

September 29, 2017

Happy Monday Eagle Parents,

I hope you all had a great weekend. We spent the weekend playing with our new puppy, watching Marissa tryout for club volleyball and and spent some time grilling with some family friends in the backyard. I hope you have time to enjoy the cooler temperatures and spend some time relaxing as a family.

Congratulations to our Award Winning Eagles!

End of the 1st Grading Period

Report Cards should be in Home Access Center (HAC) today. We sent a paper copy home today for those families that requested a paper copy when doing iEnroll this summer. If you have any questions, please call your teacher and she will be happy to talk to you about what is happening in the classroom. If you don't know how to log into HAC, give our front office a call and they will walk you through the steps. Do not hesitate to ask.

SWEET FROG FAMILY NIGHT ON OCTOBER 3RD FROM 3:00-9:00 p.m.

Keller ISD Visioning

We want to be sure you are aware of the initiative the District is embarking upon for the 2017-18 school year. Combined with the voice of all members of the Keller ISD community, we will craft a vision for the future of education in KISD. An important and challenging part of this process is ensuring that everyone knows that we are doing this. I'm reaching out to you to make sure that you are aware, but also to ask you to please consider taking part in the process.

The link below takes you to our KISD Visioning site. It explains everything there. Thank you for your support of Keller ISD – we look forward to hearing our community's voice!

<https://www.kellerisd.net/visioning>

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS MONDAY, OCTOBER 9TH. TEACHERS WILL BE CONDUCTING CONFERENCES IN THE MORNING AND IN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT THAT AFTERNOON.

20th Anniversary of the Casey's Kids Fun Run

The Casey's Kids Program started in 1997 when Janie Casey, a former counselor with the Keller

Independent School District, discovered that a student was limiting the number of school days attended per week due to a lack of clothing. It was this student's need that led to Ms. Casey's mission to find a way to fund the clothing needs of students in need district-wide. Named in Janie's honor, the Casey's Kids Fun Run began as an effort to provide clothing, initially, and has now expanded to include other items such as school supplies and household needs. Funds are kept in Keller ISD and distributed to Keller ISD families by our school counselors.

Like all years, this is a family event. All ages and ability levels are encouraged to attend and participate. This year's Fun Run will be held November 11th at Bear Creek Park. The run will start at 8:00 a.m. Please join us to show these students that they are, like all our students in KISD, important and valued members of our community. The form to register for the run is attached below.

[Casey's Kids Entry Form 2017.pdf](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE 3rd ANNUAL FREEDOM CHILI COOK-OFF ON OCTOBER 16TH AT 6:00 P.M. WE WILL BE SENDING HOME INFORMATION ON HOW TO ENTER YOUR FAMILY CHILI RECIPE SOON.

[2017 Chili Cook Off.pdf](#)

Afterhours Transportation and Security Phone Numbers

Our regular campus office hours are from 7:15-3:45. We answer the phones and open the doors during those hours. If there is a security or transportation emergency outside of those hours, like your child not yet arriving home, call the KISD after-hours security number at 817-744-1100. The 817-744-1100 will be answered until 5:30 p.m. on school days. For after-hours assistance with transportation, Durham transportation can be reached until 5:30 p.m. at 817-744-1300. After 5:30 p.m. Durham transportation can be reached at 817-851-2036 or 817-271-3659.

Talent Show Tryouts Coming Friday, October 27th, 2017!!!

If your child is interested in trying out please fill out the permission slip and return it to their teacher!!!

[Talent Show Tryouts 2017-2018 \(002\).pdf](#)

Reminder for Dismissal Procedures (FRONT OF BUILDING)

If you are picking up for Kindergarten, drive down the right hand lane of the parking lot next to the cars parked on the outside. If you are picking up for 2nd-4th grade, drive down the left hand lane next to the cars parked on the inside portion of the parking lot. There is enough space to start two lines once you enter the parking lot. Our first grade dismisses from the back of the school.

Reminder for Arrival Procedures

The east driveway (by the cafeteria) is used for: school busses, daycare busses and select students that we have spoken with. If you are not a school bus, daycare bus or a family we have specifically talked with, then you are to use the front driveway only. Having traffic in the east driveway slows down the busses that are on a tight schedule. Thank you for following the

procedures that are set-up for our school and for not forcing Ms. Betancourt or me to be out in that parking lot to give verbal reminders that the procedures are for all of us.

Remember that when you drop-off in front, once you get to the sidewalk your child can exit the passenger side of the car. You do not have to wait until you get to the adults opening the car doors to drop-off, if your child doesn't need help with the door. Once you drop-off, you may pull into the left lane and drive straight through without waiting in line. This should keep the line moving quickly and get everyone in and out of the parking lot efficiently.

Remind/Social Media

I will be using Remind as a texting tool to keep parents and guardians up-to-date on the happenings at Freedom Elementary. If you would like short bursts of on-time information, please text what is between the quotes to 81010 “@FRES17-18”.

We have a Twitter account @FRES117 and Facebook account that you can follow us on for updates as well.

Important Dates:

Sept 29th: Report Card will be available in HAC

Sept 29th: SOAR Awards Ceremony

Oct 3rd: Family Night at Sweet Frog from 3-9

Oct 9th: No school...Parent Conference Day in morning, Teacher PD afternoon

Oct 16th: 3rd Annual Chili Cook-off

Oct 18th: Fall Picture Day

Oct 24th: Family Night at McDonalds on North Tarrant and Ray White 5:00-8:00

Oct 27th: Trunk or Treat at Freedom Elementary from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Nov 1st -8th: Freedom Book Fair

Nov 2nd: Freedom Open House from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Nov 6th: No School for Students, Teacher Professional Development Day

Nov 13th: PTA Give Thanks Community Dinner 6:30-7:30 all Freedom Families Invited

Nov 20th-24th: Fall Break NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Nov 29th: PTA Family Night at Chick Fil A

Dec 1st: Freedom Talent Show

April 10th: 4th Grade STAAR Writing

April 27th: Field Day

May 14th: 3rd and 4th Grades STAAR Math

May 15th: 3rd and 4th Grades STAAR Reading

May 21st: First Grade Award Celebration 9:00

May 22nd: Second Grade Award Celebration 9:00

May 23rd: Third Grade Award Celebration 9:00

May 23rd: Kindergarten Graduation 1:45

May 24th: Fourth Grade Award Celebration 9:00

May 24th: Last Day of School

Eagle Proud,
Gary Mantz