

# INDIAN RIFFLE ELEMENTARY

October 2024

## Boosterthon Fun Run

Thank you so much for your generous support! We have raised \$14,700! Student enjoyed the day, and it was fantastic to have many families join us! Students are anxious to slime 5 staff members on October 11!





## Upcoming Events

October 1 - School Pictures  
October 3 - Conferences 3:30-7  
October 4 - No School  
October 18 - PTO Trunk or Treat - 5-7  
November 4 - Conferences 3:30-7  
November 5 - No school - Conferences 12-3:30  
November 8 - Veterans Day Program - 9am  
November 12 - School Picture Retakes  
November 13 - Early Dismissal - 12:30  
November 25-29 - No School

## REMINDERS

- Please make sure to call our office if your child will be absent.
- You can add money to your child's lunch account through [Payschoolscentral.com](https://payschoolscentral.com)
- Doors open each day at 7:55 am
- Class begins at 8:15. Students who will be eating breakfast need to arrive by 8:00 am!
- Before and Aftercare is available through the YMCA.

## October Lunch Menu

Lunch menus can be found on our Food and Nutrition website!  
Please follow the link below to Octobers menu

[KCS K-5 ELE Lunch 24-25](#)





## Grade 1 Happenings

Grade 1 has had a busy month in September. Along with working hard in the classroom, they had a visit from the DPAA, went to the Public Library and got their library cards and joined Gr. 2 at KFHS to see Twinderella!! They have also enjoyed using the courtyard as an extended learning space to make observations!



## PBIS News

Wow, the end of the first quarter is already coming soon! That means it's time to celebrate! On October 11, all students will be rewarded for their Safe, Responsible and Respectful behaviors! We will be having an Extra Recess and Popsicles for Everyone!!!

We continue to review expectations in our building. Students are working hard to earn those Firebird Bucks!



## Counselor's Corner

In September, I visited each classroom to remind all students that a School Counselor's job is to help! School Counselors support students' academic, career education, and social emotional needs. We also support families. If your student or family has any needs that I can help support please do not hesitate to reach out! We have many connections in the community to help care for our families.

You can always email me at [ashley.elrod@ketteringschools.org](mailto:ashley.elrod@ketteringschools.org), or give me a call at (937)499-1725.

[Check out this link for the Kettering City Schools Family Resource Guide, full of Mental Health Resources!](#)

To sign your student up for the Kettering Backpack Program, a weekend supplemental food program, please contact Mrs. Elrod.

## Nurse's Notes

I have received a lot of questions about returning to school when exposed to COVID or after testing positive. At this time, Kettering School District is following the recommendations of the CDC. Attached is a short explanation of returning to school.

As part of the guidance, CDC provides active recommendations on core prevention steps and strategies:

- When people get sick with a respiratory virus, the updated guidance recommends that they stay home and away from others while showing symptoms. For people with COVID-19 and influenza, treatment is available and can lessen symptoms and lower the risk of severe illness.

The recommendations suggest returning to normal activities when symptoms are improving overall, and if a fever was present, it has been gone without use of a fever-reducing medication for 24 hours.

If you have any questions, please give me a call and we can chat about if it is appropriate to send your student to school. As a reminder, I can give certain over the counter medications to students while at school. Please fill out and return the attached [OTC form](#) if you want this available to your student. Cough season is approaching and you won't believe what a cough drop can fix ;)



## Attendance Information

Did you know?

- Starting in kindergarten, missing 10% of school (or just 2 days every month) can make it harder to learn to read and cause children to fall behind in school.
- Good attendance, whether class is held in person or remotely, can help children do well in school, and eventually in the workplace.
- Our goal is 95% attendance for every child! This means students should miss 10 days or less of school each year.

How can families help?

- Establish routines for bedtime, waking up and showing up for class.
- Avoid extended family trips and non-urgent medical appointments when school is in session.
- Talk to your child about how going to school every day will help them do well in school and achieve their hopes and dreams.
- If your child has a slight stomachache, headache or allergies, and doesn't have a contagious illness including Covid-19, please send them to school.
- If my child cannot avoid missing school, I will contact the teacher for tips and resources to keep my child learning.



IR had 96.7% attendance in the first week of our Dorwood Optimists attendance competition!





## PTO Update

### Be in the Know with the PTO!

- Voting for the T-shirt contest winners will take place at our October meeting. Stop by on Oct. 8 to cast your vote! (Must be a PTO member and paid dues)
- Eat at Jet's Pizza (3979 Indian Ripple Road) any Tuesday. Mention the PTO and your child's teacher. Every two months, the top classroom gets a free pizza lunch! This will be an ongoing event every Tuesday through May.
- The first time frame is Sept. 3 - Oct. 29
- Check out the Indian Riffle [Amazon Wish List](#). We update the list regularly throughout the year! Orders will be shipped directly to the school. Donations can also be sent to the office.
- We'd love your help, making this year great. Can you help at any events? All volunteers have to be approved. Click [Volunteer Background Check](#) to start the BIB process!
- Below is a quick glance of our events for the beginning of the school year

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Oct. 8 -5 p.m.- PTO meeting, Indian Riffle library - Title 1 meeting  
PTO to vote for T-shirt contest winners

Oct. 10-21- Fall fundraiser with Otis Spunkmeyer

Oct. 18- 5-7pm- Trunk or Treat-[Click here](#) to bring your trunk

Nov. 4- Parent-teacher conference meal

[Click here](#) to donate soup items

Nov. 12 - 5pm - PTO meeting, Indian Riffle library

Nov. 13 - 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. - Dine to Donate with City Barbeque 2001  
E. Dorothy Lane - Promo code: GIVE



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## Safety and Wellness

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers,

Ensuring the safety of our students is a top priority at Kettering City Schools. As part of our commitment to maintaining a safe environment, we regularly conduct safety drills in compliance with state requirements. These include rapid dismissal, safety, and tornado drills, as mandated by House Bill 123 of the 133rd General Assembly. In addition to these legally required drills, our district also enhances its emergency preparedness through comprehensive Threat Preparedness training and Emergency Management Tests.

Each year, Kettering City Schools coordinates Emergency Management Tests in partnership with local law enforcement, fire/EMS personnel, emergency management, and other agencies. These tests are part of a three-year rotating cycle and include three distinct types of exercises: Tabletop, Functional, and Full-Scale Drills.

- **Tabletop Exercise:** This is an Emergency Management Test where participants walk through a response to a simulated, hypothetical scenario. It's a valuable tool for evaluating our response plans and procedures in a controlled setting.
- **Functional Exercise:** This test is more hands-on and is designed to evaluate how our policies and procedures work in a realistic, but still simulated, environment. It may include unexpected changes that require quick adjustments from management.
- **Full-Scale Exercise:** This is the most comprehensive type of Emergency Management Test. It involves district officials and a wide variety of local agencies working together to simulate a major emergency situation. The drill is conducted in real-time, requiring participants to respond to fluid and realistic circumstances.

This fall, Kettering City Schools will conduct a Full-Scale Exercise simulating a gas leak. Each building will conduct their drill independently.

**Indian Riffle's drill will occur Thursday, October 10. Students and staff will evacuate the building and then re-enter once we have completed the drill. This will allow us to ensure we are prepared in the event of a real emergency. This exercise will include students participating in their specific schools' reunification sites.**

We believe that these drills are crucial in preparing our students and staff to respond effectively in the event of a real emergency.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our schools safe.

Sincerely,  
Jeff Johnson Amy Paul  
Business Services Director Indian Riffle Principal