

KENNEDY COMMUNICATOR

December 5, 2011

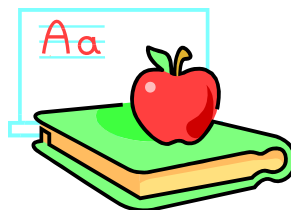
Attendance

**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!**

As you know, this is a great month for students to learn and practice about caring for others. While the holidays are often about celebration and cheer, they can also be difficult on many people. We know that struggles with family concerns or financial burdens make it difficult to make the holidays what we hope they would be.

At JFK we have a lot of ways that students can practice giving. Donating food or clothing is one common way people give at the holidays and we thank you for your donations to Gleaners and Salvation Army. However, today, I have been thinking about the fact that you never really know what is going on with a person, at home or personally. So, while I can give to those in need that I don't even know, I can *also* concentrate on giving to those around me. It's this fact that reminds me to be giving with my words, to both adults and students. Staying mindful of being kind day in and day out is probably one of the best ways to can give to each other during difficult times. Our kindness in word and deed helps us take care of each other both in school and out. I hope you spend a few minutes this month to talk about this with your child, as it's these life lessons that matter most.

Happy Holidays!



Pauline K. Nagle, Principal

Mark your calendar!

Mr. Gary Meier, Superintendent of Ferndale Public Schools, will be hosting a meeting for school district parents, staff and community members at John F. Kennedy Elementary School on **Wednesday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Media Center. His presentation will include his thoughts on the state of the district, in particular the district's long-term facilities needs. He will answer audience members' questions about school matters, including the recent survey of elementary parents and the future of the academic programming.

All are welcome . . . Please join us!

Upcoming Dates:

December 6:

PTA Meeting 6:30 p.m.
PAC Meeting 7:30 p.m.
MAP Meeting 7:30 p.m.

December 7: Building Tour 9 a.m.

Mr. Meier presentation 7:00 p.m. JFK Media Center

December 8: JFK Holiday Shop 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Coolidge/JFK 5th/6th Band/orchestra concert @ FHS— 6:30 p.m.

December 9: Market Day pickup 3-4:30 p.m.

December 19, 2011—Monday, January 2, 2012:

No School—Winter Break.

January 3, 2012: Classes resume

PTA Meeting 6:30 p.m.
PAC Meeting 7:30 p.m.
MAP Meeting 7:30 p.m.

January 4: Building Tour 9 a.m.

January 16: No School—MLK birthday

January 18: Building Tour 9 a.m.

Mobile Dentist

January 20: No School—Records Day

January 25: Elementary Skate Party—

Grades K-6 Troy Skate World 6:15-8:15 p.m.

January 27: Market Day pickup 3-4:30 p.m.

January 28: All-City Extravaganza—FHS 12-4 p.m.

Choir 1 p.m.; Band 4 p.m.; Orchestra 7 p.m.

February 1: Building Tour 9 a.m.

February 3: JFK Sock Hop 6:30-8 p.m.

February 7:

PTA Meeting 6:30 p.m.
PAC Meeting 7:30 p.m.
MAP Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Approximately 100 students elected to participate in the Elk's National "Hoop Shoot" Free Throw Contest from J. F. Kennedy Elementary. And the winners are:

8/9 year old boys: 1st place—Donovan Lott; runner up alternate — Collin King

10/11 year old boys: 1st place— Collin Houston ; runner up alternate—Dennis Crawford

10/11 year old girls: 1st place— Amiya Bellamy ; runner up alternate—Madelynne Tomas

We had no participants in the 8/9 year old girls or 12/13 boy or girls categories.

Congratulations to all of the winners, alternates and participants!!



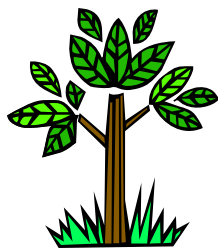
HOLIDAY SHOP

This year's Holiday Shop is scheduled for Thursday, December 8. We will have gifts for the kids to purchase, ranging in price from \$1.00 - \$5.00. They will shop with their class during school. We need volunteers! If you are able to help with set-up on Wednesday, December 7 after school or help the students on shopping day, please contact Katie Tomas at: ktomas@sbcglobal.net or 248-259-1460. The Holiday Shop will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. This is a PTA fundraiser.



UPCOMING ASSEMBLIES

Joe Reilly, an environmental awareness performer, will be entertaining our K-3rd grade students in the morning on Friday, December 16.



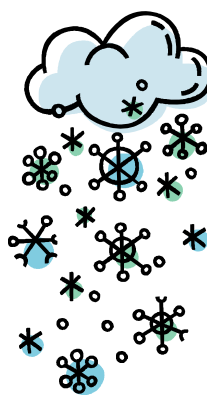
Our 4th-6th grade students will be attending small group science workshops presented by the Ann Arbor Hand On Museum Outreach Program on January 4-5, 2012. The science-based workshops will focus on learning the difference between using bio-fuel energy & fossil fuels.

LOST AND FOUND

The JFK Lost and Found is spilling over with hats, coats, sweatshirts, shoes, etc. If your child is missing an item, please stop by the school to see if it may be here. All unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity at the end of the day on Friday, December 16 (last day before winter break).



BRRRR . . . IT'S COLD!



The snowfall certainly lets us know that winter has arrived! Please remember to dress students with winter coats, hats, gloves and boots. We will have outdoor recess for most of the winter except when the wind chill nears 0 degrees. Also, short sleeves are often too chilly for classroom wear. As room temperatures vary in different parts of the building,

dressing in layers is helpful. This is especially true for days students have physical education. A t-shirt under a sweater or sweatshirt so students can layer down during sport activities is a great idea.