

PANTHER PRESS

KNIGHTSTOWN ELEMENTARY

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DATES TO REMEMBER

FEB 3-13
Candy Gram Sales

FEB 10-14
Random Acts of
Kindness Week

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

I love being the principal of KES, and next week we get to show each other a little bit of love at the Valentine's Parties and with Random Acts of Kindness Week! Attached to this newsletter is a flyer outlining some kind acts that students could do at home or in the community to participate in RAK Week. Email me pictures of your child's kindness so that I can share just how much KES cares!

We are also in need of gently used or new pants, sweat pants, and shirts in sizes 6, 7, 8 as well as new in the package underwear & socks in those sizes.

All donations are greatly appreciated.

Have a great weekend, Panther families!

-Ms. Stevenson

Kindergarten Round-Up

Kindergarten Round-Up is scheduled for April 15th & 16th from 3:30-6:30 p.m.

We will use this time to meet incoming kindergarten students, welcome them to KES, administer brief screenings, and get them enrolled for the upcoming school year.

Please be on the lookout for additional information coming your way soon and share any Round-Up information with families who have a child that will be 5 years old on or before August 1, 2025.

We can't wait to meet our newest Panthers!

Valentine's Day Candy Grams

KES Student Council will continue selling Candy Grams for Valentine's Day!

Lollipops with a message for your favorite KES student or staff member will be on sale for \$1 each. Forms were sent home last week and are also attached to this newsletter. Candy Grams will be delivered during class parties on Thursday, February 13th.

General Health Reminders

We are also dealing with a variety of illnesses right now, and we need your help.

Please keep your child at home until they are fever-, vomit-, and diarrhea-free for 24 hours for without medication. As always, if you have questions, contact us at 765-345-2151.

Upcoming School Closures

CA Beard Schools will be closed on the following days:

Friday, February 14 - Teacher PD Day

Monday, February 17 - Presidents' Day

These days are NOT considered eLearning Days.

TRANSPORTATION CHANGES

Email Mrs. Wilson at 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
-OR-

Mrs. Roland at
emily.roland@cabeard.k12.in.us

MEDICATION

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

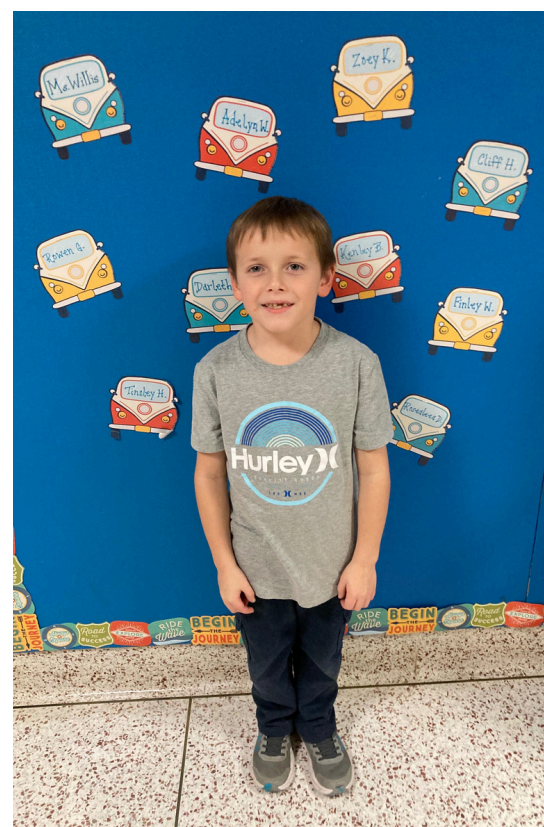
This includes cough drops.

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.



Ms. Willis' 2ND GRADE



Random Acts of Kindness Week

February 10 - 14, 2025

HELP MAKE KINDNESS A HABIT

KES is all about spreading kindness at home, at school, and in the community! Below are some ideas for students to try (with permission from a grown-up, of course!). Be sure to take a picture of the act of kindness and email it to Ms. Stevenson at: sstevenson@cabeard.k12.in.us
We can't wait to see all the different ways you spread kindness this week!

- **GIVE A HANDMADE GIFT**
- **DO SOMETHING KIND FOR SOMEONE**
- **GIVE SOMEONE A HUG**
- **MAKE COOKIES FOR A NEIGHBOR**
- **DONATE YOUR OLD TOYS & BOOKS**
- **SHARE WITH OTHERS**
- **WRITE A FRIENDLY NOTE OR LETTER**
- **DO CHORES WITHOUT BEING TOLD**
- **HELP A NEIGHBOR**
- **WRITE A 'THANK YOU' NOTE**
- **SMILE AND SAY HELLO**
- **HOLD THE DOOR FOR SOMEONE**
- **GIVE A KIND COMPLIMENT**
- **INVITE SOMEONE NEW TO PLAY WITH YOU**
- **COLOR A PICTURE & GIVE IT TO SOMEONE**
- **PICK UP LITTER & RECYCLE**
- **A UNIQUE ACT OF KINDNESS YOU THINK OF**



General Wellness Screening for Parents

Every morning before you send your child to school please check for signs of illness:



FEVER 100.4* OR CHILLS

*or school board policy if threshold is lower



COUGH* OR SHORTNESS OF BREATH

*especially new onset, uncontrolled cough



**DIARRHEA, NAUSEA OR
VOMITING, ABDOMINAL PAIN**



HEADACHE*

*particularly new onset of severe headache,
especially with fever



SORE THROAT

☐ Does your child have any sign of illness above?

☐ If yes, consider their history. For example, does the child have a chronic health condition (allergies, asthma) that can mimic a viral illness?
When in doubt, keep your child home until symptoms improve.

- If you check any of the boxes, **DO NOT** send your child to school. Instead, please keep your child home until they meet the criteria to return to school.
- Follow your school policy for returning to school.



Helping Your Child With Comprehension

Understanding what we read or what is read to us is the ultimate goal of reading. Here are some questions and/or things to think about and discuss **after** reading with your child:

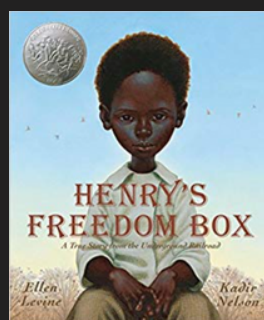
- **Retelling** the story with beginning, middle, and end.
- **Setting:** Where did the story happen?
- **Main Idea:** What was this story mostly about? (Who did what where?)
- **Characters:** Who was in the story? What did we learn about (character name)?
- **Making Connections:** Did this story remind us of an experience in our life? Another book we have read? A movie we have seen? Something we already learned about?

How to Help Your Child Think About Reading

The purpose of reading is to gain meaning. **Predicting** is a strategy in which the reader thinks about what is going to read based on clues from the text. Predicting keeps the reader's mind actively engaged in reading as he/she is trying to figure out what will happen next. Here are some questions to ask your child to reinforce the skill of **predicting**:

- Look at the title and the picture on the cover. What do you think this book will be about?
- During reading: "What do you think is going to happen next in the story?" Also ask, "What causes you to think that?"
- What do you think will happen next?
- How do you think (the character) will solve the problem?
- How do you think the story will end?

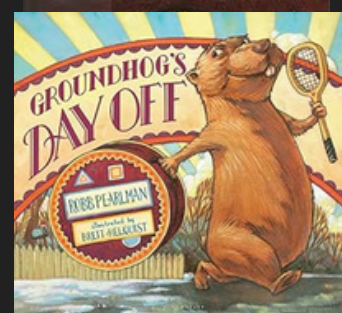
Favorite February Picture Books



Henry's Freedom Box
by Ellen Levine

Grades: 2-5

A stirring, dramatic story of a slave who mailed himself to freedom.



Groundhog's Day Off
by Robb Pearlman

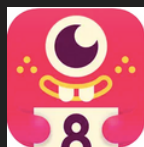
Every year, people ask Groundhog the same, boring old question. Is spring around the corner? Or are we doomed to more winter? Sure, they care about his shadow, but what about him and his interests? He's had enough! Groundhog packs his bags and sets out for a much-needed vacation.

Tech Tidbits

Quick Math Jr.

Grade range: PreK-2

Cost: Free



Quick Math Jr. is an app for kids with **12 different math games that feature fundamental math skills** and concepts. It has unique graphics and buildable characters to keep kids engaged, and all answers are handwritten or drawn on the screen so kids can also practice handwriting.

Help Your Child Become a Fluent Reader

Fluency refers to the way reading sounds. Fluent readers pay attention to punctuation. They read in smooth phrases at an appropriate pace using necessary expression. This month we will focus on **rate**.

- Encourage your child to reread books. Expression and rate should improve with each consecutive reading.
- It's important to read frequently. The more a student reads, the more progress will be made in all areas of
- reading.
- Read aloud to your child. It is important that your child hear fluent reading to know what his reading is supposed to sound like.



Valentine's Day CANDY GRAMS

TELL SOMEONE HOW MUCH THEY MEAN TO YOU THIS VALENTINE'S DAY
Support KES Student Council's Candy Gram fundraiser.

To purchase a Candy Gram, simply fill out the boxes below. You can purchase as many as you want to. Each gram you send is \$1. We ask that you send money in an envelope attached to this form. Please turn in no later than FEBRUARY 13th. Students will be selling these each morning as well.

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PRESENTED BY FAITH
CHAPEL CHURCH

PLAY and LAUGH

Family Game Night

Activities, lessons, board games, &
video games.
Free dinner provided

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!

**EVERY WEDNESDAY
NIGHT
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM**

All kids and parents
At Faith Chapel

359 E Morgan St Knightstown, IN
46148

Questions call 765-524-5695