This is the KES Way Kindness Effort Safety





Important Dates

- 1 Order wrap until Dec. 2
- 2 Election Day-no school
- 5 Second/Third Book Club
- 5 First grade musical Performance
- 5 Bishop's pie orders due
- 7 Daylight Saving Time ends
- 8 Beautification Day (K & 1) (rain date Nov. 12)
- 11 Veterans Day-no school
- 12 Spirit Day—KES-wear
- 12 Second/Third Book Club
- 15 Third grade in-house field trip
- 22 Pie orders delivered
- 24 Spirit Day/Workout Wednesday
- 24 Minimum Day
- 25 Thanksgiving—no school
- 26 Thanksgiving Recess
- 29 Hanukkah
- 30 PTO Meeting



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 Intermediate/ Middle School. Their main office phone number

is 860-663-1241.

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Killingworth Elementary School

November 2021

Regional School District #17



Dennis Reed

We have had quite a stretch of wonderful weather this fall and the students have enjoyed every bit of it; however I think the cold air is just around the corner. The month of October was full of many special events, the biggest of course was the construction of our new playground. Thank you to the amazing parents, friends, community members, and staff for coming together on a beautiful fall weekend for the community build. In just a few short days, we were able to construct a playground that is sure to provide endless opportunities for the students. The fundraising efforts over the last couple of years have been extraordinary and we are forever grateful for the hard work and passion of our playground committee. The new wood chips should be spread on November 1st and then it will be open for play! The book fair was a huge success; we were able to bring the book fair back in person this year and there were many engaging and enticing titles to choose from. We are also looking forward to fall Beautification Day which is scheduled for November 8th (rain date November 12th). It was a very comforting feeling to see so many of you at our parent conferences this month as well.

Our social emotional learning instruction is off to a great start. We are fully underway with each class having participated in 3 or 4 of 22 lessons so far. Our school psychologist Dayleen Nelson, with the support of the classroom teachers, is teaching these lessons in every classroom throughout the school. Up to this point, all grade levels have been focused on the skills for learning, including learning to listen, focusing attention, following directions and using self-talk for staying on task. The lessons occur just about every week and are accompanied by parent letters that are sent home after the lesson. These family letters offer an opportunity for families to support the work that is going on in the classroom. Next month we will be getting into building empathy by teaching students to identify feelings, respect different perspectives, and show compassion.

I hope you had a wonderful Halloween weekend and have a great month of November.

Dennis Reed, Principal



From the Health Office

This year, it is more important than ever to receive a flu vaccination. Reducing cases of flu can help to reduce the overall impact of respiratory illnesses amongst the population. It is not too late for you and your family members to get vaccinated. The CT River Area Health District holds flu vaccine clinics on Thursdays through December 16th from 7:00

am until 7:00 pm at the Old Saybrook office located at 455 Boston Post Road. For more information, go to www.crahd.info or call the CRAHD office at 860-661-3300.

Students who are registered in the preschool program must be vaccinated against the flu no later than December 31st in order to be eligible to return to school on January 3, 2022.

Just a reminder that when notifying the office about your child's absence from school, please provide information regarding the reason for your child's absence. If you prefer to report an absence to the school nurse, or if you have any questions or concerns, you can email me directly at <u>lkenney@rsd17.org</u>. Emails are checked frequently and you will receive a response from me by the end of the school day.

Take good care and stay well.

~Lori Kenney, BSN, RN, NCSN

Room









The beautiful colors of autumn have arrived in Killingworth (yay)! The students have been learning about the color wheel, primary and secondary colors. They are also mixing colors with different mediums to explore new ways of creating color and incorporating it into our artwork. Third grade students have started working on

Chinese brush techniques, learning about Kanji symbols, and creating a painting using watercolor and ink. In the spirit of Halloween, second graders will be starting an oil pastel harvest moon picture with spooky jack-o-lanterns using formal and organic shapes to create their artwork. First graders are finishing up their Halloween drawings using twistables and focusing on lines, shapes and mixing colors. Kindergarten students will start their fall pumpkin project of creating a painting of a pumpkin. They will be introduced to the element of art known as texture. They will be learning painting techniques to incorporate texture into their artwork. There will be turkey drawings in the near future so keep a lookout for masterpiece turkeys coming home for Thanksgiving. Enjoy this fantastic season with your family!

~ Mrs. Kelsey



Hello KES friends and families!

I hope everyone is enjoying the wonderful fall weather. We are moving along and developing very quickly. We have spent the month of October working on our fitness abilities, social and emotional wellbeing, and cooperative games. We start off every class with a dynamic warm up, stretches, pushups, and sit ups. We then move into different tag games to have fun and get our heart rate up. We finish our class with fun classic games like Fishy Fishy Cross My Ocean and Wax Museum. We spent the last two weeks working on a team building activity called the jump rope challenge. Our KES students are extremely kind, safe and fun! I am having an absolute blast teaching at KES!

I look forward to the month of November! We will be working on throwing overhand and underhand. We started this week with a fun, crazy game called Ghost Busters!

Go outside and have fun!

~ Mr. Weeks





Our third grade students are super excited to have their recorders! Please encourage them to practice consistently since as we all know "Practice makes perfect!" Our first grade students are almost ready for their performance. It will take place on November 5th. Although we cannot have parents in the building just yet, children will be

performing in front of second and third graders. We will videotape the performance for parents to watch. Second grade students started to learn simple rhythms and continue to learn dances from around the world. First grade students and kindergartners received their first certificate for singing. Please make sure you ask them to share the song with you. They love to perform!

~ Mrs. Rubalsky



October has been a big month for the students of KES because for the first time in a long time they have been able to actually browse the shelves of the library in person! It has been wonderful to see how excited they are to poke around in search of books that spark an interest they may not have even known they had--origami, sign language, Titanic, and more. During our lessons, kindergarten and first grade have been learning about fiction

and nonfiction books (A Couch for Llama was a big fiction hit), as well as story elements like characters, setting, problem, and solution. There's a Nightmare in My Closet and There's an Alligator Under My Bed helped out--do not worry, the nightmare is very friendly, and you can ask your kindergarten or first grade child where the alligator ended up! Next month we will be learning more about bears, both fictional and real, and first graders will do some basic research using the Pebble Go database. Second and third graders have been learning about just-right books (Wild About Books), fiction and nonfiction (The Crayon Man), the Dewey Decimal System, and nonfiction text features (using books about countries and states). Next month they will also be getting into the Pebble Go database, and second graders will be wrapping up their extra related arts block in the library with their performances, in class, of plays inspired by Mo Willems's Elephant and Piggie books. During our rotating Monday blocks, and in honor of Fossil Day (October 13), each class has been reading *Dinosaur Lady* and making their own "fossils" with air-dry clay. Everyone will have a little Halloween fun the last week of October with activities inspired by the book The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything. Want to take a closer look at the books we have been reading? Check out our Goodreads page, which you can link to through the Library Media Center page on the KES website. Have some old Dog Man or *Minecraft* books hanging around that your children do not read anymore? See our book request in this newsletter for some series and topics that could use your donations. Until next month, happy reading!

~ Mrs. Hosking and Mrs. Murphy





The Preschool students are busy learning about fall and Halloween! We have been enjoying the new equipment on our preschool playground. We have a new playscape with a slide and a balance beam with toad stools to hop onto. There is a new beautiful coating of mulch which makes everything look wonderful! We are welcoming Mrs. Tiffany Golas to the

preschool team on November 1st. Tiffany is an experienced preschool teacher and lives in our Region 17 community. We are very excited to have her join our team! Please remember to dress according to the weather as we like to get outside as long as the weather permits. Also, please no crocs. We do a lot of running and gross motor activity in the preschool and need to make sure the little ones have sturdy shoes on their feet to remain safe. Thank you!

~ Mrs. Golas and Mrs. Treubig



The Library Needs Your Help!



Each year a few series or topics become the books everyone wants, and there is nothing like finishing book 3 only to find that someone else has checked out book 4. That is where you come in! Below is a list of series and subjects that students have requested repeatedly, both this school year and last. If you have books from any of them that your child(ren) no longer reads, please consider donating them to the KES library so we can get them into the hands of eager readers. For right now, we are looking for books from the following series:

- Bad Guys
- Dog Man
- Fly Guy
- Fly Guy Nonfiction
- Hardy Boys (Adventures, Clue, Undercover Brothers)
- Heidi Heckelbeck
- Ivy and Bean
- Mal and Chad
- Notebook of Doom
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- Owl Diaries
- Princess in Black

We are also in search of books on the following topics:

- Lego
- Minecraft
- Roblox
- Fortnite







NOTEBOOK

DOOM

You can send books to school with your child and have him/her drop them off with Mrs. Murphy in the library. Questions? Suggestions of other popular series or topics? Email Mrs. Murphy at emurphy@rsd17.org. The library thanks you for your generosity and willingness to dig through your child's bookshelves!



Vy + BEAN





In November, kindergarten students will start our Unit 2 math work with numbers 6-10, counting and recording these numbers, and comparing quantities. During writing workshop, students will

continue with our "Show and Tell Writing" unit, drawing and labeling pictures as we emphasize the skill of stretching out words, and writing down the sounds that they hear. During reading workshop, kindergartners will continue to learn about letters and the sounds they make, in addition to other phonemic skills that will help them be able to decode new words.

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









First graders continue to work hard and have fun learning. In reading, we are focusing on digraphs (ch, sh, th), blends (st, cr, bl), and vce (cave, home, kite) word patterns while decoding. We are using Syllable Sam and Lucy Lightbulb reading strategies to help us. In writer's workshop, we are

finishing up our narrative writing unit. Soon, we will start writing how-to writing pieces. In math, we are using a variety of strategies to solve for the missing addend. Students also continuing to use Number Talks to help build their number sense. In science, we are finishing up our Project Lead the Way unit focusing on Light & Sound. In social studies, we have been learning about community helpers here at KES. We are learning about the roles and responsibilities these people have and the role they play in helping the school function and run effectively. For social emotional learning, we are focusing on using self-talk and learning how to be assertive when asking for help.

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



In reading, students are working on 'Becoming Experts Reading Nonfiction'. We have been learning about various text features and how they can help understand the text better. Students are researching topics of interest, using multiple texts, as well as online resources to help build their knowledge. During this work, students are able to compare and

contrast important information each text or resource provides them, to add to or change their understanding of the topic.

Students are writing nonfiction books, using research from our information reading, to teach others about their topics. Students have been learning how to plan out their nonfiction books by creating a table of contents that helps to map out each part of their topic they will talk about. In addition, students are learning how to write strong introductions, as well as a conclusion for their books, creating pages in between that have main ideas with supporting details for each heading.

In math we have just started our second unit of study. In this unit we will be applying two-digit addition and subtraction skills within 100. During this unit, students will learn ways to be flexible mathematicians by using multiple strategies to help them solve a problem using strategies such as open number lines and expanded notation.

Finally, we are very excited that to wrap up our social studies unit on Government and Citizenship, Killingworth's First Selectwoman, Catherine lino, participated in a virtual meeting with second graders. She spoke with us about her role in our community and her responsibilities to help students better understand our local government and the people who serve as a part of it.

As always, thank you for your continued support!

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





Happy fall third grade families! Thank you so much for joining us at parent-teacher conferences! It was a pleasure to meet with you and discuss your child's progress! This month third graders are busy, busy, busy! In reading, we are reading nonfiction texts. While reading nonfiction, students are

learning to recognize the various nonfiction text structures that writers use to convey main ideas. In writing, students will be using notes from reading to write informational pieces that contain main ideas with supporting details. In math, we started our first multiplication unit. Students are learning the concept of multiplication and beginning to learn the basic multiplication facts. In social studies, students are learning about the indigenous people of Connecticut and how they lived. On November 15th, third graders will get to experience an in-house field trip when the CT River Museum joins us to present their River Dwellers program! In science, students are in the middle of the Stability and Motions: Forces and Interactions unit. They are busy building simple and complex machines using Vex Kits with the end goal of rescuing a trapped tiger. Third graders were also all presented with their own Dictionaries from the Rotary Club. Thank you for all of your support!

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

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ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
1. Cereal Breakfast Break Pack Milk	2. Professional Development Day- No School For Students	3. Muffin Applesauce Orange Juice Milk	4. Pancake Peaches Raisin Milk	5. Cinnamon Bun, Carrots, Sliced Apples Milk	
8. Cereal Breakfast Break Pack Milk	9. Breakfast Bread Orange Wedge, Raisins, Milk	10. Muffin Applesauce Juice Milk	VETERANS	12. Cinnamon Bun, Carrots, Sliced Apples Milk	
15. Cereal Breakfast Break Pack Milk	16. Breakfast Bread Orange Wedge, Raisins, Milk	17. Muffin Applesauce Juice Milk	18. Pancake Peaches Raisin Milk	19. Cinnamon Bun, Carrots, Sliced Apples Milk	BREAKFAST IS FREE FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR
22. Cereal Breakfast Break Pack Milk	23. Breakfast Bread Orange Wedge, Raisins, Milk	24. Muffin . Applesauce Juice Milk	25.	26.	DUE TO DELIVERY AND PRODUCT SHORTAGES THE MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE
29. Cereal Breakfast Break Pack Milk	30. Breakfast Bread Orange Wedge, Raisins, Milk				This institution is an equal opportunity provider."



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Elementary School Lunch Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
1. Cheeseburger Oven Fries Fruit of the Day Milk 2 ketchup	2. Professional Development Day No school for students	3. French Toast Sticks, Sausage Hash brown Patty Fruit of the Day Milk I ketchup	4. Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes, Corn Fruit of the Day Milk I ketchup	5. Pizza, Fresh Vegetables Fruit of the Day Milk	LUNCH IS FREE FOR ALL STUDENTS
8. Chicken Patty Sandwich Oven Fries Fruit of the Day Milk 1 ketchup	9. Pasta w/ Meat sauce, Roll, Fresh Vegetables Fruit of the Day Milk,	10 Sausage, Egg and Cheese Sandwich, Tater Tots, Fruit of the Day Milk	VETERANS DAY NO SCHOOL	12. Pizza, Mixed Vegetables Fruit of the Day Milk	
15. Meatball Grinder Oven Fries Fruit of the Day Milk 1 ketchup	16. Turkey Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Roll Apple Crisp Milk	17. Pancakes Hash Brown Patty Chicken Bacon 100% Fruit Juice Syrup, Milk I ketchup	18. Corndogs, Carrots Fruit of the Day Milk	19. Pizza Fresh Vegetables Fruit of the Day Milk	A MEAL IS HOT ENTRÉE LISTED ON LEFT
22. Hotdog, Baked Beans Fruit of the Day Milk 1 ketchup	23. Mozzarella Sticks, Side Marinara Sauce, Roll, Fresh Vegetables Fruit of the Day Milk,	24. Pizza Chef Vegetable Choice Frozen Treat Milk	25. Happy Thanksgiving	26. THANKSGIVING BREAK	B MEAL IS CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD, ROLL FRUIT OF THE DAY AND MILK DUE TO DELIVERY AND PRODUCT SHORTAGES
29. Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans Fruit of the Day Milk I ketchup	30. Beef Nacho's, Corn and Black Bean Salad, Salsa Fruit of the Day Milk		LUNCH IS FREE		THE MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE This institution is an equal opportunity provider."

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.



Thank you to the Rotary Club of Clinton who graciously donated dictionaries to every third grade student!



NOVEMBER 2021



 Karate

 Age 5+ 3:30 - 4:30 pm

 Mondays 11/1 - 12/6 at KES

 Wednesdays 11/3 - 12/15 at BES

 \$42 (NR add \$10)
 (No 11/24)

Gymnastics Tumbling & More

Age 5-11 3:30 - 4:30 pm Wednesdays 10/20 - 11/17 at KES Tuesdays 11/30 - 12/21 at BES \$77 (NR add \$10)

Creative Art

Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:45 pm Gr. K-5 10/19 - 11/16 (No 11/2) at BES 11/30 - 12/21 at KES \$55 (NR add \$10)

Horseback Riding

Age 6+ Whitney Ridge Farm Mondays 10/25 - 11/15 Thursdays 10/21 - 11/18 (No 11/11) 5:30 or 6:30 pm (1 hr classes) \$175 (NR add \$10)

Stem & LEGO Animal Architects

Wednesdays 11/3 - 12/8 (No 11/24) Gr. K - 5 3:30 - 5:00 pm at BES \$110 (NR add \$10) **Covid-19 Safety Protocols enforced**

Basic 1st Aid

 Wednesday
 10/13
 Ages 8+

 5:30 - 7:00 pm at HK HS Lower
 \$26 (NR add \$5)
 Media

Wizard School of Magic

Wednesday 10/13 Ages 5 - 11 4:00 - 5:00 pm at Sheldon Pavilion \$25 (NR add \$5)

Swim Lessons

Tuesdays & Thursdays Ages 4+ 6:30 - 7:10 pm at HK HS Pool 11/16 - 12/7 (No 11/25) \$72 (NR add \$10)

<u>CPR for Babysitter's</u>

Tuesday & Thursday 11/16 & 11/17 Age 10+ 5:45 - 7:45 pm at HK HS \$55 (NR add \$10)

Zumba Kids

3:30 - 4:30 pm Gr. K-5 Thursdays 11/4 - 12/9 at BES (No 11/11, 11/25) Wednesdays 12/1 - 12/22 at KES \$52 (NR add \$10)

Babysitter's Training

Mondays & Wednesday 12/13, 12/15, 12/20 Age 10+ 5:45 - 7:45 pm at HK HS \$75 (NR add \$10)

Cooking 101

Thursdays 11/4 - 12/16 at KES (No 11/11, 11/25) Fridays 11/5 - 12/10 at BES 3:30 - 5:00 pm Ages 5-10 \$103 (NR add \$10)

Activity to Go Kits

Look for more info. on our Activity to Go Kits (Holiday and Elf on the Shelf)

Pre-Season Basketball Clinics

<u>Boys Gr. 3 & 4</u>: Tuesdays 11/2 - 11/23 5:30 - 6:30 pm at KES

<u>Boys Gr. 5 & 6</u>: Tuesdays 11/2 - 11/23 6:30 - 7:30 pm at KES

<u>Girls Gr. 3 & 4</u>: Wednesdays 11/3 - 12/1 (No 11/24) 5:30 - 6:30 pm at KES

<u>Girls Gr. 5 & 6</u>: Wednesdays 11/3 - 12/1 (No 11/24) 7:00 - 8:00 pm at OMS

\$45 (NR add \$10) Max. of 12

Adult Programs mid-October - November - December

Aqua Aerobics

Mondays & Wednesdays 11/3 - 11/22 & 12/1 - 12/20 6:30 - 7:30 pm at HK HS Pool \$48 (6 classes) / \$24 (3 classes) (NR add \$10)

Horseback Riding

Fitness Yoga via Zoom

Tuesdays & Thursdays 10/12 - 11/4 & 11/9 - 12/9 (No 11/11, 11/25) 7:00 - 8:15 pm \$72 (8 classes) / \$40 (4 classes) \$12 drop-in

Pottery

Wednesdays 10/13 - 11/17 5:30 - 8:30 pm at HK HS \$165 (NR add \$10) *few spots left

Register at www.hkrec.com

NOVEMBER 2021









































Paws-itively Awesome Students!





*Please note that as everyone was six feet apart, the children were given the option to pull their mask down for a quick "smile" for the picture!

SNOW CANCELLATION PROCEDURES

The decision to cancel/delay school is made between 5-5:30 a.m.

- 1. Transportation gets the report from the State Police and Public Works.
- 2. RSD #17 Superintendent consults with Transportation, Director of Fiscal Operations, area town superintendents and Director of Facilities.
- 3. Weather conditions are reviewed using local and area media services.
- 4. A decision is made by the Superintendent using all available information.
- 5. School Messenger alert system is initiated.

If school is delayed, the start time will be at 10:40.

If school is dismissed early, the dismissal time will be at 1:05.

A decision to dismiss early will only be used when the threat of weather is predictable and probable. The logic here is as follows:

In some cases, we would be dismissing students during the height of road crews completing the treatment of the roads. It is always best to wait until treatments are completed to a certain level.

In some cases, we would be sending students home without anyone home and without advance notice. We respect the fact that many people work away from their homes.





A huge thank you to our local Killingworth Dunkin' Donut. They graciously provided the staff with coffee and donuts in October. We truly appreciate their thoughtfulness!



There is a collection box for used eyeglasses in the front hallway of KES. Donating used eyeglasses can change someone's life. Can you help?







You may continue to order Charleston Wrap until December 2. Orders will be mailed directly to your residence. Thank you for your continued support.



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 <u>RECEIPTS@BOXTOPS4EDUCATION.COM</u> 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 Bishop's Pie fundraiser deadline is Friday, November 5th. No orders can be accepted after this date. Pick up will be on Monday, November 22nd, from 3:30 until 6:00.



It's here, it's here! Our new playground equipment has been installed in the back of KES, and it is ready for play! The Playground Committee would like to thank all of our volunteers for installing and our donors for making this a reality. We are so grateful for you and so proud to have been a part in this historic project. We can now finally say... "LET'S PLAY!"



The KES Spiritwear fundraiser has ended. Thank you to all who participated! Delivery should occur towards the end of November.



Thank to Elysha Mallon for offering the online Scholastic Book Fair. Your purchases benefit KES students. Thank you for ordering!



Thank you Susan Zeidler for putting together our Student Directory—we appreciate all your hard work!



The next PTO meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 30th at 7:00 pm in the library. Please join us!

Regional School District 17 Haddam Killingworth Schools



Pre-School Developmental Screening

Cognitive & Readiness Skills Speech & Language Skills Fine & Gross Motor Skills Social Skills Adaptive Skills

This developmental screening is available for children ages 3-5 who reside in the towns of Haddam and Killingworth.

If you have questions or concerns about your child's development, please call to arrangement for an appointment:

Killingworth Elementary School 860-663-1121 or email Lee Kozlowski at <u>Ikozlowski@rsd17.org</u>

Due to COVID, we are still handling screening different this year. Details will be provided when you call for an appointment.

NOVEMBER 2021



Created by Elliot Dollar, Mrs. Sullivan's class





The new playground has been installed and new mulch will be delivered soon!

The new pre-school playground has been installed and new mulch and sand delivered.







Fall Beautification Day

Monday - November 8, 2021 (rain date Friday, Nov. 12, 2021)

First Grade1:15—1:45Kindergarten1:45—2:15

Exact locations will be posted on the sign-in tables at the front/side of the building .

Note: Second and third grade students will participate in the Spring Beautification Day.



THE PACK IS BACK

Support your local high school hockey team while enjoying some great hockey!

includes students athletes from Rocky Hill, Middletown, Plainville, & Haddam-Killingworth



TICKETS \$20.00 DEADLINE TO ORDER: OCTOBER 29, 2021

** This offer is NOT available at XL Center Box Office or on date of game **

TO ORDER: send the info below to our email & choose payment method

For more information contact thboosters@gmail.com

TICKETS WILL BE SENT TO THE EMAIL PROVIDED AT PAYMENT AFTER 10/29.

Venmo payments are preferred, at @Sides-Trevor

Boosters will earn 20% on each ticket attributed to this flyer before 10/29.

Payment Type: Venmo: @Sides-Trevor / Cash / Check payable to: Terriers Hockey Boosters