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The PTA President's Corner ...

Hello Kemptown Families!

Can you believe yesterday marked the halfway point of the 2019-2020 school year?! We have accomplished so much as a community thus far, and I look forward to the second half of our year and the memories we will make with our children!

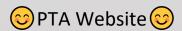
Halfway to go and still a lot of great activities to look forward to! Here's a sneak peek at things you'll want to be on the lookout for in February and March!

February 2020

- 6th PTA Meeting Media Center 7:00 pm COME ONE COME ALL!
- 12th CarterQue Dinner Night Forget making dinner this night and support the PTA!
- 13th Hospitality Yogurt Parfait/Breakfast Bar Be on the lookout for the signup genius!
- 14th 2-Hour Early Dismissal AND Valentine's Parties, 9:15–10:00 What fun!
- 17th No School President's Day YAY!
- 21st BINGO NIGHT KES Cafeteria 6:00 pm Come out and try your luck!

March 2020

- 2nd SPIRIT DAY Dr. Seuss Day More info to come!
- 4th 2 Hour Early Dismissal 😺
- 5th PTA Meeting Media Center 7pm The more the merrier!
- 9th PENNY WARS! They're baaaaack! Which grade can collect the most \$\$?!
- 13th Family Fun Event Legacy Wall Tiles 4:00pm First time event! It should be a good time!
- 17th Hospitality Soup & Salad Luncheon for Staff SignUp Genius will go out!
- 20th Talent Show Get your talent on!



Our website contains a lot of useful information and I want to be sure everyone is taking advantage of its content! We have a CALENDAR on there - https://kes.ptboard.com/calendar !!! It is up to date and very useful! Also, our online directory (only assessible to those who join the PTA) is on our website as well! You must log in, in order to access the Student Directory – you will see the "Student Directory" Link after logging in! https://kes.ptboard.com/home

There are so many exciting things going on these next couple of months and we are looking forward to seeing you at these various events!

Sincerely,

Tiffany Warner



FUNDRAISER NIGHT

Please join us

Wednesday Feb. 12th from 5pm - 9pm

CarterQue BBQ in Mount Airy will donate 15% of all food sales from any guest that presents this fundraising ticket! (Dine-In or Carry-Out)

Place your order online: carterque.com

All proceeds will go to Kemptown Elementary PTA.

Thank You for your support. Together we can make a difference in the community!

See you at CarterQue BBQ on **2/12/2020, 5pm-9pm** 1310 S Main Street Mount Airy, MD 21771 (301)-829-2222

Mark Your Calendar!

See president's corner above for dates this newsletter.

If you have pictures from attending a KES event, we'd love to share them in our newsletters... please send them to kesptanews@gmail.com





Collecting Time to Earn a Class Reward!

It's time to submit your paper Box Tops! Please start sending them in **now** through **Friday**, **February 14**th.

Each class that submits 200+ Box Tops (electronic & paper) will earn a special day (wear your PJs, bring a stuffed animal., etc.) that is determined by the teacher. The first-place winner will also get to pick from the prize box.

Our school year earnings are up to \$737.90 – which means we are on our way to meeting our goal of \$1000 for the year! Thanks for taking the time to scan your receipts and sending in your Box Tops.



Drop your Coke codes in the office in the Coke jar to help KES earn \$\$\$





Class Valentine's Day Parties

Class Valentine's Day Parties will be held on **Friday, February 14**th. Because this is also a 2-Hour early dismissal, party time will be from **9:15** am – **10** am.

Each class can have up to 6 Classroom Parent Volunteers. Classroom Coordinators should have emailed parents by this week to organize which parents will be helping in the classroom during the party. Parents can spit times between classes. Haven't gotten an email yet about volunteering for the Valentine's Day Parties and want volunteer? Please reach out to Rose Salla (m.rosesalla@gmail.com).

Please consider supporting these fun parties for your students and be on the lookout for those emails! It's NEVER TO LATE... Join the PTA by signing up online at:

https://kes.ptboard.com
All NEW families need the
code: H4HUYK



Volunteering at KES this year? Planning to chaperone a field trip? Or helping out with a class party?

If you plan to participate in any of these ways, please make sure to complete the volunteer training. EVERYONE, must complete this training annually.

Click <u>here</u> to be directed to the training link on KES's website. Don't forget to print and turn in your Confidentiality Agreement when you complete your training! Thanks for volunteering! You make all the difference!

When you volunteer, please log your hours here!



Is your child doing a **Science Fair Project** this year?? And do they want to show off what cool things they learned and did???

If your child is interested in sharing what interesting things they learned to their KES peers, please contact Kristen Stafford. She is looking for Science Fair projects for our 2020 **STEAM Night** (date of event is TBD).

Email Kristen at kristen.l.stafford@gmail.com



SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING ARTS MATH

Thank you to those who came out to support *Minute to Win It* Family Fun Night this past Friday. We hope you all had a fun evening!









National School Counseling Week February 3rd – 7th, 2020

School Counseling: Helping Build Better Humans

National School Counseling Week is sponsored by the American School Counselor Association to bring public attention to the unique contributions of school counselors within the U.S. school systems.

The following is a list of activities which KES will be participating:

Monday, Feb. 3: Heart Stickers: Students will receive a heart sticker as a reminder that Mrs. Jones cares about YOU!!

Tuesday, Feb. 4: Celebrate at Lunch: Students are encouraged to sit with someone new at lunch so they can expand their circle of friends and include others.

Wednesday, Feb. 5: Celebrate Others: Students are encouraged to make a difference in the lives of others by making a card for an elderly person, donating a new or used book, or bringing in an animal item (i.e. dog treat/bone, toy, food, etc.) that will be given to various organizations in our community.

Thursday, Feb. 6: Kindness Coin: Students will receive a kindness coin as a reminder to do something kind for someone else.

Friday, Feb. 7: Pencils: The classes with perfect attendance during National School Counseling Week will receive pencils for each student! & **College/Career Wear:** Students and staff are invited to wear college/career attire from which their parents attended. Teachers will take a few minutes to talk with their students about how they went to college to become the fine teacher they are today and about the importance of setting goals, studying, staying in school, etc.

It's that time of year to get ready to nominate your favorite teachers at KES. Please review the criteria below for the 3 different Awards and submit your nominations for our wonderful teachers, support staff, and substitutes!

Submissions due by March 2, 2020.



Distinguished Teacher Award Nominations

Nomination Criteria:



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Full Time Employee with FCPS for 3 consecutive years



Works Directly with Students: Teachers, Media Specialist, Intervention Teachers, School Counselor, Special Education Teachers, and Student Support Teachers



Significant Impact on the Lives of Young People





ANYONE Can Nominate: Students (current & former), Parents, Teachers, Support Staff, Community Members, Administrators, and Supervisors

Submission Due: Monday March 2nd

Email: Jill Wade harnesberger@gmail.com & Laurie Carmody harnesberger@gmail.com <a href="mailto:harnesberger@gmailto:harn

Include: Nominee's Name, Your Name/Your Child's Name, Describe the Significant Impact Your Nominee Had on the Life of You/Your Child



Support Employee of the Year Award Nominations

Nomination Criteria:



Full Time Employee with FCPS for 3 or more consecutive years

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Bus Driver, Custodian/Maintenance, Food Service, Instructional/Special Education Assistants, Community Liaison, User Support Specialist, and Secretary



Takes Initiative to Go beyond the Basic Job Duties & Demonstrates Exceptional Skill and Dedication to the Job



Demonstrates an Attitude and Manner that has a Positive Effect on Others



Contributes to the Mission and Vision of the School System



Exemplary Attendance & Respected by Co-Workers

Who Can Nominate? FCPS employee, Students (current & former), Parents, and Citizens

Submission Due: Monday March 2nd

Email: Jill Wade harnesberger@gmail.com & Laurie Carmody harnesberger@gmail.com harnesberger@gmailto:harne

Include: Nominee's Name, Your Name/Your Child's Name, Describe the Significant Impact Your Nominee Had on the Life of You/Your Child



Substitute Employee of the Year Award Nominations



Nomination Criteria:

Employed by FCPS for at least one year

Takes Initiative to Go Beyond the Basic Job Duties

Demonstrates Exceptional Skill & Dedication to the Job





Who Can Nominate? Parents, Students (Current & Former), Principal/Assistant Principal, Secretary, FCPS Employees, and Community Members.

Submission Due: Monday March 2nd

Email: Jill Wade harnesberger@gmail.com & Laurie Carmody laurie.e.carmody@gmail.com

Include: Nominee's Name, Your Name/Your Child's Name, Describe the Significant Impact Your Nominee Had on the Life of You/Your Child