



COUGAR NEWS

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A Note from our Principal

Dear Keeling Families,

I can't believe it is almost time for the Holidays!!! On behalf of our teachers and staff, I extend my warmest wishes for a wonderful Holiday.

We truly appreciate your continued support – we couldn't do it without you. We have accomplished so much during the first half of the year. It's amazing to see how much they have learned already! This is a direct result of the valued partnerships in our Keeling School community. We are dedicated to providing the best educational experience for all of our children in a warm, fun and nurturing environment. During this season, we wish you time to enjoy the gifts of your family and friends. Take time to enjoy one another, rest, relax and get ready for an incredible second semester!!! Happy Holidays everyone!

In partnership,

Annette

Annette Orelup, Principal

IMPORTANT DECEMBER DATES

12/6	Math Challenge
12/7	1:30 5th Grade Holiday Musical
12/7	6:00 5th Grade Holiday Musical
12/11	5:00 PTO Meeting
12/15	Pajama Day
12/15	1:30 G2C Assembly
12/18	6:00 Band & Orchestra Concert
12/18-12/21	No ACHIEVE classes
12/21	5th Grade Living History Museum
12/22-1/5	Winter Break

IMPORTANT JANUARY DATES

1/8	First Day back to School
1/9	Math Challenge
1/10	District Spelling Bee
1/12	Report Cards Go Home
1/15	NO SCHOOL-MLK Day
1/22	5:00 PTO Meeting
1/25	100th Day of School
1/26	1:30 Spirit Assembly

SPELLING BEE



Congratulations to Elezra Duarte, the winner of the 2017 Keeling Spelling Bee! Elezra is in Mrs. Gardner's 4th grade class. Also, congratulations to the second place winner, Isaac Williams, who is in Mrs. Klein's 4th grade class! Elezra and Isaac will represent Keeling at the Amphitheater District Spelling Bee on January 10th at CDO High School. Fata Hussein, who is in Ms. Franklin's 5th grade class, is the alternate. Way to go, Keeling spellers! We are very proud of you!!



5th grade will be having a Camp Information Meeting for parents immediately after the 5th grade Holiday Musical on Thursday, December 7th. Please plan to attend this important night for our 5th graders!



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.

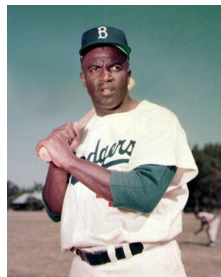
Toothache: Contact your dentist.

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.

5th Grade would like to invite parents and families to the Living History Museum! Students will present a speech and perform as a famous person in history. The museum will be in the MPR on Thursday, December 21st. Visitors may visit the museum anytime between 8:30-10:00 am. Don't miss this awesome event!



Music News

General Music:

- 3rd & 4th graders are learning to play the recorders which are small plastic flutes.
- Our star composer is American composer, John Philip Sousa. He is known as the "March King" and wrote patriotic music! We marched to his music and learned a ribbon dance. Our next star composer will be Russian composer, Tchaikovsky. We will learn about his famous ballet called "The Nutcracker".

Important dates:

- December 7th—5th graders perform The Holly Jolly Pirates of Pinataville at 6:00 pm in the MPR (arrive at 5:45). All students in Ms. Schiffman's class, Ms. Franklin's class and Mr. Mayer's class **NEED TO ATTEND THE CONCERT** in order for it to be a successful experience for all!
- December 18th—Band/Orchestra/Choir performs at 6:00 pm in the MPR. Students need to arrive between 5:30-5:45 to get their instruments tuned and to get seated.



NO SCHOOL 12/22-1/5

School will resume on

Monday, Jan. 8th, 2018

Have a restful Winter

Break!!