

Kellison

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Handbook

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Curriculum/Academics/Learning

Abilities Awareness Day- held in spring, all grades have special presenters plus an all school assembly/special guest

AR – Accelerated Reader; the reading program we use that contains leveled books and matching comprehension test on the computer. We have expanded our options with the purchase of the web-based version. www.renlearn.com We have two celebrations at the end of the year to recognize 50% and 100% of goals met.

Art Show- district show in April that showcases selected student's art work

CARE Team – a problem solving model to help teachers support students

CCL/TAG – CCL= Center for Creative Learning and TAG= Talented and Gifted
All kindergarten students are screened, in preceding years classroom teachers may make recommendations for students to be tested, parents may also request testing through the counselor. Testing may occur every two years. Students who qualify for this program are transported via bus to the Center one day a week.

CCO – Core Curriculum Objective; district curriculum

Cross Country- 4th and 5th grade, district event in the fall, practices before/after school

DARE – Drug Awareness Resistance Education; 5th grade program

ER – Early Release/Staff Development; occurs once a month, lunch is served, students dismissed at 12:08, both AM and PM Kindergarten attend in the morning, teachers work in PLCs to improve student achievement

- **PLC** – Professional Learning Communities; 4 vertical teams and grade level teams
- **SIP**- School Improvement Plan; our school’s plan to increase student achievement and provide a warm, caring culture

GATES- standardized reading test given to students in grades 1-5 in the fall and spring

Girls on the Run- an after school club for girls in grades 3-5, promotes healthy living and self-esteem, parent led

GLE- Grade Level Expectations; state standards, district writes curriculum based on these GLEs (“glees”)

Kellison Family Reunion- our “meet the teacher” and “curriculum night” prior to the start of school where both parents and students attend to meet the new teacher, hear about the school year’s curriculum, and say hello to friends

Knowing Math- 2nd -5th grade; intensive math program (stand alone curriculum) that runs for two semesters after school

Knowing Reading- an after school tutoring program for students in grades 2-5 to receive help with Language Arts skills (reading and writing)

MAP – Missouri Assessment Program; required state test for all students in Grades 3-5, taken in the spring, Communication Arts and Math, plus Science for 5th grade

- **NCLB** – No Child Left Behind; federal law, all students at 100% proficiency by 2014 on the MAP
- **AYP** – Adequate Yearly Progress; required amount of gain on MAP test each year

MIOS- Music in Our Schools month

Music Programs – each grade level performs one program each year, held in the evening

PE Night- a school wide family event to support curriculum taught in Physical Education

OLSAT- standardized test given to 1st grade in the fall

Read, Right, and Run- program coordinated through the PE teachers that promotes reading (specific # of books), running (specific amount of miles), and doing the right thing through service hours (specific number of hours) more information to follow from PE

Reading Intervention / RI- district reading program/curriculum taught during the school day by reading teachers to students who qualify for additional reading support

Reading Week- district event held in February, fun events each day with a guest author for an all school assembly

RITTS – Rockwood Instructional Technology Teaching Strategies; many of our teachers have been trained (2 per year), inquiry based teaching approach with heavy emphasis in technology through the use of a SMART board

RtI – Response to Intervention; process used to identify students who need additional support with their learning, RtI meetings are held once a month with each grade level team

Run for Fun- 1st – 5th graders run laps during recess, hole punch cards are used to track progress, prizes given

SMART board- interactive white board found in all K-5 classrooms including art and music that utilizes extensive technology to teach the curriculum

Special Chorus- 5th graders may choose to participate, they meet before school, special concerts

SSD – Special School District; this staff works at Kellison with students identified with specific learning disabilities

- IEP- Individual Education Plan; legal document written when students qualify for SSD services
- Phase II- SSD classrooms that have a lower student to teacher ratio to meet special needs

SSR – Silent Sustained Reading or Self Selected Reading

Time is set aside each day in the classroom for children to read. During this time the students may also be having a conference with the teacher and/or taking AR tests.

Stanford / SAT 10- standardized test given in the fall; grades 2 and 4 take communications arts and math, grade 4 takes science and social studies

STAR - student assessment of reading; a test that determines a child's reading level, given by our Reading Intervention teachers for qualification and assessment purposes

Strings – 3rd & 4th graders go twice a week for 30 minutes, 5th grade is optional and they go 30 minutes twice a week

Track Meets:

- Kellison; 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders go to Summit HS in the spring, all compete
- District; 4th and 5th graders, location TBD each year, selected by PE team with input from staff

PSO – Parent Staff **Organization**

Book Fair – fundraiser; held during fall and spring conferences

Box Tops for Education – fundraiser; collect and turn in labels off 1000s of products

Buzz Book – directory listing student's name and phone number along with staff contact information plus family and area business ads

Entertainment Books – fundraiser; sold at the start of the school year

Other On-going Fundraisers:

- **Restaurant Nights** – monthly night out at varying establishments around town
- **Schwan's** – monthly program offering frozen food items, truck in parking lot on identified Saturdays, delivery to home offered with pre-orders
- **Target Visa** – portion of your sales come back to our school
- **TWB – Together We're Better** – *also known as Script* – fundraiser; you can purchase gift cards and certificates through the school. They are bought at face value and the school makes a certain percentage profit off each certificate sold. Visit our school website www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/kellison for list of businesses. Certificates can be bought at the school in the lobby on Friday mornings, using our website to download the form to send to school with your child or by calling Cheryl Cerrato at 636-861-7110 or Terri Schnettgoecke at 636-225-0981.

Parties – 3 each year; Fall, Winter and Valentine's

Plant Sale – fundraiser; variety of plants pre-sold in time for Mother's Day or Teacher Recognition

PSO Meetings – Organized to help parents stay informed with happenings at school. Held at 7:00 p.m. Babysitting is provided FREE by the 5th grade girl scouts. Meetings held in September, October, November, January, March and May.

PSO Sponsored Events

*** Held at School**

- PE Night – variety of activities for the whole family (ex. Kickball)
- Donuts with Dad – held in October before school giving students a chance to eat breakfast with Dad
- Muffins with Mom-held in October before school giving students a chance to eat breakfast with Mom
- Family Bowling with Dad (off campus)– event to give the students a chance to bowl together with other families from school
- Movie Night – held on a Friday night in Feb – event for the family
- School Picnic – held on a Friday night in May to celebrate the end of the year

*** For Adults Only**

- Harvest of Friendship Dinner Auction – (rotates with Trivia Night) and is the biggest fundraiser of the year. Held in November.
- Trivia Night – (rotates with the Dinner Auction) and is the biggest fundraiser of the year. Held in November.
- Parent’s Night Out- students get to come up to play in the gym while Moms and Dads have a night out for holiday shopping
- Golf Tournament – held in June at Deer Creek Golf Course

Sportswear – fundraiser; Kellison Elementary School sportswear is sold to families in both youth and adult sizes. Usually sold at the beginning of the school year.

Stripes Tiger Shirts – shirts are given to each student to be worn for Team Rallies, field trips, field days and other misc. days as assigned.

Tiger Tales – monthly PSO newsletter, sent out on line each month

Yearbook – 5th graders assist with this project, after school club with parents

Character Education

Ambassadors- 5th graders who welcome visitors, give tours to new students, etc.

Brick campaign- “Kellison Cares: One Brick at a Time”- annual campaign to support a Kellison and/or community family in need. Bricks may be purchased with inscriptions to be “in memory of” or “in honor of” our personal heroes. The bricks will create a patio around the flag pole. In 2008-09, the money raised went to Jessie Kuebler’s family.

Buddy Families- new families are partnered up with existing Kellison families for support

Club H.O.P.E.- Helping Our Pets and Environment; after school club meeting once a month, parent led

Crossing Guards- 5th graders who help the principals in the morning with arrival of students, application required with approval from teacher and principals

CSC – Caring School Community; 4 main components

- Buddies; K and 3, 2 and 4, 1 and 5, all-school Buddy days and others as planned
- Class Meetings; daily or at least a few days a week, valuable to classroom community
- School Wide events
- Homeside activities; parent piece of our program

GLORY of Missouri Award- award based on our state’s 14 virtues (align closely to our character words), given to 5th grade students who have shown outstanding character throughout their time at Kellison, presented by our state representative at the last Team rally

Golden Tickets- award given to classrooms when “caught” being silent in the halls

KKN – Kellison Kids Network Show; puppet show featuring Stripes (our school mascot) and other characters on Monday mornings, performed live via a cable television broadcast.

Portrait of Character Award- special recognition for demonstration of strong character, read during AM announcements, name of student then goes into a drawing to be included on a painted ceiling tile (painted by 5th graders).

Presidential award- award given to those 5th grade students who carried a 3.5-4.0 in the 5 core subjects (language arts, reading, math, social studies and science) taking into account three semesters of 4th grade and three semesters of 5th grade.

SAC – Student Advisory Council; students meet with principals, share a variety of topics focused around Character education through a class meeting to get input from the kids about their school, determine school wide Spirit days on Early Release (ER)

Service projects- several projects are conducted each year to support a wide variety of organizations, most of the projects are coordinated through Buddy teams working together (Ex. 1st and 5th grade may do our Canned Food drive)

Spirit Days- days identified throughout year where special clothes may be worn

TEAM Rallies- held every quarter, we celebrate many things, 2nd and 4th quarter have slideshow with pictures taken throughout the semester, parents encouraged to attend and celebrate with us

Tiger Crew- 4th and 5th graders who assist with various projects, ex: set up chairs for assemblies

TIGERtudes- the 5 “rules” or words of character we live by at Kellison, they are found in our Kellison pledge we say each morning, more detailed information can be found in a separate brochure in the Tiger folder

Veteran’s Day Celebration- annual event held on Nov 11 to honor our Veterans; assembly followed by a reception, components tied into our CSC program

Miscellaneous

Adventure Club- before and after school program located in the cafeteria

Cornerstone Award- district award given out in the spring to Support Staff

E-Hour & Community Education- after school programs that are held at school, 4 sessions available throughout year offering a variety of classes

Grandparents Day / Special Friends Day- special day just for our Kindergartners, singing and crafts, held in April on our early release day

Infinite Campus- student information database that parents can access, especially helpful in MS and HS

Kellison Connection (KC)- Dr. Edwards’ weekly update, please hook on!

Picture Day- both in the Fall and Spring, Fall is traditional where as Spring is full body with props

Relay For Life- district-wide fundraiser to raise money for Cancer research, event held the 1st Friday in June at one of our 4 high schools, schools get teams together comprised of students and/or parents

ROSE Award- prestigious district award given out in the spring to recognize outstanding parents, staff, and community members

Thursday Folder –minimal items are sent home- most items are on our website which is www.rockwood.k12.mo.us/Kellison

Tiger Folders (TF) –daily communication tool, also serves as our handbook and calendar

Volunteer Appreciation day- a celebration to honor and thank all of our awesome parents who help make Kellison successful, usually a morning event