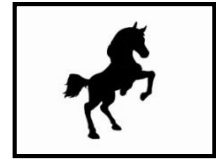


KELLAR PRIMARY NEWS



Kendall Turner, Principal
October 1, 2018



Note from Mr. Turner

What a great start to the school year! Thank you to everyone who has helped get us off to a smooth start!


I hope everyone will join in our fun activities this month. The **Dessert Night** will be a special treat! Who can beat yummy sweets, good books, and great friends? Our **Halloween** parade and parties are always a hit, too. Once again this year we will parade on the playground and parents will need to park in the lot or on the road. Come see the show!



Picture Day

School pictures are scheduled to be taken on **Wednesday, October 10**. Again this year the photographer will be Lifetouch <http://lifetouch.com/>. Pictures will be taken of all students. Information will be sent home soon. Students will have the option to wear clothing other than uniforms on picture day!

Fall Break

 There will be NO SCHOOL **Wednesday, October 17** through **Friday, October 19** for Fall Break.

Fall Dessert Night

This year, our PTO will host a family Dessert Night on **Wednesday, October 3**. Families can decorate cupcakes together! Cupcakes cost \$1 each. Lemonade & water will be provided. Come join us for yummy treats and a great chance to meet other members of our Kellar Family!




Early Dismissal

School will dismiss at **11:30** on **Wednesday, October 31** for a SIP Day.



Book Fees

 If you have not already paid your child's book fees, please do so as soon as possible. Book fees are to be paid in full by **October 10**. They are \$50 for kindergarten and \$55 for grades 1-4.



Halloween Costumes

Halloween is always a fun day at Kellar! On **Wednesday, October 31**, we will hold our Halloween parade at **10:30** and then room parties will follow. We ask that students avoid scary or bloody costumes. We want the day to be fun for all ages!



Accelerated Reader

Students in grades K-4 are taking lots of AR tests. Did you know Kellar students have read **1,737 books (9,614,961 words)** this year? Did you know **72%** of our students took an AR test last month? Remember that students should only test on a book once. If a student read a book and passed an AR test on it in previous years, that student will not be allowed to earn AR points for that book again. Access AR information online at <http://hosted22.renlearn.com/183360/HomeConnect>. Start earning those AR points early!




Book Fair Drawing




Each year Scholastic sponsors a program called All For Books. The program is a win/win for our Book Fair and school. The PTO will set out the donation box and kids (and adults) can put in any change they want when they check out. All change stays in our school and PTO will pull books for the exact amount at the end of the fair and use them to buy books for our library. The change also counts toward the overall profit, so the school gets a bonus for that. In return, for every dollar collected Scholastic donates 1 book to their charity of choice. To make it FUN any child or adult who puts change in the container puts their name on a little book that will go on the wall. Those names will be entered into a drawing for a gift basket of books worth \$100!

Colts Run a Muddy Success!

 Our sixth annual Kellar Colts Run on Saturday, September 15 was loads of fun! Children of all ages ran the obstacle course ending in a giant mud pit! Thanks to Mrs. Wilcox, her crew of parents, and Mrs. Swearingian. We are muddy!

Parent Conferences

Parent conferences will be held **October 15th** and **October 16th** from **4:00-7:00 PM**. 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.

Food Allergies

A number of Kellar students have food allergies this year. If these students ingest (or even contact) the allergen, they can suffer life-threatening reactions. The majority of our students' allergies are allergies to peanuts and other nuts. While their parents and our teachers & staff take precautions to keep them safe, everyone can take a few steps that will help:



- Avoid sending peanut products in lunches and snacks/treats whenever possible (check labels carefully)
- Teach children to wash hands well after eating foods containing peanuts

Thank you for considering the needs of all of our students. We are safe!

Leave Them at Home!



Peoria Public Schools' policy prohibits toy guns and look-alike weapons in schools. Occasionally children will bring toy weapons or pocket knives to school. Please be sure to check your child's book bag and pockets if he or she plays with toy weapons, and be sure your children know this expectation. We are safe!

Notes for Absences!

Peoria Public Schools' attendance policy requires parents to send a note or phone the school for every excused absence. We must receive the note within two (2) days of the student's return to school. You can also send an email to marcia.beneventi@psd150.org to satisfy this requirement.





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 **97.3%**. **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!



Visitor Check-In

All visitors enter through the main entrance and check in the office. Please sign in and receive a visitor's badge. We need to know who is in the building to keep our children safe.



Philosophy of Discipline

Kellar Primary and the Peoria Public Schools have committed to success for all students by supporting a school climate that is safe and conducive to a positive teaching-learning environment. Everyone has responsibilities:

Parents should:

- Set high expectations for student behavior

- Assume responsibility for their child's prompt and regular school attendance
- Plan the time and place for students to complete homework assignments – utilize after-school programs when needed
- Talk to their child about school activities; share with their child and with teachers an active interest in report cards and in school progress
- Communicate in a civil and respectful manner
- Instill in the child respect for the law, for lawful authority, for the rights of others and for property

Cooperate with the school in fulfilling recommendations made and in carrying out disciplinary actions taken in the best interest of the child.

AVID



What AVID Does: AVID trains educators to use proven practices in order to prepare students for success in high school, college, and a career, especially students traditionally underrepresented in higher education.

- Teaches skills and behaviors for academic success
- Creates a positive peer group for students
- Develops a sense of hope for personal achievement gained through hard work and determination

As a result, policymakers and educators now consider AVID's mission to be an essential strategy for closing the achievement gap, making college access and success available to all students.

Learn more about AVID's college and career readiness efforts, and see the impact! <http://www.avid.org/avid-impact.ashx>

Dental Requirement Information

All children in **kindergarten, second** and sixth grades must present proof of having been examined by a licensed dentist before May 15 of the current school year in accordance with rules adopted by the Illinois Department of Public Health. 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

- Oct. 3 Book Fair
Dessert Night 5:00-7:00
- Oct. 4 Book Fair
Vitale & Heltzel to Peoria Playhouse
RHS Homecoming Parade 6:00
- Oct. 5 Jones to Peoria Playhouse
- Oct. 10 Picture Day
LOOK! It's My Book!
Walk-to-School-Day
Textbook fees due
- Oct. 12 Walk to School Day
End of 1st grading period
- Oct. 15 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00
- Oct. 16 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00
Perfect Attendance dance 2:30
- Oct. 17-19 Fall Break – NO SCHOOL
- Oct. 22 3rd grade to Riverfront Museum
4th grade to Riverfront Museum
Begin Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) – 4th grade
Begin Bus Driver Appreciation Week
- Oct. 23 PTO meeting 6:00 (Title I Report)
- Oct. 25 4th grade to Riverfront Museum
- Oct. 31 SIP Day – 11:30 dismissal
Halloween parade/parties 10:30
- Nov. 3 PTO Adult Night Out
- Nov. 4 Daylight Saving Time ends
- Nov. 6 Election Day
3rd/4th Fine Arts Night
- Nov. 19 Grandparents' Day Brunch
- Nov. 20 Grandparents' Day Brunch
- Nov. 21-23 Thanksgiving Break