



December 2023

KENNEDY SCHOOL'S

NEWSLETTER

December

December 4 -1st grade to Boston School Forest

-KAT Practice - All Cast & Stage Crew

December 7 -Report Cards sent home with 4K & Kindergarten students

-KAT Practice - All Cast

December 8 -3rd grade to Frozen Play at SPASH

-P.J. Jacobs Chamber Orchestra at Kennedy 9:00 a.m. see page 4

-Holiday Basket applications due

December 11 -Drawing Club

KAT Practice - All Cast & Stage Crew

December 12 -No Afternoon Boys and Girls Club

-P.J. Jacobs Junior High Concert Band Tour Performance at Kennedy 9:00 a.m. see page 4

December 13 -Bridging Brighter Smiles at Kennedy School

December 14 -First Popcorn Sale \$.50 a bag

-Winter Concert Rehearsal 9:30 a.m.

-KAT Practice - All Cast

-Orchestra Winter Concert at SPASH 6:00-8:30 p.m.

December 15 -Kennedy School Winter Concert at Kennedy **10:00 a.m.**

-Kennedy School Winter Concert at Kennedy **2:00 p.m.**

December 18 - 22 -Kennedy Holiday Spirit Week! See page 2

December 18 -School Store

-KAT Practice - All Cast & Stage Crew

-PTO Meeting 5:45 p.m.

December 19 -PTO sponsored Holiday Shoppe

-Drawing Club

December 20 -School Store

December 21 -KAT Practice - All Cast

December 22 -No Boys and Girls Club

-Kindergarten Grinchmas 2:25 p.m.

December 25 - January 1 - Winter Break - - No School

January

January 2 -School Reconvenes

January 4 -KAT Practice - All Cast

-Drawing Club

Winter Weather Is Upon Us!

Students go outside for recess when the wind chill temperature is above 0° F.

Please have your student prepared for the winter weather: heavy coat, hat, gloves/mittens and boots. Snow pants help to keep extra warm too!

An extra set of clothing, especially socks at school is also a good idea! Students can choose to change if they are wet after playing outside.



Congratulations to Malachi Cornell!

Our Noon Optimistic Youth
of the Month
Award Winner!



Congratulations Ethan & Eli!

October's Cadets of the Month

Kennedy Holiday Spirit Week! December 18 - 22

Monday - Candy Cane Day - wear red & white

Tuesday - Mad for Plaid - wear your favorite plaid shirt

Wednesday - Winter Celebration Around the World - choose a winter celebration to represent

Thursday - Warm up for Winter - wear a winter hat and scarf

Friday - Polar Express Day - wear pajamas



Holiday Basket Project Applications

In order to guarantee that your family is assigned a sponsor early,
PLEASE RETURN YOUR APPLICATION
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

**No applications will be accepted after
December 8, 2023.**

*Please note you can email your
application to:
holiday.basket.pc@gmail.com



KENNEDY ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL PRESENTS

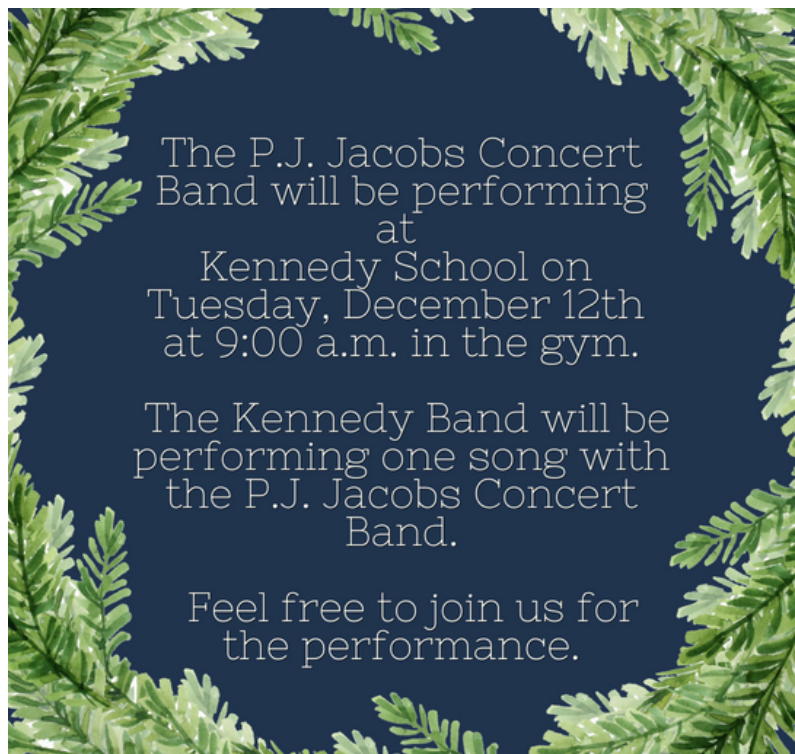
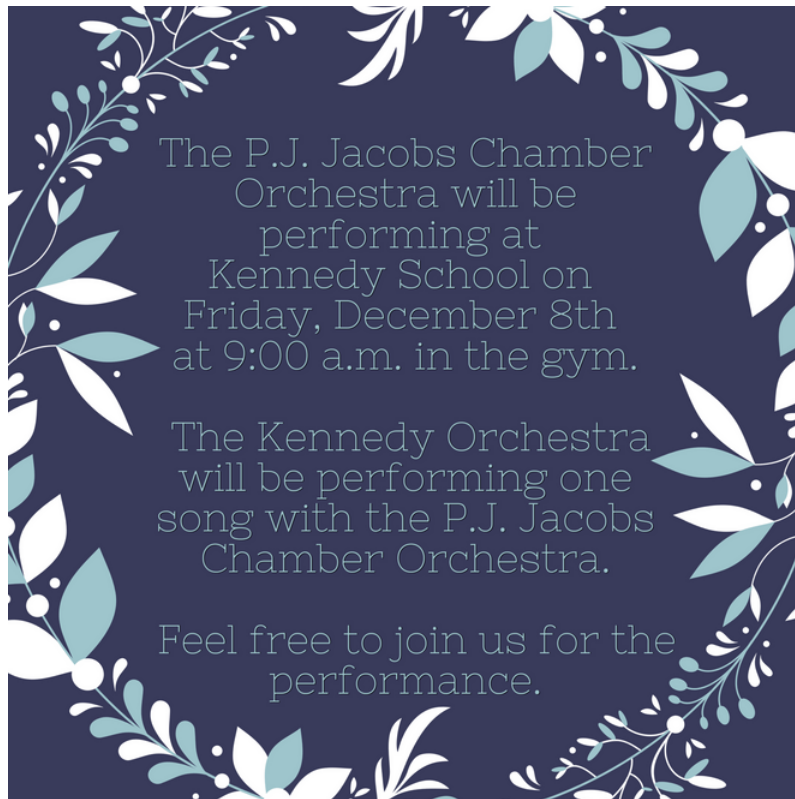
SHINE!

A WINTER CONCERT
FEATURING 4K-6TH GRADE

DECEMBER 15TH, 2023
AT 10 A.M. & 2 P.M.
IN THE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

Both concerts are the same.

This will be a vocal concert only, band and orchestra will
perform at another time





Counselor's Corner



Kristen Jensen, Kennedy School Counselor
December 2023

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Let's Talk!

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns about your student. Feel free to use the form linked below or send me an email if you would like me to meet with your student.



CLASSROOM LESSONS:

Sadness, happiness, and anger - oh my! November was filled with lessons on feelings and emotions. Everyone feels emotions- none of them are bad and it is okay to feel that way. Some emotions are more comfortable than others, so it is important we have strategies to help us get back to our comfortable feelings. We discussed expressing our emotion as well, which is also okay and while making sure we do it in a safe way and helpful way. A few of our classes were introduced to perspective taking, which causes us to look at the feelings of others and how they approach a situation. This helps us get along with others and be good friends. This will come in handy in a few months when we also discuss empathy. Our greatness words for November were **AWARE, EXPRESSIVE, THOUGHTFUL, AND SINCERE.**

December will be a busy and exciting month, but it will still be important to stay focused and pay attention despite all the distractions. Our lessons will help us practice doing this. We will also emphasize the greatness traits of **FOCUS** and **DEDICATION.**



PTO Meeting Minutes – November 6, 2023

Officers – Michelle Cornell & Christine Spaay, Karissa Friday

ONE OFFICER NEEDED!!

Principal's Report:

WOW! Time flies by when you are learning so much! Thanks for an excellent first quarter of the 2023-2024 school year!

--Students have all participated in many school wide events. Visiting football players, Walk-a-thon, the favorite Pumpkin Patch and Vitort Farm rides. Plenty of fun to go along with learning!

--Staff continue to work on learning more about the Science of Reading as part of Act 20 during professional development days. Thanks to Sentry, we are also exploring more STEM opportunities for students.

--Friday, November 10th the Veterans Lunch will take place here at Kennedy. We are expecting about 50 veterans and guests.

--The winter concert and Holiday Shoppe are up next on the activities that we have to look forward to. Along with visits from the PJ's band and orchestra to help us all feel the spirit of the season.

--Nimo helped us all spread kindness

Secretary's Report:

Minutes approved

Treasurer's Report:

attached

Old Business:

- Fall Fundraiser update – see budget report for details, low family participation in obtaining donations. It was discussed that a different fall fundraiser may be chosen for next year. Cookies from Festival Foods were given at a significantly discounted price; Festival Foods thought the frosting appearance was sub-standard so offered the discount!
- Apparel sale – sale through MADA will run 11/6 to 11/17, online; parent requested items were added to the order options.
- Concert seat raffle – PTO will again raffle two front row seats at the winter concert.
- Halloween Fall Fest – Discussion was had about the Halloween Event is now more of a community event and not solely a PTO event. While the community support is wonderful, it makes it difficult to know what is actually PTO's responsibility. May discuss another activity for Family Fun Night next year. PTO used to host a movie night for Family Fun Night, so the cost is also significantly higher for the Halloween Event. It is also unclear what license is being used for the raffles, as many organizations have raffle baskets at the Halloween Event, which again, is not the responsibility of PTO.
- P/T conference meal – a meal that is quick to eat is best for conference meals, as some teachers have very little time for eating. Subs was a suggestion and will be looked into. A letter requesting food and monetary donations will go home with families.

New Business:

- Holiday Shoppe – Amy Genskow has volunteered to chair this event again! THANK YOU, AMY!! It will only be one day again this year (as that worked fine last year). However, concerns include getting the last group through in time for busses, as that was difficult last year.
- Other -

Budget – November 6, 2023

Beginning Balance: \$24768.25

Ending Balance: \$26314.69

Deposits:

\$1888.00 – Fall Walkathon

\$110.00 – Fall Walkathon

\$1000.00 – Fall Fun Fest

Withdrawals:

JC Community Picnic - \$591.56

Start-up cash, Fall Fun Fest - \$300.00

Audrey Hackbarth (petting zoo), Fall Fun Fest - \$400.00

Wood Street Rental (bounce house), Fall Fun Fest - \$100.00

Festival Foods, cookies for Walkathon - \$60.00

Next PTO meeting is TENTATIVELY scheduled for Monday, December 18th @ 5:45pm. Typically, the December PTO meeting is short, and then we help set up for Holiday Shoppe. Dependent upon Holiday Shoppe dates.

JC Picnic:

Total deposit: \$4263.75

Expenses (previously reported):

\$500 (start up cash)

\$646.53 (product - Kim's Barrel Inn)

\$159.41 (product – Christine Spaay)

Expenses (not previously reported)

\$591.56 (Junction City fee)

Total Profit: \$2366.25

Fall Fun Fest:

Total Deposit: \$1000.00

(Includes a donation of \$100.00 and a donation of \$30.00)

Expenses:

\$300 (start up cash)

\$400 (Audrey Hackbarth – petting zoo)

\$100 (Wood Street Rental – bounce house)

Total Profit: \$200.00

Fall Fundraiser/Walkathon

Total deposit: \$1998.00

Expenses:

\$60.00 – Festival Foods (cookies)

Total Profit: \$1938.00

