



Keller Intermediate School Tiger Tales



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Dear Keller Tigers,

Dates to Remember:

- **Sept 7—Labor Day—no school**
- **Sept 8—SAC meeting 8:00 am**
- **Sept 11—Progress Reports**
- **Sept 16—Early Release 1:15 p.m.**

We've had a super start to our school year! I hope everyone had a nice summer break and that all students are ready for a fabulous year at Keller. I've enjoyed getting to meet our new 4th grade students and their families and seeing again our 5th graders for their second year at Keller.

I'd like to invite our parents to our first School Advisory Committee meeting of the school year. The meeting will be on Tuesday, September 8, at 8:00 a.m. in our media center. This committee meets four times per year and helps to make important decisions for our school. Please join us if you can!

September is National School Attendance Awareness Month. Regular school attendance is essential for student success. Even absences that are excused, result in students missing important instruction. When a student is absent, we notice because we care and want your child to be successful. Just missing two days of school a month can add up to missing ten percent of the school year. Statistics show that a student that misses ten or more days a year is twenty percent less likely to graduate from high school.

I am looking forward to a wonderful school year! Thank you for your support.

Identification is Required

Please be prepared to show valid identification every time you enter the school. Even if we know who you are, we are required to check your I.D. This will ensure that we continually practice safe procedures for your child and every child in our school.



Sincerely,
Kelly A. Horne
Principal



News from the School Nurse...

Students with Allergies :

If your child has any food allergies, please bring in a doctors note as soon as possible. The nurse will let the teacher and cafeteria workers know so that they can make accommodations for your child.

Reminder: Students are not allowed to bring medication to school with them. All medication, over the counter or prescription, must have a doctors note and **given to our school nurse by a parent.** Please contact Nurse Julia with any allergy or medical needs as soon as possible.



If you have any questions, please contact the clinic.

CAR RIDERS

Please do not drop students off in the car rider loop until 8:20 a.m.
Supervision of students begins at 8:20 a.m.





Student Dismissal Procedures

This year is off to a great start! Walkers, extended day students, and first wave bus riders are dismissed at 3:15 each day. If your child is a car rider, please pick them up through the car rider line and have your car rider sign displayed on the dashboard. Please do not park across the street or at the church to have your child walk out to you. All walkers must live within a one mile radius from the school. As the year progresses, students and parents become more familiar with the pick up line and it will begin to move faster. If you do not want to wait in a long line, you might consider coming around 3:30 p.m. This will allow the line to diminish and reduce your waiting time. Our primary goal is to provide for the safety and well-being of your children. Thank you for your patience.

Title 1 News

Title 1 uses the Fountas & Pinnell Leveled Literacy Intervention, known as LLI. It is intended to be a short-term reading intervention providing intensive, small-group instruction, which supplements classroom literacy teaching. LLI turns struggling readers into successful readers with engaging leveled books and fast-paced, systematically designed lessons. Currently, Title 1 is getting ready to kick start the year. We are in the process of analyzing students' data to determine additional support needed. If your child is recommended to participate in Title 1, you'll receive a welcome letter.

Reading Tip of the Month

AR Books Keller uses Accelerated Reader and the majority of the library books are Accelerated Readers. Accelerated Reader is a collection of books at different grade levels. When children read books at their appropriate level, they experience success. Furthermore, teachers work with children to set appropriate goals based on each child's reading level.



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Yellow Identification Cards



If you have not already done so, please return your child's yellow card completed as soon as possible. It is important that we have the most current contact information on file. Be sure to include a secret password on your child's information card. This is used as an identification tool to ensure safety for your child. Be sure to share it only with those that you trust. You will be asked for this password every time you call regarding your child's welfare, or to give messages to your child.

No Bullying Policy

It is the policy of the Baker County School District that all of its students and school employees have an educational setting that is safe, secure and free from harassment and bullying of any kind. The District will not tolerate bullying and harassment of any type. At each school, the principal or the principal's designee is responsible for receiving complaints alleging violations of this policy. Members of the school community, including students, parents/legal guardians, volunteers, and visitors are encouraged to report any act that may be a violation of this policy anonymously or in person to the principal or principal's designee.



Free Breakfast and Lunch for Keller Students

We are pleased to inform you that there will be no charge for school breakfast and lunch at any school in Baker County. Schools that participate in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast program called the Community Eligibility Option (CEP) for school year 2020-2021 are eligible. For those who opt to bring a meal from home, milk is available at the price of 60 cents per 1/2 pint. In addition, "Smart Snacks" will be offered as ala carte sales and money will be required for these purchases.