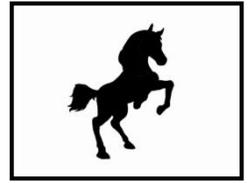


# KELLAR PRIMARY NEWS

Kendall Turner, Principal  
November 5, 2018



## Veterans Day

There will be **NO SCHOOL** on Monday, **November 12, 2018**, in observance of Veterans Day.



## Grandparents' Day

Grandparents' Day at Kellar will be **Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**. Grandparents (or "grandparents for the day")

will be invited to the cafeteria for a short program & refreshments and then to the classrooms for 30 minutes.

- 9:00 Grades 3 & 4
- 1:00 Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, & 2<sup>nd</sup>

Fall Fundraiser raffle tickets will be sold. We look forward to this special day each year!



## Retake Day

Picture retakes will be done on **Tuesday, November 13, 2018**. Bring your packet if

you are requesting a re-take. Order forms are available in the office for those who were absent October 10. Students needing retakes will have the option to wear clothing other than uniforms on picture day!

## Fall Fundraiser

Kellar students and staff have enjoyed many unique privileges over the years because of the generous support of our PTO. We have received many books, computers, SMART Boards, document cameras, projectors, furniture, trees, field trips, and play structures to name only a few. It is impossible to measure the increased learning that has resulted from this generosity. If at all possible, please donate to this year's Fall Fundraiser to help us improve our school. Thank you to all who have given prizes for the raffle, too. Keep those donations coming!



## Pajama Drive

Make a better bedtime for kids in need by donating brand-new complete sets of pajamas or nightgowns

in newborn through adult sizes. Kellar Cares challenges Kellar students to collect 100 pairs of pajamas by **Tuesday, November 20**. If our school meets this goal, our students will earn a Pajama Day. Let's make a difference!

## Perfect Attendance



The following **93** students and staff members had perfect attendance (no absences or tardies) for the first grading period:

JAMESON B., LIAM B., JACK B., OAKLEY B., GABRIELLA B., CYRUS B., AMANDA C., AARON C., OWEN C., HAYDEN C., SARENITY C., TRENITY C., MICHAEL C., CECILY C., EMMETT C., JOURNIE D., HAYDEN D., KENNEDI D., SIMON D., AMELIE E., ISABELLA E., BREA E., LAYLA F., JOYCE F., JAYDON F., DONALD F., JACOB G., MICHAEL G., BENJAMIN H., MEGHAN H., OWEN H., ANNA H., LINDA H., LOGAN H., NATALIE H., KEATON H., JADEN H., ASHER I., COLTON J., HEAVYN J., ABBIGAIL J., TYSON K., LIAM K., AMIRAH K., TRINITY K., KEMYA L., MICHELLE L., OLIVER M., MADELINE M., ALEEYAH M., ANIYAH M., MASON M., SKY M., BRODY M., CARTER M., TERRANCE P., BRAYDEN P., DALLAS P., ALEXANDER P., LANIJAH P., LEONA P., MICHAEL R., ANNIKA R., ELENA R., JOHNNY R., CALUM R., BOSTON S., EASTON S., GABRIELLA S., JORDAN S., AMARAH S., TERRELL S., ELLIE S., MOLLY S., TALIA T., LILLIAHNA T., BRODY U., PIPER W., AIYONNA W., VINCENT W., CHRISTOPHER W., DEXTER W., ELLA W., CHARLES W., Ms. Nelson, Mrs. Olson, Mrs. Larson, Mrs. Heltzel, Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Martin, Mr. Ballentine, Mrs. Zeller, and Mr. Turner.

## Yum!

Thanks to Kellar parents for the delicious meals for the staff on October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>!



## Accelerated Reader

Our Kellar students have been busy reading! To date, our students have read **3,584 books** and **20,059,393 words**. One

student, fourth-grader **Mary K.**, has read over 1,000,000 words already this school year. 80% of Kellar students have taken an AR test in the past 30 days. The Bookmobile continues to visit on Friday mornings and we average over 100 checkouts each week. At Kellar, we have lots of opportunities to read, and our students take advantage of those opportunities.

We have an author visit coming up in November: Second graders will listen to Donna Roberts as she presents her book, Mr. Fuzzy Ears. Sounds like fun!

## Attendance



It is the commitment of the Peoria Board of Education, Administration and Staff to ensure each student in our district is successful in reaching his/her full academic and personal potential. Through education, this outcome can be achieved. However, it requires children to be *at school every day, on time, and ready to learn*.

The Peoria Board of education and Administration have established a goal of raising the Average Daily Attendance Rate to 95 percent. Kellar has set a goal of raising our attendance rate to **96.7%** which is a 0.5% increase over last year.

To reach our goal, we expect the following of students:

- Be at school on time every day
- Bring book bag and have needed supplies
- Be prepared, ready, and willing to learn
- Return homework and turn in assignments on time
- Know and understand the Attendance Plan

So far, Kellar's attendance rate is **97%**. **We need your help to reach our goal!**



## Young Authors

Kellar has a long tradition of writing excellence! At Kellar, all students are required to submit a Young Authors manuscript again this year. Families can

help students get started on their manuscripts now by discussing ideas, characters, genres, etc. with children. Some students find it easiest to begin with a photograph or a drawing, and then develop a story around the picture. Start early and relieve some of the pressure in January!



Students, teachers and parents across Illinois will have an opportunity to participate in the 5th annual statewide Illinois 5Essentials Survey. This survey is designed to generate a detailed picture of the inner workings of your child's school. As a parent, this opportunity will allow you to share your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness in a survey about your child's school.

The survey gathers data related to five indicators that can predict important student outcomes, including improved attendance and larger test score gains. These five indicators that affect and predict school success are:

- Effective Leaders
- Collaborative Teachers
- Involved Families
- Supportive Environments
- Ambitious Instruction

Your participation in the parent portion of the survey will help us understand the conditions at your child's school and guide improvement. Your identity and survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child.

The Illinois 5Essentials Survey will be conducted October 22 through January 18, 2018. To take the survey please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/> and select the appropriate survey to begin.

### Did You Know?

- If students arrive to their classrooms after **8:30** they are considered tardy. *Students should be in their seats and ready to learn at 8:30.*
- Students in grades 2, 3, and 4 are counted as ½ day absent if they arrive after **9:30**.
- Students in grades K and 1 are counted ½ day absent if they arrive after **10:30**. Remember that students should be dropped off after 8:15 each morning so that teachers are available to supervise them.



### 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](http://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.

### Cold and Flu Season

Cold and flu season is approaching. Keeping hands clean is one of the most important things we can do to stop the spread of germs and stay healthy.



Wash hands:

- before eating food
- after using the toilet
- after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

Also remember to "cover your cough"

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Put your used tissue in the waste basket.
- If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, not your hands.

If your child requires oral medication during the school day, the health care provider must complete a "School Medication Authorization and Treatment Release Form." Medication is to be in the original labeled container, and is kept in the school office.

For inhalers only, a photocopy of the prescription label substitutes for the health care provider section on the form - do not take the form to the doctor's office.

Forms are available at your health care provider's office, your school office, or for download/print from <http://www.psd150.org> from the "Students & Parents" tab, drop down to "forms" to locate the link to the medication form.

### AVID

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- Provides a school wide system to impact all students
- Raises student achievement
- Transforms a school's culture to a college-readiness culture
- Closes the achievement gap
- Increases the number of students enrolled in higher level courses (Pre-AP®, AP®, IB®, Dual Credit, Cambridge®)
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### Important Dates

Nov. 6	Election Day 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Fine Arts Night 6:00
Nov. 12	Veterans Day – NO SCHOOL
Nov. 13	Picture retakes
Nov. 14	Keeping My Body Safe LOOK! It's My Book!
Nov. 15	Family Reading Night
Nov. 16	Keeping My Body Safe Sen. Weaver – Principal for a Day Lego League Uniform Buy-Out
Nov. 20	Grandparents' Day 9:00 & 1:00 PTO Fundraiser ends Progress reports sent home Pajama Drive ends
Nov. 21-23	Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 27	PTO Meeting 6:00
Nov. 29	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade City Government Tour
Dec. 17-21	Spirit Week
Dec. 21	Holiday parties 1:30 End of 1 <sup>st</sup> semester School dismisses at 2:30
Dec. 22-Jan. 6	Winter Break – NO SCHOOL