

KELLY LANE MIDDLE SCHOOL'S KNIGHTLY NEWS

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Hustling Through a 4-Day Week

It's going to be another one of those peculiar four day weeks. While many appreciate a good three day weekend, a four day week can "feel" more hectic. This is probably due to the fact that all of us (students and staff) attempt to teach / learn / accomplish as much as we do in a five-day week within the span of four days. Combined with the fact that we have a shortened grading period, it's going to be important for our students to stay on top of the work and stay updated on their progress. See Page 2 for more details on how KLMS helps you get this done.

"CATAPULT" kicked off two weeks ago and is going smoothly. The transition to this new schedule on Tuesdays-Thursdays has gone well due to the organization of the KLMS staff. While our primary objective is to provide students tutoring and academic support, we're also starting up some very cool clubs, service projects, and rewards for positive behavior.

Ms. Hello's "No Place for Hate" club is promoting positive messages around campus and Ms. Goclan's Service Club is brainstorming cool ways to give to a good cause. Student Council (sponsored by Ms. Robinson and Mr. Kasselberg) is organizing Red Ribbon Week and supporting the needy through campus-wide events, while our recreational clubs (like skateboard/board games) are setting ambitious

Upcoming News and Announcements for Kelly Lane Families

Tues. Football: 10/13, 5:30 vs. PMS (8th Home)

Wednesday X-Country: 10/14, 5:30 @ East Metro Park

Thurs. Volleyball: 10/15, 5:00 vs. Park Crest (7th Home)

NJHS Forms: Already distributed by Ms. McCauley, sponsor. Contact her for more details.

Counselor's Coffee: October 22nd in the KLMS library @ 8:00 AM. Come visit with our "1st class" counselors.

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

goals for academics to earn time for "fun."

The Knight Football teams took on CD Fulkes of Round Rock last week. Each team on each grade level was victorious against our neighbors. Cross Country boys/girls took 1st PLACE AGAIN at the Park Crest meet. Volleyball's 7th Grade and 8th Grade A and B teams all won against Westview. As you can see from our newsletter recaps, it's been a great season for Knight Athletics!

I appreciate it anytime a parent e-mails with their thoughts/ideas on our campus effectiveness. Your input provides us a unique perspective on our day-to-day operations. Please stay in touch and let me know how we can better serve our students and promote learning at Kelly Lane.

Best regards,

Devin Padavil

Picture Make-up Day: October 27th for those that were absent on the original picture day or just had a REALLY bad hair day. You must pre-pay to have re-takes. Please contact Ms. Courington for the re-take form.

Got Meds?: Please don't send them to school for your child inside baggies/mixed containers. Please send medication to campus in the original container with a filled out mediation form, located on the "bookbag" portion of our website.

Different Tools to Help Stay Successful at KLMS

Kelly Lane teachers promote high standards for student achievement, coupled with a high support for students that need help. While resources are available, we often need students to take the initiative to access these resources. Here are some general tools we provide our students that need academic assistance.

Homework Lab @ Lunch:

This “resource” is probably viewed by students as a more punitive measure since it reduces a student’s social time. Students are expected to turn in work on the due date expressed by the teacher. After a one-day grace period, these assignments are to be done at lunch under the supervision of our counselors (Ms. Vigil/Ms. Garza) or myself (Mr. Padavil).

After School Homework Lab:

Students do homework after school in the library on Wednesday/Thursdays for one of two reasons. They are either required to be there by their teacher (for missing work) or they may elect to be there. KLMS teachers Ms. Ramm, Ms. Montez, and Ms. Greer are there to help students with tough questions / assignments. It is also very common to see students working together, as permitted by the supervising teachers from time to time. Our only expectation for students in this setting is to stay productive and have a

ride home promptly at 5:00.

TxGradebook:

As mentioned on previous newsletters, we have provided every KLMS student with access to monitor their own grades through the internet.

KLMS Website:

On the KLMS “staff” page, our teachers post their weekly lesson plans for the view of the community. Here you can see the general assignments and “expected” homework. Please know that these are always subject to change, based on student progress. If any of those documents are inaccessible, it is likely due to technology issues. E-mail us and we’ll chase down the problem.

E-Mail:

The staff at KLMS is responsive to messages through email. However, please know that our spam filter is pesky from time to time. If your message is stuck in cyber-space, please call the main number and we’ll address your need. We also encourage our students to use the district-provided email to ask teachers questions or follow up on grades as needed. This is a great way for students to self-advocate for their learning needs.



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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