

# Kelley Class News



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## Teacher-to-Parents

Dear Parents,

One week down and it was a good one. The students are learning what it means to be back in a school building as well as what it means to be a first grader. It isn't easy. One thing we are noticing is that students need to build stamina to last the whole day. By the afternoon it is very hard to keep their attention. It is also difficult because they can't freely walk around like they might at home. They are adjusting slowly, but surely. Thank you for encouraging them at home.

After watching the news about COVID and Hurricane Ida, I decided that it is best to send the students devices home with them every day. If we should have an unexpected remote learning day, I want to be sure students have a device to use at home. I have heard of NO plans to return to remote learning. We did have some weather days last school year where students worked from home. So, plan on sending your child's device everyday. We will plug in devices at school, so please be sure to send the power charger too. I'm sorry, I know these devices can be heavy. We have iPads that can be used, but they are unreliable and we don't have enough for every child. We are using them as backup devices.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to be flexible as things change! We will get there!

Have a great week!  
Mrs. Kelley and Mrs. King

## Week-At-A-Glance

### Mark Your Calendar



- Sept. 1:** College T-Shirt day (wear a t-shirt of your favorite college or one you'd like to attend)
- Sept. 6:** No school, Labor Day
- Sept. 7:** No school, Teacher Workday
- Sept. 9:** Virtual open house, 6 pm.  
You will receive meeting links
- Sept. 16:** No school, Teacher Workday



### Join the PTA

When you join it benefits our whole school!

### Academics

#### First 8 Days Continued

This week we will learn about habits 4-8. These are the habits:

**Habit 4:** Think Win-Win (I win, you win, we all win)

**Habit 5:** Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood (I listen before I talk)

**Habit 6:** Synergize (Together is better)

**Habit 7:** Sharpen the Saw (Balance feels best)

Habit 8: Find Your Voice to Inspire Others (I know what I do well, to help you know what you do well)  
We are also working on data collection (graphing).

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### Specials

Aug. 30-Sept. 3  
**Music**  
Sept. 8-10  
**P.E.**

### COVID Reminders

We strive to keep students distanced, but it is not always possible in classrooms and at lunch. For this reason, students will stay with their table group in all areas: classroom, specials, lunch table. This limits the number of people they can come in contact with at school. **Please be sure to let us know if your child is exposed to COVID. This is extremely important!**

# What's Happening



## Transportation

Transportation home has started to settle in. Your child will have a tag on their bookbags. PLEASE don't remove the tags. This is an important policy to ensure your child goes home safely. If your child gets a new bookbag, then cut off the tag and send it in, we will attach it to their new bookbag. Bus riders will have red tags and carpool and walkers will have white tags (coming soon). We continue to have buses that are arriving later than expected both for arrival and dismissal. You can go to this link to find out where your bus is: <https://www.wcpss.net/herecomesthebus>. Remember, if you have not logged in to register your child as a bus rider, you need to do that before they can ride a bus. You will need your student's ID and go to his link: <https://www.wcpss.net/busrider>. You will need to provide transportation until your child receives bus stop information. They process requests in the order received. For carpool riders, please display your number so staff members can see it. Let me know if you need a carpool number.



Here Comes the Bus Info

**Remember to call the office with any last minute transportation changes.**

## Virtual Open House

Open house will be virtual this year which means that we will all join a Google Meet. Open house will start at 6:00m on Thursday, September 9th. Join us to find out about Green as we start a new school year together. There will be classroom sessions to find out the expectations for this year. I will be presenting my goals for the year and explaining what your child will be learning in first grade. Hope to see you there!



## Beginning of the Year Assessments

We start our state literacy benchmark assessments. This means we are assessing to see where we will begin instruction with students. There is nothing for you to do from home. Just know that this may be frustrating for some students who struggle with "not knowing." This is are starting point for the year. They will all grow from here!

**mCLASS  
Literacy  
Assessments**



### Reminders...

#### **Bring a water bottle to school**

Water fountains are not available to get water during the day. Students can bring a water bottles. Be sure to label your child's bottle.



#### **Bring a snack to school**

Students need to bring a snack to school each day. We have snack at the end of the day and they are hungry. Snack can be as simple as a bag of cereal.

#### **Bring a face mask (and a spare)**

We wear face masks in the school except for when they are eating. Students don't have to wear face masks outside as long as they are not up close. Let me know if you want your child to keep their face mask on outside (most kept theirs on).



### Contacting us...

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I also use **TalkingPoints** to send messages. This may come has a text from me. This will do translations, but limits the size of my message. You can sign up for the TalkingPoints app.

For important messages during the school day, please contact the school office if the school day has started. This is the fastest way to get the message to me.