Welcome to the
Keith Elementary Parent
portfolio.

In this portfolio you will find information about all of the great things happening at Keith and information that pertains to our students.

Click the page down or up buttons to see all of the fun family events coming up and sport activities for students.





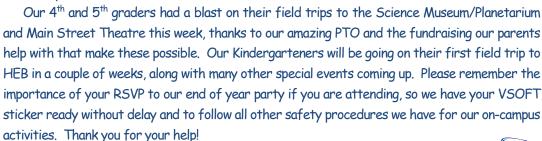
# **COUGAR CONNECTION**

May 8, 2015

## From Mrs. Fisher

Congratulations to Ms. Laura Gillespie, our 2015 Keith Spotlight Teacher, who was honored by CFISD this Monday night. Also recognized, was Mrs. Mary Demny who was one of the two Spotlight Paras for the whole district. What an honor and a great representation of our Keith staff.

There are so many of you that we hope to honor and show appreciation to at our Keith volunteer reception next week. Please join us in the library at 1:00 on the  $11^{th}$  and we will show you some well-deserved love!





We are proud of everyone who earned a fish for the fishbowl by exhibiting good R.O.A.R. skills by showing how to be **HONEST** during the month of May. Mrs. Fisher's Friends will go home with certificates and have their picture displayed in the front hallway. These names were drawn, and are listed, at random.



### Week of May 1:

Kialyn Dugas – Gaspard Kg
Taylor Hennessey – Skehan 2<sup>nd</sup>
Michael Daniels – Smullen 1<sup>st</sup>
Payton Baucom – Reed 2<sup>nd</sup>
Raedyn Mach – Reed 2<sup>nd</sup>
Zaria Bruce – Sanders 3<sup>rd</sup>
Maverick Driver – Durham 4<sup>th</sup>
Molly Swisher – Breidenthal 4<sup>th</sup>
Elena del Muro – Clevenger 3<sup>rd</sup>
Canaan McKnight-Wison–Haynes 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Week of May 8:

Shravanthi Sviasubramaniyam – Wagner 2<sup>rx</sup> Cayde Laboski – Graff 2<sup>nd</sup> Claire Ellis – Smullen 1<sup>st</sup> Emily Lazaro – Mosher 1<sup>st</sup> Lauren Vargas – Burrer Kg Stephen Nicholson – Clevenger 3<sup>rd</sup> Sarah Klussmann – Sanders 3<sup>rd</sup> Kannon Payne – Frost 3<sup>rd</sup> Olivia Waggoner – Durham 4<sup>th</sup> Baylea Darby – Loveless 4<sup>th</sup>



#### **Very Important Dates!**

Everything takes place at Keith unless otherwise noted.

Be sure to check the SchoolInfo App for Tutoring & Testing dates

#### Monday, May 11

Pledge this week - Lilley
Vision Screening Training for VIPS
9:00am-1:00pm @ Keith
4th Science Fair 11:00am-1:30pm

Keith Night @ TX Roadhouse

#### Tuesday, May 12

STAAR Retest #1

Storytelling w/ Karen Lowery
Kg Guinea Pig Demos

Hearing Screening Training for VIPS 9:00am-1:00pm @ Keith

VIPS Appreciation Brunch 1:00pm

Student Council Meeting 3:45-4:30
CFISD Career Fair

@ Berry Center 4:30pm-7:30pm

#### Wednesday, May 13

Kg Guinea Pig Demos

#### Friday, May 15

Kg Mad Science Day

Readers In Action - Kg-1st 3:00pm

#### Monday, May 18

Pledge this week - Windle

Spring Book Fair opens

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Music Program -

Blue Cast - 6:00pm Gold Cast - 7:15pm All 5<sup>th</sup> graders need to be in the music room at 5:40pm

#### Tuesday, May 19

Book Fair Family Night -4:30pm-7:30pm

Storytelling w/ Karen Lowery

#### Wednesday, May 20

Kg Tours - 9:30-10:30

Keith night @ Revi's Grill

#### Thursday, May 21

Cougar PACK Meeting - 8:00am

Kg HEB Field Trip

#### Friday, May 22

KG HEB Field Trip

Spring Book Fair CLOSES 10:00am 3<sup>rd</sup> Volcanos – 10:00am

Readers In Action - Kg-1<sup>st</sup> 3:00pm

#### Monday, May 25

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#### **CounseloR's CorneR**

#### **Honesty**

This month's character trait is **Honesty** ~

choosing to be truthful in whatever you say and do. Help your child to understand that it is a choice to be honest and that there is always a benefit even when they think they will be in trouble. Here is a list of books that you can read together at home to reinforce this character trait:

A Big Fat Enormous Lie by Marjorie Sharmat Mr. Peabody's Apples by Madonna Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire by Diane DeGroat The Empty Pot (An Owlet Book) by Demi Jackalope by Janet Stevens Tell the Truth, B.B. Wolf by Judy Sierra

If you have questions or concerns throughout the school year, you can contact the counselor, Charlotte Miller, at 281-

213~1750 or at mary.miller@cfisd.net. ©

May 29 -  $3^{rd}$ ,  $4^{th}$ ,  $5^{th}$  Cougar Carnival (large group times)

May 29 - 5th grade Party @ 11:30am

June 4 - Class Awards @ 10:00am; 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Clap Out @ 10:20am; Last Day of School Parties @ 10:45am

#### **Spring Book Fair**

Book Fair is coming along with Story Teller, Karen Lowery! Stock up on Summer Reading and enjoy a great story! Family Night is TUESDAY May 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm-7:30pm; Storytelling begins at 4:30, 4:50, and at 5:05. Here's how the Book Fair works:

- The shopping schedule is attached to the newsletter, please check it for when your child's homeroom will be attending.
- The book fair will close on Friday at 10:00am
- During the week, each child visits the Book Fair with his class and makes his or her purchases.
- You are welcome to shop with your child during their scheduled book fair visit with their class. We ask that younger siblings are left with a baby sitter to maintain a calm, quiet teaching and learning environment for all of our Keith Cougars.
- Be sure to check in at the office when you arrive. We have books for all ages, including adults!
- For your convenience, our Book Fair accepts credit cards (Discover, Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and secured debit cards (with MasterCard or Visa logos on them).
- Checks can be made out to Keith Elementary
- Don't forget to include a little extra for tax. Our tax rate is 8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> %.

## MOVING?

If you will be moving over the summer please let the Keith Elementary Registrar, Shalle Hovorka, know. There is a form attached to the newsletter that you can turn in for your family. This information will help us plan for next year and help us forward records to the new schools if the move is in-district or be alert to records requests if the move is out-of-district. Contact Shalle Hovorka at <a href="mailto:shalle.hovorka@cfisd.net">shalle.hovorka@cfisd.net</a> with questions or 281-213-1746.

## field Day Revulv

Every year the P.E. Coaches put together a fun Field Day event for all the grade levels that uses many of the games, activities and motor skills that the students have learned through the year. Teachers, students and parents have a ton of fun in the spirit of competition.

The coaches would like to give a huge Thank You to all of our fantastic volunteers: Adrienne Oliver, Karrie Parlevliet and Laura Muscarello - they were with us EACH day and worked so hard; to several of our parents who helped with set up, clean up and various other tasks that make Field Days go smoothly; to all the parents who filled and brought water balloons - thanks for taking the time to make them. Ya'll are amazing and we truly appreciate all your help!!

These are the final standings for each grade:

**Kinder:** Sportsmanship – Witanek's Warriors; 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Gaspard's Gators; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Lilley's Lucky Ducks; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Windle's Wolves

1st Grade: Sportsmanship - Jack's Blackjacks, Gillespie's Gazelles; 1st Place - Birbeck's Panthers; 2nd Place - Smullen's Sharks; 3rd Place - Swain's Sour Patch Kids, Truett's GreenTurtles

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** Sportsmanship – McMeekin-Garza's Mustacios; 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Whitmire's Wildcats; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Skehan's Superstar Stingrays; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Graff's Gladiators

**3rd Grade:** Sportsmanship – Krimsky's Krazy Kids; 1st Place – Dugas' Little Aggies; 2nd Place – Klare's Coconuts, Sander's Sabre Tooths, Clevenger's Crazy Cobras; 3rd Place – Haynes' Heroes

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Sportsmanship – Janca's Jedis; 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Brien's Baconators, Loving's Lamborghinis; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Baucom's Bulldogs; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Durham's Drummers, Breidenthal's Bulldogs

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Sportsmanship – Young's Wolfpack; 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Brown's Bulldogs; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Barlow's Billionaires; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Cartwright's Cookie Monsters

Job well done to all our kids and teachers for a fantastic day and for supporting each other.

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# Keith VIPS Appreciation Party

Keith Elementary is honored to have the most amazing volunteers!

The second our volunteers walk through our doors, children and teacher's lives are changed for the good. Whether you gave 1 hour or 500, we welcome our Keith VIPS to a celebratory party on Tuesday, May 12th from 1:00-2:00pm in the Keith Library.

We hope you can join us!

Raffles, gifts, recognition, entertainment and a yummy brunch of goodies are on the agenda! Click the link to RSVP: VIPS Brunch RSVP

# School Supply Orders

School Supplies for the 2015-16 school year can be ordered online April 10th - June 30th at www.epipacks.com. Kg-4th packs are \$55.00 including tax; 5th grade is \$60.00 including tax and cost of required student planner. Use school code KEI000 and enter N/A for the teacher name. Packs will be delivered directly to the student's classroom before the first day of school.

If you cannot order online, you may purchase a pack at Keith with cash or check only until **June 4<sup>th</sup>**.

We will NOT have late ordering; and additional packs will be extremely limited at Meet the Teacher.

# **Keith VIPS Opportunities**

Welcome to a shining bright year at Keith!

We have lots of volunteer opportunities coming up all year long!!

The Keith volunteer program is the best way to be involved with your child at Keith and know what's going on.

We REALLY need your help! Go to <a href="https://www.keithpto.ivolunteer.com">www.keithpto.ivolunteer.com</a> to sign up for any volunteer opportunities..

**Did you know** that many companies will match your volunteer hours with a financial donation to the school? Check to see if your company matches at http://www.matchinggifts.com/cfisd/

Volunteer needs coming up:

- → 5th Grade Party ~ is May 29<sup>th</sup> 11:30am-3:30pm. We are seeking 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade parent volunteers; 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents this is an opportunity to spend a little time with your kids; 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents this is an opportunity to see what this event is all about. Click the link to sign-up to support Keith and our graduating 5<sup>th</sup> grade 5th Grade Party Sign-up Genius
- → 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Cougar Carnivals ~ these events take place for each grade level during their large group time. Come join the fun by volunteering to help with snacks, face painting and games; 5<sup>th</sup> @ 8:50, 4<sup>th</sup> @ 9:45, 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 11:35.
- → District VIPS Appreciation ~ The District VIPS Appreciation Event will be held Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> @ 11:00am. Attendance is by invitation ONLY. All VIPS with hours logged in the district volunteer system and a current e-mail address will be extended an invitation to RSVP for a ticket. We look forward to sharing all the great things volunteers are doing in the district and for the district to show their appreciation for all the fantastic things you do!
- Readers In Action, SRC Demos, Imagination Garden, Library, Workroom and Marquee are ongoing daily or weekly volunteer opportunities whether you have 30 minutes or a few hours all are great opportunities to be involved.

For details on these volunteer opportunities and more,

be sure to visit our website <a href="www.keithpto.digitalpto.com">www.keithpto.digitalpto.com</a> to see how YOU can help!

Or go to <a href="www.keithpto.ivolunteeronline.com">www.keithpto.ivolunteeronline.com</a> to sign up to volunteer.

Questions? Contact Karri Parlevliet at KeithElemPTO@amail.com.

Join our Facebook Group Keith Elementary PTO for all the latest news!

**PARENTS:** Community Events and Activities are now advertised on the following website: <a href="www.cfisd.net/communityflyers">www.cfisd.net/communityflyers</a>. Please visit this site for information on area sports associations, scout groups, family events, lessons and other activities provided by non-profit organizations in the Cy-Fair area.

Keith Elementary 20550 Fairfield Green, Cypress, TX 77433 Phone - (281) 213-1744 Fax - (281) 213-1749 Inclement Weather line - (281) 213-1766 We're on the Web! See us at: http://keith.cfisd.net/en/

OR get the School Info APP for Keith for calendar info and weather alerts

#### STUDENT SCREENING FOR CREDIT-BY-EXAM

2015-2016 School Year

Students in grades K-5 will have four opportunities during the school year to use "credit-by-exam" to accelerate to another grade level. Students will only have one opportunity to test for each grade level considered.

To apply to take the test to skip <u>kindergarten</u>, a student must be 5 by September 1, and registered in a CFISD school. To apply to take the test to skip <u>grade 1</u>, a student must be 6 by September 1, and enrolled in a CFISD school.

Students who earn scores of <u>80% or better</u> on each component of the credit-by-exam will qualify to advance one grade. Only one grade level may be "skipped" each year. No retests will be given.

If you are interested in getting more information about credit-by-exam, please contact the school counselor.

Los estudiantes de Kindergarten a 5<sup>to</sup> grado tendrán cuatro oportunidades durante el año escolar para usar el sistema de "crédito por examen" para adelantarse y pasar al siguiente grado. Los estudiantes solo tendrán una oportunidad de rendir la prueba por cada grado considerado.

Para rendir la prueba y saltarse <u>Kindergarten</u>, el estudiante debe cumplir 5 años al  $1^{ro}$  de septiembre y estar inscrito en una escuela de CFISD. Para rendir la prueba y saltearse  $1^{er}$  grado, el estudiante debe cumplir 6 años al  $1^{ro}$  de septiembre y estar inscrito en una escuela de CFISD.

Los estudiantes que obtengan puntajes de <u>80% o más</u> en cada uno de los componentes de las evaluaciones de "crédito por examen" calificarán para ser avanzados un grado. Solo se puede saltear un grado por año. No se pueden repetir las pruebas.

Si están interesados en obtener más información sobre el proceso "crédito por examen" sírvanse contactarse con el consejero de su escuela.

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# A Day in the Life of a Kindergartener

We would like to invite you and your Kindergartner to join us for a tour of Keith Elementary and an informational presentation about Kindergarten.

When: Wednesday, May 20th

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Where: Keith Elementary Cafeteria

Please RSVP by May 11th to

Morgen Kent at 281.213.1756 or morgen.kent@cfisd.net

Information to be shared will include:
Preparing for the first day
Transportation
Snack, Lunch and Recess
PE, Art and Music
Daily Schedule
School Supplies
Volunteer Opportunities

PTO Spirit Shop & Spring Book Fair will be open!

No RSVPs will be accepted after 4:00 pm on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>

# KEITH ELEMENTARY

# LAST PAY OF SCHOOL PARTY PRE-REGISTRATION

Party is: Jhursday, June 4, 2015 @ 10:45 a.m.

Parties are intended for students and parents/grandparents are invited to join us as guests. Any guests are required to wear VSoft stickers when they visit Keith Elementary. VSoft nametags can be printed from a valid driver's license from any state, a military I.D., or state I.D.

Please note that any school-age students/siblings may not attend holiday parties.

For the safety of our students and in order to accommodate the large number of visitors that attend Last Day of School parties at Keith, we are requesting that everyone pre-register. Visitors who have not pre-registered will need to wait in very long, time-consuming lines due to the Vsoft system. **No exceptions will be made**.

If you have previously visited Keith and had your license scanned, you may fill out the form below and return it to the school by <u>May 29</u>. We will be able to print you a Vsoft sticker before you arrive; therefore, there will be no need to check in at the office on the day of the party. If you (or someone you are pre-registering) have not had a driver's license scanned at a previous event, you may stop in any time during normal school hours <u>before May 29<sup>th</sup></u> and have your driver's license scanned to save time waiting in line the day of the event.

If you do not pre-register and ensure that your license has been scanned, you will be required to have your license scanned on party day. The system is often slow, and the line may take a while. All visitors should be prepared to present a photo ID even if they have pre-registered.

**Please note:** Parents who have pre-registered and will be checking their child out after the party may sign their child out with the homeroom teacher.

Guests, other than parents, who intend on checking the child out, must report to the front office for sign out. If a guest will be signing out your child, a parent/guardian must provide a written note to Keith Elementary **prior** to 9:30 a.m. on the party day. No exceptions will be made.

Please complete and return to your child's homeroom teacher by Friday, May 29th. (Complete 1 form per student). No pre-registrations will be taken after 4:00 pm on Friday, May 29th.

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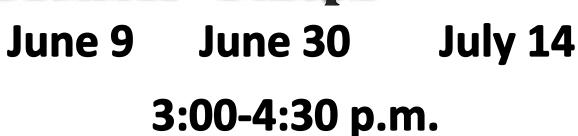
# SPRING BOOK FAIR IN THE LIBRARY

- The times shown in the calendar are the times that each <u>homeroom</u> will visit the book fair during the week.
- Students may bring money (cash or check) to purchase items at that time. Please be sure to include enough for tax 81/4%.
- Checks, cash, & credit cards are welcome; checks should be made out to Keith Elementary.
- Parents are welcome to attend during their child's homeroom visit time OR anytime during the week that they wish.
- Please do not pull your child from class to attend with you as this is a disruption to their instructional time.
- We do ask that you leave younger siblings with a baby sitter, however, if you must bring them please keep them with you at all times and be prepared to remove them should they become a disturbance.

Monday May 18	Tuesday May 19	Wednesday May 20	Thursday May 21	Friday May 22
Book Fair SET UP	Kg & 1 <sup>st</sup> grade	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> grades	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> grades	
May 18 <sup>th</sup> 4:30pm - 7:00pm Open for 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Families	9:00 Gillespie 12:00 9:10 Godinich 12:30 9:20 Windle 1:00 9:30 Smullen 1:30 9:40 Truett 1:45 9:50 Gaspard 2:00 Mosh 10:00 Burrer 2:15 10:10 Birbeck 2:25 Swair 10:20 Lilley 2:45 10:30 Jack 3:00 10:40 Witanek 3:15	9:00 9:15 Frost 9:15 Frost 12:30 9:30 Dugas 12:45 9:45 Hemphill 1:00 10:00 Haynes 1:15 Sanders 10:15 1:30 Clevenger 10:30 11:45 Brien 2:00 Janca 11:00 Breidenthal 2:15 Hernandez 11:15 Durham 2:30 Loveless 11:45 Sanders 1:45 Brien 2:00 Janca 2:15 Hernandez 3:00 Krimsky	9:00 Mc-Garza 9:15 Skehan 12:30 Brown 9:30 Graff 12:45 Mills 9:45 Whitmire 1:00 10:00 Cartwright 1:15 10:15 10:30 Young 10:45 Vogt 11:00 Barlow 11:15 2:30 Reed 11:30 11:45 3:00 Jones	OPEN in Morning Last Chance to purchase books  O  10:30AM Books will be packed up and sent back to warehouse
	May 19 <sup>th</sup> 4:30pm - 7:30pm Family Night for a Storyteller ~ Karen Lowery 4:30, 4:50, 5:05			

# Name That Book





(Come to any or all sessions that you can attend)

@ the Ault Elementary School Library

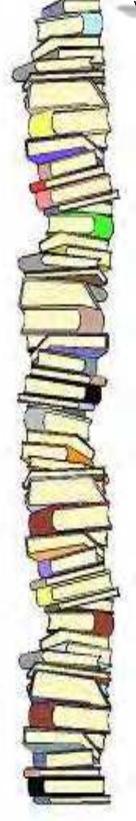
21010 Maple Village Drive (281) 373-2815 (library extension)

Come join the students going into 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> grades from Ault, Keith, and Swenke Elementary schools, for a summer of fun! We look forward to celebrating the 100 titles on the **2015-2016** Name That Book list!

First, we will enjoy book talks by the librarians, Mrs. Kaler, Mrs. Budnek, and Mrs. Arnett. Then, we will have time for checkout from the Ault ES library.

Permission forms will be going home soon, so be on the lookout! Hope to see you there!

Directions to Ault: From the front of Fairfield, take Mason Rd to Maple Ridge. Take a left at the light. Ault will be down on the right. Please walk your child into the library for drop-off and sign him/her in. We will walk them up to the front of the school at pick-up time.



# Name That Book Summer Camps



Please fill out the following information and bring it with you on your first visit.

bring it with you on your f	first visit.
Student Name:	
School:	Grade:
Parent/babysitter name:	
Home phone:	
Cell phone:	
Address:	
Medical info. we should know:	
I agree to drop my child off at the A 3:00p.m. for the Name That Book meetings. I will pick him/her up b child may check out books to read Parent signature	Summer Camp by 4:30 p.m. My between sessions
Date	