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Upcoming Events

- 1/30 - Open Library 6:00pm -7:00pm
- 2/9 - 4th Grade PTO Dance 6:30pm-8:00pm
- 2/15 - 2018-2019 Kindergarten Registration (see below for more info)
- 2/24 - Father/Daughter Dance 6:30pm-8:30pm (see below for more info)



Family Resource Center News

We are excited to have partnered with Big Smiles to offer in-school dental care at River Ridge. Permission slips were sent home last month. Students who enrolled in the program will be seen, beginning on Monday, January 29. This program includes cleanings, screenings, fluoride and additional care, as needed.

Please call Shannon Yelton at [\(859\) 341-7935](tel:8593417935) if you have any questions. It is not too late for your student to participate if they are in need of dental care. This is especially important if your student does not see a dentist on a regular basis.

We also want to send out a BIG Thank You to all who participated in our Stuff Santa's Sleigh drive. We were thrilled with the amount of new socks and shoes we received from students and staff. These items are in our Family Resource Center and will directly benefit River Ridge families. We are lucky to have such generosity in our school.

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER PARENT SURVEY

The Family Resource Center needs your important feedback! Please take just a minute to complete this survey. The link is below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/93GCP36>

FRC Coordinator Contact Info: Shannon.yelton2@kenton.kyschools.us or
[859-341-7935](tel:859-341-7935)

School Board Appreciation Month

January is School Board Appreciation Month and the Administrative Team, staff and students of River Ridge Elementary would like to acknowledge the dedicated service and invaluable contributions made by the members of the Kenton County School District Board of Education. Thank you to Carl Wicklund, Karen Collins, Josh Crabtree, Carla Egan and Jesica Jehn. We appreciate your thoughtful dedication to the students of KCSD.

River Ridge Elementary will begin its annual **Jump Rope for Heart** program this week in Physical Education (P.E.) and Practical Living (P.L.) class. This fundraising event for the American Heart Association (AHA) is an optional portion of our fitness/jump rope unit. The money raised will go to the AHA to help discover new medicines and treatments for heart-related problems. Our school benefits from the program by earning physical education equipment based on the amount of money we raise. Additionally, your child learns the benefits of a heart-healthy lifestyle. Those students who choose to participate in **Jump Rope for Heart** will complete all of the required physical activity in P.E./ P.L. classes in school. An official collection envelope will be given to participating students who have returned their permission slip (see bottom section). Students are encouraged to collect donations from family and friends, but it is not recommended that they collect donations door-to-door.

ALL checks should be made payable to the American Heart Association.

If you would like to register for the online donation program, log in to the AHA secure website: heart.org/jump and click on the button, "Student Sign Up".

Any student who raises \$5.00, and returns the coupon attached to the collection envelope with a parent signature, will receive level one prize:

Level 1- Thank you prize: Jax and Monster clasp
Level 2 - Jump rope & Bonus for \$20-Finster \$35-Rocky
Level 3 - T-shirt
Level 4 - Playground ball & Bonus \$100-Petunia \$150-Stikball \$200-Blaster
Level 5 - Toss & Stick &
Level 6 - Mega Rocket
Bonus prizes with online donations: Charger for 1st online, and Disco with \$40.00 online donations.

Our Jump Rope for Heart program dates are Feb. 5-Feb.23, 2018. Donations are due by February 28th. Thank you for your support, if you have any questions, please call or email Mrs. Sally Freed or Mrs. Jennifer Wiesner, at [\(859\)341-5260](tel:8593415260) or sally.freed@kenton.kyschools.us or Jennifer.wiesner@kenton.kyschools.us .

Reminder that the car rider door closes at 8:40am. If you are late, you will need to park and sign your child in at the front office. School begins at 8:40am and at this time all students should be in classrooms ready to learn. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

The Dream Out Loud Challenge

Kentucky students, in Pre-Kindergarten through grade 6: Tell us how you will change the world after college. You could win a \$1,000 college savings account and \$500 for your school!

WHAT: The 2018 Dream Out Loud Challenge is a drawing, essay/poem and video contest that invites parents of Kentucky students in Pre-K through grade 6 to enter - with a chance to win a \$1,000 college savings account and \$500 for their school!

WHY: To encourage families to start thinking about how higher education may help their children realize their dreams and make a difference in the world, and to promote the importance of saving for college early.

WHO: Parents/Guardians of Kentucky students in grades Pre-K through grade 6.

WHEN: The Challenge will run from January 15 through March 19, 2018. Online entries must be posted by 5 pm ET on March 19, 2018. Mailed entries must be postmarked by March 19, 2018, and received by March 23, 2018.

HOW: Parents or guardians, on behalf of a student, submit an original drawing, poem/essay or video answering the question "How will I change the world after I go to college?" Participants can enter by completing the form below and uploading their entry. Written entries (drawings, poems/essays) can also be submitted via mail to:

The Dream Out Loud Challenge
c/o United Mail
[4410 Bishop Lane](mailto:4410BishopLane@unitedmail.com)
[Louisville, KY 40218](mailto:4410BishopLane@unitedmail.com)

Click here for additional information: <https://www.kysaves.com/buzz/dream-2018.shtml>

We are excited that Kindergarten is in the lead for the grade level with the best attendance in the last four weeks. Make sure your child is at school and on time so they can benefit from the instruction being provided.

Please remember to send in parent and doctor notes for any day your child is absent from school. You are allowed 9 parent notes and 9 doctor notes per school year.

We are in the time of year when viruses flourish in the community. We encourage everyone to help reduce the risk of infection by following these guidelines:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds, especially after changing

- diapers. If soap and water are not available use an alcohol based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
 - Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and put your used tissue in the waste basket. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, not your hands.
 - Avoid kissing, hugging, and sharing cups or eating utensils with people who are sick.
 - Stay home when feeling sick, and consult their health care provider as needed. Children with cold like symptoms that experience difficulty breathing should consult their health care provider for further evaluation.
 - Disinfect frequently touched surfaces, such as handrails and doorknobs, especially if someone is sick.
 - **In addition, we encourage vaccination against influenza, it isn't too late**

There are new immunization guidelines for the 2018-19 school year. All K-12 students must show proof of receiving two doses of Hepatitis A vaccine and students 16 years or older need proof of receiving two doses of Meningococcal ACWY vaccine to attend school. The KCS D is asking all parents/guardians to contact their child's health care provider to ensure these guidelines have been met. If your child receives vaccines, please provide the school with a new immunization certificate.

Reminder from Mrs. Freed and Mrs. Wiesner

Reminder: Gym shoes are required for Physical Education and Practical Living classes. Please make sure your child is prepared for class.

Thanks!

Inclement Weather Phone Calls

The Kenton County School District uses the Bright Arrow Notification System (all call system) to notify everyone of important information such as school closings, delays, and early dismissals.

If you wish to remove your number from the call list or add an additional number to the list, please click [here](#):

From this page, one can have their numbers added or removed

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2017-2018 Year Schedule:
Please register by [email](#) or the link below

February 16th at 7:30am - https://allprodadsday.com/chapters/3588/chapter_meetings/22086
March 23rd at 7:30am - https://allprodadsday.com/chapters/3588/chapter_meetings/22087
April 20th at 7:30am - https://allprodadsday.com/chapters/3588/chapter_meetings/22088

RRE PTO News

[Visit the RRE PTO Website](#)

2018 Villa Hills Longhorns Instructional Baseball League: Sign-Up Information

For the 2018 baseball season, the Villa Hills Longhorns Athletic Association will again be offering youth "instructional" baseball. Because of the success in previous years, we will again be offering both a "tee ball" level as well as a "coach pitch."

These leagues are created & supported to make baseball a fun, learning experience for all kids. All practices & games are local (Villa Madonna & Franze Fields in Villa Hills), and all games are played on Saturday mornings/early afternoons.

Tee-Ball League (ages 4-5)

The Villa Hills Longhorns will again offer a local league for our youngest kids, meant to introduce them to baseball. This is an "entry level" league for those playing baseball for the first time - with the purpose of using tees to allow for more "in game action" of the ball being put in play, as well as eliminating the fear-factor of playing with a hard ball. Practices will be 1x per week, and all games will be played on Saturdays at Franzen Fields in Villa Hills.

Tee-Ball Details:

- Organized teams made up of local Villa Hills & Crescent Springs kids (other surrounding cities are welcome assuming we can accommodate the # of kids)
- Targeted to ages 4-5,
- Season will run from ~April 1st thru June 24th
- Games are ~3 innings long, with a tee being used to allow for a safer, more exciting experience
- Coaches: *Over the past 3-4 years, we have been consistently low on coaches. Please consider signing up to help...no baseball experience is required* - and ultimately we want coaches that will make the experience fun for the players. Practice plans/tips will be offered to those coaches looking for help

Registration Details:

- Visit <https://villahillslonghorns.com/> and follow the links to register online
- Registration is open from January 8th thru March 2nd. Late registrations will only be accepted if roster spots exist
- Costs: \$35 per player (includes personalized jersey & hat)
- Contact/Questions: Steve Steinbrunner ([513-235-9417](tel:513-235-9417) or ssteinbrunner@yahoo.com)

"Coach Pitch" League (targeted to ages 6-7)

The Villa Hills Longhorns will again offer a local league for our intermediate players, allowing them to hit "live pitching" from coaches prior to entering the "kid pitch" level at the ages of 8 & up. Coaches will pitch to all players, and adjust to each player's needs (with a tee available if a player isn't making contact). Practices will be 1x per week, and all games will be played on Saturdays at Villa Madonna fields in Villa Hills.

Coach Pitch Details:

- Organized teams made up of local Villa Hills & Crescent Springs kids (other surrounding cities are welcome assuming we accommodate the # of kids)
- Targeted to ages 6-7, and those that have some baseball experience
- Season will run from ~April 1st thru June 24th

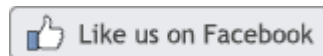
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