

# Kingston Elementary School May 2017 Newsletter



## From the Principal-

Wow - May already! This year has flown by. It is safe to say that spring is here as the grass gets greener and the flowers begin to bloom. The weather is also getting warmer. Please continue to send a jacket for the chilly mornings. Students must wear a jacket if the temperature is below 65 degrees.

We have many things going on in the month of May as we continue our ABC countdown until the end of the year. There is no school on Friday, May 4th for Teacher's Institute.

We have our spring benchmarking on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup>. This allows us to look at student growth throughout the year.

We will be having a lot of visitors this month. The local preschools will be coming to tour the building The 2<sup>nd</sup> will be going to visit and tour Genoa Elementary School on Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.

We will be having our second "KES Book Blast" on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. A book blast is when community members come and read to our students. The volunteers read to the classes a book of their choice that is appropriate for that grade. They then rotate throughout all of the classrooms.

We will have field day on Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mrs. Hale has been working hard on planning the events. Only parent volunteers will be allowed to come for field day. The last day of school is May 24<sup>th</sup> (11:30 dismissal).

We always have things pop up for the end of the year; we will send notes and permission slips as they are planned so be on the lookout (check out our Facebook page). As always if you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Stefanie Hill, principal





Our little ones are nearly first graders. There are so many things that we still need to learn and we are working very hard these last few weeks. Fourth quarter assessments will be starting soon and here is what everyone needs to be working on.

PHONICS: Students need to independently recognize all 26 letters of the alphabet both lowercase and capital. They need to know all 42 letter sounds taught through Jolly Phonics including the letter teams. We should be writing sentences with brave spelling. The sentences should have correct capitalization, space between words and ending marks.

MATH: Kindergarteners should be counting to 100. They need to recognize numbers to 20 and write them as well. We are working on math facts with sums/differences to 5 in both addition and subtraction. Students should recognize the flat shapes: circle, square, rectangle, triangle and hexagon and solid shapes: cone, cube, cylinder and sphere.

Please remember that we are always working towards independence in all of our skills. Summer reading and writing is super important. Our town libraries have some wonderful reading programs and each kindergarten will come home with some potential summer activities from their teachers.

It has been our greatest honor to be your child's Kindergarten teacher this school year. We would like to thank each and every one of you for your contribution to your child's education in sending them prepared to school each day. We would also like to thank our parents that have come in to help. From party helpers, mystery readers, field trip chaperones and classroom helpers. We appreciate ALL of the help! It definitely takes a village to raise a child and we are proud to be members of your child's village.

## Important Dates

May 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ 1:45 Release

May 4<sup>th</sup> ~ Teacher Institute Day- No student attendance

May 9<sup>th</sup> ~ 1:45 Release

May 11<sup>th</sup> ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade to GES for tour

May 16<sup>th</sup> ~ 1:45 Release

May 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ Field Day 11:15-1:30/1:45 Release

May 24<sup>th</sup> ~ Last day of school!!! ~11:30 Release  
Report cards go home



## Lunch Times

Kinder 11:30-12:15

1<sup>st</sup> 10:50-11:35

2<sup>nd</sup> 12:10-12:55

## OVER THE SUMMER

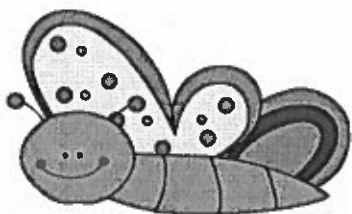
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- Aluminum Can Tabs
- Box Tops



Please send your  
child with a snack!

IF YOU ARE CALLING TO  
CHANGE HOW YOUR CHILD IS  
GOING HOME PLEASE CALL BY  
2:15. THIS ENSURES THEY GET  
THE MESSAGE.



PLEASE remember to call the  
office if your child is going to be  
absent! 815-784-5246

## First Grade May Newsletter

Spring has been a busy time for first graders. April brought poems, projects, and stories about insects and Earth Day. We discussed ways to help keep our world clean. We read books, made an art project, and watched a video about this special day.

In math, we have continued to work on basic addition and subtraction facts and double digit addition and subtraction. Please continue to practice these facts with your child at home. This month we will continue to work on *Geometry* and our last topic, *Fractions of Shapes*.

First graders continue to hear and discuss nonfiction texts in *Making Meaning*, our reading comprehension program. We talk about what we learn from the texts and what we wonder about the topics. Wondering helps readers engage with the text and make sense of what they're reading. At home, before reading a nonfiction text, ask your child what he/she knows and wonders about the topic. After reading, ask your child questions about what he/she learned about the topic and what surprised him/her. Also discuss what your child is still wondering about the topic. We hope you and your child are enjoying reading together as you practice the strategies we've worked on in class.

On Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be going to the Sycamore Theater to view the movie *Ferdinand*. Students will enjoy popcorn and lemonade during the movie. Thank you to the PTO for the generous monetary contribution to keep the price of this field trip down.

Even though the end of the school year is fast approaching, it is important to continue checking your child's backpack for homework and notes. Also be sure to have your child wear a jacket or put a jacket in his/her backpack. The changeable spring weather often requires children to need a jacket at different times of the day.

As we get closer to the end of the school year, please help your child to remember and follow the three Kingston rules- Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be safe. These rules apply when students are inside the building, as well as outside at recess times.

Field Day will be on Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. More details will be coming soon. Our last day of school will be Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. This day will be a half day to make up for the snow day.



# Thanks

We would like to thank all of the parents who have consistently encouraged their child to complete and return his or her homework. It has been very beneficial for your child, and we appreciate the support. Please help us by reminding your student to stay focused and on-task throughout the rest of the school year. These last few weeks can be difficult as summer approaches.

We would also like to say a big **THANK YOU** to all of the parents and grandparents who volunteered their time throughout the year - whether it was as a chaperone, holiday party planner, or in the classroom. Your help has been priceless!



**Budget Saver:** Please save your child's supply tub from this year to use in third grade. It has been on the third grade supply list in previous years.



Have a healthy, relaxing summer. Remember, research shows that students experience learning losses when they do not engage in educational activities in the summer. To help keep your child's skills sharp, read as much as possible. Practicing math facts and writing would also be beneficial. It has been a pleasure for all of us to work with this year's group of second graders. Don't forget to visit those websites and apps we have shared throughout the year.



### Summer Ideas

➤ Practice math facts in the car.

➤ Read a variety of printed materials (comics, magazines, online stories, books...).

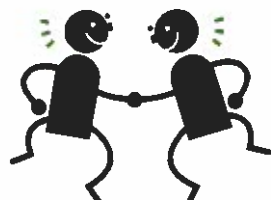
➤ Visit the library or a bookstore.

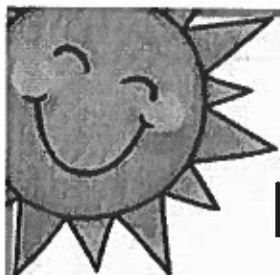
➤ Consider a parent/child conversation notebook to write in daily and leave fun notes for each other about the plans for the day or just to say hi.

➤ Get outside and play! Turn off the electronics and use imaginative play.



Good luck in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade next year! We wish you all the best at GES!





# Building Readers

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May 2018

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Title I Funding is supplied by the US Department of Education

## Reading Connections

Summer Time is Reading Time! Keep some books in the car for travel times and appointments. In the pool bag for time spent out of the water. Reading is the coziest bedtime habit. Let your child choose favorites to read at bedtime. If your child has a later summer bedtime, have him use that time for reading on his own.

## Writing

Writing a little every day keeps students skills sharp. Have your child make lists for the grocery store, of the stuffed animals or toys he has, or of his friends. Try having a written conversation with your child. Write him a one sentence note and have him write a sentence back to you daily.

## Fun With Words

Looking for a fun way to practice words? Make your own word search puzzles. There are several word search generators online. You pick the words you want use and how big you want the grid. You can complete them on the computer or print them up. Try:  
[puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com/tools](http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com/tools)

[atozteacherstuff.com/word-search-makerhttps://www.superteacherworksheets.com](http://atozteacherstuff.com/word-search-makerhttps://www.superteacherworksheets.com)

Or google word search to find more.

## Reminders

Title I Reading students will receive three summer mailing (June, July, and August). Please help your child continue to be excited about reading!



# THE PBIS POST



Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe



## May: A TIME TO CELEBRATE



Each month, KES recognized students who exhibited a specific trait. Two students from each classroom were chosen. Those students were honored in our hallway, received a certificate with COGS bucks, and a shout out over the intercom! WAY TO GO!

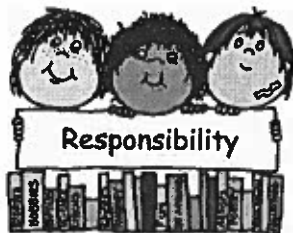
Throughout the year, the PBIS committee worked hard to find ways to bring our school together. We played all-school Bingo each month. Our staff worked together to review our school rules throughout the year and participated in school boosters to challenge our students to meet their goals. Our students worked each week to earn the Golden Whistle award for outstanding recess behavior.



We would also like to thank our amazing COGS Store volunteers: Mrs. Creadon, Mrs. Kleba, Mrs. Kostopoulos, and Mrs. Johnson. The PBIS committee appreciates your dedication and hard work!



**Fairness**







# THE PBIS POST



**Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe**

For April and May, KES celebrated students who exhibited citizenship. These students were recognized because they help make things better, respect authority, and are active members in their classroom. Students who are good citizens demonstrate all the qualities that have been celebrated throughout our school year. KES is proud of your hard work this year!



## CITIZENSHIP TRAIT KES WINNERS

Paige P.  
Gabriel E.  
Addison B.  
Naomi S.  
Landen S.  
Kendall K.  
Emersyn T.  
Evvie W.  
Ryken F.  
Conner H.

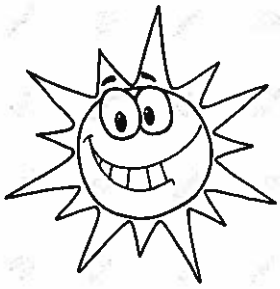
Austin Y.  
Josi G.  
Aiden B.  
Eli W.  
Adam W.  
Faith G.  
Chace F.  
Cole K.  
Madyson M.

Will K.  
Nayelli G.  
Tandin P.  
Grace H.  
Cooper H.  
Emma W.  
Andrew C.  
Harper S.  
Blake N.



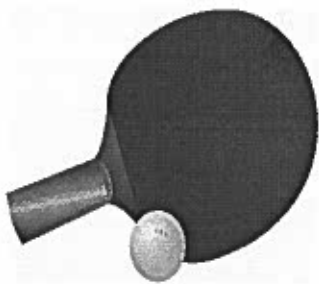
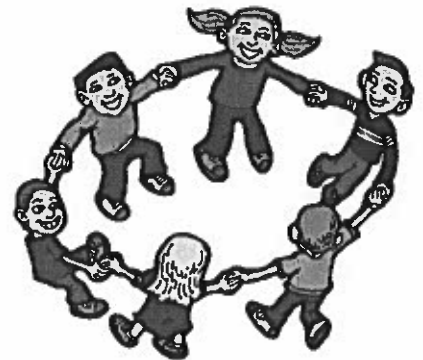
**Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe**





And with that, I type the last KES PE newsletter of the year. I am wondering where the year has gone, but am so glad I decided to take on the challenge of working with the younger students this year! It is so great to see the smiles and successes day in and day out. The students at KES make me say I love my job, and I am looking forward to doing it again next year!

The students have spent the last several weeks working on striking with implements, dribbling with their hands and feet while using different pathways and levels, frisbees, and will end the year using pedometers while working on fitness concepts. It is very important to me that while the students are in PE they gain some experience learning skills that will lead to a lifetime of activity. While some may argue that I am not teaching "sports", at this age, that is not appropriate!



Striking is a skill that can be used with or without equipment. The students used both paddles and putters to strike during our unit. While using the paddles the students worked with balloons, beanbags, and balls. They went from volleying with themselves to volleying with a partner. It was evident that this skill was easier for some than it was others, but great to see the increase in coordination skills as the students got better. The students learned that tennis, racquet ball, badminton, ping pong, and pickle ball are some sports that require using a paddle or racquet. The students also worked with a putter for a couple days. They got the experience of putting and aiming at targets as well as using putting greens to putt the ball in the hole. A discussion was held that this is a skill you would use on the golf course or at the mini putt course.

Dribbling with the hands and feet was the next skill the students practiced. The students used a variety of different balls to practice both skills and also used several levels and pathways. For example, the students dribbled a small basketball with their hand while on their knees at a low level, but used a big rubber ball to dribble with their hands at a high level. They traveled around cones and zig zagged with the soccer ball while dribbling with their

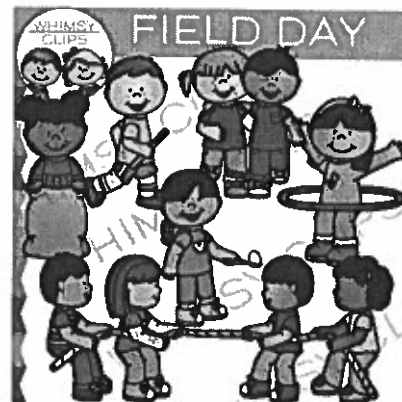


feet. Using the correct part of their hands and feet was the focus of the time spend dribbling, and many of them could tell the difference and in just 3 short days improved tremendously!



Kindergarten just finished learning a dance which they displayed at the concert, while 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade finished a quick frisbee unit. The students loved the frisbees, and again, the amount of improvement on throwing and catching the frisbee was fantastic. We focused on using the correct grip on the frisbee, a backhand throw, as well as 3 different types of catches. We discussed how as the students progress they will start to play ultimate frisbee, so they will need to be able to throw, catch, and release quickly; however, at KES we just focused on accurate throws and catches!

Lastly, Field Day letters should have gone home earlier in the week. The KES Field Day is a variety of stations that the students rotate through with their teacher. The parents work the stations as the students rotate through. Field Day is the afternoon of May 23<sup>rd</sup>, and if you want to volunteer as the note says, it is first come first serve as parking is a huge issue. With that being said, please understand that you don't get to rotate from station to station with your student, but that you will facilitate the station! No additional siblings are allowed as this is for the students of KES!




### PE Reminders:

- All students must have **tennis shoes** on to participate in class! Rubber soled tennis shoes are needed. Even if we head outside for class, it is still class, not recess!
- Shoes must stay on your child's foot during class. If the shoe comes off during activity this is a safety issue for your child as well as the others in the class and after one warning will be asked to sit out.



# Genoa-Kingston Elementary




MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 Sausage Breakfast Pizza Apple Slices	2 Smuckers PB&J Grapes	3 Cinnamon Pancake Banana	4 TEACHERS INSTITUTE
7 Sausage Breakfast Pizza Orange Wedges	8 Blueberry Muffin w/Cheese Stick Apple Slices	9 French Toast Sticks w/Syrup Grapes	10 Grape Filled Croissant Banana	11 Breakfast Corn dog Apple Slices
14 Strawberry Burst Pancakes Orange Wedges	15 Sausage Breakfast Pizza Apple Slices	16 Smuckers PB&J Grapes	17 Cinnamon Pancake Banana	18 Blueberry Mini Waffles Apple Slices
21 Sausage Breakfast Pizza Orange Wedges	22 Blueberry Muffin w/Cheese Stick Apple Slices	23 French Toast Sticks w/Syrup Grapes	24 <b>Chef's Choice</b> (to be decided)	25 <b>1st Day Summer Break</b>
28 <b>Milk:</b> Chocolate 1% White Skim	29 <b>Offered Daily:</b> Fresh Fruit, 100% Fruit Juice, Dried Cranberries, Assorted & Cereal w/Grahams	30 	31 <b>Menu Questions</b> Contact Regan Peterson 815-784-6222	Full \$1.75 Reduced \$.30 Free to all who qualify Milk \$.45

## May 2018 Breakfast Menu



# Kingston Elementary



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>C:</b> Mon & Wed: American & Turkey on a Pretzel Roll Tues & Thurs: Ham and Swiss Sandwich Fri: Tuna Salad Sandwich	<b>1</b> A: Ground Turkey Nachos B: Fish Patty Melt Steamed Corn Mixed Fruit	<b>2</b> A: Jumbo Pretzel w/Cheese Sauce B: Chicken Patty Sandwich Steamed Carrots Cherry Applesauce	<b>3</b> A: Penne w/Meat Sauce B: Bacon Cheeseburger Steamed Peas Pineapple Chunks	<b>4</b> <b>TEACHERS INSTITUTE</b>
<b>7</b> A: Toasted Turkey Ham and Cheese Sandwich B: Popcorn Chicken w/Bread Green Beans Cinnamon Sliced Apples	<b>8</b> A: Beef Tacos B: Diced BBQ Chicken Sandwich Steamed Corn Mixed Fruit	<b>9</b> A: Cheese Pretzel Stick B: Sloppy Joe on a Bun Steamed Carrots Sour Applesauce	<b>10</b> A: Meatball Sub B: Chicken Tenders w/Bread Slice Steamed Peas Pineapple Chunks	<b>11</b> A: Pepperoni Pizza B: Cheeseburger Potato Smiles Sidekick Slushy
<b>14</b> A: Grilled Cheese and Tomato Soup B: Chicken Nugget w/Bread Baked Beans Diced Pears	<b>15</b> A: Ground Turkey Nachos B: Fish Patty Melt Steamed Corn Mixed Fruit	<b>16</b> A: Jumbo Pretzel w/Cheese Sauce B: Chicken Patty Sandwich Steamed Carrots Cherry Applesauce	<b>17</b> A: Penne w/Meat Sauce B: Bacon Cheeseburger Steamed Peas Pineapple Chunks	<b>18</b> A: Cheese Bosco Sticks w/Marinara B: Chicken Rings w/Crackers Tater Tots Sidekick Slushy
<b>21</b> A: Toasted Turkey Ham and Cheese Sandwich B: Popcorn Chicken w/Bread Green Beans Cinnamon Sliced Apples	<b>22</b> A: Beef Tacos B: Diced BBQ Chicken Sandwich Steamed Corn Mixed Fruit	<b>23</b> <b>Field Day Sack Lunch</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Early Dismissal No Lunch</b>	<b>25</b> <b>1st Day Summer Break</b>
<b>28</b> <b>D:</b> PB&J Sandwich w/Cheese Stick Or Sunbutter & J Sandwich w/Cheese Stick	<b>29</b> Mon: Apples & Carrots Tues: Grapes & Celery Wed: Oranges & Tomato Thurs: Banana & Spinach Fri: Apples & Broccoli	<b>30</b> 	<b>31</b> <b>Menu Questions Contact</b> Regan Peierson 815-784-6222	<b>Full \$2.80</b> <b>Reduced \$ .40</b> <b>Free to all who qualify</b> <b>Milk \$ .45</b> <b>Chocolate</b> <b>1% White</b> <b>Skim</b>

## May 2018 Lunch Menu