

KELLY LANE MIDDLE SCHOOL'S KNIGHTLY NEWS

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Mid-October Updates

We've accomplished a lot of good work thus far at Kelly Lane. Believe it or not, this Friday will mark the end of the three week grading period (IPR Reports) for our students. Please check TxGradebook for your child's grades and look for progress reports to come home NEXT Thursday (10.29).

I'd like to express my gratitude to all parents/students that participated in our magazine fundraiser. Because of your help, I'll be able to provide extra materials and incentives to students and teachers that I couldn't otherwise order. I'll be able to send teachers to more trainings that benefit KLMS and I'll even be able to pay the registration fees for academic competitions instead of relying on extra club fundraising. Please know that if you have any future chances to order/renew magazines, you can use the link on the KLMS website and continue to help us out.

Below is the % of students at KLMS that failed one or more courses by grade level, compared to last year. When considered with the unexpected variables from the 1st six weeks, our results are staggering. I value the commitment of our teachers, as the results show that KLMS staff takes student success seriously. Because of teacher efforts, it is very hard for students to fail.

	2008	2009
6 th Grade	2%	1%
7 th Grade	3%	1%
8 th Grade	11%	3%
Total	5%	1%

Upcoming News and Announcements for Kelly Lane Families

Tues. Football: 10/20, 5:30 vs. Westview (8th Home)

Washington Trip Info: Wednesday, October 21st @ 5:30 in the 100 Computer Lab for anyone interested in going to DC. See Coach Welch for more info.

Thurs. Volleyball: 10/22, 5:00 vs. Dessau (8th Home)

Counselor's Coffee: Thursday, October 22nd in the library @ 8:00 AM. Come visit 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

The Knight Football teams took on Pflugerville MS last week and once again all four squads emerged victorious. Volleyball took on Park Crest. Our 8th both won on the Park Crest turf, while our 7th graders lost the A game but won the B game. Lastly, Cross Country won the district meet and ended the season as DISTRICT CHAMPIONS for both boys and girls. We are extremely proud of our runners and Coach Chris Gregory for the dedication and perseverance they showed through this year.

When visitors from another district visited our campus last week, they made several comments about how positive and welcoming the campus felt. The way that our students interacted left a strong impression on them. There are many academic reasons we're proud to call ourselves Knights, but those comments make us just as proud and remind us of our commitment to providing a safe and comfortable environment for student learning.

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.

Ensuring Academic Success (repeated from last week)

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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