



KINARD CORE KNOWLEDGE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



Transitional Information for Incoming 6th and 7th Grade

Message from Principal

Dear Parents,

We are very excited about our transition to middle school in 2009-10! As you may already know, we currently serve grades 6, 7, 8 and 9. We have learned a great deal over the last three years about transitioning 5th graders to Kinard and have implemented an excellent 6th grade program. We remain focused on student learning and holding ourselves accountable for the kind of results that fuel continuous improvement.

Kinard serves students/families from both PSD Core Knowledge elementary schools (65%) and non-Core Knowledge elementary schools (35%). Our goal is to continue to help make the transition for families as seamless as possible. Please reference the upcoming sessions below for more details.

We are grateful that Kinard achieves high levels of academic success. Some of the attributes that help guide our work, include but are not limited to:

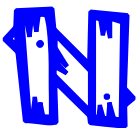
1. Safe and Orderly Environment.
2. Clear and Focused Lessons.
3. Climate of High Expectations.
4. Strong Instructional leadership.
5. Frequent Monitoring of Student Progress.
6. Positive Home/School Relationships.
7. Student opportunities to Learn and Time on Task.

We look forward to working together to transition your child to Kinard. In this bulletin you will find information about:

- The School Choice Process.
- Upcoming Information Meetings.
- FAQ About Transitioning to Kinard in 2009-10.

Our website <http://schoolweb.psdschools.org/kinard/> is an excellent source of information.

Respectfully,
Joe Cuddemi
Kinard Principal



The School Choice Process for 2009-10

Complete the online school choice,
go to our website

<http://schoolweb.psdschools.org/kinard/>

Click on school choice application.

Deadline is January 30, 2009

Upcoming Pre-registration and Information Sessions

December 7	Kinard Open House (4:00-6:00 pm)
January 12-29	Student Visitations (See #5)
January 20	6 th Grade Parent Information Night for Incoming (6:30 pm)
January 22	7 th Grade Parent Information Night for Incoming (6:30 pm)
Feb. 23-Mar 6	Student Visitations (See #5)

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is the sequence of events that will help families successfully transition to Kinard?

- a. Complete the school choice application on line at <http://schoolweb.pedschools.org/kinard/> by 1/30/09.
- b. Attend parent information sessions.
 - January 20 (6:30 pm) Incoming 6th Grade Parent Night
 - January 22 (6:30 pm) Incoming 7th Grade Parent NighLearn about:
 - Academic program and transitional strategies
 - Extra-curricular clubs and athletics opportunities
 - Kinard character and parent partnership
- c. Student Visitations: January 12-29 and February 23 – March 6

2. What do I need to do to apply to Kinard?

All incoming students (both Core Knowledge and non-Core Knowledge elementaries) need to complete an on-line school choice application. You can do this by logging onto <http://schoolweb.pedschools.org/kinard/>. The application deadline is January 30, 2009. Families will be notified of acceptance beginning February 5, 2009.

3. What transitional opportunities are available for incoming families?

- Parent evening sessions with the principal (on-going)
- Website <http://schoolweb.pedschools.org/kinard/>
- School visitations
- Parent and Student Information Nights
- Counselors visit elementary schools for course registration information (Feb. 17-20, 2009)
- Students visit Kinard: 6th Graders – April 24, 2009 and 7th Graders – May 1, 2009
- Buddy Program for both parents and students (TBA)
- August 2009 Orientation
- September and October 2009 transitional activities

4. If my child is not currently in a Core Knowledge elementary school, what do I need to do to help with the transition to Kinard?

Currently 35% of our students transition from non-Core Knowledge elementary schools. Kinard has built its capacity to serve students transitioning from both a Core Knowledge elementary school and a non-Core Knowledge elementary school. Both groups have demonstrated success through strong work ethic and positive attitudes.



5. How do I schedule a visitation during the school day for my child?

We offer visitation days between January 12-29 and February 23- March 6. Please contact Susan Klock at 488-5414 after December 5th to schedule a visitation. You need to choose between a half day 7:45-10:35 am or a full day 7:45 am – 2:15 pm. Your child will be assigned to a leader of the grade your child is entering. If your child attends for a full day, they need to bring either a sack lunch or money to purchase lunch. You must sign your child as a visitor when you drop them off and sign them out at pickup at the front office.

6. What will the academic program look like for incoming 6th & 7th graders in 2009-10?

School will start school at approximately 8:00 am and end at 3:00 pm. Final start and end times will be decided by May 2009. Required for both 6th and 7th graders: Core Knowledge Language Arts, Science, History, Art, and Music. The Math program which includes acceleration courses are aligned in scope and sequence with the PSD math program. All 6th and 7th grade students will be required to take Music, Art, PE and Technology. Spanish 1A and French 1A will be an enrichment opportunity for 6th graders who meet or exceed the academic performance criteria in literacy and numeracy. The World Language qualifications for Spanish 1A and French 1A in 6th grade will be determined by February, 2009. 7th grade students will be required to take either French 1A or a Spanish 1A unless the student is required to have an Individual Literacy Plan, in which case they will take the Read 180 course.

7. Will there be an Honors Program at Kinard?

Yes, however, PSD will not offer an Honors program for 6th grade. At Kinard, there will be Math Accelerated classes for 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. In 7th grade and 8th grade we plan to offer Honors English, Honors Science and Honors History.

8. Is there a summer band program for incoming 6th and 7th grade students?

Yes, there will be a summer band program for incoming 6th and 7th graders. Information about placement and instrument selection will be included in the registration materials that each student will receive in January, 2009. The summer band program is no-cost to beginning students. Specific questions about the band program should be directed to Mike Perez, Kinard music teacher at 488-5477.

9. What is Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO)?

In 2009-10, this class will meet 45 minutes/day and will be a time for additional support in Math an/or English, an opportunity for enrichment classes, and skill development (organization, study, note-taking, social, etc...). Enrichment classes will be determined by May, 2009.

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10. What are the extra-curricular opportunities for 6th and 7th graders?

ATHLETICS

6th Grade Intramurals

Fall Session (September and October)

- A variety of games offered two days a week. All are welcome on a drop in bases.

Spring Session (April and early May)

- A variety of games offered two days a week. All are welcome on a drop in bases.
- Track and field activities with Kinard 7th/8th grade track team in preparation for the PSD 2008-09 Elementary Track Meet.

7th Grade Athletics

- Football
- Softball (Girls)
- Volleyball (Girls)
- Basketball (Girls/Boys)
- Wrestling
- Track
- Cross Country Club
- Tennis club
- Golf

KINARD CLUBS

- Book Club
- Chess Club
- Computer Club
- Creative Writing
- Fellowship Christian Teens (FTC)
- Ink Club
- Math Counts
- Robotic Club
- The Theater Club (tTC)
- Yearbook
- Young Chautauqua Club

AREA YOUTH SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES

- City of Fort Collins: flag football, tackle football, softball, volleyball, wrestling
- Fort Collins Soccer Club
- Fort Collins Youth Baseball Club
- Fort Collins Track Club and CARA Track Club
- GK Gymnastics and Mountain Gymnastics
- Fort Collins Vipers LaCroose – boys
- Fort Collins Havoc LaCrosse – girls
- Northern Colorado Youth Hockey Association
- OD's Sports Crossing – In-line hockey
- Fort Collins Buckaroos Softball
- Fort Collins Stars Softball

11. Will there be busses to transport students to Kinard in 2009-10?

There is a high likelihood that there will not be any bus transportation for Kinard students in 2009-10. Please refer to PSD website <http://www.psdschools.org>.

STUDENT QUOTES ABOUT THEIR KINARD EXPERIENCE

“I have learned a lot about responsibility at Kinard.”

“My classes are cool and my teachers are fun.”

“The experience of moving from elementary to Kinard has been great. When I sit at my desk, I feel like I can take on the world with the great knowledge the teachers give us.”

“Kinard is really safe to talk to teachers. Everybody is nice.”

“The teachers are really encouraging.”

“Everything! Passing periods, lunch and that I never feel scared!”

“Well, I love all the freedoms we get, but I still feel safe.”

“I’m getting pretty good grades and I’ve been working hard in classes.”

“Lunch is good! Teachers are good! School is good!”