

A Note from the Principal...

Greetings Knights and Welcome Back!

I hope you are enjoying your summer break. We have had a busy summer of educational training and “staycations” this summer. Kahla’s front vestibule has been under construction, so we will have a few changes as we enter the building this school year. Good communication is one of our continuous campus improvement goals, and we will be communicating most of our school information to you through the electronic media sources listed below. We have found that people prefer different types of communication sources, so we will continue to push out information in multiple formats in order to get information out to as many people as possible. Here are a few of the ways we can connect:



- Like us on Facebook at
- <https://kahla.cfid.net/en/> Kahla webpage
- Follow us on Twitter @Kahlams
- School Messenger callout system via phone
- Class Dojo, email, and other online methods per your child’s student/teacher communication choice

Upcoming Dates:

- **August 14th – 17th New Student Registration District**
 - Times: 8am – 3pm
- **August 18th – Kahla Express**
 - Times: 8 – 9:30 a.m.
 - 7th & 8th Grade
 - Times: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
 - 6th Graders
- **August 27th – First Day of School**
- **September 13th – Open House**

Student Safety

Safety is our highest priority. We will continue to evaluate all of our safety protocols and improve wherever we can. The following protocols and processes will be established and utilized:

- The entry procedure for visitors has been updated for Kahla MS
- ONLY Clear Backpacks are allowed at the secondary level for all CFISD campuses (no drawstrings) – **Starting Day 1, August 27, 2018**
- Our counselors are available for students each day and physically present during arrival, dismissal and in cafeteria during breakfast/lunch each day.

- Our SRO officer is available and on campus each day and physically present during arrival, dismissal and in cafeteria during breakfast/lunch each day.
- We will continue to practice and refine our procedures for evacuation, lockout, lockdown, and shelter events
- We will streamline our communication systems during emergency situations
- All students are expected to wear their student ID badge to scan on and off the school bus as well as on campus and at after school events as a safety measure.
 - Parents can track their student's location by using www.zpassplus.com
 - Students are expected to use their student ID badge:
 - On and off the school bus
 - Meals in the cafeteria
 - Library
 - Clinic
 - Extra-Curricular Activities

More Information:

Clear Backpack FAQs:

<https://www.cfid.net/en/parents-students/safety/safety-security-cfid/clear-backpack-policy/>

Students may purchase their own Clear Backpack or purchase at Kahla Express for \$10.00 cash. Because we have a limited supply, we are asking parents to sign up and pay through School Cash Online at <https://www.cfid.net/en/parents-students/academics/school-cash-online/>. Backpacks will be delivered to the students the first day of school if they are unavailable at Kahla Express.

Athletics

7th and 8th grade students interested in participating in Athletics must have a current physical on file with the coaches' office by Friday, August 24th.

Dress Code

At Kahla Middle School, students dress for success. As you and your child prepare for the upcoming school year, we ask that you review the dress and grooming guidelines together from our Student Handbook. Please note special attention to the following student guidelines:

- ✓ **Pants** —must be worn at the waist or upper hip and must not reveal underclothing.
- ✓ **Leggings/Tights** - may not be worn as an alternative to pants or shorts
- ✓ **Shorts and Skirts** - must fit at the waist or upper hip, must not reveal underclothing, and must be mid-thigh in length or longer.
- ✓ **Tops, Shirts, and Blouses** - must not reveal underclothing, midsection, torso, back,

- chest, breasts or cleavage.
- ✓ **T-Shirts** - graphics and wording must be school appropriate
- ✓ **Dresses** - must not reveal underclothing, midsection, torso, back, chest, breasts, or cleavage and must be mid-thigh in length or longer.
- ✓ **Holes, rips, and shreds** in jeans must be located below the knee area
- ✓ **Pajamas/Loungewear/Blankets** - Keep at home
- ✓ **Slides / House Shoes** – Keep at home
- ✓ **Hats/Caps/Bandanas**–Keep at home

First Day Schedule Procedures



During the first day of school, student schedules will be distributed on a colored sheet of paper. When students arrive at school, they will report to their morning holding area to pick up their first day schedules:

6th graders: Gym
 7th graders: Cafeteria
 8th graders: Cafeteria

Staff members will be available in the main hallways and waiting areas to help each child find their first period successfully. Students will show their schedules to their teachers at the beginning of each period to verify that they are in the correct class. Students without a schedule will report to the library. There will be no schedule changes prior to August 31; therefore, students will need to follow this schedule for the first week of school, even if they plan to request a schedule change. The counselors will address changes with schedules during the lunch periods, with the most urgent changes taking priority.



School-Wide Fundraiser – begins September 2018

We are preparing for our school-wide fundraiser. Our fundraising efforts this year will help pay for things such as academic camps, character development programs, food for student representative luncheons, faculty luncheons, awards and prizes, etc. Our fundraiser kickoff day is  and ends September . Details will be sent home with the students. Your participation will be very much appreciated. Please note: Different student groups will still be doing their individual fundraisers throughout the school year.

Free/Reduced Lunch Applications

****NEW FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR****

- Cy-Fair Nutrition Services will no longer accept paper applications for Free/Reduced Price meals.
- Visit www.schoolcafe.com or the School Cafe app to apply.
- Call 281-897-4550 or visit the Food Production Center at 11355 Perry Road with questions and for assistance.

PE Uniforms

PE students are required to dress out 5 days a week. Please be sure your child has an appropriate set of shorts, t-shirts, and tennis shoes to participate fully each day.

Students dressing out daily is a part of their grade and ensures that they can participate fully in the designed activities.

Visitor ID System -

CFISD Visitor ID System helps track visitors, contractors, and volunteers at our school, thus providing a safer, more monitored, environment for the students. Visitors, volunteers or contractors check-in, and parents coming to pick up students will be asked to present a valid state or government issued photo ID for entering into the system. The system has the ability to provide alerts on people who may jeopardize the safety of the campus. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in presenting your valid state or government issued photo ID when checking in at Kahla Middle School. Additionally, in the absence of a court order to the contrary, a student will generally be released to either parent or legal guardian of the student, unless parents/guardians are providing conflicting directives to the campus in regards to release of the student.

Commonly Asked Questions

When Does School Start?

The first day of school is Monday, August 27, 2018. School hours are 8:05 a.m. – 3:20 p.m. Students can arrive between 7:40 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. and should leave campus or be at a monitored activity before 3:30 p.m.

What if I need to deliver items or lunch to my student during the school day?

We cannot interrupt classroom instruction time to make deliveries, call student to the front, or leave messages. Students will need to know to come to the front office if they anticipate a delivery. We will make exceptions for emergencies. Students need to check the front desk between classes or during their lunch period if they are expecting a delivery from a parent. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation. Remember parents can only bring food for their child. i.e. no, birthday cupcakes, pizza, etc. for students other than their own.

Can I eat lunch with my child?

Yes! Kahla has designated Tuesdays and Thursdays as campus lunch days for parent(s) / guardian(s). Parent(s) / guardian(s) may begin participating in lunch days as of September 11, 2018.

Where do I go after school?

Bus riders exit through the west doors near the gym. Students need to memorize their bus number. Car riders, walkers and bike riders exit through the front door. Students who walk home after school need to leave immediately at 3:20 p.m. Unless students have an after school activity, they must leave campus immediately after the bell. All students must be picked up by 4:00 p.m. as there is no adult supervision after that time.

How do I know which bus to ride?

Please check the website to find out which bus your child is supposed to ride. A representative from transportation will be at Kahla Express in order to explain bus routes and give bus assignments. For additional bus information, please call transportation at 713-MYCFBUS (713-692-3287) or check the website. <https://www.cfisd.net/en/parents-students/transportation/transportation-information/#>

What else do I need to know?

Memorize your student ID before the first day of school. Also, memorize your bus number. KMS is an incredible school, and we're glad you are going to be a KNIGHT!

If students happen to lose their ID, they must purchase another or get a temporary ID prior to leaving the campus. Students who do not have an ID will not be allowed to utilize the school bus after school.

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