

Killingworth Elementary School January 2022

As we approach a much needed, well deserved

school vacation, we hope you enjoy a

wonderful, safe holiday season and a very

KES families and staff showed their extreme

generosity this past month, sending in over \$839

for CT Children's Hospital on PJ Day and \$473

for the Connecticut Cancer Foundation, which

monies were presented to the Holiday Telethon

Looking forward to January, a PTO meeting will



Dennis Reed Principal

Regional School District #17

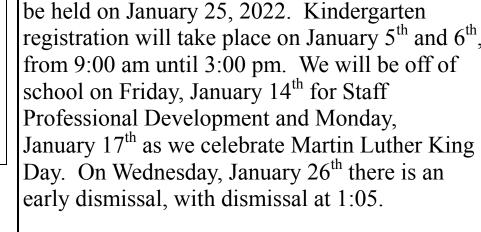
happy new year.

held at HK High School.



Important Dates

- 1 Happy New Year!
- 3 Welcome back!
- 4 BOE meeting
- 5 Kindergarten Registration
- 6 Kindergarten Registration
- 14 Staff PD Day—No school
- 17 ML King, Jr. Day—No school
- 18 BOE meeting
- 25 PTO meeting
- 26 Minimum day for students



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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 Intermediate/Middle School. Their main office phone number is 860-663-1241.

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From the Health Office

Just a gentle reminder that students in the preschool program must receive the influenza vaccine prior to returning to school on January 3rd. Proof of your child receiving the vaccine can be sent to me via email at lkenney@rsd17.org.

Thank you all for your patience, understanding and cooperation with regards to testing and quarantines related to the COVID-19 virus. Moving forward, the district has implemented the "Screen and Stay" protocol which allows close contacts that have occurred in school and meet the guidelines to continue in-school learning. Great news for our students!

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season and a happy, healthy new year!

~ Lori Kenney, BSN, RN, NCSN





I hope you all have a wonderful and relaxing holiday. When we return in January, our third graders will continue to work on their recorder

skills and build up their repertoire including some new notes such as C and D. We are really hoping to finally have a live performance at the end of the year. Second graders will continue to work on their play which will take place at the end of January. It does not look like we will be able to invite parents at this time, but the show will be recorded and sent to all parents to enjoy. Kindergartners and first graders will start our winter unit full of winter-related songs, games and dances.

~ Mrs. Rubalsky



Hello and Happy New Year from the Art Room. In December, the students were very excited about creating their winter-themed artwork. I hope many of you

enjoyed the art projects that came home. We will continue to create art and work with many different concepts, techniques, and materials throughout the month of January. I am currently collecting some recycled materials for our art room. If you happen to eat yogurt, I am collecting washed-out containers that can stack (any size). I am also collecting newspapers (especially large newspapers like the Hartford Courant or New York Times). I am just looking for large newspapers, not flyers. Please drop them off at the front office. If you have any questions please email me at akelsey@rsd17.org. I hope everyone has a safe, happy, and healthy new year.

~ Mrs. Kelsey









I hope everyone has a relaxing break—we definitely need it after a busy December in the Library! Kindergarten and first grade wrapped up their unit on fiction and nonfiction with a nonfiction book about

grizzly bears—did you know they can smell prey from three miles away? Second and third grade finished up their unit on Nutmeg Award nominees with the book *Seeds Move!*, then learned which nominee was most popular at KES. (Ask your student if you would like to know the answer!) We will vote in the statewide contest in a few months. On our rotating Mondays, each class read *The Ninth Night of Hanukkah* and played the dreidel game. Thanks to our pro players for helping out all the newbies! Our next few Mondays will be devoted to makerspace activities using Legos and the books *Made by Maxine* and *The Most Magnificent Thing*. Across the grades, we started learning about coding using Hour of Code activities, the app Kodable (in K and 1), and the website Code.org (for 2 and 3). After a fun holiday story, children have been spending their library time learning how computer coding works and trying it out themselves. We will continue with these activities as we move into 2022. Happy New Year, and happy reading!

News from the KES Gym



During the month of December, we started introducing new warm-up exercises to help expand our skills and abilities. We continue to improve on our pushups and abdominal strength every class. All month we have been working on our kicking skills. We started the month with dribbling skills. Students then

progressed into passing with partners and punting the ball at targets. To finish off the month of December we will be playing holiday-themed games for the last week before holiday break.

During the month of January, we will be continuing to change up the warm-up routine with new and fun exercises. We will continue to play fun tag games to work on our cardio vascular endurance and agility. When we get back from break, we will be using the parachute. The parachute helps with team building and cooperation. We will also learn how to use a hula hoop and many activities involving hula hoops.

I wish you all a safe and exciting holiday break with family and friends! Remember, GO **OUTSIDE AND PLAY!**

~ Mr. Weeks









Going on in Preschool this month

December has been a fun-filled month. We have been making some fun holiday crafts and learning about different holiday traditions. We are ending the month of December making gingerbread houses (pictures coming soon). In January, we are looking forward

to learning together about clothing and winter. Please remember warm coats, scarves, hats, and mittens! We love playing outside even when it's chilly.

~ Mrs. Golas & Mrs. Treubig



Kindergartners will start the new year off finishing our math work with numbers to 10 and beginning a new unit on 2D and 3D shapes. During language arts lessons, they will continue to listen and respond to literature, adding new

words to their vocabulary, and building on their phonemic awareness and decoding skills. During writing, kindergartners will work on writing true stories with attention to starting each sentence with an uppercase letter, leaving spaces between words, and ending each sentence with a period or an exclamation point!

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





We hope you and your families enjoy your winter break! In reading, we are continuing our work with strengthening our phonics-based skills with a focus on glued sounds (-ink, -onk, -unk, -ank, -ing, -ong, -ung, -ang). In writer's workshop, we will continue writing

informational writing in our all about writing pieces. In math, we are learning strategies to add and subtract in math word problems as well as how to determine if equations are true or false. Soon, we will be learning strategies to add and subtract with automaticity. In science, we are continuing our work within our Patterns of the Light and Moon unit. In social studies, we are learning about holidays around the world. We will also continue reading diverse texts with rich vocabulary while using strategies to build our comprehension skills. For social emotional learning, we are learning how to show care/concern for others as well as learning strategies to calm down. What an exciting start to the New Year!

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



Happy New Year from second grade!

With a New Year, comes even more new learning!

In math, we are moving into our third unit this January called Numbers Within 1,000. In this unit, students will continue to develop their skills understanding the value of a digit in a number depends on its place in the number. This knowledge will help students to determine the total value of a number and will help them read, write, and compare numbers. Students will also learn how to build three-digit numbers in different ways, as well as add and subtract three digit numbers using multiple strategies.

In reading, we are moving into Unit 4, Studying Characters and their story. In this unit, students will work hard to infer about characters and dig deep into their stories. They will learn to identify what their characters say, do, and think to help them describe their character's traits. They will work inside early chapter books, accumulating the story and thinking about how chapters link together.

In writing, we will also be moving into our 4th unit of study called Writing Gripping Fictional Stories. In this unit, students will extend their narrative writing skills through gripping realistic fiction stories by emphasizing story structure. Students will learn how to build suspense in their fictional stories as well.

~ Ms Burke, Mrs. Esposito & Mrs. Munz





Happy New Year! We hope everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable holiday! In January we will be starting several new units. In reading, students will

read mysteries keeping track of clues, wondering about suspects, noting points of confusion, and discussing their thinking with partners. Students will see they can transfer these reading skills to become better readers of any kind of fiction. In writing, students will be learning about the structure and characteristics of fairy tales. Students will then write their own version of a fairy tale. In math, students will continue to build their understanding of division, recognizing the connection between multiplication and division. As always, thank you for your support!

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

Winter Math Activities

Snowball Fight Math Challenge

Make a snowball fight with math challenges. This can be adapted to kids of all ages. For young children, you can just write numbers on papers, for older kids, you can write more complex math problems, addition, multiplication, or even multi-step calculations. After you write them on papers, you crumple them up to look like snowballs. Have kids toss the snowballs at each other or at a target, then go pick the snowballs up. They have to solve the math problems before they can pick up another ball. The one who has the most snowballs at the end wins the game.





Hot Chocolate Math

Make paper hot chocolate mugs.
Cover them with clear contact paper.
Use a dry erase marker to write
numbers (for younger students) or
equations (for older students) to solve
using marshmallows. Wipe clean
and start over as needed.

My Flake

My Flake is a very simple free app. While having fun designing their own snowflakes and seeing how the designs turn out, kids will learn about symmetry, especially hexagonal symmetry.

Fun Facts:

- No two snowflakes are alike.
- All snowflakes are hexagonal

















Out & About at XES



Guest speakers Henry & Ashton inform students at KES of the upcoming PJ Day to benefit CCMC.





Staff members enjoyed our own spirit—wear green/Grinch Day.





Students in Mrs. Lomazzo's first grade class were filmed by Channel 8. The TV station reported a segment showcasing their efforts in a dog/cat food donation for the Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter in Branford. Students also made blankets for the shelter to use in their kennels.















KES Spirit Week was a funfilled week with children showing their creativity on each of our themed days.

Through your generosity, \$481.40 was raised and presented to the HK HS Holiday show.

January 2022

Caesar Salad, Fruit of the Day, Milk

BREAKFAST

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3. Cereal Breakfast Break Pack Milk	4. Breakfast Bread Applesauce Juice, Milk,	5 Cinnamon Toast Crunch Bar, Peaches Juice, Milk	6 Muffin Strawberry Cup Juice Milk	7. Bagel, Cream Cheese Raisins, Juice Milk
10. Cereal Breakfast Break Pack Milk	11. Breakfast Bread Applesauce Juice, Milk,	12 Cinnamon Toast Crunch Bar, Peaches Juice, Milk	13. Muffin Strawberry Cup Juice Milk	14. Professional Development Day No School For Students
17.	18. Breakfast Bread Applesauce Juice, Milk,	19. Cinnamon Toast Crunch Bar, Peaches Juice, Milk	20. Muffin Strawberry Cup Juice Milk	21. Bagel, Cream Cheese Raisins, Juice Milk
24. Cereal Breakfast Break Pack Milk	25. Breakfast Bread Applesauce Juice, Milk,	26. Cinnamon Toast Crunch Bar, Peaches Juice, Milk	27. Muffin Strawberry Cup Juice Milk	28. Bagel, Cream Cheese Raisins, Juice Milk
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BREAKFAST IS FREE FOR STUDENTS FOR THE REST OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!!!!!!!



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		LUNCH IS FREE FOR ALL STUDENTS THROUGH THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR		1.
3. Cheeseburger Oven Fries, Choice of Fruit	4. Mozzarella Sticks, Marinara Sauce, Side Salad , Fruit of the Day, Milk	5. Egg and Cheese Sandwich, Breakfast Potatoes Fruit of the Day, Milk	6. Chicken Nacho's, Cheese, Salsa, Lettuce, Tomato Southwestern Corn Fruit of the Day, Milk	7. Pizza, Chef Choice Vegetable Fruit of the Day, Milk
10. Chicken Patty Sandwich, Oven Fries Fruit of the Day, Milk	11. Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll Fruit of the Day, Milk	12. WG French Toast Sticks, Sausage Patty, Hash Browns Fruit of the Day, Milk	Pasta w/ Meat Sauce, Veggies, Garlic Knot Fruit of the Day, Milk	14. Professional Development Day for Teachers- No School for Students
17.	18. Hotdog, Baked Beans, Fruit of the Day, Milk	19. Waffles/ w/ Strawberries, Sausage, Tater Tots, Milk	20 Chicken Tenders, Vegetable Medley, Fruit of the Day, Milk	21. Pizza Chef Choice Vegetable Fruit of the Day, Milk
24. Cheeseburger Oven Fries, Fruit of the Day, Milk	25 Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Broccoli, Fruit of the Day, Milk	26. Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Potatoes Fruit of the Day, Milk	27. Meatball Grinder Side Salad Fruit of the Day, Milk	28. Pizza Chef Choice Vegetable Fruit of the Day, Milk

Elementary School January Lunch 2022



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A MEAL IS HOT ENTRÉE LISTED ON LEFT

B MEAL IS A GARDEN SALAD WITH CHICKEN, ROLL FRUIT OF THE DAY AND MILK

Menu is subject to change

Paws-itively Awesome Students and Students of the Month for November!





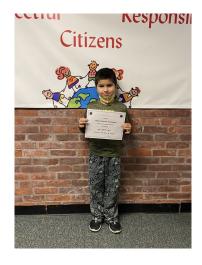














*Please note that as everyone was six feet apart, the children were given the option to pull their mask down for a quick "smile" for the picture!



Registration for students who will be entering kindergarten in RSD #17 schools in 2022 will be held on Wednesday, January 5th from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm and Thursday, January 6th from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Children eligible to enter kindergarten in 2022 must reach their fifth birthday before January 1, 2023.

Because of COVID, nobody will be allowed in the building. Please ring the bell and request a registration packet. Please return the packet at your earliest convenience. Parents are asked to call the secretary at the school if they need additional information concerning the registration process. Original birth certificates (with a raised seal) should be shown at the time of registration. Proof of residency is required; a list of acceptable forms of proof of residency will be included in the packet of information you receive at registration.

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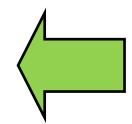






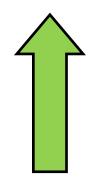
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The PTO would like to thank all who donated their time, money and efforts during our fall fundraisers. These events were very successful. We welcome all feedback and suggestions. Keep your eyes open for upcoming fundraisers in the new year.



More information coming soon—Savers Fundraiser will take place in January. Small household items and clothing (clothing should be in garbage bags/household items in a box). If you have items you would like out of your house by the holidays, please contact Kristi LiDonni at 860-510-1142.



We hope you enjoy your holiday presents that your children purchased through Lil' Shoppers. They had a great time picking out the perfect gift for their family members. Thank you to Elysha Mallon and Kelly Webster, as well as their many volunteers who made this such a great experience for the children at KES. Over \$6,248 worth of items were purchased with a profit to the PTO of about \$1,500.





ALL NEW—INTRODUCING A CLASSROOM LEADERBOARD. You can now give credit to your child's classroom. 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.



NEW! Give Credit Leaderboard

Introducing the all-new Give Credit Leaderboard — an easy way to give credit for your receipt scans and track your school's earnings by grade level. Check it out now in your school's dashboard!



Our next PTO meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 25th at 7:00 pm. Please join us in the KES Library!

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 Operations.
- 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.



STAFF SELFIES











Kindergarten/First Grade Parents

If you are interested in joining our Girl Scout/
Daisy troop for kindergarten and 1st grade, please email Melissa
Bergman at melitotino@aol.com for more information.



SPIRIT WEEK

Hat Day/Silly Sock Day/Inside out Day/ Crazy Hair Day/Ugly Holiday Sweater

































Sue Anziano, Angela Bartelli, Jamie Beckman, Jenn Beermuender, Tara Bessoni, Colleen Boothroyd, Audrey Boutangh, Kim Brustman, Denise Buckley, Eliza Burke, Joyce Callahan, Sean Collins, Deb Conway, Colleen Corniello, Craig Cusson, Ronnie Ellison, Jenn Esposito, Tiffany Golas, Kim Goodison, Heidi Hardgrove, Nicole Harmuth, Lou Hoshing, Erin Hull, Royse Jsleiß, Megan Jenkins, Donna

Jones, Dana
Alexis Kelsey,
Jen
Lee Kozlowski,
Kumnick, Lisa
Kaleigh
Randi LaPierre,
Lomazzo, Caryn
Ashley



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MacPhail,

Jen Maio, Alanna Marroney, Melissa Maura, Ariana Medina, Lindsey Meyer, Josh Morehouse, Georganna Munz, Liz Murphy, Dayleen Nelson, Jean Nolet, Erin O'Reilly, Kali Penders, Torrey Pommer, Avery Reardon, Morgan Recore, Dennis Reed, Mike Reilly, Pam Rich, Lauren Roby, Erika Rosa, Jrina Rubalsky, Jeanette Schuster, Katy Steinhilber, Kathy Sullivan, Jennifer Treubig, Becky Viens, Teddy Weeks, Megan Williams, Beth Yaglowski & Jerry Zarger