

KALLES JUNIOR HIGH NEWSLETTER

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Kalles Mission Statement:

L.E.A.D: Leadership, Empowerment, Accountability, Development

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Important Dates!

- Aug. 22nd—Fall sports begins
- Aug. 24th—Tyee Team/Prep Day for all 7th graders, 8am-11:30am
- Aug. 24th—Prep Day for all 8th/9th graders, 12:00pm-3:00pm
- Sept. 1st—First Day of School
- Sept. 8th—Back to School Night, 6-8pm
- Sept. 14th—Fair Day, Music groups perform
- Oct. 7th—No School
- Oct. 8th—No School (State in-service)

Dear Kalles Community:

Hopefully this newsletter finds you enjoying the summer break. Our weather; however, has not been that cooperative. :) If your son or daughter attended Kalles last year, then you know that we celebrated, for the second consecutive year, being one of the top twenty junior highs in the State of Washington, being named a School of Distinction. Only three other middle/junior high schools were honored to receive this for a second consecutive time. We were honored to receive the award of being a “Great School” for our growth and progress over the past five years. Needless to say, it truly is a great time to be a Tyee and one thing still holds true and consistent, we at Kalles are here for the kids!

We are here to teach, learn and grow as individuals. We will collaborate together as a unified group: staff, parents, and students in order to raise the bar and move up! Keeping true to our past, our traditions, and our Tyee pride, we will continue to work hard for our students and look to continue our pride of being one of the best junior highs in the entire state! Our building theme this year is “Team Kalles.....every student, every staff, every home, everyday!” We are all in this together and need to collaborate to ensure each student receives the best possible education.

Our mission statement at Kalles will continue to help guide us in our work. We want each staff member and student to LEAD: Leadership, Empowerment, Accountability and Development of the whole self. The staff has worked hard to develop goals that surround our mission. We look forward to working with you and your student this year!

Mario Casello—Principal

Electronic Devices

Here at Kalles and in the Puyallup School District, we have a policy regarding cell phones, ipods, or any other electronic device. Please refer to your child’s student handbook with more detailed information as well as having a talk about possible class disruptions. If an emergency occurs, please call our office and not your child’s cell phone. Thanks!

Sept. 1st-First Day of School

Our first day of school will be Thursday, Sept. 1st. Students should report at 7:55am to the following locations:

7th Grade: Commons

8th/9th Grade: Gym

Students will once again receive schedules at this time and head to first period. School ends at 2:25pm.

Kalles Music

Kalles will be well represented at the Western Washington Fair! On Fair Day, September 14th, the orchestra will perform from 12:00-12:30. The jazz band will perform from 12:30-1:00. See you there! For more information, contact Mrs. Pelandini or Mrs. Blumenthal at 841-8729.



Tyee Team

Tyee Team is our transitional program for all incoming 7th graders. Tyee Team is combined with our Prep Day on Wednesday, August 24th, 8:00am-11:30am. All incoming 7th graders will report to the gym by 7:45am (*parents this is for your child only, please plan on dropping off your child and then returning to pick them up at 11:30am). Students will go through various team building activities and icebreakers to help them in their transition from elementary to junior high school. Our goal is to eliminate any barriers or intimidation factors that students sometimes experience as they transition to junior high school. Along with Tyee Team, students will go through our Prep Day. **Please see article below on Prep Day.*

Prep Day

Prep Day is intended to help students begin the school year in a smooth fashion. Prep Day for 8th/9th graders will be Wednesday, August 24th from 12:00pm-3:00pm. **See schedule on the side.* Prep Day for all 7th graders will be on Wednesday, August 24th from 8:00am-11:30am. On this day, students will take their school pictures, ASB/ID card picture, they'll get their class schedule, pay any fines, complete athletic clearance, purchase PE uniforms, get a tour of the campus, receive their textbooks for each class, and meet new friends. The most important document for your son/daughter to bring on this day is their enrollment verification form, completely filled out. *Please see Prep Day packet included with this newsletter.*

The Caring Corner at Kalles.....

We want to welcome back to Kalles our returning 8th and 9th graders and add a BIGGER, WELCOME, to our new 7th graders coming to Kalles for the first time. The 2011-2012 school year is almost here and we are confident that it is going to be full of learning, fun, and friendship for all of our students. We are here to support and encourage you in all of these areas. Are you ready for the opportunity to learn, become involved in great activities, create fun memories, and make new friends? Here are some tips and reminders for your preparation. Come to school prepared with all of your supplies, they are listed in the Kalles Course of Study. Before school starts get back on a schedule that allows you to get plenty of sleep so that you are rested and ready to learn. Having an area designated for completing homework and studying for test will help you find what you need and not lose your work. Fill out your Kalles planner with class work, homework, tests, and quizzes. We know that being involved in school activities promotes success. Encourage your parents to attend our Back to School Night on September 8th from 6:00-8:00. We are looking forward to seeing you on Prep Day on August 24th.

Mr. Williams and Mrs. Jordan, Kalles Counselors

Tyee Pride...

8th/9th Grade Prep Day Arrival times based on your last name: Please arrive at your assigned time to help with our distribution system.

A-G— 12:00am-1:00pm

H-Q—1:00pm-2:00pm

R-Z—2:00pm-3:00pm

Booster Club

The goal of the club each year is to provide support, both in service and projects—financially funding activities. Our Booster Club meetings prove to be very productive. Please join us so that we can continue to support the students of KJH. Our meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00p.m. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the main office at 841-8729.

School Meals

Lunches are sold for a price of \$3.25, Milk/Juice is \$.65, and Breakfast is \$2.15. Credit to student lunch accounts can be obtained before school and on Prep Day by paying in the cafeteria. Applications are available in the Kalles main office for those that qualify for free or reduced lunch. Applications are turned into the Food Services Office at 1501 39 Ave. SE., 841-8773

Transportation

Bus route information will be published on the Puyallup School District website and will be available in August. Activity buses will be available at 4:45pm Monday-Thursday for students involved in after school activities. Questions regarding transportation should be directed to 841-8775.

Back to School Night



On Wednesday, September 8th, Kalles will host it's annual Back to School Night. We will begin promptly in the gym with our program at 6:00pm and will end around 8:00pm. Back to School Night is an attempt for you as parents to get to know the curriculum and activities that occur in your child's classes. During Back-to-School Night teachers will be sharing with you the requirements and expectations of their classes. With time being short, this is not the best time to talk about individual needs or concerns you may have. We would ask you to respect the time commitment we have made to each period. If you have a specific question or need to have a follow up conversation with the teacher please feel free to email or call the school. Appointments can be made for individual meetings by calling our main office at 253.841.8729.

Student Planners

At the beginning of the year all students will receive a student planner. Included will be school information and the student handbook. The planner is used daily to track student homework and is the student's hall pass. Students must have their planner, with their name in it, at school each and every day for use in class and as their hall pass. If a student loses their planner they may purchase a replacement for \$5.00. We encourage you to check the planner each night to see what is expected of your child from each of their teachers. Please contact your child's teacher if you have questions regarding the planner.

Attendance Information

Absences: If your child is ill, please contact the attendance secretary at 841-8730. You may FAX a note at 840-8984 or leave a message during after school hours at 841-8729. Information should include first and last name of student, reason for absence, and dates of absence.

Early Dismissals: If your child must leave the school

early, please call the school or FAX a note as stated above. The student will meet you in the office at the designated time. You must sign your student out of school in the main office prior to leaving.

Tardies: There are few acceptable reasons for tardiness to school. Most tardies are recorded as unexcused and carry disciplinary consequences. If

tardy, a child must provide a note with a reason for tardiness and time of return.

Planned Absences: If you know in advance that your child is going to be absent for more than two consecutive days, please complete a planned absence form. Planned absence forms can be picked up in the main office.



Student Body Fundraiser: Need Assistance

As we all know we are in some difficult economic times, not only in the Puyallup School District, but throughout our entire nation. Because of this, it is a challenge to administer the many different types of fundraisers that are available to schools. In the past, here at Kalles, we have been fortunate to use fair parking as our main ASB fundraiser. However, due to our field conditions, we are

unable to park cars on the fields. We will utilize our paved parking lots for a small portion of fundraising. However, the revenue from this small fundraising will not be enough to support our students throughout the whole year. Similar to last year, we are trying to avoid sending our students out on some of the "crazy" fundraising adventures. So, we are asking each student to bring \$20.00 to

Prep Day on August 24th. If you write out a check, please endorse it to Kalles Junior High School. We figure if we can get each student to bring twenty dollars, then we would raise a portion of money to help support our student body with their interests and needs. By doing such a fundraiser, we believe it takes pressure off of our students and their guardians for having to fundraise by "walking the blocks" or begging family members to purchase items. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the administration so that we can answer any questions. Thanks for your support and commitment to our kids!

Sincerely, Mario Casello and Rick Cox

All School Supply List Goes Here!

Athletic Information Goes Here!

News from our Assistant Principal

As your child leaves elementary, it is their tendency to want more freedom while parents/guardians show signs of respecting that adolescent's wishes. Your child may be given more responsibilities, but are still at an age where positive, adult guidance is continuously needed. Here are some keys to your adolescent's success. First, as parents, be as involved as you can in his/her schooling. Be in frequent contacts with the appropriate teachers and provide support for their studies at home. Secondly, understand that adolescence bring on a variety of challenges from hormones to peer pressure. Keep the communication lines open, even if they seem to not want to talk about specific issues. Sit down with them and spend some time discussing honesty, peer pressure, school priorities, and future goals. With this, celebrate the small victories of achievement and let them know that you are proud of their efforts. Lastly, get your child involved in athletics, arts, music, or any other club inside or outside of school. The more that they are actively engaged in a positive environment, the less they will see academic failure and/or discipline issues at home, school, or with law enforcement. Another benefit of this is that they are then exposed to different situations that safely build self-confidence, while building problem solving skills that will be needed in the future. Sincerely, Rick Cox

Welcome New Staff to Kalles!

Kalles Jr. High prides itself on having high expectations and high academic standards for our students. Our teachers are dedicated to challenging their students and preparing them for the next level of education. Our staff is very "team-oriented" and believes that every teacher teaches to every student. We are pleased to have joining our Tye Team the following new staff members:

Rick Cox: Mr. Cox is our new assistant principal. He is replacing Mr. Widmann, who is now serving as assistant principal at Puyallup High School. Mr. Cox is coming to us from Rogers High School, where he has served as assistant principal for the past five years. He brings a great deal of administrative experience to Kalles. We are excited to have him join the Tye Family!

Tommy Haynes: Mr. Haynes will be teaching math and science here at Kalles. He student taught for us here at Kalles and has been in a variety of long-term subbing positions.

Ken Kester: Mr. Kester is our new science teacher. He was in a long-term position for us last year and we're excited to hire him full time. He previously taught in the Kent School District. He brings a vast amount of experience and knowledge for teaching science.

Sharon Gilleland: Mrs. Gilleland is our new social studies/language arts teacher. She has taught in the Puyallup School District for several years at the elementary and junior high level. She is coming to us from Glacier View Junior High School.

Robin Colton: Mrs. Colton is joining our special education department in the self-contained area. She is coming to us from Stahl Junior High School. She has also served in the Puyallup School District for several years.

Nurse's News

Is there anything more exciting than a new year? We are filled with hope, excitement and anxious anticipation. As the new year starts at Kalles, do you know what will help your child be successful at Kalles? Get involved; make sure your student gets a good night's rest; make sure your student has some kind of nourishing breakfast either at home or at school; check that assignments are getting done; send back the necessary first-of-the-year paperwork and get to know your student's teachers. If your child has a health concern that could impact learning, please call the School Nurse. If the health concern is life threatening, we will need to complete an Emergency Action Plan before your student starts school. You can call the School Nurse, Michelle Windish RN or our Health Assistant at Kalles. The number is 841-8729. Either one of us can help you complete the necessary paper work. If your student needs medications during the school day, you will also need to complete the authorization for medication at school. Your Doctor has that paper work or you can call us at Kalles. If your student is in 7th grade, plan to get a sports physical so your student can participate in sports. And, if sports is not for your student there are many other opportunities to get involved, like music, the arts or drama.

Seventh grade students and all new students have a health screening which includes: vision, hearing, dental, height and all 7th and 9th grade students are screened for scoliosis.

Welcome and my hope is that you will realize very quickly why we believe Kalles Junior High is the very best!

Your School Nurse

Michelle Windish, RN



Tye Goodness is Alive!



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PSD Announces Junior High HIV/AIDS Curriculum

The Puyallup School District invites parents and/or guardians of junior high students to preview the district's approved Sexual Health curricula for students in grades 7, 8, and 9 to be held on **Wednesday, September 21, 2011 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm** in the **Puyallup HS Commons, 105 Seventh Street SW in Puyallup**. Parents wishing to exclude their child from the state required **HIV/AIDS & Sexual Health** curriculum must preview this curriculum and sign an exclusion form. If you have any questions or concerns, please be sure to attend this parent information meeting, contact your child's teacher, or contact the Rick Wells, Director of Health and Fitness, 841-8785.

Computer, Internet and Technology Awareness for Parents.....

Computers and the internet have changed our way of living, as we all know. From a school's stand point, we just want parents to be aware of the latest activity that some students are involving themselves in: Cyber-bullying. Cyber-bullying is where students go on to one of the several on-line chat forums; such as: MySpace, Facebook or Formspring and they participate in conversations with other people. Within these forums, some students are "harassing" other students through their writings. Please keep an eye on what sites your student is engaging themselves in.