



BBK Bulletin

Editor's Note

Hello Keller Families!

Welcome back to school! We have had a great beginning thus far and all of our students have been reaching out to their peers in a fabulous way!

We were fortunate to have several students join us in August for a Best Buddies workshop as well as an opportunity to meet with potential Buddies.

We had our first meeting on September 15th for the Peer Buddy Family members only to begin to plan for the year. The following meeting, on October 6th will be the first annual Keller Elementary "Match Party" when buddy families are "matched" for the first time.

Thanks for reading and if you choose not to read, thanks for recycling!

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"A friend is a gift you give yourself."

-Robert Louis Stevenson



New News

Students will be working with the Best Buddy advisors to access the online portal to document the student membership and activities that will be completed throughout the year. In addition, the portal will provide additional materials and outline the expectations for our chapter.

A representative from Best Buddies will be joining us for our Match Party and will continue to work with the Keller Team as we navigate our pilot year as a chapter!

Fun Facts

1. Elementary Schools are not even listed on the Best Buddies official website as of yet!
2. Helen Keller Elementary is blazing a path for elementary schools across the nation to offer students a unique opportunity.
3. Mr. Stark and Mrs. Geddes were able to meet recently with some staff from Best Buddies who indicated that the work that was completed thus far for this chapter has far exceeded their initial expectations and we should continue the great work!

Thank you to everyone who has been instrumental in getting this off the ground!

Schedule for the Year

*Meetings will always be on Tuesdays; however, dates and times are subject to change.

September 15th Peer Buddies only
2:45 - 3:30 PM

October 6th Match Party - ALL
2:45 - 3:45 PM

November 10th ALL
2:45 - 3:45 PM

December 8th ALL
2:45 - 3:45 PM

January 12th Peer Buddies only
2:45 - 3:30 PM

February 9th ALL
2:45 - 3:45 PM

March 8th ALL
2:45 - 3:45 PM

April 12th ALL
2:45 - 3:45 PM

May 10th Peer Buddies only
2:45 - 3:30 PM

June 14th ALL
2:45 - 3:45 PM

Reminder: A few requirements for Participants

As a Best Buddies participant:

- I understand that if I am matched in a one-to-one friendship, the commitment includes meeting together outside of school once a month and making weekly contact during the school year.
- I understand that I will attend chapter activities, assemblies, and Best Buddies events and that my conduct should always promote the mission of Best Buddies.
- I understand that I am responsible for arranging transportation after school when a meeting is held.

Additional Information

All of the Buddy Family members will be invited to monthly meetings. Most of those monthly meetings will include fun activities that are completed with their Buddy. Three times during the year, the Buddy Family members will meet with staff without their Buddy in order to help initiate and maintain the relationships that are being created as well as continue to foster the inclusive environment that already exists at Keller Elementary.