

Harold Keller Elementary Newsletter

By the end of the 20-21 school year, we will increase our SPS from 79.7 to 82.7 as evidenced by student performance on the LEAP 2025 assessment.



Fall is in the air! We have completed the first quarter. Parent/Teacher Conference days will be held November 11th -13th. This time is set aside for you to meet with your child's teacher to address any questions regarding your child's academic progress and discuss how each of you can work as a team to ensure your child will be successful. As you review your child's report card, please encourage your child to put forth his/her best effort.

November has been set aside to remember all the things we are thankful for. I am thankful for the compassion, dedication, and commitment our Keller Elementary faculty and staff provide to our students through their daily interactions and the engaging and relevant activities they plan. We are so thankful for your relentless support and involvement in your child's education and ensuring that your child attends class each day, whether traditional or virtual. By attending class each day, your child builds connections, is motivated to learn, and will make the necessary gains in their learning to succeed academically.

Although this year has been anything but traditional, we would like to express our thanks to you for entrusting your most precious possession in our care, your child, especially during the hard times we all have been experiencing. Please help us keep everyone on our campus safe by keeping your child home if they or anyone in the home has COVID-19 symptoms. We continue to put safety measures in place to protect everyone on our campus.

It is my hope that you and your family continue to stay safe and well.

Jessica Smith,

Principal

LEADER In Me

Our Habit of the Month is: **PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST**

Below are some activities you can do to assist your child master this habit:

Set goals as a family.

Create a list of things that your child has to accomplish at home or school throughout the week. Assist them in ranking the list by order of importance and place the list someplace visible that will be seen throughout the week.

Plan time as family to talk to your child about priorities.

Discuss both positive and negative choices and the importance of taking responsibility for their choices/actions (good and bad) in order for them to learn and grow from their choices.

By engaging in these activities with your child, you will:

1. Create open lines of communication
2. Help them prioritize tasks to manage their time
3. Build an open and trusting relationship.

For more information on how you can practice the 7 Habits visit:

<https://www.leaderinme.org/family-development/>



COUNSELOR'S CORNER



At Harold Keller, we work daily with students to promote safety, build connections, and problem solve to promote and foster an environment to optimize learning and success in and out of school.

Safety: Research shows that the brain functions better when we feel safe.

Connection: Research shows that our connections with other people and neural connections of the brain are essential to learning. This connection provides motivation to cooperate, extend kindness, helpfulness to others, and learn new social skills.

Problem Solving: When we feel safe and connected, the brain is able to focus on learning and solving problems.

Our "School Family's" goal is to create a safe and connected environment to help students thrive both academically and emotionally. This month we will focus on self-awareness, problem solving, conflict resolution, and accountability.

Please contact Ms. Leonard at (504)-780-3822 if you feel that your child may need assistance with Counseling Services.

MINDFULNESS

The holiday may look different this year, but shouldn't stop you from starting new traditions. Below are some ideas to try.

1. Explore a Thanksgiving-themed sensory bin

Sensory bins are great for preschoolers to explore colors, scents, and textures of the season. Grab an empty bin and fill them with festive items, such as leaves, water, mini pumpkins, pinecones, and dried corn cobs. Don't forget to add cups, tongs, and spoons for filling and dumping

2. Create a gratitude board

Provide our child with a large poster board, family photos, magazines, markers, glue stick, and child-safe scissors. Encourage him to search for photos of people and things he/she is most thankful for this year, and cut and glue the pictures to the board.

3. Connect with family far away

You might not be able to see all of your extended family members in person so set up a video call to make everyone feel included in your holiday festivities.

IMPORTANT DATES

Snack Sales on Fridays

Nov. 3rd

No School – Election Day!

Nov 4th

El Paso Night 6-8 PM

Nov. 5th

Picture Retakes

November 11th -13th

Parent/Teacher
Conference Days

Nov. 11th

Report Cards Go Home

Nov. 13th

Pictures with Santa

Nov. 25th -27th

No School - Thanksgiving
Break