



COUGAR NEWS

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A Note from our Principal

It is with great joy that I send you Season's Greetings! This has been a wonderful and exciting year at Keeling. Our students are working hard in their classes and the support from our many dedicated volunteers has never been stronger. Our staff members have wholeheartedly dedicated themselves to supporting our mission of providing the very best social and educational environment for students. I feel privileged and honored to be able to work in this supportive and amazing community. I am grateful for your help, trust, input and desire to make Keeling an outstanding school.

I thank you for allowing us to be a part of your child's life. I never take for granted the opportunity and responsibility to help them in their academic and social growth. Yet, what warms my heart the most is when I see our students smiling, laughing and clearly enjoying themselves in this safe and caring school community.

This is the time of year for rejoicing and for re-dedication. I truly hope you will be able to spend time with those people in your life that mean the most to you. I wish everyone a fun and safe Holiday Break! We will see you in 2017!

In partnership,

Annette Orelup

Principal

IMPORTANT DECEMBER DATES

7th		Math Challenge
7th	1:30	5th Grade Fine Arts Assembly
7th	6:00	5th Grade Fine Arts Night
12th	5:30	PTO Meeting
14th	6:00	Band/Orchestra Concert
16th	1:45	Spirit Assembly
21st	8:40	5th Grade Living History Museum
22nd		Last Day of School Before Break
23rd		Winter Break Begins

IMPORTANT JANUARY DATES

9th		First Day Back to School
11th		Math Challenge
12th		District Spelling Bee
13th		Report Cards Go Home
16th		NO SCHOOL-MLK Day
23rd	5:30	PTO Meeting
26th		100th Day of School
27th	1:45	Spirit Assembly

SPELLING BEE



Congratulations to **Hao Quang**, the winner of the Keeling Spelling Bee! Hao is in Ms. Schiffman's class. Also, congratulations to the second place winner, **Kamerion Redhorn**, who is in Ms. Stocker's class! Hao and Kamerion will represent Keeling at the Amphitheater District Spelling Bee on January 12 at CDO High School. **Juliana Pacheco**, who is in Ms. Jimmerson's class, is the alternate. Way to go, Keeling spellers! We're very proud of you!



Congratulations to the following students who have earned a \$10 Bookmans gift certificate for reading and writing about 10 books at their level!

Mrs. Klein ~ **Nyasiah Hills**

Mrs. Dobbin ~ **Alexyz Escarrega, Renata Ruelas Castro**

Ms. Booth ~ **Lluvia Poqui, Elijah Ingram, Lynnae Acosta**

Mrs. Johnson ~ **Alexis Godoy, Zuri Ramirez, Jesenia Encinas, Makeda Perez**

Mrs. Mulcahy ~ **Jomar Sanchez, Melonie Hernandez, Juan Herrera, Emmely Fimbres, Oscar Peralta, Aaron Aparicio, Zoe Islava, David Gonzalez, Guadalupe Parra, Jesus Santos Lopez, Jose Herrera Torres, Santiago Herrera, Morion Sanchez, Alexandra Canchola, Javier Jaime, Cassandra Ramirez, Edgar Esquer**

Keeling is participating in the **Bookmans' "Read 10 Books, Get 1 Free!"** program. It is an opportunity not only to motivate students to read more, but also to help them earn free books. For every 10 books a student reads and writes a brief report on, he/she will receive a \$10 gift certificate from Bookmans. Students need to read books at their level and write on all the lines. Younger students may draw pictures. Teachers will give students the forms.

Once a student has written a response to 10 books, he/she will place the form in the Bookmans' box in the office. Once a month, Mrs. Mulcahy or Ms. Penna will contact Bookmans for the certificates. Students may earn up to one gift certificate per month. What a fabulous opportunity!

Is my child sick? Should I send him/her to school?

Children need to be in school in order to learn. However, your child learns best when he or she is healthy.

The following are some **guidelines** you can follow until your doctor can be contacted for her/his opinion:

A child with a **mild cold** but no fever should come to school. A child with a **heavy cold** and a deep or hacking cough belongs at home even though he/she has no fever.

If your child has a **sore throat** and no other symptoms you may send them to school. If white spots can be seen in the back to the throat or if there is a fever, please keep your child home & take her him/her to the doctor.

A **fever** is a sign that all is not right with the body. No child with a fever over **100 degrees** should go to school. Do not allow a child who has had a fever to return to school until they have been **free of fever for 24 hours**.

Consult your doctor if your child has a **stomach ache** which is severe enough to limit her/his activity.

Vomiting or diarrhea – a child should not return to school until they have not had vomit or diarrhea for 24 hours.

A **rash** is often the 1st sign of many childhood illnesses. Do not send a child with a rash to school until your doctor has said it is safe to do so.

Do not send your child to school with **live head lice**. They will be sent home immediately. If head lice are found, your child may return to school only after a chemical treatment.

Toothache: Contact your dentist.

Earache: Consult a doctor without delay.

Headache: A child whose only complaint is headache can usually come to school.

Use your good common sense & remember: SICK CHILDREN BELONG AT HOME – WELL CHILDREN BELONG IN SCHOOL.



Dianna Rodriguez , Melany Gamez, & Zoey Hitchcock were the October recipients of the Kind Campus “Be Kind” Award. Isabel Fernandez Licon, D Cain, & Leyla Baker were the November recipients. These girls were nominated by their classmates for their kindness and were awarded a certificate and a Ben’s Bell.

Congratulations Dianna, Melany, Zoe,

Isabel, D, & Leyla

5th Grade would like to invite all parents/guardians, friends and families to experience the Living History Museum on December 21st from 8:40am to 10:30am in the MPR.



The EDP program at Keeling have plants growing! Thanks to the donation of the Tucson Village Farm, we have planted “starts” that are really taking off. Starts are plants that have grown from seed, but are not mature yet. They were repotted and are now in our garden, they are really growing! We will soon have enough lettuce for a nice class salad. The students were surprised to see that the seeds we planted have already sprouted, we must have super radish seeds! The kids are enjoying learning about growing their own plants that they can eat in the future.



ART NEWS WITH MRS. SAMSEL

DECEMBER'S ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Kindergarten-Ms. Atwell-Jaylynn Hanley

1st Grade-Ms. Hatt-Luis Escamilla

2nd Grade-Ms. Booth-Tariah Diaz

3rd Grade-Ms. Weiler-Pedro Warnes Martinez

4th Grade-Ms. Roulette-Christopher Castillo

5th Grade-Ms. Jimmerson-Liliana Johnson

SAVE THE DATE!

5th Grade Fine Arts Night will be on Wednesday, December 7th

We will showcasing “The Elves’ Impersonator” musical with winter artwork on display.

The show will start at 6pm in the MPR, come kick off the holiday season!

CHECK IT OUT!

Please check Mrs. Samsel’s webpage at www.amphi.com/Domain/721

Student work is posted online for viewing and updated.

PLEASE REMEMBER

Some students have been working hard on their clay projects. When they bring home their clay work please put it somewhere safe, it is breakable. Clay pieces can be hot glued together or you can always bring it to me to repair if it breaks.

Have a creative holiday season!

Mrs. Samsel

