

Keystone Oaks School District

Building a foundation of excellence

Highlighting excellence in
academics, athletics, the
arts and student leadership



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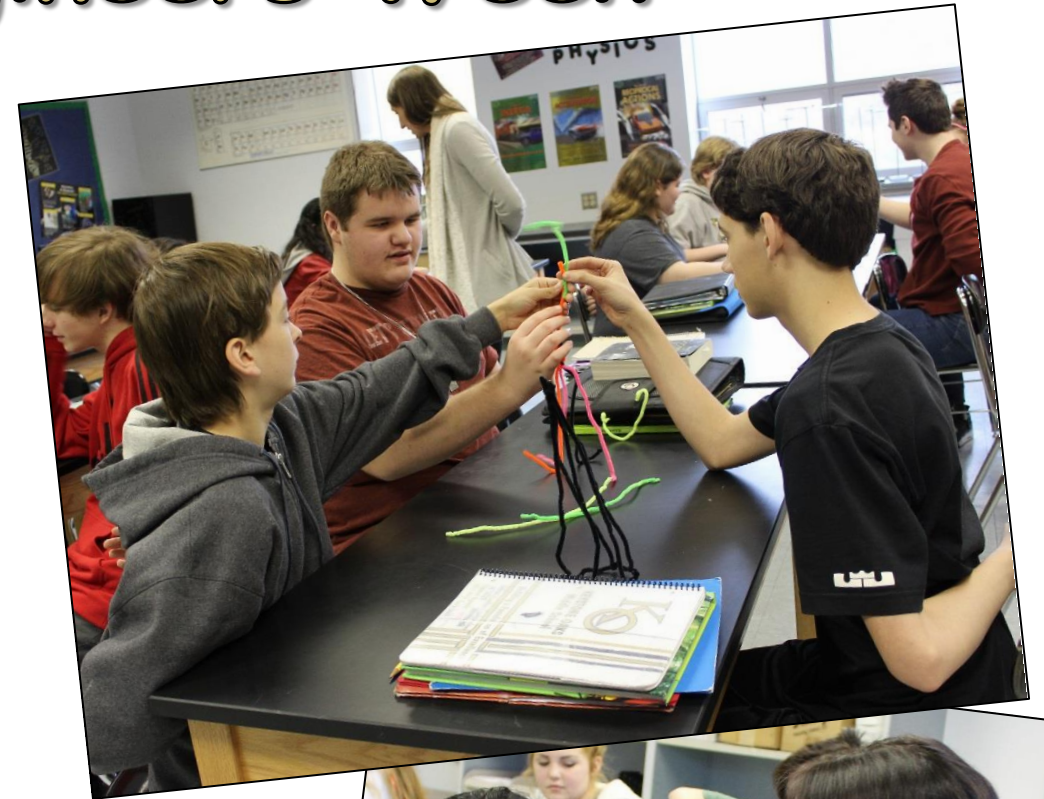
Excellence in Academics



Middle School Students Fine-Tune Engineering Skills During National Engineers Week

Eighth grade students in Mrs. Pisani's science classes took part in National Engineers Week (Feb. 22-26) by learning about the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority and the role that engineering plays in keeping our water clean. Students also participated in an activity that challenged them to think like engineers and build a free-standing structure with only 15 pipe cleaners. Along the way, students ran into "obstacles," such as having to build with only one hand and not being able to talk to group members.

The tallest structure of the day was 57 cm!



Middle School Girls Explore STEM Careers



Mr. Bocchio and Mrs. Resetar accompanied ten girls in eighth grade to Cisco's offices in downtown Pittsburgh for their "Girls in ICT Day" STEM seminar. The students had the opportunity to see women working in the information and communication technology field and also participated in three informational sessions about careers in this field.

Hard work was rewarded for nearly 300 High School students who made the Honor Roll for both the first and second report periods of the school year. Students were treated to a special lunch and a surprise guest server - KO Superintendent Dr. Stropkaj!



KOHS Students Honored for Hard Work

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!

Second grade students at Dormont Elementary school listened intently while Dr. Stropkaj read "There's a Map on My Lap," by Trish Rabe, one of the authors that has written under Dr. Seuss' name.



Myrtle Elementary School's second grade students chose the classic "The Cat in the Hat" as well as the tongue twister "Fox in Socks" for Dr. Stropkaj to read as part of their "Read Across America" activities.





Dr. Stropkaj read
"You Can Read with
Your Eyes Shut" to
Mrs. Turner's second
grade class at Aiken
Elementary.



First grade students at Myrtle Elementary partnered up to read their favorite Dr. Seuss books.

Read Across America

Second grade students in Mrs. Twyman's class read some of their favorite stories to Mrs. Poe's Kindergarten class.



"I Do Not Like Them Sam I Am"

Mrs. Poe's kindergarten class read an abbreviated version of "Green Eggs & Ham" to Mrs. Twyman's second grade class. Two kindergarten students performed a Reader's Theater version of the whole story!





Dormont Elementary held its annual Books Swap as part of the school's "Read Across America" activities. Students brought in books from home and traded for "new" books to take home and add to their collection. Students were excited to find some of their favorite collections, such as the Bernstein Bears and Curious George, available at the swap.

Dormont Elementary Book Swap

5th Grade Students Face Off in Battle of the Books



Aiken's Winning Team- Starbooks



Manager:
Meghan O'Brien

Team Members:
Katie O'Brien
Bella Matthews
Lucy Dabat
Mara Alcantara
Layla McGrogan

Dormont's Winning Team - Rocket Readers

Manager:
Jill Harvey

Team Members:
Jane Harvey
Anika Loper
Isabel Schwartz
Max Fullard
Austin Hamilton



Myrtle's Winning Team - Paris Page Turners



Manager:
Miss Harke

Team Members:
Reagan Shartle
Tia White
Gianna DiGiacomo
Kamryn Botwright
Linda Morales

Celebrating Pi Day!

Students in Mr. Gallagher's math classes celebrated Pi Day - March 14 - with an activity based on Buffon's Needle Program and with a slice of apple pie!





Excellence in the Arts

Spring Musical Takes Place at Aiken Elementary



4th and 5th grade students performed "Mighty Minds," a musical about students who are anxious about an upcoming test and reassured about their abilities by the "Mighty Minds" superheroes.



Excellence in Athletics

Give me a K!

Give me an O!

Go KO!



Middle School students held a pep rally to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of their peers who participated in winter sports.

Swimmers Qualify for WPIAL Championships



Alicia Lehman competed in the 100 Backstroke.



Mike Lydon competed in the 500 Free.



Audrey Durham, Hayley Frederick, Cassidy Grabowski and Sarah Reilly competed in the 200 Medley Relay.

KO Wrestlers Dan Black and Joey Kazalas participated in the PIAA SW Regional Tournament in early March.

Joey placed 4th and advanced to the State Tournament, where he earned his 100^h career victory!



Wrestlers Participate in Regional, State Competitions

KO Gymnast is State Balance Beam Champion



KO Gymnast Tara Gologram competed in the State Championships. She was the state champion on the balance beam and also placed 2nd in the state all around.



Excellence in Leadership

Jump Rope for Heart - Aiken Elementary



Students at Aiken Elementary raised \$700 for the American Heart Association and kept their own hearts healthy with a school-wide jump rope event.

Dormont-Mt. Lebanon Rotary Student of the Month



Kaylee Chrisman was honored as the Dormont-Mt Lebanon Rotary's student of the month for February.

Student Named Finalist for Gates Millennium Scholars Scholarship



KO Senior Bhawana Chhetri has been named a finalist for the Gates Millennium Scholars Scholarship, a full, four-year scholarship that provides greater access and opportunity to higher education for outstanding students from underrepresented backgrounds.

Bhawana was born in Nepal and came to Keystone Oaks in 6th grade. She plans to become a doctor and will study pre-medicine this fall.

Dormont "Super Six" Students of the Month



Congratulations to Dormont's February Students of the Month:
Bella Bischof - Kindergarten
Michelle Harris - First Grade
Mattias Camalich - Second Grade
Caroline Burns - Third Grade
Salaha Suleyman - Fourth Grade
Daniel Malka - Fifth Grade.

These students were picked by their grade level teachers because they are excellent role models who are leaders when it comes to the school's five expectations: being safe, responsible, respectful, kind, and here.



Having Fun!



Dr. Seuss Dress Up Day at Aiken!

Chinchillas, Opossums & Hedgehogs – Oh My!



Pre-schoolers enrolled in the Nursery School program were treated to a visit by the Pittsburgh Zoo's Zoomobile.

The kids got up close and personal with a chinchilla, an opossum and a baby hedgehog – the zoo's newest baby animal.