



Keowee Elementary



From the Principal's Office....

Autumn has arrived. That means the temperatures are getting cooler and the days will be getting shorter. Students will start wearing jackets and coats to school. Please remember to label all jackets and coats. This will help us return items back to the students. Hopefully, we will have an enjoyable Autumn.

We are currently past the midpoint of the first nine weeks. We no longer send progress reports home, but parents are able to view student grades through PowerSchool. If you have any questions regarding PowerSchool, please contact Kathy Ballard (kballard@sdoc.org- 864-886-4475). Teachers will be setting up virtual parent conferences with you over the next few weeks to review your student's progress.

We had a successful Mock eLearning Day last week. It was another practice day of eLearning at school in order to prepare for October 16th, which will be a full day of eLearning at home.

This is a reminder to submit your SIC ballots electronically. The link is <http://forms.gle/EPamMiqxHo2AyRz6>. If you would like a paper ballot, please contact your child's teacher and we will send one home. Ballots are due on October 8th by 4:00 PM.

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



Upcoming Dates:

October:

16th- Mock eLearning Day (@home)

November:

1st- Daylight Savings Time ends

3rd- Election Day (No School)

5th- Fall Makeup Picture Day



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.



Picture Day!

*Fall Make-Up Picture Day is November 5th



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.

Off to a Creative Start!

Keowee art students are off to a great start. Thank you all for the supplies you sent to school with your child to make this happen. Your children have been thrilled to be back at school creating art. We have been using the elements of design: Line, shape, color, pattern, texture, and form. Typically, I hold onto student work in portfolios that I return at the end of the school year so that it is easily available for hall displays. I am working to navigate this new way of functioning during COVID and find what works best.

Tips for creating art at home:

- Encourage your child to create at home. Art is a wonderful way for children to express their feelings and react in a safe way to emotions they may have. This is certainly a challenging time for us all. Find a place that you are okay with getting a little messy.
- Use a placemat that becomes an art mat at your kitchen table.
- Put together a "Making Box" or dedicate a cabinet that could include: watercolor paint, tape, gluestick, pipe cleaners, toilet paper tubes, paper (different sizes, shapes and colors), markers, crayons, scissors, hole punch, playdough.
- Encourage your child to be busy creating and designing cool things that you display. This builds confidence, fine motor skills, and imagination. It is truly amazing what kids can do!



Artistically yours,
Mrs. Elizabeth Bost

School Health

Thank you for keeping our students healthy! You are doing a great job! As a reminder, we are entering allergy, cold and flu season. These things can mimic Covid-19. If your child feels bad, take their temperature before sending them to school. If no fever, then use your judgement on how they feel to determine if they should come to school.

Thank you for keeping Keowee Healthy!- Nurse Kathy



Parents, we want to remind you that the safety of your children is of utmost importance. Safety starts with having your children properly placed into their car seats. Remember, if your child is under 2 they must be in a car seat, depending on weight either a forward or rear facing seat. If your child is between 2 and 8 and or under 57 inches tall, they must be in a booster seat. Remember it's the new Child Passenger Safety Law. Let's keep all of our Keowee Cubs safe going and coming from school!

Officer Sparkman

C Fall is definitely in the air! I am thankful for cooler temperatures and beautiful leaves. I am also thankful for our wonderful students and staff at Keowee Elementary! Everyone is doing a great job with wearing masks, social distancing and washing hands. Keep up the good work!!

O The Chic-fil-A character word of the month is
U "Integrity". "Integrity" means choosing to be truthful in what-
n ever you say and do. Choosing to do the right thing, even
S when nobody is looking is an admirable trait that all of us
E should try to live up to.



S We want people to be truthful with us, therefore, we need to be truthful to oth-
E ers. Always tell the truth and be truthful in our actions. Treat others like you want
L to be treated. Keep your promises and remember to be honest in everything you
O do.

L Parents, talk with your children about "Integrity" and what it means to you.
O Teaching our children early about being truthful will lead them to a life of honest
R and true relationships.

- Miss Alewine "Real integrity is doing the right thing, knowing that nobody's
going to know whether you did it or not."

~ Oprah Winfrey