

# PANTHER PRESS

## KNIGHTSTOWN ELEMENTARY

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

**FEB 21 - MAR 7**  
PTO Trash Bag Sales

**MAR 3 - 14**  
IREAD Testing Window

**MAR 4**  
PTO Meeting

**MAR 6**  
Blue Convocation  
Food Pantry

**MAR 11**  
Empowered Parenting  
Workshop

**MAR 13**  
Title I Family Fun Night

**MAR 17 - 21**  
KES Celebrates:  
Read Across  
America Week



### Ms. Stevenson's Scoop

We made it to March, and up first is IREAD!

Third grade students will take the IREAD-3 assessment starting on Monday of next week. Second grade will take it the following week. Please make sure your child gets plenty of sleep, eats a good breakfast, and shows up to school on time so they are ready to rock the test!

The Colts' mascot, Blue, will be joining us on Thursday, March 6th. All students are encouraged to wear blue or their Colts gear. Teachers will be posting more information on Bloomz. We're looking forward to another awesome convocation with Blue and his Colts crew.

Have a great weekend, Panther families!

-Ms. Stevenson

## Character Counts: Trustworthiness

The positive character trait that we are focusing on right now is TRUSTWORTHINESS. At KES, trustworthiness means to be honest, dependable, and having the courage to do the right thing.

Over the next few weeks, Miss Veach and Fred will visit classrooms to discuss what it means to be trustworthy. Students who demonstrate trustworthiness to the people and things around them will earn T.R.R.F.C.C. tickets.

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

## 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!

## Title I Family Fun Night

On Thursday, March 13th, the Children's Museum of Indianapolis is bringing travel activities to KES for our Title I Family Fun Night. The theme is Take me there, Greece! We hope to see you!

## PTO Trash Bag Sales

KES PTO is selling 100% recycled plastic trash bags again this year. Flyers and order forms were sent home last week. The sale runs from Feb. 21st - Mar. 7th. Money is due when orders are placed. All proceeds benefit the PTO. The top 3 students with the most sales will win a prize!

## 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

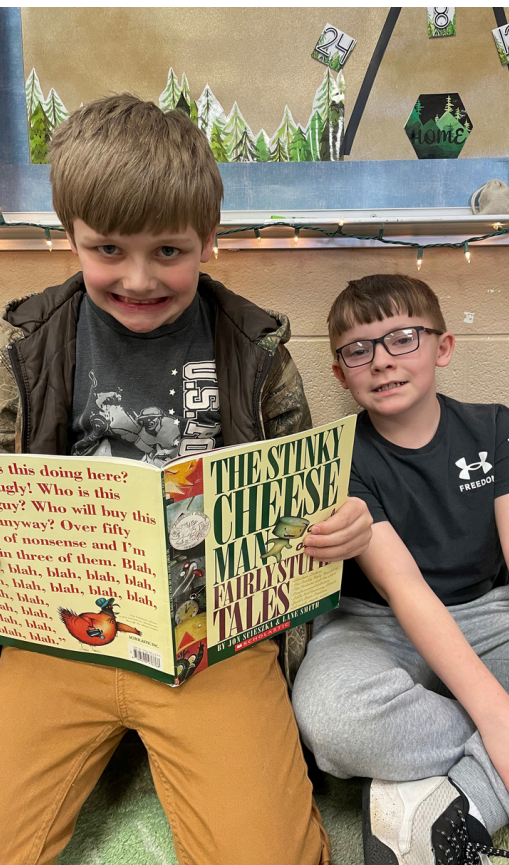
Parents or guardians are responsible for bringing any new, unopened medication to the nurse's office.

This includes cough drops.

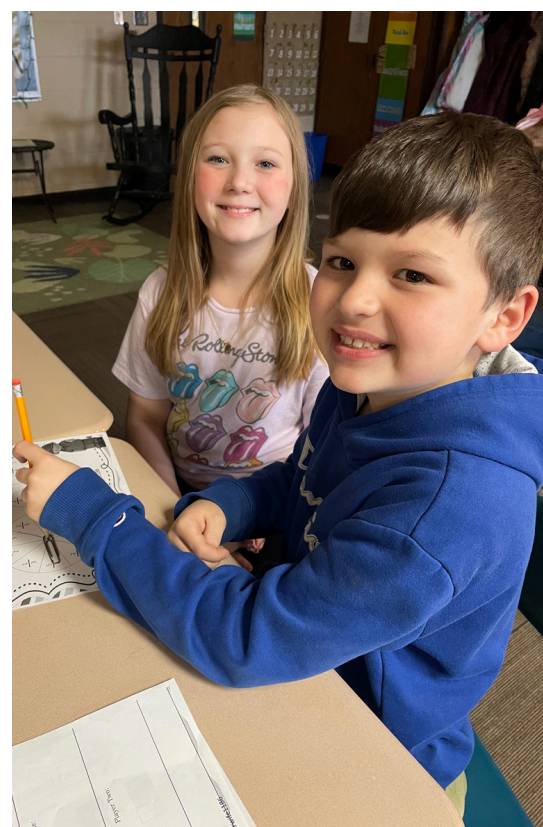
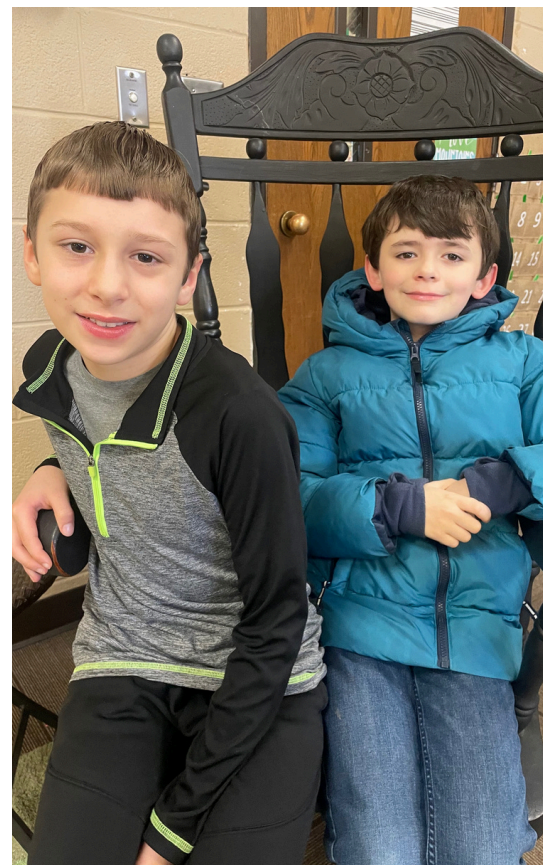
Parents or guardians and/or a doctor must fill out medical forms in order for medication to be dispensed.

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





# Mrs. Thurston's 3RD GRADE





# Empowered Parenting Workshop: Big Emotions, Big Help

## Supporting Your Child Through Big Feelings

Join us for a meaningful conversation about your child's emotional world! Emotions can feel overwhelming for children, especially when they don't know how to express, identify, or regulate them. As caregivers, you are their steady guide through the ups and downs of their *emotional rollercoaster*. Together, we will explore ways to help your child navigate their feelings while building emotional resilience and learning healthy coping skills.

### Location & Cost

**Knightstown Elementary**  
**Cost: FREE**

### Date & Time

**Tuesday, March 11th**  
**5:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

### What We'll Discuss:

- What **big emotions** have you noticed in your child, and how do they express them?
- How do you typically **respond** when your child is experiencing intense emotions?
- What **strategies** have helped you calm or support your child?
- How can we **model healthy emotional regulation** for our kids?
- **Who is your tribe?** How can others in your life help model emotional well-being?

**RSVP BY FRIDAY, MARCH 7TH**

BY CLICKING [HERE](#)

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*This event is for K-6 parents & guardians only. Child care is not provided.*





## 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:

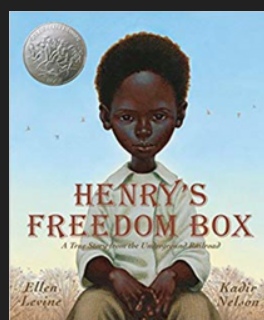
- **Retelling** the story with beginning, middle, and end.
- **Setting:** Where did the story happen?
- **Main Idea:** What was this story mostly about? (Who did what where?)
- **Characters:** Who was in the story? What did we learn about (character name)?
- **Making Connections:** Did this story remind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

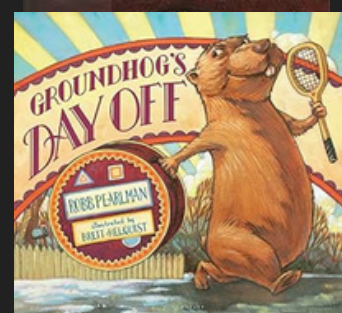
### Favorite February Picture Books



**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

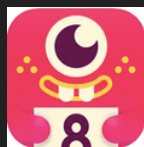
Every year, people ask Groundhog the same, boring old question. Is spring around the corner? Or are we doomed to more winter? Sure, they care about his shadow, but what about him and his interests? He's had enough! Groundhog packs his bags and sets out for a much-needed vacation.

### 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.



KES PTO IS  
EXCITED TO  
PRESENT:



TOP  
SELLER  
PRIZES !!!



CHOICE OF  
BICYCLE



(Options will depend on size/age of the winner!)



LIGHT UP  
KICK  
SCOOTER



HOVER  
SOCCER  
BALL



QUESTIONS? CONTACT KES PTO KAYL ISDYER@GMAIL.COM  
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ORDER BY: 03/28/2025 To purchase online, go to jostensyearbooks.com.

Last chance to order the 2024-25 Yearbook! Please return this form (along with payment) or order online. Thank you!

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
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 9051	 5023	 5255	 5256	 5257	 5012	 5366	 5367
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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			

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