



From Principal Raybon

Dear Families,

Welcome back! We are extremely excited to welcome your student back to school for 2023! We are off to a strong start with encouraging students to come prepared to school each day! We will be holding our first Collaborative School Council meeting on January 18th during Cafecito from 6-7 p.m. I encourage all of you to come and get your voice heard!

Thank you for your partnership in your child's education.

Principal Raybon
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Hello from Ms Gonzalez.

Volunteer Opportunities: if you would like to volunteer at KSPA, we would appreciate your assistance. We have opportunities with Arrival & Dismissal, as well as some work in the front office & classrooms. Please call or email Mr Ordaz.
720-465-7449
dordaz@kippcolorado.org.

Please tell friends and family to apply to KSPA. We are actively seeking new students for grades 5 and 6 next year. We will also be hosting an Open House on Wednesday, January 11th, from 6pm - 8pm. Tell your friends and family to come visit.

Please reach out to us for any questions on community events.

Alma Gonzalez
Family Engagement Coordinator
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GRADE LEVEL NEWS

5TH GRADE

Hello 5th grade families! We went on our Ameritowne field trip back in December, and it was WONDERFUL! All students were respectful, responsible and had a good time. As we begin this quarter please continue to ensure your child is doing their homework every night, and that you are supporting them in cleaning out their homework folders and backpacks. Additionally, please talk to your children about their friendships, and how to be a good friend. We look forward to a great 2023!

6TH GRADE

Hello 6th grade families! Welcome back to school and a great start to 2023! Please continue to talk to your student about the importance of school and being responsible for their belongings and actions.

Please make sure you are checking your student's agenda and signing it each night; please also encourage them to be filling out their homework (even if they don't have any) for every class.

Students have multiple opportunities throughout the day to fill it out, including during advisory. Lastly, please check that your student is in dress code everyday and if your student needs a uniform shirt or sweatshirt, please stop by the front office.

Happy New 2023!

7TH GRADE

Dear 7th grade families. Happy New Year 2023! Thank you for continuing to support your student in their learning by signing their agenda each night! Please make sure your student charges their Chromebook each night and brings a charger to school. We recently sent home a letter discussing how to help your student be prepared every day for effective learning. Please make sure to discuss with your student. If you have any questions please reach out to your student's advisor.

8TH GRADE

Hello 8th grade families! Welcome back for 2023! Thank you for your continued support in ensuring students are ready for the day! Please continue to remind your students to charge their Chromebook and get their agendas signed each evening. A reminder that students are expected to be in dress code each day, even in their outerwear like sweatshirts and sweaters. If your student needs a KSPA sweatshirt, please stop by the front office. If you have any questions, please reach out to your student's advisor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Dates

- 01/11/23: 5th Grade Science Interim Assessment
- 01/13/23: iReady Middle of Year Testing for Math and ELA, assessing growth from the start of the school year
- 1/18 Cafecito & Collaborative School Council 6- 7 p.m.

Upcoming Science Fun!

Science Fair projects will be underway shortly for all students across our school!

Free COVID Testing

We are pleased to once-again partner with Mako Medical to provide free COVID Testing for students and staff. Mako Medical will be on campus from 2:00pm - 4:00pm every Wednesday.

Mako requires families to register using the following link:

<https://schools.coquihealth.com/registration/612a879c-e8b8-4734-bb36-8bca4ff52575/dependant>

The test is quick and results are ready the same day. We also have paper copies of the registration form in the front office.

School Breakfast

We are working with our DPS partners to ensure that there are enough breakfast bags for all students that want a breakfast. We appreciate your patience.

Traffic & Arrival Guidelines

Please follow all traffic safety laws when dropping off your student during arrival and dismissal times.

- Drop off is no earlier than 9:05 a.m.
- Please do not drop-off or pick up your children on Tejon Street. This makes for a potentially hazardous situation as children are trying to cross the street, and clogs traffic on Tejon.

CLUBS & ATHLETICS

Clubs!

If your student would like to join a club, encourage them to grab an orange permission slip outside of the gym.

Updated list of clubs and club meeting days/times are always available on our bulletin board outside of the gym.

For more information, please text the club director Ms. Besnyl at (951)-809-7931.

Athletics

Winter Sports Update

Boys Basketball tryouts are underway. Please contact Coach Robinson if your child would like to tryout for the team.

Our first game is vs DSST Elevate on Monday, 01/30/23 at 5:30pm.

Go Huskies!

Boys & Girls Club

Boys and Girls Club of Metro Denver (BGC) offers a before-school care program at KSPA starting starting at 7:30am, Monday - Friday. BGC has a long history of providing fun and enriching program to school-age children. BGC will provide athletics/fun-time, as well as art activities. For more information, please reach out to BGC at julies@bgcmd.org.

All Participants must register at <https://www.bgcmd.org/clubs/>

CULTURE

TUESDAY REFLECTION & THURSDAY CLEAN UP

Tuesday Reflection and Thursday Husky Clean up are now in full swing! Students will be assigned Tuesday Reflection for behaviors including defiance, not meeting expectations in recess reflection, and not completing work in class. Staff will reach out to parents if students are assigned Tuesday Reflection. Thursday Husky Clean Up is assigned to students who have caused damage to our building or furniture. Chewing gum and refusing to spit it out will result in assigned Thursday Husky Clean Up. Both Tuesday Reflection and Thursday Husky Clean Up run from 4:15-5:30. Please reach out to the front office with any questions or concerns.

Some shots of school celebrations!



DRESS CODE REMINDERS!

KIPP Sunshine Peak Academy

2022-2023 Dress Code Policy

To ensure effective and equitable enforcement of this dress code, school staff shall enforce the dress code consistently and in a manner that does not reinforce or increase marginalization or oppression of any group based on race, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, cultural observance, household income or body type/size.

SHIRT: Monday-Friday- Any KSPA polo, KSPA social justice T-Shirts, or KSPA sweaters (no hoods). Fridays Only- college T-Shirts/sweatshirts



BOTTOMS: Monday-Friday- Light-khaki, tan, brown or black (including black jeans); Skirts, capris or shorts; of an appropriate knee length; students may wear blue jeans on Fridays ONLY



SHOES: Tennis shoes or dress shoes No open toe shoes (Boots are permitted but student MUST be able to participate in outdoor PE in them.)

Instruction

Independent Reading Data

We wanted to provide an update for Independent Reading to further support students engaging with their JRB (Just Right Book).

As a reminder, research shows that when a student reads a million words in a school year they will grow a grade level.

- **5th Grade-** 4,182,402
- **6th Grade-** 6,732,837
- **7th Grade-** 1,283,957
 - 1 student above 500,000
- **8th Grade-** 8,953,371
 - 1 Student at a million words!

We would love to encourage you to push students to assign themselves by reading their JRB to help keep reading culture alive!
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#ReadBabyRead

ELA iReady Data

We wanted to provide an update for iReady instruction. As a reminder, iReady is the program that students can work on to improve specific reading strategies.

Data from ELA iReady LAST Week:

45% of students were on iReady for 30+ minutes in the last week. This is an increase from 32% last week!

Below is % of students for each GL passed:

- **5th Grade-** 13
- **6th Grade-** 27
- **7th Grade-** 53
- **8th Grade-** 2

Year to Date (YTD), We have **69 students** who have passed 10+ lessons this year. This is up from 52 students last week. Keep it up!

