



Kelso Kaleidoscope

January 30, 2012

This & That From Pat (Principal Sanders).....

Attendance

As we come to the mid point in our school year, I want to remind students and parents of the importance of regular attendance. I know that there have been many cases of flu and other illness going around, but I have talked to several students when they returned to school after being gone for a day or more and they have shared with me that they stayed home because they did not want to come to school. Please remember that there are only two valid reasons the state of Oregon recognizes for being absent - illness and family emergency. Currently, our 1st grade students have the best attendance rate,

followed closely by the 3rd grade. Kelso's overall attendance rate at this time is 95.7%. A good goal for our school is to see if we can raise this rate to 96.5% between now and the end of the school year.

Kindergarten Students Wanted!

If you have a child that will be a Kindergarten student next year (must be age 5 by 9/1/2012) or know of a family that has a child that will be eligible for Kindergarten next year, please contact the school office at (503) 668-8020. We will be conducting our Kindergarten round-up on April 18, 2012.

Music Program

Our Kindergarten through 5th grade classes will present a music program on Friday, February 17. The performances will be split due to parking and available seating. Ms. Geller, Mrs. Hazelton, Ms. Rutherford, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Burden, and Mrs. Stone's classes will be performing from 10:15 - 10:45. From 1:30—2:10, we will enjoy a performance by our upstairs classes. Those classes are: Mrs. Stratton, Ms. Travis, Mrs. Burt, Mrs. Meyers, and Mr. Hamilton. The students have been working hard on their singing skills.

Calendar of upcoming events.....

Wed 2/1 Early Release

Tues 2/7 KCC Meeting 3:45 pm

Wed 2/8 Early Release

Tues 2/14 Valentine Parties

Wed 2/15 Early Release

Fri 2/17 Music Programs

K-2/3 10:15-10:45 AM

3-5 1:30-2:10 PM

Mon 2/20 NO SCHOOL Presidents Day

Tues 2/21 K,1st,3rd & 5th Vision Screening

Wed 2/23 Early Release

KCC (Kelso Community Club) News.....

One of the fun things that the Kelso Community Club provides for the students at Kelso, with money raised from fundraisers, are assemblies. Coming up in February, the upstairs classrooms will have an assembly featuring the Oregon Coast Aquarium and the downstairs will be treated to the Great Food Detective. THANK YOU for helping the KCC provide these assemblies with your generous support.

The next Box Top Contest begins Monday, January 30th and ends on Friday, February 24th. The class turning in the most sheets from both upstairs and downstairs will receive a pizza party. Money made from the box tops will go toward non-fiction books for the classrooms. Start collecting those box tops now!

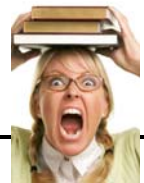
Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 7, at 3:45 PM in the school library. We hope to see you there!

PARENTS:



Please mark Friday, February 17th, on your calendar! On that day, Kelso will have its only mega music concerts of the year in the gymnasium. Because of the amount of audience expected, there will be two separate performances. The Kindergarten, first and second grades, along with Mrs. Johnson's combined 2/3 class, will perform from 10:15 AM until 10:45 AM. The other third grades, fourth and fifth grades will have their performance from 1:30 until 2:10 PM. Each grade level or combination has its own special theme to present to you.

We hope you all can join us for some great music. See you then!



The Battle is About to Begin!

On Wednesday, February 8th, at 9 am, Kelso Elementary School's first **Battle of the Books** will start. Seven teams will compete in a double elimination tournament with the winning team going to the regional competition on March 3rd. Thirty-one students have been working hard reading the sixteen books that will be used during the battles. They will answer eight content questions and eight "In what book" questions during each battle. We'd like to thank all the coaches and students who have worked hard to make this a fun competition.

The students in Mrs. Hazelton's Kindergarten class put together a book titled "What I Like To Do In The Snow"



I like to play in the snow.....Olivia

I like to build gigantic igloos.....Kyle

I like to play with my mom and dad.....Jaymee

Dad and Carson had a snowball fight.....Carson

I like to build snowmen with my mom.....Zachary

When it snows I like to throw snowballs.....Averie

I like to play snow ball fights with my friends.....Zayden

I like to make snowmen and I boomed my snowman.....Max

I like to make snowmen with my family and my bunny helps too.....Abigail

I put my sis on the car. I was the driver up the hill in the snow. She had an owe.....Sam

I like gigantic snowmen. Snow igloos are fun. I build them with dad, mom & Matthew.....Megan

Kelso Kids Help Sort Garbage.....

On January 24, Clackamas County's Department of Sustainability came and conducted a Garbage Audit with the help of Kelso's 4th and 5th graders. The kids were excited to find the volume, weight, and then sort through our garbage and see results from all over the school. I was very pleased to see most of our recyclables have not been ending up in the garbage! The Garbage Audit was done as part of Kelso renewing our Green School Application.



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O.T.S.D. Special Needs Contact Statement:

Persons having questions about or requests for special needs and accommodations should contact the Kelso Elementary Principal or building secretary at: 34651 SE Kelso Rd., Boring, OR 97009. Phone: 503-668-8020.

Contact should be made 72 hours in advance of the event.

