

Kerr Elementary School Newsletter

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A Monthly Newsletter

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SAVE THE
DATE!

CAMP ALLEGHENY 2019

WHO: Parents/Guardians of current 4th grader (upcoming 5th grade students in 2019-2020)

WHAT: 5th Grade Camp Allegheny and Curriculum Meeting

WHEN: Tuesday, May 7th @ 5:30 - 7:30 PM (5:30-6:30 PM Curriculum Talk, 6:30-7:30 PM Camp Allegheny Presentation)

WHY: Camp Allegheny is the third week of school for Kerr, from Sept. 16-19, 2019. This is earlier than usual and we want to provide ample time for parents to complete the paperwork and gather supplies. **NOTE:** One form requires a doctor signature that you would be able to take care of over the summer when your child is already home. This will also be the only night for 5th grade teachers to review curriculum.

Grade 2 Program!

The Kerr 2nd Grade Music program will be held on **Thursday, March 7th at 7:00pm** for parents, friends, and family! Our program this year will continue our tradition of "Sing Me a Story" by sharing the book Do You Have a Hat?

The second grade students are working hard and are excited to share their program with our school community!



Kerr Elementary School Site-Based Parent Wanted!

The Kerr Site-Based Team helps to make decisions concerning school operations. The position is for two years and the parent must have at least one child attending Kerr both years. If you are interested, please send a letter or an email of interest to Paul Noro, Principal of Kerr Elementary School, by **February 28, 2019**. Applicants will be selected through a lottery system.



It's a **READ ACROSS AMERICA** celebration at Kerr Elementary School!

Please JOIN US as we honor **Dr. Seuss's** upcoming birthday and celebrate our love of reading!

We invite you to participate in the following activities being held throughout the week of
February 25th – March 1st, 2019.

"Marvelous Monday" (Feb. 25th)

Read *Oh, the Places You'll Go!*

Dr. Seuss encourages us to take a journey to follow our dreams. Wear something to school that has the name of a city, state, or special place you've visited.

"Top-of-the-Hat Tuesday" (February 26th)

Read *The Cat in the Hat*

One of Dr. Seuss's famous characters is known for his silly hat. Wear your favorite hat to school today!

"Wacky Wednesday" (February 27th)

Read *Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You?*

Dr. Seuss was extremely creative! Show us how creative you can be as you plan a wacky outfit for today. (All dress code rules apply; however, feel free to wear clothes inside-out, backwards, mismatched, etc.)

"Thing 1 & Thing 2 Thursday" (February 28th)

Read *The Cat in the Hat Comes Back*.

Thing 1 & Thing 2 are twins. Plan and wear a "Twinning" outfit with friends OR wear red, white, and black.

"Footsy Friday" (March 1st)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DR. SEUSS!!

Read *Fox in Socks* and/or *The Foot Book*.

Dr. Seuss would love to see you wearing your wild and crazy socks to school today! No need to have them match... Do you think Dr. Seuss's would???

OR

Read *Happy Birthday to You!*

Dr. Seuss's books are filled with amazing characters. Dress as your favorite Dr. Seuss character or another favorite book character! (All dress code rules apply.)



Fox Chapel Area School District's

Pre-Kindergarten Program



We are located at:
Kerr Elementary School
341 Kittanning Pike
Pittsburgh, PA 15215

Accepting 4-year-old applicants who meet all of the requirements.

Must be 4 years old on or before September 1st.

Family income of no more than 300% of the federal poverty guidelines.

Must provide transportation.

Must be toilet-trained.

School Times
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

5 days a week.

Breakfast, lunch, and a snack provided daily.

Now accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year.

Enrollment window open from January 2 to February 28, 2019.

Go to prek.fcasd.edu to download the application OR
Call 412-967-2455 for an application.

For more information please contact
Dr. Ashley Constantine at
ashley_constantine@fcasd.edu or
412-967-2411.

****Program Philosophy****

The FCASD Pre-K Program is designed to promote positive approaches to learning.

These areas include designing supportive classroom environments; strengthening social, emotional, and behavioral skills in students; and working collaboratively with families.

Our approach is also aligned to the outcomes set by the Pennsylvania Early Learning Standards and is designed to maximize students' academic learning, achievement, and growth.



JOIN OUR TEAM! 😊

Permanent, part-time positions available in the Fox Chapel Area School District Cafeterias.

- The hourly start rate is \$10.00 per hour. PLUS a \$250 sign on Bonus.
- Must secure or possess current PA Child Abuse History, PA Criminal Record Check, and PA Dept. of Education FBI Background Check.
- Please contact the Nutrition Center at 412-967-4409. EOE.



Kids of STEEL Program

We are excited to share that Kerr Elementary is participating in the **Kids of STEEL Program** from P3R, a nonprofit organization that is passionate about promoting the love of running and enhancing community access to health & fitness education and activities.

Don't miss your spot at the start line! [Registration for the Toyota of Pittsburgh Kids Marathon is open and filling quickly! The race on Saturday May 4, 2019 is open to children in grades K - 6th.](#)

To sign up visit the Pittsburgh Marathon's website, click on the "Register Today" and select Toyota of Pittsburgh Kids Marathon & Kids of STEEL. One adult can run for free with each child on race day. There is a field on the form where you can enter the name of the adult participating.

To sign up please visit ...

<https://www.thepittsburghmarathon.com/kidsmarathon>
(Look for the Chick-fil-A Pittsburgh Kids Marathon)

If your child does not want to race but would like to train at Kerr on Tuesdays and Thursdays, please sign up at...

<https://kidsofstream.org/KOSprogram>

Starting on February 5th, we will be holding training sessions for participants from 8:30 to 9. Training sessions will be every Tuesday and Thursday. Upon arrival to school, participants should report to the gym after they check in with their homeroom teacher.

**Thanks,
Ms. Roman & Mr. Strzempek**



Pictures from Kids of STEEL 2018



Kerr Makerspace Consumable Drive

Next year, the new Kerr will have its own Makerspace in which students will have the opportunity to discover, collaborate and create. Makerspaces rely heavily on the usage of consumable materials. I am hoping if we start collecting this year, our Makerspace will be stocked and ready for next school year. Below is a list of items I am collecting. Many items are recyclable materials that we tend to throw away. Please consider donating items. If your child does bring an item to school, please have them drop the item off in the Kerr Computer Lab.



Thanks for your support,
Mr. Strzempek



Flat Empty Cereal
Boxes



Yarn, String, Thread
and Rubber Bands



Gift, Paper Towel and
Toilet Paper Tubes



Felt or Fabric Scraps



Plastic Bottles,
Bottle Caps and
Corks



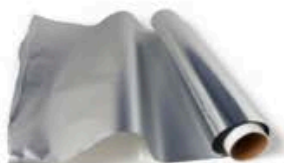
Unwanted Art and
Craft Supplies



Small Plastic Toys
You No Longer Want
Or Need



Duct, Masking or
Scotch Tape



Aluminum Foil, Pans
and Trays



Popsicle Sticks,
Straws and Pipe
Cleaners



CDs and Old
Computer/Electronic
Parts



Wood Blocks and
Legos

...and pretty much anything else you think would help make an awesome creation!

BEATTIE TECH VISITS KERR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Teachers and students from Beattie Tech came to Kerr in January to give our fifth-grade students presentations in a variety of career paths. The students were able to have hands on experiences in the areas of Emergency Response Technology, Sports Medicine/ Exercise Sports Therapy, Cosmetology, Advanced Computer Programming and Veterinary Science. Every student had the opportunity to meet Rosie the Pug and listen to her heart and lungs. The students had a great time while they explored possible careers and programs that Beattie Tech offers to students in the Fox Chapel Area School District.



SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

On January 7th, 2019, Kerr Elementary School Student Council Members were chosen to recognize our School Board for School Board Recognition Month. Our students thanked our School Board for all of the opportunities that they provide our students and staff across our entire school district.



FEBRUARY Dates to Remember

February 4-8 - Traveling Art Gallery (TAG) Week

February 6 - New Kindergarten Parent Orientation Mtg. - MPR - 6:00 - 7:00 P.M.

February 12 - Kerr Elem. Pre- Kindergarten Story Time - Library - 2:00 - 3:00 P.M.

February 14 - **Valentine's Day** - PTO Valentine's Day Parties - Classrooms - 2:15 - 3:15 P.M.

February 15 - **NO SCHOOL** - Teacher PD Day

February 18 - **Student Make-Up Day!**

February 25 - Kerr Elem. New Kindergarten Student Registration - Conference Room 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

February 26 - Kerr Elem. New Kindergarten Student Registration - Conference Room 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

February 26 - Districtwide New Kindergarten Student Registration Kerr Elem. Conference Room 4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

February 27 - Districtwide New Kindergarten Student Registration O'Hara Elem. Conference Room 4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.