

**Kendrick Lakes
Elementary School**



The Dolphin Newsletter

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Principal's Letter

Dear Kendrick Lakes Parents and Community,

I hope you had a wonderful Spring Break and found time for resting, relaxing and making memories. I can't wait to hear about all the adventures the children experienced over Spring Break. They are sure to bring a smile to my face.

CSAP is officially over. The students tried their best. I anxiously await the results to see how they have progressed and what next steps we need to take as a team. I want to especially thank Mrs. Center, one of our paraprofessionals and School Assessment Coordinator extraordinaire, for all the hours of training, organizing, sorting, collecting, bubbling, checking booklets and creating all the schedules. It was a huge job and Mrs. Center did it wonderfully. A huge thank you goes to the KLES staff for their fortitude and flexibility. Everyone has to "give" when CSAP is being administered. I would like to thank you too, parents, for getting your children here on CSAP testing days, providing hearty breakfasts and for all your words of encouragement. CSAP is a team effort and together we made this year's CSAP process a success.

The staff and I will soon be meeting to form class lists for the next school year. Our goal is to develop balanced classes, allowing each student to have his/her needs met in the best possible learning environment. All class placement decisions will be made collaboratively by teachers, staff and me. Because we value your input, you may wish to share specific information regarding your child's needs with us. You may submit a letter to me by Friday, April 29th expressing your thoughts on the placement of your child. I have included specific information that must be included in your letter to me. Please see my letter to you titled "**Parent Input on Child Classroom Placement for 2011-12 School Year**" in this issue of the Dolphin for letter writing guidelines.

I would like to thank all parents who attended our community safety meeting March 21st. I appreciated all the ideas generated at the meeting and will do my best to implement them in a timely manner. The term "bullying" can be confusing and the meeting was a great time to define what "bullying" really meant. Before Spring Break, I met with paraprofessionals and teachers to review "bullying" language and procedures. I will be meeting weekly with paraprofessionals to discuss how procedures are going. Mrs. McDonald and I spoke to all children before Spring Break. I have asked Mrs. McDonald to make this the topic of conversation at upcoming class meetings. As I have always done, I will continue to do everything possible to make sure the school is safe. If you would like to get involved, please fill out the parent volunteer flyer and turn it in to the office. Check-out the article in this Dolphin issue that defines the difference between bullying and normal conflict. Also, I have set up another parent meeting on April 18th at 5:30 in the LIC where the topic will be, "Bullies, Bullied, and Bystanders." I welcome all to come and learn more about this important topic as we move forward together as a Kendrick Lakes community.

KLES 2010-2011

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the Dolphin to

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Deadline for the May Dolphin
April 25th

Principal's Letter (cont.)

Celebrating successes is part of our Kendrick Lakes culture and I want to take a moment to congratulate our Values Awards nominees for this year. Values Awards celebrates Jeffco employees commitment to the district values -- exemplary performance, teamwork, integrity, and valuing people. Each year schools and departments have the opportunity to nominate employees who demonstrate these values in their daily work life. This year's Values Awards nominees (who were nominated by the KLES staff) are: Teamwork-Adelaide Murphy (SPED teacher), Integrity-Colby Hansen (5/6 G.T. teacher), Valuing People-Carrie Schwab (Paraprofessional) and Exemplary Performance-me, Barbara Gunther (Principal). Picking Values Award recipients has got to be one of the hardest jobs since we have so many qualified staff members. Congratulations to our Values Awards nominees. I also want to thank the staff for nominating me too. I appreciate it more than words can say.

With two months of school to go, I am setting a challenge for all students to finish this school year strong. I am challenging them to stay focused and continue to learn all they can. We have lots of learning left, so encourage your child to put forth his/her finest effort to make the end of the 2010-2011 school year one that is the best ever.

Best regards,

Barbara Gunther

The two Flex Days are April 15th and April 26th.

The days will be used for DRA2 and DIBELS reading assessments.

These assessments will test for reading growth in comprehension, word-decoding and fluency.

Students will be given a time to come to school and test.

Flex Days are by appointment only for grades K-5.

Teachers will be sending home appointment times to parents soon.



6th graders will attend school all day on both Flex Days.



Spot Says... Be Smart – Keep Kids and Poison Apart!

Every day children are exposed to “poison” in their own homes through contact with common household products including vitamins, medicine, cleaning solutions and plants. Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a poisonous, invisible, odorless gas responsible for many in-home deaths each year. Since carbon monoxide is invisible and odorless, the only way to know it is present is to have a working CO alarm. We recommend one on every level of your home.

We also ask parents to help “Keep Kids and Poisons Apart”. Be sure to keep all potential poisons locked up and out of reach from children. Please post the number to the Rocky Mountain Poison and Drug Center (**1-800-222-1222**) with your other emergency numbers. Check out rmpdc.org for kids' poison safety games and more helpful information.

Learn more about keeping your family safe and meet Spot the Dog at our annual

Spring Safety Event on Saturday, April 16th.

Join West Metro Fire Rescue's Family Kids Club at **WestMetroFire.org** to receive monthly safety activities and invitations to this and other events hosted by West Metro Fire Rescue. Kids Club Family members can participate in monthly contests for restaurant gift card drawings and other fun prizes. Please contact Susan Saito at (303) 989-4307, ext. 537 or ssaito@westmetrofire.org for more information.

PTA President's Letter



Dear KLES Families and Community:

Welcome back from spring break! I can't believe we only have two months of school left. As always, our many KLES PTA volunteers have been busy making all kinds of exciting things happen for our children and school, and many fun, educational activities are coming up in April and May.

March Thank You's

Conference Dinners and St. Patrick's Staff Breakfast: A huge thank you to the Italiano family and their helpers for putting together wonderful dinners during parent/teacher conferences. Thank you also for the wonderful breakfast on St. Patrick's Day. I know from the kind thank-you notes that PTA received from teachers and staff that the hot meals are very appreciated.

Author Visit: Thank you to Alissa Norton and Mr. Raizman for organizing our author visit. Thank you also to the families who attended the reception and to our volunteers for helping, including Deanna Napier, Shannon Willis, and Tammy Kerr.

Mother/Son Bowling: A huge thank you to Brandy Dunn for organizing a wonderful mother/son bowling event at Holiday Bowling on Colfax. There were about 100 bowlers from KLES and everyone had a wonderful time. Thank you also to Amanda Camacho for helping find the bowling alley, Brandy Miller for making some delicious deserts, Lara Center and Cathy and Abigail Courtney for taking tickets, Aaron Dunn for taking photographs and to our many families who came and made this event so fun.

Science Fair: The big event is April 14. A huge thank you to Tori Rommel for organizing the Science Fair, Tammy Hedlund for finding scientist mentors to review projects and speak to students, and Shannon Willis for facilitating the T-shirt order. Thanks in advance to the many volunteers who help make the science fair happen and to our many budding scientists who enter projects. It's a fun, learning event for the entire community!

Ongoing Activities: Thank you to Julia Brunner and our wonderful extracurricular team, including Mr. Raizman (chess club), Ms. Runyan (art workshops), Ms. Bayert (handbells and knitting/crocheting), Mr. Kenner (intramurals), Bits, Bytes & Bots (Dana Byrd), Space Time (Brandy Dunn), Poetry Club (Susan Horst), American Sign Language (Beth Banister), Keyboards and Guitar for Kids (Julia Brunner). Thank you also to our Scout leaders. Your time and commitment make a difference in many kids' lives.

April/May PTA Events

We have lots of PTA events to look forward to during April and May. Please join us for the following: Science Fair on April 14 (bring projects on April 12; set up on April 13), Earth Day Celebration on April 22, Moms & Muffins on May 6, and Family Fun Run that same afternoon. Upcoming PTA meetings are April 19 and May 17, both from 6:30-8 p.m. As always, pizza and babysitting are provided.

I look forward to seeing you soon,

Stephanie Martinez, KLES PTA President

(303-995-3357 or stephaniecoppmartinez@gmail.com)

Dear Parents:

With the end of the school year in sight, we will be meeting soon to begin planning for the next school year. One of the planning tasks that we will undertake is that of placing students in classrooms for the following school year. Our goal is to develop balanced classes, allowing each student to have his/her needs met in the best possible learning environment. All class placement decisions will be made collaboratively by teachers, staff, and the principal.

Criteria Considered

- Overall Goals
- Optimum learning environment
- Diverse classrooms
- Effective classroom manageability

Physical factors

- Gender
- Class composition
- ESL/G.T. clustering

Academic Factors

- Student ability
- Student performance
- Academic special needs

Social/Attitudinal

- Relationships with others
- Specific discipline concerns
- Learning style/teaching styles

Other Factors

- Support staff recommendations
- Family history

Because we value your input, you may wish to share specific information regarding your child's needs with us. You may submit a letter to me, Mrs. Gunther, by Friday, April 29, 2011 detailing the following information:

Your child's name and grade for school year 2011-2012

Your child's unique academic or emotional needs to be considered

Characteristics that are important for your child's unique needs to be met

Include specific information you would like us to know about your child

Letters received after April 29th will not be considered. In order to make equitable and fair classroom placements based on the needs of the children, requests for specific teachers will not be accepted. Please do not ask your child's teacher for recommendations either verbally or in writing. Such requests put staff members in an awkward position.

I would be happy to speak with you regarding class placements if you have questions. Please be assured that we take student placements seriously and want only what is best for each child.

Thank You!



KLES Parent Meeting

March 21, 2011

KLES Philosophy

- Mission-KLES is based on a secure, nurturing environment which enables all children to use their academic potential and become lifelong learners through a partnership of students, parents, staff and community.
- Safety is of paramount concern to the principal.
- Bullying is not tolerated. As part of our PYP framework, we teach our kids to honor differences. As principal, I expect all students to treat each other with respect. We take a proactive approach to helping our students get along with one another.

DISTRICT POLICY—CRS22-32-109.1 BoardDocs

- Bullying is prohibited and as Jeffco schools employees and students we must act and make sure bullying doesn't occur.

Standard Procedure for Affective Education at KLES

- Principal visits all classrooms to talk about Conduct Code at the beginning of the year.
- Assembly—DA came and talked to kids about internet safety
 - Bullying talk
 - Stop Bullying Now—Dept. of Health and Human Services Program
- Social Worker conducts monthly class meetings
 - Second-Step Program
 - Uses District training
 - The Bully, the Bullied, the Bystander - Barbara Coloroso
 - Check-in and check-out
- Empower students to tell when they see a bully
 - The Bully, the Bullied, the Bystander - Barbara Coloroso
- Principal meets with teachers to talk about academic and affective education
 - Follow-up for kids that need help
- PBIS school-wide program
 - Demonstrate respect
 - Improve self
 - Value the environment
 - Engage in learning
- Office referrals—follow up as soon as possible. Work with teacher, family to get to the root cause.
 - Reentry conference for kids who have been suspended for bullying to plan for next steps.

- Safety patrol

KLES Data

- Make your Voice Heard Survey—2009-2010
 - I feel safe in my school. 85% Strongly Agree/Agree
 - There is someone other than my teacher I can go to for help in my school. 89% Strongly Agree/Agree
 - I am learning to respect people who are different from me. 90% Strongly Agree/Agree
- Office Referrals
 - Harassment— 9 different kids out of 400 or 2.25%

Development Guide to Conflict Resolution

GRADE LEVEL	TYPICAL CONFLICT	PREFERRED STYLE OF RESOLUTION
1st	Conflict likely over toys, possessions ("It's mine."), going first	Action oriented Separate the children Change the topic No-Nonsense or Problem Solving
1st and 2nd	Selfishness, wanting own way. Threatening with tattling or not playing with again (I'm not inviting you to my birthday.)	Undo what the defender did No-Nonsense or Problem Solving
3rd,/ 4th,/ 5th	What's fair and what isn't. Teasing, gossiping, feeling superior. Putting down, accusing of something not true or distorted.	Beginning stage of understanding others' intentions: mutual negotiation possible with help. Compromise for older grade levels. Problem Solving or Compromising
5th and 6th	Bossiness, tattling, put-downs, showing off, betrayal.	Compromise can be used: empathy possible at this age. Talking things out, even if no compromise is reached. Ignoring (only if a minor problem) or Compromising

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RECOGNIZING THE DIFFERENCE	
NORMAL PEER CONFLICT	BULLYING
Equal power or friends	Imbalance of power; not friends
Happens occasionally	Repeated negative actions
Accidental	Purposeful
Not serious	Serious with threat of physical or emotional harm
Equal emotional reaction	Strong emotional reaction from victim and little or no emotional reaction from bully
Not seeking power or attention	Seeking power, control, or material things
Not trying to get something	Attempt to gain material things or power
Remorse - will take responsibility	No remorse - blames victim
Effort to solve the problem	No effort to solve problem



Parents Volunteers Wanted

Please fill out this sheet if you would like to help at Kendrick Lakes before school, at lunch recess, or after school. Drop off your completed form in the office. After we receive your form, we will call you in for a brief training to understand our Kendrick Lakes procedures, policies and guidelines. We welcome parents who can help any day at any time.

Don't think you have to volunteer everyday.

Thank you for your commitment to our school.

_____ I would like to volunteer before school (7:55- 8:10).

I can volunteer: (circle - M, T, W, Th, F)

Volunteers would be responsible for supervising a certain area.

_____ I would like to volunteer at lunch recess (10:45-12:30).

I can volunteer: (circle - M, T, W, Th, F)

The time I could volunteer is from _____ to _____.

(The lunch period runs from 10:45-1:00).

Lunch recess volunteer choices are: responsible for organizing and supervising a game/sport activity, or roving supervision of children.

_____ I would like to volunteer after school (2:45- 3:00).

I can volunteer: (circle - M, T, W, Th, F)

Volunteers would be responsible for supervising a certain area.

Name _____

Phone number _____

Child's name/grade/teacher _____

Due to our snow day last February, students will need to attend school on
MAY 31, 2011.

Early Release Days

A reminder to parents that there is one more Early Release Day this school year - **May 18th**

Our students will be getting out of school two and a half (2 ½) hours early at 12:15 pm. Our teachers use those days to work in teams, going over information gathered from various student assessments given throughout the year. This helps us to guide instruction for students, ensuring that they are reaching their highest learning potential. We appreciate the flexibility of our families in helping us use this valuable collaboration time.

2011-2012 Registration for Preschool continues!!!

Morning Class - 8:00 - 10:30

Afternoon Class - 12:00-2:30

You can sign your child up for 2 or 4 days a week.

Please stop by the Preschool Office for more details!

DeDe Giadone, Director, Kendrick Lakes Preschool

303.982.8348

**KLES is still accepting registrations for
full-day, tuition-free kindergarten for 2011-2012.**

Have you moved?

If you have moved or are planning to move, please stop by or call the office with your new address. If you have moved out of the Kendrick Lakes boundaries you must submit a choice application for the 2011-2012 school year.

Choice Enrollment Round II

February 16 - August 30, 2011

Possible Change in Bell Times for Next Year

In an effort to provide more instructional time for our students, we are exploring the possibility of changing the bell times for next year. The current bell times are 8:10-2:45.

The proposed bell times for next year would be 7:55-2:45.

Your opinion matters. If you feel passionate about this issue, please let Principal Gunther know what you think. Please send her a message via email at bgunther@jeffco.k12.co.us

or voicemail at 303-982-4079.

Based on staff and community feedback, a decision will be made regarding this issue.

1st Annual Alameda Area Vocal Music Festival

Wednesday, April 13th

7:00 pm Alameda High School

**5th and 6th grade students from Deane, Stein, Lasley,
Datterson, and Kendrick Lakes Elementary Schools
will sing as a mass choir will all participants at once!**

**For more information, contact Ms. Bayert at
dbayert@jeffco.k12.co.us or 303.982.7337**

NEWS FROM
ALAMEDA HIGH
SCHOOL



On April 23rd, volunteers from the AHS Marine Biology and IB Biology classes are arranging a waterway clean up at Kendrick Lake on Jewell. The clean up will run from 9am – 12noon and volunteers are welcome. If you have any questions please email Steve Houwen at shouwen@jeffco.k12.co.us. Next year we plan to extend the clean-up to include the other schools in the articulation area – K through 12 with leadership teams from each school.

Four students from Alameda High School have achieved the honor of being selected to the National Technical Honors Society. The honorees achieving these awards are as follows: Traci Case, 12th grade – Graphic Design, Sandra Leyva, 12th grade – Dental Assisting, Matthew Daniels, 12th grade – Video Game Programming and Erick Rodriguez Leyva, 11th grade – Auto Tech.

The Alameda High School Winter Percussion Ensemble is doing an outstanding job this year. They have won 1st place in their first two competitions. Their next competition is on Saturday, March 26th at Longmont High School – Good Luck Pirates! State championships will be held on April 2nd.

In the past, Jeffco parents were asked to fill out a paper form containing demographic and contact information for their student. The information from the form was manually entered into the district's computer system and each time there was a change, the parent had to go to the school to submit the new information. All this has changed. Jeffco Public Schools has moved the student information form online to the new Jeffco Connect. Jeffco Connect will be more convenient for parents, reduce costs and workload and be more environmentally friendly. Parents will be able to complete the student information from any computer with internet access. If emergency contact information for the student changes or parents need to temporarily designate a new contact person, all they have to do is log into their Jeffco Connect account online and change the information. Parents without computers can contact the school for assistance.

Jeffco Connect can be accessed at: www.jeffcopublicschools.org/jeffco_connect/, or check the school website for a link.

To Our Jeffco Families:

We are humbled and amazed at the outpouring of support that we have received in light of the announcement of the suspension of the Outdoor Education Programs at Mount Evans and Windy Peak. We recognize that this is an extraordinary time in the history of our school district and that budget reductions will impact every family and student in Jeffco.

We are faced with the suspension of the Outdoor Lab program until we are able to become self supporting. Currently fees collected from students pay for just under half of our operating costs (approximately \$800,000). The district's general fund pays for the other half of our costs (approximately \$900,000). In addition, money from the district's capital funds pay to maintain the major projects needed at our sites.

To open Outdoor lab for the 2011-2012 school year we must raise \$900,000. This is doable! Our best case scenario would be to have raised that money by May 2011. However, to make this attainable we have set the following targets. We need a minimum of \$600,000 by June 15. At least half of that amount needs to be collected and available. The other half can be as cash donations or pledges from corporations, service clubs, or organizations. We will need the remaining \$300,000 by December 2011.

We can do this if you will help!

DONATE! Donations can be made to the Outdoor Lab Foundation at outdoorlabfoundation.org. There are 300,000 alumni of the Outdoor Lab program – imagine if everyone gave \$1.00 we could meet this goal! **Any amount will help!** All donations are tax deductible and we will happily provide documentation for any donor. All donations will be used only for Outdoor Lab.

Provide us with known contacts! We know that there are many corporations, service clubs, and organizations that would be willing to help if we were able to connect with them and provide information on donating to Outdoor Lab. If you know of a corporation, service club, or of any organization that would be willing to donate, please send us their contact information. Contact information can be sent to the Outdoor Lab Foundation at outdoorlabfoundation.org.

Support Community Fundraisers! Please support fundraising activities by volunteering and participating. Imagine if every one of our 150 schools were able to raise \$2,000 we would have \$300,000 toward our goal! Please contact your local school PTA/PTO or school principal and work with them to coordinate any fundraising activities in your community.

To donate and learn more about the Outdoor Lab program, please visit the Outdoor Lab Foundation Website at www.Outdoor Lab Foundation.org

We can make this a reality for every future student in Jeffco!

IMPORTANT IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION

To the parents/Guardians of 5th grade students:

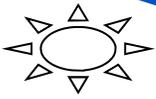
For the school year 2011-2012, Colorado School Entrance and Immunization Law requires that your student's immunizations are current and that you provide proof of immunization to attend school.

Immunizations for sixth grade entry are:

DtaP/DTP	5 doses OR 4 if 4th dose given on or after 4th birthday
Tdap	1 dose required (NEW REQUIREMENT)
Polio	4 doses OR 3 if 3rd dose was given on or after 4th birthday
Hepatitis B	3 doses
MMR	2 doses
Varicella	1 dose (2 doses recommended) or history of disease

PROOF OF IMMUNIZATIONS will be required at REGISTRATION IN AUGUST 2011.

Colorado / Jefferson County Department of Health and Environment information 303-232-6301.



Ms. Lorenzen's class

The World's Moods

The world as I see it. It has different moods.

In Hawaii the mood is angry because of the spewing lava from the lava.

In Oregon the mood is sad. It is always rainy and humid. It is the world's crying place.

It cries about how it's treated.

In Africa it is the heart and home of the world. It is hot from the fireplace from the home and heart of the world. Also from the smiles of the wonderful happy children.

>>Ryan

Camouflage

The world is hidden under camouflage

Good happenings hide around every corner

Humans in camouflage with weaponry

Scares me

Camouflage is animals

Fawns and chameleons

People dressed as something different
polar bears and snowshoe hares

Frogs croaking happily

Without notice will jump out at you

Animals in camouflage

Can be harmful

Trapdoor spiders

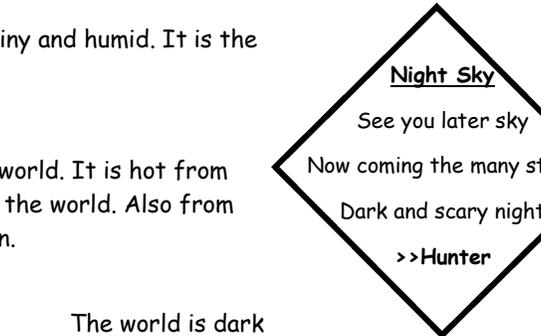
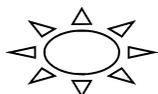
Tangrana ants in a tree

Waiting,

Waiting,

To sting a horrible sting.

>>Kali



Night Sky

See you later sky

Now coming the many stars

Dark and scary night

>>Hunter

The world is dark

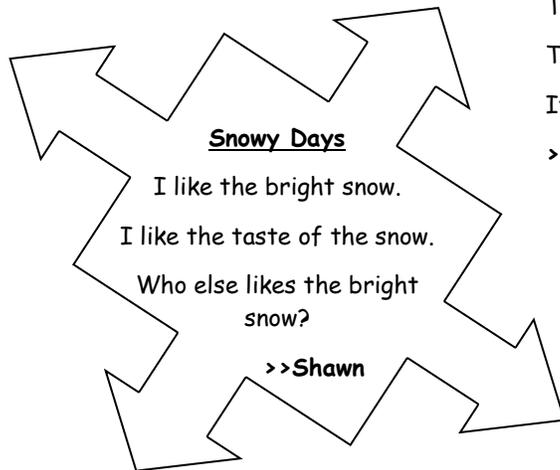
It is full of secrets

The wind blows heavily

The sky has dark clouds

The wind tells secrets under its
breath

>>Madison



Snowy Days

I like the bright snow.

I like the taste of the snow.

Who else likes the bright
snow?

>>Shawn

Caterpillar

Caterpillar, caterpillar, grow, grow, grow

I want you to be red, yellow, and blue.

Please grow quick because I want you to be a butterfly.

>>Sydney



Poems

The world as I see it

Is a jungle of all different poems.

Haiku, rhyme, acrostic, cinahaim, alliteration,

Free verse, and limerick.

Wow! That's a lot of poems.

Poems can make people feel

Happy. They also make people

feel warm inside as it

makes you and me.

>>Matthew

I See The World

The world as I see it

It is everywhere

I can see the whole world

The world is fragile

The world has lots of places

The world is bright everyday

The world is my home

It has a special place for you and me

>>Madilyn

The World

The world as I see it

The world is bright

The world spins round and round

Every single night

The world is colorful

The world is cheerful

And full of joy

I'm glad I live here

Every single day

>>Emma

Mrs. Motter's Class: Poetry; the Art of Words

Sprinkle

By Gabriel

Three years ago
 Four years ago
 From an ice cream cone
 I ate a sprinkle
 My mom said no
 I barely heard
 I reached out and
 I ate a sprinkle
 My mind said no
 My stomach, yes
 My stomach won and
 I ate a sprinkle
 My mom yells at me
 She pays the owner
 I pay her because
 I ate a sprinkle
 She's forgotten
 I have not
 The fact remains
 I ate a sprinkle



Metaphor Poems

Anger

By Theo
 Anger

Is a sun happily shining down
 Until it turns into a mad flame
 Burning at your skin
 Anger
 Is a white puffy cloud
 It eventually
 Turns into a nasty hailstorm
 Anger
 Is a match
 First a peaceful flickering light
 Then it turns into a wildfire
 Licking life away
 Anger
 Is a crow
 Reprimanding the world the below

Anger
 Is a sun, shining no more



Fear

By Alyssa

Fear
 Is a crow
 With a shining beak
 Menacing talons
 Ready to scoop you up
 And take you to its dark and suffocating cave
 Fear
 Is a shadow
 Pursuing its victim
 Waiting for the chance to strike
 Fear
 Is an ominous gray cloud
 rolling over head
 won't give up

Fear
 Is a box
 That traps you inside
 You can't get out
 Fear



Sadness

By Tori
 Sadness

is the first snowflake
 of a blizzard
 Sadness
 is hope slipping out
 of your grasp
 Sadness
 is a family torn apart
 by a bottle
 Sadness
 is dreams lost by time
 Sadness

Beauty

By Ryan
 Beauty

Is a tree orchard
 In early autumn
 With leaves falling
 from branches
 On a cloudy day
 Beauty
 Is a stream,
 Lonely,
 Flowing through the
 Rocky Mountains
 That never ends
 Beauty
 Is a whale
 Giving birth
 In warm waters
 Creating life
 Beauty
 Is a memory of the past,
 You jumping into rivers.
 Parents alive.
 Beauty is love,
 Between a mom
 and child.

Poems Inspired by Mentor Texts

My Quiet Place

By Jeydn

My quiet place would
 Be a valley,
 Where the butterflies
 Are like little paper
 Airplanes
 Floating on the wind
 current.
 And the pond is a mirror,
 Reflecting
 The ducks.
 The fish seem to be
 Smiling at me.
 Where a glacier
 Slowly melts
 On the snow-capped
 mountain.
 And
 The crimson sun
 Closes its eyes

And disappears
 Behind the mountain.



So Sorry!

By Desmond

So delicious
 I couldn't hold back
 I stole a bite
 You didn't know and never
 will
 When we were eating that
 chocolate mousse
 I stole a bite

You almost saw

And I turned white
 I stole a bite
 And then again
 The deed was
 finished
 I stole a bite

Cornflowers and bluebells

By Kendall

Mom, I love you
 the bluest,
 I love you
 the color
 of a crisp
 morning sky

right after a
 rain storm,
 the cornflowers
 and bluebells
 in a lush green
 meadow,
 the shimmer
 of a lake,
 the hush of a
 whisper,
 Mom, I love you
 the bluest.



Haiku

A calm stream flows by
 Flowing to a waterfall
 The quiet is gone
 -Keith

Sticky maple sap
 Like a transparent tear drop
 Oozing down a tree
 -Andrew

Red, yellow, orange, brown
 Crackling under your feed
 Autumn's aspen leaves
 -Kendall



World

Tough and Rough
 Poverty stricken
 Luxury and riches
 Some rich, some poor
 People trying to get by
 Rich people being rich
 Poor people being poor
 Interaction is seldom
 If we could all help
 The world
 would be just that much better
 >>Owen

Ms. Petty's class

The angels above
 Stare down like they're hurt
 But they are just
 Protecting us and the world
 And well angels are like
 Mother
 Nature
 In a way we
 Cannot see.

>>Rhaean

I like diamonds, and roses, and rings
 As you all can see,
 But my family is much more worth,
 That's what my family means to me.

Animals, dolls, and jewelry
 Are all special to me.
 But not as special as my family,
 That's what my family means to me.

Everyone is joyful,
 I am saying happily,
 But I am the happiest of all,
 That's what my family means to me.

>>Samantha

My Family

My family is so special to me.
 They make me feel
 Warm and cozy and loved.
 They make me happy when I'm sad.
 Safe when I'm scared.
 Relaxed when I am worried.
 And they always make me feel very, very
 loved.
 My family means the whole wide world to me.

>>Tessa



What my family means to me...

Cinquiane
 Family
 Joyful Loving
 Supportive Kind Adventurous
 Hilarious Creative Enjoyable Goofy
 Relatives
 >>Ryan

As I am walking across the plains I see buffalo dashing across
 the open miles of the ground.

As I am climbing the steepest mountains I hear the wind swish-
 ing and stinging my ears.

As I fish in the great lakes I feel the tug of the fish trying to
 get away.

As I snorkel throughout the deep blue sea I see the gills of the
 magnificent fish swimming along.

But as I walk through my front yard I hear the birds singing, I
 see the gigantic trees, I smell the freshness of spring, and I
 feel the wetness of the early spring grass.

>>Evan



Library Lore

What We're Doing:

Dear Parents-

The Kendrick Lakes Library is looking towards Spring Break, and ultimately, the end of the year. With this in mind, we will be sending home a note if your child has a book(s) that is significantly overdue.

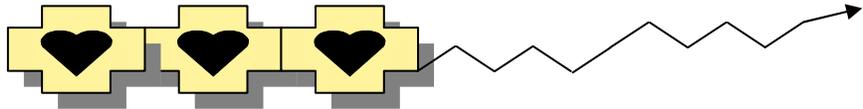
Please make an effort to find his or her book(s) and return them to the Kendrick Lakes Library. If you are unable to locate your child's book(s), the library asks that you replace the book with an identical book or pay the library the cost of replacing the book.

Please be aware that the library policy is to block the release of report cards, or transcripts, until missing books are returned or paid for.

If you have any questions, please contact Dean Raizman (KLES Teacher-Librarian) at 303-982-5632 or draizman@jeffco.k12.co.us

Your help is appreciated,
Dean Raizman

Nurse LeeAnn



Hi Folks,

Finally, spring. What a great feeling! I already feel more energized, even though we can't complain about our winter weather. With summer comes all the outdoor activities...bikes, scooters, inline skates, and skateboards help kids stay physically fit and develop balance and coordination. Yet each day, more than 1,000 kids are treated in emergency rooms nationwide for injuries from these activities. Head injury is the leading cause of death and disability in bicycle accidents.

The following tips will help protect your kiddos from harm.

Rules of the Road

Bikes should be restricted to sidewalks and paths until children are 10 years old and can demonstrate they know the rules of the road. Supervision is essential until children develop the necessary traffic skills and judgment.

Teach your children:

That Bicycles are vehicles, not toys! Riding bikes, scooters, and skateboards—especially around traffic—is an important responsibility.

When on the road, ride with the traffic, not against it. Ride as far to the right as possible.

Use appropriate hand signals.

Respect traffic signals. STOP at ALL stop signs and red lights.

STOP, look left, right, and left again before crossing.

Before turning left at intersections, look back and yield to traffic coming from behind.

Don't ride after dark. If you have to, use lights on your bike. Make sure your bike has reflectors as well, and wear clothes with reflective materials on them.

Protect kids with proper gear

Bikes: Helmet

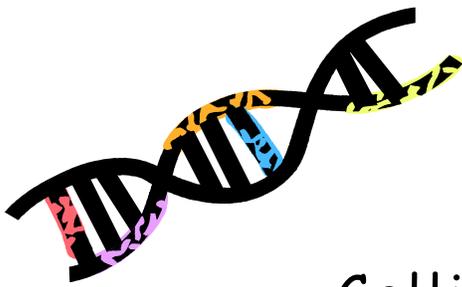
Scooters: Helmet, knee pads, elbow pads

Skateboards and Inline Skating: Helmet, knee pads, elbow pads, wrist guards

Moms and Dads: Set a good example for your kids and wear a helmet and other protective gear when you are out and about.

On that note, have a super beginning to spring AND remember to buckle up when driving!

Nurse LeeAnn



Calling All Young Scientists!

The Science Fair is non-competitive. Science mentors will review all projects and provide individual evaluations and feedback. Each student participant will receive a Certificate of Participation and a free T-shirt from the PTA. Set-up for the Science Fair will be during school hours on Wednesday, April 13, 2011. Mentoring and feedback will take place on Thursday, April 14, 2010. All classes will tour the fair on Thursday. The Science Fair will be open to the public on Thursday evening April 14, 2011, from 5:30- 7:00 pm. All Science Fair projects **MUST** be broken down and removed by 7:30 pm, Thursday, April 14, 2011.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION/DEADLINES

Projects Due in Class

Monday and Tuesday, April 11/12, 2011

Science Fair Set-Up

Wednesday, April 13, 2010

Participants receive their science fair T-shirts

Science Fair Feedback/Display

Thursday, April 14, 2011 (Participants wear your T-shirts!)

Parent and Public Viewing 5:30-7:00 pm

Students remove exhibits 7:00-7:30 pm



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For more information please call Michele J. Kern (KLES parent) at 303-482-2694 or email at ColoradoFamlee@gmail.com.



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LOVE YOUR SCHOOL CAMPAIGN



DONORS!

Dear KLES families and community,

Wow -- the "Love Your School" campaign was a wonderful success! You raised over **\$11,200** (including the donor match and two employer matches) for our school! Thank you so much for your generous donations. They are sincerely appreciated. With the money you raised, money from KLES and matching funds from the district, KLES will be able to buy a new laptop cart and seven new smart boards for classrooms.

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If you missed the Love Your School Campaign, but would still like to donate to KLES, you may contribute directly to your child's classroom, specials' teachers or the KLES PTA by picking up a blue Dolphin Dollar Form (located in front of the main office by the PTA box) and dropping that form and your check into the PTA box. All donations are tax deductible as the KLES PTA is a charitable 501(c)(3) organization.

If you need more information about the Love Your School Campaign or have suggestions for next year please call or email Stephanie Martinez, team leader for the Love Your School Campaign (303-995-3357 or stephaniecoppmartinez@msn.com).

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2. Return the item to your teacher.

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1. Simply detach and fill out the form below and return it with a check for any amount payable to KLES PTA to the PTA box by the main office, or to the teacher.
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3. Additional Dolphin Dollars Vouchers available in black tower near main office or on the KLES PTA website at klespta.org.

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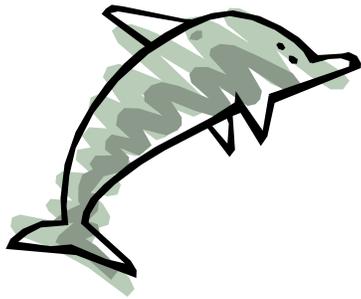


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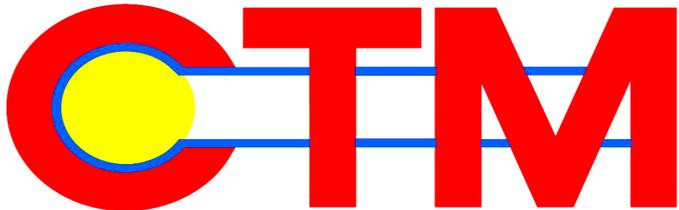
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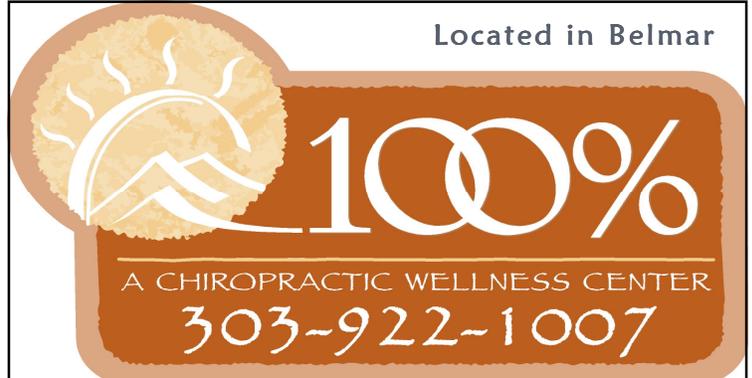
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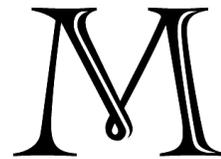
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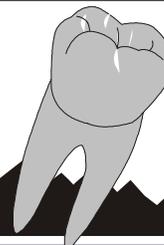
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APRIL		
3rd	Mother/Son Bowling	12:30 - 3:00
4th	NO SCHOOL - COMP DAY/Spring Conferences	
5th	School Resumes	8:10
5th	Afterschool Theatre Club	2:45
7th	Intramurals - Gym	7:30
7th	2nd Cup of Coffee with the principal	8:15
7th	Race to Read Bandimeere Program	
8th	Keyboards / Guitars for Kids	2:50/3:35
10th	Whole Foods Bag Donation Program - LAST DAY	
11th	Music Hand Bells - rehearsal	2:45
12th	Intramurals - Gym	7:30
12th	Science Fair - bring in projects	by class
13th	Science Fair - set up in gym	by class
13th	3rd Grade to Denver Art Museum	10:00
13th	1st Annual Alameda Area Vocal Music Festival 5th & 6th Grade Music Performance - Alameda HS	7:00pm
14th	Science Fair	all day
14th	Intramurals - Gym	7:30
15th	NO SCHOOL - 6th grade ONLY / FLEX-DAY Testing	by appt
15th	Student Leadership Meeting - RESCHEDULED	
15th	Keyboards / Guitars for Kids	2:50/3:35
18th	Music Hand Bells - rehearsal	2:45
18th	Parent Education Mtg. - Bullies, Bullied, and Bystanders	5:30
19th	Intramurals - Gym	7:30
19th	PTA Meeting	6:30
20th	CLASS PICTURES	by class
21st	Intramurals - Gym	7:30
22nd	Mid-terms sent home	2:45
22nd	Earth Day Celebration	tba
22nd	Keyboards / Guitars for Kids	2:50/3:35
25th	Dolphin Newsletter deadline	
25th	Music Hand Bells - rehearsal	2:45
26th	NO SCHOOL - 6th grade ONLY / FLEX-DAY Testing	by appt
26th	Afterschool Club - Art Workshop	2:45
26th	Music Hand Bells - PERFORMANCE	tba
28th	5th & 6th grades to AmeriTowne	all day
28th	4th Grade to Denver Zoo	9:15
29th	Intramurals - Gym	7:30
29th	Volunteer Breakfast	7:30

APRIL						
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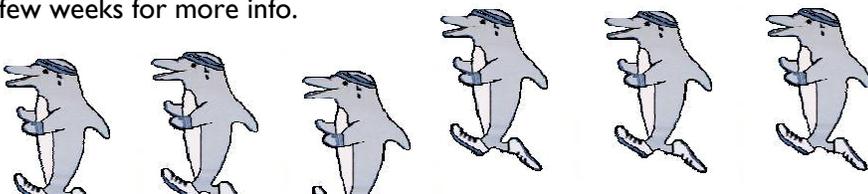


Get Set...



Go DOLPHIN DASH!!!!

Hey Moms, Dads and Kids! Get out your walking shoes and get ready to start clocking the miles for the Dolphin Dash! It is going to be on May 6th right after school. You will be met with a snack while you tie your laces and then get ready to walk till 4pm. Check your Friday folders in the next few weeks for more info.



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