



KENNEDY MATTERS

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ART

Ceramics II students are working with Strathmore at their Metro station to create ceramic totem artworks that will be on permanent installation. All high school Ceramics II teachers in MCPS were contacted to be a part of this amazing opportunity for Ceramics II students. The project allows each school to submit drawings for up to three totems with any united themes. After brainstorming for several days, our students have decided upon two Space themed totems; one focusing on the Solar System while the other focuses on Space Exploration and is more whimsical, including astronauts and aliens. Currently our students are working on sketches that will be sent to Strathmore for review and proposal acceptance in November. Wish us luck!

Updates and News



From the Principal

There continues to be an exciting atmosphere at the “Home of the Cavaliers” as we begin the second marking period. I continue to be impressed with the effort and attitude demonstrated by our students as they learn and grow at our school. Please know our staff is working each day to keep our focus on student learning and student success. As we enter the holiday season, please continue to talk to your child about their grades, their successes, their areas for improvement, and work with them to set goals for their performance during the second marking period which began on Tuesday, November 3, 2015. Report cards for the first marking period will be distributed to students on Thursday, November 12, 2015 (early report card pick up for Grade 9 and 10 students is November 11, during parent conferences). Please note that Wednesday, November 25, 2015, is an early release day. Schools and offices are closed on Thursday, November 26, 2015 and Friday, November 27, 2015, for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Special Services

Transitioning Youth - Wednesday, November 11, 2015, 8:30 AM-10:00 AM in the cafeteria

Ms. Patti Fredericks, MCPS Cluster Transition, will give a presentation on the transition to adult services. Contact *Dollie Wallace*, JFKHS Transition Support Teacher at 301-929-2022 or [Dollie D. Wallace@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Dollie.D.Wallace@mcpsmd.org).

Upcoming Community Events for Families & Individuals with Developmental Differences

Transition Times Meetings – October 21 and November 18, 2013, 7:30-9:00 PM. Network to learn about community opportunities and support for families and make social connections. **Location:** *The Arc of Montgomery County, 11600 Nebel St., Rockville* Registration & information: 301-984-5777 X1275 or 301-365-0561.

Special Education: Parents as Advocates and the Family-School Partnership (Part 1 of 4)

Thursday, October 22, 6:30-8:30 PM. Learn about the special education process and how to advocate for your child. Topics: Individual Disabilities Education Act, Individualized Education Program (IEP), resolving issues, community resources and support. Location: *Montgomery County Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School, 13737 Wisteria Dr., Germantown 20874*

ESOL

For ESOL Parent Night October 15th, over 50 parents attended. We explained the benefits of the ESOL program and the importance of parent involvement in a child's academic life here in the United States. Here are some pictures. There is another chance for parents and guardians of 9th and 10th graders to meet with an ESOL staff member this November 11th at 6:00 PM in the cafeteria.

Music

Kennedy's Symphonic Band is honored to have been invited to perform at two Veteran's Day Assemblies during school on November 11th. They are rehearsing Patriotic music and are eager to honor our brave Veterans with pieces like "America" and "Marches of the Armed Forces." Later in November, the Marching Cavaliers will participate in the Montgomery County Thanksgiving Parade on Saturday, November 21st in downtown Silver Spring. This event will be televised live and aired again on Turkey Day! With over two hundred units including neighboring high schools and local universities, the parade is sure to be a hit this holiday season.

Media Center

Ms. Burgos has been visiting classrooms and encouraging students' use of our online resources in their research. Don't forget to pick up a copy of the logins and passwords for home use from the Media Center or access the list via Edline!

Physical Education

In Adapted Physical education class, for our LFI and ICB students, we are learning how to play floor hockey. The students are grasping the concepts quickly. Their favorite thing to say is "GOAL" after they score. Congratulations to Kimberly Dubit on winning the Simon A. Mc Neely Award which is given to an outstanding Health Education Teacher in the state of Maryland.



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Science

The month of October has been really exciting in Science! Students have had the opportunity to learn and practice a variety of skills ranging from dissection to measuring blood pressure. Students have also completed many different projects to include making models of atoms, cellular organelles, and designing airplanes.

The Health Careers Academy students have had a busy month. The Medical Careers students held blood pressure clinics on October 24th and October 29th. Furthermore, the Foundations of Medicine students learned CPR and earned a Heart Saver certification at the training sessions held October 27-30. Thank you science teachers for working DILIGENTLY to support students in all of these endeavors.

English

It is the end of the 1st Quarter! For the 2nd Quarter the English 9 team will continue working on different forms of writing. English 10 will be reading dramas and epic poetry. English 11 and English 12 will explore real world stories that are relevant to our everyday lives, and that prepare students for college and careers.

English Department Students of the Month for October

- 9th Grade - [Kisairy Vasquez](#)
 10th Grade - [Leslie Hernandez](#)
 11th Grade - Elyas Bisle
 12th Grade - Lynncarla Dormeus

Math

I am very proud to announce that the JFK Mathletes team is ranked #13 in MCPS out of the 25 high schools. The math sponsor, Ms. Candice Woodie, is doing an outstanding job with our math team. Many of the students on the team are our upper level calculus and statistics students. The fourth meet was held on October 28th and Kennedy performed very well. Stay tuned.....

Social Studies

The United States History students have been working hard on their research projects on the Progressive Era. Ms. Adriana Burgos, our new media specialist, has come into our classrooms to help students with the research process. Students will present their research to their classmates once projects are complete.

SGA

The SGA was thrilled with another successful Homecoming spirit week! Students enthusiastically participated in spirit week day themes and the attendance at all Homecoming events was strong. The Saturday parade was a big hit. Thank you to all who helped plan and execute these special events. Go Cavs!

World Languages

Spanish 1 students created poems about themselves and personalities. In *Spanish 2* classes, students analyzed art work in Spanish and conducted several academic conversations at their tables. *Italian 1* students completed an interactive oral presentation in which they exchanged introductions and discussed likes and dislikes.

French 2 students worked on a PowerPoint presentation that focused on comparing foods from Francophone and American cultures while finding unique ingredients in their cooking traditions. *International Baccalaureate (IB) French 5 and 6* students are researching about Francophone countries in order to analyze the impact that French colonization has on these countries's current relationship with France.

Yearbook

The Kennedy Yearbook Staff is working extremely hard to bring you a fun, exciting 2016 Yearbook. Pre-orders are still available. Get yours now before the prices increase! You can order online at: <http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A03384000> or see Ms. Williams in Room 210 for an order form.