

Notes from the Principal's Desk

10/10/2011



Dear Keller Families,
What a wonderful week of teaching and learning! Not just for our students but for our staff too. It was great watching all of

the staff work together during our 1/2 day professional development on Thursday. The afternoon solidified that we are committed to continuous school improvement.

HONK-HONK:

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it’s the only thing that ever has.” ~Margaret Mead

- * Thank you to all the parent volunteers who made the delicious salads and set up our staff luncheon. You are Dynamite!
- * Hip-hip hooray! Count Day was very successful thanks to all of you who made sure our students were at school on Oct 5th.



KELLER CARES:



You may have noticed that on Fridays the Helen Keller team is wearing their “game jerseys” for spirit day. Staff members are donating \$35.00 to a

charity called Blessings in a Backpack for Royal Oak students to participate in spirit days. I will be sharing information about this charity at the next PTA meeting. For more information please visit: www.blessingsinabackpackmi.org.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:

Well our first monthly birthday celebration was a huge success! Thank you Mr. Martin for helping me take, print and hand out pictures to the students so they could remember this special event in their honor. I would also like to thank the parents who baked the yummy cupcakes for our party.



I am asking that when your child receives their invitation that you make sure you R.S.V.P. for them. There will be a box to check yes or no. You can also email me your response as well. This will help me to prepare seating arrangements and will help volunteers know how many cup cakes to make.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION:

Focus for the next week:

Recess/Playground Behavior

Teachers reviewed the appropriate recess behaviors with their students. It was important that all staff practice the expected behavior with their students. They monitored students on the playground and when they “caught” a student demonstrating a Huskie Habit they gave them a Huskie High Five. I hope that you will start seeing the Huskie High Five tickets coming home soon. Please talk to your children and ask about the Huskie Habits (being safe, being respectful, and being a responsible learner).



MEAP-MEAP:

Parents can make an invaluable contribution to improved MEAP scores by helping your son/daughter come to school on MEAP days prepared for success.

- ⇒ Make sure your child is well rested.
- ⇒ Make sure your child is not hungry. High protein meals are recommended.
- ⇒ Students should come to the MEAP tests relaxed, but also understanding the importance of staying on task and doing their best.
- ⇒ Avoid scheduling medical, dental, or other appointments on MEAP days. Research shows students do better when tested with their class than in a make-up session

