

Kestrel Heights Elementary News

August 26, 2016

Upcoming Events:

September 2 – Dress Down Friday -- Please refer to the dress code for clothing items that are not allowed.

September 5 – Labor Day -- no school

September 16 – Teacher Workday – no school for students

September 19-23 – Scholastic Book Fair--more details from PTSO will follow soon

September 22 – Literacy Night -- Grades K-2: 5:30-6:15pm, Grades 3-5: 6:15-7:15pm: This is an opportunity for parents to experience your child's ELA curriculum. Teachers will present information about grade level standards and review information about units of study. This is not an opportunity for you to conference with your child's teacher. Times to conference will be given later in the quarter or you can email your child's teacher to make an appointment.

Classroom reminders:

- Weekly classroom newsletter for K-4 will go home on Friday. Please make sure to check your email or your child's red Friday folder for a current newsletter.
- 5th grade weekly message will be emailed on Monday. Please let your child's teacher know if you do not have access to email so they can print a paper copy.
- The expectation is that Elementary staff will respond to emails within 2 school days.

Lunch:

- Please pack your child's lunch, and have them bring it to school. We have limited space to hold lunches for students in the front office. **Starting Monday 8/29/2016**, if your child has forgotten their lunch, you may drop it off at the front office on the lunch table and email your child's teacher that the lunch is in the front office. Front office personnel are not responsible to call your child's classroom to let them know their lunch is in the office. Students must come up at lunch time to pick-up their lunch. We will not interrupt instruction for lunch announcements.
- Also remember that with our new national lunch program, outside lunch food (i.e. Bojangles, Hardees, Chik-fil-A, etc...) is not to be brought into the building during lunch hours. Please pack it in an unmarked bag or in a reusable lunch bag/box.
- If you have any questions about the school lunch program, please email Maureen Gordon, gordon@kestrelheights.org

Front Office Reminders:

- Transportation changes must be given in writing to your **child's teacher** before 11am. Please copy Ms. Hofheinz on this communication. hofheinz@kestrelheights.org If we have not received this information before 11am, your child will go with their normal pick-up routine.
- We are requiring doctor's notes for any dental and medical appointments in order for absences and tardies to be excused. Please ask your provider for a note. We also ask that you email your child's teacher (and copy Mrs. Hofheinz) if they are sick. Any absences over 3 days will require a doctor's note.
- Students must be in their seat by 7:45 am. After 7:45 am they will need to be walked to the front office with an adult for sign-in.
- If you need to sign your child out early, please come to the office before 2pm. Bring your state issued ID, as you will need to scan it in LobbyGuard to check-out your child. After 2 pm you will need to go through the normal carline.

Other News:

Calling all reporters! Join the Kestrel Heights Elementary Newspaper Fall Staff

What: A student-run, student-written newspaper

Who: Two students from each grade level K, 1, 2, and 3, and three students from grade levels 4-5, total of 14 students (supervised by Ms. Auchter and Ms. Barber)

When: meetings will be Tuesday afternoons, 2:30-3:15pm starting September 6th, and running through January 24th. (A new Spring staff will be chosen at that time and the Fall staff will “retire”.) Extra meetings possible if/as needed.

Where: meetings will be held in room 309 (1st grade hall - Ms. Auchter and Ms. Barber)

Why: To provide a forum for students to share current events, student interests and ideas, and encourage student investment in the Kestrel Heights Elementary culture.

How: Use the attached applications and submit to Ms. Auchter and Ms. Barber no later than August 31st. All parts except the signature page can be completed prior to school starting. The student must obtain their homeroom teacher’s signature after school has begun. Staff will be notified of their positions by Monday, September 5th.

Students will be chosen based on the following criteria:

The student completed the correct application accurately and all parts were turned in on time (between August 23rd and August 31st). ***Please see Ms. Auchter in room 309 on the blue hallway for applications.***

Writing samples are complete, neat, creative, and all directions were followed. (And all work was done by the student.)

Application answers are complete and truthful, showing a genuine interest in fulfilling the extra duties of being on the newspaper staff.

Students are able to attend all Tuesday staff meetings and will be picked up on time. There may be extra meetings, especially at the beginning, if the need arises. Staff will make every effort to attend these meetings. Ms. Auchter and Ms. Barber will notify staff members (and their parents) as soon as possible if meetings are added, changed, or cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Being on the newspaper staff means you will be unable to participate in Tuesday clubs.

All staff are expected to donate one ream of white copy paper to cover distribution needs.