

This is the KES Way
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Killingworth Elementary School

October 2021

Regional School District #17
Killingworth Elementary School



Dennis Reed
Principal



Important Dates

- 1 Spirit Day (KES-wear/blue-gold)
- 2 Nat'l. Custodial Worker Day
- 4-7 Fire Prevention Week
- 5 Second/Third Gr. Book Club
- 5 BOE meeting
- 8 Staff Development—no school
- 11 Columbus Day—no school
- 12 Second/Third Gr. Book Club
- 12-15 Book Fair
- 15 Spirit Day (favorite sports team)
- 19 Second/Third Gr. Book Club
- 19 BOE meeting
- 26 Second/Third Gr. Book Club
- 26 PTO Meeting 7:00 pm
- 27 Minimum day—Conferences
- 28 Minimum day—Conferences
- 29 Spirit Day (wear orange/black)



It was nice to see several of you at our first PTO meeting of the year. The PTO is such an important partner in our students' education. I appreciate their efforts in welcoming all the new students and families to school with KES gear and look forward to the new KES gear that will be offered in the coming weeks. There are numerous PTO committees forming and many opportunities to get involved. Even if a committee seems filled, an offer to help will be much appreciated. We received an estimated shipping date for the new playground equipment. The materials should be leaving the factory on October 1st. If that happens, we will be looking at installation in early October.

Thank you to all who were able to join us for our virtual curriculum night. I know that it doesn't replace being here in-person, but I hope you were able to learn a bit more about a typical day in the life of your child. The students and staff continue to do a wonderful job of creating a sense of community within the school while following our COVID protocols.

Just a reminder that there is no school for students on October 8th. Our staff will be engaged in professional development on that day. School will also be closed on October 11th. The book fair will be running from October 12th to the 15th. We have a minimum day on October 27th and 28th for parent/teacher conferences. More details regarding the parent/teacher conferences will be provided as it gets closer, but there will be a virtual option available again this year. Fire prevention week takes place in October as well. Although the fire department will not be able to join us, they will kindly be providing all the children with important fire safety information and some goodies.

The cooler temperatures are finally here, enjoy this beautiful weather.

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Safety Reminder

If KES ever needs to be evacuated in case of an emergency, the students will be transferred by bus to the H-K Middle/Intermediate School. Their main office phone number is

860-663-1241.

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OCTOBER 2021

ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		BREAKFAST IS FREE FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR 		1. Cinnamon Bun, Carrots, Sliced Apples Milk
4. Cereal Breakfast Break Pack Milk	5. Bagel, Yogurt, Raisins, Milk	6. Blueberry Muffin Applesauce Orange Juice Milk	7. Confetti Pancake Peaches Raisin Milk	8. NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
11. No School 	12. Bagel, Yogurt, Raisins, Milk	13. Blueberry Muffin Applesauce Orange Juice Milk	14. Confetti Pancake Peaches Raisin Milk	15. Cinnamon Bun, Carrots, Sliced Apples Milk
18. Cereal Breakfast Break Pack Milk	19. Bagel, Yogurt, Raisins, Milk	20. Blueberry Muffin Applesauce Orange Juice Milk	21. Confetti Pancake Peaches Raisin Milk	22. Cinnamon Bun, Carrots, Sliced Apples Milk
25. Cereal Breakfast Break Pack Milk	26. Bagel, Yogurt, Raisins, Milk	27. Blueberry Muffin Applesauce Orange Juice Milk	28. Confetti Pancake Peaches Raisin Milk	29. Cinnamon Bun, Carrots, Sliced Apples Milk



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October 2021 Lunch

ELEMENTARY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 MILK \$0.65				1. Pizza Fresh cut Vegetables w/ Ranch Dressing Fruit of the Day Milk
4. Cheeseburger Crispy Oven Fries Carrots Fresh Local Grown Apple Milk 2 ketchup	5. Crispy Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Green Beans Fruit of the Day Milk 2 ketchup	6. French Toast Sticks Hash Brown Patty Sausage Patty Blueberry and Peach Cobbler Milk, Syrup	7. Pizza Fresh Butternut Squash Fruit of the Day Milk	8. No School 
11. No School 	12. Hotdog, Baked Beans, Dragon Juice Fruit of the Day Milk 1 Ketchup	13. Bacon, Egg and Cheese Sandwich Tater Tots, Fruit of the Day Milk 1 ketchup	14. Homemade Mac and Cheese, Biscuit, Steamed Broccoli, Fruit of the Day, Milk	15. Pizza Fresh cut Vegetables w/ Ranch Dressing Fruit of the Day Milk
18. Cheeseburger Smiley Fries Carrots Fruit of the Day Milk 2 ketchup	19. Pasta w/ Meat Sauce Roll, Cucumber Salad Peaches, Milk,	20. French Toast Sticks Hash Brown Patty Chicken Sausage Patty Fruit of the Day Milk, Syrup	21. Teriyaki Chicken Rice, Oriental Vegetables, Fruit of the Day Milk 1 Ketchup	22. Pizza Fresh cut Vegetables w/ Ranch Dressing Fruit of the Day Milk
25. Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes, Corn Fruit of the Day Milk 1 ketchup	26. Mozzarella Sticks Side Marinara Sauce, Roll Vegetable Medley Fruit of the Day Milk	27. Waffles Chicken Bacon Tater Tots, Fruit of the Day Syrup, Milk 1 ketchup	28. Chicken Patty Sandwich Green Beans, Fruit of the Day Milk 1 ketchup	29. Pizza Fresh cut Vegetables w/ Ranch Dressing Frozen Teat Milk

LUNCH IS FREE FOR ALL STUDENTS

OCTOBER 4-8TH IS CT GROWN FOR CT KIDS WEEK



A MEAL IS HOT ENTRÉE LISTED ON LEFT

B MEAL IS GARDEN SALAD W/ CHICKEN, VEGETABLES, ROLL FRUIT OF THE DAY AND MILK

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LOOKING FOR SOME EXTRA MONEY?



RSD 17 Food Service department is looking for substitutes. You would not work nights, weekends, holidays, school vacations, or during the summer.

Apply on the RSD 17 website today.



Don't forget to help us out and send in any dismissal notes to kesdismissal@rsd17.org. If a confirmation is not received, please call the office.



Toys Wanted

What is inside your toy box at home? If it is no longer being used, think about making a donation to support play! Kindergarten and first grade classrooms are looking for a few good toys for indoor recess time. **The toys should be able to fit inside a zip lock storage bag.** Think about unused stem building toys, Legos, fun figurines, and creative (non-messy art and sensory) toys. Even if you no longer have a full set, we may be able to combine toys to make some fun play sets for our youngest learners!



October 2nd is National School Custodian Day. Please take a minute to thank our custodial staff for the many, many jobs that they do around the school to make it look as fantastic as it does!



Just a reminder that Wednesday, October 27 and Thursday, October 28 are minimum days with dismissal at 1:05.



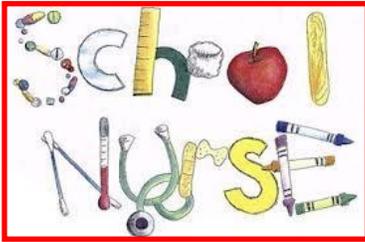
Just a reminder that there is no school on Friday, October 8 or Monday, October 11. Enjoy your days off!



You can utilize two of our emails to cut down on paper and telephone calls. To report your child absent, please use this email: kesattendance@rsd17.org. To relay dismissal information, please use this email: kesdismissal@rsd17.org. Please remember to include your child's teacher in these emails as well. Thank you!



If your child is bringing a lunch from home, please remember to send in utensils that they will need. The kitchen's budget does not allow for them to provide utensils for anything other than purchased school breakfasts and lunches. Thank you for your help!



From the Health Office

We are off to a great start here at Killingworth Elementary School. Many thanks to all parents for following the guidelines and keeping your children home if they have symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Please feel free to check with me if you are unsure if your child should be attending school. As always, remember that students need to remain at home until they have been fever free (without the aid of fever-reducing medication) for 24 hours. The time is here to make an appointment to get a flu vaccine. Please see below for additional information regarding the clinic at the Connecticut River Area Health District.

Just a reminder to call the school as soon as you know that your child will be absent. You may also utilize the KES attendance email at kesattendance@rsd17.org at any time of the day or night. Please notify the office by 9:00 am if your child will be late to school as attendance is reconciled by this time each morning. Hoping you all enjoy the colors of autumn and stay healthy!

~ Lori Kenney, BSN, RN, NCSN



Connecticut River Area Health District
Serving the Towns of [Clinton](#), [Old Saybrook](#), [Deep River](#), [Haddam](#) and [Chester](#)



Please visit the Connecticut River Area Health District website (crahd.org) to print off a consent form and for complete information about the flu vaccine. Clinics will take place every Thursday from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm at the CT River Area Health District, 455 Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook (located in Saybrook Junction). No appointment is needed. Masks are required.


 A graphic with the text "Welcome to Art!" in a colorful, playful font. The word "Welcome" is in red, "to" is in blue, "Art!" is in green, and there are small decorative elements.

Welcome back to the KES art room! YAY! This year is off to a fantastic start. All the students are thrilled to be back in the art room, and so am I. Third graders are working on their abstract paintings. We are looking at and learning about artwork created by artist Wassily Kandinsky. In our paintings, we are using the elements of art and principles of design. Students have just completed a big unit on mixing and creating new colors with tempera paint. The second grade is working on creating their name using double lettering techniques and designing a colorful border using patterns. First grade just completed a rainbow name project using line, color, shape, and pattern. Kindergarten completed their rainbow clouds using markers and mixed media. We used line, color, and shape to create our masterpieces. All grades will be learning about primary and secondary colors while using the elements of art to create our projects. We will start our fall-themed art projects in the months to come. Be well and stay safe.

~ Mrs. Kelsey



Welcome back! I am very happy to be back and finally able to use our wonderful music room! We have had a great start singing, moving and dancing. A few things to look forward to are the first grade play (that will take place at the end of October). More information on that is coming soon. Third grader students will be receiving their recorders. This is a great opportunity for them to start learning an instrument. This will get them ready for the band program in the Intermediate School next year. Our recorder concert will take place in May.

~ Mrs. Rubalsky



Hello KES friends and families. I would like to thank all of the students and staff for welcoming me with open arms. So far my experience has been incredibly positive and fun. The students have spent the month of September working on social and emotional wellbeing, fitness, maintaining personal space, and having fun. Every class starts with a dynamic cardio warm up to prevent injuries. We then move into flexibility, muscular, and core strength exercises. After we are finished with all four components of fitness, we then play fun games! We have been playing games like freeze dance (with locomotor movements), choo choo train (follow the leader), rock paper scissor, hula hoops, and line tag. I look forward to continuing to make KES students healthy, strong and kind!

Go outside and enjoy the fall weather with friends and family!

~ Mr. Weeks



When Mrs. Honious decided to move to the Intermediate and Middle School, I was thrilled to be selected as the new Library Media Specialist at KES. My name is Liz Murphy and I have been an educator for about 18 years, most recently as a kindergarten teacher in New London. It has been my pleasure to welcome students back into the library after so many months away. Over the course of the month of September, each class wrote two class books--Some Things You Should Know About Us and Our Class's Favorite Things--as we all got to know each other. I have done my best to learn more than 200 names as quickly as possible! Each grade is currently learning or re-learning the process of taking a book out of the library, as well as how to care for these books. In addition, kindergarten and first grade have been working on rhyming and identifying important aspects of a book and story (author, illustrator, characters, etc.). Second and third grades have been reviewing different genres of books as we prepare to learn more about how libraries are organized; they are also learning to select "just right" books that will challenge, but not frustrate, them as readers. Since many students have been away from the library for so long, it may help to establish some routines, such as choosing a special and safe place for library books to live in your home and marking each child's library day on a calendar. Not sure what those days are? Check out the table on the library website, which can be accessed from KES's website. There's also a link on the library website to our Goodreads page, which I will update frequently to reflect what books each grade has read. Coming up in October: on the 27th our third graders will have a virtual visit with award-winning author Katherine Applegate. Until next month, happy reading!

~ Mrs. Murphy & Mrs. Hosking



The preschool students have had a wonderful start to the school year! We are making new friends and having a lot of fun playing and learning together. Preschool is working on learning the names of all of our new friends and teachers. We are learning how to learn and play together by sharing and taking turns with toys and materials. The AM preschool class is working on recognizing their names. We are also learning how to use materials like glue sticks, scissors, and crayons to make projects. The PM preschool class is working on learning the letters in their names and practicing cutting skills. Fall has arrived and we are looking forward to some fun fall activities in the classroom. We are sad to say goodbye to Ms. Zargo in Mrs. Treubig's class but are welcoming Ms. Avery, our new classroom paraprofessional.

~ Mrs. Fox & Mrs. Treubig



Kindergarten students have done a good job getting used to wearing their masks and following our new daily routines these first weeks of school. They have also been busy with reading, writing and math lessons, and are getting comfortable using the Lexia Core 5 language arts program on their Chromebooks. Both teachers and students in kindergarten are looking forward to cooler temperatures now that it is autumn!

~ Mrs. Isleib, Mrs. Pommer & Mrs. Sullivan



First graders have been busy establishing routines & procedures and building our classroom communities. We have also been productive diving into our curriculum. In reading we are focusing on encoding and decoding cvc words while using reading strategies: Lefty Larry, Grapheme Grasshopper, and Blendy Wendy. In writer's workshop, we are writing 'small moments' about our own lives and learning the components of a narrative writing piece. In math, we are learning how to 'count on' and use 'doubles' strategies to solve math problems within 10. We are also using Number Talks to help build our number sense. In science, we will be learning about light & sound. In social studies, we are focusing on communities and civic duties. For social emotional learning, we are focusing on our listening skills and following directions. It has been a great start to the school year and we are looking forward to all the fabulous learning ahead!

~ Mrs. Lomazzo, Mrs. MacPhail & Mrs. Roby



We are so proud of our second graders for the hard work they have shown in the first month of school! We are looking forward to each of their many successes this year.

In reading, we have been working on building reading fluency, stamina, and comprehension. In writing, our first unit is focused on writing small moment personal narratives. In this unit, students pull moments from their own life and work to stretch those moments by telling them bit by bit. Our math unit is focused on extending students' understanding of adding and subtracting within 20. Students are learning and practicing efficient strategies for adding and subtracting. During social studies, students will engage in the study of our local government and the various roles and responsibilities that are needed to make a community thrive.

As you can see, second graders are working diligently to grow as learners! The second grade teachers thank you for your support as we strive to make this a wonderful year for our students!

~ Ms. Burke, Mrs. Esposito & Mrs. Munz



Welcome to third grade! We are so excited to be your child's teacher! Since school has started, we have spent time getting to know each other while learning new routines of third grade. In reading, we started our first unit called Building A Reading Life, which focuses on creating strong reading habits and deepening understanding of critical comprehension skills such as inferring, summarizing, visualizing, and predicting. In math, our first unit focuses on rounding, adding, and subtracting three-digit numbers. In writing, students are working on writing focused, small moment stories from their lives. Students are learning to organize on a planner, write effective leads and endings, when and how to make a new paragraph, and stretch out their writing to show and not tell using a variety of elaboration strategies. In social studies, students are learning about Connecticut's place in this world. Students will then learn about the Indigenous People who lived here. We appreciate your support and look forward to working with you throughout the year!

~ Mrs. Brustman, Mr. Cusson & Mrs. Rich

HK RecCare 10/1 - 10/29
(No 10/8, 10/11)
Before & After-School at BES & KES

Staff and students will wear masks. There will be frequent hand washing and disinfecting of supplies. Please do not send your child if showing any symptoms of COVID-19. Each kid should bring their own pencil/marker case. Kids will get mask breaks (don't have to wear one outside). Social Distancing will be followed. Please bring a water bottle and snack. Gr. 4 - 6 kids will be bussed to & from HKIMS.

Gr. K - 6 at BES and KES
Before-School 7:30 - 8:45 am \$124
After-School 3:25 - 6:00 pm \$347
After-School part-time registration is \$19/regular day, \$38/early dismissal days.

All participants for before or after care must register for RecCare Processing and fill out on-line forms (look for RecCare Processing Forms under RecDesk). This is a one-time \$20 fee for the 21-22 school year.

Register at www.hkrec.com by 9/29



Be sure to check out all the new Programs offered by HK Rec. These programs can be found at HKRec.com.

Our 1st Paws-itively Awesome Student of the School Year!



*Please note that as everyone was six feet apart, this student was given the option to pull her mask down for a quick “smile” for the picture!

Killingworth Elementary School



The Charleston Wrap fundraiser was a success, having raised \$2,874. If you missed it, there is still time to order until December 2. Orders will be mailed directly to your residence. Thank you to all who participated.



The KES Spiritwear fundraiser will run October 4th to October 18th. Below is a link for online orders. Please note that online orders (pay by credit card) include a 3% convenience fee per order. Your children will be able to view samples of the clothing in the display case next to the main office. There is NO extra fee if parents order with the flyer and pay by check or cash. Flyers will be coming soon. Additional items are listed online that are not available on the paper order. These items were added after the order forms were printed, we apologize for the inconvenience. If you would like one of these items added to your paper order, please write all the details on a blank piece of paper and attach it to your form. Contact Samantha at samleehar@me.com or 203-815-8828.

<https://heritagespiritwear.com/product-category/killingworth/>



Room parents have been assigned. Thank you to all who volunteered their time to help with their child's classroom.



Please look for the upcoming Bishops Orchard's Pie fundraiser. Pies will be delivered in time for Thanksgiving. More information will be sent home soon.



Help support Killingworth Elementary School with Box Tops!! You can digitally download your labels to the Box Top App (scan at left). Scan your receipt within 14 days of purchase and KES will receive 10 cents for each Box Top. Shopping online or having groceries delivered? Forward your email receipt to RECEIPTS@BOXTOPS4EDUCATION.COM using the same email that is associated with your Box Tops account. Any questions, please reach out to Jess DeAngelo at jessr4181@gmail.com.



The KES Playground Committee would like to thank you for your unwavering support over the last several years as we steadfastly worked to raise money for our new back playground. There were some logistics that needed to be worked out, but we are happy to report that our playground equipment has been ordered and we are anxiously awaiting delivery! This will be a partial community build, and we would be so grateful for hands-on volunteers when the time comes. More info on that as we receive updates. Until then, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for helping us get to where we are. We could not have done this without your support!



The Scholastic Book Fair will take place October 12th through October 15th. Information will be sent home shortly for this **student-only** book fair. This information will contain the browsing and buying days for each classroom.



Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 26th in the Library. Please join us.



Youth & Family Services Holiday Giving Program 2021

The holiday giving program facilitated by HK Youth & Family Services, Inc. is available for families in need that reside in Haddam, Higganum, Haddam Neck and Killingworth. New gifts and toys will be collected for children and youth from birth through age 18. *Deadline for registration is December 1, 2020.* For more information about how you can donate, or to register for this confidential program please call 860-345-7498 or email office@hkyfs.org

Stuff-A-Cruiser (Higganum Green)

Our Haddam Resident State Trooper will have their cruiser available at the Higganum Green, Route 154 from 10:00am-2:00pm on Saturday, November 20, 2021. Please join HK Youth & Family Services, Inc. to stuff a cruiser with a donation of a new gift or toy for families in need. Please remember our teens during this holiday season as well as young children. If you need ideas, please call HKYFS at 860-345-7498 or email office@hkyfs.org

Stuff-A-Cruiser (Killingworth Town Hall)

Our Killingworth Resident State Trooper will have their cruiser available at the Town Hall, 323 Route 81 from 10:00am-2:00pm on Saturday, November 20, 2021. Please join HK Youth & Family Services, Inc. to stuff a cruiser with a donation of a new gift or toy for families in need. Please remember our teens during this holiday season as well as young children. If you need ideas, please call HKYFS at 860-345-7498 or email office@hkyfs.org

The 28th Annual Pumpkin Run 5k Race For Kids!

We will be hosting our 28th Annual Pumpkin 5K Run/Walk and Kids Fun Run to benefit Youth and Family Services of Haddam-Killingworth (HKYFS). The event will be held at the Haddam-Killingworth High School (HKHS) on Sunday, October 31st. The programs we run are needed now more than ever so we hope you and your family members will join us this year. Contact www.jbsports.com/hk-pumpkin-run to sign up or call us at the office to learn more (860.345.7498)

Drug Take Back

October 23, 2021 is National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. We will be at The Killingworth Pharmacy (183 Route 81, Killingworth) AND Nutmeg Pharmacy (23 Killingworth Road, Higganum) from 10am – 2pm to collect all unused or expired medication for safe disposal.