



COLT CONNECTION

Kelly Mill Elementary Information Express | Established 2012

FEBRUARY 24, 2022

PRINCIPALS CORNER

Per FCS communication to all families, we have returned to normal operations as of Wednesday, Feb. 23rd. As a result, the following changes will occur:



Cafeteria

- Students will transition back to the cafe for lunch at full capacity.
 - Lunch Visitors - Lunch visitors will be allowed starting on Wednesday, Feb. 23rd.

We will continue to use the process of providing access to the link for families to sign up for lunch. You can also find the link to reserve your lunch visit on the KME Homepage.

- [Kelly Mill Cafe Sign Up](#)
- In order to obtain an accurate count, please sign up by 9:00 AM (the form will be closed daily at 9:00 AM, and we will not be able to accept any additions for that day) prior to the intended day of your visit to join your child for lunch.

Monday	Surnames A - E	Thursday	Surnames P - T
Tuesday	Surnames F - J	Friday	Surnames U - Z
Wednesday	Surnames K - O		

Please contact your child's teacher for their specific lunchtime.

The School lunch menu may be viewed here:

<http://schools.mealviewer.com/school/kellymill>

We continue to encourage handwashing/sanitizing prior to entering the lunchroom. Hand sanitizer stations are located at the entrance of the café.

- Classroom Volunteer Opportunities – If you are seeking out opportunities to volunteer in the classroom, please reach out to your child's teacher directly. Please be patient as they navigate through what their needs are as we open this up for parents to help in the classroom and work through our volunteer confidentiality agreement.
- We will continue to contact trace and notify parents/ guardians should there be a positive case in your child's classroom.

Please know that we will do everything we can to keep our students, staff, and families safe and will continue to make adjustments as needed.

Sincerely, Ron

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CAFÉ' MENUS BREAKFAST & LUNCH

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



DATES TO REMEMBER



**Mother Son
Event
Atlanta United
Home Opener**

Sunday,
February 27,
2022

KME COAT DRIVE

We will be collecting children and adult size coats and jackets throughout the month of February. Please take all gently used or new items down to the boxes located on the Second-grade hallway.



All items will be donated to [The Place of Forsyth](#) to help people in need in our community.

Please email Mrs. Goldsberry at mgoldsberry@forsythk12.ga.us if you have any questions.



DUCK DIVE FUNDRAISER

Since 2016, the Forsyth County Education Foundation has provided \$355,000 in grants for students and teachers. But, even with this success, we have not been able to meet all the needs in our schools. This is why we need everyone's help to make a big splash for education again with our annual fundraiser, the DUCK DIVE FOR EDUCATION!

For only \$10, you could win \$10,000 and support grants for schools!

The 2022 Duck Dive for Education has begun and will end with the Duck Dive drawing on April 1, 2022 at 1:00PM at the Cumming Aquatic Center. Students, parents and the community are invited to adopt a duck by paying \$10 to enter the raffle. Each duck adoption gives you the chance to win \$10,000 and supports grants in our schools.

[Click here for the rules and regulations.](#)

A Duck Dive is a raffle. When you adopt a duck for only \$10, you will be assigned a duck number. Please see the list with links below to adopt a duck (or 2 or 3 or more!). The list of duck numbers will be available here on March 25, 2022 so you know your assigned duck number before the raffle drawing. All numbered ducks will be thrown into a "pond". At the drawing, one lucky duck will be drawn and the winner will win \$10,000!

[Click here to watch the drawing from 2021.](#)

How Do You Adopt Ducks and Enter the Raffle?

- [My Payments Plus](#)
- PayPal (Visit forsyth.k12.ga.us/edfoundation and click DONATE NOW)
- Fill out this [form](#) and return it to your school or FCS BOE/PDC (1120 Dahlonega Highway, Cumming, GA 30040) with cash or check (made payable to Forsyth County Education Foundation)

The deadline to adopt ducks is March 25th! Only 20,000 ducks available so get yours today! Sponsorships are available as well, and [click here for more details](#) about how to sponsor this event. Sponsorship is a great way to give back to our schools and share your business name to all students, parents, and the community. Thank you to our 2022 [Duck Dive Sponsors](#) listed below! Please contact [Hannah Samples](mailto:hsamples@forsyth.k12.ga.us) hsamples@forsyth.k12.ga.us for more information. All money raised from the Duck Dive will go toward grants in our schools in fall 2022. Over \$115,000 was raised in 2021 and went directly back into our schools for [grants in August 2021.](#)

We hope to make an even bigger splash in 2022, and we need you to be a Quacker Backer!



Tickets Now on Sale!

A Night to Shine

KME FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE

Sunday, March 20, 2022

DENIM & Diamonds

Click the link below
to purchase:

[Father Daughter Dance tickets](#)



5th GRADE YEARBOOK ADS

Graduation time is getting closer! If you would like to honor your 5th grader in the yearbook, you can purchase a yearbook ad for \$25!

Please follow the directions listed in the e-mail attachment walkthrough to purchase your 5th Grade ad. If you have questions, please call Balfour support at 1-800-944-5930.

Important Tips for 5th Grade Ads

1. You must purchase the ad at www.balfour.com/georgia/cumming/kelly-mill-elementary-school and then click 'Order Now'.
2. Once you have purchased the ad, you will receive a personalized link at the email address you provided within 24 hours
3. When you finish customizing the ad with pictures and a message, load it into the cart and submit it
4. All 5th Grade Ads are due no later than **MARCH 1, 2022**



READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY

Hip Hip Hooray! Wednesday, March 2nd is Read Across America Day! We invite everyone to dress up as their favorite book character. We can't wait to see just how creative you can get, and we look forward to seeing those fabulous character costumes!

Sources for Dress Up Ideas:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas/>

<https://imaginationsoup.net/favorite-book-character-costumes/>

<http://umeandthekids.com/world-book-day-costume-ideas/>

<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/scholasticuk/book-character-dress-up/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/bowdena/story-book-character-dress-up-ideas/>



IMPRESSIONS ART CONTEST

Using the theme "My Happiest Memory", our Colts are creating artwork from writing and dance to photography and other visual artwork mediums.



Check them out on the Kelly Mill PTO website:

<https://kellymillpto.com/impressions-virtual-art-gallery>



LADY BULLDOG BASKETBALL ACADEMY

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WHEN

March 7th – April 14th
6:00pm – 7:30pm

WHERE

Forsyth Central HS
Arena

131 Almon C. Hill Drive, Cumming, GA 30040

SOCIAL MEDIA



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GRADES

4th- 8th GRADES
GIRLS ONLY

CAMP FEES

\$104 (ONLINE PAYMENT)
\$100 (CASH OR CHECK)

CAMP DATES

March: 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24,
28, & 31
April: 11 & 14

SKILL FOCUS

BALL HANDLING
FOOTWORK
SHOOTING
REBOUNDING
DEFENSE
COMPETITION

REGISTRATION



Parenting Classes

Childcare & Dinner Provided
Registration Required

Beginning March 7th

DESCRIPTION:

Learn a loving and balanced approach to handling your kids. This style will show you how to practice discipline without losing love and respect.

DATES:

March 7, 14, 21

TIME:

6:00 - 8:00 pm

LOCATION:

East Forsyth High School
8910 Jot Em Down Gainesville, GA 30506

To Register, Please Contact:

Tara Hardwick - Workforce
& Education Manager
770-887-1098
tara@theplaceofforsyth.org

Where every Person, Dollar, and
Hour has a PURPOSE.

Clases para Padres

Cuidado de niños y cena disponibles
Se requiere registro

A partir de 7 de marzo

Descripción:

Aprenda un enfoque amoroso y equilibrado para manejar a sus hijos. Este estilo te mostrará cómo practicar la disciplina sin perder el amor y el respeto.

Fechas:

Marzo 7, 14, 21

Hora:

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Donde:

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Donde cada Persona, Dólar, y
Hora tiene un PROPOSITO.



KELLY MILL ELEMENTARY PRESENTS

Doodle for
Google



FEBRUARY CREATIVITY PROJECT

**I care for
myself by...**

**THIS MONTH WE ENCOURAGE ALL STUDENTS TO
ENTER DOODLE FOR GOOGLE FOR A CHANCE TO
WIN!**

**ENTER A DOODLE ONLINE OR DOWNLOAD
INSTRUCTIONS/ENTRY FORM @ [DOODLE4GOOGLE.COM](https://doodle4google.com)
STUDENTS MAY ALSO SUBMIT THEIR WORK TO MRS.
FUJIHIRA. (DUE 2-28-22)**



We are excited to share the dates for the 2021-2022 KME Art Club. This year, groups will be split into three different sessions: 4th & 5th grades, 2nd & 3rd grades, and Kindergarten & 1st grades. The calendar will look like this:

4th & 5th Grades

Art club will meet on Tuesdays January 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, and March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29th. ***Please note, 4th and 5th students will need to pick either the play or Art Club. Students participating in Art Club will be working on the sets and scenery for the 4th and 5th grade play and therefore be the Tech Crew for the play.***

2nd & 3rd Grades

Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, and Nov. 1, 8, 15, and 16 (Tuesday) November 29 and December 6. All 2nd/3rd grade classes are on Monday except for November 16 which is a Tuesday.

Kindergarten & 1st Grades

March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 11, 18, 25, and May 2, 9, and 16.

All classes will work on group projects, along with some individual projects to take home at the end of the session.

Important Info:

- All sessions include a \$70 art materials fee.
- Classes will be from 2:45-3:45PM in the art room.
- Unless there is an emergency or an excused absence, students are expected to attend all classes, so they have time to complete their projects.
- Kindergarten/1st grade club and 2nd/3rd grade club will meet on Mondays, while 4th/5th grade club will meet on Tuesdays. A link to the KME Art club registration will be included in Colt Connection, Thursday folders, and the teacher's weekly newsletter. Art Club is open to all the students in the grade level; however, spots are limited and are on a first come, first serve basis.
- Link will be on the grade level flyer and [Facebook](#) before 3:00PM on September 30.
- Registration for 2nd/3rd grades opens Thursday, September 30 at 3:00PM. Please see 2nd/3rd grade flyer for the QR code and payment information.

Registration for 4th/5th graders ONLY will be on January 12th at 3:00PM.



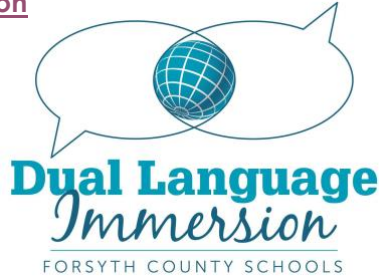
2022 - 2023 DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION APPLICATION FOR RISING KINDERGARTENERS IN FORSYTH COUNTY SCHOOLS

[2022-2023 English Online DLI Application](#)

[2022-2023 Spanish Online DLI Application](#)

Application Deadline: **May 15, 2022**

If we have more applications than slots available we will hold a lottery.



SPRING TESTING CALENDAR

Click here for the Elementary/Middle EOG-EOC Testing Calendar April/May 2022:

<https://rb.gy/pldvbn>



CARPOOL ETIQUETTE AT KME

Colt Families,

We will no longer allow parking during morning car line. With safety remaining our focus for all Colts, we have noticed families crossing traffic throughout the parking lot. All parents and students will be asked to remain in their vehicle until they have completed the car line.

We have staff members strategically placed throughout car line to help students with heavy items when needed. We recognize extenuating circumstances may happen from time to time. When this occurs, please use the visitor parking in the first row and escort your child and items to the front office. Our Colt's safety is our number one priority.

Thank you for helping keep our Colts safe.



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