

# PANTHER PRESS

## KNIGHTSTOWN ELEMENTARY

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

**FEB 3**  
K/2 CogAT Testing

**FEB 3-13**  
Candy Gram Sales

**FEB 13**  
Valentine's Day Parties  
Food Pantry

**FEB 14**  
Teacher PD Day  
No School

**FEB 17**  
Presidents Day  
No School

**FEB 21**  
Fairness Convo



### Ms. Stevenson's Scoop

Can you believe that we have already had over 100 days of school for the 2024-2025 school year?

On Thursday, kindergarteners dressed up like they were 100 years old to celebrate the 100th day of school and some even brought in collections of 100 items to share with their classes. It was so great to see all of the creativity in their collections & outfits.

Today, first grade students celebrated being in school 101 days by dressing up in black and white or as Dalmatians. It's been a fun week at KES! Check out the pictures in this newsletter and on Facebook.

Have a great weekend, Panther families!

-Ms. Stevenson

## Character Counts: Fairness

Miss Veach and Fred wrapped up visiting classrooms this week talking about the positive character trait that we are focusing on:

### FAIRNESS

At KES, fairness means being reasonable, open-minded, listening to others, playing by the rules, and treating others impartially.

But most importantly, fairness is about getting what you need, not what you want.

Over the next several weeks we will continue to focus on what it means to be fair. Students who demonstrate fairness to the people and things around them will earn T.R.R.F.C.C. tickets.

We will celebrate our fairest students with a convocation and prize drawing!

## Valentine's Day Candy Grams

KES Student Council will be selling lollipop candy grams for Valentine's Day! Forms will be sent home next week. Lollipops with a message for your favorite KES student or staff member will be on sale for \$1 each. Candy Grams will be delivered on the 13th

## Inclement Weather Plans

Winter weather is here. There will be three different types of winter weather days used this school year. You will receive a phone call through the all-call system for any delays or closures. This information will also be posted to our website & Facebook.

### CAB Day

Assignments will be posted to Google Classroom by 9:00 a.m. There will be no virtual teaching sessions. Teachers will be available via email during normal school day hours.

### Panther Day

This will be a virtual instruction day. Teachers will meet with their students via Google Meet.

### Snow Day

There will be NO assignments or live teaching sessions. Students can enjoy the day off.

## TRANSPORTATION CHANGES

Email Mrs. Wilson at [tiffany.wilson@cabeard.k12.in.us](mailto:tiffany.wilson@cabeard.k12.in.us) with any transportation changes

### Include in the email:

- Date for the change
- Child's first and last name
- Teacher
- Destination
- New bus number (if known)

Please send a note with your child on the day they are going to a different place. If possible, please do not call the office with changes.

**\*Changes to transportation must be received before 12:00 p.m.**

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance is critical to your child's success in school. All children are expected to be in school each day unless they are ill.

It is important that students are screened each morning for COVID-19 and other illness symptoms prior to arriving at school.

Students are allowed 20 absences per year. A letter will be sent home making you aware of absences.

If your child will be absent from school, call the KES office at 765-345-2151 or send an email to:

Mrs. Wilson at  
[tiffany.wilson@cabeard.k12.in.us](mailto:tiffany.wilson@cabeard.k12.in.us)  
-OR-

Mrs. Roland at  
[emily.roland@cabeard.k12.in.us](mailto:emily.roland@cabeard.k12.in.us)

## MEDICATION

Parents or guardians are responsible for bringing any new, unopened medication to the nurse's office.

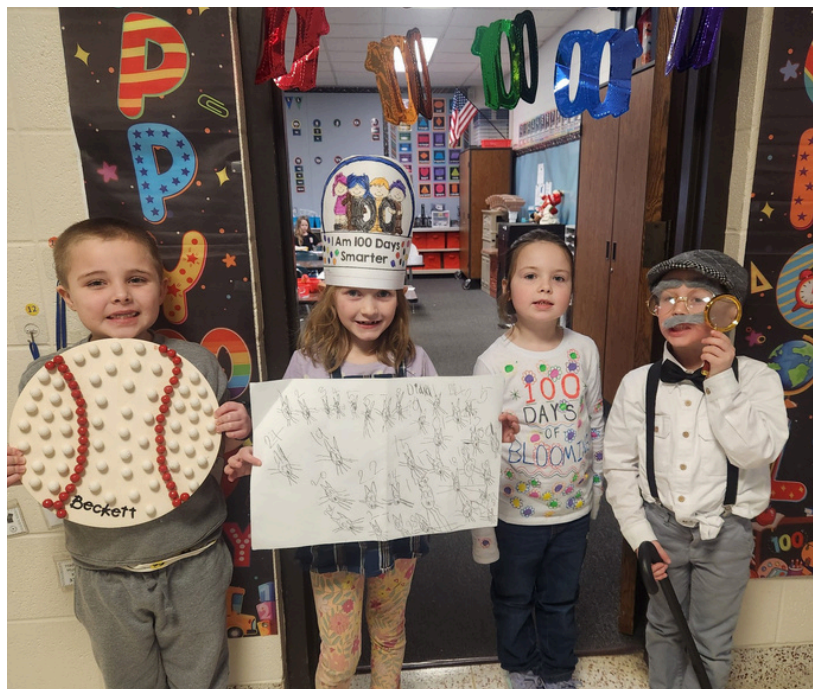
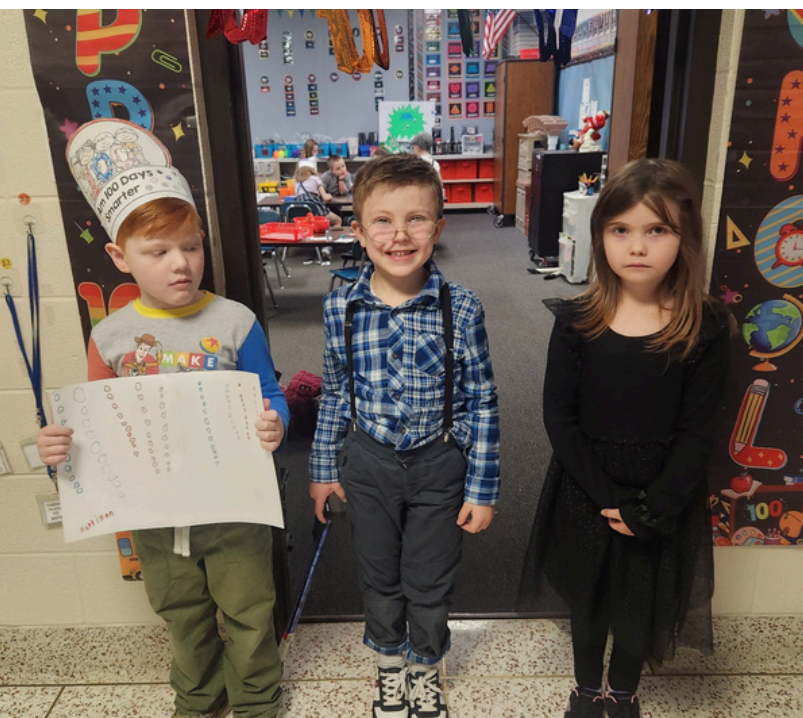
This includes cough drops.

Parents or guardians and/or a doctor must fill out medical forms in order for medication to be dispensed.

Antibiotics given 3 times per day should be given at home: before school, after school, & at bedtime.



# HAPPY 100<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SCHOOL











## Helping Your Child Hear Word Sounds

The ability to hear individual sounds in words supports the development of strong reading and writing skills. Here are some ways to help build this skill:

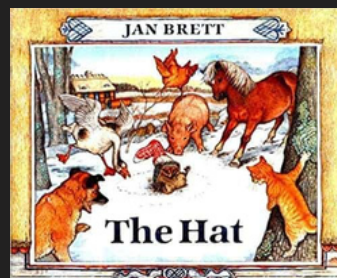
- Ask your child to blend (put together) two sounds to make a word.
  - m - ē → , me ã - t → at n - ō → no
- When you say a word, you can add a sound to a word part to make a new word. Tell your child: "say - ate, add /g/ to the beginning and the word is...." and your child would say:"gate". Other words to use:
  - -eep, add /k/ to the beginning → keep
  - -et, add /j/ to the beginning → jet

### Phonemic Awareness

Phonemic awareness activities take place orally. Try these fun language play activities to build reading flexibility:

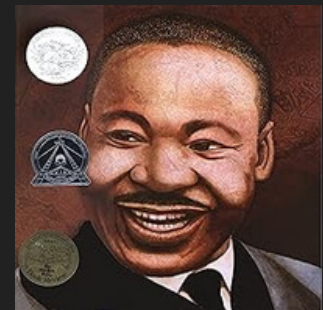
- Give your child a word and have them repeat it back to you. Then add a sound to the beginning and see if they can tell you the new word.
  - Say race → add \*/b/ to the beginning and the word is? → brace
  - Say car → add \*/s/ to the beginning and the word is? → scar
- Give your child a word and have them repeat it back to you. Then, take away the first sound and see if they can tell you the new word.
  - Say blink → without \*/b/ what's left is? → link

### Favorite January Picture Books



**The Hat**  
by Jan Brett

When Lisa's woolen stocking flies off the clothesline, Hedge finds it and pokes his nose in. He tries to pull it out, but the stocking gets stuck on his prickles — and the fun begins



**Martin's Big Words:**  
**The Life of Dr. Martin**  
**Luther King Jr.**  
by Doreen Rappaport

Looks at the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, explaining his work to bring about a peaceful end to segregation

### Tech Tidbits

[Prodigy English](https://www.prodigyenglish.com/)

Grade range: 1 to 6.

Cost: Free educational content, with optional paid Membership.

Prodigy English is ready to boost your child's language learning with a brand new game. As your child learns, they'll gain energy to use in a world of their own creation. They can gather resources, craft items and build their own village — all while learning!



### Help Your Child Become a Fluent Reader

Phrasing is the ability to read words in meaningful groups rather than word by word, robotic reading. Here are some prompts you can use with your child if their reading sounds choppy:

- "Put your words together so it sounds like good talking."
- "These words make sense together. Read them together."
- "Can you make it sound like this?" (model it)
- "Listen to me read this part. Now read it just like I did."



# WINTER COAT GIVEAWAY

IN NEED OF A WARM WINTER COAT?

CALL: 765-524-5695

FOR BOTH CHILDREN & ADULTS



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