



Primary Newsletter

*John F. Kennedy
Elementary School*

January 2019

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL.....

Happy New Year! I hope you had a happy holiday season and took the opportunity to slow down a bit and enjoy some time with your family.

As the snowbanks get taller and the weather gets colder, I ask that you be especially cautious when dropping off and picking up your children at school. Please drive slowly and keep in mind that we have many students that walk to school. Unfortunately, children are not always visible around corners and when they are crossing between cars. Please also keep in mind that the doors at school open at 7:30 a.m. For the safety of your child please do not drop him or her off until 7:30 a.m. or after.

On Thursday, January 17th, we will hold our monthly Kiwanis K-Kids meeting from 2:50 – 3:30 p.m. January is National Thank You month. At the meeting, we will be writing thank you notes and making treats for members of our community who help make Ogdensburg such a great place to live.

During the month of January, the students will learn about perseverance, hope and optimism, and prudence. The Positivity Project teaches us that perseverance is exhibited when you complete what you start despite obstacles. Perseverance means you never give up. Students will learn that you expect the best from the future and work to achieve it when you display hope and optimism. With the help of The Positivity Project, the students will understand being prudent means planning for the future and achieving goals by making careful everyday choices. I am very proud of all of the positive character strengths that the students exhibit every day!

Please consider joining us on Tuesday, January 8th for our monthly PTO meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Library. We are always looking for new members to join the PTO. This month we will be discussing the spring fundraiser as well as the Art to Remember fundraiser.

I hope to see you throughout the month of January at Kennedy Elementary School.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jacquelyn L. Kelly
Principal, UPK – Grade 2

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**Mrs. Rycroft's
Artist of the Month
Jonathan Hamilton**

Mrs. Hammond's Kindergarten

Jonathan comes to class excited and is always intrigued to find out about the day's lesson. He never misses a step when it comes to the art room routine-making sure we have done "the DO's", bellringer, daily task, clean up and closure question. Thank you, Jonathan, for helping our art room be an enjoyable place!

**Ms. Seymour's
Reader of the Month
Nathan Bennett**

Mrs. Hammond's Kindergarten

Nathan is an excellent listener during library class. He listens quietly to stories that are read aloud. He loves to participate and always raises his hand to answer a question or to make amazing observations about a story he has heard. During book check out he waits patiently for his turn to choose a book and enjoys reading the book he has selected. Great job, Nathan!



**Miss Hill's
Musician of the Month
Parker Remi**

Ms. Dranger's Grade Two

In music class, Parker is always hard at work learning songs and playing instruments. He always tries his best and is a good friend to all. Awesome job, Parker!

Upcoming Events:



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| Tuesday, January 7th: | School Resumes |
| Tuesday, January 8th: | Kennedy Elementary School PTO Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. (<i>Library</i>) |
| Thursday, January 17th: | Kiwanis K-Kids from 2:50 – 3:30 p.m. (<i>Primary Gymnasium</i>) |
| Monday, January 21st: | Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School |
| Monday, January 28th: | New Semester begins (Day #1) |

My School Bucks



Visit www.myschoolbucks.com to sign up and manage your child's lunch account.

You will need your child's school ID to register. Once you've set up an account, you can access your child's account balance, purchase history, and even deposit money onto the account.



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

January's Character Strengths are:

Perseverance means you never give up. Perseverance is exhibited when you complete what you start despite obstacles.

You expect the best from the future and work to achieve it when you display **Hope** and **Optimism**.

Prudence means planning for the future and achieving goals by making careful everyday choices.



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)
- 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 December!

Level #1 – 2.5 points

Miss Sharlow's Grade One: Braelyn Frison and Caelum Rider
Mrs. Paquette's Grade Two: Emerson Allen and James Tebeau
Miss Jennifer Smith's Grade Two: Giacomo Guarino
Mrs. Lisa Smith's Grade Two: Mylee Pharoah

Level #2 – 5 points

Miss Sharlow's Grade One: Braelyn Frison and Caelum Rider
Mrs. Paquette's Grade Two: Hannah Allen, Nikayla Lemieux, and James Tebeau
Miss Jennifer Smith's Grade Two: Giacomo Guarino and Rachael Oliver
Mrs. Lisa Smith's Grade Two: Emma Barr, Carson Bertram, Avery Beyette, Nicholas Henry, Liam Irvine, Nicolas Norman, and Ricky Polniak

Level #3 – 7.5 points

Miss Sharlow's Grade One: Caelum Rider
Mrs. Paquette's Grade Two: Adrianna Halpin and Jared Noreault
Miss Jennifer Smith's Grade Two: Rachael Oliver
Mrs. Lisa Smith's Grade Two: Kaidence Brossoit, Brody Montroy, and Brennen Wilkinson
Mrs. Williams's Grade Two: Carregan Moncrief

Level #4 – 10 points

Mrs. Paquette's Grade Two: Cullen Fennessy, Adrianna Halpin, and Jared Noreault
Mrs. Lisa Smith's Grade Two: Michael Brossoit and Brody Montroy
Mrs. Williams's Grade Two: Carregan Moncrief and Emberlynn Wells

Level #5 – 12.5 points

Mrs. Williams's Grade Two: Jackson Kelley, Jeremiah Locarino, Kassidy Mitchell, Quintin Murphy, Ella Rafferty, and Emberlynn Wells

Level #6 – 15 points

Mrs. Williams's Grade Two: Natalya Halpin, Jackson Kelley, Kamden Middlemiss, and Ella Rafferty

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Level #7 – 17.5 points

Mrs. Williams's Grade Two:

Echo Bouchey, Chloe Frank, Kamden Middlemiss, Ella Rafferty, and Ivey Santos

Level #8 – 20 points

Mrs. Williams's Grade Two:

Bragyn Mereau

Level #9 – 25 points

Mrs. Williams's Grade Two:

Emilyn Shaver

Level #10 – 30 points

Mrs. Williams's Grade Two:

Hannah Mousaw and Chase Rider

Level #11 – 35 points

Mrs. Williams's Grade Two:

Hannah Mousaw and Chase Rider



Top Scorers: *(for December)*

Grade One: Caelum Rider

Grade Two: Hannah Mousaw

A message from the Health Office about...

Cold Weather Precautions

At this time of year, it is a good idea to talk with your children about cold weather safety. Extra care is needed especially in younger children to be sure that frostbite does not occur.

- Make sure all children including teenagers have appropriate outerwear every day. Warm jackets, hats, scarves, boots, and an extra pair of gloves in their pockets will protect them during extremely cold temperatures.
- Develop an emergency plan and review it with your children in case you are not home either before or after school. If a bus is delayed, they need to know where, when, and how to get help. Tell your child that if you are not home while they are waiting outside for the bus, how long they may wait outside, where to go in the event the bus is delayed, and what the dangers and risks of extreme weather are.

Advise your child to ask for help if they have:

- Wet clothing boots or gloves, snow or ice next to bare skin, which cannot be removed.
- Pain or numbness or burning anywhere on their skin (especially hands, feet, ears, or nose).

Teach your child:

- **When** to ask for help.
- **Where** to find safe shelter in an emergency.
- **Who** the designated adult is to go to in your neighborhood if the bus does not show.
- **How** to protect themselves with proper winter clothing.



If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Kelly at jkelly@ogdensburgk12.org or (315)393-4264.

Thank you for your continued support!