



Kiowa Elementary School

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“Accredit with Distinction”

Truth
Respect
Individuality
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Excellence

Calendar of Events

February 2012

<u>1st</u>	<u>Elementary Classroom Group Pictures</u>
<u>2nd</u>	<u>Late Start, first bell rings at 8:40 a.m.</u>
<u>2nd</u>	<u>Mid-Term 3rd Quarter</u>
<u>7th</u>	<u>T.R.I.B.E. Assembly 7:30 a.m.</u>
<u>14th-16th</u>	<u>Scholastic Book Fair</u>
<u>16th</u>	<u>NO SCHOOL Parent Teacher Conference</u>
<u>20th</u>	<u>NO SCHOOL (Holiday)</u>
<u>27th – 1st</u>	<u>3rd Grade TCAP Testing begins</u>
<u>Every Thursday</u>	<u>Popcorn Snack (\$.50 due on Wednesdays)</u>

Future Events

<u>March 6th</u>	<u>TRIBE Assembly - 7:30 a.m.</u>
<u>March 8th</u>	<u>Late Start, first bell rings at 8:40 a.m.</u>
<u>March 8th</u>	<u>End of 3rd Quarter</u>
<u>March 11th</u>	<u>Daylight Savings Time begins</u>
<u>March 12th – 15th</u>	<u>TCAP Testing</u>
<u>March 19th – 22nd</u>	<u>NO SCHOOL Spring Break</u>

Monthly Meetings

<u>1st Monday</u>	<u>Kiowa Community 4-H - HS Cafeteria - 7:00 p.m.</u>
<u>2nd Monday</u>	<u>Accountability Meeting - HS Library - 4:00 p.m.</u>
<u>3rd Monday</u>	<u>KPTCC - HS Cafeteria - 4:00 p.m.</u>
<u>2nd Monday</u>	<u>Booster Club - HS Cafeteria - 5:30 p.m.</u>
<u>2nd Tuesday</u>	<u>Kiowa Youth Athletics Assn. - HS Cafeteria 5:30 p.m.</u>
<u>3rd Wednesday</u>	<u>School Board Meeting - MS Workroom - 5:30 p.m.</u>

Be sure to check out our updated web site. It has lots of new information:
Go to www.kiowaschool.org

Principal's/Superintendent's Corner

Thank you to everyone who drops off and picks up students each day for keeping our parking lot safe. Continue to stop when entering and exiting the parking lot to allow safe crossing of the street. Also, please be careful to stop for pedestrians waiting at the crosswalks on SH-86.

With the state testing season fast approaching we at Kiowa Elementary would like to remind all parents of the importance of a full night's sleep and a healthy breakfast. "Rested, well fed minds are a key component to success at school."

Pre-School/Kindergarten Round-Up

Please mark your calendar: The **Round-Up** will be held on Friday, April 27, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Elementary Building. Please contact Cindy in the elementary office to schedule an appointment at 303-621-2042.

Art Show

The Air Academy Federal Credit Union Art Show is coming up - the **Art Festival** is Feb. 16th and the **Art Awards** are March 1st. All art work to be entered must be turned in to Mrs. Naber by Tuesday, Jan. 31st. You do not have to be currently enrolled in an art class to enter work in the Art Show. Please talk to Mrs. Naber if you have questions.

Scholastic Book Fair

Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon!

February 14th – 16th. Join the fun at the **Book Fair Luau!** – in the Elementary Library. Opening Tuesday, February 14th at 7:30 a.m. and closing at 4:00 p.m. We will be open on Wednesday the 15th from 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Hours will be 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 16st to run in conjunction with Parent/Teacher Conferences. Scholastic Book Fairs feature traditional children's favorites and new works by popular authors and illustrators. Parents and teachers will find plenty of Book Fair titles to interest them too. IT'S A READING CELEBRATION!!!

Talent Show (future information)

Kiowa's Got Talent! The talent show competition rules and guidelines are available in all school offices. The first round

performances will be held on April 19th, the semi-finals round will be April 26th and the final round will be May 3rd. Kiowa's Got Talent, will be a completely new format and competition and will be great fun for everyone! The deadline for the application form is March 16th and they may be turned in to any school office or Mr. Vrugink's music room.

Science Fair

For all those wondering when the 3rd-5th science fair is coming. It is around the corner. The teachers will pass out the Science Fair packet during Conferences. Start to think about what you want to do for science fair this year. Get involved and make science fun!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Popcorn Thursday's

Every Thursday KPTCC will be popping popcorn for the elementary morning snack for students who want to purchase it. The cost is \$.50 a bag and is payable on Wednesday's. KPTCC needs to have an accurate count of how many students are ordering; therefore we cannot collect money on Thursday's. Monies collected for this will be used to help purchase technology equipment for the elementary. Thank you for your support.

School Closures

There are times when it is necessary to close school or dismiss school early due to inclement weather or other emergencies. Area television and radio stations will be notified and announcements will be made prior to closure/dismissal. The school will be described as "Elbert County School Dist C-2 at Kiowa or Kiowa C-2". Participating stations include: KOA Radio 850, Channel 9 KUSA-TV, Channel 7 KMGH-TV, and Channel 4 KCNC-TV. Also, we will activate our School Reach program and announcements will be made on our school voice mail system by calling the school number, listen to voice message, and press 7 for school closure information.

What's going on in your child's classroom?

Mrs. Betancourt / Mrs. Kelli – Pre-K

The children have been doing a great job learning their letters and sounds. The children

have learned Letters A-S (with sounds) and Numbers 1-15. We have also been working on beginning sounds in words and words that rhyme. Our units for February are Space, Post Office, Valentine's Day and Dinosaurs. Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on February 16th. Conformation forms will be sent out on February 1st in weekly folders please sign and return them as soon as possible. The Valentines party will be held on February 14th. The parties will be held from 10:30-10:50(Morning) and 3:10-3:30(Afternoon). If you would like to help we will have a sign-up sheet in our room. February is going to be a fun and exciting month. We can't wait to share with you how much your child has learned!

Mrs. Carlson / Mrs. Carnahan – K

February will be a fun and exciting month for Kindergarten. We will finish up our fourth reading unit and be moving onto the fifth. The fifth reading unit consists of stories that are centered on transportation. In writing, we will work on writing more than one complete sentence. In math we will focus on such things as surveys, graphing, time, and money. In the month of February, we will also take part in a Valentine's Day party as well as President's Day activities.

Mrs. Moorman – 1st

We have finished up Science and are now reading "Charlotte's Web" and plan on watching the movie when we are finished with the book. We are going to compare the book and the movie and see how they are similar and different. In Math we will be solving more addition and subtraction facts using our function machines, counting money with quarters, telling time with digital clocks, and exploring shapes. In reading we will be working with long a: ai, ay; long e: ea; long o: oa, ow; and long i: ie, igh and kn/n/ and wr/r/ words. We will be having our Valentine's Day Celebration on Tuesday, February 14th @ 2:45. If you choose to send Valentine's with your child, please make sure there is one for every student so we don't leave anyone out. A list will be sent home closer to Valentine's Day.

Ms. Donnellon – 1st

February is a busy month as we celebrate President's Day, Black History, Groundhog Day, and Valentine's Day. We will be finishing

up our last science unit and will be starting social studies. In social studies we will be learning about our national symbols. We will keep working on addition and subtraction math facts and start learning about geometrical shapes. During writing, these first graders have been very busy writing a story every week and working on the writing process. Our goal for reading is 60 words per minute by the end of the year. We will continue working hard to reach our goal.

Mrs. Bray – 2nd

In math we have just finished up unit 7. We will be starting unit 8 which is on fractions. We have also been going to the computer lab to work on Math. They are doing such a great job. In Language we are learning prepositions and object of the prepositions. They are catching on fast. We are writing daily and they are coming up with some creative stories. In science we are learning about force, motion, levers, friction and magnets. Lots of exploring is happening. We read our leveled readers daily. They are becoming such good readers. Also in reading we are reading about things that have happened in the past. They are finding out what History is all about.

Mrs. Pfeifer – 2nd

For the month of February we will begin Unit 7 in math. In this unit we will explore and learn about patterns and rules. In reading we are working on a new unit that has the students reading, singing and writing about our changing world. There are a bunch of great stories that they will be reading and working with. We have been discussing living and non-living things in science and will then be moving on to forces and motion. The students have been working hard and are looking ahead to becoming third graders!!

Mrs. Ehlers – 3rd

3rd Grade TCAP is coming, 3rd Grade TCAP is coming! The 3rd Grade will be taking the reading portion of the TCAP the week of February 27th through March 1st. The rest of the TCAP will be given the week of March 12th-15th. I will be sending more information home shortly. The 3rd Grade is busy working on fractions and decimals in math, along with

multi-digit multiplication. In reading, we are enjoying a variety of genre in our stories and identifying theme, plot, main ideas and details. We are also working on comparing and contrasting information. Knowing these concepts is helping us in our writing, which continues to be STELLAR! In science we are learning about plants and in social studies we are exploring communities around the world. Our Valentine's Party will be held Tuesday, February 14th. I'll be sending home a class list and the party time. Please help your student reach his/her next TOPS goal, which is February 9th.

Mrs. Henderson -4th

4th grade's Biography Dress Up Book Report is on February 22nd. Please make sure your child has their "costume" to change into. Their Bio-cube and note cards for their 3-5 minute presentation is also due. We will start presentations at 1:30pm. In Colorado History, we are learning about explorers and fur traders.

In Science, we finished a great unit about space and will be moving into Life Science covering living things and ecosystems. Please keep working on multiplication, division, and now fractions and decimals with your child. Thank you!

McClain/Pierson - 5th

The month of January has flown by with the 5th graders being very busy. In February we will be learning many new things including multiplication and division of fractions, the spelling and location of the states, capitals in the United States and Ecosystems in Science. A field trip to Channel 13 in Colorado Springs is in the planning stages.

Kinsey – P.E.



During the month of February your PE student will continue to be working on strengthening their hearts through cardiovascular exercise and will now be

focusing on how and why it is important.

We will start **JUMP ROPE FOR HEART** this month as well and focus on our event date of **February 23rd**. Jump Rope for Heart focuses on raising money for the American Heart Association.

It is really important to raise money and help save the lives of many people, some of which you may know, who suffer from heart disease. All the support and donations that you can contribute is greatly appreciated and means a lot to those who are suffering and it also helps out the school and the PE program.

LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION IN YOUR CHILD'S FOLDERS from their homeroom teacher.

Parents, please encourage your student to be physically active as well as eat healthy and take care of their bodies. Reinforcement on what we learn at school is always beneficial. Remember, your encouragement is very important to your child's health; you are their best and strongest role models.

I look forward to another great month with your students. Have a wonderful February and Happy Valentine's Day.

