

Keystone Elementary

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6th GRADE NEHS: Our 6th Grade National Elementary Honor Society students made Christmas decorations for the Clarion Cancer Society Christmas tree. Seven NEHS students were chosen (by writing an essay on why it is important to help others during the holiday season) to travel to Clarion to have lunch and decorate the Cancer Society's Christmas tree. We are very proud of all of our NEHS students!!

WEATHER DELAYS & CANCELATIONS: As a reminder, if school would need to be canceled or delayed due to severe weather, Keystone School District will activate our One Call Now System. Every family should receive a phone message from our Superintendent, Mr. Shawn Algoe, on their designated phone line notifying them of a delay or cancellation. Additional information on weather delays or cancellations can also be found at ExploreClarion.com, WPXI Channel 11 and KDKA Channel 2.

OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION:

Please talk with your child about what he / she is learning during our Olweus Classroom meetings on Day #5 in our schedule. If you have any ideas or topics for discussion during our Olweus Classroom meetings, please contact Mrs. Marshall or Mrs. Wingard (amarshall@keyknox.com / jwingard@keyknox.com). We appreciate and encourage all parent and family feedback about our Olweus Bullying Prevention Program.

COLD WEATHER RECESS GUIDELINES: Keystone Elementary School has adopted Cold Weather Guidelines for our teachers in determining whether to go outside for Recess. The safety of Keystone students is always at the forefront of every decision. When properly clothed, elementary students can participate in safe, vigorous play in an outdoor environment in most weather conditions. Increased caution is necessary during temperatures less than 25 degrees or with a colder wind chill. If the wind-chill or "feels like" temperature is 25 degrees or higher, then recess may continue outside as normal. If the wind-chill or "feels like" temperature would fall below 25 degrees, then recess would be shifted indoors for all grade levels. Please remember to always have your student wear their hat, coat and gloves to school on these colder days of winter so that everyone can have a safe and warm Recess.

Please also make sure your child wears appropriate footwear to school to prevent accidents. Winter boots are best to wear in to our building. Many students change from their winter boots into tennis shoes (or other shoes) in their classrooms and then change back into their boots before leaving for the day. Thank you for helping our students be safe!



Upcoming Events:

School Resumes: Monday, January 6th

Quarter 2 Ends: Friday, January 17th

Mobile Dentist: Wednesday, January 22nd through Friday, January 24th

Lighthouse Awards: Tuesday, January 28th

Student of the Month Lunch: Friday, January 31st

SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION:

January is School Board Appreciation Month. If you see a School Board member, please thank them for all they do to make our school great!

MOBILE DENTIST: The Mobile Dentists will be here Wednesday, January 22nd through Friday, January 24th. Forms were sent home with students in early December. If you have any questions or need a form, please contact Mrs. Rhoades at 797-1251 Ext. 1133. Last year, many students participated in this service. We are hoping for another great turnout this year!

PSSA TESTING DATES: PSSA

testing will be as follows:

English / Language Arts (Grades 3 - 6)

- April 20th through April 22nd

Math (Grades 3 -6) - April 27th &

April 28th

Science (Grade 4) - April 29th & April

30th

Make-Up Testing - May 1st through

May 8th

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