

Kennedy News

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Halloween

This year, Halloween falls on a Friday and is a half day. The PTA is sponsoring a magic show assembly at 10:30AM. Students are invited to come to school in their Halloween costumes. Please avoid the following with your child's costume: toy weapons, blood, gore, overly scary costumes and any other costume from a rated "PG-13" or "R" movie. Please, no masks except in classrooms in which teachers have okayed masks. Each classroom will be celebrating Halloween in a different way, so ask your child's teacher for more information about their class activities that day.

School is dismissed at 11:18AM on half days.

Kennedy Votes!

Kennedy students who have registered to vote will be able to vote for their Presidential candidate in a school wide paper ballot and a nation wide computerized ballot on November 3, 2008. Our school results will be made public at the end of the day on Monday. The computer vote is located at www.studiesweekly.com. We will send home the password to the voting site on Monday so that families can see the results on the US map. The vote will not be final until after the "polls" in California close at 3:30PM, Pacific time. All students in grades K-2 will register to vote in their classrooms. Students in grades 3-6 have to take the initiative to register by going to a specific location either before school or during lunchtime to fill out a simple form.

Multi-Age Parent Meeting
All Multi-Age parents are invited

to an informational/organizational meeting on Monday, November 3rd at 6:30PM in the media center. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Multi-Age program, volunteerism in the classroom and the thematic celebrations. Please come!

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences are scheduled on Tuesday, November 4th from 12-3PM, and on Wednesday and Thursday, November 5th and 6th from 4-7PM. Conferences are by appointment with your child's homeroom teacher and by drop in basis for the gym, music and art teachers.

Michigan Garden

A group of parents have been hard at work planting a native Michigan garden in one of the courtyards in the back of the school. There are several

Parking Lot

As the parking lot continues to be a problem, we are repeating this information.

Please park only in lined parking spaces. Please do not leave your car parked illegally and unattended.

When picking up your students, drive with caution. Remember, our students' safety is primary!

Also, remember that the Northfield entrance is for busses only. Please do not drop off your children at the Northfield door. This is particularly important this year because we have eight busses that drop off in the morning and pick up in the afternoon.

planting beds with different plants in each garden and they are absolutely gorgeous. If you'd like to participate with this project, please let us know. Many thanks to the parents who've been involved and helping with this project!



Staff Requests

Art Room Needs

Yarn— skeins and scraps in all colors and types

Fabric— scraps, various textures and sizes

Buttons and Beads

Notions— ribbon, lace, bric-a-brac, etc.

Thick Cotton Roping (clothes line)

Used Pliers

Used Wire Cutters

Gym Request

Our new gym teachers respectfully request that students wear tie or Velcro gym shoes on gym day to ensure student safety.

Dates to Remember

October 31: Half Day;
dismissal at 11:18AM

November 2: Daylight
Savings Time ends. Fall
back one hour

November 3: Multi-Age
Parent Meeting; 6:30PM

November 4: No School;
Parent Teacher conferences
in the afternoon, by teacher
appointment. **DON'T**
FORGET TO VOTE!

November 5: Building tour
for incoming students at 9AM

November 5: Evening
parent teacher conferences,
4-7PM, by teacher
appointment

November 6: Evening
parent teacher conferences,
4-7PM, by teacher
appointment

November 10-14: Fall Book
Fair

November 11: PTA/PAC
meeting; 6:30/7:30PM

November 13: Mix it Up at
Lunch Day!

November 19: Building tour
for incoming students at 9AM

November 21: Multi Age
Thematic Celebration

November 21: Market Day
pick up; 3:00-4:30PM

November 26: Half Day;
Dismissal at 11:18AM

November 27-28: No
School. Happy Thanksgiving!

December 1: School
resumes

INTRODUCING!

It is our pleasure to introduce an additional four new staff members to John F. Kennedy! Mrs. Jeanne Clark is our AM physical education teacher. Mr. Michael Mitchell is our afternoon physical education teacher. Both Mrs. Clark and Mr. Mitchell have been in the school district for a number of years, but are new to JFK. Mrs. April Murphy is our new music teacher on Tues. –Thurs. mornings and all day on Friday. Mrs. Mary Brown is our afternoon music teacher on Mon.—Thurs. Mrs. Murphy is new to our school district. Mrs. Brown has been in the district for several years and has been a teacher at JFK before. Because each of these teachers are here only part time, your child may have two different teachers for these subjects.

Welcome to Mrs. Clark, Mr. Mitchell, Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Brown!

Mr. Brandt Concert!

Our own Mr. Brandt is performing a concert on Sunday, November 2 at the Kulick Center at 3PM. The Kulick Center is located on Pearson and Livernois in Ferndale. There's a rumor that Mrs. McNeil may perform a song with Mr. Brandt! Donations to the Kulick Center are appreciated at the event.

Attendance

Please report your child's absence at 248-547-0880 (press 2). Also, call that number if your child is going to be late and needs a hot lunch.

Thank you for your cooperation!

