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COACHES CORNER

Welcome, KCES Families!

We are excited to welcome our new and returning families to Kay Carl Elementary School for the 2026–2027 school year! We have started the year strong with our Champions Pancake Breakfast and by teaching and reinforcing our KCES Core Values throughout the school:

K – Kind
C – Capable
E – Empathetic
S – Safe and Responsible

We cannot wait to see where this school year takes us. Together, let's make it a wonderful year!

Tenisha Brunetti, Principal

Nicole Lawrence, Assistant Principal

OFFICER MINGO'S CORNER

The start of a new school year is an exciting time for students, families, and our community. As everyone settles back into school routines, we encourage parents to take a few moments to review the rules of the road with their children and young adults.

Whether walking, biking, riding an e-device, or driving, every person has an important role in keeping our community safe. To promote the safety of students and the community, everyone should expect an increased law enforcement presence and are reminded to obey posted speed limits, watch for pedestrians, and remain alert during school arrival and dismissal times.

These efforts are intended to help ensure that every person arrives at school and returns home safely.

If you notice traffic-related concerns in or around school zones, please contact the Clark County School District Police Department (CCSDPD) Traffic Bureau at traffic@nv.ccsd.net.

Thank you for doing your part to help make our community a safer place for everyone. We wish all students, staff, and families a safe and successful school year.



EVENTS TO COME

- Sept 2nd-Kona Ice
- Sept 2nd-STEM Night from 5 PM-7PM
- Sept 7th-No School
- Sept 9th-Pre-K APEX Run
- Sept 10th-APEX Run K-5
- Sept 15-25th-Book Fair
- Sept 21st-No School
- Sept 24th-Family Game Night 5-7 PM
- Sept 28-Oct 2nd-Week of Respect
- Sept 29th-Make-up Picture Day
- Sept 30-Kona Ice

AM/PM PRE-K KICKERS

Pre-K - Where the adventure begins!

We are so excited to welcome all of our little learners and their families! We are looking forward to an amazing year of learning. The Nevada Ready! Pre-K program is designed to help prepare students for Kindergarten through play-based learning. The children work on academic skills and social-emotional skills through play-based learning in centers and short small group sessions.

The four C's in early childhood education are critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity. These core 21st-century skills help young children solve problems, express ideas, work well with peers, and approach learning with curiosity and imagination.

Critical Thinking: Analyzing information, asking questions, testing ideas, and figuring out how things work.

Communication: Sharing thoughts, listening actively, and building vocabulary to express needs and discoveries.

Collaboration: Working in small groups, sharing materials, taking turns, and respecting different views.

Creativity: Using imagination during play, trying new art mediums, and finding unique solutions to problems.

You can help prepare your child at home by:

Establish routines: Set consistent bedtimes and morning wake-up times to match the school schedule.

Encourage independence: Practice dressing, independent eating, and washing hands. Have your children practice putting lunchboxes and water bottles in and out of their backpacks themselves. Let your child help with small daily chores.

Build social skills: Arrange playdates or group outings to help your child learn sharing and turn-taking.

Talk about emotions: Help your child name their feelings and practice short, confident goodbyes.

Foster a love of learning: Read books together every day to build a love for reading.

What to expect in the classroom:

Play-based learning: Children learn early math, science, and literacy through hands-on center time and play.

Structured days: Expect a mix of group circles, active play, meals, and gross motor time (outside play).

Social-emotional learning: Self-awareness: Naming basic feelings like happy, mad, or sad.; Self-management: Using deep breaths and calm corner activities to calm big emotions.; Social awareness: Showing empathy when a peer is upset; Relationship skills: Sharing toys and taking turns.

We look forward to working with families to make this year successful for all of our little learners! =-)

PRE-K DUGOUT

Welcome families to the 2026-2027 school year! We are excited to start a wonderful year of learning and growing through play. During the month of August, preschool classrooms were working on establishing routines and identifying emotions. We learned to care for our belonging's. We reviewed hand washing and toileting routines. We established classroom rules and expectations collaboratively with our classes. We have practiced a variety of drills and how to evacuate the building. Playground rules and routines were also practiced for safety concerns.

During the months of August and September, we will begin our "All About Me", "Family" and "Pets" study. We love learning about our friends and look forward to finding out what their likes and dislikes are. Also be on the look out for our September Family Engagement Activity on Handwriting Without Tears and writing our names.

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!

KINDERGARTEN HOOPSTERS

We're off to the races!

Kindergarten students are learning how to make new friends, take turns, share with a partner, and be a problem solver. Ask your kiddo how Kelso can help them solve small problems.

As Kindergarten teachers we love to help our students, but some basic self-help skills make things in Kindergarten much easier.

Self-help skills you can practice at home to help your kiddos at school.

Taking shoes on and off

Tying shoes

Taking a coat on and off

Ziping and unzipping

Buttoning and unbuttoning

Washing hands on their own

Sneezing and coughing into shirt (to prevent spread of germs)

Appropriate bathroom behavior

Also, remember to send in an appropriate change of clothing, be sure to switch out to warm clothing as the weather changes.

Students should have a backpack large enough to bring their folder home and water bottles (WATER ONLY-No juice or flavored water) must be able to seal closed, no straw or open top bottles. Check backpacks and folders every night for important information and clean out any papers that do not need to be returned to school. We are excited to see how our students continue to grow as Tiny Humans!



1ST GRADE PICKS

Welcome to first grade! As students transitioned from Kindergarten to First Grade, they began developing greater independence and taking on more responsibility for their learning and daily routines. Each student receives a weekly homework sheet to help families stay informed and support learning at home. One of the most important ways families can support their child's growth is by encouraging them to read, or reading to them, for at least 20 minutes every night. At the beginning of the year, students also participated in assessments that helped teachers understand their individual strengths and learning needs. We also began taking module assessments for Reading and Math. Because formal testing was new to many first graders, students were carefully guided through the assessment process and taught how to understand directions, work independently, and do their best. We appreciate our families' partnership as our First Graders built confidence, responsibility, and a love of learning throughout the year!

2ND GRADE SLAM DUNKS

Second-grade teachers have been happy to welcome our new incoming 2nd grade students. We are very excited to see how much our new second graders learn this year.

We have been busy getting to know our new students and teaching them the ropes of 2nd grade this past month. Beginning of the year testing has been completed and we are ready to get our students where they need to be for the rest of the school year.

We were so excited to see our students and families at our Champions pancake breakfast and our STEM night. We can't wait to see how many more events our second grade families attend.

MS. B'S LITERACY LEAGUE

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! I am looking forward to another exciting year in the library. For families new to our school, my name is Ms. Bartolotta and I have been a Kay Carl since it opened in 2001. This is my second year as the Teacher-Librarian and I enjoy helping the students find books that they want to read. Students will spend 35 minutes learning library skills and have 15 minutes to check out books in the library. Students will be using the Accelerated Reading program again this year. Monthly awards will be given to the top point earner in each classroom every month as well as awards for any student who reaches their reading goal each quarter. Please encourage your child/children to read on a nightly basis and then take the AR quiz.

Thanks to all of you who participated in the book fair last spring we were able to add over 300 books to our library. This year our Book Fair will be September 15th-25th. More information will be sent home later this month. I look forward to seeing all of you at the event and throughout the year.

Ms. Bartolotta
Teacher Librarian

MR. TERRY'S CHAMPIONS CLUB

We are excited to connect with our families as we begin the 26-27 school year, celebrating the incredible journey of our students and sharing important updates from the Student Success Office at Kay Carl Elementary. As a school dedicated to fostering a positive and productive learning environment, we want to introduce you to the core values that guide us every day: Kind, Capable, Empathetic, Safe & Responsible. These values are at the heart of everything we do and play a significant role in shaping our school culture.

At Kay Carl Elementary, we implement the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) framework, which focuses on promoting positive behavior and creating a supportive atmosphere for all students. Our goal is to encourage and reward good behavior, making our school a place where every child feels valued and empowered.

To reinforce our core values, we introduced "Carl Cash," a fun and engaging way to recognize students who exemplify kindness, capability, empathy, safety, and responsibility in their daily actions. When teachers and staff witness these values in action, they will reward students with Carl Cash, which can be earned and saved throughout the month.

Students will have the opportunity to use their Carl Cash twice a month: once for our Champ House, a special event designed to celebrate student achievement, and again for a mid-month incentive that encourages continued positive behavior. Participation in these activities will cost \$10 in Carl Cash. We believe that this system not only motivates students but also fosters a sense of responsibility and community involvement.

Additionally, we are thrilled to highlight our "Super Citizens" each month through our Champion Student of the Month program. This recognition celebrates students who consistently embody our core values and go above and beyond to contribute positively to our school community. Each month, classroom teachers and specialists will choose a student who embodies our core values.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in nurturing our students' growth. Together, we can create an environment where every child is kind, capable, empathetic, safe, and responsible. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our programs, please feel free to reach out to the Student Success Office.