



John F. Kennedy School

February Newsletter

Social Intelligence, Love, Enthusiasm



*News from Mrs. Susan Jacobs,
Principal, Grades 3-6*

*What an amazing first semester
we have had at Kennedy*

Elementary. I am looking forward to all of the successes your child will have as they prepare for the second half of their school year.

Please send in your **Box Tops for Education** before Winter Recess. We will be sending them in at the end of February. Thank you for supporting this program.

Please make every effort to communicate dismissal plans with your child before they leave home in the morning. Interruptions to the classroom add much confusion when teachers and children are wrapping up the school day. These changes also cause anxiety to many children with little time left to process the change. Please remember our policy is that changes to dismissal will only be relayed to the children until 1:00. Unfortunately, emailing the teacher does not al-

ways work as many teachers do not get a chance to check their email throughout the day. In the event of an emergency situation, the principal and office staff will help your child at dismissal time.

Please notify the classroom teacher or the office when your address and/or phone number change. Now that the flu season has hit, we have had several instances where the telephone numbers on the data card are not in service or have been changed. This is a difficult situation to put your child in when they are not feeling well and we would like to avoid such situations if at all possible.

Old Man Winter and Mother Nature have been busy recently. We can't wait to see what Punxsutawney Phil has in store for us. Hopefully the snow will stay for the Sled for Red event on February 10th.

Enjoy the many winter adventures Ogdensburg has to offer especially during Winter Recess.



MANY children have lost their mittens and hats, sweaters, sweatshirts, coats, lunch bags, and boots. Please stop in to see if your child has left something behind by mistake.



It is that time of year to ask for your help in monitoring social media if you allow your child to communicate with their friends on Snapchat, Instagram, email, TikTok, Live Gaming systems, etc. The internet is a very powerful tool and needs to be used responsibly. If you suspect any cyber issues, please do not hesitate to alert school of concerns as they relate to the school setting.



Student Council News

Thank you for supporting the PJ Day held in December to benefit the Neighborhood Center. Kennedy School raised \$474.20 for this organization.

Top World Traveler Readers for January

Grade 3- Quinn Duprey

Grade 4- Cole Mathews

Grade 5- Andrew Bertram

Grade 6- Brooke Barr





**Please Drive with CARE,
CONCERN, and PATIENCE**

**Please pay close attention
to the Crosswalks**

A message from the Health Office about... Vaccines

Please begin to plan accordingly for next school year in regards to proper immunizations. The Health website and the student handbook gives all necessary information for you to know if your child is properly immunized. Please share this information with your health care provider and make an appointment before school starts in September to have your child immunized.



A letter for fifth and sixth graders is enclosed with the recent changes for 6th and 7th

graders.

PLAN ahead for September 2019

SLED FOR RED
There will be a cardboard sledding competition planned for February 10, 2019. Design your sled for this Kennedy family event.

School Counselor News~ Mrs. Bridget Dolan

Social intelligence refers to a person's ability to understand and manage interpersonal relationships. It is distinct from a person's IQ or "book smarts." It includes an individual's ability to understand, and act on, the feelings, thoughts, and behaviors of other people. This type of intelligence can take place "in the moment" of face-to-face conversations but also appears during times of deliberate thinking. It involves emotional intelligence and self-awareness. Examples of social intelligence include knowing when to talk or listen, what to say, and what to do. Timing is a big part of social intelligence.

Social intelligence helps individuals build relationships – and is important to numerous aspects of a person's life. It allows an individual to form friendships and alliances and it assists a person against being taken advantage of. People with social intelligence can "read" other people's faces and know what motivates them. Social intelligence builds over time and as a person ages. In this sense, it is similar to the character strength of perspective.

The character strength of love represents the way we think, feel, and behave towards the people with whom we have close relationships. When one person loves another person, that person: comforts and makes the other feel safe; sacrifices on the other's behalf; supports the other during struggles; and places the other's needs ahead of his/her own. If you love a person, that person makes you feel safe and secure. You can be yourself with that person. You miss that person when he/she is not around.

Zest/Enthusiasm is the ability to bring life and excitement to different situations. It often leads to a higher level of involvement and engagement both for individuals and for groups. Those who demonstrate zest and enthusiasm bring an energy and level of intensity to individual and group work. These people are often identified as early

leaders and innovators as a result of their outward excitement about a task or project. Look for these people to recruit new group members and generate ideas. We feel good when we are energized by an activity or opportunity – and we like to spend time with people who are excited about life. Those who demonstrate a high level of enthusiasm are more likely to complete tasks and exceed minimum requirements as a result of their passion.

If you would like to find out more about these traits or any of the other traits, please check out the Positivity Project website <https://pos-project.org>



**Go to MySchoolBucks.com
to manage your child's
lunch account.**

**You will need to know
their student ID to setup
an account.**

Read Across America Week

Monday, February 25 – Friday, March 1, 2019



To celebrate “Read Across America Week” we will have a number of special activities throughout the week to encourage the love of reading.

Monday, February 25, 2019 – One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish Day

- Dress in red, blue, yellow, or black to honor some of the colorful fish in Dr. Seuss’s One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish.

Tuesday, February 26, 2019 – Thing One and Thing Two Day

- Grab a friend as dress up as twins in honor of the mischievous Thing One and Thing Two characters.

Wednesday, February 27, 2019 – Wacky Wednesday

- Green Eggs will be served in the cafeteria as a breakfast item this morning in honor of Wacky Wednesday.
- Wear your clothes mismatched and in-side out in honor of the book Wacky Wednesday.

Thursday, February 28, 2019 – The Fox in Socks Day

- Wear your craziest or mismatched socks to honor the character The Fox in Socks.

Friday, March 1, 2019 – The Cat in the Hat Day

- Today would have been Dr. Seuss’s 115th birthday.
- Wear your favorite hat to honor our favorite cat.



Kiwanis K-Kids

“Coins for Kids”

to benefit:



OGDENSBURG BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

*The Ogdensburg Boys and Girls Club is a great place for kids!
Many of the children in the city of Ogdensburg spend countless hours at “The Club” having fun
with friends. Without local support and donations from the community, the Boys and Girls Club
would not be able to play such a vital role in our community.*

*Please support the Kiwanis K-Kids in their quest to collect coins to benefit
The Ogdensburg Boys and Girls Club.*

Monday, February 11th:

Pennies in Your Pockets Day – Stuff your pockets with pennies and donate pennies.

Tuesday, February 12th:

Neon Nickels Day – Wear neon colors and donate nickels.

Wednesday, February 13th:

Dazzling Dimes Day – Dress up in dazzling clothes and donate dimes.

Thursday, February 14th:

Crazy Quarters day – Wear a crazy outfit and donate quarters.

Friday, February 15th:

Team up for the Boys and Girls Club – Wear a team jersey or shirt and donate a dollar.



**Kiwanis
K-Kids**
Young Leaders Helping Others



Kennedy Elementary School Believe Kids Spring Fundraiser



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We would like your help and support!!!!!!

PTO will be running a Believe Kids Spring Fundraiser.

Variety of gifts from \$7.00 - \$30.00.

Catalog items include: Jewelry, Flower Seeds, Gadgets, Candle Warmers, Candy, Soups, Desserts and Magazine Subscriptions.

Reminder: Door to Door selling is not recommended unless a parent is with the student. Sales should be made by contacting family, neighbors, close friends and co-workers.

Please be sure to collect the payment at the time of the sale (NO Tax). Cash or personal checks, made out to JFK PTO, will be accepted.

Remember, the success of the program depends on You!!!

The sale begins February 25, 2019 and your child must return money for all orders placed by March 13, 2019.

Please sign the attached permission slip and return if you would like your child to participate. Please be certain their name and homeroom are filled in and on the signed note below.

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To: JF Kennedy Elementary School

My child, _____, has permission to participate in this Spring fundraiser project. We will assume full responsibility for care of products and money handled.

Parent Signature _____ Phone number _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____





February Lunch Menu



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Grilled Cheese or Tuna Fish Sandwich Tomato Soup Carrots & Celery Sticks Fruit
4 Sloppy Joes Tator Tots Fruit	5 Chinese Chicken Fried Rice Egg Roll Fruit	6 Shepherd's Pie Carrots Pinner Roll Fruit	7 Chicken Pasta Whole Wheat Garlic Bread Green Beans Fruit	8 Cheese Pizza Tossed Salad Fruit
11 Hot Dog Bowl of Chili Fruit	12 Chicken Burger Tator Tots Carrots Fruit	13 Hot Turkey Mashed Potato Broccoli Fruit	14 Spaghetti in Meatsauce Whole Wheat Garlic Bread Corn Fruit	15 Popcorn Chicken over Tossed Salad Homemade Bread Sticks Fruit
18 Mid Winter Recess No School	19 Mid Winter Recess No School	20 Mid Winter Recess No School	21 Mid Winter Recess No School	22 Mid Winter Recess No School
25 Cheesburger Baked Beans Fruit	26 "Taco Tuesday" Tacos - Meat, Lettuce, Cheese & Salsa Rice Fruit	27 "Green Gravy Bowl" Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potato Corn	28 Goulash Garlic Bread Green Beans Fruit	Day 5 March 1

February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 THE POSITIVITY PROJECT February ~ Social Intelligence, Love, Enthusiasm						
Social Intelligence Individuals with this strength might be described as: returned, understanding, insightful, aware, empathetic, discerning		Love Individuals with this strength might be described as: devoted, dedicated, committed, loyal, steadfast, supportive		Enthusiasm Individuals with this strength might be described as: energetic, excited, spirited, animated, passionate, upbeat		
10 Sled for Red @ 1-3 p.m. Cardboard sled @ Derby @ St. Lawrence State Park	11 Day 2 PTO @ 6:00 p.m. Pennies in Your Pockets Day	12 Day 3 Ngon Nickel's Day	13 Day 4 JFK Faculty Meeting @ 3:00 p.m. Kennedy School Play @ 6:00 p.m.	14 Day 5 Happy Valentine's Day 	15 Day 6 Team up for the Ogdensburg Boys & Girls Club @	16
17 "Coin for Kids" To benefit the Ogdensburg Boys & Girls Club	18 Mid-Winter Recess School Closed	19 Mid-Winter Recess School Closed	20 Mid-Winter Recess School Closed	21 Mid-Winter Recess School Closed Crazy Quarters Day	22 Mid-Winter Recess School Closed	23
24 Read r/cross r/merica r/merica Week	25 Day 1 Read r/cross r/merica "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish" @ Dress in red, blue, yellow or black today! PTO Fundraiser @ Begins!	26 Day 2 Read r/cross r/merica "Thing One, Thing Two" Grab a friend and dress up like twins! @ to Remember order forms arrive	27 Day 3 Read r/cross r/merica "Wacky Wednesday" Wear your clothes mismatched or inside out!	28 Day 4 Read r/cross r/merica Week "Fox in Socks" Wear your crazy/mismatched socks! R-Kids 2:50-3:50	1 Day 5 Read r/cross r/merica Week "Cat in the Hat Day" Wear your favorite hat to honor our favorite cat!	

"Each one of us has a fire in our heart for something.
It's our goal in life to find it and keep it lit."
-Mary Lou Retton