

Kennard CJA

St. Louis Public Schools

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Dr. Wanda LeFlore, Principal

Hi Families,

I hope that you have had an opportunity to enjoy our unseasonable weather over the last few weeks. Springtime in the air increases our save the dates, friendly reminders, and do not forgets. This newly designed format comes with a guarantee to help everyone remain on task and organize as we move into the third academic quarter. Let us see if it works and enjoy the remaining days of spring-like temperatures!

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National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS) Induction for Kennard's chapter is **Thursday, February 23 at 6:00pm**. Fourth and fifth grade students are recognized for their outstanding academic achievement, meaningful service to the school and community, and essential leadership skills. Families are welcome to attend. Please contact Jennifer Beffa at www.jennifer.beffa@slps.org for additional information.

The Talent Show for third, fourth, and fifth grade students is **Friday, February 24 at 1:30pm** in the gym. We have lots of talent at Kennard. Bring the family and join the fun! Please contact Laura Macheca at www.laura.macheca@slps.org for more information.

The Black History Program is **Monday, February 27** at 9:30am. The 3rd grade classes will present 21st Century African-American Women in Science, Math, and Technology. Join us! Please contact Annette Silver-Betts www.annette.silver-betts@slps.org for more information.

Kennard hosts **The National African American Read-In** again this year. If you recall, last year we held the event in the gym and it was a great first time event! **Tuesday, February 28** from 3:30 to 4:00 pm, we will all read books written by or about an African American in our classrooms. Teachers have the option to read aloud to the class, use class sets (available in the library upon request), sponsor guest readers, or have students read independently. Our librarian, Brenda Kukay, sponsors Kennard's Read-In and The Black Caucus and the National Council of Teachers

of English (NCTE) sponsors the National African American Read-In. Please contact Brenda Kukay at www.brenda.kukay@slps.org for more information.

Girls on the Run (GOTR): Registration is open January 23 through February 22 with practices starting **Tuesday, February 28**. Practices will be on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:15am to 8:45am. GOTR equips girls with confidence and tools that empower them for a lifetime of healthy living! At the end of the season, girls in the program will participate in a 5K on May 13! This is a program for girls in grades 3, 4, and 5. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer as a coach or practice partner please contact Tricia Moyer: mtricia@triciamoyer.org.

The **Jump Rope for Heart** event begins the week of **February 27**. Students jump rope the 2nd day of that week during their PE class. It is also the last day to submit funds or make an online donation. Funds donated go to the American Heart Association to conduct research to fight heart disease. This year, students receive zoo animals as bonus prizes for their contributions. Please contact the PE teacher, Jim Eresh at www.james.eresh@slps.org for more information.



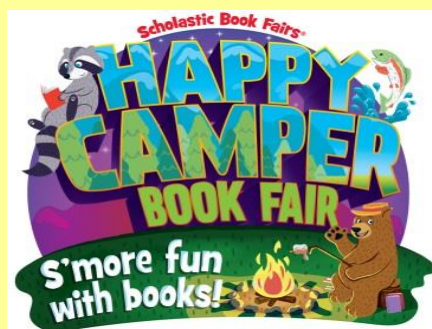
America Saves: SLPS is a partner with several banking institutions so that schools can participate in **America Saves Week**, a campaign managed by the nonprofit Consumer Federation of America. This program seeks to motivate, encourage, and build wealth while improving the financial health of our schools, families, community and the world. Students will learn the difference between needs & wants, the importance of saving, and the value of money. The Private Bank collaborates with Kennard to provide a fun and exciting presentation to 2nd and 3rd grade classes on **Wednesday, March 1**.

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss! Please join us for the **National Education Association's 20th Annual Read across America** program! Again, this year, the Young Lawyers Division of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (BAMSL) will bring members of the legal profession from the St. Louis area into our first grade classrooms on **Thursday, March 2** to celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday and promote the importance of reading to our students.

Ms. Recke's third grade class **Annual Bake Sale is Friday, March 3** this school year. All student purchases are bagged for take home or after-school consumption. Proceeds from this service-learning project will support needy families. Please contact Carolyn Recke at www.carolyn.recke@slps.org for additional information.

Coffee with the Principal is a great opportunity for any member of Kennard's Learning Community to share exciting news and ideas with the principal in a relaxed setting. Children are

always welcome to attend! The next Coffee with the Principal is **Friday, March 10** from 8:30am until 9:00am in the main hall. Hope you can join me!



The Book Fair is coming! 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 – 10:00 to 3:00
- March 15th – 9:00 to 7:45
- March 16th – 9:00 to 7:45

Please use SignUp.com to volunteer for the book fair and 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, and sign up manually email kcjabookfair@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 available. Sign-up soon!

Registration for 2017 Summer Learning at Saint Louis Public Schools starts on March 17.

Kennard is the district-wide gifted and enrichment site. Summer hours are from 9:00 – 3:20 beginning Monday, June 5 and ending June 29. More information about the application process and curriculum will be available in a few weeks.

The Let Me Run Program will begin on **March 29**, practicing for 6 weeks and concluding 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>



Geography Bee Winner: Aristuto Paul, 5th grader, won Kennard's first Annual Geography Bee held Friday, January 20. This annual competition organized by the National Geographic Society inspires and rewards students' curiosity about the world. Competing students have the opportunity to win college scholarships and honor as a National Geographic Bee Champion. Champions who qualify for the state bee are notified in March. Mr. Nick Clement sponsors the Geography Bee for Kennard. Good Luck Aristuto!

University City Math Contest: Nine Kennard teams dominated the scoring at University City Equations Open on Saturday, January 28, 2017. Sixty-one teams from 21 schools participated in the annual event. Fifth graders, led in scoring by Prakash Ramakrishna and Josh Keoshkerian, placed 1st, 3rd, and 4th. Fourth graders, led in scoring by Dylan Stokes and Matthew Stolze, placed 2nd and third graders, led in the scoring by Liam Bihr, Janya Clark, Finn Kracen-Wallace, and Lucy Luetkemeyer, placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. The next contests are March 14 and 15 at Washington University. Congratulations Team!

Tiger Family Service Learning Project: Pajamas (PJs) for Police on Monday, February 13 was a huge success. Over \$800.00 dollars was collected for BackStoppers, an organization that supports families of fallen police officers. Special thanks to Mackenzie Rouse and committee members for organizing this special event.

Science Fair Projects: Thanks to all the fourth and fifth grade students that submitted science fair projects! Next week, students will be notified if their project is selected to compete at Queeny Park or the SLPS Science Fair. Due to a limited number of spaces available at each venue, and to make sure more students have an opportunity to participate, projects will only be submitted to one fair. If you would like to serve as a judge at the Queeny Park fair, please contact Jamie Spitznagel at www.jamie.spitznagel@slps.org.

Chess Winners: Five Kennard Chess Tigers played in the Gateway Action Chess Tournament held at SLU on Saturday, February 18 and earned the 2nd place trophy. The team members were Prakash Ramakrishna, Aristuto Paul, Zoe Zensen, Gavin Zhang, and Alex Sullins. Prakash earned an individual trophy and Aristuto, Gavin, and Alex earned medals. Stop by the office and check out the trophy!

Tiger Family Assembly

On Monday, February 13, core values selected by Kennard's learning community were presented to the school community. The assembly was a celebration to encourage healthy character development and the alignment of our core values (**honesty, kindness, respect, responsibility**) with The 7 Habits of Happy Kids. The fourth grade students in Ms. Macheca's class demonstrated each core value and the second grade students in Ms. Kadlec and Ms. Ventimiglia classes led the assembly in a spirited edition of The 7 Habits of Happy Kids song.

Thanks for supporting our Tiger Family Assembly!

