



COLT CONNECTION

Kelly Mill Elementary Information Express | Established 2012

SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

PRINCIPALS CORNER

Dear KME families,

September, Wow! This has been a great start to another year at KME. We are excited that you are part of the KME Colt Family. One of the early goals established for Kelly Mill was to become STEM Certified. From our beginning, KME has diligently worked toward this distinction. Resources have been provided across all grade levels from our PTO, grants, and individual contributions to enable our students to learn the Design Process that encompasses life-long skills such as Critical Thinking, Collaboration, Communication, and Creativity. Over a period of a couple of years, we intentionally sent approximately 40 teachers to other STEM schools so that they could see first-hand this process and see the student ownership of the learning. These teachers came back with ideas and resources to immediately implement in their classrooms.

Even though the certification process has gone through numerous changes, we have been able to review and adjust our instruction to align for the best student experiences and understanding. Teachers have collaborated across teams and grade levels to build the collective capacity to engage kids in hands-on problem-solution based experiences.

We have exciting news to share!!! Kelly Mill has been scheduled for STEM Certification Review on Monday, April 11, and Tuesday, April 12, 2022. At that time, an expert panel from Cognia.org and schools across GA will review evidence correlated to [16 STEM standards](#). Review of the evidence will include collecting artifacts, classroom observations, student interviews, community partner interviews, parent interviews, and teacher interviews. Cognia.org is also the Accrediting Agency for our school district, and they are well acquainted with the work and expectations of Forsyth County Schools.

As always, should you have any questions, please reach out to me. It is an honor to serve as Your Principal.

Sincerely,
Ron



IN THIS ISSUE

- Join the KME PTO
- Virtual Meal Pickup

CAFÉ MENUS BREAKFAST & LUNCH

Click [here](#) to view the menu options for September.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Fall Break
September 20-24, 2021

Fall Picture Day - Virtual students
Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Early Release / Parent Conferences
Wednesday, October 20, 2021
Thursday, October 21, 2021

Student holiday (Professional Development)
Friday, October 21, 2021



KME TEACHER OF THE YEAR – 2021-22

Congratulations to **Mrs. Chelsea Daher**, Special Education, Grades: K-1st, for her achievement of Kelly Mill Elementary Teacher of the Year!

VIRTUAL STUDENT PICKUP MEAL PROCEDURES

- Forsyth Central High School is the dedicated virtual feeding site for enrolled students of Forsyth County Schools for the 2021-2022 school year.
- The time for virtual meal pickup will be from 9:45 am to 11 am.
- Signage will be posted at the Point of service on pickup and procedures. Information for the Virtual pickup site(s) will be posted on the Food & Nutrition main website as well as posted on each individual school's Nutrition website.
- Meals for the 2021-2022 school year are for Forsyth County schools enrolled students of Forsyth County schools.
- Parents will need to provide the student's name and enrolled base school on a sign-in sheet as they come through the line to the Food Service Worker.
- All Meal Components will be provided for virtual meals.
- Training will be provided by Area Managers to the Food Service Techs explaining the procedures for pickup as well as ongoing training will be provided.
- At the end of the feeding period, the roster for picked-up meals will be turned in to county office area managers to make sure a student's name is not duplicated for eating at the school as well as picking up a meal.



JOIN THE KELLY MILL PTO!

The KME PTO needs your support! Please consider visiting the PTO website and purchasing a family or individual membership today!

Visit the Kelly Mill PTO website:

<https://kellymillpto.com/membership>

Or Scan the QR code for a direct link.



COLT CONNECTION

KELLY MILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
1180 Chamblee Gap Road, Cumming, GA 30040

www.kellymillpto.com | www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/kellymill