

“College & Career Begins at Kendall”

Quote of the Week: “There is a certain enthusiasm in liberty that makes human nature rise above itself, in acts of bravery and heroism.” --Alexander Hamilton



Abby Krois with her grandfather, and Gabby Watson’s father and grandfather presenting together during the First Annual Grade 4 and Grade 5 Veterans Assembly

Vision

Students heard from Mayor Rilling and local community veterans, who all shared how the military supported their college and career goals. Parents, please share experiences from your family so that students understand the value behind Veterans Day.

Teaching & Learning

Technology

In and out of school technology should be monitored carefully. Students should have a clear understanding of the expectations. During school, technology is primarily used for intervention block and as a tool to support 21st Century skills. At home, please be aware that students can be exposed to inappropriate language and messages on youtube and video games.

Attendance

Please ensure that your child is at school every day! The doors open at 8:35 and students should be seated and ready to learn by 8:50. *Every student with perfect attendance earned a certificate for Oct. The prizes will get better and better 😊*

Interventions

Parents, did you receive communication about how to access intervention programs at home? If not, please reach out to your child’s teacher.

SIOP

Teachers and parents can schedule a meeting with Mrs. Asmani if they have questions about how SIOP (Sheltered, Instruction, Observation Protocol) can be used to better engage students. Teachers, please access the PADLET to share ideas: <https://padlet.com/bakerz/7z11xckzqpp>. Every classroom should have a daily content objective for ELA and Math.

Extended Day

The first week in January, the *Carver Center* will begin an exclusive Academic Middle School Transition Program for 5th grade students at Kendall. The program will run three days a week and it is free. Students will be invited to attend and registration will begin next month. Stay tuned 😊

Homework

Homework should be a brief review that students can do independently. If students get home and they cannot do homework without assistance, it is okay for them to write questions or a note to their teacher explaining that they did not understand. Please encourage students to do their best.

PPTs

Planning and Placement team Meetings are important so that we have an appropriate plan for students who have an IEP (Individualized Education Plan), or who a member of our community suspects may require an IEP (Individualized Education Plan). In general, a student should go through the SRBI (Scientific Research Based Interventions) process before going into the PPT process. This allows educators and parents the chance to target and track the concern and document supports. When there is a PPT scheduled for whatever reason, it is important that 1) parents call the school if they have questions or need to reschedule 2) teachers complete the information form and submit it to the case manager well in advance. The form must be neat, objective, and data-driven. Mrs. Carmody will share samples.

Community Engagement

- Our next SGC (6:00pm) and PTA (7:00pm) meetings will be on **Wednesday** Dec. 12th (This is a change in day because of Conference Night). We are looking to focus on a different special topic each month. Please email me if you have an idea.
- The SGC will be starting a new task force to plan out the Dream Plan for Kendall, which is our vision for the school if resources were not a barrier. Please email me if you are interested in creating a plan with this focus question in mind: *What would it take to close the achievement gap?* The initial task Force Meeting will be on Nov. 29th at 6:00pm.
- Fridays are School Spirit Fridays! Everyone is encouraged to wear Cougar Gear or all blue! Please purchase your Cougar Gear!

Safety & Security

- All visitors, including parents, must present their ID when entering past the Main Office.
- All volunteers must be cleared through the District's Volunteer Process.
- No students will be permitted to change their dismissal plan, unless it is shared in writing or it has been cleared by an administrator.
- Please do not park in the drop-off lane.
- Please do not pick up students during the last 15 minutes of the day. It interrupts the dismissal routine.

Staff Professional Development	Shout-outs	Looking Ahead
Nov. 12 th - Trauma Informed-Care Nov. 26 th - Steering Committees Dec. 3 rd - Dibels/ NWEA Dec. 10 th - Trauma-Informed Care Dec. 17 th - Steering Committees/Celebrations <u>Note: Please check the Staff Calendar for info. About Data Team Meetings and District PD Dates</u>	1) Ms. Scicchitano, Ms. Wall, Ms. Koletar, and Mrs. Robinson for coordinating the Veterans Day Event 2) Ms. Angeley for all of her support as intern placed in very rewarding yet challenging situations 😊	Nov. 16 th - Lego/STEM Night Nov. 22 (Early Dismissal), 23-24 (No School) Nov. 26 th - Vision in Action Week Nov. 30 th - Movie Night Nov. 30 th - Picture Day Dec. 10 th -14 th – Scholastic Book Fair Dec. 14 th - Cookies and Canvas Night w Mrs. Hungaski

In general, the bulletin will be sent out electronically weekly. Parents, please make sure that we have a current email address in PowerSchool so that you continue to receive this communication.

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