

# Harold Keller Elementary Newsletter

**By the end of the 19-20 school year, we will increase our SPS from 79.6 to 82.6 as evidenced by student performance on the LEAP 2025 assessment.**

Greetings Parents and Guardians,

I hope all is well with you and your family. We have been following the district's guidelines when it comes to distance learning to ensure that our students are provided with an opportunity with continued learning.

During the extended closing of school, our teachers have provided our students with standards-based activities to practice and apply their skills from previous content. Our teachers also volunteered to assist with distributing computers and learning packets to many of our students to ensure they have access to the online learning.

I know many of you may have questions about grades. The district has outlined the process to determine a student's grade. A student can improve his/her grade by completing at least 3 assignments during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Students with internet access should continue accessing and completing assignments in Google Classroom. Teachers will assign and grade at least 3 assignments. Students without internet or computer access should complete the 3<sup>rd</sup> round at-home learning packet to receive a 4<sup>th</sup> quarter grade. The last round of learning packets was distributed on 4/30/2020. If you were unable to pick up the packet, you can visit the district's website at (<https://www.jpschools.org/coronavirus>) and download the packet. These packets should be **turned in by May 15<sup>th</sup> to receive credit**. These assignments are meant to benefit students **to improve** their final grades only.

Meals will continue to be served on a Monday, Wednesday, Friday schedule at the Grab and Go Locations. Please visit the district's website for those locations.

As we come to end of our school year, I want to thank each of you for your continued involvement in your child's education. I also want to recognize our teachers for making such a swift transition to provide our students with on-line learning, assisting with computer and packet distribution, making themselves available to our students, and reaching out to families via phone call or email. This has been an emotional time for us all, but our teachers are absolutely delighted to hear from the students and provide assistance to our parents.

This year, teacher appreciation week is May 4- May 8<sup>th</sup>. Please take a moment to send your child's teacher an email, video, e-card, or message letting them know how much they are appreciated. Thank you again for a fabulous school year.

Stay safe and Well, Penguins!

Jessica Smith, Principal

## IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ **May 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>**      **Teacher Appreciation Week**
- ❖ **May 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>**      **Medication Return**
- ❖ **May 15<sup>th</sup>**              **Turn in Learning Packets**
- ❖ **May 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>**      **Student Personal Pick-Up/Library Book Drop Off**
- ❖ **May 20<sup>th</sup>**              **Return Computers**
- ❖ **May 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>**      **Student Personal Pick -Up/Library Book Drop Off**

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

We understand that the stress and uncertainty that we feel as adults are likely bigger to our students. Learning is important, but so is the emotional, safety, and personal space to navigate the feelings that come from having limited social contact and disruption of routine.

If you are in need of assistance, our district's mental health professionals are available via telephone to provide emotional support and share pertinent resources. Parents of Jefferson Parish Schools students and staff members may call (504)-349-7659, Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or between 4p.m. to 6 p.m. to speak to one of our trained mental health professionals.

If students, staff, or families are in a life-threatening situation, they should call 911.

Below are some additional parent resources to assist with coping and talking to your child during this difficult time. Hold the control key and click on the link to access the websites.

### **De-Stress During Corona Virus**

<https://www.commonsemmedia.org/blog/help-your-family-de-stress-during-coronavirus-uncertainty>

### **PBS- How to Talk to Your Kids about the Corona Virus**

<https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/how-to-talk-to-your-kids-about-coronavirus>

### **6 Ways to Help Your Child Manage Anxiety during COVID-19**

<https://ptaourchildren.org/help-manage-covid-19-anxiety/>

Ten Tips for Parents Navigating the New Realities of Online-Education

<https://www.childrenandscreens.com/media/press-releases/covid-19-and-at-home-learning/>

Recommended time allotments for students to spend on academic activities:

Grades Pre-K-2<sup>nd</sup> - 60 minutes per day

Grade 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> – 90 minutes per day

For additional academic resources, visit our district's website with "Optional At-Home Learning Resources <https://www.jpschools.org/learnathome>.

Have a Safe and Restful Summer,

Mrs. Melanie Leonard

Ms. Bridget Shives

## LEADER In Me

Our Habit of the Month is "Synergize".

Synergize is when two or more people work together for the common good that either could do alone.

Synergy is taking multiple good ideas and making them better by working together.

Our communities have come together or "Synergized" for the common good of our city, state, and country. What a great real example of how we "Synergize!"

As we work together during this Pandemic, we can come together to keep each other safe by doing the following:

- ❖ Wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds.
- ❖ If you do not have soap, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- ❖ Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- ❖ Stay home as much as possible.
- ❖ Practice Social Distancing by keeping 6 feet away from others.
- ❖ Stay connected with family and friends through social media, texts, phone calls, or videos.
- ❖ Cover your cough and sneeze with a tissue or cough into your elbow.
- ❖ Frequently clean and disinfect surfaces, such as (keyboards, phones, light switches, handles, countertops, faucets, desks, and sinks).

For more information visit

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