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KENDALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Hello Kendall Families,

Fall is certainly upon us! Cooler temperatures are here to stay so don't forget to dress in warm layers. First quarter reports cards are available on home access. We look forward to November Parent Teacher Conferences. Thank you for your patience as the district converted to a new sign up system called Power PTC. Together we did it!

Kendall's commitment to learning is supported by the Instructional Leadership Team made up of the following staff members: Mrs. Guerrieri, Principal, Mrs. Kottmann, Kindergarten, Mrs. Neely, 1st Grade, Mrs. Breese, 2nd Grade, Mrs. Donivan, 3rd Grade, Mrs. Dale, 4th Grade, Ms. Majchrowski, 5th Grade, and Mrs. Olson, Student Services Coordinator. This amazing team assisted in the development of Kendall's Parent University evening in October. Your feedback was useful and will assist us in planning adult teaching and learning in the future.

In addition, thank you to the additional teachers who led a courses or greeted our families: Miss Patino, Mrs. Horsey, Mrs. Macek, Mrs. McNamara, Mrs. Harper, Ms. Neufeld, Mrs. Brown, and Ms. Jenkins.

What does the Kendall Staff do on the Late Start Wednesdays? The Kendall Staff has been productively using their professional development time on Wednesday mornings. Topics include: planning instruction and assessment for the new Common Core Standards in Math, English Language Arts, Social Emotional Learning Standards and the Next Generation Science Standards. In addition, staff collaborates on school wide assessment data, reading intervention and programming, formative assessment development and technology enhancements within instruction. Having this opportunity to engage in new and updated instructional methods and curricular initiatives translates into improved student achievement. Thank you for sending your children ten minutes later to school on Wednesdays.

During the month of October Kendall students and staff participated in a school wide campaign to Stomp Out Bullying! Our efforts were to increase the awareness of respectful choices and acts of kindness within

our building. We celebrated at the end of the first quarter by highlighting students in all grades that were Supportive to their peer and adults. Each received a certificate at a special school wide assembly! During quarter two we will recognize students who are Team Players!

Three cheers for our PTA who made the Fun Run a hugely successful family event. Thank you to the many parent volunteers who assisted to make it all possible.

Also in October, First Graders enjoyed Reading Night with their parents and our Kendall Patriots started off International Walk to School Day with a few morning showers and healthy exercise! Mrs. Swanson orchestrated our fall picture day with the help of parent volunteers. We brought closure to the month with our PTA sponsored fall parties and parade. Great fun was had by all in addition to creating childhood memories!

Parents, please join us on Thursday, November 16th from 6:30-8:00 pm as we host guest speaker Ivette Dubiel, Director of Educational Equity. Learn about IPSD 204 commitment to educational equity and cultural proficiency.

There are many ways you can support your child's learning and school. Here are a few ideas:

- Spend a few minutes every evening looking at take home folders and assignment notebooks
- Sign up to volunteer in some capacity through our PTA
- Attend conferences & PTA functions
- Review report cards in Home Access
- Make sure your child's teachers know you appreciate their efforts. Building that strong, positive relationship will assist in your child's successful school year

Cozy fall nights are perfect for curling up with a good book. As the cooler weather and shorter days bring your child inside earlier, take advantage of the time to get him/her hooked on reading!

Sincerely,

Lena Guerrieri
Principal

From the Health Office:

It is not too early to begin efforts in protecting our children from head lice. The below information is taken from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Head Lice Information for Parents

You should examine your child's head, especially behind the ears and at the nape of the neck, for crawling lice and nits if your child exhibits symptoms of a head lice infestation. If crawling lice or nits are found, all household members should be examined for crawling lice and nits every 2–3 days. Persons with live (crawling) lice or nits within ¼ inch or less of the scalp should be treated.

Head lice move by crawling; they cannot hop or fly. Head lice are spread by direct contact with the hair of an infested person. Anyone who comes in head-to-head contact with someone who already has head lice is at greatest risk. Spread by contact with clothing (such as hats, scarves, coats) or other personal items (such as combs, brushes, or towels) used by an infested person is uncommon. Personal hygiene or cleanliness in the home or school has nothing to do with getting head lice.

To eliminate head lice successfully, it is very important that all treatment instructions and steps be carefully followed and completed.

CDC does not make recommendations as to what specific product or products should be used to treat individuals. Both over-the-counter and prescription products are available. You may wish to contact your doctor, pharmacist, or health department for additional information about which product they recommend.

Please make a routine practice to check your child for head lice. Please report the infestation to the school health office at 630-428-7110. This information will be kept confidential including the privacy of your family/child. Thank you in advance for any prevention you can assist with at home. For additional information you can view the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website.

