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KAY CARL'S SPORTS PAGE

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COACHES CORNER

As the season of giving approaches, we want to thank our families for all you do for our students and school! From sending your children prepared to learn each day to participating in school activities, your support makes a difference. Our families and staff make Kay Carl ES a special place, and we appreciate you!

Please help keep arrival and dismissal safe by modeling our Core Values: K—Kind, C—Capable, E—Empathetic, and S—Safe and Responsible. As outlined in our Family Handbook and Dojo reminders, Kiss-and-Go is for vehicle drop-off and pick-up only. Please remain in your vehicle; walk-ups are not permitted for safety reasons. Be Capable by using the walker's gate when arriving on foot, and be Empathetic by waiting your turn without cutting into the Kiss-and-Go line. Thank you for working together to keep every Champion safe!



EVENTS TO COME

- Nov 3rd- No School-Staff Development Day
- Nov 11th- No School-Veterans Day
- Nov 13th- Ruby Bridges Walk
- Nov 17-SOT Meeting
- Nov 18th-Kona Ice on Campus
- Nov 18th-Ornament Night
- Nov 21-Goodwill Fundraiser 8 am-12 pm
- Nov 25-No School

NURSE

Parents: Thank you for your participation in keeping our students healthy! In an effort to maintain the wellness of the students, we would like to highlight some of CCSD health policies, such as those regarding fevers and vomiting.

- FEVERS: Students with a temperature at or above 100°F are required to go home. A fever is the temporary increase in the body's temperature, often in response to disease or illness. When returning to school, students must be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication to control fever. When your child returns to school, he or she must first come to the health office, have a temperature taken, and obtain a pass to class.

- VOMITING: Students may return to class with one episode of vomiting and no fever. Students with two or more episodes of vomiting and/or if a fever is present, students are required to go home.

- EMERGENCY SERVICES: Emergency services will be contacted when the health office is unable to reach parents/guardians for pickup during any medical emergency situations.

Parents: If you need to update your phone number or emergency contacts, please contact the front office. Once again, thank you for all you do and your commitment to keeping our students healthy. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the health office.

PRE-K DUGOUT

In Pre-K we are so excited to begin our study on pets, and it's going to be so fun and engaging! As we study pets, we will learn concepts and skills in the areas of literacy, mathematics, science, social studies, the arts, and technology. We will also develop thinking skills as we observe, investigate, ask questions, solve problems, make predictions, and test our ideas.

What you can do at home is notice pets in your community. Be on the lookout for pets at dog parks, on walks, in cars, and in homes. Ask to visit friends and families interesting pets. Talk about the kinds of animals you and your child like. How does it make you feel to interact with a pet? If you have a pet at home, invite your child to help care for the animal. Together, feed the pet and fill water containers. Take photos or make video recordings of your child interacting with and helping care for the pet. Look for books about pets at your local library, examine pet supplies at the grocery store, and watch how pets move and play.

AM/PM PRE-K KICKERS

Cooler weather is officially here! In the classroom, we are practicing putting on our jackets, sweatshirts, and sweaters, as well as mastering zipping and buttoning. Please encourage your child to practice putting on their outerwear independently at home. This is a crucial self-help skill for preschoolers that builds fine motor strength, confidence, and independence!

Our theme this month is Thanksgiving. We will continue working on our early literacy and math skills through turkey-themed songs, fingerplays, stories, and art. We will talk about foods we like (or dislike!). In dramatic play, students will pretend to grocery shop, prepare meals, and set the table for a Thanksgiving meal.

You can easily build on what we are learning in school during your Thanksgiving preparations at home!

-Involve your child in cooking by letting them help count out ingredients, measure, and stir.

-Practice one-to-one correspondence by having your child place one plate, napkin, and cup at each seat.

-Encourage your child to use sensory language to describe Thanksgiving foods (e.g., crunchy, sweet, warm, smooth, fragrant).

-After baking or preparing a dish together, ask your child to retell the steps ("First we washed the apples, then we mixed the flour...").

-Read Thanksgiving-themed books together, such as Llama Llama Gives Thanks by Anna Dewdney or Five Silly Turkeys by Salina Yoon.

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KINDERGARTEN HOOPSTERS

Kindergarten students are learning how to make new friends, take turns, share with a partner, and be a problem solver using Kelso's Choices. Students have learned more than half of the alphabet, numbers 0-20, as well as reading and writing skills that we will continue to build on all year long!

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.

Tying shoelaces
Taking a coat on and off
Zipping and unzipping
Buttoning and unbuttoning
Snapping and unsnapping
Blowing their nose, not just wiping
How to sneeze or cough inside their shirt to prevent the spreading of germs
Appropriate bathroom and lunchroom behavior

Please continue to 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 the progress our students will continue to make as we near the end of the 1st semester.



1ST GRADE PICKS

Our first graders are growing as mathematicians, readers, and scientists! In math, we continue building fact fluency with addition and subtraction within 20. Regular practice at home helps students recall facts more confidently and strengthens the foundation for continued learning.

In reading, we are practicing recalling key details and retelling stories after they are read. After reading together, ask your child to describe the characters, setting, and what happened at the beginning, middle, and end.

We recently wrapped up our science unit and said goodbye to our sea turtle, Spruce! Students learned about animals, their defenses, and how these features help them survive.

At home, please continue practicing important life skills, including tying shoelaces and independently zipping and unzipping jackets as the weather gets colder. We are also building stamina for sitting and concentrating during learning. Start with one minute of a quiet, focused activity while seated, practicing keeping the body settled without twirling, standing, or rolling around. Gradually increase the time as your child experiences success, with movement breaks in between.

Finally, give your child opportunities for unstructured time. You can even give them a chance to feel a little bored! Allowing children to imagine, invent, and find their own ways to play gives them practice thinking creatively, a skill we use as we explore new topics at school.

Thank you for partnering with us to help our first graders grow!

2ND GRADE SLAM DUNKS

Our second graders have had a busy first couple of months.

We have been introducing the writing process to our second graders. Students have been focusing on sentence structure and all the parts included in writing a narrative paragraph.

Our students have also been working on identifying the central idea of a text as well as finding the point of view that a text is written in. We will shift into working on understanding text organization and learning to retell and summarize what we have read.

In phonics, we have been learning silent e, sounds of /y/, and doubling consonants when adding inflected endings.

We have also been learning how to identify nouns, verbs, and adjectives in sentences, along with making singular nouns into plural nouns. We have learned how to identify adverbs in sentences as well as turning singular nouns into plural nouns.

In math, we have learned multiple strategies to add 2-digit numbers together. We will begin learning multiple strategies to subtract 2-digit numbers after we finish.

P.E.

Flag Football Success!

Our Kay Carl Flag Football teams have had tremendous seasons! We are incredibly proud of the hard work, dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship our student-athletes have displayed throughout the season. Special congratulations to our Varsity team, who placed 2nd this weekend!

What's Happening in PE?

Our students have been staying active and having fun in Physical Education! We recently completed our football throwing skills assessments, giving students an opportunity to demonstrate their accuracy and technique. We've also enjoyed exciting activities including Sock Tag, Dodgeball, and Jump Rope, all while developing coordination, fitness, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

Health & Wellness Education

Along with physical activity, students have been learning about germs and viruses, how they spread, and the importance of good hygiene. Our goal is to help students understand how healthy habits, handwashing, and staying active contribute to their overall well-being.

We are proud of our Kay Carl Colts and look forward to continuing a fantastic school year filled with fitness, learning, and fun!

MR.TERRY'S CHAMPIONS CLUB

At Kay Carl Elementary School, we believe every student can be a CHAMPION!
Our PBIS initiative creates a positive, supportive, and welcoming school environment where students feel valued, respected, and encouraged to make great choices.
Each day, we challenge our students to demonstrate our KCES core values:
KIND – Treat others with kindness, use positive words, and look for opportunities to help someone.
CAPABLE – Believe in yourself, give your best effort, and never be afraid to try something challenging.
EMPATHETIC – Understand that everyone has feelings. Show compassion, listen to others, and respect differences.
SAFE & **RESPONSIBLE**– Make choices that protect yourself and others. Follow school
Remember, Champions aren't just recognized for what they achieve, but for how they treat others along the way!

We are incredibly proud to recognize our outstanding **Champions of the Month!** These students have demonstrated positive character, made great choices, shown leadership, and represented the core values that make Kay Carl Elementary School such an amazing place to learn and grow.
Please join us in congratulating our amazing KCES Champions:
Chane B., Ava L., Ketirah G., Ireland C., Taylor B., Naya R., Rowan E., Zoie C.-S., Julian W., Bellamee B., Curtis W., Jordan E., Monae B., Rylan T., Alexander C., Aurora M., Dalena A., Adalyn C., Khyro H., Mia A., Hyrum S., Zane A., Rowan P., Ariyah J., Blakely B., Alyse A., Emily Grace C., Gabrille G., Jameson R., Analiah C., Benjamin W., Annalise D., Amara-Liv S., Makai R., Sierrah W., Isaac M., Evelyn H., Turias J., Cefira T., Devin A., and Emma H.
WAY TO GO, CHAMPIONS!
Your hard work, kindness, positive attitudes, and commitment to making great choices do not go unnoticed! Each of you serves as a wonderful example of what it means to be **kind, capable, empathetic, safe, and responsible.**
We are incredibly proud of your accomplishments and the positive impact you make on our school community every day.
A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING COMMUNITY SPONSORS! Great Schools Are Built Through Great Partnerships!
At Kay Carl Elementary School, we know creating meaningful experiences for our students takes more than our school staff alone. It takes a community of individuals and businesses who believe in our students and invest in their success.
We would like to extend an especially heartfelt THANK YOU to two incredible community partners whose generosity helps make our student recognition programs possible!
DENTISTRY FOR FAMILIES - Dr. Zac Soard
Proud Sponsor of Our Student of the Month Luncheons
A HUGE thank you to **Dr. Zac Soard and Dentistry for Families** for their continued generosity and support of our Student of the Month celebrations!
Because of your kindness, we can provide special recognition experiences that celebrate our students' achievements and remind them that their hard work and positive choices matter.
We truly appreciate your commitment to supporting our school and recognizing our students!
NEVADA LANDSCAPES LLC - The Torres Family
Proud Sponsor of Our MTSS & Champ House Programs
We also want to give a huge THANK YOU to **the Torres family and Nevada Landscapes LLC** for their incredible generosity and continued support of our MTSS and Champ House initiatives!
Your partnership helps us recognize positive behavior, encourage student growth, and build a school culture where every child can succeed.
Your willingness to give back to our school community makes a meaningful difference in our students' lives.
FROM ALL OF US AT KCES....THANK YOU!
Without the generosity and support of community partners like Dr. Soard, Dentistry for Families, the Torres family, and Nevada Landscapes LLC, we simply could not provide the same wonderful opportunities and experiences for our students year after year.
Your investment goes far beyond financial support. You are helping us build confidence, recognize achievements, encourage positive choices, and create lasting memories for our students.
We are incredibly grateful to have you as part of our KCES family!