

COUGAR CROSSING



Every day is a great day to be at Kearny

Issue 2

A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL FEGGINS

The Kearny Community is an amazing place to learn. I can say this because I see how we care for each other. It is my goal to make sure that we teach and care for our children both individually and collectively. Everyone deserves to feel loved and to be educated at the highest level. I encourage you to work with us so that our scholars will always be well supported. One of our school goals is for all of our students to have a great at-home library. When you come into our school please be sure to take books from our free book table located at the front desk. Thank you for entrusting us to provide an awesome place for your child to learn and grow.



According to federal law, the "Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)" mandates that schools must annually involve parents, staff, and other stakeholders in the schoolwide planning process. Please take a moment to answer a few questions so that I can have an accurate account of what our team is most concerned about. This is your opportunity to have a voice in the budget process.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- Main Office - 215-400-7590
- Mrs. Watson - School Counselor
215-400-7590 ext. 2
- Mrs. Atkins-Wray- Nurse
215-400-7590 ext. 1



ATTENDANCE

- Breakfast begins at 8:30 am.
- School starts at 9:00 am.
- Late arrivals must sign in at the front desk.
- School finishes at: 3:39pm for K-6
3:24pm for 7-8
- Early dismissals require a parent coming in to sign out students with ID.

Important Dates

- Feb. 7** - Half Day - 12:30 Dismissal
- Feb 17** - School Closed - Presidents' Day
- Feb 27 - 28** Living Wax Museum
- Mar 7** - Half Day - 12:30 Dismissal
- Mar 24-28** - Book Fair
- Mar 27th - 28th** 12:30 Dismissal
Report Card Conferences
- Mar 31st** - School Closed - Eid al-Fitr

KEARNY SCHOOL

COUNSELOR'S CORNER



Mrs. Watson and Ms. Lemmon are here to support the students and families of Kearny Elementary School. During the second half of the year the themes we will be focusing on in the classrooms are Career and Technical Education Options in the SDP, Social Problem Solving, Stress Awareness and Management, and Mental Health Awareness. Additionally, we will be continuing our lessons in our Xello platform which helps the students to realize their strengths and interests and exploration of what careers align with those specific to them. We are very excited to have another Career Day coming up in the Spring. We are here to support and help prepare the students in Statewide assessments in April. Please reach out if you need any assistance with mental health resources, grief and loss resources, or any academic support. We are here to support YOU!

PBIS

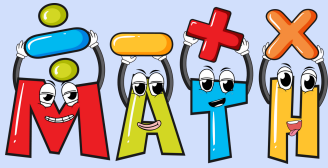
This Year has been spectacular for our PBIS (Positive Behavior and Interventions and Supports) program. Our students have earned over 23,361 total points so far this year. They have had great opportunities to use their points to participate in amazing events each month. We have had dances, a game day, a glow party, scavenger hunt, movie days, social hour and there is more to come. Students have been so excited to participate. They also get the chance to spend points in our own Kearny "Paw Mart" where they can purchase items like toys, sunglasses, treats, book bags, stuffed animals, water bottles, trinkets and so much more. All this just for being amazing students who are Respectful, On Task, Courageous and Kind.

Our PBIS program has helped support a positive learning environment for the entire school community.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT KEARNY

Academic Highlights



Math

Imagine Learning Illustrative Mathematics (IM) became our primary instructional material last year. As we continue with year 2 of use, we will continue to build mathematical thinkers through student-centered learning. The IM program supports the belief that we are all mathematical thinkers, and we learn math by doing math – by solving problems and engaging in rich discourse with our peers. In this program the focus is on understanding the concepts behind the math problems, rather than just memorizing steps and formulas. Students will learn to think critically and solve problems using logic and reasoning, not only to find the right answer but to also explain how they got there.



Social Studies

The Philadelphia School District's Social Studies program is designed to create students who can think critically. The curriculum is inclusive and culturally responsive. Students are encouraged to value their own cultural identities and uplift the cultural identities of others. Our students will acquire the skills and tools necessary to solve problems, communicate ideas, and challenge oppressive systems. As well as develop meaningful relationships with land, nature, and people in order to make principled, ethical decisions and work collectively toward creating a truly just society.

NURSE'S NOTES

Reminder that the Flu season is here and students should stay home if they are having symptoms. They should also be free of fever or symptoms without the use of medicine within a 24 hr period.

The Norovirus (Stomach bug)-Highly contagious, leads to diarrhea, vomiting and abdominal pain. The virus spreads easily and quickly and it's advised to stay home with the above mentioned symptoms. Remember to practice proper hand hygiene, clean/disinfect affected surfaces. Advise the school if your child has the Norovirus and submit a note for excused absences upon return to school.

Nurse Atkins-Wray

Preparing for PSSA

Testing season is upon us. You will begin to see and hear our student's mention PSSA prep, test taking skills and practice testing. This preparation will be sprinkled into our instruction over the next few months to help ease the stress of testing. When we prepare our students for what to expect during the testing window and help them build their stamina for testing, we hope to eliminate any unnecessary pressure and tension.

Families can help too:

- Support your students attendance so they do not miss important instruction.
- Make sure students get plenty of sleep so they are well rested and can concentrate better during the school day.
- Encourage healthy eating. The vitamins and minerals we get from fruits & vegetables help with brain function and focus.
- Connect with your child's teacher regularly to keep in the loop with what is happening in the classroom.



WINTER

Student of the Month

DECEMBER

- K Miracle
- 1 Legend
- 2 Aaleemah
Cameron
- 3 Kevin M.
- 4 Erin
- 5 Paige
- 6 Jocelyn

JANUARY

- K Lamar
- 1 Hana
- 2 Samir
Idris
- 3 Que'Arrah
- 4 Robyn
- 5 Ameerah
ZaCory
- 6 Daria
- 7 Londyn
- 8 Shahd



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