



## School News

We have two spirit days each week and we would love for your children to participate. Wednesdays we wear our Kelly House shirt or House colors and Fridays we wear a Kelly shirt.

### Parking

We have been asked by the Wichita Police Department to remind people of the following parking violations that can result in a citation:

- Parking within 30 feet of a traffic sign – 11.52.020(10)
- Parking within 8 feet of a private driveway- 11.52.020(5)
- Parking more than 12 inches from the curb- 11.52.040

Anyone who drops off or picks up children at school knows that traffic and parking can be an issue. While this can be an inconvenience to parents, it is a source of frustration for people living by the school who frequently have driveways blocked by parents who are “only going to be here a minute”. Please help the school be a good neighbor and provide a good example for students by following all traffic and parking laws. The law says that cars parking on the street have to leave eight feet of clearance around driveways. Your cooperation is appreciated!

### House News

This month we will focus our House meeting time on Perseverance! Each House will participate in a couple activities to practice perseverance. We will break apart into small groups to discuss what perseverance is, what challenges they face in the activity, what strategies they used to overcome the challenge, and goals they are perseverance towards today. Make sure to check in with your child about the House meeting and what they took away from the lesson about perseverance! And everyone also had the opportunity to sit with their Houses at lunch Wednesday Jan. 9th!!

Don't forget to show your House Support on Wednesdays by wearing your House colors!

# Kelly Cougars like to show PRIDE

**Perseverance** - Never giving up until you succeed

**Respect** – Being considerate and thoughtful towards the feelings of others

**Integrity** – Doing the right thing, even when no one is watching

**Dependability** – Being trustworthy or acting as someone that other people can count on

**Effort** – Always trying hard, and doing your best

These students were caught showing pride during the month of December –  
Thank you for all of your hard work!

Luke Hall, Nevaeh Gallatin, Kamariyae Cotton, Samantha Hawley, Ray Alvarez, Theodore Hawley, Brigett Heinrichs, Hudson Shaffer, Kelly McKay, Max Mendoza-Bravo, Cailynn Arebalo, Tyson Tucker, Braxton Daniels-Art, Narciso Martinez, Daelan Powell, Jaiden Davis, Tatiana Frierson, Leland Clay, Jamarcius Fisher, Heavynne Shaw, Madelynn Kackley, Altonio Roberts, Alyssa Hutto, Lars Rickert, Avionne Smallwood, Lane Dahlgren, Luke Hall, Nevaeh Gallatin, Kamariyae Cotton, Samantha Hawley, Ray Alvarez, Omar Sotelo-Rodriguez, Liliana Frierson.

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Jan. 3	Welcome Back!	
Jan. 8	PTA Meeting	4:30 after school in the PIW Room
Jan. 9	House Meetings	Wear it Wednesday- Wear your house t-shirt!
Jan.11	Beef Jerky Sale	After school sale \$1
Jan. 21	No School-Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	
Jan. 29	Kansas Day	
Feb. 1	Wear Red Day	
Feb. 7	Roller City Skate Night	6:30-8:30 pm
Feb. 14	Valentine's Day Parties	

## Get Help With the Homework Hotline!

Have questions about homework? The Homework Hotline is here to help! The Wichita Public Schools is offering support for students at all grade levels. Students who have questions about their assignments, as well as parents who need support while helping their child at home, can call or email the Homework Hotline. There are certified teachers who can answer questions on any assignment from kindergarten through high school.



The Homework Hotline is open Monday through Thursday from 3:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
Call for help: 973-4411 or email your questions to [homework@usd259.net](mailto:homework@usd259.net).  
Please take advantage of this support system to make sure your child is successful!

<i>Pre-Kindergarten</i>	<i>Kindergarten</i>
<p>Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letters R, N, J, D</li> <li>• Working on identifying letters and letter sounds.</li> <li>• Listening to read alouds and being able to retell the story.</li> </ul> <p>Math:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identifying numbers</li> <li>• Counting to 30</li> <li>• Counting backwards from 10-0</li> <li>• Measuring</li> <li>• Comparing objects</li> </ul>	<p>Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Words: are, now, is, of , many, how, so, where, find, from, but, this, came, on, and review</li> <li>• Letter sounds: b, i (short and long), g, and review.</li> <li>• Essential Questions: Where do animals make their homes?, What can we see in the sky?, What kinds of things do scientists study?, How do living things change as they grow?</li> </ul> <p>Math:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number bonds</li> <li>• Decomposing numbers to 8</li> </ul>

<i>1st Grade</i>	<i>2nd Grade</i>
<p>Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introducing long vowels</li> <li>• Main Idea &amp; Details</li> </ul> <p>Math:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place value through addition and subtraction within 20</li> <li>• Starting Measurement module</li> </ul> <p>Science/Social Studies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Space, rockets, moon phases and light investigations</li> </ul>	<p>In Reading, we are learning about...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Different ways to communicate and participate in our community!</li> <li>• We will also be learning about different jobs and helpers we have in our community!</li> </ul> <p>In Math, we are learning about...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addition and Subtraction within 1,000 and solving word problems within 100.</li> </ul> <p>In Science, we are learning about...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter and Animals!             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This month we will be learning about why snow is white.</li> <li>○ We will also be talking about different types of animals and their characteristics.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<i>3rd grade</i>	<i>4th grade</i>
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<p>Reading Block: We will read a variety of texts including legends, humor, and non-fiction. As we read we will work on summarizing and author's purpose.</p> <p>We will also work with contractions, homophones and R-control words in phonics.</p> <p>Math Block: We are focusing on the geometry concepts of area and perimeter. We are also learning how these ideas relate to multiplication.</p> <p>**Keep working on learning those multiplication facts:)</p>	<p>In Reading we are working on... informational texts focusing on text features, and main ideas and details. We will continue to work on our spelling skills so watch for lists each week.</p> <p>In Math we are working on.... multiplication and division strategies. Keep practicing those facts at home. The more easily they can recall the facts, the easier it is to do large numbers and multi-step problems.</p> <p>Please remember to dress appropriately for the weather and to bring coats. It would also be a good idea to have a hoodie or light jacket to wear at school.</p>
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<h2>5th Grade</h2>	<h2>Office/Nurse</h2>
<p>In Reading we are working on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summarizing</li> <li>• Sequence of Events</li> <li>• Main Idea and Details</li> <li>• Citing Evidence</li> <li>• Commas and Semicolons</li> <li>• Persuasive Writing</li> <li>• Fluency</li> </ul> <p>In Math we are working on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adding and Subtracting Fractions</li> <li>• Computation</li> <li>• Using a variety of strategies to solve problems</li> </ul> <p>Please continue to have your child read at least 20 minutes each night and practice math facts!</p>	<p>Kelly Elementary Office Hours: 8:30am—4:30pm (316) 973-4150</p> <p>Please remember to call in our child's absences or they will be marked unexcused. Also it is important to keep the office informed of current address and phones numbers for your children.</p> <p>REMINDER! <b>Enrollment fees are past due!</b> We ask that you make every effort to settle your account. Please submit payment to the school office. You can pay fees online at <a href="http://www.mypaymentplus.com">www.mypaymentplus.com</a> Thank you!</p>

# SPECIALS NEWSLETTER

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ART</b></p> <p>K– Still working on cutting and gluing</p> <p>1st- Cutting on the drawn line, and neatest, nicest coloring</p> <p>2– Start working on Program Project</p> <p>3-5– Asian Art Unit</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LIBRARY</b></p> <p>Pre-K-Beginning, middle, end of a story</p> <p>1st and 2nd-Story Elements</p> <p>3rd – 5th -Book reviews and William Allen White Books</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>P.E.</b></p> <p>K-5 Dribbling with hands</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MUSIC</b></p> <p>K-5– Reviewing prior concepts</p> <p>K-starting to work on comparisons</p> <p>1 Preparing/present sol and mi</p> <p>2 Practicing sol, mi and prepare/present ta, prepare for program</p> <p>3 Prepare/Present do and re</p> <p>4 Prepare/Present re and lo-la</p> <p>5 Prepare/Present lo-re and lo-sol</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TECHNOLOGY</b></p> <p>Kdg – 1<sup>st</sup> grade will continue to work on logging in. They will also focus on typing their names into documents, and navigating Word and the Kelly Website.</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade will continue their Typing.com lessons. Students will be introduced to Global location through Google Earth.</p> <p>Students will continue learning about document building / editing in Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint</p> <p>All grades will begin navigating Google Classroom, and have an opportunity to learn about basic coding, in the applications Code.org, and Scratch coding.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR...</b></p> <p>2nd Grade Program—February 25th</p> <p>Mobile Dairy Visit—March 27th</p> <p>Kindergarten Program—April 29th</p> <p>Field Day—May 10th</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT TEAM MEETING</b> January 9th</p>

Please stay current on your students lunch account.

To pay meals and school fees with a credit card: [www.mealpayplus.com](http://www.mealpayplus.com)

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS Be Here On Time, All Day, Every Day

EVERY STUDENT FUTURE READY

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# WICHITA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## WINTER WEATHER PROCEDURES



Winter weather in Kansas could bring 50 degree days – or sub-freezing temperatures, bitter winds and dangerous travel conditions. Safety of our students, staff and parents is our greatest priority during the threat of dangerous weather conditions. Rest assured that emergency plans are in place in the event conditions deteriorate during a school day, or prompt school cancellation.

**Highlights of the WPS emergency weather safety procedures are noted here. For greater detail, visit the district’s website at [www.usd259.org/weather](http://www.usd259.org/weather).**

**OUTDOOR PLAY DURING THE SCHOOL DAY**

If bitterly cold winter weather conditions are present during the school day, district weather officials refer to the National Weather Service’s Wind-Chill Factor resource located at [www.usd259.org/weather](http://www.usd259.org/weather) and advise building principals on the appropriateness of spending time outdoors for recess or physical education activities.

### CLOSING SCHOOL

The decision to close schools is based on a number of variables including:

- Actual and projected snowfall and icing
- Ability of the bus fleet to transport students
- Assessment of city street and road conditions
- Status of power and heat to buildings

If winter weather conditions are of such a nature that the overall safety of students would be greatly jeopardized, a decision to cancel school will be made no later than 4:30 a.m. on the morning of a school day. Based on conditions, the district may elect to make the decision the night before.

### EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION TO PARENTS

During bad weather, parents will be kept informed through several channels:

- **ParentLink** – phone, e-mail and mobile app notification
- District website – [www.usd259.org](http://www.usd259.org)
- District social media – **Twitter (@wichitausd259)** and **Facebook (/wichitapublicschools)**
- Local media

Parents, do two things to help make sure you receive emergency information:

1. Update your contact information in **ParentVUE**, your parent portal to student information, classes and grades. Do this online or through your child’s school.
2. Download the district’s mobile app (for iPhone or Android) and follow district notifications.

If you have questions about winter weather procedures or shelter locations at your child’s school, please visit with your principal.

On days when school is in session but conditions deteriorate during the day, the district’s weather team will meet in the afternoon to decide the status of after school and evening activities. The decision is shared through the same communication channels used to make a school closure announcement.

### In the event of severe weather or school closings:

- Please listen to local media. ▸ Call the district hotline at 973-4259 for the latest school closings and cancellations. ▸ Visit the school district website [www.usd259.com](http://www.usd259.com)