

PANTHER PRESS

KNIGHTSTOWN ELEMENTARY

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DATES TO REMEMBER

AUG 10-28
K-2 BOY NWEA
Testing Window

AUG 10-SEPT 11
K-2 Grade
Universal Dyslexia
Screener Window

SEPT 1
Picture Day

SEPT 4
1st 9 Weeks
Midterm

SEPT 7
Labor Day
No School

SEPT 8
Teacher PD Day
No School

SEPT 10
Food Pantry

WELCOME BACK, PANTHERS!



Health Reminders

Check out our corporation's Fever and Contagious Illness Protocols as well as information from the CDC on head lice attached to this newsletter. If you have questions, please contact us. We are looking forward to a healthy school year!

Arrival & Dismissal

Arrival: 7:45-8:00 a.m.
Breakfast: 7:45 a.m.
Tardy Bell: 8:00 a.m.
Dismissal: 3:00 p.m.

NWEA

The beginning of the year testing window for NWEA is August 10 - August 28.

This series of assessments helps us determine students' strengths and weaknesses in the areas of language arts and mathematics in grades K-2. Families will receive a copy of their child's scores after the testing window closes.

K-2 students will take NWEA again in December and April to monitor their progress and growth throughout the year.

Character Counts: Respect

At KES, we focus on academics as well as positive (T.R.R.F.C.C.) character traits!

Miss Veach and Fred have been visiting classrooms to talk about the positive character trait that we are focusing on right now: RESPECT.

At KES, respect means to treat someone or something with value and care and to follow the Golden Rule. Over the next several weeks we will continue to focus on what it means to be respectful. Students who demonstrate respect to the people and things around them will earn T.R.R.F.C.C. tickets. We will celebrate our respectful students with a convocation & prize drawing.

Dismissal Information

Upon entering the south entrance of our school's parking lot, drive around the perimeter of the lot, following the yellow lines. You will stop at the sign and wait for a staff member to direct you forward. For staff and student safety, do NOT start lining up prior to 2:15 p.m. Waiting cars should remain parked until after buses have cleared the parking lot. Waiting lines are two cars wide. End of the day office pick-ups are not permitted. No one should be going into the school to pick up students who are car riders.

Please be extra cautious and practice courteous driving anytime you are in our parking lot.

Cafeteria Information

All KES students will receive a fresh fruit or vegetable snack on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays again this school year. However, students will be charged for breakfast and lunch. The cost for breakfast is \$1.70, lunch is \$2.70, and milk is \$0.60. A la carte items require a positive account balance to purchase.

Names, Please!

Please be sure your child's FIRST & LAST name are on all items he/she brings to school, including water bottles. If you're missing any items, please let your child's teacher know.

PTO

Our PTO helps sponsor many fun events during the school year, such as our sock hops, and would love to have more members. Please email PTO at

kes.panther.pto@gmail.com

if you are interested in helping with upcoming events.

TRANSPORTATION CHANGES

Email us at
kes.office@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

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 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:

KES Main Office at
kes.office@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.

WHO'S WHO AT **KNIGHTSTOWN ELEMENTARY**



OFFICE STAFF



Principal
Ms. Stevenson



Treasurer
Ms. Pence



Secretary
Mrs. Magiera

HEALTH & SAFETY STAFF



Corp. Nurse
Mrs. Smith



Health Aide
Mrs. Redmond



SRO
Officer Beatrice

PRESCHOOL



Teacher
Mrs. Leisure



Teacher
Mrs. Roland



Teacher
Mrs. Weaver



Teacher
Ms. Powell

WHO'S WHO AT **KNIGHTSTOWN ELEMENTARY**



KINDERGARTEN



Teacher
Mrs. Bryson



Teacher
Mrs. Lykens



Teacher
Mrs. McDonald

FIRST GRADE



Teacher
Mrs. Dougherty



Teacher
Mrs. Pugsley



Teacher
Ms. Shryock



Teacher
Mrs. Ruch

SECOND GRADE



Teacher
Mrs. Childress



Teacher
Mrs. Hunt



Teacher
Ms. Willis

WHO'S WHO AT **KNIGHTSTOWN ELEMENTARY**



THIRD GRADE



Teacher
Miss Buskirk



Teacher
Miss Hogue



Teacher
Mrs. James



Teacher
Mrs. Jennings

SPECIAL EDUCATION



SLP-A
Ms. Babcock



SLP-A
Miss Judd



SLP
Mr. Medina



SLP
Mrs. Willard

SPECIAL AREAS



Music
Ms Hoffman



P.E.
Mr. Magee



Library
Mrs. Dyer



Art
Mrs. Thalls

WHO'S WHO AT **KNIGHTSTOWN ELEMENTARY**



SPECIAL EDUCATION



K-3 Aide
Mrs. Butterfield



PK Aide
Mrs. Chan



PK Aide
Mrs. Hardymon

SPECIAL EDUCATION



K-3 Aide
Mrs. King



PK Aide
Mrs. King



K-3 Aide
Ms. Reddick

INTERVENTIONS



Student Interventionist
Ms. Veach



Facility Dog
Fred



Title I Teacher
Mrs. Crawford



Special Ed. Teacher
Mrs. Edwards

WHO'S WHO AT **KNIGHTSTOWN ELEMENTARY**



CAFETERIA STAFF



Manager
Mrs. Gibson



Head Cook
Ms. Gorman



Line Cook
Mrs. Lynch



Line Cook
Mrs. Wooldridge

CUSTODIAL STAFF



Custodian
Mr. Wiley



Custodian
Mrs. Mershon



Custodian
Mr. Allen

BUS DRIVERS



Bus 9
Joann Stoten



Bus 22
Rikki Spurling



Bus 8
Melodie Smith



Bus 15
Nora Maxwell

Charles A Beard Memorial School Corporation
Fever and Contagious Illness Protocol
Updated: August 2026

All Protocols are derived in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the National Association of School Nurses (NASN) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

Fever: A clinical fever is 100.4 degrees. Any student that has a temperature of 100.4 degrees or greater must remain home from school or be sent home from school. They must remain home until the fever has resolved, without fever reducing medication, for a full 24 hours before they can return to school.

Diarrhea: If a student has diarrhea, they must remain home from school or be sent home from school. They shouldn't return to school until they are diarrhea free for 24 hours, without medication to prevent diarrhea.

Vomiting: If a student vomits, they must remain home or be sent home from school. They should remain home for a full 24 hours from the last vomiting episode.

Rashes: Students should remain home or be sent home for rashes. A doctor note will be requested for students who have a rash. After treatment with prescribed medication, the student can return 24 hours later. The exception is if it is a poison ivy rash.

Parasitic Infections: Students must be treated according to their doctors recommendation and have taken appropriate medication for 24 hours before they can return to school.

COVID: Students must be fever free without fever reducing medication for a full 24 hours before returning. The student should also feel well enough to return to class.

Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye): Students must remain home for 24 hours after prescription treatment.

Influenza: Students should be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication and until symptoms are resolving.

Head Lice in the School Setting

Key Facts from the Centers of Disease Control (CDC)

- **No Exclusion Needed:** Children should finish the school day, go home for treatment, and return to class. Nits are often just empty shells and do not mean an active infestation.
- **How They Spread:** Spread mostly by direct head-to-head contact. They do not jump or fly.
- **Not a Health Hazard:** Head lice are a nuisance, but they do not spread disease or carry bacteria.

Privacy: Notifications to parents/guardians will respect student privacy and avoid public shaming and unnecessary classroom panic if live lice are found on a student.

Recommended Action Steps

- **Check at Home:** Parents/guardians please check your child(ren)'s hair regularly. There are no school-wide mass screenings.
- **Treat Properly:** Use over-the-counter or prescription medicated treatments designed to kill live, crawling lice.

CDC Website: <https://www.cdc.gov/lice/caring-head/index.html>



Henry County
Health Department
Prevent, Promote, Protect

VACCINE CLINIC

GRADES K-12

GET YOUR REQUIRED VACCINES AND STAY UP TO DATE!



AUGUST 17TH
4PM – 8PM

AND



AUGUST 27TH
4PM – 8PM



HENRY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
1201 Race St, Suite 208
New Castle, IN 47362

RAFFLES

will be drawn for
SOME AWESOME PRIZES!

THE GRAND PRIZE IS
A BIKE!



COME ON OUT AND LET'S GET VACCINATED!



* Please bring your insurance card if available. Vaccines are available to all eligible students.
For questions, call (765) 529-2237