

Kennard CJA

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National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS) Induction

Kennard Classical Junior Academy Chapter of the National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS) held its annual induction on Thursday, February 23, 2017. Fifty-nine fourth and fifth graders were recognized for their outstanding academic achievement, meaningful service to school and community, and essential leadership skills. Students will participate in service learning projects as they continue to demonstrate leadership potential. The guest speaker for the event was former Kennard student and SLPS alumni, Ametra Harris. Ms. Harris is a staff engineer for Kaskaskia Engineering Group and was recently appointed to the City of St. Louis Planning Commission by Mayor Francis Slay. Congratulations to the inductees and committee members; Jennifer Beffa, Nick Clement, Tad Droste, Whitney Mitchell, Tiffany Nard, and Angela Rhodes.





The Book Fair is here! The Happy Camper Book Fair: S' more Fun with Books is on its way to Kennard! The book fair is March 13 through March 16. Sale hours are as follows:

- March 14th – 10:00am to 5:00pm
- March 15th – 9:00am to 8:00pm
- March 16th – 9:00am to 8:00pm

Please use SignUp.com to volunteer for the book fair. You need to be an approved volunteer to participate. Follow the three easy steps below:

- 1) Click this link to see our Signup on SignUp.com: <http://signup.com/go/A1NMKv>
- 2) Review the Signups listed and choose the one(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It is easy and you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com.

Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email, sign up manually by emailing kcyjbookfair@yahoo.com or contact Dale Greenbury at www.dkgreenbury@gmail.com .

Parent/Teacher Conferences are Wednesday, March 15 and Thursday, March 16.

- Wednesday, March 15 - 4:30pm until 7:45pm
- Thursday, March 16- 4:30pm until 7:45pm
- Friday, March 17 – No School

Contact your child's teacher to sign up for a conference time and note that more days and times may be available. Sign-up soon!

The Let Me Run Program will begin on **March 29**, practice for 6 weeks and conclude with the Let Me Run Grand Slam 5K at Gateway Grizzlies Ballpark! The program is open to all fourth and fifth grade boys. Please sign your child up at the link below. As always, parent participation is welcome and encouraged. Please contact Dave Custis (david.custis@sbcglobal.net) or Cari Wohlrabe (jcewohl@aol.com) with any questions. <http://letmerun.org/region/st-louis-metro/teams>

Tell Us How We Are Doing: SLPS is committed to providing a welcoming environment for all of our school visitors. Effective immediately, visitors are invited to 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, or by calling (314) 345-4636. Help us improve our learning environment!

Summer Learning Applications and Overview

Summer Learning enrollment begins March 17. There are three student applications for summer programming:

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

Which applications are right for my students?

1) Summer Learning Application, grades P4-8 (rising K-9)

- Students who are below level in Math or Reading
- Students entering kindergarten who need extra support
- Students recommended for retention
- 3rd and 4th grade students identified by SB319
- Students who qualify for extended year school

2) Summer Enrichment Application, grades P4-8 (rising K-9)

- Students who have been identified as Gifted
- Students on grade level (based on STAR Reading, Acuity, and informal assessments)
- Host principals must recommend students for this site.

3) High School Credit Recovery

- High school students who need to earn course credit and/or who need academic intervention support for End of Course exams

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.



MLB Opening Day and the St. Louis Cardinal's Home Opener: Celebrate Opening Day and the St. Louis Cardinal's Home Opener on Monday, April 3. Show your team spirit by wearing your Cardinal's gear or **Red** and jeans!

The fifth graders will present **Alice in Wonderland** at **6:30pm on Friday, April 7, 2017**. Please bring the family and enjoy the performance! Contact Annette Silver-Betts for additional information at annette.silver-betts@slps.org.

Middle School Here I Come: Kennard fifth graders will participate in an all-school-day shadowing experience at McKinley Classical Leadership Academy on **Thursday, April 13 from 7:30am – 1:00pm**. Please contact your child's teacher for more information.

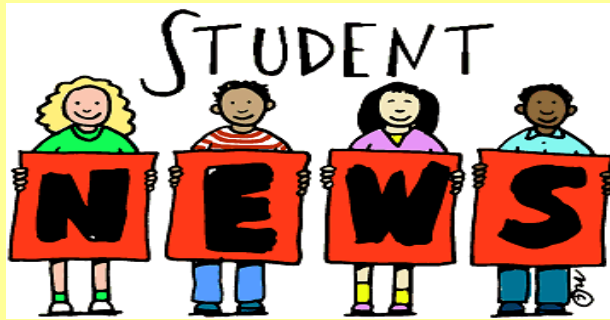
District Testing: State-mandated testing will begin soon. High attendance and attention to details and directions are critical for students to show their best academic performance. Assessment results are used for planning curriculum, instructional planning, professional development, student placement, 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.

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!



American Heart Association Jump Rope for Heart thanks Kennard for generous donation! Under the guidance of Mr. Eresh, physical education teacher, Kennard donated **\$4,332.75** to the American Heart Association. Thanks families for supporting our students that are raising awareness about heart-healthy living.



Coding at Kennard: Second through fifth graders are learning to code using MIT's Scratch programming language this school year. Now, they are using their coding skills to program Lego WeDo robots in the Science Lab! Students build and program the robots to creatively solve problems, learn about force and motion, and practice using the Scientific Method.

Spelling Bee Update: Congratulations to third grader **Logan Wolff** who made it past the semi-finals this past weekend and will advance to the finals next weekend. Good Luck Logan!



State Geography Bee Qualifier: Aristuto Paul, 5th grader, qualifies for the Missouri Geo Bee that will be held March 31 at Mizzou in Columbia, MO. The champion from each state will qualify to compete in the National Geographic Bee Championship held at the National Geographic Society headquarters in Washington, D.C., May 14-17, 2017. Good luck Aristuto!

Missouri Council of Teacher of Mathematics Contest (MOCTM): Sixteen Kennard students, eight fourth graders and eight fifth graders, competed Saturday in the regional finals of the MOCTM held at Clayton High School. Fifth graders Rachel Tibbs, Arnav Busani, Kim Zhang, Joshua Keoshkerian, Lucy Heidenry, Zukai Abuduwasiti, Prakash Ramakrishnan, Aristuto Paul; fourth graders Tamsin John, Sean O'Brien, Elliot Bauer, Joe Wohlrabe, Aryaman Singh, Alex Pantazopoulos, Saphthaka Upadhya, and Ben Keoshkerian qualified in the local contest to attend the regional meet. Alex Pantazopoulos and Aristuto Paul qualified for the State Finals in May. Sean O'Brien scored 4th in the Target round; a 5th grade team made up of Rachel Tibbs, Lucy Heidenry, Kim Zhang, and Prakash Ramakrishnan took second in the Team round; the other 5th grade team took 4th place in the Sweepstakes, a combination of team and individual scores. The MOCTM consists of three different individual math tests and a team math test, including the nerve wracking Number Sense test, with 10 minutes allowed for 80 questions. Way to go math coach, Nick Clement!

ENJOY SPRING BREAK!