

Kennedy Pawprints



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January 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 No School Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	16	17	18 Parent Club meeting @ 6pm	19 Dental Screenings! K-5th	20
21	22	23	24 Full school day! 9:00-3:40pm	25 Fancy Dress up day!	26 No School Staff Development Day	27
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Regular attendance prepares students for success

It is important to develop a habit of attendance early in life because it prepares students to be successful at all levels of education and in adulthood. Employers expect good attendance, so establishing good attendance habits is an important step in building career and college ready skills.

Families can do a lot to help students establish good attendance habits. Here are some tips for parents to help boost attendance:

- Set an expectation that absences won't be allowed unless your student is truly sick.
- Make sure your children have a regular bedtime and establish a consistent morning routine.
- Set out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Avoid scheduling vacations or doctor appointments when school is in session.
- Make a backup plan for getting students to school when something comes up.

Ask your school for referrals to health care and transportation resources if needed.

Some absences, such as illness, are unavoidable. The important thing is for parents to get their students to school as often as possible. If student is seen by a doctor, please ask for a doctor's note. Thank you.

Please be sure to call the school to let us know when your child is out sick. 503.399.3163



It's Flu Season

Help reduce the spread of an illness

Don't send your sick child to school. Give your child time to rest, recover, and prevent fellow students from getting sick. Any child who comes to school sick will be sent home.

Wash hands with soap and water. Teach your child to wash his/her hands properly, and set a good example by doing this yourself.

Tell your child not to share personal items, especially drinks, food, and unwashed utensils.

Cover that cough. Remind your child to cover coughs and sneezes with tissues. If they don't have a tissue, use their upper sleeve – not their hands.

Fever, cough, sore throat, a runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, and tiredness? Your child might have the flu. Recognize the symptoms.

Keep your child at home at least 24 hours AFTER the fever is gone. The fever should be gone without having to give your child a fever-reducing medicine.

We can all help in the prevention of illness this school year. If you need more information on the flu, visit these two Web sites: www.cdc.gov or www.oregon.flu.gov or call our **Nurse Helpline at 503-399-3376** or the **Marion County Health Dept. at 503-588-5342.**



Inclement weather delayed start information

Local Media

After a decision to close or delay school is made, local news media are contacted. The media will mention the district only if there is a delay or closure. **(Salem-Keizer School District.) If you do not hear any announcement, it's safe to assume that our schools are open or have resumed their regular schedules.** More information about local media announcements here:

<http://www.salkeiz.k12.or.us/content/emergency-school-closures-and-delays>

School Messenger Telephone Notification

If schools are closed or start times delayed, all students and staff will get a recorded message to the phone number on record with the district. This message will tell you about school cancellation, delay to start times, or district closure. Calls begin going out at 6 a.m. Make sure your contact information is up to date. Families who need to update their phone number should contact their school.



Dear Kennedy families,

Please make sure your student is wearing weather appropriate clothing to school.

Donations of clean, gently used sweatpants are greatly appreciated. All Children's sizes.

Thank you.



KACE Classes

KACE classes will be held at the end of January! Jan 29-Feb 2, 3:45pm to 4:30pm. Are you interested in volunteering to teach/assist with a class? If so, please contact the school at 503-399-3163. Only pre approved volunteers, if you have not filled out a school district background check form, please do so. You may stop by the office and fill one out or fill one out online. Thank you.

www.salemkeizer.org/content/human-resources/volunteer



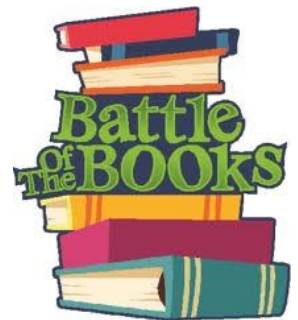
State testing 30-day notice

By law, Oregon school districts must notify parents about annual state testing at least thirty days before testing begins. Testing will begin in Salem-Keizer in February 2018. A copy of the 30-day notice and opt-out form can be picked up in any school office starting on January 5, 2018. For more information about state testing, please visit the Oregon Department of Education website:

<http://www.oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/assessment/Pages/default.aspx>

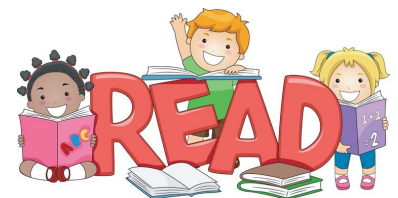
Battle of the Books

Battles for Oregon Battle of Books (OBOB) for 4th and 5th grades begin Wednesday, January 10. They happen every Wednesday from 12:10-12:40 in the library, room 3 and room 7. Parents and family members are welcome and highly encouraged to attend. Come cheer on a team and celebrate their reading successes!



Kennedy Reading Incentive Program

Remember to turn in your tracking forms after Winter Break to get your rewards! The more you read, the more rewards you will get. You don't want to miss out on great prizes! Get the chance to win a Kindle!



Reading tips over break

Remember, listening to reading, reading independently or reading to someone else all count. Taking a trip? Try a family book on CD. Visiting relatives? Have students read to them or have the relative read to your child.

