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| **Endeavor Elementary***Inspiring a passionate and productive future story for every child***October 14, 2016 Newsletter** |

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| Dates to Remember

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|  Friday 10/14 |  EK Homecoming Festival 4:30 – 6:30 |
|  10/17 - 10/21 |  Box Tops Contest |
|  Friday 10/21 |  [Glow Ball](http://kentwoodps.us11.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=f57af501f90edffc28b7d91c3&id=f2d5e91be0&e=451371a7a1) 6 – 8 pm |
|  Thursday 10/27 | * Picture Re-takes
* Fall Fundraiser Begins:[Century Resources](http://kentwoodps.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f57af501f90edffc28b7d91c3&id=6e29ba6461&e=451371a7a1)
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|  Friday 10/28 |  Popcorn Friday |
|  Monday 10/31 | * Harvest Parties & Parade, begins 10:45
* ½ day of school for students, dismissal at 12:00
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|  Wednesday 11/9 |  PTO Meeting 7:00 pm Media Center |
|  Friday 11/11 | * Popcorn Friday
* Fall Fundraiser orders are due
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|  Tuesday 11/15 |  Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00 – 9:00 |
| Wednesday 11/16  | * ½ day of school for students, dismissal at 12:00
* Parent-Teacher Conferences 1:00 – 9:00
* Book Fair – Media Center
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|  Thursday 11/17 | * ½ day for students, dismissal at 12:00
* Book Fair – Media Center
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|  Friday 11/18 |  ½ day for students, dismissal at12:00 |

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| **Principal Connection**It takes tremendous love, perseverance, and dedication to be a great parent. Given all that our children encounter in the world today, the stakes could not be higher for parents to steer their child/ren toward positive and productive paths. One the most important factors for dads and moms to get right is being involved in their sons' and daughters' lives. Specifically looking at the potential impact of a dad, the National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse found the following: ...children with involved, loving fathers are significantly more likely to do well in school, have healthy self-esteem, exhibit empathy and prosocial behavior, and avoid high-risk behaviors such as drug use, truancy, and criminal activity compared to children who have uninvolved fathers ([https://www.fatherhood.gov/content/fatherpresence](http://kentwoodps.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f57af501f90edffc28b7d91c3&id=491eec537a&e=451371a7a1)). Endeavor dads and father figures visibly demonstrate their devotion daily to their children, and many of them were able to attend the district's Fathers Bring Your Child toSchool Day today. The event was a huge success once again. We had over 190 dads and father figures in attendance! Breakfast was served and was followed by an affirming message from Kevin Clemens, former NFL and AFL professional football player.Mark BeaPrincipal |

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| Counselor’s CornerSTRIVE FOR FIVE!Research shows that students who miss more than 10 percent (10%) of scheduled school days for ANY reason, have lower grades and are more likely to dropout than students with better attendance.  That means that missing only an average of 2 days per month can negatively impact learning.  Here are some useful tips to help keep your child in school:1. Have a regular bedtime and routine

Schedule bed and awake times so that students go to bed between 8.5 and 10 hours of sleep a nightUnplug from technology an hour before bed.  It will help increase their ability for a more restful sleepPlay a game or read a book as a family1. Make medical and Dental appointments after school

If this is impossible, make the appointment as early as you can to allow your student to attend as much of the school day as possible1. Take your vacations around scheduled time off of school or Summer Vacation

Extended time off puts students behind their peers even if given homework while away.  They miss valuable in class instruction while absent1. Attend school unless students are truly sick

Children must be fever free (for 24 hours without vomit or diarrhea)Strep or Pink eye requires 24 hours on an anti-biotic before returning to schoolParents should use their best judgment.  You know your child best.1. Develop a backup plan

Have a plan to get your students to school in case they miss the bus or transportation fails.  Can a neighbor help with this?Use an alarm clock or smart phone so that students wake up in time to get ready for school and not miss the busPrepare what is needed for the morning the night before:  student outfit, homework, packing a lunch…\*\*More tips can be found at:  Office of School attendance and Truancy KISD |

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| *Endeavor Fourth Grade Students & Teachersenjoying lunch in an atrium at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotelduring ArtPrize last week.* |

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| Spirit Week & EK Homecoming FestivalThis week, our students “S.O.A.R.”-ed through Spirit Week. On a daily basis, we remind our students to be Safe, Organized, Accountable, and Respectful. This week, our students dressed as Superheros, Outrageous, Aloha, and Relax leading up to Spirit Day. Join us tonight as we celebrate at the Homecoming Festival. Wear red and black! Go EK! Where: EK High School Baseball/Softball ComplexWhen: October 14th, 4:30 - 6:30 pmWhat you’ll see at festival: Petting zoo, inflatable slides, candy and more! Endeavor’s Student Council will be selling popcorn for $1 per box and Endeavor’s PTO will be selling Cider & Donuts for $1.Come see us!!! |

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| Harvest FestivalOur Harvest Festival parties and parade for grades K- 5 will be held on Monday, October 31. Parents may set up for the class parties during recess time at 10:45 AM. The parade will start at 11:00 AMand class parties will begin at 11:15 AM. That day will be a half day for teacher training and students will be dismissed at 12:00 PM. To keep the focus positive, we ask that you adhere to the following guidelines: Children’s costumes should be non-violent. Toy weapons (such as axes, swords, knives and guns) are not allowed. If you do not want your child to participate in these activities, please call the school office. |

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| Mayor Stephen Kepley visiting with Endeavor Students during our Dad's Breakfast event this morning |

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| Box tops for EducationIf you're looking for a way to help out your child’s school, start clipping Box Tops for Education. You probably have a ton in your pantry, and they can make a world of difference to our school. |

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| District Parent NotificationJust a reminder: One of the Title One Federal Guidelines is that all parents have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of their child’s teacher and/or paraprofessional. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact Mark Bea.   The annual Title One meeting isWednesday 11/9 at 7:00 p.m. in the media center.  At this meeting we will discuss the parent engagement information and Title One nights for this school year. |

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| KPS in the NewsCrestwood’s Collaboration Center was highlighted in a recent article published on the School News Network. The article also mentioned current media center renovations at several local elementary schools as well as Endeavor’s parking lot construction project that was completed over the summer. [Click here for more details](http://kentwoodps.us11.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=f57af501f90edffc28b7d91c3&id=dbb0cd86e1&e=451371a7a1). |

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| School Bus Safety Tips for DriversWhen you see red lights on the school bus start flashing in front of you, it always means stop, right?And when you see yellow hazard lights flashing down low on the school bus in front of you, it always means you can keep going, right?The simple answers: Red means stop. Yellow means you don't have to, but be careful.Confused? Many drivers are. [Here is a link to an article with more information](http://kentwoodps.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f57af501f90edffc28b7d91c3&id=5069be98ca&e=451371a7a1). |

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