

Harold Keller Elementary Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to begin by thanking you for the warm and gracious welcome you have given me as I begin my first year as principal of Harold Keller Elementary.

We are privileged to have such a diverse culture of students. Our faculty and staff are committed to preparing our students to become global citizens that are college and career ready.

This year, in addition to implementing our Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports we will also be embracing the **Leader In Me** Model. This model develops each child as a LEADER of themselves and gives them the tools to work productively with others. Our behavioral and learning expectations at Keller are **We are SAFE – RESEPECTFUL- RESPONSIBLE- LEADERS.** We will be rewarding and recognizing our students that demonstrate these behaviors with daily, weekly, and monthly incentives. Each week one student from each class will be honored as **LEADER OF THE WEEK**, and one student from each grade level will be honored as **LEADER OF THE MONTH**. I appreciate your support in helping our students demonstrate these behaviors to be successful.

Our school met its growth target for the 2018-2019 school year. We received an "A" letter grade for Progress, and a letter grade of "C" for our Assessment Index. Our overall SPS score is 73.4. Our goal is to increase our School Performance Score by 3 index points from a 73.4 to 76.4.

The following are ways you can help to achieve this goal and ensure your child's educational experience is successful:

1. Be sure your child is in school every day and arrives on time. Try to minimize late and early dismissal as every minute of instructional time is important
2. Be sure your child is prepared for school each day. They should have all materials, permission slips signed, lunch/snack monies, books, etc.
3. Be sure to keep up with your child's progress.
4. Be sure your child READS every night.
5. Be sure to practice the Habit of the Month!

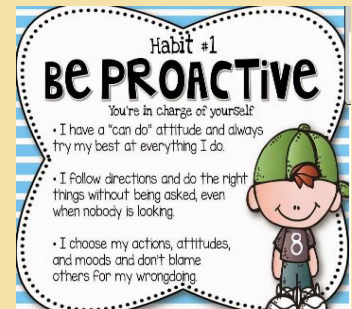
Thank you for all that you do, and I look forward to a great school year.

Kindest Regard,

Jessica Smith, Principal

LEADER In Me

Our Habit of the Month is:



As a parent, you can help your child practice this habit. Being Proactive starts with us, we are only in control of things we can do something about. Not things that are out of our control.

Parent/Child Activity:

Make a pact with your child together to stop an unhealthy habit. Choose a start date and end date and progress check in. Research shows that it takes a full 21 days to start a new habit so don't give up so quickly.

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

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

COUNSELORS CORNER

This year, Mrs. Bridgett Shives will be working with our K-2 students and Ms. Melanie Leonard will be working with our 3rd -5th grade students. This month, they will be conducting lessons in your child's classroom to teach classroom guidance. The focus this month will be on how to **BE PROACTIVE**.

Ms. Shives and Ms. Leonard also provide parents with guidance on how to seek help for students in need of counseling services, academic, behavioral, or health related concerns. Please contact if you are in need of assistance.

MINDFULNESS AND YOGA CLASS

During weekly health and wellness classes at PE, our coaches work with the students to create a mindful state of awareness. The students and teachers work on breathing, visualization, and yoga exercises to develop a **PROACTIVE** habit of becoming mindful. The goal of the program is to have kids develop skills that will help them identify and solve problems throughout their lives in and out of the classroom. By practicing mindfulness regularly, we teach our kids to how to control their emotional, social, and academic lives and to make good choices. These skills will help them throughout their lives. The kids love learning these skills and are already exhibiting more self-awareness throughout the school environment.

Important Announcements

Please sign and return the Girard Park permission slip by Wednesday, **Sept. 13, 2019**.

Please be mindful not to block the driveway of residents during carpool.

SNACK SALES EVERY FRIDAY!

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 10

Open House 5:30-7:30

Sept 11TH - 13TH

Dance Tryouts

Sept. 13th

Leader In Me + PBIS PEP RALLY

Habit of the Month: Be Proactive

September 2019

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2 NO SCHOOL Labor Day Holiday	3	4	5	6 Snack Sale	7
8	9	10 Open House 5:30-7:30	11 Blue Test Folders Go Home	12 Coffee Chat with Dr. Brumley	13 HKES BOY Opening Ceremonies Students ONLY Snack Sale	14
15	16 Student Holiday JPS District PD Day	17	18 Interim Reports Issued	19 Advanced Studies Information Night	20 Team Sports Shirts with Uniform Bottoms \$1 Snack Sale	21
22	23	24	25 Blue Test Folders Go Home	26	27 Blue Bands- Jeans Day with Uniform Top Team Sports Shirts with Uniform Bottoms \$1 Snack Sale	28
29	30					
		Important Reminder: Information links are embedded on 9/12 and 9/19 announcements PKK, and 1st Grade Parents: Please put your students snack money in a labeled envelop with the order form sent home				

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