

Date: December 6, 2013



Weekly Wave

12/01-12/30/13	Art Display at Belmar Library
12/09-12/13/13	Coin Donation Drive
12/10/13	Field Trip / 2nd Grade / Ackerman & Wheeler / 10:15 am - 2:00 pm / Colorado History Center
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
12/13/13	Field Trip / 5th/6th GT / Lesser / 9:15 am - 2:00 pm / Museum
12/16/13	Field Trip / 1st GT, 2nd GT, 3rd GT / 9:00 am - 1:00 pm / Museum
12/17/13	Accountability Meeting 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm/PTA Meeting 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm (Library)
12/20/13	Winter Parties 8:10 am - 9:10 am / Holiday Concert 9:30 am - 10:30 am
12/20/13	Field Trip / 1st GT, 2nd GT, 3GT / 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm / Bowling
12/23 -01/07/14	NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
01/08/14	School Resumes

School Announcements:



Shout Out: A BIG THANK YOU to Jen Granbery, PTA and parents for organizing and making delicious chili entries for the Chili Cook-Off. Wow, what a wonderful treat for our staff, we appreciate the time and effort put into making this a fun and delicious event. We are looking forward to next year!

KLES STAFF

And the Winner Is: The 1st annual Chili Cook-Off was a great success! Every entry this year received at least one vote! Andrea Guajardo won the meat category with green chili #1. Jennifer Miller won the vegetarian category with black-bean chili #11. Way to Go!! We would like to thank Darcy and Kermit Wood for the generous donation of all our essentials and our wonderful teachers who made amazing judges! Thank you to Dean Raizman for offering up the library. A great event to honor our teachers, we cannot wait to hold again next year!

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.

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, 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)

Kindergarten Registration: Kindergarten registration for the 2014-2015 school year begins on **January 21 - January 27** during school hours, 7:45 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.

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PTA News:



Dear KLES community,

As I write is, temperatures have dipped into the single digits and snow is falling. I confess I love this weather. It reminds me to slow down, bundle up, and enjoy the season.

KLES is like a shaken snow globe, swirling with activity. Here is a summary of what's happening:

Community

I am proud to be part of the KLES community for many reasons. This community is extraordinarily generous and we give in many ways throughout the year. Giving opportunities abound and KLES PTA encourages you to give in a way that is meaningful to you and your family.

One way to give is by collecting coins to help us purchase gifts for local under privileged children. **This is the KLES way to thank St. Jude's Catholic Church for graciously allowing us to use their parking lot. The church supports 150 families during the holidays and we are helping out 8 of those families.** Just imagine the safety issues if we all used the KLES front lot! Is the safety of our children worth a small donation? We'll use all donations to purchase gifts for 44 under privileged children in our neighborhood.

The KLES student council, led by 1st grade teacher Mrs. Fabrizio, will organize each grade to collect coins and have a friendly competition to see which grade can earn the most points. Coins in your own grade's jar ADD points to your team, dollar bills in your rival's jar SUBTRACT points from their jar. Sneaky!

The coin drive will end on Friday the 13th. The goal is to collect \$3 per KLES student, which gives us \$25 to spend on clothes and a gift for each child. Please contact Sharon Koenig at 303-638-6412 or sharon_newcomer@yahoo.com if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

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 or you may contact Kathy Amori if you are interested in helping with the Mother/Son Bowling: ksamori@msn.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

Thank you for participating in the Timbuk Toys fundraiser. Holley, the Belmar store manager, will send us the check in about a week. I am looking forward to finding out how much money we raised for KLES PTA activities.

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. Simply use the reloadable card and King Soopers sends us 5% of the reload, which is about \$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 on klespta.org and drop in the KLES PTA box, or for more information, contact Lynette Huntley at nettie1499@aol.com.

Thank you for supporting KLES PTA. Stay warm and have some winter fun!

Molly Snyder
KLES PTA President