



Kestrel Heights Elementary News

November 3, 2016

Webb's Word of the Week

Rigor. Responsibility. Relationships.

This year Dr. Tracy laid out expectations for students, staff, families, and the KHS Community. He is focusing those expectations into three categories: Rigor, Responsibility, and Relationships. I want to spend the next few weeks covering those areas.

Rigor is commonly thought of in three different phases of the educational process. The first is setting the standard for students; the second is equipping students through instructional and supportive methods; the third is student demonstration of achievement.

This is the standard of rigor that the teachers are held to in every classroom (core and specials). In this process the students will be challenged to think, perform, and grow to new levels. They will work through practice, to build their skills, understanding and thinking so that they continue to grow more and more. The goal of the work given is to help them grow, not to frustrate them, though it can be frustrating to both students and parents. That is where the adults come in. We are here to help the students push through moments of struggle so that they can come to places of triumph. We provide the support they need without doing the work for them. Their perseverance though the work will give them true self-confidence in their abilities at each level of growth.

Dr. R. L. Webb

Important Dates/Announcements

Fall Clubs run through the week of November 17th.

November 4 - Dress Down Friday!

November 9 - Honor Roll Grades K-2 12:00pm; Grades 3-5 1:15pm. Honor Roll will be in our new space between the MS and ES. *Check with your child's teacher if you are unsure if your child has been invited to the honor roll celebration.* Please enter through the doors between the schools but not before 11:45am. A staff member will be there to direct you. Please do not enter through the lobby of the ES.

November 14 - Picture Make-Up Day If your child was not here for fall picture day they will need to have a picture taken for our yearbook. If you would like to order pictures, envelopes are at the front office or you can order online at www.lifetouch.com ID: BW016381Q1

December 8 - Winter Concert - Mark your calendars now. This is a required concert for all K-5 students. K-2 students @ 5:30pm and 3-5 students 6:45pm in the HS gym. If you have any questions or concerns please email Ms. Daw: daw@kestrelheights.org

DON'T THROW AWAY YOUR OLD MARKERS!

Please continue sending in your old markers for recycling (including sharpies and highlighters). Last year we recycled over 2,000 markers! The drop-off box is located in Ms. Rivera's art room (elementary school). Thank you in advance for participating! MS. Rivera (rm. 320)

2017-18 Lottery Applications

We are now accepting applications for the 2017-18 new student lottery! Applications are available on our website and in our front offices. The deadline for all applications, including siblings, is Friday, February 24th.

Yankee Candles

The Kestrel Heights Student Council is excited to partner with Yankee Candle fundraising for the Holiday season. This is an online only fundraiser. Now through December 31st, please visit www.yankeecandlefundraising.com and enter our Group# 990105756 and begin shopping! Share the link with family and friends throughout the country! All orders are shipped directly to the consumer. All proceeds will benefit Student Council events.

Elementary Reminders

- Lost and Found is located in the Front Office and is now overflowing. Please have your student check for lost lunch boxes, jackets, and water bottles. This will be emptied and donated after fall break! **So if you notice an item missing please check the week of November 1st, as anything left will be donated end of day on Friday, November 4!**
- Lunch money can be added using the School Payment Portal www.schoolpaymentportal.com.
- Pikmykid app for dismissal is well underway and running smoothly. Please stop by the front office if you need new car tags or need help changing information. Trouble with the website? Go to support@pikmykid.com