



Dear Parents,

Can you believe the Holidays are just around the corner? This morning as I walked into work, it seemed as if overnight the leaves had turned from green to yellow-orange, coating the lawn. The cold has just arrived and even though some may not appreciate it, it will offer us the gift of warmth and a time with family and friends. As we head towards one of my very favorite holidays, Thanksgiving, we are thankful for the gifts we have been given, the gift of family, love and appreciation for our children, just to name a few. Kimberly Heights is so appreciative of all of the dedication and support that we receive from our families!

Recap of October:

Our book fair, pumpkin decorating contest and taffy apple sales were a huge success. The pumpkin that received the most votes was room 106-Mrs. Landingham's classroom- The Porcupine Pumpkin. Classroom students will enjoy an ice cream treat. Thanks to everyone who came out and voted!

KHS students raised \$1402.53 during our walk for tech fundraiser. It was a great joy watching the wonderful time students, staff and volunteers had cheering each other on! A special thank you to our parent volunteers who gave up their time to help with this successful event. We will be able to purchase a charging station for our new chrome books. We are so appreciative of your support and efforts in helping us increase our technology and science departments at KHS.

KHS made a profit of \$712 in taffy apple sales. We are still waiting to hear what our total profit was from our Great American Fundraiser. I will report those totals in our December newsletter. Every dollar raised will be used in materials or technology that our students are able to use here at Kimberly Heights School.

The following students are our top winners for our fundraising initiatives:

Walk for Tech- Kindergartener Ashlyn Harris
Great American Fundraiser – Preschooler Payton Ferretti Room 211
Taffy Apple Sales – Preschooler Elijah Vernati Giorczynski Room 214
Elijah was the winner of the \$25 Toys R Us Gift Card Prize.

Our classroom winners were:

Walk for Tech- Kindergarten Classroom 105
Great American Fundraiser – Preschool Session 2 Classroom 211
Taffy Apple Sales – Kindergarten Classroom 106

We will be showing our appreciation to these students with a special gift from the KHS staff. We thank every student and their family for helping support our fundraising initiatives.

On October 27th I was able to enjoy lunch with 12 kindergartners who were selected to be our October students of the month. Our students are all working hard in reaching their goals of becoming students of the month. Please continue to encourage and remind them to put forth their best in and out of the classroom. Congratulations to the following October student of the month **Elizabeth Adams, Nicholas Contreras, Marilee Crothers, Charlotte Cruz, Declan Hartsfield, Tiana Janik, Patrick Jankowski, Kara Le, David Macikas, Cian Pepe, Ashlynn Tunstill and Connor Weber.** I am so proud! Keep up the great work!

Important November Events:

Picture Day retake is on Tuesday November 14th. If you would like your child to retake their picture please let the classroom teacher know or notify the office so that the appropriate forms and information can be sent home.

Our food drive will begin on Monday November 13th. The food items that we collect will be donated to the Tinley Park Food Pantry. Our food drive will end on November 17th. If each child at Kimberly Heights brought in 2 food items we would be collecting close to 370 items. Thank you for participating and for helping us teach our children what it means to give back to the communities they live in!

Early Release Day: November 10th Kindergarten will be dismissed at 12:30pm. Please be at your bus stops on time. We will follow the same procedures as in the past. If your child is not picked up they will be taken to Arbor Park Middle School where you can pick them up. This is often scary for our little ones so please be sure to be at your bus stops on time!

There is no school for preschool session 1 on this day – November 10th. Preschool Session 2 will be in school during the 8:30am-11am time session.

Parent Teacher Conferences: Report Cards will be issued at Parent/Teacher Conferences on November 20th and 21st. Reminders regarding the date and time you are scheduled for will be sent home by the classroom teacher. Every conference should last no more than 15 minutes. Please be prompt so that you don't miss your scheduled time.

Below are some pointers so that you can get the most out of the conference time. Please remember, we all have the same goals for your child – the achievement of their academic personal best at Kimberly Heights School.

- Ask your child to share concerns before you come to meet with their teacher.
- Bring written notes and questions.
- Tell the teacher about at home issues that might be impacting your child's academic or social emotional status.
- View the teacher as your partner.
- If the teacher uses jargon, ask for simple explanations and specifics about your child's work.
- Keep the conversation focused on your child.
- Discuss strategies you and the teacher can use to help your child. Write out common goals.
- Ask for follow up conversations if you think you need them.

I am privileged and thankful to be the principal of this great school, with amazing students, wonderful parents, and awesome staff and an outstanding community. Thank you for entrusting your child/children to this school and district.

Hope you have a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Respectfully Yours,
Principal Lopez