

Gold Star Technology School

- Wireless campus
- Mobile laptop carts & computer lab
- Smartboards, projectors, document cameras, and audio systems in all classrooms
- Senteo student response systems
- Flip-cams
- 100% of the teachers passed technology proficiency
- Watch the Cougar News Network, our morning show, each day from our website.
- Many computer programs including...
 - Accelerated Reader, Odyssey, Fast forward, FCAT Explorer
- Visit our school & classroom websites!

After School Programs

- YMCA Kid Care
- Supplemental Education Services
 - Tutoring
- Extended Learning Tutoring Program
- Catapult Tutoring Program



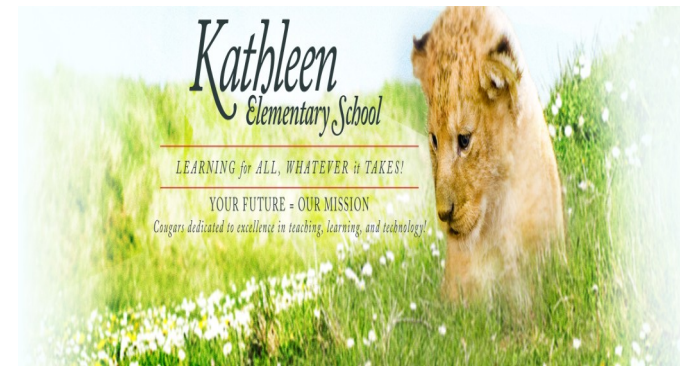
**EXPECTATIONS
TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF
TAKE CARE OF OTHERS
TAKE CARE OF OUR SCHOOL**

Student Agenda

This year's student agenda is filled with valuable information like our school calendar, dress code, attendance contract, and school parent -compact. The agenda is used daily by students and teachers.

The Wednesday Folder

Every Wednesday students bring home their *Wednesday Folder*. The purpose of the folder is to strengthen communication between home and school. Work samples, newsletters, notices, and announcements are sent home in this folder.



Our Mission: *Learning for all, whatever it takes!*

We believe our purpose is to ensure that all children build a strong academic foundation, develop the desire to learn, and grow in self-confidence and compassion through a challenging curriculum which nurtures each student's abilities and aspirations in partnership with parents and family. We promote self-discipline and active learning with application of skills taught to real-world situations. Our highly qualified teachers are focused on making sure every child is learning, every day, every minute!

Our Vision: *Cougars are dedicated to excellence in teaching, learning, and technology!*

The vision of our school is that our students, parents, staff and community are involved and accountable to prepare our students for their future. We work together to instill a positive attitude toward life-long learning and a vision for the future that ensures all children, including all sub groups, increase their academic success.

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KES COUGARS ARE:



- Cooperative
- On Task
- United
- Goal-Driven
- Accountable
- Respectful
- Successful

About Kathleen Elementary

In 1858, Henry Prine came to the Kathleen area and established his homestead. Hillsborough County created the district of Polk County soon after Henry's relocation to the area. In 1884, Henry donated land and founded the town of Kathleen. He named it after his wife, Catherine. In the early 1900s, Kathleen Elementary School was constructed. However, in 1947, the school moved into an old brick building which is now Kathleen Middle School. In 1950, Kathleen Elementary moved to its present location. Did you know Kathleen Elementary was a Strawberry School until 1954? A Strawberry School let students out for harvesting strawberries during the months of December to March. We celebrated our 60th anniversary in 2010, visit our website to download our special book and watch our 60th celebration video. Each year we have about five hundred and thirty students, sixty percent white, twenty percent black, and twenty percent Hispanic. Approximately ten percent of our students receive exceptional student education services. Another ten percent receive services for English as a second language. Based on the incomes of our families we are a Title I school.

Positive Behavior Support Gold Model School

	<u>Reward Days</u>
September:	Game Day
October:	Fall Festival
November:	PJ Day
December:	Winter Crafts
January:	Snow Day
February:	Outdoor Games
March:	Ice Cream Social
April:	Go Green for Spring
May:	Beach Bash

Family & Community Involvement Events

August:	Orientation
	Boo Hoo Breakfast
September:	Back to School Night & Luncheon
	Test for Success & Annual Title I Meeting
October:	Walk-a-thon
November:	Student Success Family Math Night & Luncheon
	Community Read Aloud Day
	Thanksgiving Dinner
December:	Pictures with Santa & Santa's Workshop
	Winter Music Concert
February:	Student Success Family Science Night & Luncheon
	Art Exhibit
April:	Student Success Family Reading Night & Luncheon
May:	Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast
	Field Day
	Spring Music Concert
June:	Young Author's & Awards Celebration

Core Instructional Program

- Polk County Curriculum Maps
- 120 minute reading block integrating science and social studies
- Additional 30 minute intensive reading instruction
- 60 minute math block
- Calendar math program
- Expository & Narrative Writing Instruction

Additional Programs

- Art
- Music
- Strings
- Physical Education
- Media Center
- Book Fair
- Cougar News Network
- Too Good for Violence
- Peer mediation
- Safety Patrols
- Student of the Month
- Reading Buddies
- Americorps Reading Tutoring

