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Friday, February 1, 2019

February 4- 8, 2019 is National School Counseling Week. Thank you Mrs. Shaia for ALL you do to support students, families and teachers! Everyday Mrs. Shaia comes to school with a smile on her face ready to face any challenge. YOU are a day to day example for putting "Student First!" She is available to "counsel" students/families, she teaches and is in classrooms each day, she supports students in small groups, and coordinates our school's Watch DOG program. KES LOVES our school counselor!!



Last Thursday's International Festival was a huge success! Thank you to those who hosted a booth and for all you attended this event. This year an extra added feature were fifth graders who demonstrated how to play board games from around our globe. A special thank you to our PTA coordinators, Raminta Sandu and Parnita Singh for planning this event.



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World Read Aloud Day was fabulous! We had two very special guests share a read aloud book with all our students, Mrs. Micky Ogburn, HCPS Three Chopt School Board representative, and Shannon Hyman, HCPS Library Specialist. Thank you for sending in your read aloud pictures!. Once I obtain permission from all families to share the powerpoint, then I will be adding it to our school's website. I was overwhelmed with how the powerpoint truly represented our KES community and how our families support reading!. I want the whole world to see that Kaechele coyotes are readers!! Thank you for your support this month as we read aloud in classrooms and at home!

Winter Parent Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 7th from 2:30-6:00 PM. Knowing that teacher/parent communication occurs throughout the school year, it may not be necessary for you to conference with your child's teacher at this time. However, if you would like to schedule a conference time, then please use the following link with sign up information for each teacher:



<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GOUFM2bRi18dR11qtcJxf7Lactc5PWkqYw9NAIkp3uI/edit?usp=sharing>



During the month of February, KES will celebrate "Random Acts of Kindness," and we are encouraging all children to think about special ways they can practice kindness towards others. Each week we will have a community service project to help make the world a better place! Information was sent home with all students this week. Below is a summary of the events:

February 4-8 Food Drive for Henrico County Blue Bus Department of Family and Community Engagement: Please bring in one or more food items to help those students and families in Henrico County who are in need of food. Items include: cereal boxes, cereal bars, fruit cups, applesauce, oatmeal, grits, fruit rolls, peanut butter, jams/jellies, mac-n-cheese, rice, noodles, beans, instant mashed potatoes, all veggie/fruit canned items, canned meats such as tuna, ham, or chicken, chili, corn beef hash, all soups – canned or in cartons, bottle water, juices, boxed drinks.



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February 11-15 Coat Drive for Caring Clothes Closet RVA: This campaign is sponsored by our KES community service club. Please send in gently used children's coats to help support those in need for warm winter items.

February 11-15 Children's Hospital Foundations' Change for Children Campaign: This campaign is sponsored by our KES SCA. 100% of the collection stay here in Richmond to support patients that are receiving services from Children's Hospital of Richmond at VCU. Bring in any spare change for classroom change jars.

January 22-February 21 Healthy Schools, Healthy Virginia Thank you for considering a donation that will be shared with the American Heart Association and KES. Half of the donations will be used to purchase a set of Polar OH1 optical heart rate sensors. The other half of the donation will go to the American Heart Association. Go to www.HealthySchoolsHealthyVa.com and click on Find My School. Locate your school, click Become a Fundraiser and the Join a Team.

Benchmark Testing for Grades 3-5- Our 3-5 grade Coyotes will be taking a Semester Benchmark Test in Reading and Math from 1/23-1/31. The purpose of the benchmark assessments is to inform classroom teachers about student mastery of recently instructed content and will be used to monitor pacing, differentiate instruction, and identify resources needed to prepare our end of year SOL Tests in the spring. The test will not be used as a grade. Below is a specific schedule for each grade level so that you can help prepare our students for the test with a good night's rest, a breakfast and personal scheduling purposes. Make ups will typically be given the day a student returns to school. Thank you in advance for your assistance!

Math Make Up (All Grades) 2/4

Extra Make Up Day (if needed) 2/5

Digital Citizenship Plan We live in rapidly changing times, with online opportunities and risks for all users, especially young people. HCPS helps, guides, and empowers students to safely leverage digital opportunities while becoming responsible digital citizens. The following link contains digital citizenship resources used to train HCPS students and resources for parents to assist their students in learning to make good choices online. Please take a look so that you are aware of the resources and/or help reinforce these online responsibilities. [Common Sense Media](#)



The Kaechele Safety Committee wants to hear from you. If you have a safety concern and/or suggestion about how to make our school safer, then please use



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the link below. If you want us to contact you, then please make sure to leave your information, and we will follow up with you as needed. These responses will be checked monthly by the school's safety committee. If this concern is something that needs to be addressed immediately, then please call the school. For quick reference, this link will also be posted on our school's main website under "Kaechele Links." [Parent Safety Concerns Survey](#)

We Are Prepared for Emergencies Please be aware that Kaecheles is prepared for many emergencies that could occur on our campus. We have a very comprehensive plan for many situations and we put those plans to practice from time to time. Please take a look at the following resource that provide more details for certain emergencies in addition to the role that you can play that can help our school in the event of an emergency. [Crisis Preparedness: Parents and School Emergencies Handbook](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

The following dates and times reflect what is currently on the PTA and KES school calendar. As the date/event approaches, more detailed information will be shared. Dates and times as noted below may change slightly, so please reference weekly teacher blogs, the Coyote Courier information and/or the school's website for the most up to date information.

FEBRUARY

5 PTA Board Meeting in library 6:30-7:30 PM
6 PTA Spirit Event at Boomerang
7 Parent Conferences 2:30-6:00
18 FULL DAY for students (it was originally a half day but due to snow it was changed)
21 Family Fun and Fitness Night
26 PTA General Membership Meeting: Library, 6:00PM to approve annual budget

MARCH

5 PTA Board Meeting in library 6:30-7:30 PM
22 Spring Pictures (individual only)
22 4th grade recorder concert; 1:00 PM
28 Festival of the Arts; 6:00-8:00 PM
29 ½ day for students

APRIL

1-5 **Spring Break Week/ School Closed**
9 PTA Board Meeting in library 6:30-7:30 PM
11 Kindergarten Registration
17 PTA Spirit Night- Marco's Pizza delivery
19 Career Day (½ day of school for students)
22 Student Holiday
26 Field Day



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NEWS YOU CAN USE

The information in the “News You Can Use” section directly relates to the KES PTA. Events or activities described or outlined each week are sponsored and supported by PTA volunteers. For further details and information related to PTA, you may also reference the KES PTA website located at <http://kespta.com>



Are you ready to **WARM UP** in the **CHILLY WINTER** weather??? Come **MOVE** and **JUMP** at our next Spirit Night

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Boomerang Air Sports (205 Towne Center W Blvd)

Wednesday, February 6th 5-8 PM.

* There will be one check in line dedicated to KES. A percentage of any sales (jump passes, gift cards, and dinner) at this register will be donated to KES.

Pizza, Gatorade, & cookie is available to purchase for \$5.

Please ensure an active waiver has been signed.



The next General Membership Meeting of the Kaechele PTA will be held, **Tuesday, February 26, 2019, 6:00 PM in the Library**. At this meeting, the membership will have the opportunity to view and approve the revised 2018-19 annual budget. The revised budget, reviewed and approved by the KES PTA Board, will be available for review in advance of the meeting. Stay tuned for a link to view and review.



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Make joining the PTA your New Year's Resolution!

We still need memberships to get to 100%. Please consider joining OR adding a spouse, parent, or adult family member or friend if you've already joined!

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