



# COUGAR NEWS

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## A Note from our Principal

Dear Parents,

I'm happy to report that the implementation of our "On Time Club" is starting to work! We have been trying very hard to get our students to be in their seats by 7:30 at the very latest, and for some classes, it is paying off! Your child's class earns one letter per day in which all of the students are present and on time. Congratulations to Ms. Franklin's class (they have won twice!), Ms. Stocker's class, Ms. Jimmerson's class and Ms. Brungardt's class who have all spelled out the words "On Time Club". Students in these classes have all earned popsicle parties for coming to school every day and for being on time.

If you drop your children off for school in the mornings, please plan to be in the drop off zone by 7:20 a.m. This will ensure that your child has enough time to get out of your car, cross to the sidewalk and walk to class. If you drop off any later than this, chances are that the student will be late. If a student is late to class, it prevents the whole class from earning a letter for the "On Time Club" challenge.

Absences are also a concern. Last year, as a whole school, our students were absent 7.69% of the time. This equates to approximately 2,830 school days missed by our students. As we all know, children can't learn if they are not in class, so we have set a goal to improve our attendance rate from 92.9% to at least 93.4%. As you can see, we desperately need your help in getting our kids to school on time. I can't tell you how much we appreciate the efforts you make to get your children here to school on time – it truly does make a huge difference when they are here every day and are on time.



In partnership,

Annette Orelup

**Don't miss our Scholastic Book Fair!**

**Monday, Nov. 2nd to Friday, Nov. 6th. 7:15-2:45**

All grades are invited to:

**Family Night at the Fair!**

**Wednesday, Nov. 4th 5:30pm**

**Your support helps to put awesome new books in our Library!!**



## IMPORTANT NOVEMBER DATES

2nd-6th		Book Fair
4th		Math Challenge
4th	5:30	Book Fair Family Night
4th	6:00	4th Grade Fine Arts Night
5th		Picture Retake Day
11th		NO SCHOOL-Veterans Day
13th	5:30	Kinder Family Reading Night
14th		PTO Applebee's Breakfast
16th	5:30	PTO Meeting
18th	1:00	Spelling Bee
24th	3:00	2nd Quarter Site Council
26th-27th		NO SCHOOL-Thanksgiving

Wednesday, November 4th @ 5:15pm

(before the 4th Grade Fine Arts Night)

Come early and paint a Ben's Bells flower for the Keeling "Be Kind" mural.



FREE Popcorn!



**No ACHIEVE**

**after school**

**Wednesday,**

**November 25**

**(day before Thanksgiving break).**

Congratulations to the following students who will represent their classes at the Keeling Spelling Bee on November 18:

Mr. Seeger: **Keira Flores, Cecilia Collins**

Mrs. Knapp: **Mia Pineda, Hao Quang**

Ms. Roulette: **Jordan Murphy, Mia Arzac**

Ms. Schiffman: **Jalena Delsid, Alyssa Utley**

Mrs. Stocker: **John Castro, Xanna Garcia**

Ms. Franklin: **Marisol Felix, Melany Gamez**

Mrs. Sjoquist: **Julian McMillon, Exodus Juarez**



## “CALLING ALL HEART HEROS!

Keeling Elementary is proud to partner with the American Heart Association to help kids with special hearts! Mark your calendars now for our upcoming Jump Rope For Heart event taking place during PE in November. YOU can help the American Heart Association by helping your child make a web page. Visit [www.heart.org/jump](http://www.heart.org/jump) & click on “Students Sign Up” to get started. We are very excited to learn about Heart Health and Celebrate Jumping in PE Class time”



### *Odyssey of the Mind*

Odyssey of the Mind has started and teams are being formed. We are excited to start work on our Long Term Problems and see the World Tournament in our future!

*OM Coaches*

## G2C Awards



Congratulations to the Going to College (G2C) award winners! The following students were selected by their teachers for positive traits such as meeting their reading goal, improving their responsibility and work habits or always doing their best.

**Victoria Gracia Cruz**—Ms. Jimmerson  
**Dayanara Leyva Zuniga**—Ms. Roulette  
**Julian Harrison**—Ms. Schiffman  
**Angel Pena**—Mrs. Hatt  
**Madison Vasquez**—Ms. Penna  
**Natalia Baldenegro**—Ms. Inbody  
**Jose Torres**—Mrs. Sjoquist  
**Camille Hawkins**—Mrs. Beutel  
**Caleb Aguilar**—Mrs. Tang  
**Mateo Harris**—Mrs. McDole  
**Jace Lara**—Mr. Daglio  
**Jesus Santos Lopez**—Mrs. Mulcahy  
**Audisely Cota**—Mrs. Dobbin  
**Jerrel Hanley**—Ms. Englert  
**Citlalli Urias**—Mrs. Johnson  
**Alexia Gastelo**—Ms. Atwell  
**Mariel Durazo**—Ms. Victoria  
**Ailed Gonzalez**—Mrs. Weiler  
**Eva Villalobos**—Mr. Seeger  
**Khaleb Lavallee**—Mrs. Brungardt  
**Carolina Martinez**—Mrs. Stocker  
**Jasmyne Dudas**—Mrs. Coons  
**Andrea Castro Felix**—Ms. Franklin

# LIGHTS AFTER SCHOOL

To view postings about quality learning opportunities for youth outside the school day, go to <https://www.facebook.com/AmphiAchieve>.



To view postings, see photos, read stories and news releases, and much more about the amazing things going on in the Amphi School District, like Amphi Public Schools on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/amphitheaterpublicschools>.

Follow Amphi Public Schools on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/AmphiSchools>



## ARTIST OF THE MONTH:

### November's Artist of the Month!

Kinder: **Daniel Ramirez** from Ms. Molinar-Vega (Ms. Victoria)

1<sup>st</sup> grade: **Yasmin Reyes Portillo** from Ms. Mulcahy

2<sup>nd</sup> grade: **Jace Lara** from Mr. Daglio

3<sup>rd</sup> grade: **Amaia Corrales** from Ms. Beutel

4<sup>th</sup> grade: **Julian McMillon** from Ms. Sjoquist

5<sup>th</sup> grade: **Margaret Maro** from Ms. Stocker

Please come by the office to check out the Artist of the Month! Congratulations students!

Thank you for your support in our art program,

Mrs. Samsel



# REACH/Gifted Testing

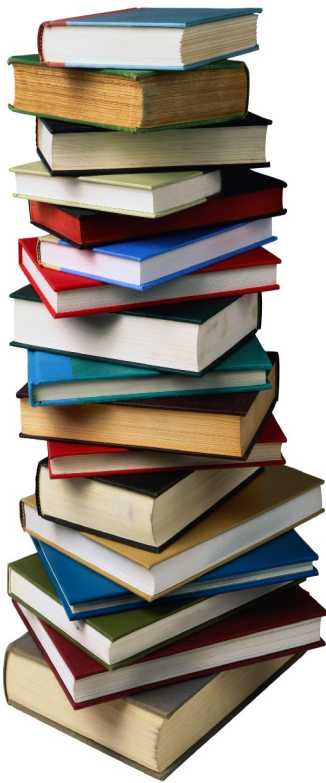
If you would like to have your child assessed for a need for Gifted Services (REACH), please sign and submit a Permission to Test form. You may request a Permission to Test form in the front office and turn it in to the front office upon completion. Deadline: December 1. *Testing will take place in February 2016.*

*November 15, 2015*

## *Picture Retakes*

### *New Student Pictures*

Picture packets are available for pickup in the school office for students who started after September 17th and for students who were absent on picture day.



Congratulations to the following students who have earned a \$10 Bookmans gift certificate for reading and writing about 10 books at their level!

Mr. Seeger ~ **Ben Gilbert**

Ms. Booth ~ **Killian Wilkowski, Leija High-Clay, Alexis Godoy, Zuri Ramirez, Akol Ruai**

Mrs. Johnson ~ **Makeda Perez**

Mrs. Stocker ~ **Margaret Maro**

Mrs. Dobbin ~ **Elijah Ingram, Yair Lopez**

Our school is participating in the **Bookmans' "Read 10 Books, Get 1 Free!"** program. It is an opportunity not only to motivate your children to read more, but also to help them earn free books. For every 10 books a student reads and writes a brief report on, he/she will receive a \$10 gift certificate from Bookmans. Students need to read appropriate leveled books and write on all the lines. Younger students may draw pictures. Teachers will give students the forms.

Once a student has written a brief response to 10 books, he/she will place the form in the Bookmans' box in the office. Once a month, Mrs. Mulcahy or Ms. Penna will contact Bookmans for the certificates. Students may earn up to one gift certificate per month. What a fabulous opportunity!



4th Grade FALL FINE ARTS FAIR

NOVEMBER 4TH @ 6:00PM

PERFORMERS PLEASE ARRIVE @ 5:45

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO WATCH; PLEASE COME.