



Principal's Corner

Strong Finish to the School Year

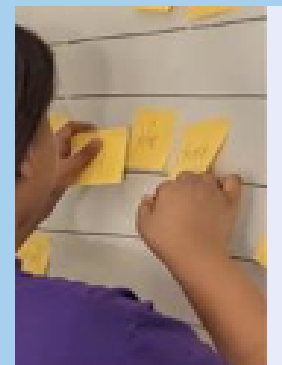
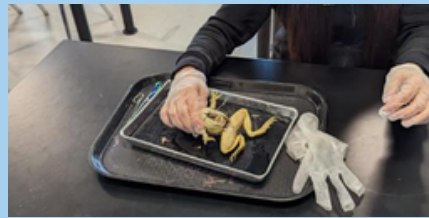
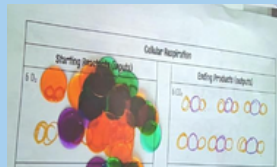
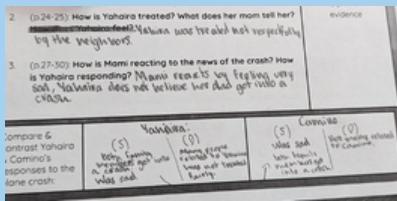
Dear KSPA Families,

Our teachers are working exceptionally hard to ensure your student has a strong finish to the 2022-2023 school year. This week, students engaged in scientific dissections, learning about molecules through hands on experiments, learning about open and closed syllables, and practicing close reading skills among many more engaging learning tasks! Our teachers and staff are committed to ending the year strong at KSPA by continuing to teach rigorous instruction from the start to finish of each class period and by reinforcing the importance of maintaining school systems and routines!

Thank you for your partnership!

Mrs. Raybon

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Uniforms and Technology



We need your help to ensure the year remains strong and focused on learning! Please be sure to send your student in uniform each day, unless it is a dress down day. Also, students are not allowed to use their phones or airpods at school. Please keep airpods at home as we never need to use those during school hours, and students can access them once they return home.

After School Reflection

Students who skip after school reflection are now required to stay in Recess Reflection for lunch and recess. If you receive a call indicating that your students needs to stay after school, please support us by reinforcing this expectation with your student.

Arrival

Arrival is from 9:05 - 9:15. Please do not drop your student off at KSPA earlier than 9:05 because it is difficult for KSPA staff to watch your child safety. If you need before school care, sign up for the Boys and Girls club. Information on Boys and Girls club is included in this newsletter.

May 8th - May 12th



7th & 8th Grade Dress Down Week

To celebrate the 7th/8th Grade dance, students in 7th and 8th grade may dress down the week of May 8th. Students must follow dress down guidelines. No jeans with holes, sleeveless shirts or stomachs showing.

- Tuesday May 9th: Sleepy Cowboy - PJ Day
- Wednesday May 10th: Favorite Flower
- Thursday May 11th: Color Wars
- Friday May 12th: Best Boots

Teacher Appreciation Week May 8th - 12th

Please join us in thanking our teachers the week of May 8th for Teacher Appreciation Week! A little bit of gratitude means so much to our hard working teachers!





CAFECITO UPDATES



April Cafecito Updates

Moving forward, updates to items in the Cafecito agenda will be placed in the newsletter here.

- Suggestion: Cafecito families suggested that we send home corner ticket notes that require a signature for meetings and announcements:
 - Update: The May Cafecito will have a corner ticket, require a signature, and include information about uniform, cell phones and airpods.
- Suggestion: Cafecito families suggested that we take cell phones and airpods in the morning. Cafecito families would volunteer to help.
 - Update: This is too large of a policy change to implement this year. We will include this suggestion into the planning for next school year. Next year, we want to have a cell phone/airpod collection process during arrival to prevent technology use during the day.
- Cafecito families discussed that some students continue to not wear school uniforms.
 - Mrs. Raybon is requiring all advisors to have meetings this month with families whose children are exhibiting behavior trends related to uniform, technology and disruptive behaviors.
- Bullying Prevention: Families at cafecito shared frustrations with continuing bullying at KSPA.
 - Update: This week, Mrs. Raybon led a bullying assembly with each grade level, and students completed a survey about their experiences with bullying at KSPA. The social workers are going to make discussion groups for students who are victims of bullying or who are bullying themselves.
- Suggestion: Cafecito families suggested that we do home visits to ensure families are aware of the school rules.
 - Update: This suggestion is part of our beginning of year plan for next year. All new families will receive a home visit and returning families must attend a mandatory grade level family meeting where they will sign the KSPA Family/Student contract.



The next Cafecito is on May 3rd from 6:00-6:45 PM!
Attention 8th Grade Families: Come meet KDC's Principal and learn more about the 8th to 9th grade Transition!

Volunteer Opportunities:

if you would like to volunteer at KSPA, we would appreciate your assistance. We have opportunities with arrival and dismissal supervision, as well as with crosswalks. Please call or email Ms Schill at 303-550-7658
Ischill@kippcolorado.org.

GRADE LEVEL NEWS

5TH GRADE

Hello 5th grade families! As we near the end of the year, please know that we will continue to have high expectations of our students. please continue to check and sign your child's agenda, there is homework each night. Please help your child stay organized and remind them of our dress code and cell phone policy. along with our rigorous learning, we have opportunities for joy planned throughout the month. On May 4th we will attend STEM day at Coor's field! We also have a field day coming up, a field trip to the movies and a field trip to Skate City. So, keep checking your child's folders and look out for those permission slips. Reach out if you need anything!

6TH GRADE

Hi 6th Grade families! Even though CMAS testing is now over, e are still learning SO MANY exciting things in 6th grade. Last week we had the pleasure of going to see the Denver Ballet Company perform at KDC. Please ask your student about what they saw! Overall, I am really proud of how most of our 6th graders represented KSPA; they were respectful, engaged and well-mannered. As we look towards the end of this school year, with a few more field trips to come, please be talking with your student about public etiquette and the way we all want to represent ourselves and KSPA well when we are learning and sharing new experiences in the world. Please continue to make sure your student is well prepared for school each day with their chromebook, charger, water bottle, pencil, JRB and a in proper uniform. We have seen an uptick in students out of uniform in 6th grade. We also appreciate your support with talking to your student about the importance of not using their phones or air pods during school hours. We are so excited for a strong finish to this school year! Please reach out to me or your students advisor if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you, Ms. Bryce

7TH GRADE

Hi 7th Grade Families! Thank you so much for assisting your student in their learning this year. We are so incredibly thankful for you and all that you have done this year! We have loved having your student in class and are so excited to see them become 8th graders next year. Please continue to reach out for questions and support as we end this year and be on the lookout for permission slips for fun events to wrap up this school year!

Thank you for making sure your student is prepared with their Chromebook, charger, agenda, just right book, and writing utensil every school day. Please reach out to your student's advisor if you have any questions!

8TH GRADE

Hello families - please look out this month for communication about the 8th Grade Promotion to high school! It will be on June 1st from 6:00-7:30. We look forward to celebrating the class of 2027! Please continue to send your students to tutoring sessions in 113 - they are from 8:05-8:45 every Tuesday morning and from 4:15-5:00 every Wednesday afternoon. Please reach out to your students' advisor if you have any questions about the behavior or grade reports that students have been bringing home. Thank you for all your help in supporting your students through college and beyond!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, May 3rd: Cafecito 6 - 6:45 p.m.

Thursday May 4th: 5th Grade to Rockies Game

Friday, May 5th: 7th Grade to Auraria Campus

May 8th - May 12th: Teacher Appreciation Week

Friday, May 12th: 7th/8th Spring Dance

May 9th - 12th: 7th/8th Dress Down Week

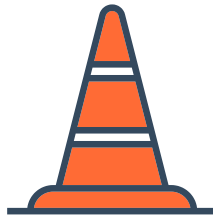
May Student Vs Staff Sports Events



Students may stay after school for the following May student vs staff sport events! Students must be picked up on time at 5 p.m.

- May 9th Student Vs. Staff Volleyball 4:30 - 5 p.m.
- May 12th Student Vs Staff Basketball 4:30 - 5 p.m.

More Students Vs Staff Events will be announced in the next newsletter!



Traffic, Arrival & Dismissal 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.
- At dismissal, pull into the traffic circle to pick up your student. Do not pick them up on Tejon, or ask them to cross the street.

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.

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

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 <https://www.bgcmd.org/clubs/>