

Kennard CJA

St. Louis Public Schools

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Dr. Wanda LeFlore, Principal

Happy New Year!

“The New Year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written; we can help write that story by setting goals.” – Melanie Beattie

2nd Grader Finalist in Holiday Card Design Contest

Gabriel Von Rohr received an Honorable Mention for his design in Mayor Francis Slay's 2015 Annual Holiday Card Design Contest. The winner and finalists were honored at a reception in City Hall in the Mayor's Office on Thursday, December 17, 2015. "Thank you to all the students who submitted an entry to my annual Holiday Card Design Contest," Mayor Slay said. "One of my favorite holiday traditions is going through the design entries, and every year, it's very difficult to narrow down the entries to the top 10." Gabriel also received a certificate of achievement and Bissinger's Handcrafted Chocolates. Children 12 and under who live or attend school in the City of St. Louis were invited to submit a design for consideration in the 15th annual contest, which received 258 entries. Kudos to Gabriel Von Rohr and Alveta Nelson, the Art Teacher! Follow the link for more information and to see the winning artwork:

<https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/mayor/news/2015-holiday-contest-winners.cfm>

Quick Notes



Coffee with the Principal Friday, January 8th

Come share exciting news and ideas in a relaxed setting the 1st Friday of each new quarter from 9:00-9:30am in the foyer. Children are always welcome!

Report Card Distribution Friday, January 8th

No School Days

January 18

MLK Holiday

February 15

Presidents Holiday

February 26

Professional Development Day

**January Assessments
Assessing Comprehension
and Communication in
English State-to-State for
English Language Learners
(ACCESS) by WIDA**

Consortium is an annual test of English language proficiency for English Language Learners (ELL) in grades K-12. Qualified students will test in January. **Acuity C and Acuity Science by CTB McGraw Hill** are comprehensive on-line assessments that support instructional improvement goals. 2nd thru 5th graders will take Acuity C and 3rd thru 5th graders will take Acuity Science.

Star Reading by Renaissance Learning is a computerized reading assessment that uses computer-adaptive technology for students in grades K thru 5.



Congratulations to Mr. Droste's 4th grade class for collecting 1,195 box tops for the Box Tops for Education Program. Sponsored by the PTO, box tops are collected to earn cash for our school.

Equations Fun

Special thanks to Mr. Clement and all student and parent volunteers that made math fun and exciting during the December Equations tournaments!



Movie Night: The PTO is sponsoring a free Movie Night at Kennard on Friday, January 22 at 6:30pm.

Chicken Run (2000) is a "G" rated family adventure about an American rooster who falls in love with a gorgeous hen on a British farm. Please contact Lina Galinurova <Lina@cardinalrealtygroup.com> Jenifer Garcia jennifer@garciaproperties.com or for more information www.imdb.com/video/screplay/vi2053636121 watch the latest **Chicken Run Trailer** on IMDb.

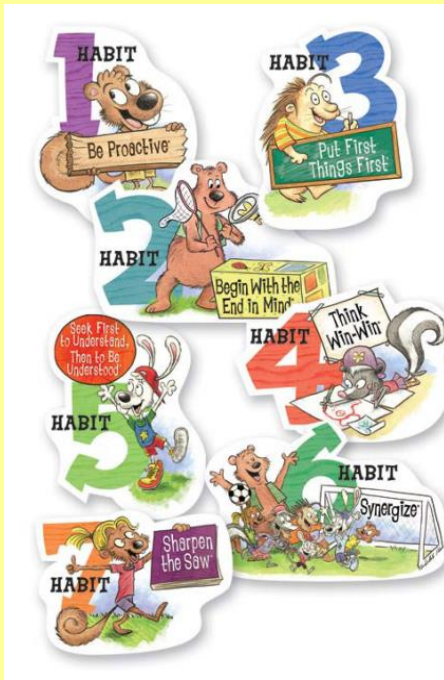
**National Elementary
Honor Society (NEHS)**

Kennard's chapter of the (NEHS) will be sending out applications to qualified students this month. 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, Jamie Spitznagel for additional information.

Service Learning Project:

On Wednesday, December 16, students in Ms. Recke's 3rd grade class held a Bake Sale and raised over \$730.00 for their classroom service-learning project. Ms. Recke and her students thank you for your generous donations!

Tiger Families 2015.2016



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." Through the application of *The 7 Habits of Happy Kids* by Sean Covey, the faculty will implement family lessons that will meet the affective needs of our students and teach them to be the leaders of our future.

Here are the seven habits that are guiding our character journey:

1st Semester Habits (August/December)

1. Habit 1- Be Proactive
2. Habit 2- Begin with End in Mind
3. Habit 3- Put First Things First

2nd Semester Habits (January/May)

4. Habit 4- Think Win-Win
5. Habit 5- Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood
6. Habit 6- Synergize
7. Habit 7- Sharpen the Saw

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. For more information visit: https://video.search.yahoo.com/yhs/search; ylt=A0LEVj m.uYJW7_4AMwEnnllQ; y lu=X3oDMTByMjB0aG5zB GNvbG8DYmYxBHBvcwM xBHZ0aWQDBHNIYwNzY w-- ?p=7+Habits+of+Happy+Kids&fr=yhs-mozilla-001&hspart=mozilla&hsim p=yhs-001



Spelling Bee: Kennard's 2016 Spelling Bee is Friday, January 22 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 Sue Decker at susan.decker@slps.org

Thank You!

We appreciate your support and sponsorship for the following events:

- Gary Siddens & Dawn Brandt, Fund Drive
- Myra Belgeri, Box Tops and Yearbook Cover Contests
- Nichole Emery (Southwest Food Services) Equation Tournament snacks

University of Missouri Extension: Robotics

Beginning in February, new sessions of robotics will

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continue at Kennard on Monday and Wednesday mornings. 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.

UMSL Student Interns

Please join me and welcome the following practicing teachers to Kennard spring semester:

Practicum I

Alia Naji/ B-3/Macheca
Hannah Noack-Ruebling/1-6/Perniciaro

Practicum II

Tara Gorman/Ventimiglia
Yazmin Labarbera Foreign Language/Nunez Pre-K-5
Emma Mueller/Rhodes
Antoine Picken/Eresh PE
Samone Smith/Trinity

Winter Weather: When winter weather makes it necessary for SLPS to cancel or delay, please make note of the following places where the information will be shared:

- 1) Twitter (@SLPS_INFO)
- 2) Facebook
- 3) Website (www.slps.org)

- 4) SLPS Weather Hotline (314-345-2466)
- 5) Email to staff
- 6) Automated phone calls to parents and staff
- 7) Reported to KTVI, KMOV, KSDK, KPLR, KMOX

January Events

- 8 Coffee with Principal
- 10 School Tours
- 18 No School
- 21 Building Tour
- 22 Movie Night
- 27 PTO Board Meeting
- 30 U City Equations

February Events

- 3 PTO Meeting
- 8 Hearing Screening
- 12 Hearing Screening
- 15 No School
- 19 Hearing Screening
- 22 Hearing Screening
- 24 4th Graders Jefferson City
- 24 PTO Board Meeting
- 25 Junior Achievement
- 26 No School

Welcome Back!

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