Dear Keene Family,

The 2020-2021 school choice enrollment period for grades, KN-12 will open on Monday, November 4, 2019. School Choice is designed to increase access to educational opportunities for all children in the state. A parent residing within Delaware may enroll his or her child in a public school in any school district independent of the student’s area of residence.

Parents choosing to send their child to a school outside their feeder pattern are responsible for transportation to the choice school or a bus stop on that school’s route.

November 4th will kick off the PTO Yankee Candle Sale. Fall Picture re-takes will be on Friday, November 8th. The Book Fair will be the week of November 18th. Doughnuts with Grown Ups will be November 20th 8AM-8:50AM. The November PTO meeting will be held on Monday, November 25th at 4:00 in the Keene library. We are in need of parent volunteers. We cannot do the many wonderful things that we normally do here at Keene, like; Book Fair, Family Fun Night, Reading and Math Night, and the Holiday Shop to name a few without volunteers. Please consider volunteering.

Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for November 14th and 15th. You will receive information from your child’s teacher/s about scheduling your conference/s. Report cards will be available on Home Access Center on November 12, 2019.

Please remind your students to follow the ‘Keene Koalaty Principles both at school and on the school bus.

Thank you again for your support!

Mariellen Taraboletti  
Principal

Heather Buchanan  
Assistant Principal

There is no school on the following days:

- Friday, November 1st
- Monday, November 11th
- Thursday, November 14th
- Friday, November 15th
- Wednesday, November 27th
- Thursday, November 28th
- Friday, November 29th

Choice Opens November 4th

Instruction Begins at 9:10AM
The front doors will lock at 9:05AM
Parents will need to sign children in as late after 9:05AM

Positive Behavioral Support
Remember to earn Dojo Points for the December dance, trading in for lunch with a teacher, or to be a special helper.
**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.

**Keene’s Thanksgiving Food Drive**

Our school is collecting non-perishable food to donate to our families in need. Items will be collected starting November 4th through November 22nd. There will be boxes in each of your child’s pod for the items.

- Kindergarten- Mashed Potatoes
- 1st Grade- Stuffing Mix
- 2nd Grade- Canned Cranberries
- 3rd Grade- Macaroni and Cheese
- 4th Grade- Gravy
- 5th Grade- Canned Veggies, corn, peas, sweet potatoes, string beans etc...

**“Doughnuts With Grownups”**

November 20th
8:00 a.m.– 8:50 a.m.
In Keene’s Cafeteria

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**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. 246
- Cafeteria Manager
  Sandy Cooke ext. 254
- Absence Reporting
  ext. 200
- Transportation Office
  454-2281
- Christina District Office
  552-2600

The Fall Book Fair is 11/18 through 11/22. The book fair will be open during Doughnuts With Grownups on the 20th, so be sure to stop by the library when finished.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

If you are an approved Keene volunteer and are able to help, please contact the school office at 302-454-2018.
Notes from the School Nurse

If you receive a letter from the nurse requesting health information for your child’s health record, please make sure you turn it in by the requested date to avoid your child being excluded from school. If you have an upcoming appointment past the exclusion date, you must provide the nurse with a written note from the physician’s office of the appointment date. Remember, absences from exclusion are not excused absences.

ALL KINDERGARTEN AND FIRST GRADE STUDENTS MUST HAVE A CHANGE OF CLOTHES INCLUDING UNDERGARMENTS IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY. IF YOUR CHILD HAS A SPILL OR AN ACCIDENT AND WE DO NOT HAVE A CHANGE OF CLOTHES, YOU WILL NEED TO BRING A CHANGE OF CLOTHES TO SCHOOL.

If your child is sick – please keep them home from school. Please remember the 24 hour rule:

Your child must be fever free for 24 hours without taking Tylenol or ibuprofen before returning to school
Your child must be without diarrhea or vomiting for 24 hours before returning to school.
If your child was started on antibiotics for strep throat etc. – your child must be on the medicine for 24 hours before returning to school.

Please do not send your child to school sick – diseases and illnesses spread quickly within the school when students come to school sick

If you child has asthma or a life threatening allergy – please make sure the nurse has all emergency medicines in school with a prescription label.

If you have received your 2nd or 3rd notice that you have not turned in an emergency card for your child, please complete the form and return it immediately. Every child is required to have an emergency card completed to be in a Delaware Public School.

Kristi Hill, RN
Rebecca Hayman, RN

Keene Elementary School
Nurse’s Office
454-2018 ext. 204

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**wishing you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving!**