Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to Keet Gooshi Heen! We have had a great start to the school year, and it has been fun to see the enthusiasm in our students’ faces each day. This past month, students and staff settled into life at Keet with lessons on playground, lunch room, and bus behavior, student conduct, and classroom routines. Establishing school-related routines at home is also important. Please set aside time each night for homework and/or reading with your child. It is equally important for students to come to school each morning well-rested and well-fed. Together we can help ensure each child’s year is fun and successful.

Student Drop-Off

A reminder to parents/guardians that students are to report directly to the playground in the morning no earlier than 7:45 am, as we will have no adult supervision until that time. In an effort to minimize delays and maximize safety, our student drop-off area has been expanded. When dropping your child off each morning, please do the following:

- Pull forward as far as you can in the designated student drop-off area. This will allow the maximum number of parents to drop students off at a time.
- Have students ready with their backpacks and other school supplies when being dropped off.
- Have your child exit the vehicle from the passenger side and walk directly to the sidewalk. This will keep them from having to walk in between cars in the dark and rain.

This is a high-traffic area in the morning, so please use caution, and encourage your child to use sidewalks and go directly to the playground. We ask that you do not drop your child off on the District Office side of the building to help avoid congestion with bus traffic, limited parking availability, and limited space to turn around. Thank you for your continued efforts to help everyone have a safe and sane start to their day.

Sincerely,
**2019-2020 School Hours**

Monday—Thursday: All Grades: 8:00 a.m.—2:40 p.m.

Friday Schedule: All Grades: 8:00 a.m.—1:40 p.m.

**Attendance Guidelines**

When your child is absent, please call the office before 8:00 a.m. at 747-8395. If your child is absent and we do not hear from you, we will attempt to contact you when we get attendance reports from teachers. (We don’t want something to happen to a student on the way to school, with neither the parent nor the school knowing about it.)

If you are going on a trip or for another planned absence from school, please try to let the office know at least a week ahead of time.

**School Release Guidelines**

If you need to have your child picked up before the end of the day (doctor/dentist appointments, etc.), send a note or call the office at 747-8395. If you are authorizing someone else to pick up your child, please tell us who that will be, as well as when and why. In order for the school to release your child to someone other than a parent or guardian, that person needs to be on your child’s emergency contact list on file with the office. (Please do not call the classroom as the message may not be received in time.)

**Lunch accounts**

You can receive negative lunch balance statements for your child by email from KGH. We send out low balance/negative balance slips by email. If you have any questions, please call Jessie Charlton at 966-1245 or email: charltonj@sitkaschools.org

You can make a payment online by going to: https://sitka.revtrak.net/School-Lunch-Payments/or stop by the KGH office and pay using cash, check, or credit card.

**Lunch**

- 2nd Grade: 11:15—12:00
- 5th Grade: 11:55—12:40
- 3rd Grade: 11:30—12:15
- 4th Grade: 12:20—1:05

**Cost for Hot Lunch**

- $3.50 Daily Lunch
- $.75 Milk

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School Rules
During the first week of school, each class had a lesson on school, playground, bus rules and expectations. The lessons encourage students to be respectful, responsible, and safe throughout their school day.

KGH Student Success Program
Student Success Program (grades 2-5) offer a prevention and intervention program to all students at Keet Gooshi Heen, especially for those students whose academic performance may be affected by special circumstances. Our programs also address life-skill issues such as making and keeping friends, decision-making, and peer pressure.

You can reach the Student Success Program Coordinator (Gr. 2-5) Ramon Quevedo at 966-1213.

Breakfast Club
Breakfast is offered at Keet Gooshi Heen each morning for students who missed their morning meal.

- Time: 7:45-8:00
- Location: MPR
- Cost: $1.95

If your child qualifies for Free/Reduced lunch there is no cost for breakfast.

Applications for Free/Reduced lunch are available in the main office or on the district website.

Kind Keet Kids
Kind Keet Kids is up and running again this year. Each Friday, two students from each grade level will be recognized by having their names announced over the school loud speaker, having their photo posted on a bulletin board, and receiving a certificate of achievement for being respectful, responsible, safe, or kind. The Kind Keet Kids bulletin board is located outside the main office. Check it out to see some of the awesome things that kids are doing at KGH.
Hello 2nd Grade!

Welcome to 2nd grade music! I am so happy to see my returning students and to meet our new ones. We have been having a grand time in our KGH music room so far this year playing new games, revisiting our old friends Sol and Mi; ta and ti-ti and will be adding to our tone ladder and rhythm figures very soon.

In the next few weeks we will be starting our holiday preparation for our upcoming winter concert. It will be December 16th at 6:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center. We are doing the musical, “Elfis and the Sleighriders”. More information will be forthcoming.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to phone me at my classroom in Baranof 966-1318 (message phone) or email me at jonesk@sitkaschools.org.

Keep Singing!

Kathi Jones
Welcome to the Library

During library visits, students are exposed to a variety of books and learn to find pleasure in reading. At every library visit all students enjoy read aloud, hear book talks, and check out or have a lesson focused on library skills. The beginning of the year is focused on learning library routines and expectations, searching the catalog for resources, and finding the ‘good books’ in the library by becoming familiar with the fiction and non-fiction areas.

Fall Book Fair

Our fall Scholastic Book Fair will be October 28th-31st. Come by during conferences to support your library and pick up some great books at great prices. If you can volunteer time to help during the fair, please call me.

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Simic

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- September 2016
- Keet Gooshi Heen
Hello to all Parents:

I’m Mrs. Buxton and I teach Science at KGH. Science will be taught using a variety of methods. I am really excited to be introducing and teaching students about STEM and STEAM practices in science education. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, and the A in STEAM adds Art to the process. STEM lessons involve problem based and performance based activities. My Grade 3 -5 introductory lessons included learning about Butterflies and Energy. Second graders had a lesson on using the process skills of our senses to observe and make notes about observations. Upcoming lessons will include the following:

**Second graders** will begin studying forces of push & pull and balance & motion in physical science. They will become experts in balancing a variety of objects with and without counterweights.

**Third graders** are investigating matter in physical science. They will collect evidence to determine if a substance is a solid or a liquid. For example, solids keep their shape, and liquids take the shape of the container they are in. Solids can be hard, soft or powders; liquids make a puddle, not a pile.

**Fourth graders** will begin the year with physical science. We will study magnetism and electricity including topics on insulators and conductors with different types of circuits.

**Fifth graders** will study physical science and the usefulness of simple machines. I hope to include some of the energy saving tools for the upcoming survival unit. We will look at forces in physical science with wedges, screws, inclined planes, wheels and axles, levers and pulleys.
Welcome to the gym!

Where sportsmanship and safety are the most important aspect of everything we do!

This year students will take part in the following activities: Playground Games, Ultimate Frisbee, Flag Football, Floor Hockey, Basketball, Kickball, Norwegian Kickball, Capture-the-Football, Racquet Sports, Mat Ball, Volleyball, Asteroids, Soccer, and Whiffle Ball. We will also enjoy some fun, seasonal activities: Spooktacular Gym, Jingle Bell Gym, and Rock-n-Bowl.

I am looking forward to another great year working and playing with your kids.

Please call 966-1239 or email ross@sitkaschools.org with any questions or concerns.

Bus Rules/Behavior Expectations

KGH staff and Prewitt’s bus company are working together to improve the bus-riding experience for both students and drivers. Together, Prewitt’s and KGH staff will provide students the opportunity to learn the bus rules and behavior expectations during the first week of school in a clear, organized, age-appropriate manner.

We are asking families to help us with the following:

- Remind your children that the number one job of the bus driver is to deliver children to school and home safely. To do this, bus riders must be respectful of the bus rules to ensure safety.
- Please discuss these rules/behavior expectations with your children.
- Students are to follow all school/bus rules at the bus stop and on the bus.
- At the bus stop, wait for the driver to signal you before moving toward the bus.
- No throwing objects, eating, spitting, littering, or yelling.
- Stay in your seat at all times.
- Let the bus driver know if you are having a problem that you cannot solve on your own.
- Be respectful and helpful to the bus driver and other students.
- The bus is an extension of their classroom. Students should behave on the bus as they would in their classroom.

If your child is missing items, check both KGH and Prewitt’s Lost and Found.
KGH’s Fall Fun Fundraiser

This year KGH will be participating in the Believe Kids fundraiser. Students will be selling gift items to raise funds for their classrooms. Classroom teachers will use these funds to pay for classroom expenses that are not covered by the district, such as buses for field trips, art supplies, snacks, and supplies for special projects.

Packets will be sent home with students on Friday, September 20. The fundraiser will end on Friday, Oct. 11th. All the important details and directions will be sent home with the students along with their packets. If you have questions feel free to call Twila Keaveny (747-8395 keavenyt@sitkaschools.org) or Stephanie Peterson (966-1225 petersons@sitkaschools.org). It says a great deal about our community that KGH is the highest selling school in the entire nation for this particular fundraiser! Thank you for your continued support.

**Any support you can provide is appreciated. Thank you! Let’s have FUN with this fundraiser!**
Reminder to Parents:

Please send your child to school each day with clear instructions for their after-school plans. We understand circumstances do arise that call for a change of plans during the school day, but you help limiting these changes is appreciated. Changing after-school plans during the school day often creates confusion for students, staff, and our bus drivers. Thank you for your help in ensuring our students get home safely.

Attendance Fact:

If a student misses an average of fourteen days of school per year, they will have missed a full year of academic instruction by the time they graduate from high school.

Valuables at KGH

Students are discouraged from bringing such personal items to school as a cell phone, iPod, toys, make-up, or money. The loss, theft, or damage to an item is not the responsibility of the school. Students are easily distracted from their studies once these items are taken from pockets and backpacks. Safety concerns may also arise due to unnecessary items being brought to school. We encourage families to leave all valuables at home. Cell phones should be turned off and kept in student backpacks.

Spirit Gear

This year’s spirit gear was designed by Ella Refshaw, who won the 2019 KGH spring shirt design contest. Order your Keet swag online; see attached flyer.
SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

Keet Gooshi Heen Elementary School
Friday, September 20th

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