

# Kennard CJA

St. Louis Public Schools

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Dr. Wanda LeFlore, Principal

# Happy New Year!

Welcome Back! I hope you had an opportunity to rest, relax, reflect and enjoy time off with family and friends. As we prepare for another great semester, please set alerts and reminders for the following events:

**Attendance Correction:** Congratulations to Lisa Kadlec and her class who had the highest 2nd Quarter Attendance Percentage!

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter: Lisa Kadlec – 96.87%
- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter: Dianne Oates - 97.88%

**The Annual Fund Drive** is still accepting donations. Our PTO actively advocates for our learning community and raises funds to support unique programming and resources for our student population. This year's goal is \$25,000.

Contact committee chair **Jenifer Garcia**:

[jenifer@garciaproperties.com](mailto:jenifer@garciaproperties.com) for more information.

**Fall Fundraiser Competition:** Congratulations to Ms. Meyer 5<sup>th</sup> grade class, on winning the fall fundraiser competition. Kennard made almost \$300 from the Coke Give contest, which is HUGE for a brand new fundraiser. We also raised over \$500 in box tops and the Tyson labels continue to grow, with more coming in all the time. Thanks **Jessica Shatto** for sponsoring the contest and managing the decorative bulletin board.

## Important Dates

Friday, January 19

PTO Movie Night/7:00p

Wednesday, January 24

National School Choice

Assembly/1:15p

Spelling Bee/1:30p

Wednesday, January 31

PTO Board Meeting/5:00p

Friday, February 2

JA in a Day/9:20a

Wednesday, February 7

PTO General Meeting/6:00p

Friday, February 9

PTO School Dance

Wednesday, February 21

Coffee with the Principal/8:30a

Wednesday, February 28

Black History Program/10:30a

(Grade 3 only)

March 6 - 9

Grade 5 Camp Wyman

Wednesday, March 14

Spring Concert

(Grades Pre-k thru 4 only)

Wed/March 21 and Thurs/22

Parent/Teacher Conferences

## No School Days

Monday, January 15

MLK Day

Friday, February 16

Professional Development

Monday, February 19

Presidents Day

Friday, March 23

No School

Monday – Friday: March 26/30

Spring Break

Grade 4 students will participate in **Gifted Education Day at the Capitol in Jefferson City, MO** on Tuesday, February 27. Contact your child's teacher for more information or visit: <http://www.mogam.org/events.html>

**High School Intern: Miss Liyah Johnson**, a senior attending Clyde C. Miller High School, begins her internship in early childhood education at Kennard Monday, January 8. She will support early childhood teachers in grades kindergarten, first, and second from 9:00 to 3:00 on Monday and Wednesday and alternating Fridays. Please welcome Miss Johnson to Kennard.

**PTO Movie Night is Friday, January 19**

Join family and friends at 7:00pm for the family musical, *Willa Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*.

**National School Choice Week:** Kennard will participate in National School Choice Week January 21-27, 2018. A school-wide assembly to celebrate effective education options for each child is January 24 at 1:15pm in the gym.

**National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS):** Fourth and fifth graders that meet the criteria for NEHS membership will receive applications January 16 and the applications are due January 22. Applicants must be in grades 4 or 5 with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5. Kennard's chapter recognizes students for their outstanding academic achievement, meaningful service to the school and community, and essential leadership skills. **NESH induction is Thursday, February 15 at 6:00pm.** Contact 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Jennifer Beffa at [www.jennifer.beffa@slps.org](mailto:www.jennifer.beffa@slps.org) for additional information.

**The National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS)** is sponsoring a **pet donation drive** to support no-kill shelters in our area beginning **Monday, January 8 through Friday, January 26**. Items collected will support **Stray Rescue** for dogs and **Tenth Life** for cats.

**Cat needs:** dry and canned kitten and cat food, cat treats, catnip, cat toys, scoopable litter, pet carriers, nail clippers, scratching posts, gently used fleece blankets and towels, cat brushes, sturdy bowls, air fresheners, and various office supplies.

**Dog needs:** dye-free detergent, fabric softener, spray cleaners, gently used towels and blankets, paper towels, Blue Buffalo food and treats, Kong toys, Nyla bones, and no-slip collars. Please contact Jennifer Beffa if you need more information.

**National School Counseling Week:** Celebrate February 5-9 to focus public attention on the unique contribution of professional school counselors within U.S. school systems. Please take some time to thank **Counselor Whitney Mitchell** for helping our students achieve school success!

**Red Rook Chess Tournament Results:** A change in the rules this year allowed Kennard to earn multiple team trophies. Fourteen players from Kennard teams contributed to earn the 1st, 2nd, and 4th place trophies. There were also multiple individual trophies.

- First section, Adam Jiang got 1st place, Alex Sullins got 3rd place, and Gavin Zhang got 4th place
- Second section, Janya Clark got 1st place, Caris Ong got 2nd place, and Lenore Upwood, Ali Mohsen, and Imran Hassan tied for 5th place
- Additionally, Shrey Sharma and Salah Mohsen earned medals; Adam Hassan, Christian Harris, Ly Mason, and Braxton Brummer also contributed.

Full tournament results are posted at [redrookchess.com](http://redrookchess.com). Stop by the office to see the trophy and special thanks to David Sullins and volunteers that supported this event.

**Science Fair Projects:** We are entering that time of year where Kennard celebrates science with a school wide Science fair. This is a requirement for all 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. There are two options in completing the Science Fair project. The first choice is the traditional display board. This board is provided by the school. The second choice is a digital display. This includes a maximum of 20 slides in a PowerPoint and a word document log book. Either option is also acceptable at The Greater St. Louis Science Fair at Queeny Park. **Grade 5 projects are due January 12 and Grade 4 projects are due February 9.** Please contact your child's classroom teacher additional information.

**Special Thanks** to all Math and Science Family Night volunteers!

**Updated Family Contact Information:** As we enter the winter season with the possibility of school closure, it is important that we have updated contact information for each of our families. In emergency situations, we call all numbers listed in SIS. If you need to update any information listed in Tyler student Information System, please contact the secretary, Ms. Shivers-Jones. Emails are also important since we communicate through that avenue. Also remember to accept the text message opt-in communication so that we can have multiple ways in which to release critical information.

**Winter Weather Reminders:** SLPS recommends the following winter temperature guidelines for outdoor play from Children's Hospital: 32 degrees and above normal recess, 20- 32 degrees-15 minutes, 20 degrees or below- inside recess. You can also use the attached Wind Chill Brochure from the National Weather Service for additional guidance in this area:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/cold/resources/wind-chill-brochure.pdf> . Since children benefit from vigorous, exercise and should play outside whenever possible, unless it is snowing, raining, or icy on the playground, children will play outdoors. So please make sure your child is appropriately dressed for outside play.