



Principal's Corner

Dear Families,

We are currently adjusting our approaches at KSPA to focus on the following three priorities:

- Safety
- Learning
- Building the future of KSPA

Safety

Safety is our #1 priority at KSPA. In order to ensure our campus is a safe space for students to learn. We have asked for the KIPP CO regional team members to come and support us with monitoring bathrooms and hallways. We have also increased the number of adults at lunch and recess, and revised our arrival and dismissal procedures. We have already seen the benefits of these adjustments on our campus.

Cell Phones and Social Media

We need your support in helping us prevent cyber-bullying online. We have discovered that many students at KSPA have access to social media sites such as snapchat, instagram, tik tok and facebook. Some students are using these sites to post inappropriate or unkind messages about other students or situations. It is difficult to identify the source of these posts due to the nature of privacy settings on social media sites. We need you to partner with us to stop this trend. Here are the steps you can take:

1. Check your student's phone to see if they are on snapchat, instagram, tiktok or instagram.
2. Look at the sites and groups that your students have liked, joined or followed. If you determine that these groups are not appropriate, remove your student from the group/site and/or delete them.
3. Check what your student is posting online. To do this, open the social media app and look at previous posts. Also, look at the videos or photos saved on your student's phone.

If you notice anything that needs to be reported to school, please contact us immediately. Also, you may anonymously report anything that concerns or threatens you, your friends, your family, or your community at Safe to Tell Colorado. Here is the website: <https://safe2tell.org/>.

Thank you for your partnership in keeping our schools safe and focused on learning!

Best,

Mrs. Raybon
araybon@kippcolorado.org
720-460-1938



Hello from our Family Engagement Team!

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 still have openings in 5th and 6th grade. Please tell friends and family to apply!

Cafecito and Collaborative School Council Meeting on Wednesday February 15th @ 6:00 P.M. Please join us as we raise raise money for a school camera with selling snacks after school. We need more family support and volunteers. All. Means. All. Please reach out to us for any questions on community events.

2020 Bond School Determined Funds

KSPA has been chosen to receive a School Determine Fund from Denver Public Schools!

This fund can be used to enhance our KSPA facility in order to improve the experiences of our students. We have solicited input from our staff and the families that attend Cafecito meetings. We also want your input! What do you think we should use the SDF funds for?

Here are the guidelines:

The SDF funds must be used to improve the learning experiences of our students by designing transformational facility improvements to support the energizing of our building's learning environment. They cannot be used to fix facilities that DPS will improve based on yearly structural improvement planning.

Please fill out this survey to share your ideas for the use of the SDF funds:

[SURVEY LINK](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Early Release - Friday, Feb 17th - 2:30pm

KSPA will be releasing students at 2:30pm, this Friday, Feb 17th. Please plan to pick you child up by 2:30pm. Bus routes will pick up students for dismissal at 2:30pm.

Intent to Return

Is your student returning to KIPP for the 2023-2024 school year?

Please tell us about your plans for next year. We are planning for next year, and your Intent to Return information is greatly appreciated.

You can tell us about your plans in 2 ways:

- Paper forms are available at our front office, or
- You can click on the QR code and fill out the online form

Thank you for your help!



GRADE LEVEL NEWS

5TH GRADE

5th grade families, we are SO excited to go to Balarat on Tuesday February 14th! Please send your child to school with their overnight bag on Monday February 13th and with just their day bag on February 14th. We should expect some cold temperatures and snow, so please help them pack accordingly. Cellphones are strictly not allowed, but feel free to text me and I will do my best to send a picture or to give you an update! Mrs Santoro.

6TH GRADE

Hi sixth grade families! We just finished up an exciting week of learning here at KSPA, which we culminated with the 3rd Math Interim assessment of the year! Please ask your student how that went. This coming week we will be sending home grade reports & reflections that students will complete in advisory on Monday; please look over this and talk about it with your student and then sign the bottom of the reflection. Your student should bring the reflection back signed to their advisor by **WEDNESDAY!** If you have questions regarding the grade reflection, please reach out to your students advisor. We will be sending communication home next week regarding an upcoming field trip at the end of February! As always, please ensure your student is coming to school in the proper uniform everyday, along with their chromebook, charger, JRB, water bottle, pencil and signed agenda.

7TH GRADE

Hello 7th Grade Families! Thank you for setting your student up for success by having their chromebook, charger, agenda, JRB, and signed agenda. Students will complete their grade reflections every other week on Mondays in Advisory. Please ensure that they bring you their grades and you sign the reflection. If you have any questions with your student's grades, please reach out to your students' Advisor!

8TH GRADE

Hello 8th grade families! Please look out for your students' grade reflections to go home next week. Students have the opportunity to attend optional tutoring sessions to complete make up work and get extra help on Tuesday mornings from 8:05-8:45 and on Wednesday afternoons from 4:15-5:00pm in room 113. Please reach out to your students' advisor if you have any questions about these opportunities for students to reflect on and improve their grades. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Dates

- 02/13: 7th Grade Science IA #2
- 02/14 & 15: 5th Grade Field Trip, Balarat
- 02/15: Cafecito, 6:00pm
- 02/17: 8th Grade Science IA #2
- 02/17: 8th Grade Field Trip - Denver Museum of Art
- 02/17: Early Release, 2:30pm
- 02/24: 5th Grade Science IA #3
- 02/24: 6th Grade Field Trip, Lava Island

Upcoming Science Fun!

Catapult projects will be in the month of February in science classes!

If you'd like to participate in the DPS Science Fair in April, please ask your teacher for an application!

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!

Here is a list of updated clubs and the day/time they meet. For further questions, please contact Ms. Besnyl at (720)-344-8647. Students can pick up a permission slip for the teacher who is the Club Lead or from room 116.

Club Information

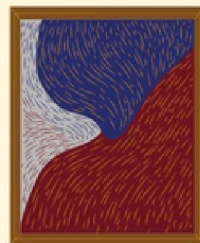
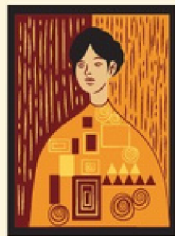
Club	Lead	Dates	Times	Room #
Art	Ms. Kelly	Tuesdays	8:00-9:00am	115
Associated Student Body	Ms. Besnyl	Tuesdays	8:30-9:00am	116
Baile Latinidad	Ms. De Leon	Every Other Friday	7:45-8:45am	119
Climbing	Mrs. Santoro	Every other Tuesday	8:15-9:00am	Cafeteria
Destination Imagination	Mx. Donley	Tuesdays	4:15-5:00pm	203
Empowerment	Ms. Bryce Ms. Mikac	Mondays	8:00-9:00am	205
Music Appreciation	Mr. LaMunyon	Fridays	8:10-8:50am	118
Native American Dance	Ms. Kelsey	Wednesdays	4:30-5:30pm	119A
Newspaper	Ms. Moreira	Fridays	8:15-9:00am	105
Robotics	Mx. Cee	Fridays	8:00-8:45am	116
Science Fair	Science Teachers	Tuesdays	8:00-9:00am	203
Shah Mat (Chess)	Mr. Weston	Every other Tuesday	4:30-5:30pm	Cafeteria
Social Justice in the Community	Mr. Ball Coach Niki	Thursdays	4:30-5:30pm	111
Yearbook	Ms. Gonzalez	Fridays	8:15-9:00am	105

Permission slips are with each Club Lead or in room 116

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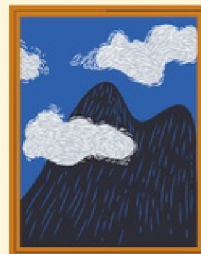
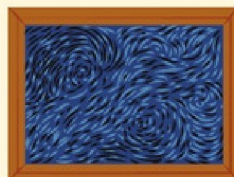
KSPA ART GALLERY

Come walk through a mini museum of artwork completed by our students. Family and friends welcome to attend!



Categories:

- Photography
- Paintings
- Pen/Pencil
- Digital
- Anime Theme
- Abstract
- Nature Theme
- Portraits
- Handmade



Prizes for top 3 winners of each category!

Thursday February 23rd

5:00-6:30pm

In the cafeteria



Submit your art work to your advisory teacher or Ms. Besnyl

CLUBS & ATHLETICS

Athletics

Winter Sports Update

Boys Basketball

Monday, Feb 13th (Away)

vs DSST College View

4:30pm (A Team)

5:30pm (B Team)

Coming Soon - Flag Football Signups!

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/>

CLUBS & ATHLETICS

COACHES: MR. KRONERT & MS. BESNYL

COED FLAG FOOTBALL

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS
4:30-6:00PM

1ST PRACTICE: TUESDAY 3/7