



“PRIDE”
KEESEVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
NEU/CFES QUARTERLY
NEWSLETTER



Keeseville Elementary School recently applied and was accepted into the No Excuses University (NEU) network of elementary and middle schools across the United States! Additionally, KES is also a member of the College For Every Student (CFES) national program (recognized as a CFES School of Distinction for 2009-2010 and 2011-2012). Both programs promote college awareness at the elementary level.



NO EXCUSES UNIVERSITY (NEU)
& COLLEGE FOR EVERY STUDENT (CFES)

KES Pledge: Every student at KES will become a successful member of society and will be afforded the opportunity to be educated in a way that prepares her or him for college.

“KEESEVILLE PRIDE IS CONTAGIOUS”

KEESEVILLE ELEMENTARY IS THE FIRST SCHOOL IN THE NORTH COUNTRY AND ONLY THE SECOND SCHOOL IN THE STATE TO BE ACCEPTED INTO THE NEU NETWORK!!!!

The essence of College For Every Student is the engagement of every CFES Scholar in three high-impact practices that research has shown effective in not only getting students on track toward college, but also helping them persist once there –*Mentoring* fosters academic and personal growth by providing CFES Scholars a supportive relationship with an older, more experienced individual who can serve as a role model. All CFES schools have mentoring programs for their Scholars that utilize peers, adults, teachers, community leaders, and/or college students as mentors. -*Leadership through Service* helps CFES Scholars identify and express their leadership potential through activities that make their school and/or community a better place.

CFES schools create meaningful opportunities for Scholars to provide leadership in service to others. Gaining leadership skills and taking responsibility for others builds self-confidence, encouraging personal aspirations for college and developing resilience that leads to college success. *Pathways to College* partners CFES schools with colleges to provide opportunities for CFES Scholars to visit college campuses, interact with students and faculty, and gain exposure to the admissions process, financial aid options, and other higher education components.



Personal Character Traits Needed To Succeed in College:

Gratitude, Grit, Optimism, Self-Control, Curiosity, Zest and Social intelligence

NEU campuses use a well-defined process to identify and create the following systems: culture of universal achievement, collaboration, standards alignment, assessment, data analysis, and interventions. The NEU schools also expose students to powerful college symbolism, including college flags and banners hung on doors and in hallways. Each of our classrooms has adopted a college and all students at KES will learn about colleges and what it takes to prepare for college. We are very proud to be a part of the NEU network and we look forward to making sure KES provides a world class education for the students so that down the road, students who choose to go to college will have the skills necessary to succeed in college.



Link to the NEU Network: <http://noexcusesu.com/>
Link to CFES Program: <http://www.collegefes.org/>

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Attend our KES Parent Informational Meeting to learn more about NEU and CFES: December 12th, 6:30-7:15 pm in the KES Comm Rm.