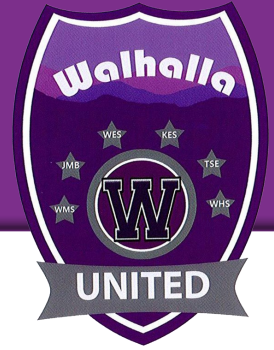




Keowee Elementary



Upcoming Dates:

November:

- 1st- Daylight Savings Time ends
- 2nd- End of the 1st quarter
- 3rd- Election Day (No School)
- 4th- SIC Meeting (Virtual)
- 5th- Fall Makeup Picture Day
- 11th- Report Cards
- 11th- Veteran's Day
- 25th- eLearning Day @Home-
- 26th-27th- Thanksgiving Break

From the Principal's Office....

I hope you all are doing well. I know that the past week has been difficult with the loss of power and the cleaning of debris left by the tropical storm Zeta. That being said, we do have some positives to look forward to. The holiday season is only a few weeks away. Usually our schedules are filled with school events and activities. This year is a little different. With COVID-19 precautions in place, we cannot have our usual activities here at school. I am going to miss the activities and times that we get to spend with our school families. I encourage you all to take advantage of this extra time and spend it with your family. Please make note of the important dates that are coming up in the next few months.

I want to congratulate our new elected School Improvement Council members. Congratulations to Amy Glass, Kim Cagle, Amanda Bloodworth and Elizabeth Bost. They are your newly elected parent representatives on the SIC. Our first meeting will be November 4th at 3:30. It will be a virtual meeting and can be found at this link, meet.google.com/cdj-gtth-esg. You can also join by phone by calling 240-356-1580 and entering PIN: 805 844 389#. I look forward to meeting with our SIC.

As the weather gets cooler, jackets and coats will start coming to school. Please write your child's name on the tag of the jacket or coat. This will make it easier to get back to your child. We have a lost and found and these items are starting to show up.

Please remember to send in notes for any absence. This is very important and can help prevent attendance intervention plans. The tardy bell rings at 8:00 each morning. We open the doors at 7:30 each morning. I encourage you to have your child here early if they want to eat breakfast. Remember, breakfast and lunch are free for all students until the end of December. If the side loop is blocked, you will need to go to the front office to sign your child in. Thank you for your help in this matter.

With Thanksgiving being this month, I want to let you all know that I am thankful for YOU. As parents, teachers, staff, volunteers and community members, YOU make Keowee a great place.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact us at (864) 886-4475. You can also email Mr. Holliday (jholliday@sdoc.org) or Ms. Scott (ascott@sdoc.org).

Your partner in education,
Josh Holliday, Principal



ClassDojo

Keep an eye on ClassDojo throughout the year and make sure to check it often! This is our main platform for distributing information.

Stay on Top of Your Child's Performance with

Parent Portal Access

The School District of Oconee County provides parents/guardians access to student information through the Power School Parent Portal. Access to the system is available through the internet and accounts are created by using an access ID and password furnished by the school. If you have not yet signed up for Parent Portal and no longer have your information needed to do so, please contact Mrs. Ballard in the school office, 886-4475, or by email (kballard@sdoc.org) and she will be happy to supply you with that information.

With this great tool you will be able to access grades, attendance, assignments, etc. from home.



REMEMBER:

School starts @ 8:00.
Students must be in the classroom by 8:00 or they are considered tardy.



Please label all book bags, lunch boxes, jackets, etc. with your child's name.

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Our mission at Keowee Elementary School, in cooperation with home and community, is to challenge and enable every child to learn and grow academically, socially, and emotionally, within a safe and nurturing environment.

The Coach's Game Plan...

Throughout the month of September and early weeks of October upper grade students participated in FitnessGram testing and some other unique fitness testing. Students discovered the importance of math and how math helps us in PE measure time and distance. Every other week upper grade students including second grade have been learning about their bodies through our school health books. Upper grade students have also experienced something new this year: lacrosse! I look forward to the day when students are able to participate in real games without COVID precautions.

Lower grades have been learning the fundamentals of physical education: exercises, stretching, throwing, catching, kicking, and even some frisbee tossing.

Please encourage your children to stay ACTIVE and EAT healthy. Due to COVID, students are only receiving 1 period of PE this school year. I look forward to the second nine weeks and the soon to be holiday season! "Go Keowee Cubs!"

- Coach Masten



TRANSPORTATION

CHANGES:

Please send a note in your child's folder with any transportation changes.

The school year is well underway and lots of learning is going on! This is the perfect time to review good study habits with your children so that they do their very best during the second quarter of school. To be successful in school, students should keep the following suggestions in mind:

- Get plenty of rest.
- Plan a specific time each day for homework.
- Review every day even when there is no homework.
- Be on time for school. Students should be in their rooms by 7:55 AM.
- Eat a nutritious breakfast.
- Be prepared with supplies and materials every day.
- Keep a good attitude toward school.

These simple tips can really make a difference in the school experience for students. Parents should help their children keep a consistent schedule and encourage the behaviors above to promote good study habits that eventually lead to good grades.



Speaking of good attitudes, our Chick-fil-A character word for the month of November is "Gratitude". "Gratitude" means letting others know you see how they've helped you. By thanking others for their help, support and kindness, they can easily understand that they are appreciated.

The Thanksgiving holiday and the month of November are a perfect time to really concentrate on showing others how grateful we are for their presence in our lives. Take time to talk with your children about the importance of "gratitude" during the month of November and all year long!

- Miss Alewine

" The more grateful I am, the more beauty I see."
~ Mary Davis

I will be retiring on November 1st. It is bittersweet for me. I will miss all of you tremendously but my health issues dictate that I go ahead and retire.

I have spent thirty-two years in education for the SDOC. I treasure the students I have taught or counseled over the years. There are too many to count but all of them hold a special place in my heart. The families, colleagues and community members have made each day complete. Thank you all for being a part of my life and career!

Best wishes to everyone here at Keowee Elementary School. This is a special place for students to learn and grow. It's the best kept secret in Oconee County. I will miss the true community spirit in this place. Keep up the great work!

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