



# CRUSADER CHRONICLE

## November 2011

### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

I hope everyone has a safe and fun filled Halloween. As we enter November and the weather turns cold, I would like to remind you to make sure your children are bundled up before they come to school. Students will be expected to stand outside and wait to come into school until 7:50 A.M. and go out for recess unless the temperature and or wind chill reach 25degrees or below. Please refer to the parent information booklet you received at parent information day for further clarification.



A friendly reminder: **ONLY BUSES** are allowed access to the school via the parking lot and bus lane. **NO OTHER VEHICLES** are allowed into the parking lot from 7:45 A.M - 8:00 A.M. At 8:00 A.M. the parking lot will be reopened to accommodate tardy students. I would like to remind you to please park your car and walk your child into the building to sign them in for the day when they are tardy.

I wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving. See you at Parent Teacher conferences!

Mrs. Greene

### PUMPKIN CHASE / GHOSTBUSTER RACE



The Pumpkin Chase and Ghost Buster Race were held on Friday, October 28th. It was a beautiful day to be outside, and everyone appeared to have a good time. Congratulations to all of the participants in both events and to our top finishers in the 2-mile Ghost Buster Race:

#### Boys

1st Place Matt Vlasaty 5-1  
 2nd Place Brandon Anderson 5-2  
 3rd Place James Wallenius 4-1  
 4th Place Brandyn Maza 5-1

#### Girls

1st Place Kailey Stariha 5-1  
 2nd Place Allison Frale 4-2  
 3rd Place Emily Pustelnik 5-2  
 4th Place Tori Watkins 5-2

### Upcoming Hot Lunches

- > 11/4 Let's Do Lunch
- > 11/7 Salina's
- > 11/11 Subway
- > 11/14 Domino's
- > 11/18 Wendy's
- > 11/28 Let's Do Lunch

### Important Dates

- > 11/1 Student Council Mtg. 2:35-3:15
- > 11/4 Report Cards Issued
- > 11/8 No School  
Teacher Institute Day
- > 11/10 Picture Retake Day
- > 11/21 No School  
Parent Teacher Conferences 1:00-8:00
- > 11/22 No School  
Parent Teacher Conferences 8:00-3:00
- > 11/23-11/25 No School  
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

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## NOVEMBER NURSE'S NOTES



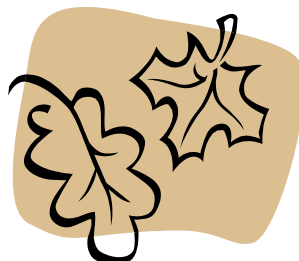
The school nurse conducts hearing and vision screenings on many of our students. The mandated grades for hearing are K, 1, 2 and 3. Vision screenings are conducted on children in K, 2 and 8. A vision and hearing screening is attempted on all students enrolled in special education. Students new to the district are also screened. The nurse will screen any student referred by the teacher. The hearing and vision screenings are not examinations



nor are they a substitute for a doctor's examination. In school, a failed screening may indicate that a child needs to be seen by the doctor for a formal exam. The school nurse will prepare a referral form for the eye doctor. Once your child has had a doctor's exam please send the completed forms back to the school nurse. The teacher may need to make accommodations for your child in school like preferential seating in the class. Parents, this is also an excellent time to observe your child's glasses. Look at the frames and lenses. Check for needed optical repair. At home, observe your child while reading, playing board games, and watching TV. Remind your student to care for his or her glasses correctly and show your child how to keep them clean.

We are beginning the flu season. Here are some healthy reminders:

- \* Wash your hands frequently with soap and water. Teach children the same healthy habit by role modeling this important intervention!
- \* Cover your nose and mouth when you cough and sneeze, preferably with a facial tissue or your arm, not your hands. Promptly discard used facial tissues.
- \* Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- \* Stay home from work or school until you recover. We generally expect that a child be kept home for 24 hours after they are fever free and without fever reducing medication.
- \* Do not share things that go into the mouth such as drinking cups, straws etc.
- \* Frequently clean commonly touched surfaces such as doorknobs, refrigerator handles, phone and water faucets.
- \* Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with your hands. Infection is often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his





## LEARNING CENTER NEWS

Thank You to the following students for donating books to the library for their October birthdays!!

**OOPS! Forgot two September birthdays!! Thank you!!**



- 9/3 Andrew S. 1-2 Trick or Treat Marley
- 9/10 Derek M. 1-3 Happy Birthday Hamster
- 10/22 Alexis A. 2-2 Scaredy-Cat, Splat
- 10/28 Adelynn K. 2-1 Fancy Nancy and the Fabulous Fashion Boutique
- 10/31 Faykeh R. 1-1 Bears New Friend

## PUMPKIN PATCH CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the pumpkin decorating contest. The creativity and originality of the designs was very impressive! The winners of the contest will receive a certificate for Helen Keller Student Store.



### WINNERS



#### Early Childhood

- Bettie F. EC-2  
Chicken
- Violet E. EC-2  
Witch
- Blake L. EC-1  
Dog

#### Kindergarten

- Michael T. K-3  
Pirate
- Grace G. K-3  
Witch
- Jaden F. K-2  
Spider in Web
- Carter V. K-1  
Frankenstein

#### 1st Grade

- Derek M. 1-3  
Platypus
- Izabella P. 1-2  
Pig
- Delilah K. 1-2  
Witch
- Julian K. 1-2  
Cat

#### 2nd Grade

- Stella W. 2-2  
Bride of Frankenstein
- Makayla T. 2-1  
Tooth Fairy
- Haley B. 2-2  
Cowgirl
- Sarah A. 2-3  
Butterfly

#### 3rd Grade

- Marissa R. 3-3  
Snoopy
- Patrick L. 3-1  
Papa Smurf
- Tyler G. 3-1  
Spider
- Adam S. 3-2  
Angry Birds

#### 4th Grade

- Kaylin F. 4-1  
Helicopter
- Matt G. 4-1  
Gumball Machine
- Maddie F. 4-1  
Tea Set & Dessert
- Nicole D. 4-2  
Campfire

#### 5th Grade

- Katie M. 5-2  
Lamp
- Tori W. 5-2  
Piggy Bank
- Hannah J. 5-3  
Headless Person
- Ripley F. 5-1  
Duck

## STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS



# CHARMS



At various event and activities this year, Keller students will be able to earn a collection of charms. The charms may be given for participation as well as for achievement and motivation.



COMING SOON.....Pink Ribbon—Breast Cancer Fundraiser (beginning 11/1)  
Students will be able to purchase a pink ribbon charm for 25 cents (limit 2)  
Proceeds will be donated to a breast cancer charity.

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## STUDENT COUNCIL HOLIDAY BAG-A-MEAL

Student Council is collecting items for our annual Holiday Bag-a-Meal project. These Thanksgiving meals will be given to families from our Keller School Community. Any donations you are able to make are greatly appreciated. All donations will be due by November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Some suggestions for items include:

Canned Ham  
Stuffing  
Potatoes  
Canned Vegetables  
Jell-O  
Pudding  
Canned Pie Filling  
Tea  
Muffin Mixes

Boxed Pie Crust  
Dream Whip  
Cereal  
Peanut Butter  
Jelly  
Crackers  
Hot Chocolate  
Coffee  
Rice

No Refrigerated Foods



# MUSICAL NOTES FROM MRS. KEOGH



## Activate! Calendar Connections

Dear Families,

It's easy to celebrate music in your home. Below the monthly music calendar, find fun-filled activities and suggestions for you and your young musician to do at home. Choose the ones that sound most interesting to you or explore all of them. Whatever you decide to do, make music together as often as you can!

### NOVEMBER

 30	31	Alex Wolff's Birthday (1997)	1	2	3	 4	5		
John Philip Sousa's Birthday (1854); Saxophone Day; Marching Band Day	 6	7	Election Day	 8	9	10	Veterans Day	 11-12	
 13	Aaron Copland's Birthday (1900)	14	America Recycles Day	 15	 16	17	18	19	
20	 21	Benjamin Britten's Birthday (1913)	22	Miley Cyrus's Birthday (1992)	23	Thanksgiving Day	 24	25	26
27	28	Square Dance Day	 29	30	Michael Jackson's Thriller album was released (1982)	 1	2	3	

- Celebrate the “March King’s” birthday by listening to (and marching to) one of his many famous marches. Recordings can be found from a number of online vendors. Simply search “John Philip Sousa.”
- Visit the Classics for Kids website to listen and learn about the American composer Aaron Copland: <http://www.classicsforkids.com/composers/bio.asp?id=14>
- Listen to a recording of “A Young Person’s Guide to the Orchestra,” by Benjamin Britten, while you read information about his life and works at <http://www.nyphilkids.org/gallery/main.phtml?>
- Attend a local square or contra dance session together. Many communities offer free or affordable monthly workshops. Search the Internet or contact your local recreation department to see if there is a workshop in your area. Alternatively, there are many resources to be found on the Internet if you want to host your own.

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# HELEN KELLER PTO NEWSLETTER



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## IMPORTANT NOVEMBER DATES.....

11/7-Cookie Dough Fundraiser Due	11/17-Popcorn Day
11/8-No School	11/17- PTO Meeting 6:30pm
11/15-Dippin' Dots Day	11/18- Charming Charlie & Wendy's Day
11/16- Market Day Pick-Up 5-6pm	

## **BOX TOPS CONTEST WINNERS**

Allison F. Rm. 4-2,  
Marissa R. Rm. 3-3,  
Zachary G. Rm. K-3,  
Marisa D. Rm. 5-2,  
Jacob H. Rm K-2

They each received a \$20.00 gift card to the store of their choice! 76 Keller families participated in the contest for a total of 4991 box tops!!! Way to show your Helen Keller Pride! Watch for collection sheets for our Winter Contest coming home in a few weeks.



## **FUNDRAISERS.....**

**Fundraisers help us to achieve our goals and assist with sponsoring exciting events for the students at our school!**

**Charming Charlie and Wendy's**-Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

We know that sometimes it is not possible to participate in every fundraiser. As a PTO, our hope is that each family can contribute to at least one. Funds are down from last year, so in order for us to continue activities for our students we need to have an improved effort from all of our families.

Thank you in advance!



**6-8pm**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>**

Purchase tickets in advance- \$5.00 for a 20% off coupon to be used on your purchase that night! Look for an order form to come home soon!



## **DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR BAKERS SQUARE PIE!**

Pie orders must be turned in and paid in full by November 9, 2011. Pies will be delivered to the school on November 16<sup>th</sup> and ready for pick up between 5 pm and 6 pm. (Check [www.ksd140.org](http://www.ksd140.org) in the virtual backpack for any order forms or flyers.)

## **WENDY'S DAY**

**FRIDAY,  
NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**5-8pm**



7630 W. 159<sup>th</sup> location!

YOUR HELEN KELLER PTO BOARD:

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