

Date: November 22, 2013



Weekly Wave

11/25-11/29/13	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
12/01-12/30/13	Art Display at Belmar Library
12/04/13	Early Release Day – Students Released at 12:15 pm
12/05/13	2014-2015 Kindergarten Parent Meeting 6pm (Library)
12/06/13	Top Dolphin Assembly 2:00 - 2:30 pm
12/09-12/13/13	Caring Hearts Action Center Collection
12/11/13	Field Trip / 1st GT, 2nd GT, 3rd GT / 9:30 am - 1:00 pm Arvada Center
12/12/13	GT Parent Night 5:30 pm—6:30 pm
12/17/13	Accountability Meeting 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm/PTA Meeting 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm (Library)

Shout Out: A BIG THANK YOU to our PTA volunteers for organizing the Special Persons Breakfast that was held on November 8th. We appreciate all the hard work and planning that you do!

KLES STAFF

School Announcements:

Dear Parents: As the weather begins to change we will be having inside recess days. We are looking for Rated G movies (DVD's) to be viewed during these days. If you'd like to donate G rated movies please bring them by the main office.

Parents: Just a reminder there is no adult supervision for children before 7:55. Also children are not to be outside on the playground without supervision. Please be aware of how early students are being dropped off. Breakfast is available from 7:35 – 7:55 children that are not in the cafeteria eating breakfast will be required to be in the library working or reading quietly until 7:55.

Parking Lot Safety: Parents please remember to use extra caution and drive slow when in the parking lots and in front of the school. Please do not remove, move or drive past the parking cones, they are there for the safety of our children.

Thank You: Mrs. Enck and Mr. Kenner for organizing the lost and found. We reunited 3 tables full of items to our students. The left over items will be donated this Friday.

Accountability Meeting: All are welcome at our monthly KLES Accountability meeting where we will learn and converse about student achievement and budget as well as other issues important to KLES - December 17th, 5:30 pm to 6:30 p.m., right before PTA. Dinner and babysitting provided; thanks, KLES PTA!

Early Release Days for the 2013-2014 School Year: Wednesday, December 4th, Wednesday, February 26th and Wednesday, April 23rd. School will be dismissed at 12:15 pm. **(Please be advised there is NO early release on January 29th)**

Art Workshop: Christmas Crafts, December 3rd and 10th from 2:45- 3:30 pm, \$3.00, limit 15 students. Sign up through PTA website: www.klespta.org.

Boxtops: Contest #1 is over and the winners are . . .Mrs. Wheeler's 2nd grade class and Mrs. Kenney's 1st grade class with 84 sheets each. We were able to collect over \$700 this first trimester. Thanks to all who participated! Contest #2 has started and new sheets will be in Friday folders. We are still collecting labels from Campbell's and Tyson's products as well, so please submit those too. Additional collection sheets can be found near the main office. Thank you for your continued support!

Last chance - Logo Wear: Get a hoodie, long sleeve tee, or beanie at a deep discount on Wednesday, December 4th at noon in the school lobby.

New Kindergarten Parent Meeting: A parent information meeting for new kindergarten students is on Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 6:00 pm in the Library. Kindergarten registration for the 2014-2015 school year begins on **January 21 - January 27** during school hours, 8:00 am - 2:45 pm. We will be offering tuition-based, full-day kindergarten and/or a free half-day kindergarten program. During registration parents **must** provide proof of residency, birth certificate, immunization and their photo ID. Parents must also complete Jeffco Connect for their student. If you have any questions please call our office at 303-982-8324.

Choice Enrollment: First Round Choice Enrollment applications for the 2014-2015 school year will be accepted January 8th - January 24th in the school office from 8:00 am -3:00 pm. Request will be approved based on space availability and there is no guarantee that your child will be able to attend any school other than their assigned neighborhood school.



PTA News:

Dear KLES community,

I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Thanksgiving next week. Today I am most thankful for my family and friends and the beautiful sunshine. What are you thankful for?

Here is a round-up of KLES PTA happenings.

Community

Let's give our children a chance to learn the Spirit of Giving by supporting needy families. KLES PTA has partnered with our neighbors from St. Jude's Catholic Church, who so generously allow us to use their parking lot. Each grade (preschool through 6th) is adopting the children from an underprivileged family in our area. We have a total of 44 children and we will be purchasing new clothes and gifts for them. We are just getting started and could use the help of two parents from each grade. Gifts are due Monday, December 16th. Please contact Sharon Koenig if you can volunteer. Sharon_newcomer@yahoo.com 303-638-6412.

We will begin collecting coins after Thanksgiving in an effort to raise enough money to spend \$30 on each needy child (an amount equal to \$3 per KLES student.) In a generous gesture, St. Jude's has also offered to separately help 5-6 KLES families in need.

The Father/Daughter Dance is coming up on Friday, January 24 and the Mother/Son Bowling event will be Sunday, January 26. We need volunteers for both of these events. If you are interested in helping with either, please contact me at madalyn830@yahoo.com. We will also send out a Sign-Up Genius message within the next couple of weeks.

Accountability and PTA Meeting

Our next Accountability and PTA meetings will be on Tuesday, December 17. Accountability starts at 5:30 and PTA is 6:30 to 8 pm. Both meetings will be in the library and PTA will provide dinner and child care.

Academics

Do you have questions or concerns about the implementation of Common Core Standards? These new standards mean greater academic rigor and more consistent measures of achievement applied across Colorado and the nation. There are resources to help parents understand how the Common Core Standards affect students. KLES Principal Dave Singh, Instructional Coach Bridget Clark-Cooper, as well as your child's teacher, can answer questions. Mr. Singh has drawn our attention to the concept of depth of knowledge at the recent Accountability and PTA meetings. Depth of knowledge means the level of thinking students can demonstrate. For example, at level 1 depth of knowledge a student is able to match, identify, and recite information. In contrast, at level 4 a student is able to apply concepts, create something based on their learning, and make connections between ideas. You can check out a depth of knowledge chart with more explanation at klespta.org.

Get Connected

Get connected at KLES! Like the KLES PTA Facebook page for event updates and information and be sure to visit our website at klespta.org.

Have you thought about volunteering at KLES? KLES PTA offers a wide variety of volunteer opportunities. If you only have an hour, or if you are interested in serving on the PTA board, we gratefully welcome your donation of time and talent. Contact Molly Snyder for more information on volunteer opportunities at madalyn830@yahoo.com.

Fundraising

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Timbuk Toys will donate 20% of purchases when you mention KLES PTA from November 20 through November 30. You can even shop online and put KLES PTA in the comment line. Timbuk Toys is a locally-owned, independent toy store in Belmar. Interesting fact for those of us watching our holiday budget closely: over 75% of Timbuk Toys merchandise costs \$25 or less. They specialize in unique, educational, and locally made toys. Stop in and meet Holley the manager and her staff of elves, I mean toy experts. They can help you find the perfect gift. Best of all, they offer free gift wrapping.

King Soopers Reloadable Cards for groceries and gas: We need your help. The King Soopers card program is our most reliable, lowest cost, and highest return fundraising effort. You use the reloadable card and King Soopers send us 5% of the reload every month, which is \$600 each month. The more you reload the more we raise for programs! Please remember to purchase a new card if your card has been inactive for more than 90 days. The reloadable cards can be used year round. To get a card complete the form in Friday Folders and drop in the KLES PTA box, or for more information, contact Andie Guajardo at andieguajardo@gmail.com or 720.939.9948.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving break!

Molly Snyder

KLES PTA President