

Keystone Elementary

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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: School attendance is a very important component of student success and achievement. Students are more likely to succeed academically when they consistently attend school on time. Every day at school is an important day, and any day missed is a day of missed instruction, learning and fun!

The first bell rings at 7:55 A.M., and school ends at 3:00 P.M. If students come to school after 8:20, they are considered tardy and must come to the Main Office to sign in. Students who are absent should bring in an excuse within 3 days of their absence. Without an excuse, the absence is considered unexcused and illegal. The only legal reasons for school absences include illness, medical appointments, bereavement or a school-approved educational trip.

When student absences begin to increase, we must notify families. The Main Office will send Parents / Guardians an Attendance Reminder when a student has missed 8 days of school. Additional letters are sent to parents whose children have missed 10 days of school (not including doctor's excuses or approved educational trips). After 10 days, additional absences require a doctor's excuse. The letters are our way to communicate with parents about their child's absence.

If you are having any difficulties getting your child to come to school, please notify Mrs. Marshall (K-5 School Counselor) or Mrs. Wingard (6-8 School Counselor) at 797-1251. Thank you for helping us keep our records up to date and promoting good attendance!

INFORMATION FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE, MRS. RHOADES: As the weather continues to get colder, please remember to dress your child in appropriate clothing. You may want your child to dress in layers so they can take their extra clothes off when it warms up (Recess). Sixth-Grade students need to turn in their Physical Exam, Tdap Vaccine and Meningococcal Vaccine forms by January if you haven't already sent them in. Third-Grade students need a Dental Exam this year as well. The Dental Exam can be done by a Private Dentist, the Mobile Dentists or the School Dentist in late January. Please call Mrs. Rhoades with any questions at 797-1251 Ext. 1133.



Upcoming Events:

Student of the Month Lunch:

Friday, November 1st

Daylight Savings Time:

Sunday, November 3rd

Lighthouse Awards:

Tuesday, November 5th

Report Card Distribution:

Tuesday, November 5th

Make Up Picture Day:

Wednesday, November 6th

Veteran's Day Assembly:

Monday, November 11th (Please wear Red, White & Blue)

CATS Food Fundraiser Pickup:

Saturday, November 16th 12:00 to 2:00 P.M. (Elementary Garage)

"Mix It Up at Lunch Day" (Grades

2-6): Tuesday, November 26th

Thanksgiving Assembly:

Wednesday, November 27th

Thanksgiving Break:

Thursday, November 28th through Monday, December 2nd

OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION PROGRAM: We are continuing to reinforce the anti-bullying message with our students through reciting our Bullying Prevention Pledge every Monday morning during Announcements, posting our Bullying Prevention Pledge & PRIDE Rules throughout our school, talking to students about behavior and holding classroom meetings every Day #5 in our schedule to discuss bullying, kindness and other character traits. Our classroom meetings have been going very well, and students & staff are very positive about the impact these lessons are having in their classrooms.

We had our Olweus Bullying Prevention Kickoff Assembly in late September. During the assembly, we shared a story about bullying that was recently in the news. There was a 4th grade student who attended school in Florida. His school was having a Spirit Day where students could wear their favorite college colors shirt. The 4th grade student loved the University of Tennessee, whose color is orange. The student wore an orange t-shirt and pinned a homemade drawing of the University of Tennessee logo on his shirt because he didn't own a University of Tennessee shirt. The boy was so excited to show his shirt to his teacher and classmates.

During lunch at school, a group of kids who sat at a table near him started making fun of the homemade drawing he attached to his shirt. The little boy was feeling so sad that kids were making fun of him and his shirt. He came back to his classroom and laid his head on his desk and cried. His teacher wanted to cheer him up so she told him that she would buy him a University of Tennessee shirt.

The University of Tennessee found out about the incident and made the boy's drawing on one of their actual t-shirts. They have sold over 50,000 shirts so far. All money made from the sale of the shirts will go to help stop bullying. The 4th grade student has also been offered a free college scholarship to attend the University of Tennessee once he graduates high school.

What a powerful story ... We shared this with all students and staff at the Olweus Bullying Prevention Kickoff Assembly. We talked about how words are powerful and it is never okay to make fun of others, whether it's about the clothing they wear, how well they play sports, what grade they earn on a Math test, what kind of house they live in or any other reason. We stressed that we are all equal, and we all have strengths and weaknesses. We encouraged students to focus on other's strengths and not point out or make fun of each other's weaknesses. Please talk with your child about this powerful story and message!

5th GRADE PENCIL SALES: Every Thursday & Friday morning, 5th Grade students learn about being entrepreneurs (small business owners) by selling pencils, erasers and pencil grippers to students and faculty. The 5th Grade students are learning how to help their customers and to make change. Each item costs \$.25. Profits from pencil sales help with the cost toward field trips, assemblies and other needs that arise in our school. Thank you for your continued support!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING: We are very thankful for all of our students and families!!! We hope you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

