



# KAECHLE ELEMENTARY COYOTE COURIER



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Hey Coyote Families, we have a new movement opportunity for your children. Teachers have been given an activity called “Roll in the New Year.” This activity involves rolling dice adding them up and performing the exercise that matches the number. Teachers will record every day their class participation on a

calendar. At the end of the month each class that participates will get a certificate to proudly display on the wall in their classroom. Don’t forget that all our coyotes also have access to “[Mr. Runk’s Virtual Gym](#)” where you can find brain break activities for recess or whenever they want to get active.



In lieu of our annual international festival event, this year we will celebrate being “Global Citizens” by participating in experiences each day, during the week of **January 25- January 29**, related to four continents: Africa, Asia, Europe, and South America. Teachers are responsible for planning activities that connect to grade level curriculum and the developmental ages of their students. In LAMP classes the Library, Art, Music, and PE teachers will also have activities that relate to these continents. Our SCA has also identified Friday, January 29th as a KES spirit day for all of us to celebrate as a school community.

**For all KES Coyote Families:** Beginning January 25th, all KG-5 students will follow a new [instructional schedule](#) to accommodate students attending in person and also virtually. More details will be shared as we approach the start date with information for how our school’s

parallel hybrid approach ( teaching simultaneously virtual and in person students) will be implemented.

**In person learning opportunities for all PreK-5 grade students will begin on Monday, January 25th.** **If you plan on your child returning, please read the following information:**

1. Report to the front of KES on **Thursday, January 14 or Friday, January 15**, anytime between the hours of 2:00-6:00 PM to pick up an **ORANGE** folder with Return to School information and forms.
2. More information will be forthcoming regarding an orientation opportunity before students return.
3. School Hours for in person learning:
  - a. 7:40-8:00 Student arrival to KES ( bus and car)
  - b. 8:00 tardy bell and school day begins
  - c. 1:00-1:15 student dismissal from KES ( bus and car)
4. If you selected a bus option, transportation information will be available on Tuesday, January 19. Unfortunately, no changes for selecting bus transportation will be made.
5. Review your student's contact information via the [HCPS PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). In particular, it's important to ensure that emergency contact information is up-to-date. For step-by-step instructions on how to update information, use this link: [How to Update Your Contact Information](#). If you encounter any issues with PowerSchool, please email the help desk at [helpdesk@henrico.k12.va.us](mailto:helpdesk@henrico.k12.va.us).

**Links:**

[Parent Portal](#) - Log-in page for portal access

[Parent Portal Account Creation Instructions](#)

[How to Update Your Contact Information](#)

**KG-5 Gifted Referral Window** On Monday, January 18th, the referral window for Spring Gifted Identification will open for students in grades K-5. Gifted identification referrals will be accepted at Kaechele ES by the Gifted Identification Coordinator, Tim Buffkin, from January 18 through January 29th. Please consider attending our upcoming virtual Parent/Guardian Referral Information Session (*date TBD*) when additional details will be shared and parent/guardian(s) will have an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the gifted identification process. A reminder about this meeting and a Microsoft Teams link will be shared on next week's Courier. If you have additional questions, please contact: (*Tim Buffkin [ttbuffkin@henrico.k12.va.us](mailto:ttbuffkin@henrico.k12.va.us)*).



The following dates and times reflect events//activities specific to our KES and PTA. As the date/event approaches, more detailed information will be shared. Please review the [HCPS Calendar](#) for dates for ALL HCPS students/families.

## January

Tuesday, January 12; KES PTA Board Meeting

Friday, January 22 - Half day for students (end of day is 11:00) **\*\* This is a change\*\***

Monday, January 25 All PreK-5th grade students who selected "in person" return

Monday, January 25-29 KES International week

Friday, January 29 is a full day of instruction for all Kg-5 students ( 8:00 AM-1:00 PM) **\*\*Change\*\***

Thursday, February 4 and Friday, February 5- School pictures ( details to follow for virtual students)



The KES PTA volunteers sponsor and support the PTA-related information in this section. Join [MemberHub](#) to stay up-to-date. Be sure to visit our [website](#) for more information, and join us on social media: [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) @KES\_PTA. Of course, you are welcome at our *monthly board meetings!*

**NEXT BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, February 2, 2021, 6:30 pm**  
[Meeting Link](#)

Meeting ID: 881 4852 5475

Passcode: 357353

**Landscape Architects/Environmental Engineers/Arborists!**

**The PTA is planning to improve the field behind the school!** We're asking for anyone with landscape architecture or environmental engineering backgrounds or an arborist to donate services to help support the initial planning. Please contact [kaechelepta@gmail.com](mailto:kaechelepta@gmail.com) to let us know you are available.

## Papa John's Dollars 4 Dough

**Here's the thing.** Kaechele could win **\$10,000**. If each Coyote family **orders two pizzas** from [Papa John's](#) using **promo code Kaechele** on or before May 31, 2021 we'd be in first place as of the December update. Maybe a pizza to refuel after a MLK Day service project and as a much deserved reward for spring cleaning in March? **We can do it!**

## Have you ordered a YEARBOOK?

**If not, don't delay!** The 2020-2021 book will be unlike any other, just like this school year. Order online [here](#), and enter passcode 1014084686722099. Please keep the receipt which will be emailed to you upon order completion.

**If you are a returning family don't forget to update your student's teacher.** Questions? Email the Yearbook Chair at [kaecheleyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:kaecheleyearbook@gmail.com), or contact TreeRing directly at 877-755-8733.

## Got Pics?

**We need your help filling the yearbook with awesome photos of YOUR Coyote(s)!** Please send pictures of students participating in school events like virtual learning, hanging out, or just basking in their awesomeness. Please send an email with your pictures to the [Yearbook Chair](#). Please include your student's name and teacher in the email.  
**Thank you!**

## Coyote Fund Honor Roll of Donors – We Thank You!





Thank you to all of the following families who have donated ANY amount to our Coyote Fund. With your support, you're making sure our Coyotes have an amazing 2020-2021 school year (**New families added this week are in bold text**).

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## Easiest Fundraising Ever!

**YOU can HELP without adding anything additional to your busy day!**

	<p><a href="#">Click here</a> or click on our KES PTA unique link: <a href="https://smile.amazon.com/ch/35-2471866">https://smile.amazon.com/ch/35-2471866</a> Log into your account, and select <b>Kaechele Elementary School PTA</b> and we'll receive .05% of your purchase cost donated to our PTA!</p>
	<p>NO MORE CLIPPING! <a href="#">Click here</a> to go to the website for instructions on how to download the app, scan your receipt, and more! <b>Choose Kaechele!!</b></p>
	<p>Ordering pizza? <a href="#">Click here</a> and enter KAEICHELE as the promo code, Papa John's will donate 10% of your order to KES.</p>
	<p><b>Grocery Shopping?</b> Put your shopping to work for Kaechele with <a href="#">Kroger</a> and <a href="#">Publix</a>.</p>

	<p align="center"><b>IT'S TIME TO ORGANIZE YOUR CLOSETS!</b></p> <p>Place these items in plastic bags and place them <b>INSIDE</b> the bin in the school's parking lot: All Clothing, All Footwear, Textiles, Accessories, Stuffed Animals</p> <p><b>WE DO NOT ACCEPT:</b> Furniture, food, foam cushions or plastic items. <b>We get paid per pound for your donations.</b></p>
	<p><b>Kids get clothes and Kaechele gets cash!</b> Primary offers high quality separates from sweatshirts to swimsuits in just about every color of the rainbow. Kaechele receives 10% of every purchase made through our unique link: Click on our Kaechele unique link here: <a href="http://www.primary.com/school/kaechele">www.primary.com/school/kaechele</a></p>
	<p>Create thoughtful keepsakes and photo gifts through our custom Shutterfly storefront. Kaechele receives 8% of every purchase made through our unique link: <a href="http://kaechele.shutterflystorefront.com/">http://kaechele.shutterflystorefront.com/</a></p>
	<p>Visit <a href="http://www.seasonalroots.com">www.seasonalroots.com</a> and use promo code <b>KES</b> when you join. You'll get \$15 OFF the membership, and Seasonal Roots will DONATE \$20 to the PTA!</p>

## General Reminders

- **It's not too late to join the PTA!** [Click here](#) to become a member and help us continue to provide critical support. **You can donate ANY amount to become an active member!**
- Seeking **volunteers** for all areas of PTA. Complete the [volunteer survey](#) for volunteering fun! Questions, or want to get involved and aren't sure of the best fit? [Contact us](#).
- **Spirit Wear** is always in season. Shop [here](#) for your gear!

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