

# Kennard CJA

St. Louis Public Schools

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Dr. Wanda LeFlore, Principal

**Attendance Winners:** The winners for third quarter's best classroom attendance are:

- Third place- Jennifer Beffa 97.39%
- Second place- Kristina White 97.98%
- First place-Tiffany Nard 98.22%

**Congratulations to Tiffany Nard and the students in room 202!**

**District Testing:** High attendance and attention to details and directions are critical for students to show their best academic performance. Schools use assessment results for planning curriculum, instructional planning, professional development, student placement, etc.

- **STATE-REQUIRED TESTING:** April 17 - May 12: MAP GLA
- **DISTRICT REQUIRED TESTING:** April 3-21: STAR ELA/Math #2 (SB319, all grades K-8), May 15-19: Kindergarten Acuity End-of-Year Benchmark Testing

**Fourth Quarter Interim Progress Reports:** Distribution date to students is Friday, April 21.

**SLPS Educator of the Year:** Please join me in congratulating **Nick Clement**, Gifted Specialist, on receiving the 2017 Saint Louis Public Schools Educator of the Year Award in the category of K -12 Specialty. Nick and other SLPS educators will receive honors at an awards banquet in May. Congratulations Nick!

**Summer Learning Applications and Overview:**

- [Summer Learning Application](#)
- [Summer Enrichment Application](#)
- [High School Credit Recovery](#)

**Important Information:**

- Kennard is the district-wide gifted and enrichment site.
- Fifth graders (rising 6th graders) will remain at elementary sites this summer. The only exception to this pertains to fifth graders entering McKinley in 2017. The summer site for entering McKinley students will be Compton-Drew.
- Eighth graders (rising 9th graders) will remain at middle school sites this summer.

**Tell Us How We Are Doing:** SLPS is committed to providing a welcoming environment for all of our school visitors. Effective immediately, visitors may complete a comment card survey to share their thoughts and comments about their visits. Please feel free to leave an anonymous response in the comment box (located in the office), online at [www.slps.org/welcome](http://www.slps.org/welcome), or by calling (314) 345-4636. Help us improve our learning environment.



**School Librarian Day:** School Librarian Day was **April 4, 2017**. It honored all school librarians who serve young students so well in the local school libraries. Let our librarian, Brenda Kukay know how much you appreciate her services. It is never too late to stop by and say thanks!

**National Volunteer Week is Sunday, April 23 thru Saturday, April 29.** National Volunteer Week is a yearly week of recognition for people in the U.S. and Canada who donate time and resources for many different causes. Thank You Kennard Family Volunteers!

**Administrative Professionals Day is Wednesday, April 26:** This day highlights the important role of administrative professionals in all sectors of the modern economy worldwide. Please take the time to thank **Ernestine Shivers-Jones** for a job well done!



**Student Grade Placement 2017/2018:** We are currently planning student placement for the 2017/2018 school year. This process is only for students currently attending Kennard. Our goal is to place your child so that his/her individual academic and social needs are addressed. Each family will receive a *Student Profile for Classroom Placement Form*. Please check the descriptors that best suit your child and return the form to the classroom teacher by **Monday, May 1, 2017** for your ideas to be considered in the placement process. Please remember that this form is optional and feel free to contact your child's classroom teacher for more information.

**National School Nurse Day is Wednesday May 10:** National School Nurse Day, also known as School Nurse Day, is celebrated during National Nurse Week, which runs annually from May 6 to May 12. Express your gratitude to our school nurse who cares for your child. Drop-in to say **Thank You** to Nurse Humphreys. Also, pick up all student medication from the school health office by the last class day, on Thursday, May 25. All unclaimed medicine will be disposed.

**Teacher Appreciation Week: May 7-May 13:** This weeklong celebration recognizes teachers and the contributions they make to education and society. It is the first full week of May of every year and provides an opportunity for learning communities to show their appreciation for the hard work teachers do and the long hours many of them put in. This year it is celebrated beginning Sunday, May 7 – Saturday, May 13, 2017. Teacher Appreciation Day is Tuesday, May 9! Remember to thank your child's teacher!

**New Families Open House & Registration:** New families accepted to Kennard for the 2017/2018 school year will have the opportunity to visit our campus from 9:30 - 3:30 on **Wednesday, May 17**. If you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact committee members: Lindsey Lawrence, [llawrence13@hotmail.com](mailto:llawrence13@hotmail.com); Dawn Brandt; [dawnbrandt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dawnbrandt@sbcglobal.net) or Liz Toolan; [ertoolan@gmail.com](mailto:ertoolan@gmail.com).

**Promotion Dates: Save these Dates!**

- Wednesday, May 24 – Pre-Kindergarten Promotion @ 9:30am
- Wednesday, May 24 – Kindergarten Promotion @ 10:30am
- Wednesday, May 24 – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade Promotion @ 1:45pm
- Thursday, May 25 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion @ 10:00am





**Missouri Council of Teachers of Mathematics Contest:** One 4<sup>th</sup>-grade student, Alex Pantazopoulos, and four 5<sup>th</sup> grade students, Joshua Keoshkerian, Aristuto Paul, Zukai Abuduwasiti, and Arnav Busani, qualify to participate in the state finals of the Missouri Council of Teachers of Mathematics Contest in Columbia, MO on Saturday, May 6.

**SLPS Science Fair:** Kennard was the overall winner for the SLPS Science Fair for the Grades 3 thru 5 Category with an average score of 88.5%. Jack Buchanan's project #25-won 1<sup>st</sup> place (94.5%); Jack was the winner of an iPad. Dikaksha Dhital's Project #24 won 2<sup>nd</sup> place (91.5%); Dikaksha won Virtual Reality Gear and a \$25 Gift Card and Sylvia Beffa won a \$25 gift card. Additionally, all fourth and fifth graders participated in a Ted Drewes Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, April 12. Congratulations Jack, Dikaksha, Sylvia and Jamie Spitznagel, science teacher.

**St. Louis Public Schools Art Fair Winners 2017:** Six Kennard students received awards at the SLPS Art Fair Awards Ceremony March 31 at the St. Louis Zoo Living World Amphitheater. The winners were:

- SLPS Foundation Award/Janya Clark/3rd
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Drawing Serena Bannish-Tramble/4th
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Painting Louisa Sullivan/2nd
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Painting Caroline Wang/4th
- 1st Place Mixed Media Aryaman Singh/4<sup>th</sup>
- 3rd Place Mixed Media Janya Clark/3rd

Congratulations students and art teacher, Alveta Nelson!

**Queeny Park Science Fair:** Twenty-four fourth and fifth grade science fair projects were selected for the St. Louis Science Fair at Queeny Park on April 26. More details later.

**State Geography Bee Qualifier Results:** 5<sup>th</sup> grader, Aristuto Paul, placed 7<sup>th</sup> in the state finals of the National Geographic Geography Bee held in Columbia Missouri, March 31. Aristuto passed the regional test and qualified for the state finals. He made it through 8 preliminary rounds among the 102 Missouri finalists, and then progressed through 7 tiebreaker rounds among the top 25. He placed 7<sup>th</sup> out of the final top ten contestants. This is the first year Kennard has participated in the Geography Bee.