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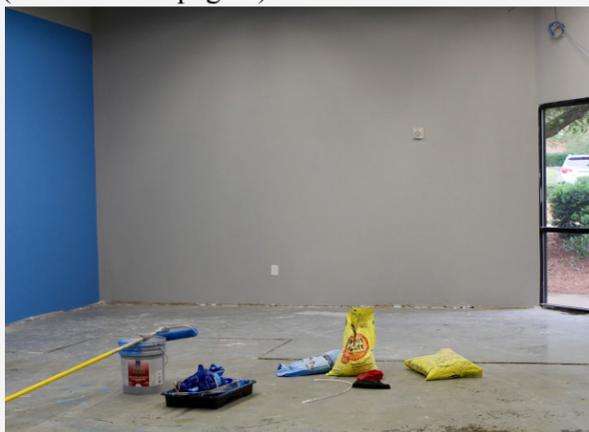


The Opening Of The New Rooms

By Hannah Wright - 5th grade

The opening of the new rooms or AKA (also known as) "The TOONR Program". TOONR (too-ner) stands for: The Opening Of New Rooms. If you don't know what this even means, let me help you. As you may or may not know, there is construction going on. And why? Because they are building a big gym for PE and two other smaller rooms for music and dance. I decided to get some feedback on what the music, dance, and PE teachers think about all this. So I asked them questions and this is what they said: I asked, "What are you looking forward to the most in your new room?" Mrs. Daw said, "I most definitely can't wait to have windows!" Mrs. Brown-Mayo said, "I can't wait to have SO much more space to myself!" Mr. Hess said, "I will love to be able to plan my lessons better!" Then I asked, "Will there be any changes in the rooms?" In this question, all the action was going on in the dance room! Mrs. Brown-Mayo said, "I will have mirrors on the wall and a shoe compartment area." All the others were not sure just yet. We are all hoping that this will all open by the end of the month. Be sure to thank the workers who have been building it, and Dr. Webb for making it all happen! See you in specials! A note from the Spanish teacher: She wants a room, too! Do you think she should get a room?

___ Yes or ___ No
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Character Education Project

By Evan Marciniak - 2nd grade

Character. No, I am not talking about Buzz Lightyear or Mickey Mouse. They are characters too, but what I am referring to is the values and qualities that a person lives by. Character is defined in many ways, but for my article, character is defined as the group of qualities that make a person, group, or thing different from others or moral excellence (definition from Merriam-Webster Children's Dictionary).

To learn more about this topic, I interviewed the Specials Art Teacher, Mrs. Rivera. I asked, "What does character mean to you?" Mrs. Rivera said, "Standing up for yourself and doing what is right." I asked her to give me some examples of character in action. Mrs. Rivera thought that an example is when a student does the right thing when the teacher is not looking or watching. "What do you think are the three most important character traits a Kestrel student should have?" This is what Mrs. Rivera said for this tricky topic, "Perseverance, kindness and responsibility." What do you do when you observe a student exhibiting a character trait in action? This is what Mrs. Rivera said for this really hard question, "I praise them and I tell them I am proud of them." To me, Kestrel students could address character by helping a friend or having really good concentration or stamina on your work.

Fellow students, why don't you try to show good character this month. Like Dr. Seuss says, "You'll never be bored when you try something new. There's really no limit to what you can do!"

Student's Masterpieces!

By Aderonke Ologbenla, 5th grade

Each month a student masterpiece will be featured in the newspaper. This month Ally Whelihan has been selected for the student masterpiece. Her picture is titled "Peace". We colored a peace sign to represent the International Day of Peace, September 21st.



Fall Clubs

By Emily Niell

This year Kestrel Heights Elementary School is offering fall clubs. The club days are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 2:30-3:15. Clubs will begin September 27, 2016 and end November 17, 2016. Here is a list of the clubs being offered:

Tuesday:

- School Newspaper- grades k-5
- Recorder club- grades 4-5
- Fit club-grades k-2

Wednesday:

- Arts and crafts club-grades 3-5
- Origami club- grades 3-5
- Yoga club-grades 4-5
- Dance team- grades 4-5, this club is year round

Thursday:

- Chess club- grades 3-5
 - Chorus- grades 4-5, this club is year round
- If you didn't get into a club this Fall, be sure to sign up for a Spring club and try again!

New Staff Intro, continued

By: Alex Vasquez

So as you all probably know, there are some new faces walking around Kestrel Heights elementary. Getting to know a new person can be difficult sometimes, so we (Kestrel talks) decided to get to know them.....

-Ms. N’Namdi

~”I very much enjoy teaching 5th grade. getting to do it *officially* is so much fun! I love to get to know students better”

-Ms. Thompson

~”I decided to move schools because it is always nice to try new things. I wondered what a charter school would be like. I love the activities, staff, and most of all, students.”

-Ms. Tisdale

~”This is my first year here and I love teaching here. This has been a great year so far!”

-Ms. Walters

~Ms. Walters is new to Kestrel. I was unable to meet with her, but I am sure she is enjoying her time in 3rd grade at Kestrel.

NEW STAFF INTRO

By: Marley Mayo, 4th grade

Ms. Lerner is a new teacher at KHES. She teaches 1st grade. Did you know she is originally from Massachusetts but spent most of her life in North Carolina? Ms. Lerner wanted to be in a larger environment. That is why she moved schools. Ms. Lerner said she loves it at KHES, so do your part and keep Ms.Lerner along with all the other teachers at school loving KHES as well.

Mr. Belcher is also a new teacher at KHES. He is a 4th grade teacher. He has no kids but a dog that is 2 years of age. Her name is GiGi. She is a Basset Hound. Mr. Belcher has a beautiful wife. Mr. Belcher loves it at KHES and all of the students here.

Ms. Rushing is a new Kindergarten teacher from Louisburg, NC in franklin county. Ms.Rushing has a cute little dog named Tyson. Tyson is part rottweiler [rottweiler] part boxer [box-er]. Ms. Rushing loves it at KHES and she thinks the staff is friendly, and the parents are involved.

Thank you for making our new teachers feel welcome!

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TOONER PROGRAM

By: Donovan Hyacinthe

Hi! My name is Donovan. I am one of the writers of the TOONER program. It stands for The Opening of the New Rooms. I *know* you guys are like, “What new rooms?!” Well, Coach Hess, Ms. Brown-Mayo, and Ms. Daw are getting new rooms!

I asked them some questions. The first questions was - “How do you think the kids will cooperate?” Here’s what I got. . .

-Coach Hess: “After Teach Tos, they will cooperate.”

-Ms. Brown-Mayo: “Love it! The students will have fun.”

-Ms. Daw: “They will be responsible.”

I am so happy they have new rooms!!!
Until next month, this is Donovan, signing off!

Question: What’s your favorite food?

By: Zoe Claggion, Kindergarten

Directions: Check your favorite food and turn it to Ms. Aughter’s box outside her door. We will show the results next issue. Choose Wisely!
ALSO If you want to keep your newspaper, write your vote on a separate sheet of paper.

- Pizza__
- Mac and Cheese __
- Shrimp__
- Fish __
- Meat__
- Fruits__
- Other__

Newspaper staff:

Student reporters:

Natalia Gunter - 5th grade

Cate Weddendorf - 5th grade

Alex Vasquez - 5th grade

Hannah Wright - 5th grade

Ronke Ologbenla - 5th grade

Marley Mayo- 4th Grade

Donovan Hyacinthe- 3rd Grade

Emily Niell- 3rd Grade

Evan Marciniak- 2nd Grade

Zoey Claggion- Kindergarten

Staff Advisors: Ms. Aughter and Ms. Barber

Art Advisor: Ms. Rivera