

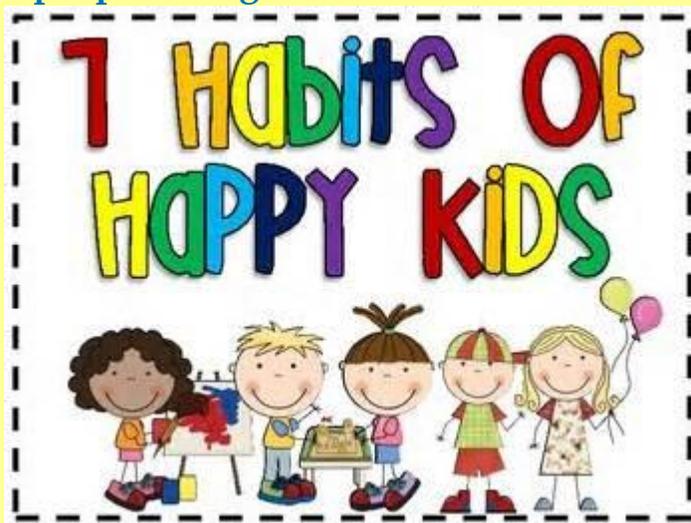
# Kennard CJA

St. Louis Public Schools

3/1/2016

Dr. Wanda LeFlore, Principal

**“Character changes people and people change the world”–W. LeFlore**



**Tiger Family Open House**  
**Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**3:45 - 4:15pm.**

Family and friends are cordially invited to visit Kennard's Tiger Family Open House. The journey to creating leaders in our learning community occurs in the form of Kennard Tiger Families. Each student at Kennard is a member of a Tiger Family and remains with their family throughout their years at Kennard. Each staff member is assigned a family and leads the multi-age group through family meetings. Home connection information is sent after each meeting to reinforce the skills and vocabulary used. These activities 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* by Sean Covey serves as the framework for Tiger Family lessons. Please join us!

## Quick Notes



### Gifted Advisory Meetings

Tuesday, March 1  
6:00/8:00 @ 801 N 11<sup>th</sup> St

### Scholastic Book Fair

Kennard's Lobby  
March 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>

### Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, March 9  
Thursday, March 10  
4:30-7:45pm.

### Coffee with the Principal

Friday, March 18

### No School Days

Friday, March 11  
March 21-25  
Spring Break

### National School of Character Site Visit

Tuesday, March 29

## 2016 St. Louis Public Schools Art Fair Winners

Six Kennard students will be honored at the SLPS Art Fair Awards Ceremony on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 at the St. Louis Zoo Living World Amphitheater.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Drawing  
Benjamin Gondzur/5<sup>th</sup>
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Drawing  
Alice Kovarik/4<sup>th</sup>
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Drawing  
Nyla Meeks/4<sup>th</sup>
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Painting  
Tess Simmons/3<sup>rd</sup>
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Painting  
Lucy Heidenry/4<sup>th</sup>
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Mixed  
Media Sonali Sharma/5<sup>th</sup>

All Art Fair artwork is currently on display in the lower level of the St. Louis Zoo Living World building. Congratulations students and art teacher, Ms. Nelson!

**The Annual Fund Drive** sponsored by Kennard's PTO is still accepting donations that are used to support programs in Kennard's learning community. Please extend kudos to committee chairs  
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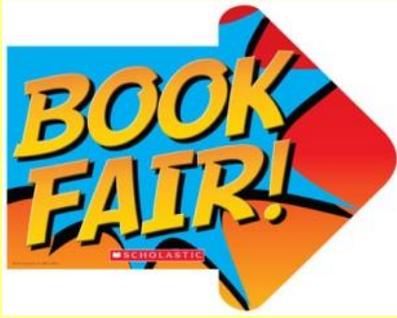
SLPS has partnered with several banking institutions so that schools can participate in America Saves, a campaign managed by the nonprofit Consumer Federation of America. This program seeks to motivate, encourage, and support low- to moderate-income households to save money, reduce debt, and build wealth while improving the financial health of our schools, families, community and the world. Stifel Bank & Trust has partnered with Kennard to provide a fun and exciting presentation to our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes this week. Students will learn the difference between needs & wants, the importance of saving, and the value of money.



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 to read to first grade classrooms on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 to promote the importance of reading. Celebrate and wear **red, white, and black** as classes participate in special activities and enjoy a "special ice cream treat" in honor of Dr. Seuss' Birthday.



Phone: 353-8875 FAX: 244-1806



### Scholastic Book Fair

When: March 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>

Where: Kennard Lobby

What: Better selection!

Higher reading levels!

Foreign-language titles!

Extra! Extra! Extended

hours through Parent-

Teacher Conferences

Sale Hours:

**March 8<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 to 3:00**

**March 9<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 to 7:45**

**March 10<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 to 7:45**

Can't make it to school?

Your child will be bringing

home a wish list. Send

money with your child

(don't forget to add sales

tax of 8.679%). Contact Dale

Greenbury for more

information.



### Save those box tops!

The class that collects the

most box tops 2<sup>nd</sup> semester

will win a classroom party.

Sponsored by the PTO, box

tops are collected to earn cash

for our school.

### Missouri Council of Teachers of Mathematics (MCTM)

8 fourth grade and 8 fifth grade students competed in the Missouri Council of Teachers of Mathematics (MCTM) math contest held at New City School Saturday, February 27. Fourth grade students Arnav Busani, Aristuto Paul, Joshua Li; and fifth grade students Aaron Fisher, Spencer Lewis, and Sonali Sharma qualified to attend the regional competition March 12 at Parkway West.

Congratulations to all the participants and Gifted Specialist, Nick Clement!

### GAM Conference

The Gifted Association of Missouri District A Conference is Saturday, March 5 from 8:00am-3:30pm at Lindenwood University.

- Highlights include: David Welch, State of the State and the new ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act)
- Dr. Steve Coxon, Keynote Address on Creativity

Visit

<http://www.mogam.org/>  
for more information.

### Rescheduled Date for Jefferson City Field Trip

Due to inclement weather and school closing, Kennard 4<sup>th</sup> graders will visit the Capitol for Gifted Education Day on **Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**. Support gifted education by visiting [www.mogam.org](http://www.mogam.org). Feel free to contact your child's teacher for additional information about the rescheduled field trip to Jefferson City.



### The Lion King

The 5<sup>th</sup> graders will present The Lion King on Friday, April 1, 2016:

- 1<sup>st</sup> performance begins at 10:00am
- 2<sup>nd</sup> performance begins at 6:30pm

Please bring the family and enjoy the performance! Contact Annette Silver-Betts for additional information.

## Parent Teacher Conference

Kennard's 2016 Spring Parent Teacher Conference Days will be held on the following dates:

- **Wednesday, March 9** conferences are held from 4:30pm until 7:45pm.
- **Thursday, March 10** conferences are held from 4:30pm until 7:45pm.
- No school on **Friday, March 11**.

Feel free to contact your child's teacher for more information.

### National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS)

66 4th and 5<sup>th</sup> graders were inducted in Kennard's Chapter of the National Elementary Honor Society on Tuesday, February 16. Inspiring words of encouragement were shared by former Kennard student, Cierra Cross a freshman at Metro. Please congratulate the 2016 inductees:

Zukai Abuduwasiti  
Katrin Allen  
Lydia Anania  
Dominic Appleton  
Amelia Baldrige  
Jacob Belgeri  
Ismail Botchway  
Arnav Busani  
Jason Cabra  
Duncan Carr  
Angela Chen

Andrew Custis  
Emma Deaton  
Turk Diekemper  
Cameron Egan  
Corinne Farrill  
Aaron Fisher  
Emma Franklin  
Grace Fuchs  
Ben Gondzur  
Morgan Greenbury  
Trinity Groves  
Elle Hamilton  
Lola Harper  
Lucy Heidenry  
Xavier Holmes  
Gavin John  
Joshua Keoshkerian  
Alice Kovarik  
Lauren Kraichely  
Katherine Lawler  
Alexander Lebedev  
Abigail Leonard  
Spencer Lewis  
Henry Lloyd  
Allison Luth  
Nyla Meeks  
Karyna Miller  
Madisyn O' Daniel  
Chloe Ong  
Sammy Parsons  
Aristuto Paul  
Julie Qian  
Prakash Ramakrishnan  
Keira Rideout  
Chloe Roy  
Sonali Sharma  
Maya Suydam  
Amiyah Tate  
Rachel Tibbs  
Isabela Von Rohr  
Lucy Watson  
Cadence Yong

Kimberly Zhang

Kudos to NEHS Advisors Whitney Mitchell, Jamie Spitznagel, Jennifer Beffa, Tad Droste & Nick Clement for their support!

### Tiger Families

**Family Mission:** To help develop our students into good moral citizens not only while they are in school, but also when they interact with others outside of the school setting.

**Family Goal:** This school year, Tiger Families combined with the Positive Behavior Committee to improve our school community, to ensure consistency in practice, and to promote positive growth. Our goal is to help take our mission from the walls in the school and make it a daily attribute displayed by all members in our community.

**Family Values:** Kennard's school mission is *"to meet the unique academic and affective needs of the gifted and talented student."*

### National School of Character Site Visit

Thanks to your support, Kennard CJA was recognized as a State School of Character based on the following: "Each year, Character.org and its

state affiliates select schools and districts that demonstrate a dedicated focus on character development that has a true positive impact on academic achievement, student behavior, and school climate.”

As a result, Kennard CJA will be considered for national recognition as [National Schools of Character](#). [Our site visit for this prestigious recognition is Tuesday, March 29](#). Parents will meet at 9:30 to share comments and ideas. If you would like to be a part of this meeting, please contact Dale Greenbury.

### **Service Learning Project**

As part of a literacy unit, Stephanie O'Brien's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class service learning project is collecting **Can Tabs** to donate to the *Ronald McDonald House Charities of St. Louis*. Students have publicized their project to collect as many tabs as possible. If you would like a student representative to speak to your class about this project, please contact Ms. O'Brien. Below is more information from the website.

[www.rmhcstl.com](http://www.rmhcstl.com))

### **Principal Contact Information**

Dr. Wanda LeFlore

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SLPS is offering a free Summer Enrichment Program at **Kennard** beginning **Monday, June 6 and ending Thursday, June 30 from 8:30-2:50pm** for a limited number of students completing kindergarten through fourth grade. Curriculum specialists are working on the best instructional model for summer school. More information will be forthcoming soon.

### **School Spirit Day Every Friday!**

Students may wear any combination of Kennard Wear, blue and gold, and jeans. Show school spirit and proudly wear your school colors!

### **Thank You!**

We appreciate your support and sponsorship for the following events:

- Gary Siddens & Dawn Brandt, Fund Drive
- Myra Belgeri, Box Tops

- Grace Kivindy and committee, Minions Dance Party

### **March Events**

- 1 Equations @ UMSL
- 2 Equations @ UMSL
- 2 Dr. Seuss' Birthday
- 2 PTO Meeting
- 8-10 Book Fair
- 9 Tiger Family Open House
- 11 No School
- 15-18 Camp Wyman
- 18 Coffee/Principal
- 21-25 Spring Break
- 29 National School Character Site Visit
- 30 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition Program
- 30 PTO Board Meeting
- 31 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Creative Challenge

### **April Events**

- 1 Lion King Musical
- 4/4 - 5/27 MAP Grade Level Assessment
- 7 5<sup>th</sup> Graders @ McKinley
- 15 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Triathlon
- 27 PTO Board Meeting