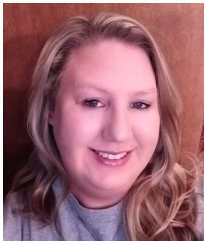




As we enter another month in 2020, we are excited to be adding new two new staff members to our classroom! Kelly Kukes (pronounced Koo-kes with emphasis on first syllable) will be joining our classroom as a third Lead Teacher. Kelly has taught for many years and holds a degree in both art and education. Angie Amato has volunteered for several years at Kendal and now will be helping us PRN as a Teacher's Aide while she attends Baldwin Wallace University for an education degree. Angie is also a Kendal Early Learning Center Alumnus! We also have two new students starting this month. Cameron Gornall and Xylahna Johnson will be joining us this month. We are so excited to have our new friends joining us as they both have had older siblings that have attended KELC as well. Have a great month! -- Jeni Hoover, KELC Director



Kelly Kukes
(On the left.)



Angie Amato
(On the right.)

Parent Meeting information

Our Parent Meeting was last week. I've sent all the information both electronically and as paper copies. If you have any further questions or have feedback to add please let me know. Our next Parent Meeting will be in August.

Arctic Study

We are studying the Arctic. If you have knowledge of the Arctic or have visited and would like to share pictures, ideas, or classroom activities about it, please let us know.

LifeCubby Update:

LifeCubby is currently not working to send weekly reminders of upcoming events. Please make sure you are checking your emails and the "School Calendar" option for LifeCubby.



Upcoming Dates:

- February 3 – Week A for participants in Cooking Club, Swimming, and Intergen
- February 6 – ELI Field Trip - Botanical Gardens (9:15am)
- February 10 – Week B for participants in Cooking Club, Swimming, and Intergen
- February 10 – Oberlin Kindergarten registration starts
- February 12 – Valentine's Day in Auditorium (9:30am)
- February 12 – Conscious Discipline Book Study (6pm)
- February 17 – Week C for participants in Cooking Club, Swimming, and Intergen
- February 21 – Amanda from Library (10:30am)
- February 24 – Week D for participants in Cooking Club, Swimming, and Intergen

Cooking Club, Swimming, and Friday Intergen Groups:

We have new groups, and the list for each was distributed last week. It was also updated on the "School Calendar" section on LifeCubby. These groups will remain the same till the end of May. We will look at the groups again in June for which students are taking the summer off or will be graduating.

Reminder: Don't forget to send your child with a hooded towel for swimming dates. This makes it easier to walk back and forth to the pool and reduces falls.

2020 KELC Closed Days

You will need to make alternate arrangements for your children on these days as KELC will be closed.

Teacher In-services: April 1-3, April 23 and 24, August 7, November 6

Holidays: Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and the day after, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day

From the KELC Teachers:

Hello Wonderful KELC Families,

We start this week off with the newly organized groups for Cooking Club, Swimming, and Friday Interagen. Copies of these new groups were sent home last week. If you need a new copy, please let us know. The School Calendar section on LifeCubby is also updated with these groups.

During February we will continue our study on the Arctic. We will not be having a Valentine's Day party where the children exchange cards with one another. Instead, we will be having a Valentine's themed play date with our Grandfriends in the Auditorium on Wednesday, February 12, at 9:30am. If you would like to help with our play date please let Mary, Val, or Kelly know. Our ELI Trips also pick back up this month as we head to the Botanical Gardens on Thursday, February 6. Next month we will be going to the Cleveland History Center in the beginning of the month and MOCA at the end of the month. Please feel free to join us for any field trip.

Please give feedback to Val, Mary, or Kelly on how the new homework has been working for your family. February's homework will be focused on being kind and using a Big Voice. Kindness is going to be our focus in the classroom, because whatever we focus our attention on brings positive results.

Thank you for sharing your children with us. We feel honored to be a part of their lives. Please reach out to us with any questions or concerns you have about our classroom.

Val, Mary, Kelly, Karen, Lynea, Emily, and Angie.

Pictures from the past month:

