

Primary  
Newsletter

*John F. Kennedy  
Elementary School*

February 2019

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL....

It is hard to believe that it is February, and we are halfway through the school year already. I am so proud of all of the growth that the students here at Kennedy are making this year!

We have some exciting events going on during the month of February. The Kiwanis K-Kids meeting will be held on Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:50 – 3:30 p.m. At the meeting, the students will organize and prepare for the “Coins for Kids” service project, which will benefit the Ogdensburg Boys and Girls Club. Please see the note included in the newsletter with more details about this service project. We will have some fun events the week of February 11<sup>th</sup> to help collect money for this very worthy cause. Our K-Kids should be very proud of their community service projects. Members of our school community loved the thank you notes we made in January!

Please consider attending our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meeting on Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. At this month’s meeting, we will be discussing the Believe Kids spring fundraiser as well as Read Across America week. Without the support of our wonderful PTO, many of the fun

events our students love would not be possible.

On Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup> all students in Jr. K – Grade 2 will participate in our annual Valentine’s Day Dance. The students love the dance, and they look forward to it every year!

During the month of February, the students will learn about social intelligence, love, and enthusiasm. The Positivity Project teaches us that social intelligence means you are aware of other people’s thoughts and feelings. Social intelligence helps you to understand why people do the things they do. Students will learn that love means you value close relationships with others and being close to people. The Positivity Project will teach the students that you approach life with excitement and energy when you exhibit showing enthusiasm. People with enthusiasm energize people around them. I am very proud of all of the positive character strengths that the students exhibit every day!

The mid-winter recess begins on February 18<sup>th</sup> and lasts through February 22. The recess is always a good time to make some

hot cocoa, cuddle up, and read some books with your child(ren).

Beginning on Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate Read Across America week in honor of Dr. Seuss. *Fun Fact:* Dr. Seuss would be celebrating his 115<sup>th</sup> birthday on Saturday, March 2, 2019. We will have a number of special activities throughout the week to recognize the contributions that Dr. Seuss made over the years to children’s literacy.

Sincerely,  
*Mrs. Jacquelyn L. Kelly*  
Mrs. Jacquelyn L. Kelly  
Principal, JFK – Grade 2

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**Mrs. Marcinko's  
Artist of the Month**

**Henry Shaver**

*Mrs. Langley's Grade One*

Henry is a very creative young man who is constantly making art. He is helpful to his peers, and is always excited for the day's art activities.

Way to go, Henry!

**Ms. Seymour's  
Reader of the Month  
Ryan McGaw**

*Miss Smith's Grade Two*

Ryan demonstrates excellent listening skills when stories are read aloud. She works hard in class and enjoys reading. Her wide range of interests in different topics to read is amazing!

Keep up the good work, Ryan!



**Miss Hill's  
Musician of the Month  
Abigail Conger**

*Miss Smith's Grade Two*

Abigail is a talented singer, and her love for music comes across every day. She's a wonderful friend, and always offers a helping hand to those who need it. No matter the activity, Abigail is always ready to try her best.

Keep up the great work!

**Upcoming Events:**



- Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>:** Kiwanis K-Kids @ 2:50 – 3:30 p.m. (*Primary Gymnasium*)
- Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>:** Report cards go home
- Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>:** Kennedy PTO Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. (*Library*)
- Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>:** “Coins for Kids” K-Kids service project to benefit the Ogdensburg Boys and Girls Club
- Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>:** Jr. K – Grade 2 Valentine's Day Dance
- Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Mid-winter recess
- Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>:** Read Across America week



## THE POSITIVITY PROJECT

*The Positivity Project empowers America's youth to build positive relationships – and to understand, appreciate, and exemplify the character strengths in us all.*

### February's Character Strengths are:

*Social Intelligence* means you are aware of other people's thoughts and feelings.

You understand why people do things.

You value close relationships with others and being close to people when you display *Love*.

*Enthusiasm* means you approach life with excitement and energy, and you energize the people around you.



### Emergency School Closings

Now that the winter season is upon us, we understand that the decision to open or close schools due to bad weather has a tremendous impact on families. We also understand that our students are better served – both socially and academically – by being in school. As always however, our top priority is the safety of our students.

If the decision is made to delay or close school, the public will be notified as follows:

- One Call Now
  - The District website ([www.ogdensburgk12.org](http://www.ogdensburgk12.org))
- WSLB, WPAC, WGIX, YES FM, PAC 98.7, and WNCQ in Ogdensburg
  - WPDM and WSNN in Potsdam
- WMSA, MIX 96.1, and FOX 101.5 in Massena
  - North Country Public Radio

If you do not currently receive One Call Now announcements from school and you would like to be added to the list, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

**Reader Leaders:**

The students at Kennedy Elementary have been working hard reading and building up their Accelerated Reader points.



Congratulations to all of the students that reached goals during the month of January!

**Level #1 – 2.5 points**

**Mrs. Langley’s Grade One:** Rowan Caruso  
**Mrs. Paquette’s Grade Two:** Haileigh Bowser and Tayah Johnson

**Level #2 – 5 points**

**Mrs. Langley’s Grade One:** Rowan Caruso  
**Mrs. Paquette’s Grade Two:** Ava LaFlair

**Level #3 – 7.5 points**

**Mrs. Langley’s Grade One:** Rowan Caruso  
**Mrs. Paquette’s Grade Two:** James Tebeau

**Level #4 – 10 points**

**Miss Sharlow’s Grade One:** Caclum Rider  
**Mrs. Paquette’s Grade Two:** Harold Switzer  
**Miss Jennifer Smith’s Grade Two:** Rachael Oliver  
**Mrs. Lisa Smith’s Grade Two:** Brennen Wilkinson

**Level #5 – 12.5 points**

**Mrs. Paquette’s Grade Two:** Cullen Fennessy and Jared Norcault  
**Mrs. Lisa Smith’s Grade Two:** Michael Brossoit and Brody Montroy  
**Mrs. Williams’s Grade Two:** Carregan Moncrief

**Level #6 – 15 points**

**Mrs. Paquette’s Grade Two:** Cullen Fennessy and Jared Norcault  
**Mrs. Lisa Smith’s Grade Two:** Michael Brossoit  
**Mrs. Williams’s Grade Two:** Jeremiah Locarino, Kassidy Mitchell, Carregan Moncrief, Quintin Murphy, and Emberlynn Wells

**Level #7 – 17.5 points**

**Mrs. Lisa Smith’s Grade Two:** Michael Brossoit  
**Mrs. Williams’s Grade Two:** Natalya Halpin, Jackson, Kelley, Jeremiah Locarino, Kassidy Mitchell, Carregan Moncrief, and Quintin Murphy

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**Level #8 – 20 points**

**Mrs. Williams's Grade Two:** Echo Bouchey, Chloc Frank, Natalya Halpin, Jackson Kelley, Kamden Middlemiss, Ella Rafferty, and Ivey Santos

**Level #9 – 25 points**

**Mrs. Williams's Grade Two:** Echo Bouchey, Chloc Frank, Bragyn Merceau, and Leah Pike

**Level #10 – 30 points**

**Mrs. Williams's Grade Two:** Bragyn Merceau, Leah Pike, and Emilyn Shaver

**Level #11 – 35 points**

**Mrs. Williams's Grade Two:** Emilyn Shaver

**Level #12 – 40 points**

**Mrs. Williams's Grade Two:** Hannah Mousaw and Chase Rider

**Level #13 – 45 points**

**Mrs. Williams's Grade Two:** Hannah Mousaw and Chase Rider



**Top Scorers:**  
*(for January)*

**Grade One:** Rowan Caruso

**Grade Two:** Hannah Mousaw

# 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 11<sup>th</sup>:**

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

**Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>:**

*Neon Nickels Day – Wear neon colors and donate nickels.*

**Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>:**

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

**Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>:**

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

**Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>:**

*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



# 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 115<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- Wear your favorite hat to honor our favorite cat.



# February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>THE POSITIVITY PROJECT</b></p> <p><b>February ~ Social Intelligence, Love, Enthusiasm</b></p>						
<p><b>Social Intelligence</b> Individuals with this strength might be described as: Attuned, Understanding, Insightful, Warm, Empathetic, Discerning</p>		<p><b>Love</b> Individuals with this strength might be described as: Devoted, Dedicated, Committed, Loyal, Steadfast, Supportive</p>		<p><b>Enthusiasm</b> Individuals with this strength might be described as: Energetic, Excited, Spirited, Animated, Passionate, Upbeat</p>		
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	<p>Day 3 National School Counselor Week</p>	<p>Day 4 National School Counselor Week</p>	<p>Day 5 National School Counselor Week</p>	<p>Day 6 National School Counselor Week</p>	<p>Day 1 Report Cards Sent Home</p>	<p>Day 2 National School Counselor Week</p>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<p>Scheduled for Red@ 1-3 p.m. Carboard sled Derby@ St. Lawrence State Park</p> <p>K-Kids "Coin for Kids" To benefit the Ogdensburg Boys &amp; Girls Club</p>	<p>Day 2 PTO @ 6:00 p.m. Pennies in Your Pockets Day</p>	<p>Day 3 Neon Nickels Day</p>	<p>Day 4 JFK Faculty Meeting @ 5:00 p.m. Kennedy School Play @ 6:00 p.m. Puzzling Pizzas Day</p>	<p>Day 5 Happy Valentine's Day </p> <p>Valentine's Day Dance (Ur.K-Grade 2) @ 1:50 p.m. Crazy Quarters Day</p>	<p>Day 6 Team up for the Ogdensburg Boys &amp; Girls Club Day!</p>	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	<p>Day 1 Mid-Winter Recess School Closed</p>	<p>Day 2 Mid-Winter Recess School Closed</p>	<p>Day 3 Mid-Winter Recess School Closed</p>	<p>Day 4 Mid-Winter Recess School Closed</p>	<p>Day 5 Mid-Winter Recess School Closed</p>	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<p>Read Across America Week</p>	<p>Day 1 Read Across America "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish" Dress in red, blue, yellow or black today! PTO Fundraiser Begins!</p>	<p>Day 2 Read Across America "Thing One, Thing Two" Grab a friend and dress up like twins! Art to Remember order forms arrive</p>	<p>Day 3 Read Across America "Wacky Wednesday" Wear your clothes mismatched or inside out!</p>	<p>Day 4 Read Across America Week "Fox in Socks" Wear your craziest mismatched socks! K-Kids 2:50-5:30</p>	<p>Day 5 Read Across America Week "Cat in the Hat Day" Wear your favorite hat to honor our favorite cat!</p>	

**"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
















# Ogdensburg Public Library

## February 2019

**Computer Help Drop-in-**  
Need tech help? Stop in for tips.  
All ages.

*Feb 02 @ 11:00 am*  
*Feb 05 @ 06:00 pm*  
*Feb 16 @ 11:00 am*  
*Feb 26 @ 06:00 pm*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>Closed</b>		 Music and Movement 10:00 am				 Stories and Songs 10:30 am
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Closed</b>		 Music and Movement 10:00 am	 Social Hour 2:00 pm	 Adult Craft 2:00 pm	 Bead Lizards 4:00 pm	 Stories and Songs 10:30 am
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<b>Closed</b>	<b>Closed</b>	 Music and Movement 10:00 am	 Adirondack Raptors 2:00 pm	 Movie Night 5:30 pm		 Stories and Songs 10:30 am
24	25	26	27	28		
<b>Closed</b>		 Music and Movement 10:00 am		 Timothy Family Book Club 5:00 pm		

**Music and Movement-**  
Toddlers shake their sillies out.  
Ages 2-5.  
*Tuesdays @ 10:00 am*

**Stories and Songs - Early**  
literacy with stories, songs and crafts. Ages 2-4.  
*Saturday @ 10:30 am*

**Bead Lizards**-Make lizards out of pony beads. Ages 7 and up.  
*February 15 @ 4:00 pm*

**Adirondack Raptors**- Educational program with live birds of prey. All ages  
*February 20 @ 2:00 pm*

**Movie Night**- R.L Stein 2. Free Popcorn  
*February 21 @ 5:30 pm*

**Family Book Club**- Read Fairy Tale Comics edited by Chris Duffy.  
All Ages  
*February 28 @ 5:00 pm*

# 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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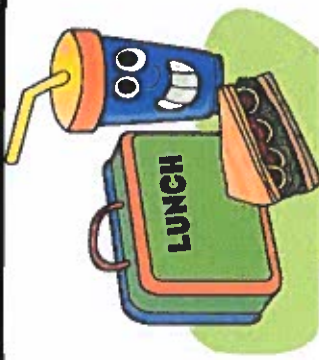
**To: JF Kennedy Elementary School**

**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 Day 2 Grilled Cheese or Tuna Fish Sandwich Tomato Soup Carrots & Celery Sticks Fruit
4	Day 3 Sloppy Joes Tater Tots Fruit	Day 4 Chinese Chicken Fried Rice Egg Roll Fruit	Day 5 Shepherd's Pie Carrots Dinner Roll Fruit	Day 6 7 Chicken Pasta Whole Wheat Garlic Bread Green Beans Fruit	Day 1 8 Cheese Pizza Tossed Salad Fruit
11	Day 2 Hot Dog Bowl of Chili Fruit	Day 3 Chicken Burger Tater Tots Carrots Fruit	Day 4 Hot Turkey Mashed Potato Broccoli Fruit	Day 5 14 Spaghetti in Meat Sauce Whole Wheat Garlic Bread Corn Fruit	Day 6 15 Popcorn Chicken over Tossed Salad Homemade Bread Sticks Fruit
18	19 Day 1 Mid Winter Recess No School	19 Day 2 Mid Winter Recess No School	20 Day 3 Mid Winter Recess No School	21 Day 4 Mid Winter Recess No School	22 Day 5 Mid Winter Recess No School
25	Day 1 Cheeseburger Baked Beans Fruit	Day 2 26 "Taco Tuesday" Tacos - Meat, Lettuce, Cheese & Salsa Rice Fruit	Day 3 27 "Green Gravy Bowl" Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potato Corn	Day 4 28 Goulash Garlic Bread Green Beans Fruit	Day 5 March 1 Day 5 March 1