

Kennard CJA

St. Louis Public Schools

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Dr. Wanda LeFlore, Principal

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



Kennard Classical Junior Academy has received the 2016 State School of Character (SSOC) Award. Kennard was selected by http://character.org/wp-content/uploads/Press-Release_2016-SSOC.pdf in collaboration with state sponsors for achieving a standard of excellence in the area of character development. This esteemed honor is bestowed on Kennard’s professional learning community for high levels of teacher collaboration, positive parent support, and strong partnerships with the community to help meet the needs of our unique student population. This designation is for three years and now Kennard is eligible to apply for the National School of Character Award. Kennard received the Missouri School of Character Honorable Mention in 2014.

Quick Notes



Parent Meeting
Gifted Education in SLPS
Tuesday, February 2
6:00/7:00 @ Kennard
7:15/8:15 @ Carr Lane

Interim Progress Reports
Friday, February 5

Black History Month
Program Friday
February 19, @ 2:00pm

No School Days

February 15

Presidents Holiday

February 26

Professional Development
Day

March 9 & 10

Parent/Teacher
Conferences

March 21-25

Spring Break

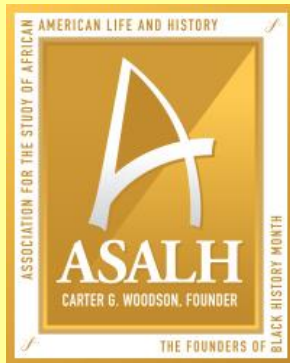
The Annual Fund Drive sponsored by Kennard's PTO is still accepting donations. Over \$18,500.00 has been raised to support programs in Kennard's learning community. Please extend kudos to committee chairs Gary Siddens: gsiddens@sbcglobal.net and Dawn Brandt: dawnbrandt@sbcglobal.net.

February 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. Testing began last month. **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 5th graders will also take Acuity Science.

Breakfast Book Club Breakfast and Books for 4th and 5th graders will resume this month. Feel free to contact 4th and 5th grade

classroom teachers for additional details.

Black History Program
The 3rd and 4th graders will present a **Celebration of Black History** in drama, music, poetry, and song on Friday, February 19 at 2:00pm. Please join us!



Black History Month
The Association for the Study of African American Life & History (ASALH) has selected "**Hallowed Grounds: Sites of African American Memories**" as the 2016 Annual Black History theme to bring attention to the centennial celebration of the **National Park Service** and the more than twenty-five sites and the Underground Railroad Network to Freedom that are part of America's hallowed grounds. For information on the history and culture of African American Life feel free to visit <http://asalh100.org/black-history-themes/2015-theme/>

Equation Contest Winners
Kennard students participated in the **Annual University City Equations Open** on Saturday, January 30. The 5th grade team took second and third place; the 4th grade team took first and second place; and the 3rd grade team took second and fourth place. Chloe Ong, Alex Pantazopolous, and Prakash Ramakrishnan received individual 1st place awards. Congratulations to all participants and team sponsor Nick Clement, Gifted Specialist!



Save those box tops! The class that collects the most box tops 2nd semester will win a classroom party. Sponsored by the PTO, box tops are collected to earn cash for our school.

The Gifted Association of Missouri (GAM) Celebrates Gifted Education Week

Kennard 4th graders will participate in the celebration at the Capitol for Gifted Education Day on Tuesday, February 24. Support gifted education by visiting www.mogam.org

for more advocacy tips. Please feel free to contact any 4th grade teacher for additional information.

Girls on the Run (GOTR)

Registration is currently open for GOTR. Practice begins at 7:45am on Tuesday, February 22. 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 7! If you have any questions feel free to contact Tricia Moyer-tricia@triciamoyer.org.

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 5. All students will receive a STAR Reading Assessment Report. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have additional questions.



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The Jump Rope for Heart event will take place at Kennard during the week of February 29, 2016. The funds donated are used by the American Heart Association to conduct research to fight heart disease. Students received envelopes for donations and directions for online donations last week. All donations are due the week of February 29. This year, students will receive toy dogs instead of ducks as a bonus prize for their contributions. Contact Mr. Eresh if you have additional questions.

National School Counseling Week

Celebrate February 1-5 to focus public attention on the unique contribution of professional school counselors within U.S. school systems. Please take some time this week to thank **Counselor Whitney Mitchell** for helping our students achieve school success!

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.



**KCJA Presents
Minions Dance Party!
Friday, February 12th
6:30 – 8:15 pm.**

Bring the family and join the fun. All grades welcome. Contact Grace Kivindy:

gkivvvindyo@hotmail.com
for more information.

National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS)

4th and 5th graders that met the criteria received NEHS applications in January.

Phone: 353-8875 FAX: 244-1806

Our chapter will recognize students for their outstanding academic achievement, meaningful service to the school and community, and essential leadership skills. To be considered for membership in the NEHS a student must be in grades 4 or 5 with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5. **NEHS inductions are Tuesday, February 16 at 6:00pm.** Contact 5th grade teacher, Jamie Spitznagel, for additional information.

Kennard Teacher Elected to the 2015-2016 Gifted Association of Missouri Board of Directors

Tad Droste, 4th grade teacher, was elected to the 2015-2016 Gifted Association of Missouri Board of Directors. Tad is an active leader in the field of gifted education and the board is looking forward to his leadership during his term.



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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."

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

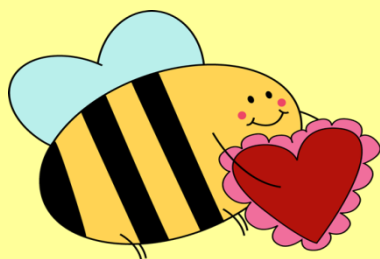
2nd Semester Habits (January/May)

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 4AMwEnnIIQ; y lu=X3oDMTByMjB0aG5zB GNvbG8DYmYxBHBvcwM xBHZ0aWQDBHNIYwNzY w-- ?p=7+Habits+of+Happy+Kinds&fr=yhs-mozilla-001&hspart=mozilla&hsimp=yhs-001>



3rd grader Saphaka Upadhy was the winner of Kennard's Annual Spelling Bee. Saphaka will participate in the Written Semi-Final Spelling Bee for all divisions held at McKendree University on March 5, 2016. Kudos to Ms. Decker, Ms. Batres, and Mr. Clement for coordinating the spelling bee. Good Luck Saphaka!

Thank You!

We appreciate your support and sponsorship for the following events:

- Gary Siddens & Dawn Brandt, Fund Drive
- Myra Belgeri, Box Tops
- Lina Galinurova & Jenifer Garcia, Movie Night

University of Missouri Extension: Robotics

Two new sessions of robotics will begin this month on Monday and Wednesday mornings. If you are interested and would like for your child to participate, please contact Vince McKinney at mckinneyv@missouri.edu or by phone at 314-400-7375

or Bailey Lutz at lutzbn@missouri.edu.

February Events

- 2 Parent Meetings
- 3 PTO Meeting
- 8 Hearing Screening
- 12 Hearing Screening
- 15 No School
- 16 NEHS Ceremony
- 19 Black History Program
- 19 Hearing Screening
- 22 Hearing Screening
- 24 4th Graders Jefferson City
- 24 PTO Board Meeting
- 25 Junior Achievement
- 26 No School

March Events

- 1 Equations @ UMSL
- 2 Dr. Seuss Birthday
- 2 PTO Meeting
- 8-10 Book Fair
- 11 No School
- 15-18 Camp Wyman
- 18 Coffee/Principal
- 21-25 Spring Break
- 30 PTO Board Meeting
- 31 3rd Grade Creative Challenge