

# The Keller Connection

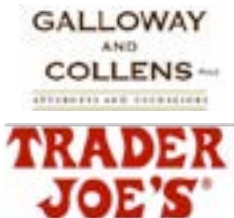
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*"Our character is what we do when we think no one is looking."*  
~H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

## Huskies Run – Friday, October 13

We are teaming up with The Get Movin' Crew to help make this event fun and profitable.

Please register your child at their website ([www.thegetmovincrew.com](http://www.thegetmovincrew.com)) to collect online donations (a paper pledge sheet was also sent home to collect "in school" donations). Support Keller to reach our school goal of \$18,000 to earn the opportunity to SLIME Mrs. Dryden. A special thank you to Galloway and Collens in Huntington Woods for being a sponsor and Trader Joe's for donating 300 water bottles for the run. A letter describing this event was sent home last week and there are details on our facebook page. Volunteer opportunities ([tinyurl.com/yd2xp4le](http://tinyurl.com/yd2xp4le)) and the schedule of the day have been emailed. Please contact Megan O'Shea & Michelle Vinluan at [huskiesrun@helenkellerpta.net](mailto:huskiesrun@helenkellerpta.net) with any questions!



## Open Committee Chair Positions

The PTA has a goal to fill all open chairperson positions by the end of October. Be a risk taker and come help the PTA! If events are calling for one chairperson and you don't want to do it alone, ask a friend and we will turn it into a co-chair committee. For a description of the events and to sign up to volunteer as a chairperson, please visit [tinyurl.com/y87xudot](http://tinyurl.com/y87xudot)

- School Raffle – co-chair requested
- Reflections – co-chair requested
- IFFF (International Food and Fun Festival) – co-chair requested
- Silent Auction – chair requested
- Unplugged Week – chair requested
- Late Start Coordinator – chair requested
- Keller Family Community Outing (formerly Mother-Son Event) – chair requested

## Royal Oak Schools Bond

There is a proposed bond for Royal Oak Schools that will be on the **November 7** ballot (please note, if you are not registered to vote, **October 10** is the **final day** to do so). Key features of the bond include facility and site upgrades, instructional equipment, technology and athletic upgrades (Keller specific changes consist of relocating the main office to the back of the building with new pick-up/drop-off areas and creating an active technology studio). **A passed bond will result in ZERO increase to your current tax rate.**



## Upcoming PTA Events

**October Late Starts** – 4, 11, 18, 25

**October 31** – Half Day of school, morning only

**October 9** – PTA Meeting, 7 p.m. – Cafeteria. Free childcare provided by the PTA!

**October 13** – Huskies Run

**October 23 through 27** – Fall "Wild West" Book Fair – M-Th, 3:30-4:45 p.m., F, 6-8 p.m. – Media Center

**October 27** – Trunk or Treat, 6-8 p.m. – North Parking Lot, Cafeteria & Gym

**November Late Starts** – 1, 15, 29

**November 13** – PTA Meeting, 7 p.m. – Cafeteria. Free childcare provided by the PTA!

**November 22-24** – Thanksgiving Holiday Break, no school.

**December Late Starts** – 6, 13, 20

**December 11** – PTA Meeting, 7 p.m. – Cafeteria. Free childcare provided by the PTA!

**December 13** – Pixie Shop, Keller Gymnasium

## Send in Your Box Tops...

Our first drive for Box Tops for this school year is going on now! **Please send in your box tops before October 13** in a bag/envelope labeled with your child's teacher's name. The class that collects the most box tops will receive a special prize.



## Wild West 2017 Book Fair

Keller Elementary PTA is sponsoring the annual Scholastic Fall Book Fair. This year's theme is the Wild West! Giving kids access and the opportunity to choose their own books will motivate them to read more. Please make a plan to visit our book fair and help your child saddle up to read!



The Wild West book fair will be open in the Media Center from **Monday, October 23** through **Thursday, October 26** from 3:30 p.m.-4:45 p.m. and on **Friday, October 27**, during Trunk or Treat from 6-8 p.m.

The PTA is also looking for some volunteers to help before, during and after the book fair. Please consider giving us a hand and signing up to volunteer for a task or two. Please visit [tinyurl.com/yczau4jz](http://tinyurl.com/yczau4jz) to sign up as a volunteer.

## Attention Keller Families!

Our annual **Trunk or Treat** and **BOOK** Fair is **Friday, October 27**, from 6-8 p.m. in the Keller north parking lot. The event will include games, a costume contest, a best-decorated trunk contest, and cider and donuts! Prizes will be awarded! Come on out for a SPOOKTACULAR time. Admission cost is one bag of candy. Volunteers will be needed, so please stay tuned for a Sign Up Genius. Costumes are great, but toy weapons and masks are not. This event is sponsored by the Keller PTA.

## SRC Lab Needs Help!

Please consider volunteering to cover the SRC lab. We still have open slots in October and we need your help! This is an easy, 40-minute period at the end of the school day (2:30-3:10 pm). Volunteers help students find their books in the SRC quiz database in the computer lab. We'll show you the ropes and you do not need extensive computer experience. Please visit [tinyurl.com/ycn5ufo2](http://tinyurl.com/ycn5ufo2) for the **October** sign up. Contact Tressa Orthmeyer [tressa\\_o@me.com](mailto:tressa_o@me.com) with questions.

## October 20 is School Picture Day

Lifetouch is looking for two volunteers to assist them for the day. Each volunteer will receive a \$35.00 voucher to use toward your picture order (vouchers are not available for online orders. Mrs. Kaiser should get them a couple of days prior to picture day and you can include that in your payment envelope). Please email Michelle Vinluan [president@helenkellerpta.net](mailto:president@helenkellerpta.net) if you are available to help.

## The World is Our Stage Talent Show

The Keller PTA is proud to present our second annual talent show **February 9, 2018**. All risk-takers (students and teachers) are invited to dust off their tutus, tune up their instruments, practice their back flips and magic tricks, or warm up their voices, for any act under TWO minutes. Participation is limited to one act per student. Participation forms and permission slips will be available soon. Watch for the information to come home with your child. Deadline for permission slips is **November 10, 2017**. Auditions will be held **December 7, 2017** from 4-8 pm in the Keller Cafeteria. If applicable, please bring your performance ready music. Parents must accompany students.

To volunteer for the event, please let us know on the permission slip. The February event is free to children 11 and under. Tickets for adults will be \$2/ ticket or \$5 per family. Questions? Email [performingarts@helenkellerpta.net](mailto:performingarts@helenkellerpta.net).

## Volunteer Coordinator

The PTA is working on increased volunteerism as another goal for the year and Brooke Ryan has stepped up to be our volunteer coordinator. If you chair an event, she is your go-to person to obtain volunteers so you can focus on the other details. Before each event please send the following information to [brookeryan2014@yahoo.com](mailto:brookeryan2014@yahoo.com):

- The event name, time, date
- What you need volunteers for
- How many volunteers you need for each tasks
- The time line that each volunteer will be doing each task

Brooke will then create a SignUpGenius for your event! She will also:

- Reach out to community resources for additional volunteers, if needed
- Send out emails with the SignUpGenius link/information for each event to all PTA members
- Send sign up links/information to the Chairpersons for Website and Facebook posts

## 2018 STEM/Robotics Expo

In Spring 2018, the PTA will host it's first STEM fair! It will be an Expo for FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology ) Lego League and jr Lego League teams at Keller. Visit [tinyurl.com/y72c4lej](http://tinyurl.com/y72c4lej) to learn more.

Registration is open NOW and coaches are needed! For more information on the 2018 Spring Expo, please visit [www.helenkellerpta.net/stem/](http://www.helenkellerpta.net/stem/).

