

Kennard CJA

St. Louis Public Schools

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Dr. Wanda LeFlore, Principal

Principal's Monthly Message

Welcome! I hope you had an opportunity to meet your child's teacher during Meet and Greet or Open House. Our school year is off to a good start and we are excited to be back. We look forward to putting our best educational effort in supporting your child. My monthly message is designed to keep your family informed about school and district events. Stay connected

- Communicate with your child's teacher via email or telephone.
- Keep up to date via newsletters.
- Participate in Kennard's PTO.
- Visit the newly designed websites at www.slps.org or www.kennardcja.com
- Become an approved volunteer.

School Motto

I'll strive for excellence in all that I do
I'll be the best me and you be the best you!
-Margaret Franklin and the KCJA Radio students 2006

Kennard's Attendance:

Please remember to contact the school office at (314) 353-8875 if your child is going to be absent or late to school. An auto dial message is automatically sent to families that fail to contact the school by 10:00am.

Kennard's SLPS Newly Designed Website:

Visit our website to read or review the following 2016.2017 school documents and information at <http://www.slps.org/kennard>

- Family Handbook
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Playground Procedures
- Positive Behavior Support Plan
- Parent Information Guide & Student Code of Conduct Handbook
- Teachers' Email Addresses



Buses and Meals

Kennard is a "stand alone" route, which means we do not share buses with another school. Thanks for your patience during the first week back, as buses typically run late at the beginning and end of the day. It takes longer to get younger students on the correct bus for the first few days and school bus drivers are also learning their new routes. If you have any questions about transportation, you can contact the transportation office at 314-389-2202 or Stlouisrouting@firstgroup.com

The District offers both **free** breakfast and **free** lunch to all St. Louis Public School students due to Section 104 (a) of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. Students who bring their lunch must pay for milk. Meals are always available to students who are tardy or late to school. Menus are available online at www.slps.org Go to **Parents and Students** and click on **Food Services**.

District Assessments

MAP GLA Science test scores are expected to arrive in the district on or around Sept. 1 and MAP GLA ELA and Math test scores are expected to arrive in the district on or around Sept. 9, 2016, and will be available soon afterwards.

The following assessments listed below are being administered this school year to measure student progress and drive instruction. Classroom teachers will let you know when your child is going to be tested so that you can support our efforts to minimize distractions and interruptions. If you have questions, feel free to contact your child's classroom teacher.

- ***Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners (ACCESS) by WIDA Consortium*** is an annual test of English language proficiency designed for English Language Learners (ELL) in grades K-12. Qualified students will test in January.
- ***Acuity English Language Arts (ELA), Math, and Science*** are comprehensive on-line assessments that support instructional improvement goals. Testing begins mid-September for students in grades 1-8.
- ***Curriculum Created Science Formative Assessment***: is a diagnostic benchmark assessment developed by the SLPS curriculum specialists that will be administered to students in grades 3-8.
- ***Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) Pre-K*** is a developmentally appropriate formative assessment that provides valuable information about students' developmental progress. This assessment is used to inform instruction and program assessment.
- ***Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) GLA*** is a summative assessment that measures specific skills defined for each grade by the state of Missouri. Students in grades 3-8 will take the grade level assessments during the testing window of April 3 thru May 12.
- ***Star Reading ELA and Early Literacy*** by Renaissance Learning is a computerized reading assessment that uses computer-adaptive technology for students in grades Pre-K-8. This test is currently being administered.
- ***Star Math*** by Renaissance Learning is a computerized math assessment that uses computer-adaptive technology for students in grades K-8. This test is currently being administered.



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 1st Coffee with the Principal is Friday, September 2 from 8:30am until 9:00am in the main hall. Hope you can join me!



Character Initiatives at Kennard

Kennard's Buddy Bench: The buddy bench is a simple idea to eliminate loneliness and foster friendship on the playground. Staff and students are encouraged to check the bench for anyone who wants to extend friendship. Our buddy bench is located on the small playground behind the play equipment. Help spread the message of inclusion and kindness at Kennard!

Tiger Families: The journey to creating leaders in our learning community will occur in the form of Kennard Tiger Families. Each student at Kennard will become a member of a Tiger Family and this will remain their family throughout their years at Kennard. Every teacher will lead the multi-age group through twice monthly family meetings throughout the school year. Home connection information will be sent after each meeting to reinforce the skills and vocabulary used. There will be a Tiger Family Rally and Parade, individual recognition throughout the school year, and a Tiger Family Open House. This will promote an overall community family bond that reaches from our youngest community members to our oldest; and extends from our family classrooms to our family homes. *The 7 Habits of Happy Kids* will serve as the framework to teach and develop leadership qualities. Visit the link below for more information:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=nFn2DjuCFHQ

School Uniform & Dress Code Policy

The 2016.2017 School Uniform and Dress Code Policy are posted on the website at www.slps.org. All students are required to wear uniforms. School Spirit Day is every Friday. On Fridays, students may wear any combination of Kennard wear, blue and gold, and jeans. **This year, we're requesting that all students wear uniforms on field trips, unless the teacher requests an alternate dress code.** Order forms for Kennard wear are available in the main office and online at: www.kennardcja.com.

Show school spirit and proudly wear your school colors each day!

Have an Awesome School Year!