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COACHES CORNER



Hello, Champions!

The school year is in full swing, and every day of learning counts! Attending school regularly helps your child grow academically, build friendships, and develop a strong routine.

If your child misses school for a doctor's or dentist's appointment or another excused reason, please upload documentation using the Google Form on kaycarl.net within three days so the absence can be marked excused.

Our schoolwide goal is to keep chronic absenteeism at 15% or less. Thank you for helping our Champions show up ready to learn each day!

Mrs. Brunetti and Mrs. Lawrence

KCES Core Values

Please review the KCES Core Values on the playground with your child this month! Act it out at home, make a skit, and review how to stay safe and be a KCES champion!

PLAYGROUND	
K Kind	- Speak Kindly. - Include Others. - Use Kelso Choices before seeking help.
C Capable	- Share Equipment. - Take Turns.
E Empathetic	- Be a Good Sport. - Follow Game Rules.
S Safe & Responsible	- Line Up when the bell rings. - Walk on Blacktop & Playground. - Stay in Designated Area. - Use equipment safely. - Feet first down the slide.



EVENTS TO COME

- October 2nd-National Custodian Day
- October 6th- National Coaches Day
- October 6th-Yogurtini Fundraiser 12 pm-10 pm
- Oct 7th-Walk to Roll
- Oct 9th-Fall Festival 5 pm-8pm
- Oct 12th-No School-Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Oct 21- Houston Hot Chicken Fundraiser 4pm-8pm
- Oct 26-Oct 29- College and Career Week
- Oct 28th- Kona Ice
- Oct 29th-Career on Wheels
- Oct 30th- No School-Nevada Day

TEAM GRIFFITH-GAME ON! INTERMEDIATE AUTISM

Head Coach: Mrs. Griffith | Assistant Coach: Ms. Lani

It's game time in Team Griffith's classroom, and our MVPs are ready for an amazing school year! Our third, fourth, and fifth graders are stepping onto the learning field with determination, enthusiasm, and plenty of team spirit. Every student brings unique strengths and talents to our roster, and we are excited to help each one shine!

Our Winning Game Plan!

This year, we are tackling reading, writing, and math while strengthening communication, social skills, and independence. Our athletes are practicing teamwork, building friendships, following classroom routines, and learning strategies to help them navigate challenges. Through hands-on activities, individualized instruction, movement breaks, and sensory-friendly learning opportunities, we are making sure everyone has a chance to get in the game!

Celebrating Our MVPs!

In Team Griffith, success isn't always about scoring the winning touchdown. Sometimes it's reading a new word, solving a tricky math problem, asking for help, making a friend, or completing a task independently.

We celebrate every accomplishment, big or small, because every bit of progress deserves a victory dance!

Our Team Motto:

"Different abilities, same team! Every student. Every goal. Every victory!"

With Mrs. Griffith and Ms. Lani cheering from the sidelines, our students are working hard, supporting one another, and proving that teamwork makes the dream work!

Here's to a school year filled with learning, laughter, personal bests, and touchdown-worthy accomplishments! GO, TEAM GRIFFITH!

MRS. THOMPSON'S ALL-STAR'S

Our STAR students have been busy learning and growing! In academics, we have been building our vocabulary skills and strengthening our understanding of multiplication and division strategies. In reading, we have been exploring the fantasy genre and identifying the unique characters, settings, and events that make fantasy stories exciting. In Social Studies, we have been learning about the first people who lived in Nevada and their important contributions to our state. We have also been exploring the water cycle and learning about how water moves through our environment.

In STAR, we know that learning is about more than academics! Our social-emotional lessons have focused on making friends, joining in when others are playing, managing frustrations, and learning healthy coping and calming strategies. We are practicing how to recognize our feelings, make positive choices, and use strategies that help us feel calm and ready to learn. We are so proud of the growth our students are making as they continue to become kind, capable, empathetic, and safe & responsible members of our school community!

MRS. H/MR. RUBIN SQUAD

In Primary Autism, we are working hard to reach our personal goals and build successful classroom routines! Students are practicing sitting in their seats to complete activities, using quiet voices so everyone can hear the teacher, following directions, and participating in classroom learning. We are so proud of the progress they are already making!

Our students are also having great success following routines during recess and in the lunchroom. They are practicing safe choices, independence, communication, and positive interactions with others. We look forward to celebrating each student's growth and all the wonderful accomplishments ahead this school year!

THE 3RD-POINT SCHOLAR

Dear 3rd Grade Families,

We cannot believe we are already finishing up our first two months of school! It has been wonderful getting to know all of our students and watching them build friendships, routines, and strong classroom communities. We are so proud of the positive, supportive, and welcoming environments that have been created in each of our classrooms!

We have officially started introducing multiplication! Over the next several weeks, we will continue learning about multiplication concepts and practicing different strategies. We encourage students to continue practicing their multiplication facts at home, as building strong fact fluency will help them feel more confident as we move through our math curriculum.

Please also continue encouraging your child to read every night. Daily reading and practicing math facts are two great ways to support your child's learning at home!

Parent-teacher conferences are coming up soon! Please be on the lookout for more information regarding dates and scheduling. We are looking forward to meeting with you and discussing your child's progress.



4TH DOWN FANATICS

HELLO, FAMILIES!

Over the next few weeks, our classes will build their knowledge about the five senses, with a focus on the informational text genre. We will read texts and view videos about how people and animals use their senses to navigate the world.

BRING IT HOME! Learning fun for the whole family!

Discuss the Topic. Set aside time daily for your child to share with you what they are learning. Use these ideas to help build your child's knowledge about the topic: 1. Talk about the ideas your child has added to the Knowledge Map each week. 2. Ask about the texts your child is reading and what your child has learned from them. 3. Share with your child your own questions about the topic and work together to find the answers.

Explore the Genre. The genre focus in this module is informational text. Discuss with your child the characteristics of this genre. Ask your child to read to you each day and make time to read together.

Look for texts that: 1. Spark your child's curiosity. 2. Tie to the module topic. 3. Provide interesting facts and details. 4. Have unique formats and graphic features.

Build Vocabulary. Use these ideas to help your child build a rich vocabulary.

The Big Idea. Reinforce the topic words perception, aroma, distinguish, and tactile in conversations with your child. Use prompts like these: What is your favorite aroma, and why? Describe a tactile experience.

What Does It Mean? Have your child keep a growing list of the Critical Vocabulary words. Quiz each other on their meanings. Word Hunt. Look for words with the prefixes re- and pre- and the suffixes -s, -es, -ed, and -ing in books, magazines, online texts, and environmental print.

THE 5TH GEAR RACERS

Our fifth graders are busy learning, exploring, creating, and making connections across subjects! We have lots of exciting learning happening in our classrooms.

In Reading and Writing students are exploring a variety of genres through HMH Into Reading while strengthening important reading skills such as literary elements, figurative language, inferencing, and author's craft. They are applying these concepts to their daily language and writing activities, helping them make meaningful connections between what they read and how they write.

We're also adding a little spooky fun! Students will create Spooky Real Estate Brochures, using descriptive and narrative writing to advertise a one-of-a-kind haunted property. This creative project will give students a fun opportunity to practice their writing, grammar, vocabulary, and language skills while letting their imaginations shine!

In Math, students are learning how to multiply decimals. They are building their understanding of place value and using a variety of strategies and models to solve real-world problems involving decimal multiplication. Students will continue developing their problem-solving skills while explaining their mathematical thinking and making connections to how decimals are used in everyday life.

In Social Studies, we are traveling back in time to explore the Colonial Era and the American Revolution. Students will learn about life in the 13 colonies, the events and ideas that led to the American Revolution, and the people and different perspectives that shaped the founding of our nation.

We are excited to see our fifth graders think critically, ask questions, make connections, and take pride in their learning as we continue growing together this year!

Thank you for your continued support!!

-The 5th Grade Team

MRS. GJABEL SOUNDS OF VICTORY

Welcome to the KCES Music Room!

It has been a wonderful start to the 2026–2027 school year! Because we are on a six-day rotation, I have seen students about four times so far. We began by learning our M.U.S.I.C. classroom expectations and connecting them to our KCES Core Values: I am kind. I am capable. I am empathetic. I am safe and responsible. Students explored what these values look and sound like in the music room while building a positive and respectful learning community. We also performed our KCES Chant in a leader-and-group call-and-response style, introducing the musical focus of FORM, while playing the words as rhythms and exploring our musical focus of RHYTHM.

We then focused on our singing voices, pitch accuracy, and solfège syllables—Do, Re, Mi, Fa, So, La, Ti, Do—as we explored the musical focus of MELODY. We proudly sang our two school songs, “Champions” and “Our School Community,” as proud Champions of KCES! Please encourage your child to sing at home to continue building musical skills and confidence. As of October 15th, 2026, all students are now moving into their grade-level music curriculum. Auditions for our KCES Honor Choir and KCES Percussion Ensemble have also taken place, and our ensembles will soon begin preparing for our Winter Concert. Please be sure to join us for this special performance! I am so happy to have your Champions in my music class and look forward to a wonderful year of learning, creating, performing, and making musical memories together.

Musically,
Mrs. Gjabel

CURVEBALL COUNSELOR-MRS. POLITO

Hello New and Returning Champions!

As the School Counselor I am here to provide our students support with Social and Emotional Learning through monthly classroom lessons, short-term small groups on a variety of skills, and individual counseling assisting with achievement, behavior, and attendance.

This month in Kinder and First grade we focused on solving problems with Kelso's Choices. In Second and Third grade our focus was on Conflict Resolution with sizes of problems and the difference between tattling and reporting. In Fourth and Fifth grade we focus on Bully Prevention by discussing the power of a bystander and digital citizenship.

Next month in all grades we will be discussing and learning about careers to begin thinking about our futures! October 26th thru October 29th we will be hosting our Career Week. If you would like to be a classroom guest to share about your job please DOJO your child's classroom teacher to set up a time. On Thursday, October 29th we will have our Careers on Wheels event, we are in need of Careers who utilize a vehicle. If you are interested please DOJO me, Mrs. Polito.

Kind Regards,
Mrs. Polito