

KELLY LANE MIDDLE SCHOOL'S KNIGHTLY NEWS

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Into November and the 3rd Six-Weeks

I'm sure this is a common observation, but time is moving very fast. It seems as if the year started just a few days ago, but already we are nearly 1/3 finished with the school year. We will use this milepost in the school year to reflect on our practices and celebrate our successes. We are proud of our students and the work they've done in our classrooms so far. Our observations tell us that we're focused on creating the best conditions for learning.

We're also proud of our staff for a pretty specific reason this week. This week, the Pflugerville Education Foundation awarded Innovative Teaching Grants to FIVE different Kelly Lane staff members, totaling nearly \$4,000. These funds will allow us to implement technology systems in classrooms that will result in some pretty cool ways to enhance student engagement. Congratulations to math teacher Tami Lemire, Social Studies teachers Scott Akers, Gina Brown, Kateisha Esau, and Wes Hoermann, and Assistant Principal Curtis Seiferman for teaming up on these winning grants.

Knight Football was the only sport in action last week, as each team defeated Park Crest, except for our B-team. After already capturing the District Cross Country Title for both girls and boys, our Knights are in position to do something uncommon: Capture a District Title in all fall sports. Even if we don't make it, we are proud that our athletes have represented KLMS with

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

pride and competed with the spirit of a Knight.

Two big events will take place this month at KLMS. "Career Day" will be on November 22nd, when we invite guests from other professions to speak with our students. **Veterans Day is on November 10th**, a day when we celebrate those who serve/have served to protect our country. If you, a friend, or a family member is a local veteran or member of the armed forces, please contact me so that we may personally invite you to our ceremony.

Lastly, although progress reports just came out last Thursday, the six weeks ends this Friday. Please contact us if there is anything we can do to make sure your child ends the grading period successfully.

Best regards,

Devin Padavil

Upcoming News and Announcements for Kelly Lane Families

Tues. Football: 11/03, 5:30 vs. Dessau (8th Home)

Thurs. Volleyball: 11/05, 5:00 vs. PMS (7th Home)

CBA: District based testing called "Curriculum Based Assessment" (CBA) take place Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Over the course of the next two weeks, students will take assessments in each class that help our teachers understand the needs of each student.

PTO Meeting: All are welcome to attend the KLMS PTO meeting on November 9th @ 7:00 PM in the KLMS Library.

Veteran's Day: November 10th in the KLMS Gym. We'll have two identical programs to accommodate all of our students: 9:00 and 9:50.

CoGAT Testing: All 6th graders take this test that measures the verbal, quantitative, and non-verbal reasoning abilities of students on November 12th.

Catapult Schedule: The week of November 2nd and November 16th only. We'll have "normal schedule" the other two weeks, due to student holidays within the week.

Commitment to Student Success: Our Tools

The staff at Kelly Lane Middle School is committed toward providing strong customer service by being responsive to the needs of our students. The greatest need for our students is the need to be successful in a quality learning environment. In order to ensure this success, KLMS teachers use the following tools.

Common Assessments: Your teachers create assessments together when they teach the same subject. The reason this is so important is because of the conversation that takes place after the students take the assessments (quizzes, tests, assignments, projects, writings). Teachers discuss trends, strengths, and weaknesses. They also plan on how/when they should address gaps in student learning.

CBAs: The Curriculum Benchmark Assessments are nine-week tests given to students across the district. These tests have a pretty good sampling of the “student expectations” (state standards) within each subject. By comparing our results with each other, we can share our needs and successes for the benefit of our students.

Team Intervention and Supervision of Students: You may notice that most Kelly Lane teachers have two “non-teaching” periods within the school day. While one of these periods is the teacher’s personal planning time, the other period is dedicated to collaborative planning with other teachers and discussing student needs. During this “team time,” KLMS teachers discuss student performance. This involves giving students due praise, helping students in need, and generating solutions to student “under-achievement.”

CATAPULT: The primary purpose for this time is to provide tutoring to students that need it with specific concepts. We also provide access to our teachers for any student that wishes the extra time or help on any given subject. This week, some high performing 8th graders will begin supporting 6th and 7th grade students through tutoring and homework support.

Practice TAKS: These are probably the strongest predictor of student performance on the state assessment. We provide a modified test to our students to gauge their understanding of the state standards, as measured by TAKS.



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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