



## **Kelly Elementary School**

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**Grade levels:** K-5

**Middle schools:** Lane Middle School

**School guide, facts and test scores on the web:** <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/>

**School-created web pages:** <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools-c/pages/kelly/class123/class123.htm>

### **Before and after school programs**

Community School Satellite Site, transportation provided to Lents Boys & Girls Club, before and after school enrichment classes, before and after school esteem building activities, SUN (schools uniting neighborhoods) school.

### **Community partnerships**

SMART, National Guard mentors, young adult mentors, Burgerville

### **Student learning environment**

The natural world, especially Johnson Creek, is an extension of our classrooms.

The arts are central in the life of the school.

Families are seen as partners in children's learning. A strong emphasis is placed on creating an environment that replicates a family.

Children develop disposition toward collaboration through peer and cross-age tutoring.

Diversity among our families contributes to the richness of our school.

The Basic School: Kelly School was one of 16 original demonstration schools in the nation that were invited to join the Basic School Network. It is organized around Four Priorities: A Community for Learning, A Curriculum with Coherence, A Climate for Learning and A Commitment to Character. Our involvement with this network has offered us many opportunities to become well-versed in best practices and to learn from other outstanding schools across the nation.

Learning is the school's highest priority. Every effort is made to ensure that children receive the support they need in order to be ready to learn.

### **Curriculum components**

In the Basic School, language is central to all learning. It is broadly defined to include words, numbers and the arts.

Curriculum content is integrated around the Eight Human Commonalities:

The Life Cycle, the Use of Symbols, Membership in Groups, Response to the Aesthetic, Connections with Nature, A Sense of Time and Space, Producing and Consuming, and Living with a Purpose.

### **Staff**

20 classroom teachers, Title I, ESL and special education teachers, 1 PE teacher, 1 music teacher, 1 child-development specialist, 4 instructional assistants and 2 secretaries.

### **Parent and family support**

Kelly Community House, located directly across the street from Kelly School, is a resource center for neighborhood families. Classes in computers, nutrition, child-wellness and much more are offered regularly. Many services are also available. Those include supports such as housing assistance, job referrals, problem-solving and neighborhood organizing.

21st Century School Council was established in 1993; PTA is an active, growing organization; Parent Partners meets on a regular basis to discuss parenting strategies, provide support for one another, and enjoy craft projects.

Family Stories involves families in writing their own histories and in projects that support their children's literacy. Family Stories meets Tuesday and Thursday mornings, as well as one evening per week at Kelly Community House.

The Kelly School Courtyard is a developing community garden.

### **Special programs and features**

Oregon National Guard mentors support selected intermediate students.

Student teachers who are part of the "Children and Communities" cohort at Portland State University work in Kelly classrooms.

SMART brings over 60 volunteers into the school on a weekly basis.

Reading Recovery provides intensive intervention for first graders who need additional support in reading.

Schoolwide Title 1 program.

Kelly Kids Corps is a student employment agency that gives children "real" work experiences.

The latest test scores, school progress report, demographics, and more are available at:  
<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/>

To determine which school your child will attend, see:  
<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/boundaries/>

If you do not have internet access, you may obtain this information by calling Portland Public Schools Department of Communications and Community Involvement, at 503-916-3304