

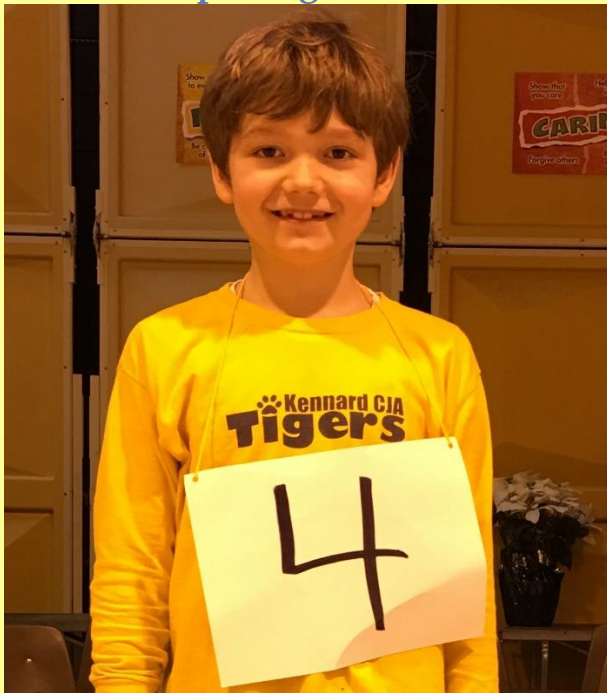
Kennard CJA

St. Louis Public Schools

2/1/2018

Dr. Wanda LeFlore, Principal

Spelling Bee Winner!



Third grader **Thomas Pitlyk** was the winner of Kennard's Annual Spelling Bee and fifth grader **Kathryn Luth** was the runner-up. Good luck Tommy and thanks to all the participants.

Affinia Health will provide hearing screenings and growth assessments for our students Wednesday, February 7 and 21 at Kennard. Please contact Nurse Humphreys for more information.

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 for more information.

Important Dates

Friday, February 2
Interim Progress Report
Monday, February 5
Annual Tiger Family
Open House/2:45p
Wednesday, February 7
PTO General Meeting/6:00p
February 7 and 21
Health Screenings
Friday, February 9
PTO School Dance
Thursday, February 15
NEHS Induction/6:00p
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
Monday, March 12
JA in a Day/9:20a
Wednesday, March 15
Spring Concert
(Grades Pre-k thru 4 only)
Monday, March 19/22
Scholastic Book Fair
Wed/March 21 and Thurs/22
Parent/Teacher Conferences
No School Days
Friday, February 16
Professional Development
Monday, February 19
Presidents Day
Friday, March 23
No School
Monday – Friday: March 26/30
Spring Break

Assessment Update: MAP GLA Gr 3-8 Practice testing begins Monday, Jan. 29 – Feb. 22. Students learn to navigate online training tools as well as prepare for the new statewide assessment.

Chess News: Saturday, January 13 Kennard students participated in the Gateway Team Tournament at Belleville West High School. They earned the 2nd place team trophy in the K-5 section. Saanvi Ramgounda, Janya Clark, Gavin Zhang, and Adam Jiang all earned individual trophies. Daniel and David Chakvetadze both earned medals and Braxton Bruemmer and Alex Sullins participated. Congratulations!

Kennard's Chess Team, supported by the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis, meets on Mondays at 4:07pm. Please contact Karin Upwood at kupwood@yahoo.com for additional information.

Annual Family Dance: Join family and friends Friday, February 9 at 7:00pm for the Annual Family Dance in Kennard's gym! This year's theme is "Surfs Up"!

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>

Girls on the Run (GOTR): Registration opens on January 22 through February 21 with practices starting Tuesday, February 27. 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 12! This program is for girls in third, fourth, and fifth grades. If you have any questions, would like to volunteer as a coach, practice partner, or other, feel free to contact Tricia Moyer: mtricia@triciamoyer.org.

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss! Please join us for the **National Education Association's 21th Annual Read Across America** program! 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 **Friday, March 2, 2018** to celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday and promote the importance of reading to our students. All students will receive a special treat!

Interim Progress Reports: Only students achieving less than 80% in any subject area (including related arts) will receive an Interim Progress Report on **Friday, February 2**. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have additional questions.

The **Jump Rope for Heart** event will take place at Kennard during the week of **February 26, 2018**. Students will jump rope the 2nd day of that week during PE class. It is also the last day to submit funds or make an online donation. The American Heart Association uses funds to conduct

research on heart disease. Please feel free to contact the PE teacher, Jim Eresh, if you have questions.

National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS): 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 5th grade teacher Jennifer Beffa at www.jennifer.beffa@slps.org for additional 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!

New Staff: Yelena Juracsik, Kennard's new science lab teacher, attended Pedagogical University in Russia with a major in math. She formerly taught with Springboard and most recently was the STEM and math teacher at Confluence Academy Old North campus.

New Position: Jamie Spitznagel, Kennard's new gifted specialist, has worked at Kennard for nine years as a classroom teacher and science lab teacher. She has certificates in character, gifted, elementary, and science education.

Science Fair Projects: **Grade 4 projects are due February 9.** Please contact your child's classroom teacher for additional information.

Springboard to Learning: Kennard third graders will participate in the Idea Builder program in which students collaborate with a partner to develop a prototype that solves a real world problem in their ecosystem. The eight week session begins Monday, February 5.

Summer Learning Program for identified gifted students is at **Mallinckrodt** this summer from June 4 thru June 29. Email: summerlearning@slps.org if you have any questions.

Tiger Family Open House: Our Annual Tiger Family Open House is Monday, February 5 at 2:45-3:30pm. This is an opportunity to meet your child's tiger family and participate in our character education journey. Hope you can join us!

CELEBRATE



First Semester Perfect Attendance: Congratulations to the following students!

BAKER, LAVATA ROSE
BARNES, LAWSON C
BECHERER, GRETA MAE BOUDREAU
BEFFA, SYLVIA R
BELL, JEREMIAH A
BIHR, WILLIAM B
BROWN, KYRSTEN E
CHAKVETADZE, DANIEL G
CHINTA, SARIKA SAI
CONRAD, ALEXANDER JACOB
DEATON, LILY M
DENG, YUHAN
DUEKER, COLIN
GALEY, HENRY W
GUESSANBI, WILFRIED JOE
HARRIS, CHRISTIAN
HEANEY, SEAMUS
HEIDENRY, RICHARD T
JIANG, ADAM
JOHNSON, LAMONT D
KELLEY, ROSARIO
KOEKBE, BENJAMIN
LAUGHLIN, NORA LEA
LUETKEMEYER, LUCY
LUO, ERIC
MALUGU, HRITIKA

MERLO, KATHERINE S
MOHSEN, ALI REDA
ODELL, KIRIAN
ONG, CARIS
PELIZZARO, RIESE
POTTER, EMMA ROSE
RAMGOUNDA, SAANVI
REGENBOGEN, THOMAS H
SCHROCK, HENRY A
SELL, HARVEY
SINGH, ARYAMAN
SOLANKE, CHRISTIANNA I
TRAN, IVY
TROUNG, VIVIAN
TROUNG, WILLIAM
TURNER, SKYLAR N
VILES, PEARL A
VILES, ROSE M
VON ROHR, GABRIEL D
WEST, KENNEDY R
WILLIAMS, CHASE D
WILSON, DALLAS E
WILSON, MASON A
WILSON, MORGAN LILY



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