

# Keystone Elementary

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**NEW STAFF:** Please help us in welcoming Ms. Toy as our new Speech & Language Pathologist, Ms. Sawyer as our new Paraprofessional and Ms. Mansfield as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher. We are excited to have them on our team!!

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION:** Keystone Elementary School participates in the Box Tops for Education program. Box Tops are on *General Mills, Green Giant, Pillsbury, Ziploc, Hefty, Juicy Juice, Betty Crocker, etc.* products. Each Box Top is worth ten cents. Please turn in Box Tops for Education to the Main Office. Box Tops may also be used toward purchases at the Book Fair. The proceeds help to fund field trips and other student activities. Thank you for your support!

**NEW STUDENT ARRIVAL TIME & DISMISSAL:** School begins at 8:00 A.M. Students may begin entering the building at 7:55 A.M. We do not have supervision for students who arrive before 7:55 A.M. Students who arrive after 8:20 A.M. will be considered tardy. Students who are being picked up at the end of the day will be dismissed to the Cafeteria at 3:00 P.M. All bus students will be dismissed to walk to their buses at 3:05 P.M. Please be patient as we work out the logistics of our new schedule.

**STUDENT PROGRESS REPORTS:** This year, parents will receive an Interim Progress Report for your child's grades through the mail at the 4.5 weeks mark during the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grading periods. If you have any questions about your child's Progress Report, please contact their classroom teacher.

**BREAKFAST:** All students who choose to eat breakfast at school will now be eating their breakfast within their classrooms from 7:55 A.M. to 8:20 A.M. Students in Grades 4 through 6 will get their breakfast from the Breakfast Cart upstairs and will eat within their classrooms. Students in 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades will get their breakfast from the Cafeteria and will travel back to their classrooms to eat. Initially, Kindergarten students will

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## Upcoming Events:

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**Labor Day - No School:** Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Backpacks for Success (Food Bag) Permission Slips Day:** Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Butler County Community College Field Trip:** Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

**Suicide Awareness Walk @ Keystone High School:** Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>  
Registration - 5:30 P.M./Walk - 6:30 P.M.

**Fall School Picture Day:** Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

**Olweus Bullying Prevention Program Kickoff Assembly:** Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

**Elementary Night at the Keystone Junior High Football Game:** Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 P.M.

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report to their Kindergarten classroom and Special Area Teachers will walk them to the Cafeteria to begin learning the procedure. All breakfasts will be served in a bag for easy transportation by our students. Please contact Jennifer Perry at 797-1251 Ext. 1127 in the Cafeteria if you have any questions about Breakfast and / or Lunch.

**OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION PROGRAM:** This summer, select Keystone Elementary & High School Teachers, Administrators, Parents & Community Members were trained to be on the Elementary or High School Olweus Bullying Prevention Program Committees. The Elementary Committee consists of Mrs. Marshall, Mr. McCormick, Mrs. Wingard, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Hickman, Mr. Cloak, Mrs. Cloak and Mrs. McMillin. The committees then trained all teachers during one of our In Service training dates. All additional staff will be provided information about the program as well.

Each month, we will share information about the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program through our monthly newsletter. This month, we wanted to share the definition of bullying as well as our 4 anti-bullying rules. The definition of bullying is when someone repeatedly and on purpose says or does mean or hurtful things to another person who has a hard time defending himself or herself. Students are encouraged to tell someone at home and school if they are being bullied or if they know of someone else who is being bullied.

Each week during Morning Announcements, our students repeat our Bullying Prevention Pledge, which consists of our anti-bullying rules:

I pledge not to bully others.

I will help others, who are being bullied, if I can.

I will make an extra effort to include others in all school and recess activities.

I will tell an adult when I see someone bullying.

Please watch for additional information each month about our Olweus Bullying Prevention Program.

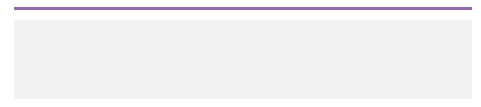
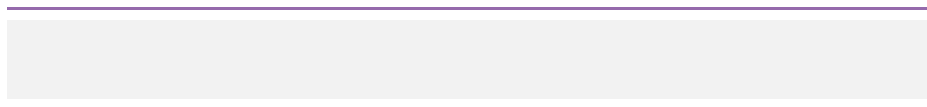
**DIFFERENTIATED PERIOD:** Each day at the end of the day, students will participate in a Differentiated Period. During this time, teachers will create differentiated instruction for their students. This will be based upon data and need of each student. Teachers will provide students with additional practice and help in areas they are struggling.

The Differentiated Period will also be utilized by students who are involved in Band, Choir and Robotics. Band will be on Days 1 & 4, Choir is on Day 2 and Robotics is on Days 3 & 5.

**BACKPACKS FOR SUCCESS:** The Keystone School District is partnering with area churches to offer free meals and snacks for children over the weekends and holiday breaks for families in need. Bags of food will be distributed at least three times per month (on Fridays or the last day before a holiday break) beginning in mid-September. Any student enrolled at Keystone Elementary School is eligible to receive food bags. Permission slips for participation are due by Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions about this program, please contact Mrs. Marshall or Mrs. Wingard at 797-1251.

**SCHOOL COUNSELORS:** The School Counselor for students in grades Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade is Mrs. Autumn Marshall, and the School Counselor for students in grades 6 through 8 is Mrs. Jennifer Wingard. If you are concerned about your child's academic performance, social issues, problems on the bus or situations at home, please contact your child's school counselor at 797-1251 or by email ([amarshall@keyknox.com](mailto:amarshall@keyknox.com) / [jwingard@keyknox.com](mailto:jwingard@keyknox.com)).

**PRIDE:** Keystone Elementary School promotes positive student behaviors through our PRIDE expectations. PRIDE stands for Polite words, Respect school community, In control, Directions followed &



Encourage others. Students who follow our PRIDE expectations are recognized by their teachers and staff. We are so proud of all our students who show PRIDE!!

**POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION & SUPPORT (PBIS):** This school year, we are continuing to implement our school-wide Positive Behavior Intervention & Support (PBIS) Plan, which encourages and rewards positive behavior to improve our school climate. Students will have the opportunity to earn tickets for positive behavior (following our PRIDE behaviors & expectations) in their Classrooms, Cafeteria, Bus, Hallways, Special Area Classrooms & Elementary Main Office. Students will be able to earn tickets throughout the entire school year and will turn in their tickets for grade-level incentives. Our students LOVED earning tickets last year, and we LOVED seeing all the positive behaviors!!

**CLARION COUNTY COALITION FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION WALK:** The Clarion County Coalition for Suicide Prevention is hosting a Suicide Prevention Walk on Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at Keystone High School. Registration begins at 5:30 P.M., and the walk is at 6:30 P.M. The walk will take place rain or shine. The cost is a donation of \$20.00 for adults & \$15.00 for students. If you would like to participate in the walk, please register online at [clarionsuicideawareness.com](http://clarionsuicideawareness.com) or stop in the Main Office for a Registration Form. \*\*The Keystone School District has no affiliation with the Clarion County Coalition for Suicide Prevention.

We hope you and your family have an amazing school year!!

