



Parents:

Your child's class is having a Holiday party on

Wednesday, December 20, 2017 from 1:45-2:45 p.m.

Due to security, ONLY Parents or Guardians are invited. No other guests or relatives will be permitted.

If you would like to attend your child's party, you must sign and return the attached RSVP form, by Friday, December 15, 2017.

- **The day of the party, pick up your pre-printed nametag at the table in the front hallway, if you have previously had your driver's license or I.D. scanned by the Front Office.**
- **If you have not visited Krahn before, you will need to visit the Front Office when you arrive.**
- **In addition, no siblings please, as our classroom space will be limited.**
- **No Early Dismissals during or after the parties.**

RSVP Form:

I will attend my child's party on Wednesday, December 20, 2017.

Parent(s) Names _____

Student(s) Names _____

Teacher/Grade _____

Dear Parents,

Wednesday, December 20, Krahn will host what has now become an annual event: "Literacy Day".

There are many activities throughout the day based on the book " The Polar Express". Students will be allowed to wear pajamas to school with the following stipulations.

- **All students choosing to wear pajamas must wear additional shorts pants underneath for added privacy.**
- **Pajama tops should be full shirts. No spaghetti strap tops or midriffs.**
- **Full length pajama bottoms should be worn. No pajama shorts will be allowed.**
- **Night gowns of any kind will not be allowed.**
- **Slippers may be worn as footwear. However, please keep in mind that students may have to walk both indoors and outdoors.**

The "Literacy Day" Activities are for faculty and students only.

Parents are warmly invited to our SECOND activity of the day: "Holiday Party".

The Holiday Parties will begin at 1:45 pm. Please use the RSVP form, so that check in may run smooth and fast.

At 2:45pm, the holiday parties will end. Guests will be asked to vacate the building so that we may begin dismissal procedures.

If you are attending the party, please do not take your child to the front office for dismissal. Instead, tell your classroom teacher that your child will be a walker for the day and then meet your child outside. In this way, we will be able to manage crowd control and an orderly dismissal.

Thank you in advance for helping us create a safe, fun, and orderly end to a GREAT first semester of school!

Your principal,

Frank Ward



**Krahn will celebrate
the Polar Express for
Literacy Day**



on Thursday, December 20.

**All Krahn students
may wear pajamas that day!**

**Literacy Day Activities are for Faculty,
Staff and Students ONLY. Due to
security, guests are not permitted.**



Christmas/Winter Holiday

Christmas/Winter Holiday will begin on Thursday, December 21, at **12:30 p.m.**

This is an early release day.

A.M. Pre-K will attend on December 21.
P.M. Pre-K will **not** attend.

School will resume on Tuesday, January 9, 2017.

Have a wonderful holiday!

District Set to Begin Using Peachjar Tool for Flyer Delivery

Klein ISD is transitioning its flyer distribution system to a new electronic flyer communication tool called Peachjar starting Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2017. The Peachjar e-flyer solution will help save our schools thousands of dollars in printing costs and vastly reduce our paper usage. Click [here](#) to read more about the delivery of flyers.





Dear Parents and Families,

A great way to support new books in the library is to purchase a book for your child's birthday. One of our vendors, Bound to Stay Bound, is offering a free service to help support our library. You can use the link below and let your child choose a book, from the wish list, that they would like to add to the library. The book will be delivered to our library ready to shelve once a month. There is no tax or delivery fee!

They will place a bookplate inside the book with your child's name and birthday. You can fill out everything online and pay by credit card from the convenience of your home. I will present the book to your child during their library time and they will be the first person to check out their book. When the book arrives, your child will be featured on that week's podcast announcements. We will have a birthday bulletin board in the library, and we will add a cake with your child's name on it, for their birthday.

Order a birthday book using this link:

<http://www.btsb.com/sosl/krahnelementaryschool>

Birthday books are a wonderful way to honor your child's birthday and to help Krahn's library collection grow!

Sincerely,

Erin Clanton
Librarian





Dear parents and guardians,

Klein ISD appreciates its volunteers. They make a positive difference each day for our students and teachers and simply could not do our jobs without them effectively. If you have never served as a school volunteer, I invite you to become a part of our dedicated team by completing the necessary forms online.

Getting started is simple and involves two steps:

1. filling out a volunteer application, and
2. completing a criminal background check

Instructions for completing this process may be found on the reverse side of this letter.

For the safety of our students, all adults, employees and volunteers that work with students have successfully completed a criminal background check. This proactive requirement is supported by Texas law (Texas Education Code § 22.083) to protect the well being of our most precious resource—our students.

The education of our students is a partnership between the home and the school and the support of your child's education is a vital element of the education process. As your time allows, you can make a difference for other students through volunteer service.

If you have questions about the registration process or the volunteer program, please contact Ms. Debbie Scheel, administrative assistant for Judy Rimato, the associate superintendent for communications and planning, at 832-249-4751 or your school's principal.

Sincerely,

Bret Champion, Superintendent of Schools
Klein Independent School District

Volunteer Sign Up & Background Check Information for Front Office Personnel

Thank you for assisting our parents in becoming a Klein ISD volunteer. As you know, signing up is done online through the district's website and involves **two separate parts**:

1. Completing a volunteer profile in CERVIS and
2. Completing a criminal background check. **IMPORTANT: inform parents of info in steps 12 & 13**

Parents must complete this process online. Make sure you have a shortcut on the welcome center computer to the CERVIS sign up page.

Both the Volunteer Sign Up and Criminal Background check must be completed for your application to be processed.

Volunteer Sign Up and Criminal Background Check Instructions

1. Log on to the district's website, www.kleinisd.net.
2. Click on District and then Communications and Planning Department.
3. On the left hand side of the page under Communications and Planning, click on "Volunteers".
4. On the left hand side of this page, click Volunteer Sign Up.
5. Read all the information on the Sign Up page prior to completing the **two** steps.
6. Click the blue "Click Here" link (#7)
7. A new window will open to the CERVIS Volunteer Management System where you will complete a volunteer profile. Once you finish filling in the form, click "submit."
8. Go back to the Volunteer Sign Up page, and click on the blue "Criminal Background Check" link (#9).
9. A new window will open. At the bottom of the page, it will ask if you agree to the criminal history/background check. Click "Fill in Background Information" to continue.
10. Fill in your information and make sure to initial the bottom to give your consent again.
11. Click "Save", a "thank you" screen will appear, and you will receive an automated email telling you the background check was successfully submitted.
12. **If you don't see the thank you screen your background check did not successfully submit.**
13. **If you don't receive the automated email, stating that your background check was successfully submitted, then it was not successfully submitted.**
14. You are done once **both** have been successfully submitted.

What should the volunteer do if they are unable to successfully submit a background check?

- They are welcome to visit any KISD school to use a computer available in the Welcome Center.

How can volunteers complete this process if they do not have a computer?

- They are welcome to visit any KISD school to use a computer available in the Welcome Center.

Additional Information

- The background check will take up to ten business days.
- **Please have your volunteer coordinator or a campus staff member call new volunteers as their names appear on the approved database.**
- Parents have been instructed to call the campus where they will volunteer if they have questions about how to begin their volunteer service or have not received a call about volunteering.
- Any volunteer declined because of the criminal background check will receive notification in writing.
- At no point will a principal or volunteer coordinator receive information about a person's criminal background check; all information will remain confidential.
- To arrange a confidential conference about non-approval, call Dr. Janice Taylor at 832-249-4225.
- If a parent adamantly refuses to complete the background process online, have them call Dr. Taylor.