

# KELLER COMMUNITY NEWS

## SEPTEMBER 2023

### GREETINGS KELLER COMMUNITY!

The school year is off to a great start! We have many excited plans for this school year. Just another reminder regarding communication platforms; we will be using JPS JCalls, the Parent Resource Google Classroom, and ClassTag to share classroom and school announcements. This month, we wanted to share a few important reminders as well as some new news and upcoming events.

Please know how much the administration and staff appreciate meeting you and supporting you and your student as often as possible. We humbly ask, that for the sake of instructional minutes, we would like to be very strategic with parent meetings that are not scheduled with administration and teachers. Our instructional minutes are precious. Thank you for helping to honor them as part of our school community.

- **\*\*NEW- PRIORITY INFORMATION\*\* Meetings with ADMIN and Teachers:**
  - **Please call the school office or email the administration or staff member for a parent meeting. When we are called unexpectedly, we are being taken away from another TOP priority- teaching and learning.**
  - Please do not expect to meet with the school administration unannounced. Please email us: [Jessica Smith or Renee Fletcher](#) to schedule a meeting. You can also call the school and leave a message for Ms. Smith or Mrs. Fletcher and we will return your call at our earliest convenience. We look forward to supporting you!
  - **Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences will be held at the end of this month. Please plan on attending if you have concerns or have been requested for a meeting.**
  - Teachers will no longer be called out of class when parents stop in without a scheduled appointment. Please use ClassTag to communicate with your students teacher. They will return your call at their earlier availability. **This is the most direct platform of communication with the teaching staff. Remember,** please reach out to your child's teacher first to discuss your concerns.
- **School Hours, Daily Attendance, Tardies, Breakfast:**
  - **7:45 AM to 2:35 PM are our instructional hours.** Please respect the value of instructional time by getting your student to school on time each day. Late entries disrupt the daily structure for students entering late and those already learning.
  - **JPS TASK** will be assisting us with ensuring students are present and on-time to maximize their learning. Please reach out to [Mrs. Tiffany Nelson](#) with any questions. Mrs. Nelson has started meeting with parents regarding tardiness and absences.
  - **ARRIVAL GATE:** The arrival gate will close at 7:45 AM. Any student not on campus at 7:45 AM will be considered tardy. **\*\*Students who are tardy must be signed in by a parent or guardian.**
  - **BREAKFAST:** If your child is a car rider and wants to eat breakfast, please get them in the carpool line early. Thank you for your cooperation!
- **School Safety Expectations for Arrival and Dismissal:**
  - **THANK YOU** for supporting us with the new JPS Walker & Carpool Policies. We are always working hard to improve efficiency and flow.
  - **If the bus is unavailable, please use the carpool to drop off & pick up.**
  - **\*\*NEW\*\* Students will not be dismissed from the front office after 2PM.**
  - **Please arrive on campus by 1:45 or you can email [Ms. Faith](#) or [Ms. Jacqueline](#) if you are unable to get through by telephone.**
  - If possible, sent a note with your student or a ClassTag message the day of the early dismissal request.



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- **School IDs**
  - **THANK YOU** for your continued support ensuring students have their IDs daily. They have received hard copies of their IDs and are doing a great job keeping up with them! Most importantly, this supports student safety. It also makes breakfast and lunch processes flow with efficiency.
- **\*\*NEW\*\* AT HOME Instructional Supports**
  - **CLEVER:** Students have access to several instructional support platforms through their Clever account. Most students know their logins. K and 1 student access may need to be requested from the teacher. Please note: iReady is only available in grades 2-5.
    - [Clever for Students](#)
    - [Clever for Parents](#)
  - **Accelerated Reader-** JP Schools has purchased AR for students. We are in the process of getting the platform up and running and developing student incentives for participation. Please be on the lookout from the school on how you can support your student at home with this program.
- **\*\*NEW\*\* Ballroom Dance Competition**
  - This year, Keller Elementary 5th grade students will compete in the Jefferson Parish Ballroom Dance Competition hosted by Martin Marino. This competition will be televised. We are so excited to welcome our instructor Ms. Kelly Spell.
  - This year's competition will be held on Wednesday, April 17th, 2023. More information will follow.
- **\*\*NEW\*\* Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)**
  - This year, we will bring back the Parent Teacher Organization to Keller.
  - We are excited to continue to develop our efforts of community support for our students.
  - Please be on the lookout for information on how to join our PTO.
- **UPCOMING: OCTOBER EVENTS**
  - Fall Break- No school for staff and students.
  - **Trunk or Treat:** This year we hope our Trunk or Treat Celebration will be even better! Please be on the lookout for information about the event as well as a participation sign up.

**Thank you for your support and cooperation as we embark on a new year of teaching and learning. We are looking forward to an incredible 23-24 school year at Keller Elementary. This year's school power is Teamwork! We are grateful for the opportunity to be on your team and help to develop our students to become safe, responsible, respectful, leaders for our future.**

***Ms. Smith, Mrs. Fletcher, and the Harold Keller Faculty and Staff***



**KELLER PARENT NEWS  
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**Keller Google Classroom  
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**Please connect with your teacher to  
receive ClassTag updates from the school.**



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