

KELLY LANE MIDDLE SCHOOL'S KNIGHTLY NEWS

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A Great Start at Kelly Lane

I'm proud to report that the 2009-2010 school year is off to a great start. KLMS teachers have built strong systems of support for the learners at Kelly Lane. Additionally, the positive campus climate that we seek to create "feels" stronger than ever as you walk the halls. My confidence in our ability to serve our students has never been higher.

As you may know, Kelly Lane has grown substantially since last year, a strong indication that word of our excellent reputation is spreading. Despite economic conditions that have slowed growth in our district overall, the Kelly Lane community continues to grow. Currently enrollment stands at 1,018, of which about 9% are transfer students, some of whom began their middle school career at Kelly Lane, but who's community was rezoned to a different middle school last year. The district provided for those students to complete their middle school career at Kelly Lane if they so desired.

You can tell a lot about people by how they react to "unexpected changes." Growing by nearly 200 students in a year's time certainly qualifies. This past week, the halls, office, and cafeteria still felt positive and inviting. In every classroom, I saw teachers making the effort to get to know students and engage kids in learning. I read over the shoulder of one student as she simply wrote in her journal, "I love my new school." One young man let me know how nice the teachers and students are at Kelly Lane compared to his old school. Lastly, I asked a new 7th grader what brought him to

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Kelly Lane and he told me, "my parents moved because my friends told me this is an awesome school." These moments remind us why we are proud to call ourselves Knights.

To help manage our unexpected growth, the district has supplied us with three additional teachers to help reduce our class sizes. Those teachers will be joining us this week. More information will come next week. Please know that any potential changes will be made with careful consideration over what is best for each individual child.

Thanks for being a part of Kelly Lane and letting me serve your children as their Principal for the upcoming school year. I began last year by letting you know we intended for Kelly Lane to become "one of," if not "the," best middle school(s) in Texas. From all indications, we're right on track to achieve that goal.

Best regards,

Devin Padavil

Upcoming News and Announcements for Kelly Lane Families

Mom's Night at the Fieldhouse: Monday, August 31st from 6:30 - 7:30 pm in the gym. Come hear how coaches keep your child safe and strong during football season.

Band Parent Meeting: September 3rd at 7:00PM.

Volleyball: September 9th vs. Park Crest. 8th Grade Home, 7th Away. 5:30 Start.

Catapult Bell Schedule: Begins September 22nd. We'll use a "normal" schedule until then.

Open House: September 10th from 6 - 8 PM.

Picture Day: Dress nice for September 11th.

First PTO Meeting: All are welcome on September 14th at 7:00 in the Kelly Lane Library. Hope to see you there!

Falcon Pointe Blvd. Traffic: 7:30-7:45AM is great. 7:45-8:00AM is not so great. Please drive safely and slowly.

Tools to Stay “On Top of Things” at Kelly Lane

For those parents returning to Kelly Lane, a lot of this information will seem familiar, but still a worthy reminder. For those of you new to Kelly Lane, please take advantage of the resources that we provide you out of service to our students. Please know that you may contact me (devin.padavil@pflugervilleisd.net) if you have any questions.

To help keep you “in the know”:

The Calendar Page on the KLMS Website: This page has all forecasted dates at Kelly Lane, including athletic events. Please know that these dates are subject to change, but those changes will always be communicated through the website and this list-serve.

The “Bookbag” and “Main” page of the KLMS Website: Here, you’ll find any resource that is meant to go home with students or could serve as a good reference over the course of the year.

To help you stay on top of assignments and grades:

TxGradebook: This resource allows you to monitor, in real time, the grades and assignments of your child.

You can even receive instant alerts when your child’s grade falls below your pre-set standard.

Homework Posted on the “Staff Page” of the KLMS Website: Our teachers post the week’s “predicted” homework every Monday evening. You can see the week’s activities and homework just by clicking “link” next to each teacher’s name. Please know that homework and activities are subject to change based on student needs.

After School Homework Lab: Next week, we’ll announce the start of this after school opportunity every Wednesday and Thursday. Students have access to teachers and are expected to be productive until finished.

Academic Commitment to Students: A letter detailing our procedures for ensuring student success is going home with students today (8.31.09) and is posted on the home page of the KLMS website.



Kelly Lane’s teachers are committed to serving our students best! Stay connected and let us know if we can do anything to provide excellence in learning for our students or your child.

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