

The Knights' News

September 2020



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are off to a fantastic start of the 2020-2021 school year! The Knights are settling into routines and lots of happy faces are seen throughout the campus. It is so exciting to see and hear students engaging in classes throughout the building.

As we begin the month of September, we are working on developing the foundation for a strong fall semester. Despite the challenges that have been presented, we are committed to creating a nurturing environment that is supportive and provides opportunities for all students to learn, mature, and thrive!

At this point, your child is becoming more familiar with classroom routines and procedures. To maximize their learning experiences, it is important that students arrive to campus on-time and prepared with the day's assignments. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher(s) if you have questions or if your child needs additional academic or social/emotional assistance.

If you have not already done so, I invite you to check out our school's website and follow us on Twitter @KendallElem to enjoy frequent updates. We currently have 354 followers and would love to reach our goal of 500 by the end of the semester.

Thank you for your commitment to your child's education!

Sincerely,
Shelene Livas
Principal

Points of Interest

- **9/3/2020 - Virtual Parent Orientation** from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Log-in details will be sent by your child's teacher in advance.
- **9/7/20 - Labor Day**
No School
- **9/15/2020 - Picture Day**
KES eLearners who want to take their school picture may report to the main office between 12:30-2:30 p.m.
- **Friendly Reminder...** Students who may not be feeling well should remain home until they are symptom-free. Contact Nurse Miller at (830) 357-4609 with any questions.

Meet our Math Interventionist



Mrs. Miller is the Math Interventionist for Kendall Elementary School. She spent the past two years teaching 4th grade Math and Science at Fair Oaks Ranch Elementary School, but she is so excited to finally be a Kendall Knight! Before coming to Boerne ISD in 2018, Mrs. Miller taught 1st, 2nd, and 6th grade in Fredericksburg ISD. She also took almost three years off from education and she worked as the Executive Camp Director at Hermann Sons Life Camp in Comfort.

Mrs. Miller is married to her husband, Hunter, who is also a teacher. He is the Challenge Lab and S.T.E.M. Teacher at Tally Elementary in Kerrville ISD. He actually attended Kendall as student when it opened for 5th and 6th grade and was a Boerne ISD graduate. When they are not at school, the Millers enjoy watching College football, NASCAR, spending time with family, and spoiling their dog, Maya.

As the math interventionist, Mrs. Miller will have the opportunity to work with students in all grade level at Kendall. She will also have the chance to work alongside teachers in their classrooms to support all student in math. Mrs. Miller believes that every child can reach their highest potential with encouragement and support. She strives to build a positive classroom community with collaboration, innovation, and fun! She is devoted to building relationships with students and strengthening their problem-solving skills. Watching her students make progress and have more self-confidence in themselves mathematically brightens her day.

Mrs. Miller is looking forward to an amazing year as a Kendall Knight!

A Note from the Counselor

I hope this year is off to an amazing start for your Kendall Knight! It has been a pleasure getting to meet and know your children and I'm looking forward to a great year with them! The first social emotional skill we will be focusing on this year is self-awareness. Here is some information you can use at home as we help your children develop this important skill.

What Is Self-Awareness? Self-awareness is a life skill that will help your child learn to understand his/her feelings and thoughts and help them reach their maximum potential. Developing self-awareness is a very important tool in your child's overall development.

How To Teach Self Awareness For Kids: Being self-aware will help your child tap into his emotional as well as academic intelligence. It will also help your child develop positive social relationships.

Here are some easy and effective ways on developing self-awareness in children:

1. Be the Role Model
2. Accept and Recognize Your Child's Emotions (help them identify "feeling" words)
3. Empathize with and Teach Empathy to Your Child (putting ourselves in someone else's shoes)
4. Let Your Child Communicate Openly and Freely
5. Pay Attention, Be a Good Listener and Teach Effective Problem Solving. Your child will pick up most of his/her behavioral and social skill sets from you. Be your child's role model and help him/her understand how to become the very best version of themselves!

Kendall PTO

Happy September KES families! We will be having our first meeting of the year on **9/15/20 @ 6:00 pm** via Zoom, with guest speaker, our new Principal, Ms. Livas. An invitation to the meeting will be sent to all active PTO members by 9/14 so if you haven't joined yet, **THERE IS STILL TIME! Go to [KESPTO.ORG](https://www.kespto.org)** and become a member today! Don't forget to sign up for a Volunteer Committee where you can share your talents and ideas with our amazing team.

SPIRIT WEAR is available on our site as well! Go check it out and get your order placed by **9/18** for our newest spirit items. More spirit wear and accessories will be coming soon, so stay tuned!

Kind Regards,
KES PTO

Friendly Reminder

Students are not permitted to wear flipflops or thong sandals to school.