

# Kennard CJA

St. Louis Public Schools

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Dr. Wanda LeFlore, Principal

## Principal's Monthly Message



Kennard's Student Council fosters leadership development and team building through organizing events, planning programs, and projects to promote good citizenship. Selected by their peers, student council members for the 2016.2017 school year are:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Liam Bihr, Lauren Custis, Katie Grierson, Hannah Kovarik, August Montroy, Claire Scally
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Deanna Brooks, Tamsin John, Ben Keoshkerian, Zadie Moyer, Matthew Stolze, Skylar Turner
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Katrin Allen, Josh Keoshkerian, Alice Kovarik, Allison Luth, Sammy Parsons, Rachel Tibbs

**Congratulations student council members!**



This year, Kennard students, like many students across the country, will be participating in Kids Voting USA, a nonpartisan voter education program committed to creating lifelong voting habits in children, increasing family communication about citizenship, and encouraging greater adult voter turnout. Students will cast their votes on Friday, November 4, 2016. For more information about Kids Voting please visit the website at:

[www.kidsvotingusa.org](http://www.kidsvotingusa.org)



## Upcoming Events

- Thursday, October 27  
School Tour
- Friday, October 28  
Coffee/Principal
- Saturday, November 5  
Trivia Night
- Tuesday, November 8  
Election Day  
No School
- Friday, November 11  
Veterans Day  
No School
- Thursday, November 17,  
School Tour
- Friday, November 18  
Interim Progress Report
- Tuesday, November 22,  
PreK and K Feast
- Wed, Thurs, Fri  
November 23, 24, 25  
Thanksgiving Break  
No School

## Kennard Students and Staff Members Celebrate Bullying Prevention Month

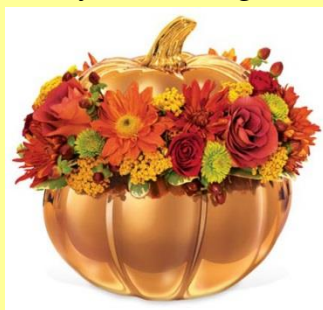


Every October, Kennard, like other schools and organizations across the country, observes **National Bullying Prevention Month**. The goal: encourage communities to work together to stop bullying and cyberbullying by increasing awareness of the prevalence and impact of bullying on all children. Kennard students participated in the following action-packed activities this week sponsored by Kennard staff members Crystal McKinney, Whitney Mitchell, and Jamie Spitznagel:

- **School-wide Anti-Bullying Assembly**: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders had the opportunity to have a discussion on Bully Prevention Awareness sponsored by SLPS School Safety and Security.
- **Celebrate Unity Day**: Students wore **ORANGE** to show that we are united for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion and had their picture taken with friends.
- **Project Connect**: Students wrote positive “I” messages on strips of construction paper and connected them as a chain to visually represent the power of uniting for a common cause.

**Thank you Beautification Committee:** Special thanks to Anna Stokes and the Boy Scouts, Jennifer Beffa and the National Elementary Honor Society Students, Chad Beffa, Jerre Parsons, and volunteers for the hard work and time you devoted to cleaning up Kennard school grounds.

The yard looks great!



## Kennard 5<sup>th</sup> Grader Sammy Parsons Selected as a Member of Ignite's Elite Performance Team



Sammy Parsons is practicing several times a week for Ignite Theatre Company's *Shrek*, the Musical, to be performed at the Ivory Theater, December 1-4. Sammy is thrilled to add the Big Bad Wolf to his list of favorite roles in addition to Flotsam from *Little Mermaid*, Monsieur D'Arque from *Beauty and the Beast*, and Scott from *Dear Edwina!* Recently, Sammy was selected as a member of Ignite's Elite Performance Team, a group of 18 actors that travels around the St. Louis metro area performing at a variety of events. Ignite's mission is making "Great People First, Great Performers Second," so Sammy participates in a variety of service projects each month. He is currently helping organize holiday parties for the less fortunate, and looking forward to working at Biddle House, a homeless shelter, and performing holiday songs at hospitals and senior living centers. Come out and support Sammy in the hilarious production of *Shrek* or join him in auditioning for an upcoming play! [http://www.ignitewithus.org/current\\_season/](http://www.ignitewithus.org/current_season/)



### Music Performances at Kennard!

Special thanks to Jazz St. Louis; Opera Theater St. Louis; Kaye Harrelson, SLPS Performing Arts Curriculum Specialist; and Annette Silver-Betts, Music Teacher for bringing student friendly musical entertainment to our learning community.

As a part of **Jazz at Lincoln Center's** "[Jazz for Young People: The Resilient Cities Tour](#)" (click to read more), **Jazz St. Louis** will schedule three performances for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Kennard during the 2016.2017 school year. The three 45-minute to an hour performances, are entitled:

- "Jazz and Democracy"
- "Jazz and the Great Migration"
- "Jazz and the Civil Rights Era"

Each one comes with a curriculum guide and preparatory lessons. The same band will visit Kennard for each of the three performances. The group will be made up of local musicians led by a musician sent from Jazz at Lincoln Center. The 1<sup>st</sup> concert is scheduled for November 14<sup>th</sup> at

1:30pm. Special thanks to Andy Ament, Education Manager, Jazz St. Louis; Kaye Harrelson, SLPS Performing Arts Curriculum Specialist; and Annette Silver-Betts, Music Teacher.

**Opera Theater St. Louis** will be performing **Pirates of Penzance-Opera on the Go** for students in grades 2 through 5 on Wednesday, October 26 in Kennard's gym. This interactive performance has been tailored for young people with sound sensitivities. Students will participate in fun and engaging workshops on Movement and Stage Make-Up, both with audience participation, followed by an abbreviated performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's hilarious *The Pirates of Penzance*. The performance features current and former Gerdine Young Artists with piano accompaniment.



**Science Fair:** Kennard celebrates science with an annual school-wide Science Fair. Each student in grades 4 and 5 is required to complete an individual project. The purpose of the Science Fair is to involve students in the process of authentic science inquiry. Students use science, math and language skills to investigate a topic of their own and then communicate what they have learned. In addition to recall and summarization, students use higher level thinking skills that include prediction, analysis, and synthesis. The experiment model is the preferred type of project. This year we are offering a new option with the Science Fair. Students will now have a choice in how they display their Science Fair Project. Either option is also acceptable at The Greater St. Louis Science Fair at Queeny Park.

- The first choice is the traditional display board that we have used in the past. Boards are still available for each student that chooses this option.
- The second choice is a digital display. This will include a maximum of 20 slides in a PowerPoint and a word document log book. The PowerPoint will include all of the information that would have been included on the traditional display board.

**The 4<sup>th</sup> grade Science Fair Project is due Wednesday, February 8, 2017.**

**The 5<sup>th</sup> grade Science Fair Project is due Wednesday, January 11, 2017.**

For more information regarding Kennard CJA Science Fair please contact Jamie Spitznagel, Science Enrichment Teacher at: [www.jamie.spitznagel@slps.org](mailto:www.jamie.spitznagel@slps.org).

**Kennard School Team to Attend NAGC 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention:** The 4<sup>th</sup> grade team and I will travel to Orlando, Florida November 3-6 to participate in several days of content-rich sessions covering 16 topic strands in gifted education. Special thanks to the PTO for supporting this event.

**Gifted Program Meeting Update:** Representatives from Kennard, Mallinckrodt, McKinley, Stix ECC, Kipp Warr, Isaac Pollack, and David Hardy attended Gifted Program Meetings held

Monday, September 26 and Monday, October 24. Nicole Scott will replace Dave Lloyd on this committee. The committee agrees to advocate for gifted learners by designing and recommending innovative and comprehensive K-12 gifted programming through input from stakeholders' perspectives. Our purpose is to offer a means for district and building level representatives to focus on the development and implementation of goals for SLPS Programs and to provide a network for communication, support, and accountability. Current actions are:

Action 1: Review for Understanding Gifted Curriculum Advisory Committee Final Recommendations for spring 2016.

Action 2: Prioritize and begin developing expectations for a uniformed curriculum progression for gifted students. (Start with new curricula: math and science.)

Goal: Unify curriculum progression for gifted students in grades K-12 for 2016.2017.

### **Tiger Family Open House**

Thank you for attending Kennard's Tiger Family Open House on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Staff and students were delighted to have families participate in our school-wide character education initiative.

**School Pictures RETAKE DAY – Lifetouch:** Students will have an opportunity to RETAKE their school picture at Kennard on Friday, November 18, 2016. This will be your special opportunity to purchase school pictures! Students are exempt from wearing uniforms on RETAKE Picture Day.

**School Tours:** Kennard offers guided school tours on Thursdays from September through April, beginning at 10:00am. The next tour is Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Reservations are requested, but not required if you attend on the tour date. Go to [www.KennardTours@gmail.com](http://www.KennardTours@gmail.com) to sign up. Feel free to share this information with interested families.

**Trunk or Treat was a Blast!** Special thanks to the Fall Festival Committee for a well-planned Trunk or Treat that was held Friday, October 14 at Kennard. Blythe Burkhardt, Dawn Brandt, and a host of volunteers did a wonderful job. Please thank the committee for a job well-done!

