

Kennard CJA

St. Louis Public Schools

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Dr. Wanda LeFlore, Principal

Principal's Monthly Message

Yearbook Cover Design Contest Winner

Kennard had 8 entries for this year's yearbook cover design contest. The artwork and talent displayed on these entries were amazing! The winners were selected by the fifth grade classes and their teachers. Congratulations to 5th grader **Emma Deaton** whose design came in first place for this year's yearbook cover. Emma's design, along with the 4 runners-up and all of the other entries, will be on display on the wall across from the main office. Thanks to all 5th graders who submitted entries and to Myra Belgeri for sponsoring the yearbook cover design contest.

[Check out Emma's artwork!](#)



Kennard's chapter of the (NEHS) will be providing applications to qualified students in January. Our chapter will recognize students for their outstanding academic achievement and demonstrated personal responsibility to provide meaningful service to the school and community and to develop essential leadership skills within the learning community. To be considered for placement in the NEHS a student must be in grades 4 or 5 with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5. Each candidate will also need a teacher or community leader recommendation of leadership potential. Contact 5th grade teacher Jennifer Beffa for additional information.



Upcoming Events

- Thursday, November 17, School Tours
- Friday, November 18 Interim Progress Report
- Tuesday, November 22, PreK and K Feast
- Wed, Thurs, Fri November 23, 24, 25 Thanksgiving Break [No School](#)
- Thursday, December 1, Diversity Night
- Monday, December 19, Tiger Families Winter Wrap-up
- Tues & Wed December 20 & 21 Equations Tournament
- Thursday, December 22, Record Keeping [No School](#)
- December 23 – January 3 Winter Break [No School](#)
- Wednesday, January 4 [Classes Resume](#)

First Quarter Attendance Recognition: Congratulations to the following classrooms for having the highest attendance percentage during 1st Quarter:

- 1st- Rouse 98.69%
- 2nd- Ventimiglia (Hughes) 98.68%
- 3rd- Mueller at 97.99%



Send in your Box Tops! Each classroom will be participating in two Box Tops Contests this school year. The classroom that collects and turns in the most Box Tops will earn a pizza party. The first contest runs thru November 30 and the second contest will start in January 2017. Sponsored by the PTO, and managed by Myra Belgeri and Jessica Shatto, box tops are collected to earn cash for our school.

Character at Kennard

We need to hear from you! As we continue to strengthen Kennard's Character Education initiative, and include the voices of all of our stakeholders in our learning community, we would like your input as we redefine our core value focus that aligns with our *7 Habits of Happy Kids* program. Please list the top five character traits you would like your child to learn more about and acquire the skills to exhibit on our **Family Core Value Survey** located on Kennard's website by Thursday, December 8. Thank you for your input and feel free to contact Gifted Specialist, Laurie Batres if you need assistance.

<http://www.slps.org/cms/module/selectsurvey/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=531>



This year, Kennard students like many students across the country participated in Kids Voting USA a nonpartisan voter education program. **For results, please visit the website:**

www.slps.org .

Interim Progress Reports: Only students achieving less than 80% in any subject area (including related arts) will receive an Interim Progress Report for the 2nd Quarter on Friday, November 18. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher for additional information.

Kennard Student News: Did you know that Kennard students write, report, and produce a bi-monthly news show? Go to the following link to see the latest episode that also appears on the website at: <http://www.schooltube.com/video/29b28da7bf1a4f869aee/Kennard%20News%2011-10-2016>

Learning Garden: We are pleased to inform you that with assistance from the UMSL Extension and Margaret Grant we are now able to move forward with our plans for a learning garden in front of the school, but we need your help. We are going to be installing the garden on Saturday, November 19th and are hoping that you can come and join us. We are going to start around 9:00am. Even if you can only stop by for a short time, we would love to have your assistance. If you can help or have any questions please contact Jamie Spitznagel at Jamie.spitznagel@slps.org or Alveta Nelson at Alveta.nelson@slps.org. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday!

Lost & Found: Please visit the lost and found area on the lower level across from the drinking fountain. All unclaimed items will be placed in the donation bin on Friday, November 18.

3rd Grade Service Learning Projects

The **3rd Grade Annual Food Drive** sponsored by students in Ms. Perniciaro's and Ms. Noack-Ruebling's classroom ends Friday, November 18 at 4:07pm. Help students fight hunger by donating can goods for their service learning project. All donations will benefit Operation Food Search to feed the people of St. Louis who are hungry. The top three classroom donors will compete in the **106 Fight Hunger Can Stacking Contest** on **Tuesday, November 22**. This special event won the **2016 National Promising Practice Award in Character Education!** The banner honoring this event is posted in the main hall. Please contact Ms. Perniciaro for more details.

The **3rd Grade Annual Bake Sale** will be **Friday, December 16**. Students in Ms. Recke's 3rd grade class will be collecting donations to support an organization that helps needy families. The class is planning to make sure that all students are able to participate in this event by sponsoring a peanut free/gluten free table. Although participation is optional, we look forward to your on-going support. Please contact Ms. Recke for more details.

Metro Theatre Company Performs @ Kennard!

Kennard families are cordially invited to attend the Diversity Committee Special Event: *New Kid by Metro Theatre*. *New Kid* is a play about the struggles of a boy named Nick who has just moved to the United States and is faced with the challenge of being the new kid in school. This event will be held in Kennard's gym on **Thursday, December 1, 6:00-8:00pm**. Doors to the gym will open at 6:00pm and Free Pizza will be served! The 45-minute performance will begin promptly at 6:30pm. Community organizations that promote diversity and inclusion will be available prior to and after the performance. For additional information about this performance please visit: <http://metroplays.org/performances/touring-productions/new-kid-3/>; to RSVP for this event; <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/diversity-committee-enrichment-night-tickets-29319121281>; or contact Reena Hajat Carroll, Diversity Committee Chair at rhajat@dapstl.org. Hope you can join us!



Project-based Learning: All 4th graders are participating in a project-based learning measurement unit using pumpkins this quarter. The festivities began on Tuesday, November 8 with an evening full of volunteers gathering pumpkins from Krueger's Orchard in Godfrey, Illinois. As a result, the extra pumpkins were distributed to Kennard students. Special thanks to Krueger's Orchard that has supplied Pumpkinpalooza pumpkins for the last 9 years to Kennard. Feel free to grab a pumpkin!

School Pictures RETAKE DAY – Lifetouch: Students will have an opportunity to RETAKE their school picture at Kennard on Friday, November 18. 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, November 17. Reservations are requested, but not required, if you attend on the tour date. Go to www.KennardTours@gmail.com to sign up. Feel free to share this information with interested families.



Kennard's 2017 Spelling Bee is Thursday, January 12 at 2:00pm in the gym. Two students from each 1st through 5th grade class will compete in the Spelling Bee. The winner of KCJA's bee will advance and compete in the written semi-final bee. Family and friends are welcome to attend this event! For more information, please contact Gifted Specialist, Laurie Batres.

The Annual Thanksgiving Feast for the Pre-K and Kindergarten Classes will be held on Tuesday, November 22 in Ms. Rouse's classroom. Students will celebrate being thankful for each other by sharing laughter, poems, and a family feast in the classroom. Please contact your child's teacher for more information.



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University of Missouri Extension: Robotics

Beginning in January 2017, two new sessions of robotics will be offered at Kennard at 8:00am in the library.

- The **Introductory** class will meet on the following dates: Monday: January 9, 16, 23, and 30 and February 6, 13, 20 and 27.
- The **Advanced** class will meet on the following dates: Wednesday: January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, and March 1.

If you would like for your child to participate, or you have questions, please contact Vince McKinney at mckinneyv@missouri.edu or by phone at 314-400-7375 or Bailey Lutz at lutzbn@missouri.edu.

