

Kissel Hill Elementary
Student Council Elections
2019-2020 School Year

Thank you for taking the time to find out a little more about the KHE Student Council! If you would like to devote some time and energy to help make your school and community a better place to live and learn, you are a good candidate for membership in the Kissel Hill Elementary Student Council.

Students interested in running for Student Council must submit a completed permission slip to Mr. Maza or Mrs. Mathin (Student Council Advisors) no later than 2:30 PM on Friday, October 25, 2019.

Candidate Qualifications

Candidates running for KHE Student Council shall be in the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade.

The duties of a Student Council Representative include:

1. Attend student council meetings
2. Bring ideas and suggestions from class members to the meetings
3. Report information back to his/her class and a K-2 classroom
4. Assist any new students that may join your class throughout the school year (school tour, welcome card/note, lunch buddy).
5. Help with the development of projects for the student council and school
6. Help promote Kissel Hill Climber pride
7. Is a good Kissel Hill citizen and acts as an exemplary role model in behavior and academics.

Student Council Election Timeline

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| Oct. 15 – Oct. 25: | Permission slips will be due (10/25) and students will create all items for their campaign. Permission slips should be sent to the office. |
| October 28: | Campaign Materials (written campaign speech and campaign posters) are due. Materials completed ahead of time can be kept in homerooms until campaign week. |
| Oct. 28 - Nov. 1: | Campaign week begins. Posters may be hung in the hallways and classrooms. |
| November 5: | Student Council Election Day |

Student Council Election Rules

1. Elections will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019.
2. Campaign Week will run from Monday, October 28th to Friday November 1st.

The campaign may consist of:

- a. Posters or signs may be hung in classrooms or building hallways with teacher permission for placement. Posters must conform to the high standards of content expected at Kissel Hill Elementary. **Under NO circumstances will posters or signs be allowed that have questionable language or content.**
- b. Put downs or negative talk/campaigning of other candidates are NOT ACCEPTABLE and will result in immediate disqualification.
- c. Creativity and individuality are encouraged!
- d. Candidates **ARE NOT** permitted to make any false promises or make bribes on the campaign posters or speeches (candy, pencils, buttons, balloons, money, changing school rules, e.g. extending recess periods) in order to get votes. If such materials are used and handed out at bus stops, or on school property, you will be disqualified.

NOTE: All posters and materials must be taken down within two (2) days after voting is completed for each respective office.

3. Students running for office must realize that they will be expected to meet during after school meetings and occasionally during lunch/recess time.

IMPORTANT:

The conduct of KHE Student Council members **MUST BY EXEMPLARY** as the Student Council:

- a. Makes decisions on matters concerning the KHE Student Council
- b. Initiates projects for the betterment of the KHE Student Council
- c. Makes recommendations for student behavior standards
- d. Carries out other duties, which will promote students to Be Responsible, Respectful, and Ready.

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Student Council Election Process

Classroom Representatives:

1. Students interested in being a Student Council Classroom Representative may obtain a Student Council Election Packet from their homeroom teacher.
2. Parental Permission must be given in order to run for Representative.
3. Students running for Representative must write a speech (3 minute time limit) responding to this prompt:
“Why do you want to be a part of KHE student council and what does it mean to you to be a Kissel Hill Climber?”
4. Once each student has had the opportunity to present his/her speech to the class, the students who receive the majority of the votes will be declared Representatives.
5. Students may present their speech in person.
6. Students will be permitted to work on their essay/speech in the computer lab during recess, if they desire to do so.
 - a. Please refer to the attached rubrics when planning your essay, speech, and posters. These rubrics were designed to aid for a successful campaign. *Students will NOT be receiving a grade for their campaign.*
7. Voting will occur individually and remain anonymous.
8. The Kissel Hill Student Council Representatives will consist of: **Two (2) students from each homeroom in grades 3 through 6.**
9. **Student Council President: We will be electing two 6th grade students to the positions of Student Council President and Student Council Vice President. 6th graders who win their classroom elections (two per class) will have the opportunity to campaign for Student Council President.**
10. General Elections will occur on November 5, 2019 at the teacher’s preferred time.
11. The Presidential Election will occur following the General Election.

Ballots and Results:

Students will cast their vote using our school iPads, and the result will be electronically tallied. Student Council Officers are announced by the principal or designee and introduced to the school over the announcements.

Students who know they will be absent of Election Day may pick up absentee ballots from the main office. Absentee ballots must be cast no later than the day before the election and will be counted with regular ballots on Election Day.

Removal from Office:

Any officer or representative may be removed from office due to poor attendance at council meetings, failure to perform required/requested duties, failure to follow school rules or class rules, or not fulfilling any of the other qualifications for student council members.

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Speech Rubric

Criterion	Rating Excellent	Rating Good	Rating Satisfactory	Rating Needs Improvement
	4	3	2	1
Audience	You knew your audience and how to address them.	There were a few people to which your speech did not apply.	You knew little about your audience.	You did not know your audience at all.
Posture and Eye Contact	Excellent posture and you kept eye contact with your audience.	You maintained good eye contact most of the time.	Little eye contact and your posture needs improvement.	No eye contact and poor posture.
Word Choice	Your word choice was excellent and appropriate for the audience. You avoided "ums," "ers," and "likes."	Some of the words you chose could be replaced, but for the most part, your speech was good.	Your audience seemed confused at times.	Poor word choice.
Content	Your content was always accurate.	Your content was essentially accurate.	Your content was mostly unclear.	Not enough information was presented or was not relevant.
Use of Time	Maintained time frame.	You mostly stayed within the time frame.	You exceeded the time frame, but that's okay.	Your message was too short or too long.
Confidence	Your confidence was contagious!	Your confidence was good, others believed your words!	Your confidence was growing.	You lacked confidence.
Rate	You spoke at a moderate rate that could be understood.	You sometimes spoke too quickly or slowly	You frequently spoke too quickly or slowly.	You spoke entirely too quickly or slowly.

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Poster Rubric

Traits	4	3	2	1
Position Statement	Position is clearly stated and consistently maintained. The campaign plan is effective.	Position is clearly stated and consistently maintained. The campaign plan is somewhat effective.	Position is stated, but is not maintained consistently throughout work. The campaign plan is confusing, silly, or unrealistic.	Statement of position cannot be determined. The campaign plan is unclear.
Organization	Dominant slogan, poster has right amount of information with a balance between text and graphics.	Poster has an appropriate amount of information and balance between text and graphics.	Poster is workable but sometimes the information does not flow.	The campaign poster is disorganized, loses focus, or may be hard to follow.
Appearance	Poster layout is attractive, neat, and well organized. Words are unique, clever, and exciting to read.	Poster layout is attractive and neat. Material could be presented in a more organized manner. Words are appropriate and clear.	Poster layout contains most necessary elements. Elements are not neatly spaced on page or not well organized. Word choices do not enhance the persuasiveness of the poster.	There is a total lack of structure. Word choices are incorrect in the way the words are used, do not make sense, or are inappropriate.
Sentence Structure	Sentence structure is correct. There are NO mistakes in spelling or punctuation.	Sentence structure is generally correct. Some awkward sentences do appear. There is one mistake in spelling and/or punctuation.	Work contains structural weaknesses and grammatical errors. There are two or three errors in spelling and/or punctuation.	Work pays little attention to proper structure. There are four or more errors in spelling and/or punctuation.
Ideas and Creativity	Ideas are fully developed, extremely focused, detailed, original, and creative. These ideas stand out from the other candidates because of their originality.	Ideas are developed, somewhat focused, details, and creative. Some ideas may be similar to other candidates. The ideas are good but may need to be more unique to set them apart.	Ideas are not fully developed, somewhat focused, vague, at times original and creative.	Ideas are not fully developed, lack focus, are vague, and are not original or creative.

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Parent Permission to Run for Election

Dear Parent(s),

Your child would like to run for a Kissel Hill Elementary Student Council office. Rules and qualifications are attached and you are encouraged to review all information.

The purpose of Student Council is to develop a positive school climate by involving all students in making Kissel Hill the best it can be. Student Council strives for good citizenship, respects all individuals in the school and community, and gives students experience in a leadership role. Student council helps other citizens in our community through service and makes recommendations to improve the moral and spirit of Kissel Hill Elementary!

Also, if elected, s/he will be expected to meet after school from 2:30-3:30 on a monthly basis, as well as, during lunch/recess as needed.

Sincerely,

Mr. Maza and Mrs. Mathin
Student Council Advisors

My son or daughter _____ has my permission to run for the position as a Classroom Representative in the Kissel Hill Elementary Student Council. I have reviewed the Candidate packet and agree to help my child abide by its contents.

Parent Signature

Homeroom Teacher

Date

**** PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY OCTOBER 25, 2019 ****