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2022-2023 Bell Schedule

Kay Carl's bell schedule will be 9:15 a.m.-3:26 p.m. Students are tardy at 9:20 a.m. Stay tuned to learn about dismissal procedures for next year.

First Grade Feature

"To be prepared is half the victory."
- Miguel De Cervantes

We, the First Grade class, have been working hard this semester to learn how to read, spell, write, and do math! Now, we are preparing for our spring assessments and diagnostics. Our students have discovered how to be independent and confident learners. They have found their voices in the classroom, and they are discovering new and amazing concepts each day! We encourage our students to practice a growth mindset and remind them that what we cannot do YET can be accomplished with persistence and a positive attitude. Each student has a growth goal that was discussed at parent teacher conferences. This growth goal helps measure student learning progress. It can only be helpful if our students take their time and try their best to "show what they know" on each assessment.

There are a few ways that you can help your student prepare at home as well.

- ✓ Make sure your child gets a good night's rest.
- ✓ Have your child eat a healthy breakfast at home or in the school cafeteria.
- ✓ Make sure your child arrives at school on time.
- ✓ Gently encourage your child to do their best.

We have had a wonderful first semester and are looking forward to witnessing the continued growth of our students through the second half of the school year!



Save the Date

We will be hosting our Camping the Continents Rededication event on Wednesday, May 4 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Each grade level has been working diligently on a different continent. Join us to see all of their hard work as we celebrate Dr. Carl and Kay Carl's 20th anniversary.

Upcoming Events

April 1, 2, 4

Peter Pan Musical

April 5

SOT Meeting in the 70's pod (3:45-4:30)

April 8

Progress Reports sent home

April 11-18

No School: Spring Break

April 21

Blaze Pizza Restaurant (4:00-7:00 p.m.)

April 26

Happy Everything Family Game Night (6:00-7:30 p.m.)

April 29

Progress Reports sent home

April 30

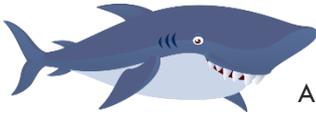
Kinder Round Up (11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.)

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SLT Scoop

What's HAPPENING in SLT (Science, Library & Technology) Class!!!



As we prepare for our big end of the year "Camping the Continent" event, each grade level has been assigned a continent to study. Kindergarten is Africa, 1st grade is South America, 2nd grade is Europe, 3rd grade is Australia, 4th grade is North America, and 5th grade is Asia. With our main focus on the assigned continents, the SLT classes have been deeply engaged in the study of LIFE SCIENCE!

We have been researching and discovering ecosystems and habitats, while fully emerging ourselves into the world of the plants and animals that can be found on each continent. Some of the topics of studies have been biomes around the world, what is a food web, what are producers, consumers & decomposers, labeling the life cycle of a plant, what would it be like to have an animal trait, etc.

Some of the amazing projects going on in SLT are building animal sculptures with recyclable items, creating and painting paper mache animals, planting seeds from other countries, constructing 3D maps of each continent, and so much more. We are very excited for this event and can't wait to display all of the wonderful projects being produced in SLT!



As always, if you have any questions, concerns or thoughts you would like to share, please feel free to send us an email.

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Second Grade Spread

Second graders have been busy preparing for our Camping the Continents in May. For Writing and Social Studies, we have been hard at work studying and researching all our countries in Europe. Our second graders worked very hard at mastering how to count money and tell time. In Math, we are working with three digit numbers and being able to identify place value, writing numbers, and comparing numbers. In Reading we have been focusing on Author's Purpose, how the authors convey their purpose, and how to identify and learn unfamiliar words in a reading passage. We are so proud at how far our second grade students have come since the beginning of the school year. We are excited to see how much more they can learn in preparation for third grade.



Many Thanks

The BJ's Restaurant fundraiser brought in \$533.42 and SOT members want to see this one back next year! The Read-A-Thon brought in \$9,889.50 and the Chipotle Restaurant fundraiser brought in \$499.77. Mr. Pickens' Pickle Emporium has been up and running for a few weeks and has sold 413 pickles. Slushies will return when the weather is consistently warm. Thank you for supporting the students and staff at KCES!



Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw

Kay Carl is a Leader in Me school where students are taught and practice the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. The Leader in Me program empowers young people to make positive, effective, and responsible choices by introducing and reinforcing the 7 Habits, a set of leadership and life skills from Stephen Covey's book *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*. This month we are learning about:

Balance Feels Best

I take care of my body by eating right, exercising, and getting sleep. I spend time with family and friends. I learn in lots of ways and lots of places, not just at school. I find meaningful ways to help others.

Suggested Activity: For younger children, you could develop a "Sharpen the Saw" activity center in your home that includes arts and crafts supplies, puzzles, classical music and books. For teens, you can encourage them to journal, take a break from technology, or start a new hobby. Physical activity is also an important part of finding balance. Find something fun and active you and your children can do together. Such as riding bikes, going on a hike or participating in a sport.

Counselor Connection

Elementary school is the perfect time to talk about peer pressure

Most kids face peer pressure when they get to middle or high school. But did you know that even in elementary school, children can feel pressure to fit in and to do what "everyone else" is doing?

Sometimes, that means going along with teasing on the playground. Other times, it means watching a movie at a friend's house that she would never be allowed to watch at home.

Now is the time to teach your child how to handle peer pressure—and how to say no to things that don't fit with your family's rules or values. Encourage your child to say and remember these statements:

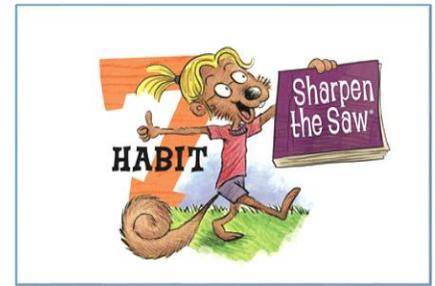
- **I can say no** to things that would put me in danger.
- **I can make** good choices for myself.
- **I can say**, "You're my friend, but I don't choose to do that."
- **It's OK** if I make choices that are not the same as the choices my friends make.

Source: D. Bloch, *The Power of Positive Talk: Words to Help Every Child Succeed*, FreeSpirit Publishers.

Show your child how to deal with failure in positive ways

Sooner or later, your child will experience a failure or setback. The way you react to it can help shape his character and academic achievement. To help your child bounce back from setbacks:

- **Remind him that you love him unconditionally.** Your love isn't tied to his performance in school.
- **Focus on the positives.** Mistakes are actually opportunities for learning. Help your child think about what he can do differently in the future.
- **Praise what you can.** "Most of your answers were correct on this test. That's an improvement."



News You Can Use

Need to report a COVID-related Exposure or Illness?

Please utilize the Clark County School District's new COVID-19 Parent/Guardian Hotline to report your student's positive COVID-19 test result or your student's recent exposure to a COVID-19-positive individual. The CCSD COVID-19 Parent/Guardian Hotline is available Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and can be reached by calling (702) 799-4322.

Cell Phones

Please monitor whom your child talks to and texts on their phones. We want to keep everyone safe.

Dismissal Times

At KCES we have a staggered dismissal after school:

3:10 – Walkers at the gate on El Campo Grande

3:10 – Bikers

3:15 – Pink Kiss-N-Go (Grades 3-5)

3:21 – Buses

3:21 – Green Kiss-N-Go (Grades K-2 and older siblings)

- **Be realistic.** If you know he's doing his best and he still doesn't bring up a grade, don't let him think you are disappointed. Instead, focus on creating a plan for improvement.
- **Move on.** Don't dwell on the failure. When parents spend too much time talking about setbacks, children can have a harder time getting past them.
- **Don't argue** with your child's teachers or coaches to try to get them to change a decision or a grade. Your child needs to learn to respect their decisions.
- **Don't take over.** If your child earned a low grade on a writing assignment, talk about ways to improve, but don't jump in and write the next paper with him.
- **Be a role model.** Handle your own mistakes and failures in positive ways.

Source: D. Walsh, No: Why Kids—of All Ages—Need to Hear It and Ways Parents Can Say It, Free Press.

April activities can boost your child's learning

April may bring showers, but it also brings opportunities to promote responsibility and learning. Try these activities with your child:

- **April 2—International Children's Book Day.** This day is designed to inspire a love of reading. Grab a book and spend some time reading together.
- **April 12—National Library Workers Day.** Have your child make a card to thank the school librarian for helping him in the library.
- **April 15—National Laundry Day.** Teach your child how to do laundry.
- **April 22—Earth Day.** As a family, think of things you can do to protect the earth, such as using less water.
- **April 23—Shakespeare's birthday.** With your child, act out a scene from one of Shakespeare's plays. Or, challenge your child to write a play.
- **April 30—National Honesty Day.** Talk to your child about why it is important to be honest every day!

Are you spending meaningful time with your family?

To reach their full potential in school and in life, children need frequent, meaningful, undivided attention from parents. But finding that time can often be difficult. Are you finding ways to spend quality family time together? Answer yes or no to each of the questions below to find out:

- ___ **1. Do you strive** to eat dinner as a family regularly?
- ___ **2. Do you balance** your child's structured activities with plenty of time for reading, relaxing and talking with family?
- ___ **3. Do you have** a bedtime routine that includes spending at least five minutes talking with your child?
- ___ **4. Do you schedule** one-on-one time with each of your kids each week?
- ___ **5. Have you designated** screen- free times? Digital devices can cause separation even when family members are together.

How well are you doing?

More yes answers mean you're finding ways to make family time a priority. For no answers, try those ideas.

Stay Tuned



Keep an eye on Dojo for information about upcoming parent volunteer trainings. These trainings will give you information about obtaining your CCSD volunteer badge and expectations as a KCES volunteer. We are excited to welcome you back on to campus!