

KUE News

August Family Newsletter

The Principal's desk!

August 13, 2023

Hello, Jacket Families!

It was a great first two days of school! We are so excited to see our 5th & 6th graders and welcome our new 4th graders, as well as our new Yellowjackets!! I know it's going to be a great year, but after reflecting on the first two days, we need your help with a few things!

- Our doors open at 7:30, and the first bell is at 7:45. The TARDY BELL rings at 7:50.
- If you are at the front of the line before the doors open, please be considerate of those people behind you that have already allowed their students to exit their cars and sit outside. Please do not block them in. Please be willing to either pull up, or loop back around, or go ahead and let your kids out as well, so those grown ups can get on their way. Thank you for your teamwork in this matter.
- Please **do NOT drop students off in the bus loop** area. This is incredibly unsafe as our students have been seen darting between busses. Additionally, the doors are locked as soon as the last bus drops off. We do not want our students locked out.
- Please **do NOT drop students off in the street** in front of the school. Again, this is INCREDIBLY unsafe and actually creates delays for those people following our rules and procedures. Please pull through the carline.
- Students should exit their cars as soon as they stop at the sidewalk in the parking lot and walk up to the front. Please do not wait to get to the front, as this also creates delays.
- We are working on a plan to improve and speed up afternoon carline. Thank you for your patience.

AT THE KUE

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Choose Responsibly!

Act Respectfully!

Reflect Constantly!

Engage in Learning!

- Most Fridays we will have either \$1 ice cream or \$1 popcorn. We typically send a remind the night before to let everyone know. If it is easier for you to prepay for several weeks at a time, you can send \$\$ to the office in an envelope with your student's name & "popcorn" on the outside, and we will keep track up to \$20 at a time. That will get you through the first semester or longer.
- We have added a drop off table for lunches and other items. Please label your items, and we'll make sure they are delivered. This will save us time and limit disruptions to instruction time. *MONEY should always be brought in to the office, not left on the table.*
- We can no longer administer over the counter medication (such as Ibuprofen or Tylenol). If a student needs this medication during the day, their grown up will have to come up to administer it. Thank you for understanding.

I also want to share that every morning at the KUE, our students will recite the KUE CARES pledge. I want to take this opportunity to share this with all of our families:

At the KUE, WE CARE!

We CHOOSE responsibly

We ACT respectfully

We REFLECT constantly

And we ENGAGE IN LEARNING!

This is how we BEHAVE WITH CARE!

For those of you who haven't had the opportunity to get to know me, I'm a very "open door" kind of person. If I'm available, I will always visit with our students' grownups. I'm also very reachable by email and phone. When you have concerns, please reach out to me. Let's make it a great year by keeping those communication lines open.

It's a great day to be a Jacket!

Sincerely,

Erin Michael, Principal

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Retro KUE T-shirts! \$20 -- Orders Due Monday, Aug. 21!



Pink



Checkerboard



Yellow

(this design also available on heather grey)

KUE T-shirt Order form

KUE CARLINE PROCEDURES:

In order to make sure that we're moving efficiently AND keeping our kids safe at the same time, we will be closing off the parking lot during drop off times. Additionally, we ask that students exit their cars on the passenger side and as soon as you reach one of the numbered spaces (we will have cones indicating this). We will also remain one-lane in the drop off area (see map). Thank you for both your cooperation and understanding that our students' safety is our number one priority!



[WHAT IS A SCHOOL COUNSELOR'S ROLE? \(Click here\)](#)

Statement from the American School Counselor Association

**Additional KUE Information and Resources:
Orders due Monday, August 21!**



SUPPORT OUR STEM CLASS

Dear Families and Friends,

Our STEAM class will be doing amazing things! Students will solve real-world problems, and they will work on developing their creativity, communication, collaboration, and critical thinking skills every day.

Your **clean recyclable items** will help us continue inventing solutions to real-world problems. Students use these materials to design, build, test, and improve solutions to STEAM challenges. If you would like to help out, simply send items to school with your student. Items do not need to be brand new; you may be cleaning out a craft box or purging toys.

Items include, but aren't limited to...

- shoe boxes
- toilet paper/paper towel rolls/other paper tubes
- building toys your child may have grown out of—wooden blocks, Magna Tiles, Lincoln Logs, Legos, marble runs, hot wheels cars/tracks, Play-Doh/Play-Doh toys, etc.
- pipe cleaners/string/yarn/ribbon
- ping pong/golf/tennis balls
- latex balloons
- paper plates/solo cups/mini cups/coffee filters
- wooden clothespins/wooden skewers/dowel rods
- Straws
- Duct tape
- egg cartons
- newspaper/old magazines
- buttons
- index cards
- clean plastic containers (butter, yogurt, sour cream, etc.)/plastic lids of any size
- plastic bottles
- CDs/DVDs
- bubble wrap/packing peanuts
- blueprints of homes or machines/mechanic or engineering visuals
- misc items you think we can 'build' with

**Also, if you are, or know someone who has a STEAM related career and would like to come talk to students about it, please contact me and we can set something up!! My email is mkuehn@kingfisher.k12.ok.us or call 405-375-6607.

You may also check out my Donors Choose page by scanning the QR code to give to on-going projects for class items as well.



Thank you for supporting our young scientists and engineers!

Sincerely,

Melody Kuehn, 4th-6th STEAM/Enrichment at KUE

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This Week's Weather

Kingfisher Public Schools Website

Kingfisher Online Gradebook

23-24 District Calendar

Kingfisher Elementary Student Handbook

Substitute Application



Kingfisher Upper Elementary

Website: <https://kingfisher.k12.ok.us/schools/kingfisher-upper-elementary-school/>

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