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Our storybook closes.

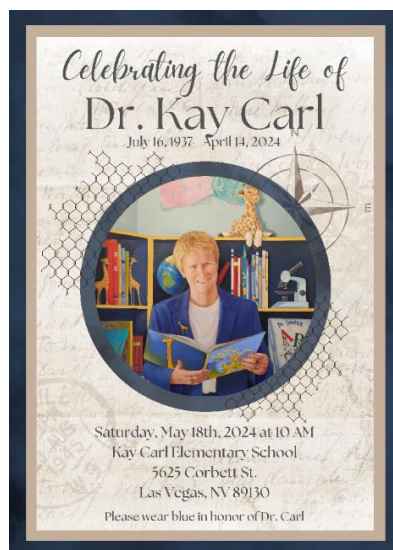
Storybook Land: Chapter 2 had many exciting moments and a few that have been hard to bear. We are thankful to our school community for always celebrating the good times and supporting during the difficult ones. We look forward to next year in the Wild Wild West being one of the best! Please register your student as soon as possible through Infinite Campus. We hope you get a chance to spend time with family and friends this summer.



Field Day

Field Day is such a fun PE events for students across the district. Only students who are **currently enrolled at KCES** will be permitted on campus on Field Day, May 9. Please be on the look-out for parent volunteer requests to assist with events or classrooms.

In Loving Memory



Upcoming Events

May 9

Field Day (PE Event) 9:30-11:30 a.m.- 3-5 & 1-3 p.m.- K-2 (KCES students ONLY)

May 10

Progress Reports: check IC

May 13-17

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 14

SOT Meeting @ 3:45 p.m.

May 15

Kindergarten Celebrations (teacher will Dojo)

May 17

Fifth Grade Celebration @ 1:30 p.m.

End of Year BBQ 5:30-8 p.m.

May 18

Dr. Carl's Celebration of Life @ 10 a.m.

May 20

Last day of school- half day (dismissal @ 12:45 p.m.)

U-Swirl 12-10 p.m.

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Fifth Grade Folklore

Well, CHAMPIONS, we are drawing to a close on what has been an exciting Fifth Grade year! We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for entrusting us with your most prized asset – your child! We hope we have been a valuable team member in this endeavor. SBAC testing has been tough, but we have made it through just in time to take our final MAPS assessments. We have mastered our way to becoming Great Americans and look forward to seeing how many of our students completed the challenge. Midnight Madness is sure to be epic and the stories and memories will live on with us forever. Please join us on Friday, May 17th at 1:30, as we honor every one of our fifth graders during our Promotion Ceremony. Arrive EARLY – it is always standing room only. As we close this chapter of elementary school we look forward to the visits and emails from our students as they embark on a new adventure. Remember, FIFTH GRADE is temporary...CHAMPIONS are forever!



First Grade Fairytale

In the month of May, first grade will be doing end of year testing and getting ready for the end of the school year. Awards will only be given to students who earned A or A/B honor roll, perfect attendance or exemplary attendance (3 or less absences), and specialist awards. Students who are getting an award will bring home an invitation for their parents to come to the awards ceremony held in your child's classroom. Families, please continue to keep reading and practicing math skills over the summer!



Preschool Picture Book



We are at the finish line. We are going to spend these last few weeks reviewing the skills that have been taught this year and touring the school campus to practice getting students ready for kindergarten. **PRESCHOOL's** last day of school is **Thursday, May 16th**. Thank you for allowing me to provide your child their first school experience. Enjoy your summer and see you next school year! -Mrs. Allen

KIDS Mystery

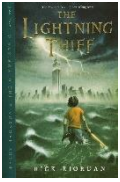
We are reviewing letters and letter sounds one last time before the year ends. We are also mastering our numbers 1-10 with one to one correspondence and number identification. Some of us are even learning basic addition and to read cvc and sight words. Pre-K has been so fun this year, and we are all showing our love to our friends so much. We love to play together, help each other, and work together. Those of us that are moving up are so excited to go to kindergarten next year!



Fourth Grade Fantasy

Currently in 4th grade we are finishing up SBAC testing. As our standardized testing comes to an end, we are still continuing with our normal curriculum.

In math we are working on number patterns and will soon be moving on to our bridge to 5th grade math. This will hopefully help prepare them for 5th grade!



In reading, we are continuing with, The Lightning Thief, by Rick Riordan. Through this novel we are analyzing figurative language, character development, and herculean themes. Once our book is over, we will be watching the movie and the series to look for similarities and differences across mediums. As the year inches closer to the end, we are excited for Midnight Madness and Field Day!

Second Grade Short Story

Second graders have continued to work hard on their reading skills. Students have wrapped up the poetry unit and have moved into a review of skills across the board! We have MAPS testing coming up soon and we want to review and practice as much as we can. Please encourage your child to read for at least 20 minutes each night to practice their reading fluency. Students have also completed writing their Arctic Animal Research papers. Some have even been able to complete typing their papers as great practice for SBACS next year. In math, students have completed the time unit and are moving into learning arrays, which helps enforce repeated addition and multiplication skills. Ask your child some repeated addition or even small multiplication questions for fun!

Second Grade President Writing:

Killer Whale

Splash! Gobble! Squeak! What was that? That was the sound of a Killer Whale diving into the violet ocean and gobbling up a seal! Keep on reading to find out some more.



Killer whales have black bodies. They also have white on their undersides. Killer whales, or Orcas, are fierce predators. They eat fish, walruses, seals, penguins, sharks, and blue whales. Orcas are very fast. They can swim up to thirty five miles per- hour. Killer whales are my favorite!!!!!!

Next time you go to the Arctic try to spot one! Now you can tell your friends about them. We will see you next time!!! By: Emma H.



News You Can Use

Summer Activities

Here's a few activities to add to your family's summer bucket list.

- Kid-friendly pools at Golden Nugget and Circus Circus
- Lion Habitat Ranch- a favorite of Dr. Carl
- Springs Preserve
- Kid-friendly shows from Excalibur's Tournament of Kings and Jabbawockeez
- Hershey's Chocolate World
- M&M's World
- Shark Reef Aquarium
- Discovery Children's Museum
- The Downtown Container Park
- Ethel M Chocolate Factory & Botanical Cactus Garden
- Adventuredome at Circus Circus
- Bellagio- the fountains or the conservatory and botanical garden
- Madame Tussauds
- Red Rock Canyon
- Gilcrease Orchard
- The Farm
- Marvel Avengers S.T.A.T.I.O.N.
- Las Vegas Natural History Museum

Kindergarten Literature



Summer is here! What can you do to help your child prepare for first grade? Keep the learning going! Visit the public library weekly. Read together. Find a series your child enjoys and have them read all the books in the series. Keep a summer journal to record your adventures while maintaining writing skills. Visit local museums, orchards, and planetariums. Work on skills to help your child regulate their emotions. Have daily conversations with your child; this makes a huge difference. Life is full of ups and downs and children need to learn to name their fears and emotions to help cope and manage them. There is a great book available on Amazon called When Harley Has Anxiety by Regine Galanti. Another wonderful book that has helped many parents is called Love and Logic by Foster Cline and Jim Faye.

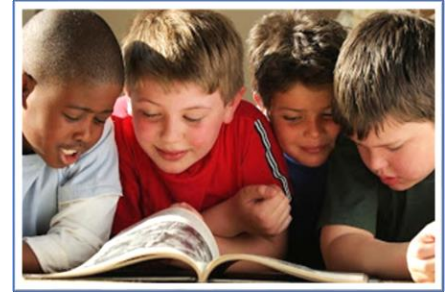
Third Grade Thriller

Our third graders have been busy over the past few weeks reviewing and taking the SBAC test for ELA and Math. They have worked hard all year tackling tough standards and thinking outside the box. We are so proud of them and all they have accomplished.

Summer is a fun time to take a break from the daily school routine. However, many students who do not work on anything during the summer will experience a "summer loss" and need much review at the beginning of the school year to get caught back up to speed. This can be prevented and still enjoy your summer break. Try to maintain the learning without making it seem like schoolwork. Keep it simple and fun. Here are a few ideas to practice this summer:



- **Just READ** – Try to read something every day, whether it's a book, recipe, or a menu. Every word counts. Set aside time for daily quiet reading time.
- **Review MATH FACTS** -- Keep those multiplication and division facts at the front of your child's brain. It will mean either sink or swim for your child as they begin 4th grade solving 2-digit and 3-digit multiplication problems. Use flashcards, websites, or skip counting songs to help memorize those facts. Even when you're driving, or during



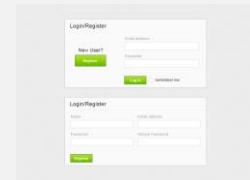
Announcements

Acknowledgements

Thank you for all of your support this year during our fundraisers. We are thankful for the wonderful community that we have surrounding us. The monies raised was used for student incentives and events, A.R. prizes, etc.

2024-2025 Online Registration

You can register online for the 2024-2025 school year at campus.ccsd.net/campus/portal. Please call Nyasha at 702-799-6650 if you have forgotten your username and/or password.



Summer, Summer time is here. We learned so much in this school year! You are a very special child. Remember all the times we smiled. We've loved the time we've spent with you. We wish you luck in all you do. –Courtney Bartlett



commercials, waiting in line, ask your child random math facts.

By doing these two simple things it will keep your child thinking and on track for starting a new school year with success! Thank you for all your support this year and for helping your child have a successful experience in third grade.

ECSE Edition



A great way to end a great year is to have a little fun! We are heading to the water. We will explore animals that live in water while adding some water to our play. What is the largest animal in the ocean and what is the smallest? What do they eat? We are excited to learn about all things ocean.

Goldilocks' Guide

Inspire journal writing with creative ideas

This upcoming summer is a great time to begin writing in a journal. All your child needs is an empty notebook and a few fun ideas to get started. Suggest that your child keep:



- **A research log.** Have your child pick a subject, such as penguins, and then research and write about it. What do penguins eat? Who are penguins' predators? How do penguins communicate? How do penguins move from one place to another?
- **A travel log.** Each time you go somewhere special— whether it's far away or close to home—your child can keep a record by taking pictures, drawing or writing notes. What did your child see? Who did your child meet? What did your child think about the place?
- **An observation log.** Suggest that your child observe something over a period of time, such as a summer vegetable as it grows. Or, suggest things to describe in great detail, such as bugs or animals.

Review the school year with your child and set new goals



It's almost the end of another school year. Students have navigated learning challenges, read new books and mastered new skills. Now is the perfect time to sit down and talk about everything your child has learned this year. During your discussion:

- **Take a look back.** What was your child's favorite school project this year? How did your child manage to overcome obstacles? What goals did your child accomplish? Help your child recognize personal growth. "You worked very hard to master division this year. You can do challenging things when you have a positive attitude and put in the time and effort!"
- **Take a look forward.** What is your child looking forward to this summer? What seems exciting about next year? Is there a subject or an area your child would like to improve in? Are there books your child would like to read? Is there an extracurricular activity your child would like

to try? Together, make a list of things your elementary schooler hopes to accomplish in the months to come.

- **Set summer learning goals.** Talk about how learning doesn't stop at the end of the school year. One of the great things about the summer is that it offers the opportunity to learn new things. Together, think about something your child would like to learn during the summer. It could be a new sport, a new language, or an artistic skill. Then, help your child make a detailed plan to achieve the learning goal.

Are you preparing your child for a safe summer?

Summer is prime time for fun and often brings increased outdoor activities for families and kids. Are you doing all you can to make sure your child is healthy and safe during the summer break? Answer yes or no to the questions below to find out:



1. **Do you require** your child to wear sunscreen and insect protection when playing outdoors?
2. **Do you insist** that your child wear a helmet when on a bike, scooter or skateboard?
3. **Do you make** sure your child is supervised when near water and uses a flotation device in lakes or pools?
4. **Do you encourage** your child to drink plenty of water when playing or exercising outdoors in the heat?
5. **Do you look** for supervised activities that will keep your child busy and active?

How well are you doing?

Mostly yes answers mean you are preparing for a safe summer for your elementary schooler. For no answers, try those ideas in the quiz

Celebrate your child's personal and school achievements

There is no better motivator for children than setting a goal and reaching it. But sometimes, a major accomplishment also calls for a celebration. Perhaps your child earned a higher grade in a class this grading period. Or, maybe your child finally finished reading that book series. Whenever your elementary schooler sets and reaches a challenging goal, try one of these fun ideas:

1. **Take a picture of your child reaching the goal**—holding up a report card or a finished book series, for example. You could also ask your child to draw a picture of the accomplishment. Frame the picture and place it by your child's bed. When children regularly see images of themselves being successful, they will start to see themselves as achievers.
2. **Plan a special surprise.** On one side of a piece of paper, write down a goal your child wants to achieve. On the other side, write down a small reward— such as having a friend over for a sleepover or a one-on-one activity with you. Roll up the paper, put it into a balloon, and then blow up the balloon. After reaching your goal, your child can pop the balloon to find out what the reward is.



3. **Host a family victory dinner to celebrate your child's success.** Set a "fancy" table and serve some of your child's favorite foods. During dinner, ask your child to say a few words about how great it feels to reach a goal.

Five strategies can keep children reading through summer months



Students who don't read over the summer months can lose months of growth in reading skills. Those who keep reading often experience gains. The more your child reads, the easier reading will be—and the more likely your child is to want to read. Set a goal for your elementary schooler to read at least 30 minutes every day. You can make reading fun with activities like these:

1. Read the news together. Give your child the comics to read. Ask which one's the funniest. Discuss sports, the weather, letters to the editor, travel destinations, etc. If you don't get a printed newspaper, share articles of interest you find online.
2. Read aloud together. You read a page of a book, then your child does. Or, you read the narrative and let your child read the dialogue.
3. Dramatize what you read. Select a simple scene from one of your child's books. Assign character roles. Discuss what happens first, second, next. Then act it out, adding lots of dialogue.
4. Promote practical reading. Ask your child to read the recipe while you bake cookies. Involve your child in reading instructions to build or repair something. Ask your child to rewrite damaged recipe cards, organize the family bookshelf or put kitchen spices in alphabetical order.
5. Create reading-related jobs. Ask your child to rewrite damaged recipe cards, organize the family bookshelf or put kitchen spices in alphabetical order.

Music Primer

Dear KCES Families,

Happy spring! Our Champion students are progressing well toward mastery as young musicians this semester.



In the fall students focused on rhythm and note names and now have progressed to reading, singing, and playing melodies. As students in Kinder and Grade 1 begin to refine their singing skills students in Grade 2 are scoring points in Music Baseball for reading and singing two to four pitch melodic phrases. Grades 3, 4, and 5 are playing the recorder.

Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 were given the opportunity to purchase a soprano recorder starting in March. Students can still purchase a recorder for \$6.00. For an additional \$1.00 students can purchase a recorder strap. If you would like to purchase a recorder for your child please bring your money the day your child has music class.





The KCES Choir will represent our school again this year at the 2024 UNLV Choral Festival at UNLV Artemus Ham Hall on May 7th! The choir is an auditioned group open to fourth and fifth grade students. If your child is in third grade or fourth grade please consider having them audition in August 2024. Auditions are held during the students regularly scheduled music time so that all students have an opportunity to audition. The KCES Choir and the Percussion Ensemble have other performances throughout the school year: Winter Festival; STEAM Night; and Area Festival.

It has been a very successful year for the KCES Percussion Ensemble. The student participants; fourth and fifth graders, like the Choir is an auditioned group. This year's group showed incredible improvement in their drumming techniques playing pieces in four parts for both the drums and the marimba instruments. A very creative group, they presented their own arrangement of the popular cartoon musical theme Baby Shark for the STEAM Night Music Program on April 18th.



I hope this has been a wonderful school year for the KCES families. If you have any questions about your child's music class or the extra-curricular programs please text a message on ClassDojo or email: ashcrm@nv.ccsd.net.

Musically Yours and Always a "Treble-Maker",

Ms. Mary Ashcraft



Music Teacher

Monthly Kindness Calendar

MAY 2024

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS FOUNDATION

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Show love to a family member.	Dedicate time to making your room a clean and relaxing space.	Enjoy a favorite dessert. 	Write a note thanking the nursing staff at a local clinic or hospital.	Listen and learn.	Blast some music and dance like a chicken.	Approach challenges with confidence.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Admit your mistakes and ask for forgiveness.	Do not gossip or talk badly about others.	Talk with the person next to you on the bus or in line at lunch.	Own up to your mistakes.	Compliment someone on their creativity.	Show extra kindness to the cafeteria staff.	Enjoy a few slices of pizza with loved ones. 
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Commit to learning a new musical instrument. 	Silence any negative thoughts, self-doubts, or judgments.	Remind your closest friend how much you care.	Learn more about African culture.	Send an encouraging text to a family member.	Treat your skin well! Start with sunscreen. 	Bring a family member breakfast in bed.
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Offer to help a neighbor with yard work.	Thank someone for doing the work they do. 	Publicly praise someone for their great effort.	Finish a project you've been putting off.	Follow @RAKFoundation on Instagram to kind-ify your social media feed.	Start a conversation with someone new.	

Visit www.randomactsofkindness.org for more kindness ideas.

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