

# Kennard CJA

St. Louis Public Schools

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Dr. Wanda LeFlore, Principal

## Principal's Monthly Message

Last week's autumn equinox marked the end of summer and the first day of fall. Fall is my favorite season because of the cooler weather, foliage color, and family holidays. It is also a great time of year because it marks the opening of the **2017 Character in Action Conference**. As a National School of Character, Kennard is a host school for the conference held September 27, 28, and 29 at the Holiday Inn SW-Route 66. Over 30 educators will tour the school, visit classrooms, and meet with teachers and students from 12:00 – 2:30pm on Thursday, September 28. On Wednesday, September 27 Lisa Kadlec, Whitney Mitchell and I will present our Tiger Families Character Education initiative during the morning breakout session. Visit the link for more information at <https://www.edplus.org/domain/212>

**The Annual Fund Drive Kickoff** is currently underway. Our PTO actively advocates for our learning community and raises funds to support unique programming and resources for our student population. This year's goal is \$25,000. Contact **Jenifer Garcia**: [jenifer@garciaproperties.com](mailto:jenifer@garciaproperties.com) for more details.

**Custodial Worker Day:** Did you know that educational institutions rely heavily on custodial workers. Custodial Worker Day, celebrated Monday, October 2, pays tribute to men and women who work tirelessly to clean and maintain buildings. Take a minute to thank our custodians, **JoAnn Baker and Daniel Lang**.

**Earthquake Drill:** Our school along with millions of people worldwide will participate in **2017 Great Central U.S. Shakeout** scheduled at 10:19am Thursday, October 19, 2017. Wherever you are at that moment—at home, at work, at school, anywhere—you should [Drop, Cover, and Hold On](#) (for at least 60 seconds) as if there were a major earthquake occurring at that very moment.

**EyeSeeMe African American Children's Bookstore** is hosting a book fair in conjunction with Kennard's fall parent teacher conferences. More details soon.

**Grandparents and Special Friends Day** was a tremendous success. Kudos to Chairperson **Lyndsay Roy!** Her dedicated committee hosted more than 340 grandparents and special friends on September 15.

**Magnet School Open House** at Kennard is 9:30/3:30 on **Thursday, October 26**.

**October is National Bullying Prevention Month.** Support our learning community as we come together to raise awareness for bullying prevention. Contact counselor Whitney Mitchell for more details.

**Report Cards:** Students will receive their first Report Card during Parent Teacher Conferences. Classroom teachers will provide you with available meeting times and dates. Evening conference times are:

- ✓ Wednesday, October 18 - 4:30pm until 7:45pm.
- ✓ Thursday, October 19 - 4:30pm until 7:45pm.
- ✓ No school for **students or staff** Friday, October 20.

**School Pictures:** Lifetouch will photograph students for portrait packages and school records on **Wednesday, October 25, 2017**. More details soon.

### Important Dates

Wednesday, Sept 27

PTO Board Meeting/5:00pm

Wednesday, Oct 4

PTO General Meeting/6:00pm

Thursday, Oct 12

School Tour/9:30

Friday, Oct 20

Fall Festival/7:00pm

Wednesday, Oct 25

PTO Board Meeting/5:00pm

Thursday, Oct 26

Open House/9:30

Wednesday, Nov 1

PTO General Meeting/6:00pm

Saturday, Nov 4

Trivia Night/7:00pm

### No School Days

Friday, October 13

Professional Development

Friday, October 20

Parent Conference

Friday, November 10

Veteran's Day