Keeseville Elementary
Junior Patriot Report

Keeseville Elementary Newsletter | October 2026

Welcome Message

Welcome Back to School, KES families! It's been a true pleasure getting to know everyone. Hard to believe it's almost November! Time certainly flies when we're having fun! Please reach out with any ideas or concerns: 518-834-2839 x1105 or poulsen.robyn@avcsk12.org

Robyn Poulsen
Principal
Keeseville Elementary

Monarch Butterfly Release

On September 21st, Mrs. Wood's class released monarch butterflies. This was the conclusion of their study of the monarch butterfly's life cycle.

Important Contact Numbers:
Main Office: 518-834-2839
Counseling Office: 518-834-2839 ext 1106

Events Calendar

November 6
VIP Breakfast
Grade 3

November 11
No School
Veteran's Day

November 13
VIP Breakfast
Grade 5

November 23
Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 24
Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 25-27
No School
Thanksgiving Break

December 22
Early Release Day

December 23 - January 1
No School
Christmas Break

Jared Campbell Assembly

Songwriter and author Jared Campbell visited us September 23rd and gave us an energetic assembly where we sang along to songs about being nice to each other. He was fantastic and the kids really enjoyed him. His songs are available on most streaming platforms, and his book is available to purchase as well.

3D Shapes

Ms. Cayea's class has been learning about and making 3D shapes with playdough and toothpicks. They really enjoyed it!

News Corner

*Positivity Project: As part of our Social Emotional Learning curriculum, we participate in the Positivity Project. Each week, we highlight a different positive character trait. The trait is introduced during daily announcements and reinforced in the classrooms. So far this year, we've learned more about the positive character traits of Curiosity, Teamwork, Open-Mindedness, Other People Mindset of Being Present and Giving Others My Attention, Integrity and Creativity. If you'd like to reinforce the Positivity Project traits at home, you can go to https://posproject.org/p2-for-families

*VIP Breakfasts: VIP Breakfasts are in full swing! Our students love the opportunity to have a special breakfast with a Very Important Person in their life!

KES Halloween Parade Details

Who: All students in Pre-k through 5th grade
What: Halloween Parade
When: October 30, 2026 at 12:45 P.M.
Where: The track behind KES

Students will change into their costumes at school before the parade, please DO NOT send them in costume. Remember that costumes must be appropriate, not too scary, and NO weapons as part of a costume are allowed.

Parents are welcome to come and watch each class parade around the track.
The gate to the parking lot WILL be open to allow additional space for parents, however; the parking lot must be cleared by 1:50 p.m. to allow for our buses to arrive.

If you are signing your child out after the parade please **fill out the form below** and return it to school by **October 28, 2026**. Be prepared to show your ID when signing out your child from the classroom teacher.
If you are NOT signing your child out, they will be brought back in to catch the bus or attend the Extended Day Program.

Please keep in mind:
Families should not arrive before 12:30 p.m.
Families should go directly to the track to secure their spot for the parade.
Restrooms will ***not*** be open to the public.
School staff will be outside to assist and direct families as they arrive.
No families should be entering the building.
If weather does not permit, we will **CANCEL** the parade for families by 11:30 on 10/30

Notes from the Nurse

Physicals are required in grades Pre K, K, 1, 3, and 5. If you have sent an updated physical to the school please disregard this request.

With flu season approaching, we recommend getting your child vaccinated to protect them against seasonal illnesses. In addition, practicing good hygiene—such as washing hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, covering coughs and sneezes with an elbow, and avoiding touching the face—can greatly reduce the spread of germs at school and home.

Just a reminder if your child has fever or is sent home from school with a fever, your child must be fever free for 24 hours without the use of medication before returning to school.
Feel free to call me if you have any questions (Darlene Richards, 518-834-2839 x1125)

A HUGE THANK YOU to our FSA for supporting our school! The school supplies for every student mean so much to our families! And, we could not have had a successful Book Fair without you! Thank you! If you don't already, please consider volunteering with the FSA. They make a huge positive impact on the KES community.