



# Cougar Connection

KEITH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2019



Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	
		1	2	3	4	5	
<b>January Core Value:</b> <b>Self-Control</b> Choosing to do what you should do even when you don't want to.			<b>Winter Holiday</b>			PTO/Chipotle Spirit Night 4-8 pm	
						6	7
	<b>Welcome Back!</b>  <i>(no morning tutoring today)</i>  Last Day of Keith Run Club	Keith Spelling Bee 9:15 am  PTO/Texas Roadhouse Spirit Night 4-9 pm			PTO Spirit Store open during all lunches	<b>Candy Cane Fun Run Salyards MS 9:00 am</b>	
13	14	15	16	17	Keith Spirit Day 18	19	
20	21	22	23	24	Keith Spirit Day 25	26	
	<b>Student/Staff Holiday</b> <b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip: Children's Museum  CF Fire Dept. visits Kinder  PTO Open Forum Parent Meeting 6:30 pm <b>All parents welcome</b>	Student Council Meeting 4:15-5:00 pm		Report Cards go home – College Spirit Day Students/Staff wear college shirt  Cy-Fair Volunteer FD visits Kinder w/fire rescue dog		
27	28	29	30	31	Feb. 1	Feb. 2	
	District Horizons Showcase @ Berry Center  Kids Heart Challenge Kick Off	District Spelling Bee @ Berry Center	Garden Lessons-gr. 3				

"We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called *Opportunity* and its first chapter is 'New Year's Day'."

*Edith Lovejoy Pierce*

### Jump Rope for Heart has a NEW NAME!

Kids Heart Challenge, formerly known as Jump Rope for Heart, is an amazing event we have every year here at Keith!

Our Cougars practice jumping rope, they learn important information about their heart and body, and they raise money to help fight heart disease!

Our event kick-off is on Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>! Your child will come home with important information about Kids Heart Challenge on that day and throughout the jump rope unit!

Cougar parents, please come join us on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, during your child's **large group time**, and celebrate our kiddos' fantastic jump rope skills. All money raised will be donated to the American Heart Association's efforts help fight heart disease! For more information, visit the Kids Heart Challenge web site at:

<http://american.heart.org/kidsheartchallenge/>



### DID YOU KNOW?

Students who are frequently absent for school set a pattern of absenteeism that can affect them throughout their school years.

Poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of third grade.

Research shows that missing 10% of school, or about 18 days per school year, can negatively affect a student's long-term academic performance.

Keith has a daily average of 30-40 absences and tardies per day. Lately, our campus has experienced as many as 70 students out in one day! That's approximately 4-7% of our students not engaging and interacting with their classmates, receiving new classroom instruction and growing within our Cougar community.

Students who have perfect attendance at Keith are recognized throughout the year as a way of helping us promote the importance of attending school every day.

Parents, you can help us by making sure that absences are kept to a minimum and only taken when they are truly necessary. Let's work together to help your child achieve their best at Keith!

### ATTENDANCE MATTERS...EVERY DAY!

# COMING SOON



February 14: Kindergarten will have a Valentine's Day program on the stage and a special activity in the classroom after the program. We would love for you to join us! More information will be sent home with the students soon!

February 18: Student Holiday.

February 22: Kids Heart Challenge Day outside during student large group time.

Name That Book competition for grades 3-5 at 3:00 pm in the Cafeteria

PTO Daddy/Daughter Gala from 6:00-9:00 pm. Please visit the PTO web page for full details.

March 2: Superintendent's Fun Run – more details to follow soon!

# KEITH PTO News ELEMENTARY

**Keith Cougar Spirit Store**



Open online all the time or  
January 11<sup>th</sup> during lunches!

**Join PTO today!**

Every family who joins gets a school directory!

<http://keithpto.membershiptoolkit.com/>



**Open forum PTO meeting**

**January 22nd**

**Keith Cafeteria @6:30pm**



Join us January 12, 2019 for  
the 8th annual  
**Candy Cane Fun Run  
for Education**


[www.candycanefunrun.com](http://www.candycanefunrun.com)

# The Roaring 20's Daddy Daughter Gala

February 22<sup>nd</sup> 6-9pm

Meg Weekley Community Center

*Tickets on sale January 20th*



**Spirit Night  
January  
5<sup>th</sup> 4-8pm**

Come support your school and a chance to  
win Shipley's Donuts and hot chocolate  
vouchers!



**Spirit Night  
January 8<sup>th</sup>, 4pm-9pm**

Find us:



Keith Elementary PTO



@KeithElemPTO



Text: @edggg7  
To: 81010

## *A message from our Principal*



Holiday greetings, Cougar parents!

What a magical time of the year this is for children of all ages!

December finds us busily celebrating traditions and customs dear to us for so many different reasons. My hope is that every child, whether lighting the menorah, writing letters to Santa, or honoring the seven core principals of Kwanzaa; finds true joy and love in the making of beautiful memories.

We are eager to welcome the new year and all the exciting events we have planned at Keith. Our entire Keith family is committed to cultivating an environment of acceptance and inclusion for all as we endeavor to make great educational strides with all students. I am grateful for your continued partnership as we develop a strong foundation of lifelong learning and create future leaders.

We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday, January 7, 2019!

With warmest regards,

*Dawn Tryon*

Principal