

# Kennard CJA

St. Louis Public Schools

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## Celebrate National Teacher Appreciation Week May 7-13

### Welcome 2017.2018 PTO Board Members

Congratulations to our incoming PTO Board Members. Our learning community looks forward to a productive school year.

- President: Mike Viles
- Vice President: Melissa Von Rohr
- Secretary: Karen Ruggeri
- Treasurer: Dave Custis
- Information Officer: Erin Bihl
- Security Officer: Jennifer Beffa
- Parliamentarian: Chad Beffa
- Enrichment Resource Officer: Cindy Heidenry
- District Affairs Officer: Lara Fuchs
- Room Parent Relation Officer: Kate Metzger
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- Communications Officer: Susie Anderson-Bauer

**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. Please continue to support our students during the testing window.

- **STATE-REQUIRED TESTING:** April 17 - May 12: MAP GLA
- **DISTRICT REQUIRED TESTING:** April 3-21: STAR ELA/Math #2 (SB319, all grades1-8), May 15-19: Kindergarten Acuity End-of-Year Benchmark Testing

**SLPS Educator of the Year:** Please join me in congratulating **Nick Clement**, Gifted Specialist, on receiving the 2017 Saint Louis Public Schools Follett School Solutions Special Area Educator of the Year. Nick received his award **Wednesday, May 3** at the Palladium. Congratulations Nick!

**Summer Learning Update:** The Transportation Department has provided some additional time to enroll students for Summer Learning. Bus routes will be set in place after May 15, so no new

routes can be established after that point, but students can still sign up to get on existing routes. Details about the available programs are also located at [www.slps.org/summerschool](http://www.slps.org/summerschool).

**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. 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 8, 2017**. Please remember that this form is optional and feel free to contact your child's classroom teacher for more information.

**National Teacher Appreciation Day is Tuesday, May 9!** A weeklong celebration **May 7 thru May 13** 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. Remember to thank your child's teacher!

**National School Nurse Day is Wednesday May 10!** National School Nurse Day, also known as School Nurse Day, 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.

### May School Events

**Storytelling Festival:** The 2017 St. Louis Storytelling Festival is the largest free storytelling festival in the world. Students will celebrate this ancient art on **Friday, May 5**. The featured storytellers are **Ahrmanti Ambus**, one of the festival's newest regional tellers, an imaginative storyteller and actor, and **Karen Young**, who appeals to the "young at heart and ancient in spirit". Session 1 for K-2 begins at 1:30pm and session 2 for grades 3-5 begins at 2:30pm.

**Let's Move Your Body Flash Mob Event** takes place at Kennard on **Friday, May 12** at 3:00pm. This initiative to raise a healthier generation of kids is sponsored by St. Louis City in collaboration with Saint Louis Public Schools, Let's Move! STL and HSHC to fight childhood obesity.

**Character Education Event:** Tiger Families Making a Splash: The Annual Kennard Tiger Family Celebration is **Monday, May 15** from 2:15pm until 3:30pm on the playground. Students will enjoy a play date with their tiger family. Come out and join the fun!

**Careers on Wheels:** Kennard hosts Careers on Wheels on the bus lot **Tuesday, May 16 from 10:00 to 12:00 noon**. Sponsored by SLPS Career and Technical Education Program, this program offers students an opportunity to examine careers that use vehicles on the job.

**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).

**PTO Family Picnic:** Celebrate the end of the school year with family and friends at the annual school picnic at Kennard on **Friday, May 19** after-school.

**Summer Reading Book Fair:** The Diversity Committee is hosting a book fair sponsored by **eyeseeme** an African American Children's Bookstore in conjunction with the PTO Picnic on **Friday, May 19** at 4:30 in the gym. The book fair will feature multicultural books for children of all ages. Contact Maggie Carfield, [www.mcarfield@yahoo.com](mailto:www.mcarfield@yahoo.com) for more information or visit the bookstore website at [www.eyeseeme.com](http://www.eyeseeme.com) .

**Field Day:** Students compete and have fun with their peers participating in a variety of games. Field Day is **Tuesday, May 23.**

- 9:35-11:30am: Grades Pre-K – 2
- 1:45-3:45pm: Grades 3 thru 5

If you would like to volunteer, please click on the following link:

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0B45AFAD2DA4F85-volunteers2](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0B45AFAD2DA4F85-volunteers2)

**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

### Student News

**Noetic Learning Math Contest Winners:** Students in grades 2 through 5 completed the Noetic Learning Math Contest in April. Noetic Math Contest is a 20-question test emphasizing critical thinking and math logic. Grade level winners and those who scored in the top 10 % nationally (known as Honor Roll) will receive medals. Please congratulate the winners:  
Grade level winners for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, tied with a score of 90 %, were Richard Heidenry, Alex O'Brien, Timothy O'Connell, and Cameron Shatto.

Honor roll winners were Thomas Pitlyk, Daniel Chakvetadze, and Henry Galey.

Grade level winner for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, with a score of 100 %, was Ben Koebbe. Honor roll winners were Zoe Zensen, August Montroy, Logan Wolff, Alex Sullins, Lucy Fuchs, and Emerson Brown.

Grade level winner for 4<sup>th</sup> grade, with a score of 90%, was Alex Pantazopoulos. Honor roll winners were Saphthaka Upadhya and Sean O'Brien.

Grade level winner for 5<sup>th</sup> grade, with a score of 100%, was Zukai Abuduwasiti. Honor roll winners were Rachel Tibbs, Allison Luth, Lucy Heidenry, Prakash Ramakrishnan, Arnav Busani, Aristuto Paul, Emma Deaton, Joshua Keoshkerian, Alex Sullins, and Xavier Holmes.

Congratulations Nick Clement and all contest winners!

**Queeny Park Science Fair Winners:** The students below were winners in this year's science fair:

**Blue Ribbon Winners 4th grade:** Craig J Higgins, Andrew Kabat, Ben Keoshkerian, Sean O'Brien, Alex Pantazopoulos and Leah Scott.

**Blue ribbon Winners 5th grade:** Bryant Brothers, Arnav Busani, Emma Deaton, Corinne Farrill, Grace Fuchs, Lola Harper, Xavier Holmes, Alice Kovarik, Allison Luth, India Nea, Sammy Parsons, Aristuto Paul, Chloe Roy and Rachel Tibbs.

**Red Ribbon Winners 5th grade:** Lydia Anania and Josh Keoshkerian

**Green Ribbon Winners 4th Grade:** Sapthaka Upadhya and Joseph Wohlrabe

Congratulations to all participants and Jamie Spitznagel! Visit the website for more information at [sciencefairstl.org](http://sciencefairstl.org).

### Parent/Guardian Surveys

**Parent/Guardian Survey:** Please take a few minutes to answer Kennard's School End-of-the-Year survey. Your responses are instrumental in helping us develop Kennard's academic program. Please complete the survey by **Friday, May 19**. As always, please feel free to contact me if you have additional concerns. Click on the link below to complete the survey:

<http://www.slps.org//cms/module/selectsurvey/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=545>

**SLPS Survey- 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.

**"Goodness is about character - integrity, honesty, kindness, generosity, moral courage, and the like. More than anything else, it is about how we treat other people."**

**Dennis Prager**