

Harold Keller Elementary Newsletter

By the end of the 19-20 school year, we will increase our SPS from 73.4 to 76.4 as evidenced by student performance on the LEAP 2025 assessment.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As I look outside, I see leaves falling, and it's hard to believe that we have been in school for over a month. Everyone is settling into their new classrooms and new routines. During the month of September, students participated in the pep rally where we recognized our Leaders of the Week, our 2019-2010 Student Council Leaders, our Honor Society Leaders, our Keller Belles Dance team members, and awarded 455 students with Blue-Bands. This year has so much in store. Our entire team is excited to witness our students' growth.

As the first 9 weeks comes to an end, I want to encourage you to stay informed about your child's progress, and please contact your child's teacher with any concerns. Our students will work on practicing the Habit of the Month- **BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND**-by setting academic, social, and personal goals. Each student has their own personal data binder. By setting these goals, our students will take ownership of their learning.

You can help your child to achieve their goals and ensure your child's educational experience is successful by:

1. Making 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!

We are truly honored to have such a diverse culture of students attending Harold Keller. Our students represent 22 different countries. As you enter the school, you will see flags representing each country. The experience of interacting with others from many countries will cultivate our students to become global citizens who are culturally competent. **This month we will host our 1st Fall "Cultural Heritage Festival."** More information will follow in the upcoming weeks.

As always, I want to thank you for taking the time to be informed, and I look forward to an Optimistic October!

Kindest Regard,

Jessica Smith, Principal

LEADER In Me

Our Habit of the Month is:



As a Parent, you can practice this habit by helping your child set goals and plan ahead!

Parent/Child Activity.

Ask your child if there is something special he/she would like to buy, then help your child plan how much money he/she will need to save and how long it will take. Discuss ideas for earning extra money like doing additional chores and helping around the house.

Create a "wants" and "needs" collage with your child. Cut out pictures of various items (toys, candy, books, vegetables, etc.) from a magazine and then ask them to paste the picture under the correct column. Discuss why he/she chose to put the items in each column.

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

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

School Contact: 887-3836

COUNSELORS CORNER

This month, our Social Worker, Ms. Shives and Counselor, Ms. Leonard will be working with our K- through 5th grade students on the second of the 7 Habits, **(Begin with the End in Mind)**. During these lessons, the students will engage in lessons and activities that will focus on developing a mission statement. This mission statement helps guide students through the process of learning how to plan ahead, set goals, and to do things that make a difference and have meaning.

Additionally, October is National Bullying Awareness and Prevention month. Ms. Shives and Ms. Leonard will do classroom presentations, activities and have guest speakers throughout the month on Bullying Prevention to promote a safe, supportive, learning environment for all students.

Please contact the school if you feel that your child may need assistance with Counseling Services

Ms. Shives (504) 780-3821 Ms. Leonard (504) 780-3822

MINDFULNESS AND YOGA CLASS

This month during Health and Wellness, the students will focus "Deep Breathing."

Did you know that inhaling for 5 long seconds and exhaling for 5 long seconds reduces stress, relaxes us, and helps us concentrate on important things? Our Keller students will learn that deep breathing not only involves their noses and lungs, but it also involves their abdomen.

Breathing is connected to our thinking, and by focusing on breathing, it helps to reduce anxiety and live a better, more graceful life. We will also be incorporating our breathing lessons with exercise to help our students become more mindful.

MEET THE KELLER BELLES



The Keller Belles always bring joy when performing for their peers during Fall Festival, Kenner City Park, and Test Fest. They are hard-working young ladies who create bonds through unity and dance.

Important Announcements

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

You can help our school earn money by sending Box Tops!



Our Leaders of the Month:

- K Destiny Mendoza
- 1st Ainsley Basile
- 2nd Sky Blue
- 3rd Ryan Chen
- 4th Kia Foster
- 5th Timothy Cagle

IMPORTANT DATES

**September 30-October 4
Benchmark Assessments**

**October 10-11th
NO SCHOOL FALL BREAK**

October 16 – Kona Ice

October 17- Picture Retake

October 31, Fall Festival

November 1- Next Blue Band

SNACK SALES EVERY FRIDAY!

SAINTS DRESS DOWN DAY EVERY FRIDAY DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER!