# KELLOGG MARSH ELEMENTARY HOME OF THE BEARS

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#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Kellogg Marsh Families,

Wow, it is hard to believe that we are heading into another holiday season. Happy Thanksgiving to all of you. May you spend lots of time together resting and doing things that bring you great joy. I would like to thank each of you for your support and for partnering with us to make this a great school year. Also, thank you in advance for taking time out of your busy schedule to attend our fall conferences. We are looking forward to talking with you about your child's academic progress so far this school year. If you cannot attend, please contact your child's teacher for an appointment. Please remember that your partnership with us is extremely valuable and appreciated by everyone here at Kellogg Marsh.

It has been wonderful watching the progress our students are making thus far. Students and staff are working extremely hard towards achieving their learning goals. As a staff, we continue to work on our professional development around the changes in education and updating our practice to meet the learning needs of all of our students.

As we move through the next couple of weeks, please note that we will be dismissing school for conferences at 1:05 p.m. each day starting Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. Our break for the Thanksgiving holiday will begin on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> and students will return to school on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please check our district and or school website to ensure that you are aware of any changes that may occur during these times. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about the schedule, please contact the office.

Lastly, as we enter into Thanksgiving and the holiday season, I want to encourage each of you to think about some things you are thankful for and to have patience, compassion and positive intent towards others. This can be a stressful time of year and as we teach our students the skills to problem solve and to be understanding of others, I urge all of us to learn from our children.

On behalf of the entire Kellogg Marsh Staff, we'd like to wish all of our families a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving and holiday season.

Eneille Nelson, Kellogg Marsh Principal

#### **EVENT**

**CALENDAR** 

Nov. 20 ~ Release 1:05 conferences

Nov. 21 ~ Release 1:05 conferences

Nov. 22 Release 1:05 conferences

**Nov. 25** Release 1:05 conferences

Nov. 26 ~ Release time 1:05 conferences

Nov. 27 ~ Release time 1:05 conferences

Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 28/29 ~ No School

**Dec. 3** ∼ Picture Retakes

<u>Dec. 5</u> ~ PTA Mtg 4:30 pm in library

Dec. 6 ~ Release 2:05 Dec. 6 ~ Winterfest 5:30 to 8 pm

**Dec. 12** ~ Winter Concert 6 to 8 pm

**Dec. 13** ∼ Release 2:05

<u>Dec, 16 through 20</u> ~ Spirit Week

**Dec. 20** ~ Release 2:05

WINTER BREAK
Dec. 23 through Jan 3rd
NO SCHOOL

## What's going on in our classroom's

**KINDERGARTEN** - Fall is a busy time in kindergarten! We are honoring our veterans with two songs at our school wide assembly as well as beginning to practice all the music for our holiday program. We have spent a lot of time building classroom communities full of kind heart kids. We have been working hard learning to stretch words and use "brave" spelling when we write. Students are gaining so much confidence in their reading and writing. We are gearing up for a math unit on geometry. Most of all we are learning to love school and love learning.

<u>First grade</u> - has been working on strategies for addition and subtraction. We have written personal narratives. We are studying animal habitats. We are looking forward to writing how-to books. We continue to work on what it means to be a good classroom citizen.

**Second grade** -has been reading a book called Friends Around the World, and have been learning about kids who live in different places like Vietnam, Australia, and Canada. Soon, we will be learning about money, how it is used, where it comes from, and its history. In the 2nd grade, we are also taking time to build super sentences, as well as learning about the grammar we use when we talk and write.

**Third grade**—has had a busy start to the year. Through the 'Kick It' we are working really hard to learn all our math facts. Most of the students are really motivated to pass their test and earn different color belts. It is extremely important that students practice their math facts every night for at least 5 minutes. On November 8th we had our first 3rd Grade Black Belt Pizza Party. Congratulations to Mark O, Jaslynn L, Mark M, Alison M, Yahir P, Delilah R, Xavier V, Joseph C, Luis C, Keerstin O. Our next Black Belt Pizza Party will be right before winter break. Keep up the hard work 3rd grade. You are all amazing!

<u>Fourth graders</u>—are using place value understanding and visual representations to solve multiplication problems with multi-digit numbers in math. They are working on figurative language and tall tales in reading. In writing fourth graders are writing narratives.

<u>In 5th grade -</u> we are moving along in the curriculum at a great pace after a successful 5th grade FALL camp experience in October.

In Literacy Block with Mr. Hopper, students have been progressing through the science related story, Night of the Spadefoot Toads. Students have also been focused on reviewing academic language using daily word study activities. **For Homework**, students are expected to read for 30 minutes per night and complete a weekly Reading Log, due every Wednesday.

In Writing Block with Miss Crosby, students have been working on their personal narratives about their camp experience, deepening their understanding of what goes into a narrative. Students have also been working with RACE answers: Restating, Answering, Citing evidence, and Elaborating on their answers; using fiction and non-fiction texts. **Homework** is sent home only if school work is unfinished. This will be written in their weekly planners.

In Math Block with Mrs. Stern, students are starting to work with decimal numbers. We are adding, subtracting and multiplying them. Give your students practice while at the grocery store or even using the weekly ads in the newspaper, by asking them to add the price of two items together, subtract the price of something from \$5.00 or ask them how much three of one item will be. Bringing math into real life situations makes it more relevant for the students.

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### TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL

BECAUSE WE CARE . . . . We coordinate with the Snohomish Health District in protecting children from certain symptoms of communicable diseases. If your child has any of these symptoms, please keep him/her home, or make appropriate child care arrangements.

<u>FEVER</u> ~ child should remain home with <u>TEMPERATURE OF 100 DEGREES</u> Fahrenheit or higher. Child must be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medicine. Greenish nose discharge, and/or chronic cough ~ should be seen by a health care provider.

**DIARRHEA** ~ watery stools in past 24 hour period especially if the child acts or looks ill.

**VOMITING** ~ within the past 24 hours.

**SORE THROAT** ~ especially with fever or rash. Children with possible strep throat should b e seen by their provider.

**EAR PAIN** ~ student with drainage/pain/fever need to be seen by a health care provider. Student does not need to be excluded unless discomfort interrupts the learning process. Untreated ear infections can cause permanent hearing loss.

**RASH** ~ body rash, especially with fever or itching.

**SCABIES** ~ Children with scabies may be admitted back to school 24 hours after treatment begins.

<u>APPEARANCE/BEHAVIOR</u> ~ unusually tired, pale, lack of appetite, difficult to wake, or irritable. This is sufficient reason to keep a child home from school.

**LICE** ~ if your child has head lice please contact your health room to discuss treatment.

**EYES** ~ red with thick green or yellow drainage may indicate a bacterial conjunctivitis.

ANTIBIOTICS ~ if your child has an illness that requires antibiotics, please check with your provider as to when the child may return to school.

Bringing a child to school with the above symptoms puts other children and staff at risk of getting sick. We regret any inconvenience this may cause, in the long run this means fewer lost workdays and less illness for parents too.

### **PARENT /TEACHER CONFERENCE**

Kellogg Marsh Elementary will hold conferences during the week of Wednesday, November 20th through Tuesday, November 16th. Release time for all of these days is 1:05 pm. Wednesday, November 27th will also be early release at 1:05 pm. A conference schedule should be on its way to your house with a possible time and day for your conference. Return the form as quickly as possible to your child's teacher to confirm or reschedule your appointment if necessary.

Wed. Nov. 20 ~ release time 1:05 Thurs. Nov. 21 ~ release time 1:05 Fri. Nov. 22 ~ release time 1:05 Mon. Nov. 25 ~ release time 1:05 Tues. Nov. 26 ~ release time 1:05 Wed. Nov. 27 ~ release time 1:05



### **KM ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE**

Please bring non-perishable food to your classroom. The class with the most items donated wins a movie with popcorn during lunchtime!

(Note: Due to some super competitive classes, we need to specify: to count as an item, the food needs to be packaged for individual retail sale. So, a box of microwave popcorn counts as one item- not 3, even if there are 3 bags of popcorn in the box!)

**Hi Cap Kinder Screening and Referrals**—We will be screening all kindergarten students between January 13- February 13. We will be having our own teacher proctor the test which is the best option for obtaining accurate information.

Referrals for grades 1-5 are due by December 13th. Referrals are also available online or you can obtain one from your child's teacher during conference time.

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#### WINTER MUSIC CONCERT

Kellogg Marsh Winter Holiday Concert Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> in the KM gym.

Choir members please wear your Choir Shirt or other fancy clothing. You need to arrive in the Library @ 6:50PM. The concert starts @ 7:00PM.

Kindergarteners will perform at 6 pm in the gym and need to arrived in the library by 5:45 pm

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### **BOOK FAIR IS COMING!**

## PTA Scholastic Book Fair is coming:

The PTA will be holding its annual Book Fair during conference days. They will be sending home flyers the week before with more details.

Wednesday, Nov. 20~ 9 am to 4 pm Thursday, Nov. 21~ 9 am to 4 pm Friday, Nov. 22~ 9 am to 2 pm Monday, Nov. 25~ 9 am to 4 pm Tuesday, Nov. 26~ 9 am to 7:30 pm



### **Don't Miss Winterfest**



Friday, December 6th from 5:30 pm to 8 pm our PTA will be hosting a Winterfest Party in the Gym.

Please plan to join them for cookie decorating, popcorn and to watch the movie "Rise of the Guardians". Should be a fun way to spend the evening!!

Our Lost and Found is overflowing, so please stop by before Winter Break and check to see if your child has lost something. All of the Lost and Found that is left on the close of Dec. 20th will be donated to a local charity. Also, it would be wonderful if you put their name inside their jackets, and lunch bags, etc. we are then able to return items directly to your student.