

# Keystone Elementary

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## CARING WEEK: RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS & KINDNESS PARADE

We are celebrating Caring Week at Keystone Elementary School Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> through Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. During the week, each classroom will receive a set of Random Acts of Kindness Cards. Students will choose 1 (or more) Random Acts of Kindness to complete at home, school or in our community. Students will write their name on the back of the Kindness Card and return it to their teacher.

On Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, we are encouraging students and staff to wear red and / or pink for Valentine's Day and Kindness Parade. Students will make posters with pictures / quotes about kindness, caring, love, Valentine's Day, etc. during their Olweus Classroom Meetings. Students and staff will parade around inside the building to show their posters. We are excited about our first Kindness Parade!!

## PMEA CHORUS FEST

The PMEA Chorus Fest will be on Friday, February 21 at Brookville High School. Chorus Fest is a day-long choir opportunity open to 6th grade choir members who choose to audition. Chorus Fest bring over 20 area schools together to rehearse, prepare and provide an evening concert. The nine students who will be attending Chorus Fest this year are Lila Terro, Emily Pfaff, Kiara Phillips, Rosalyn Renfrew, Shelby Bashline, Taryn Lloyd, Katherine Burrows, Natalie Pfaff and Saydee Mays.

## SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Rhoades, our Health Tech Aide, retired at the end of January. Mrs. Keighley was hired as our new Health Tech Aide. Mrs. King, our District Nurse, and Mrs. Keighley will be sharing duties at the Elementary & High Schools. If you need to get ahold of them, please call 797-1251 Ext. 1133 or email them at [dkeighley@keyknox.com](mailto:dkeighley@keyknox.com) / [pking@keyknox.com](mailto:pking@keyknox.com). We wish Mrs. Rhoades a happy retirement and welcome Mrs. Keighley & Mrs. King to the Elementary School!



## Upcoming Events:

**Gymnastics Assembly:** Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

**Gymnastics Show:** Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30 P.M.

**Caring Week:** Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> through Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

**Mix It Up at Lunch Day (Grades 2 - 6):** Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

**Valentine's Day (Wear RED or PINK):** Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

**Kindness Parade (Wear RED or PINK):** Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

**Act 80 Day (No School for Students):** Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

**PMEA Chorus Fest:** Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>

**Book Fair Browsing Week:** Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup> through Friday February 28<sup>th</sup>

**Book Fair Family Night:**

Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.

**STEM Night:** Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.

**NEHS Applications Due:** Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

**Student of the Month Lunch:**

Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

**Daffins Candy Fundraiser Orders**

**Due:** Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>



## ROBOTICS

The 2019-2020 Keystone Robotics Season is off to a spectacular start. Keystone hosted the first scrimmage on Nov. 23rd with 33 teams in attendance from Valley Grove, DuBois, Redbank and Keystone High School. At this event, Keystone qualified 7 teams out of 10 to the finals and finished First, Second and Third. The next competition on December 14<sup>th</sup> was at Redbank Valley High School and was an official State qualifying event. The elementary robotics teams did not disappoint. Out of 31 teams in attendance, Keystone qualified 6 teams to the final tournament and came out champions once again. Keystone took home three first place awards and two third place awards. The robotics team of Kord Stewart and Josh Kline came in first in the skills competition. The skills competition involves coding and team drive. The same team also finished first with the Keystone team of Brady Dunlap and Seth Slangenaupt. Another skill that Keystone won was the design award. This involves keeping a detailed engineering notebook, with drawings and journal entries of the robot build. The judges then saw the robot they built and compared it to their engineering notebook. Overall five teams qualified out of the available 7 spots for the State robotics tournament on March 5th at Clarion University. Our next competition was on January 25th at DuBois and served as the last qualifier. Overall there are 35 students in the robotics program at the elementary school (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades). We meet two designated days a week but you can find students in the Stem Lab everyday working on their robot. We are super proud of our robotics program and the success of our students. We will be moving onto Drones in the spring.

## STEM NIGHT

On February 26th from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M., five teachers will be offering a family Stem Night in the gym. This event will be taking place alongside the Book Fair in the Library. Come on out and try some different Stem related activities with your children. Mr. Smith will be offering coding stations using Osmo, along with a technology/engineering activity for you and your family. Mrs. Kline will be offering a math based lesson on things you can use at home to enhance math skills, such as a deck of cards and more. Mrs. Kapp will be offering literature based activities and resources. Finally, Mr. Best and Mrs. Phillips will also be offering Stem activities. Come at any time and feel free to move about the Gym checking out the different activities. There will be a door prize for one lucky family. An Osmo Genius kit is available to win. We hope to see you here on February 26th for the Inaugural Stem Night in the gym.

## PSSA TESTING DATES

PSSA testing will be as follows:  
**English/Language Arts (Grades 3-6):** April 20<sup>th</sup> through April 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Math (Grades 3-6):** April 27<sup>th</sup> & April 28<sup>th</sup>

**Science (Grade 4):** April 29<sup>th</sup> & April 30<sup>th</sup>

**Make-Up Testing:** May 1<sup>st</sup> through May 8<sup>th</sup>

**\*\*Please try to schedule appointments around PSSA testing dates. More information on PSSA testing will be forthcoming.**

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