

December



2018

Dear Kimberly Heights Families,

The holiday season has quickly crept up on us in a classy and unseasonable way.

With the cold weather and snow now upon us, I just want to remind you of procedures in the event that district schools need to close. Our school messenger system allows us to send an email blast as well as a phone blast. To ensure that you receive all communications, we must have your correct emails and phone numbers on file. If, at any time during the school year, you change your information, please be sure to contact the school office to inform us of the change. Please make note that due to the snow day on Monday November 26th we will be adding one more day to the end of the school year.

Food Drive: November brought many opportunities for our students to understand what it means to be thankful. I personally am thankful for your contributions to our food drive. As a school we were able to donate a little over 252 food items to the Tinley Park Food Pantry. I am so appreciative of all of your efforts and participation. On behalf of the people who were able to have food items in their possessions this Thanksgiving I thank you from the bottom of my heart. What a great lesson for our little Koala's.

Congratulations to our November students of the month: Milania Corabi, Liliann Jaber, Alan LaMontagne, Ellie Martinez, Valeria Mendoza, Rocco Morelli, Gerardo Ocampo, Khushi Patel, Julian Popovich, Jacqueline Santiago, Ryan Schmidt, and Quynh Ton. Continue to be the great leaders that you are! Keep up the good work!

As you prepare for the hustle and bustle of this very busy holiday season, these are some of the exciting things that will be happening at KHS. It is extremely important that you make note of these events. I highly recommend that the attached monthly calendar be posted on your fridge at home so that you have daily access to it.

If you choose not to have your child participate in any of the classroom activities you will need to notify the school office or send a note in writing requesting your child not participate by December 9th. We will need advance notice so that we may have an activity planned for your child in lieu of the activities planned for the day.

December 7th – PTO Holiday Shop-Your child can shop for that perfect gift at the holiday shop with assistance while you enjoy the concession stand and local vendors. Once they have found that perfect gift, they can have it **wrapped by me for free!** Please see the PTO flyer that was sent home.

December 11th – Winter concert at APMS. Kindergarten students will be visiting Arbor Park Middle School during the school day to enjoy a holiday concert performed by the middle school band concert.

December 18th Ho-Ho- Hopefully Santa will be at visiting KHS. He may also have a little surprise for each student.

December 19th – preschool holiday celebration– Holiday Songs will be sung by our preschool students. Come and watch your little shine! Session 1 will perform at 9am and Session 2 will perform at 11:30am. Please be on time. Shows will begin at exact times listed.

December 20th Classroom Holiday Parties for all KHS students.

December 21st- Jingles the elf will perform for our preschool session 1 and kindergarten students.

This is an Early Release Day! Kindergarten students will be released at 12:30pm. Please be at your bus stops on time. If your child isn't picked up he or she will be taken to Arbor Park Middle School as your pick up location. There will be No School for Preschool Session 2 on this day.

**December 24th- January 6th Winter Break: School Not in Session
School Resumes on Monday January 7, 2019**

Tree Ornament: As part of our whole school activity for the month of December, the students will be decorating our Tree around the world. A letter was issued at parent teacher conferences. If you haven't done so already, please send in your family ornament. The staff appreciates your help in not only decorating our tree but also making our tree unique! The children love seeing their ornaments so please help us to decorate it.

Attendance: It is extremely important for us to know that your child is safe. Please call 708-532-6434 and leave a message regarding your child's absence. Our phone system is set up to accept messages 24 hours a day 7 days a week so that parents can call their children in at any time. An absence note should be sent when your child returns to school.

5Essentials Survey: Information was sent home regarding The Illinois 5Essentials Survey. If you haven't completed the survey please do so before January 18, 2019. As a parent, this opportunity will allow you to share your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness while remaining confidential. The link is posted on our district website, www.arbor145.org or by visiting <https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois>.

On behalf of my staff and myself, I would like to wish you a safe and wonderful holiday season. We wish you the very best in 2019.

Happy Holidays!

Principal Lopez