

# PANTHER PRESS

## KNIGHTSTOWN ELEMENTARY

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

**FEB 17**  
Presidents' Day  
No School

**FEB 19 - MAR 5**  
PTO Trash Bag Sales

**FEB 21**  
Fairness Convo

**FEB 29**  
PTO Meeting

**MAR 3 - 14**  
IREAD Testing Window

**MAR 13**  
Title I Family Fun Night

**MAR 10 - 14**  
Read Across  
America Week



### Ms. Stevenson's Scoop

That's a wrap on Random Acts of Kindness Week! It was so heart-warming to see the staff & students working hard to show acts of kindness this week. Preschool gave sweet surprises to our health aides and custodians. Kindergarten delivered sharpened pencils to KIS and KHS. First grade collected donations and made crafts for a local nursing home. Second grade students made cards for our cafeteria ladies. Third grade spent time making valentines for nursing home residents and collected items for a local homeless shelter. As a reminder, we do not have school on Monday, it is Presidents' Day.

Enjoy the long 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!

## AM/PM Car Rider Line

As a friendly reminder, please leave room for staff to drive past you in the AM car rider line. They should always have access to the parking lot at the back of the building. Also, vehicle line up for the PM car rider line starts no earlier than 2:15 p.m. and stay at the stop sign until all buses have been released, and you are asked to move forward. This is for the safety of our students and staff. We appreciate your understanding and your continued support.

## 2024-2025 Yearbook Orders

Don't miss out on pre-ordering your 2024-2025 KES Yearbook! Order forms were sent home, but one is also attached to this newsletter. The deadline to pre-order is Friday, March 28th.

## 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](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

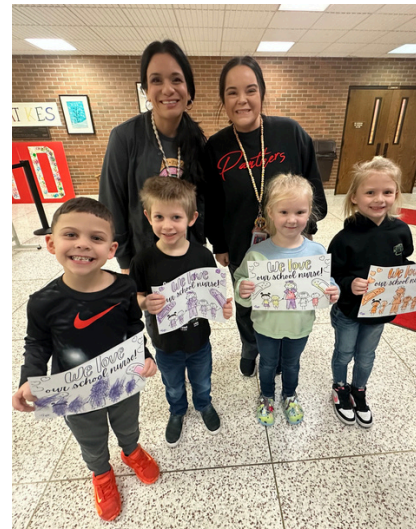
Parents or guardians are responsible for bringing any new, unopened medication to the nurse's office.

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.









## 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:

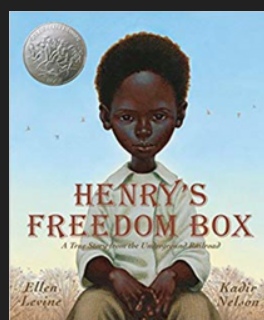
- **Retelling** the story with beginning, middle, and end.
- **Setting:** Where did the story happen?
- **Main Idea:** What was this story mostly about? (Who did what where?)
- **Characters:** Who was in the story? What did we learn about (character name)?
- **Making Connections:** Did this story remind 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?

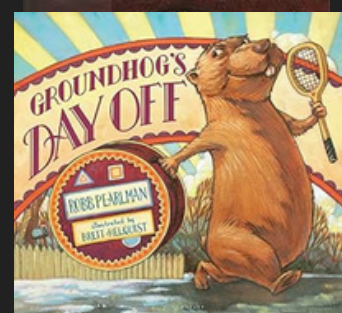
### Favorite February Picture Books



**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

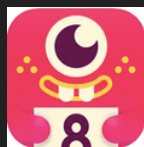
Every year, people ask Groundhog the same, boring old question. Is spring around the corner? Or are we doomed to more winter? Sure, they care about his shadow, but what about him and his interests? He's had enough! Groundhog packs his bags and sets out for a much-needed vacation.

### 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.



TITLE I FAMILY FUN NIGHT

# *Take me there, Greece*

Thursday, March 13, 2025

6:00-7:30 PM

Knightstown Elementary

Join us for friendship, fun, and a trip to Greece.

YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

ORDER BY: 03/28/2025 To purchase online, go to jostensyearbooks.com.

STEP 1: SELECT YOUR PACKAGE

YEARBOOK \$22.00

SIGNATURE PACKAGE \$40.00

Includes Yearbook, 1 Line of Personalization, Color Autograph Section and 5 Multicolor Signing Markers

STEP 2: PERSONALIZE YOUR YEARBOOK FOR \$8.00














NAME (29 characters max.)

STEP 3: ADD ICONS\* FOR \$5.00 EACH

\*IMPORTANT: To add icons, you must first purchase personalization in Step 2.

Enter the 4-digit icon code from the chart below into the boxes provided.

Icon 1 Icon 2 Icon 3 Icon 4

							
5236	5884	5985	6086	6187	6288	9005	5701
							
5011	5238	5239	5019	9050	5015	5240	5022
							
5982	5001	5002	5003	5004	5005	5006	5008
							
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5981	5586	9001	9007	9025	9006	5013	5014
							
5258	5241	5360	5242	5025	5592	5362	5363
							
5364	5365	5247	5587	5588	5589	5590	9042
							
9051	5023	5255	5256	5257	5012	5366	5367
							
5253	5018	5021	5591	9036	9037		
							

If you have questions, please call Customer Service at 1-877-767-5217.

STEP 4: ENTER YOUR INFORMATION AND TOTAL YOUR ORDER

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

	Price	Quantity	Total
Enter Your Package Price			
Personalization	\$8.00		
Icon(s) ea.	\$5.00 x QTY		
Autograph Section	\$5.00		
Clear Protective Cover	\$5.00		
Photo Pockets	\$5.00		
Donate a Yearbook	\$22.00		
Subtotal			
TOTAL			

YAY! THANKS FOR ORDERING!



# 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.



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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**

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Questions call 765-524-5695