

KELLY LANE MIDDLE SCHOOL'S KNIGHTLY NEWS

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The 3-Week Mark

Given the amount of change and adjustments we have done at KLMS for the benefit of our kids, it's certainly been a productive three weeks! We are sending home progress reports on Thursday. Please look for these to arrive and check TxGradebook for a current grade standing on your child.

The feedback we received from Open House was positive. If you have feedback you would like me to know about, please send me an e-mail. The teachers enjoyed the presence of our community and those new to Kelly Lane saw another reason why we're proud to be Knights: Our Parents. KLMS is a great school and parents that care about their child's education is a big reason why.

A way to be involved as a parent is through the PTO. The Kelly Lane PTO meeting is tonight in the library at 7:00. We hope you can join us and discuss ways to strengthen a great middle school for our kids. You'll get to meet other parents and contribute ideas as well.

The Lady Knights Volleyball team soundly defeated Park Crest in their first games last week. Both 7th and 8th grade A and B teams were victorious. The Lady Knights take on Dessau this week.

We are going to start a magazine fundraiser next week. The fundraising pays for teacher workshops, student rewards, and even shelving for the library. We hope this fundraiser is successful, so future fundraising is not as necessary. Another easy way to help Kelly Lane is to shop at Target using your "RED" card. Everytime you

Upcoming News and Announcements for Kelly Lane Families

Volleyball: September 15th vs. Dessau. 8th Grade There, 7th Home. 5:00 Start.

Football: Scrimmage vs. Westview (7th Home, 8th There)

First PTO Meeting: Tonight at 7:00 in the Library!

Science Olympiad: Info Meeting September 15th @ 7:00 in the KLMS Library.

Staff Development: September 21st. No School.

Devin Padavil, Campus Principal
Sarah Coleman, Administrative Associate

Curtis Seiferman, 8th Grade Principal
Rose Marques, 7th Grade Principal
Ben O'Connor, 6th Grade Principal

Sherri Vigil, 7th Grade Counselor, 8th Grade A-L
Cristina Garza, 6th Grade Counselor, 8th Grade M-Z

shop using this card (and designating KLMS as your school), 1% of your purchase costs go to Kelly Lane.

Part of reality this year is that this is going to be a busy flu season. Please know that at this rate, it would be impractical to send home a notice every time someone in your child's class has "flu-like symptoms" because it is becoming so common. However, at this time, symptoms reported are no worse than a typical flu illness (fever/body aches) and recovery time has been quick. Please keep your child home if they have a fever, please encourage handwashing (or using the sanitizer dispenser in each room), and be aware if your child goes home sick they must check in with the nurse before going back to class. All these measures are in place to protect the health of the overall student body.

We're looking forward to another strong three weeks. Please let me know if there is anything we can do for our students.

Best regards,

Devin Padavil

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

College Day: October 6th for all of PISD. Staff / students encouraged to wear college gear. Another "college day" for KLMS will be in the spring.

Dance Fever: First KLMS Dance is September 25th. 6th Grade 6:00-8:00, 7th 6:30-8:30, 8th 7:00-9:00.

National Walk to School Day: October 7th

Owning Your Own Learning: Self-Advocacy

Last year, we asked former Kelly Lane students at Hendrickson talk about the transition from middle to high school. One surprising comment they made was that students need to get better at addressing their educational needs with their teacher and be responsible for their learning. In other words, successful students are able to advocate for their own educational needs, whether it be for tutoring or making up work. Easier said than done...

This doesn't mean parents don't play a role at all. However, there are some small safe ways for students to take more ownership of their learning. Here are a few recommendations for you to consider during your three years of middle school:

Agenda Use: Set up a time during the week where you and your child can "compare calendars." Modeling for kids how adults use calendars, planners, and PDAs to manage their increasingly busy lives can help this practice become a routine for students.

Clean up Notes: In each subject, students are often required to take notes. Even if your child does not have homework, using the time to clean up recent notes can help a student remember key concepts. Surprisingly, students can make sense of old learning when they are asked to put the notes into a new and cleaner form. This also gives parents an opportunity to see if students are taking notes effectively or not.

Approaching the Teacher: Although we have incredible service-oriented teachers at KLMS, approaching your teacher about missing work or learning gaps can be intimidating. When there are things your child needs, consider talking to them about how they could ask the teacher. It might even be helpful to role-play the conversation so that your child feels more comfortable starting the conversation. If that doesn't quite work for your child yet, our teachers gladly serve parents through phone, conference, or email.



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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