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A Note from our Principal

Welcome to the new school year at Keeling! I am so proud and excited to serve as the new principal. We are off to a tremendous start here at Keeling. Students continue to amaze me every day. I enjoy visiting the classrooms because I get a chance to see how dedicated and hardworking our teachers are, and how smart and creative our students are. I see a lot of student collaboration, teamwork and tons of smiles! This is the best job ever!

A new focus for us this year will be "STEM Thursdays". STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. On Thursdays, students will have the opportunity to learn about and experience engineering using our new "Engineering is Elementary" kits. If you've ever watched children at play, you know they're fascinated with building things—and with taking things apart to see how they work. In other words, children are natural-born engineers. When children engineer in a school setting, research suggests we get great results.

This will begin in September. Please remember to ask your child(ren) what they think about our new STEM Thursdays. As always, thank you for being a partner in your child's education. We invite all parents and families to be a part of our school. You are welcome here anytime! If you have questions or comments for me, please don't hesitate to call our office.



THANK YOU!!

A great big thank you to all the amazing, generous, kind, loving people at Casas Adobes Congregational Church on North Oracle Road!!!!!!

They collected and donated loads and loads of school supplies to our extremely grateful teachers to use in their classrooms for all of our deserving students.

IMPORTANT DATES IN SEPTEMBER

2nd	Math Challenge
7th	NO SCHOOL-Labor Day
8th	Bus Bay Construction Begins
17th&18th	Ben's Bells Mural Installation Volunteers Needed
21st 5:30	PTO Meeting (NOTE NEW TIME)
22nd	Fiesta Fundraiser Begins
28th 9:00	Be Kind Assembly



News in the Art Room



We are off to a great start in the art room!

Keeling Families,

My name is Mrs. Samsel and I have been teaching art here at Keeling since 2007. I am very excited to work with your children this year in the art room!

We will be learning about different artists, art movements, and creating seasonal projects. I enjoy displaying your child's work of art so please check out our front office to see what we are working on. Your child's work will get sent home with them once it is no longer on display.

September's Artist of the Month!

Kinder: Luis Escamilla from Ms. Tang

1st grade: Kaydence Hitchcock from Ms. Jimmerson

2nd grade: Heavenly Lopez from Mrs. Johnson

3rd grade: Yatzen Valenzuela from Mrs. Weiler

4th grade: Matthew Jaquez from Ms. Knapp

5th grade: Carolina Martinez from Mrs. Stocker

Please come by the office to check out the artist of the month! Congratulations students!

I look forward to another creative year,

Mrs. Samsel

On Time Club

We have started a new program this year called the "On Time Club". This program is designed to increase attendance and decrease tardies. Please be sure that your children are dropped off every day on time, so that they get to class by 7:30 at the latest. If all students are present and on time, the class earns a letter. When they spell out "On Time Club", the class wins a popsicle party. Yum!!!



Please be courteous when driving to pick up your child from school. This includes lowering your speed when entering the crossing area and completely stopping when children are crossing. This is for the safety of all of our students. Thank you for your cooperation and patience.



We're so excited about our new bus bay! This will create a much safer method for loading and unloading our students from the buses. This new bus bay will be located further north on Geronimo than where we currently load buses.



Construction will begin on September 8th and will take approximately one month.

Bus/van pickup will be temporarily moved to Laguna Street.

The construction area will be fenced off. Students need to be extremely careful to not get near the construction.



September Music Room News

Welcome back to Keeling! I am very excited to have all of your children in general music and have many exciting things planned for this year! The 5th graders will start the year with drumming. 4th graders are learning guitar. 3rd graders will be starting a year-long recorder program called Recorder Karate and have the opportunity to buy a recorder at school for \$3.00. Please put money in an envelope labeled "recorder" with their name on it. Kinder, 1st, and 2nd graders will be using many classroom instruments and learning many new songs to sing.

~Mrs. Horn



Orchestra- VIOLIN, VIOLA, CELLO

Orchestra notes and enrollment forms have been passed out to interested 4th and 5th graders and classes are forming. Beginner orchestra will be on Wednesday from 2:45 to 4:15. In late September there will be a bus to take students home as part of the ACHIEVE program. Advanced orchestra will be on Tuesdays from 2:30- 3:30. All students will attend a lunch recess rehearsal on Tuesdays from 12:05- 12:25. Some school instruments are available on a first come first served basis. When they are all in use, students will need to purchase or rent an instrument to use. Concerts will be in Dec. and May at Keeling and on March 10 at 6:30 for the Amphi Orchestra Festival at the High School. 3rd graders are accepted into beginner orchestra if you have an instrument or are able to rent an instrument.

21st Century ACHIEVE

The K-2nd Grade ACHIEVE Early Bird Reading Club will once again be meeting in the mornings before school on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 7:00 to 7:25, in room 122 with Ms. Inbody. This club will start Wednesday, September 2. Ms. Inbody will meet all participants at the front gate at 7:00 to take them to her room. All late arrivals will need to wait till 7:15, when the gate opens, to come to the club. Parents, if arriving after 7:00, please do not leave your child unsupervised.

ACHIEVE after school will be starting soon. This year Keeling will offer:

- Wednesday - Kinder Skills
- Monday - 1st Grade Math/Reading Tutoring
- Monday and Wednesday - Reading Tutoring (grades 1 – 3)
- Monday - Odyssey of the Mind (grades 3-5)
- Wednesday - Student Council (grades 4 and 5)
- Wednesday - Homework Help (grades 4 and 5)
- Monday (and Saturday morning) - Fitness Club for 3rd-5th grade



A 4th grade Math Facts tutoring class will also be held Tuesday mornings before school for students needing extra help.

ACHIEVE is funded by the 21st Century Grant and offers Keeling students the opportunity to receive additional tutoring and/or enrichment outside of their regular school day. Students may enroll in the tutoring and homework help clubs by teacher referral only. Registration information for the enrichment clubs (Student Council, Odyssey of the Mind, and Fitness Club) will be given to those grade level students at school. Space is limited for all clubs so students given a registration form must return it as soon as possible if they are interested in joining the after school club.



Ben's Bells Mural



As you probably know, Keeling participates in the Ben's Bells "Kind Campus" program. The mission of *Ben's Bells* is ... "to *inspire, educate, and motivate* people to realize the impact of intentional kindness, and to empower individuals to act according to that awareness, thereby strengthening ourselves, our relationships and our communities."

We are proud to announce that Keeling will receive a beautiful Ben's Bells "Be Kind" mural. It will be installed on September 17th and 18th. It will look similar to the beautiful mural below and will represent the kindness found on our campus. We are looking for adult volunteers to help with the installation. If you are able to help, please let us know as soon as possible. We can't wait to see the final product! It will be a stunning addition to the Keeling campus.

