every opportunity we get we will discuss what makes a good story and how we can make our story writing stronger. We will be also talking about the fall season and all the different activities that happen during this lovely time of year.

SEL
Our First Characteristic for the week of Aug. 23-Sept. 3rd was “Welcoming” and those students, who were chosen by their teacher, were as follows: Simon W, Lucia T, London L, Mikayla P, Gillian E, Amina G, Eli Mr, Leah L, Braxton F, Lexi N, Jordan R, Hattie B, Isabella W, Reid C, Matthew G, Jack G, and Hanna D. For the week of Sept 7-17th the characteristic was Respectful and those students are as follows: Arielle H, Emmett M, Collin H, Jonathon D, Kira C, Parker C, Hazel V, Stella W, Trudy M, Takai S, Lilyanna W, Alivia K, Levi M, Maida S, Zimir L, Charlie F, and Oliver M.

Congratulations to all those Welcoming and Respectful students.
Next Characteristics are: Polite Book: Are Pirates Polite, By Corinne Demas, Responsible Book: A Little Spot of Responsibility, By Diane Alber, Safe Book: A little Safety Spot, By Diane Alber

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 complaint 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, a complete up to date Immunization Record, and a Vision Exam dated within one year of the first day of school.

2nd Grade:
Dental Exam
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

Encore Class Updates
PE
Happy Fall from Mrs. Olson, your P.E. teacher! Please remember to dress for the weather and wear gym shoes. We have just finished a unit of soccer and will be moving into field themed exercises and games. Please be sure your child's mask fits snugly over their nose and chin so they can participate in P.E. I have found that Old Navy children's masks with adjustable ear straps stay on well and fit nicely on their faces. Remember, masks should be washed after each use and always include an extra mask in your child's bookbag.

Technology
Hello Kellar families, this is Mr. Bootz the technology teacher. For the month of October, all grade levels will continue to learn about digital citizenship and practice typing, kindergarten and first graders will practice letters, math, and reading, and second, third, and fourth graders will practice using MS teams to access assignments. Thanks for all you do, no one plays a more important role in the success of a student than their family!

Music
Music class is in full swing! We have used singing and movement along with digital activities to display
differences between beat and rhythm. Older grade levels are identifying musical families of orchestra and wind ensembles and are having a lot of fun! Information will be sent home with 3rd and 4th graders about music club this month after we have a better understanding of the requirements ensemble sizes. Thank you for being amazing Kellar families! – Dr. Anderson

Art
In Art this month at Kellar: the K-4th grade students will be making appreciation cards for the men and women in blue to help sow seeds of love in the community. The cards will be picked up by a Peoria resident, Michelle Botha who would like to share hope and kindness to the police officers during Thanksgiving. We are thrilled to show community support and appreciation.
-Mrs. Montgomery

Grade Level Updates

Kindergarten
Our kindergarten students have been busy, busy, busy! The first weeks of school students were busy learning classroom routines and expectations, and busy getting to know one another. Students and teachers have been busy building a kind and caring classroom. Some of that focus has now shifted to more of the academics with students busy working on letters and sounds, busy working on sight words, busy reading their A-Z Books, busy counting, recognizing, comparing and ordering numbers, too! Even with all of that ‘busy’, our students are still busy having fun, too!

First Grade
Students have been working hard and the first grading period is coming to an end. Parent-teacher conferences are right around the corner, so make sure to be on the lookout for information from your child's teacher. It is very important that you have your child read at home. Start with small amounts of time and build up to 20-30 minutes a day. This time also includes you reading to them or reading together.

Second Grade
We have completed our first math module and have started our 2nd module that covers measurement and the addition and subtraction of length units. Unit 1 in Journeys has also been completed and we are now diving into our 2nd unit, Nature Watch. Please continue to check your child’s planner and green folder each night for important messages and papers. We continue to learn that making mistakes is part of the learning process and although things maybe hard right now, we will continue working hard and persevere in 2nd grade!

Third Grade
Third grade students are working hard! We are enjoying being back in the library, Look It’s My Book! and agriculture in the classroom. We began unit two, “Look and Listen”, in our Journey’s book. The genres will be informational text, folktale, realistic fiction, and a biography this month. In math we are continuing Module 1, multiplication, and division with units of 2-5 and 10. Conferences will be held October 18th and 19th from 4:00-7:00.

Fourth Grade
4 grade is starting Module 2 Math, “Unit Conversions and Problem Solving with Metric Measurements.” Important vocabulary: Measurement – quantity as determined by comparison with a standard unit; Convert - to express a measurement in a different unit; Distance - the length of the line segment joining two points; Mixed Unit – refers to numbers that are paired but represent individual entities or units. In language arts, we will continue Unit 2, “Tell Me More.” We will be reading and studying performance arts (plays), media, visual arts, and research. Remember to have your child read at least 30 minutes a day. Thank you for all you do!

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Important Dates

Oct 15 Midterm 1 grading period ends
Oct 18 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-7pm
Oct 19 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-7pm
Oct 20-22 Fall Break- No School
Oct 26 PTO 6:00pm
Oct 30 Kellar Trunk or Treat 2-4pm

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