

KPD makes push for #9PM Routine

Keizer has been fortunate to see a decrease in the number of car break-ins, known as car clouts, and residential burglaries this year, but the Keizer Police Department (KPD) thinks residents can do better.

Starting Monday, Sept. 24, the Keizer Police Department will be encouraging residents to strengthen their home security measures by participating in the "9PM Routine."

Developed by Florida's Pasco County Sheriff's office and adopted by communities across the nation, the 9PM Routine is a reminder that everyone has the power to reduce the risk of property crimes occurring in our neighborhoods by:

- Locking all our doors and windows
- Locking our vehicles and removing belongings
- Turning on outside lights
- Securing bicycles and lawn equipment
- Double-checking security cameras and alarms

KPD will post a nightly reminder on

Facebook, Twitter and Nextdoor all week, and will include tips that residents can use to reduce their risk of becoming a victim of theft or other property crimes.

As an incentive to participate in the 9PM Routine, social media users who share 9PM Routine posts on Facebook or comment positively on Nextdoor postings will be automatically entered into a free drawing to win a starter pack of home security devices valued at approximately \$50 in total. All of the items are equally suitable for renters and home-owners. One entry per person; deadline to enter is 11:59 p.m. Friday Sept. 28.

Residents are encouraged to help spread the word about the 9PM Routine by including #9PMRoutine in social media posts about their routines.

Keizer residents reported 152 car clouts between the beginning of 2018 and Sept. 1 and 30 burglaries in the same timeframe. Those numbers represent decreases of 9 percent and 23 percent, respectively, during the same time period in 2017.

School district nullifies Kennedy 'no dating' contract

By DEREK WILEY
Of the Keizertimes

When Kylee Blake Pedersen asked her son, a fifth grader at Kennedy Elementary, how his day was, she got an unexpected answer.

Her son informed Pedersen that his class was required to sign a "No Discussion of Dating Contract."

The contract was given by Kennedy behavioral specialist John Moran.

Concerned that her son had been asked to sign something without her knowledge, Pedersen went to Kennedy the following morning to see the contract.

The first sentence stated, "I (insert student's name) understand that it is a school-wide policy at Kennedy Elementary School to refrain from discussing dating, boyfriends, girlfriends, and any related matters at school."

According to the contract, "discussing" included talking, gossiping, spreading rumors, writing and passing notes, daring others to date, playing games around dating and anything else related to dating.

Students had to consent to their desk being searched for notes at any time by staff members and if any were found, they would be in violation of the contract.

Consequences for violating the contract included: spending recess and/or lunch in the office, loss of privileges at school (assemblies, class parties, field trips, jobs in the classroom or at school, being a peer mediator), a phone call home, parent meetings with the principal and suspension.

According to the Salem-Keizer School District, the contract was brought to one classroom at Kennedy.

"He (Moran) was going

to bring it to the other fifth grade classes but we pulled it back so it is not being utilized," said Lillian Govus, Director of Community Relations and Communications. "It won't be used in the other classrooms at Kennedy and it's not used in the district anywhere else to my knowledge."

"We're really glad that the parent brought this forward because it's been a good discussion point for school leadership, making sure that we are creating healthy spaces for our children to grow and form relationships with adults where they feel comfortable talking about this sort of thing."

After speaking with principal Jesse Leonard, Govus was informed the contract was used once before at Kennedy about three years ago after the school had issues with fifth graders passing notes.

The intention was to create a space where students didn't feel like they were being bullied through gossiping and spreading rumors.

"It wasn't anyone's understood knowledge that it (con-

tract) was going to be brought forward at the beginning of this school year," Govus said. "The intention was to create a really healthy space for the children in the classroom but I think the application of it didn't quite align with the intention."

Govus also said the district has a problem with students being asked to sign something without their parent's knowledge.

"It's allowed us to the opportunity to reiterate to all of our principals, particularly at the elementary level, that asking a child to sign something like this without including the parents in the decision making process so that they can have informed conversations with their children isn't in the most effective or trust building method to be employed in our schools," she said.

The contract won't be discussed any further. "If an issue arises in a classroom, then the principal and the guidance counselor will work with the student and the student's parents on a one-on-one basis," Govus said.

"We're really glad that the parent brought this forward."

— Lillian Govus
SKSD spokesperson

police scanner

MONDAY, SEPT. 10

- 12 a.m. - Criminal damage on 1200 block Candlewood Drive NE.
- 2:38 p.m. - Traffic accident at intersection of Chemawa Road N and Chehalis Court N.
- 3:27 p.m. - Traffic accident at intersection of Chemawa Road N and Chehalis Court N.
- 8:30 p.m. - Hit-and-run on 5000 block River Road N.
- 8:30 p.m. - Arrest for assault on 1200 block Lockhaven Drive NE.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 11

- 12 a.m. - Parole violation on 3300 block River Road N.
- 4:20 a.m. - Arrest on warrant on 5000 block River Road N.
- 2 p.m. - Mail theft on 800 block Chemawa Road N.
- 8 p.m. - Burglary of business, theft from building, and criminal damage on 3700 block River Road N.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12

- 12:01 a.m. - Theft from motor vehicle on 300 block Hollyhock Place N.
- 4:29 p.m. - Parole violation on 700 block Manbrin Drive NE.
- 9:03 p.m. - Purse-snatching on 100 block McNary Estates Drive N.
- 10:48 p.m. - Arrest on bench warrant and violation of release agreement on 800 block Foothill Court NE.
- 11:27 p.m. - Arrest on warrant on 800 block Foothill Court NE.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 13

- 6 a.m. - Vandalism on 3800 block River Road N.
- 9:08 a.m. - Arrest for delivery of marijuana within 1000 feet of a school on 1800 block Alder Drive NE.
- 3:50 p.m. - Arrest for shoplifting on 6200 block Ulali Drive NE.
- 9:52 p.m. - DUII on 4900 block River Road N.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 14

- 7 p.m. - Motor vehicle theft on 900 block Orchard Street N.
- 10 p.m. - Unlawful entry into and theft from motor vehicle on 800 block Orchard Street N.
- 11:12 p.m. - Arrest on warrant at intersection of Cherry Avenue NE and Plymouth Drive NE.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15

- 2:27 a.m. - Arrest on arraignment warrant at intersection of River Road N and Dearborn Avenue N.
- 4:02 p.m. - Driving while suspended and uninsured at intersection of Keizer Station Blvd NE and Ulali Drive NE.
- 5:18 p.m. - Possession of tobacco products or inhalant system by minor on 4900 block Rickman Road NE.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 16

- 12:34 p.m. - Traffic accident on 4600 block River Road N.
- 8:34 p.m. - Arrest for driving while suspended on 1200 block Harmony Drive NE.

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