

# Keeth Elementary

## Fact Sheet



### **Keeth and The Winter Springs Community**

- Winter Springs is a growing community with 436 new family dwellings currently under construction and zoned for Keeth Elementary. Units have been sold and new students are imminent in our community. The largest community, Winter Springs Village, is behind McDonald's on the corner of 434 and Tuskawilla Rd.
- A recent on site study of bus usage indicates that 73% of Keeth students do not use buses. These students would be bused if moved to another school resulting in an estimated cost of \$377,000 annually. Source: National Center For Educational Statistics
- Over 60% of Keeth's population provides their own transportation to and from schools – walkers, bike riders and car riders.
- Keeth's backyard is adjacent to Trotwood Park- allowing Keeth families to connect regularly creating a strong community.
- Over the last 3 years the Keeth family raised and donated over \$11,000 to the USA to Africa fund. The funds are being used to build two sister schools in Mali, Africa.

### **Academic Excellence**

- Last year our 4<sup>th</sup> graders scored 1<sup>st</sup> on FCAT Writes in the county and 4<sup>th</sup> in the State. 94% of our 4<sup>th</sup> graders scored 4.0 or above with 17% earning a perfect mark- the highest in SCPS.
- "A" rated school for the past 9 years.
- In each of our specials' areas our teachers have received Teacher of the Year awards.
- Our teachers are the only SCPS teachers to provide regular, off-site, after school tutoring to Keeth students at the students' collective residences.
- Teen Trendsetters: A partnership with WSHS and the state of Florida. High school students are trained to be reading mentors to students. We currently have nine 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and six 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in the program, along with 15 high school students in this after school program.
- Winter Spring High School Book Buddies: Thirteen high school students come on Thursdays during the school day to read with 14 students of all grade levels.
- Family Fun Nights: These family nights are done 6 times a year at two apartment complexes. Activities are planned for family participation in the areas of reading, math, and science.
- Cougar Reading Club: About 50 students meet before school from 7:30 – 8:00. Reading club allows students some additional time to read and minutes read count toward their weekly reading minutes in their class.
- Additional extracurricular options include Parent/Student Book Club, afterschool Technology workshop, and Lego Robotics League.

- 5th graders run KCBS morning television news crew, broadcasting the news to all of Keeth each morning.

### **Art and Music Program**

- This year, our music program received a grant to provide IPADs to students for use during music class. \$500 worth of Apps were provided by the Keeth PTA.
- Keeth Cougar Chimera Hand Bell Ensemble is a newly formed group of 12 - 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- Keeth Cougar Chorus: Spring production is all original material created at Keeth -68 students - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade or ~22% of all Keeth's 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- Advanced Strings Ensemble: 20 - 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade members.
- Our art program has produced several winners in the Orlando Sentinel Holiday Art Contest as well as winners in the Red Ribbon Drug Free Calendar contest.
- We have an Art Club and are active with the statewide Reflections Program.

### **Athletics**

- Besides basketball, soccer, softball, track, football, and bowling, our students are introduced to golf, tennis, and volleyball.
- 220 students from all grade levels are signed up to participate in running club each morning at 7:30 am.
- Keeth recently hosted the annual Rotary Run for over 700 county runners.
- Keeth co-hosted the Central Winds Cross Country meet with over 700 county students attending.
- Over the last several years, the students at Keeth have raised approximately \$2,000 each year for the American Heart Association as part of the Jump for Heart Unit in PE.

### **Dividends**

- Dividend involvement is a strong presence at Keeth Elementary.
- Over the last 5 years, Keeth has seen an average of over 12,000 Dividend hours each year.
- Keeth hosts the ITMS students as regular Dividends – this is only possible given our proximity to IndianTrails Middle School.
- The WSHS Teen Trendsetters work with our students every Wednesday afternoon.
- Keeth sponsors both the Art-See and Super Scientist Programs.

### **Facilities**

- Our school has recently received over \$3 million dollars worth of capital improvements, which include a new HVAC system, a sprinkler system and a security system.
- Keeth resides next door to Indian Trails Middle School, allowing that school to be an extension of our current facilities.