Dear Keene Families,

Thank you for all of your help in getting us off to a great start to the 2019-20 school year! We truly appreciate the support, help, and love you give every day to your children as well as the staff. We couldn’t do it without you!

We are moving quickly into the month of October and the end of the first marking period is almost near. I am excited to walk through the building and see such wonderful things happening in the classrooms, both inside, and outside in our outdoor classroom! Additionally, I enjoyed the opportunity to visit with many of you at our recent Open House.

There are a few reminders that I would like to mention. Please make sure that you have turned in all necessary forms to your child’s teacher. This includes the Christina School District’s Student Manual sign off and Emergency Card. Please make sure that you provide the office with any changes in telephone numbers and email addresses so that we can keep you updated on school information. We have “Gone Green” and put all important information on the Keene website or send via email, so having up to date information is critical.

We wish you and yours a beautiful fall season!

Mariellen Taraboletti, Principal
Heather Buchanan, Assistant Principal

Positive Behavioral Support
Keene continues to be successful as a PBS school. Students continue to do "their koalaty best" as they show respect, follow directions, and act responsibly. Students keep up the great work and keep earning those PAWS!

**Important Numbers**

- Keene, Main #: 454-2018
- Principal
  Mariellen Taraboletti ext. 203
- Assistant Principal
  Heather Buchanan ext. 202
- School Nurse
  Kristi Hill/Rebecca Hayman ext. 204
- Guidance Counselor
  April Lindsey ext. 244
- Staff Psychologist
  Anna Parry ext. 245
- Educational Diagnostician
  Jason King ext. 249
- Cafeteria Manager
  Sandy Cooke ext. 254
- Absence Reporting
  454-2018 ext. 200
- Transportation Office
  454-2281
- Christina District Office
  552-2600
**School Choice for the 2020-2021 School Year**

State School Choice begins on **Monday, November 4, 2019**. During this time parents may apply for choice to the Christina School District via an online application link or a paper application available for download from the District website: [www.christinak12.org](http://www.christinak12.org).

**Parent Resource Room**

Our Parent Resource room is open to our parents. The goals of the center is to help parents become more engaged in the education of your children, by providing onsite training, education, and support through a variety of resources. Please feel free to stop by any time during the hours of 8AM-8PM. We welcome any suggestions you may have to help us help you.

**Safety Issue**

It is **IMPERATIVE** that we keep the circle in the front of the school open for the buses that drop off and pick up children. Please do not park there! Also, please do NOT park in the handicapped spaces unless you have a handicapped sticker/tag for your vehicle. Thanks for your consideration!

**SIGN UP FOR TEXT MESSAGE ALERTS FROM @CSDalerts**

Receive urgent text messages from Christina School District! CSD has created a Twitter account for notifying the community via text messaging about School Closings, Delays, Early Dismissals and other urgent information. The @CSDalerts account is a way for parents, students, staff and the community to sign up for CSD Urgent Alerts via text messaging without having a Twitter account!

TO SIGN UP, simply text the words Follow @CSDalerts to the number 40404 (Please note: There MUST be a space between the words Follow and @CSDalerts. Standard text messaging rates may apply)

TO STOP, simply text the words OFF @CSDalerts to the number 40404 (Please note: There must be a space between the words OFF and @CSDalerts)

Please make sure the office and school nurse has up-to-date phone numbers where you can be reached at all times. Keeping your numbers up to date will also assure you receive all of our ParentLink telephone calls regarding important information concerning your child(ren).
HEALTH RECORDS

If you receive a letter indicating your child’s health record is missing something, please make an appointment with your child’s healthcare provider ASAP to avoid an exclusion from school. Please remember, when you register your child, you only had to show proof of immunizations. I am currently reviewing charts and letters will be going out soon. If you give me an appointment date in writing, your child will not be excluded. If I do not have an appointment date and the requested information is not turned in, your child will be excluded from school.

CAN MY CHILD GO TO SCHOOL TODAY????

If your child is sick, please keep him/her home from school. A child must be free of fever for 24 hours without taking Tylenol or ibuprofen, free of diarrhea or vomiting for 24 hours, and if diagnosed with a contagious bacterial disease such as strep throat or impetigo etc., a child must be on antibiotics for 24 hours before returning to school to prevent spread of disease in school. Please do not just medicate your child and send him/her to school if he/she is sick. If your child is having an exacerbation of a medical disease, such as asthma, please make sure your child is well enough to be in school, if not, contact your Health Care Provider to have him/her seen before bringing your child to school.

MISSING EMERGENCY MEDICINES – NEED ASAP

Please bring in your child’s emergency medicine to the nurse’s office ASAP. Please make sure your Rx is current and has the proper label from the pharmacy. You will need to sign permission forms when you bring in the medicine. If your child’s med is not in school and an emergency arises, 911 will be called. I am currently missing rescue inhalers and rescue nebulizer meds for asthmatics, nebulizer meds, epipens for students with life threatening allergies, and diastat for students with seizures.

EMERGENCY ACTION PLANS FOR STUDENTS WITH ASTHMA, SEIZURES, SERIOUS MEDICAL ISSUES, AND LIFE THREATENING ALLERGIES

If your child has asthma, seizures, or a life threatening allergy, you must turn in an emergency action plan to the nurse. If you need one, please stop by or call my office.

GOOD HAND WASHING

Good hand washing is a great way to prevent the spread of illness and disease. Please encourage good hand washing with your children.

HEALTH QUESTIONS???

Please feel free to contact us in the nurse’s office at 454-5954 or contact your Health Care Provider.

INJURIES THAT OCCUR AT HOME

If your child suffered an injury outside of the school day or on a weekend please have that injury evaluated by their primary doctor or medical aid unit before returning to school and submit medical documentation to the nurse. Please include any restrictions for recess or gym/physical education and maintain all follow up appointments. Any students with an orthopedic device ex: sling/cast/boot/crutches must have a note from the doctor upon return to school.

KN & 1st Grade parents, please make sure your child has an extra change of clothes in case of accidents.

Any health related questions, please don’t hesitate to call our office at 454-2018 ext. 204.

Kristi Hill, RN & Rebecca Hayman, RN

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- **1st Marking Period Ends**
- **Wear Orange Anti-Bullying Day**
- **Keene Kindness Day**
- **Wear Pink for Cancer Awareness**