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## Upcoming Events

### May 4

Camping the Continents (6:00-8:00 p.m.)

### May 9-13

Teacher Appreciation Week

### May 10

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

### May 13

Progress Reports sent home

### May 19

Field Day

### May 20

Kindergarten Celebration

### May 23

5<sup>th</sup> grade Celebrations

### May 24

Preschool Celebration

End of Year BBQ (6:00-8:00 p.m.)

## Have a great summer!

We look forward to seeing all of you next year as we begin our next adventure in Storybook Land. Please register your student as soon as possible through Infinite Campus. Enjoy time with family and friends this summer!

## Fourth Grade Feature

Currently in fourth grade, we are working on a novel study, *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan. With this novel, we're learning about different Greek myths, different Greek heroes, and all the different gods and goddesses in Greek mythology. We're learning about different allusions such as the "weight of the world" and "if looks could kill". While reading *The Lightning Thief*, we are strengthening our written responses using the RACES strategy, which requires us to restate, answer, cite, explain and summarize. To conclude our novel study we will be watching the movie *The Lightning Thief* and comparing the movie to the novel.

In math, we are currently working on fractions and decimals. We want to be able to convert fractions that have a denominator of 10 or 100 into a decimal. We also want to be able to compare decimals and relate decimals to money. We are also looking at different types of lines, specifically a ray, a line, a line segment, and how those lines create angles. Students are working on how to write and label each of these.

In social studies, we are working on studying North America and preparing for our camping the continents night that will take place on May 4. We are so excited to see as many families there as possible!

## Many Thanks

The support of the KCES community is unmatched! Even with things not being completely back to normal families have participated and supported everything we've been able to offer. Thank you for supporting our fundraisers throughout the year. We look forward to more normalcy next school year and are excited to host the events that we have missed terribly due to the many restrictions. Hang on to your hat, Storybook Land just might whisk you away!



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## Counselor Connection

### Reflect on the school year and celebrate your child's success

As the school year winds down, it's a great time to help your child look back, look forward, give thanks and celebrate. Here's how:

- **Talk to your child's teacher.** Ask about your child's strengths and weaknesses. How has he improved? Where does he need more work? Ask what you can do to help your child over the summer.
- **Talk to your child** about the school year. Ask what he thinks went well. Talk about what challenged him most. Help him figure out what changes he should make for the upcoming school year.
- **Review your child's successes.** Look over the schoolwork you've saved during the year. Point out how much your child has learned—how many new words, for example. Or how he can add and divide. Or how his writing has improved.
- **Help your child set learning** goals for the summer. How much time will he spend reading? What math concepts would he like to master? Guide him, based on the suggestions from his teacher.
- **Encourage your child to thank** people who have made the year work—the teacher, school nurse, librarian, food service worker, etc. This will help him appreciate how many people have helped him.
- **Celebrate** the year's accomplishments with a special activity. It doesn't have to be elaborate or cost anything. Just make plans to enjoy one-on-one time with your child.

### Attendance is still important towards the end of the year!

Summer vacation is on the horizon—but it's not here yet. Here are three reasons to make sure your child attends classes on time every day:

1. **Learning hasn't stopped.** Teachers are still planning lessons and teaching new content. Attending every school day (unless ill or in quarantine) helps ensure that students meet learning goals. Studies show that students who miss just 10% of the school year in the early grades are still behind their peers when they reach high school.
2. **Teachers often plan** group projects for the end of the year. These projects help students learn collaboration, problem solving and responsibility. These are skills children will need throughout their school careers and in the workplace.
3. **Regular attendance** teaches kids to be accountable—an important quality for adulthood.

Source: E. García and E. Weiss, "Student absenteeism: Who misses school and how missing school matters for performance," Economic Policy Institute.

### Remember the 85-15 rule for discipline

Too often, discipline gets a bad rap. Many parents think it means punishing their children when they misbehave—which isn't enjoyable for kids or parents. However, the word discipline actually comes from the Latin word disciplina, which means "teaching." So try thinking about discipline as a way to teach your child skills to be successful in life. Most of your discipline—roughly 85 percent—should focus on encouraging the behavior you want to see from your child. You can do this by being a good role model. If you want your child to be kind, be kind to



## News You Can Use

### 2022-2023 Online Registration

You can register online for the 2022-2023 school year at [campus.ccsd.net/campus/portal](https://campus.ccsd.net/campus/portal). Please call Nyeshia at 702-799-6650 if you have forgotten your username and password.



### Camp KCES Summer Camp

We are excited to offer our version of the Summer Acceleration Program again. Students will work on academics and participate in fun activities throughout the day. The activities include intramural sports, crafts, and performing in the musical revue. Breakfast and lunch will be provided and Camp Care (KCES' version of Safe Key) is available. Summer Camp registration has closed. Information (where to report) will come home with students for those who signed up for Camp KCES. See you May 31!



others. If you want your child to be responsible, fulfill your commitments. You can also point out other people who display the behaviors you'd like to encourage. And when you see your child doing the right thing, offer praise. That leaves just 15 percent of the time for correcting negative behavior. Set rules and enforce consequences consistently. Then express your confidence that your child will make better behavior choices next time.

### Are you teaching your child to use time wisely?

Time management is an important skill for school success—especially as students work to finish end-of-the-year projects and assignments. Are you helping your child make the most of study time?

Answer yes or no to each of the questions below:

- ☐ **1. Have you reviewed** your child's assignment and study schedule and made adjustments as necessary?
- ☐ **2. Do you have your child** record dates for tests, projects and family commitments on the family calendar?
- ☐ **3. Do you try** to keep a balance between your child's schoolwork and the rest of your lives? Elementary schoolers need plenty of time for exercise, family time and sleeping.
- ☐ **4. Do you help** your child break down big assignments into smaller tasks to complete step-by-step?
- ☐ **5. Do you make** sure that your child has some time each day for pleasure reading?

### How well are you doing?

Each yes means you are helping your child learn to use time wisely. For no answers, try those ideas in the quiz.

## Third Grade Theme

Our third graders have been busy over the past few weeks reviewing and taking the SBAC test for ELA and Math. They have worked hard all year tackling tough standards and thinking outside the box. We are so proud of them and all they have accomplished.

Summer is a fun time to take a break from the daily school routine. However, many students who do not work on anything during the summer will experience a “summer loss” and need much review at the beginning of the school year to get caught back up to speed. This can be prevented while still enjoying your summer break. Try to maintain the learning without making it seem like schoolwork. Keep it simple and fun. Here are a few simple ideas to practice this summer:

**\*Just READ** – Try to read something every day, whether it's a book, recipe, instructions, or a menu. Every word counts. Set aside time for daily quiet reading time.

**\*Keep books everywhere!** Easy access to reading materials is one of the simplest ways to increase the likelihood of reading in any given situation.

**\*Visit the library.**

**\*Listen to audiobooks** while riding in the car or doing chores around the house.

**\*Read a map.** Allow your child to be the tour guide on your next adventure.

**\*Pick a topic and research it together.** This could be something you or your family would like to learn more about (a sport, a vacation destination, animals, athletes, family history, the Titanic, buried treasure, how to grow something, how to complete a simple craft, etc.). Maybe it's something they started learning about in school, and just want to know more about!

**\*Create old – fashioned pen pals** with someone who lives in another state, or a family member, a neighbor, friend, etc.

**\*Keep a summer scrapbook.** Tape in souvenirs of your family's activities (postcards, ticket stubs, photos, etc.) Have your child write captions about the adventures they experienced.



whole new world sacrifice hard work  
 What so did the universal love have a **highly** collaborating like a sister **compelling**  
 what may alpha theta spoke king no success **everywhere**  
**complicated** **difficult** have hate relationship simplistic **magical**  
**WATH IS** **a puzzle** **important**  
 everything to me **intriguing** **enough** **ground** **thousands of amazing tricks**  
 critical thinking my favorite **challenging** **fun** **in the end flying in is a bird**  
**interesting** **fun** **every question has a diving in is a bird**  
**interesting** **fun** **headaches** **the same in every language**  
**interesting** **fun** **challenging** **a good word in every language**  
**interesting** **fun** **a composer in a world of scribbles**  
**interesting** **fun** **change the same** **an army of millions has**  
 requires work ethic patience and practice **but every reasoning difficult at times** **every day does not so much**  
 never changing **understands** **satisfaction** **fascinating**  
 spectacular **adventurer**

\*When eating out, have your child add the total bill while waiting for their food.

## Classical Commentary

Before closing I would like to congratulate the Choir and Percussion Ensemble for their previous performances in December and April. They presented two excellent programs. Also, a special appreciation to all of our KCES students I see in music class each week. This semester's main focus was teaching folk dances from different continents. They were very dedicated to learning the dances and will be featured in a short video at the beginning of our Fine Arts Night Celebration in May.

### Musically Yours and Always a “Treble-Maker”,

## Midnight Madness

