

KENNEDY COMMUNICATOR

January 3, 2012

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!**

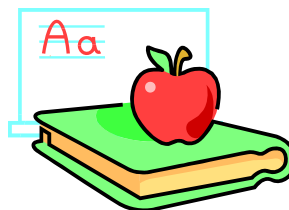
In our house we figure that if we're going to live in Michigan, we better make sure that we do something to enjoy snow. This is the time of year that I get my skis waxed and a box of hand warmers ready in anticipation for a few trips to the slopes. For me, it's like making a bad situation (I really hate to be cold) a bit better. I actually have a lot of fun, too!

For some of your children, perhaps they may feel the same way about the return to school. The reality is, school is work and they work hard here at JFK each day. Of course, my wish is for all kids to love every single minute of every subject at school. But, I realize that sometimes there are some subjects that can be frustrating to your child and they may consider school to be "a bad situation". It is our goal to keep your child engaged, regardless of the difficulty of the subject. We can work as a team with you to make those tough subjects "a bit better" through engaging, strategic lessons and good parent communication. I want to encourage you to keep in close touch with your child's teacher if your child is having any hesitations about school or certain school subjects.

I hope that your winter break was restful or exciting, whichever was your wish! Welcome back!

Sincerely,

Pauline K. Nagle, Principal



MARK YOUR CALENDARS . . .

All-City Concerts

Saturday, January 28—Ferndale High School gym

1p.m. - Choir—grades 4-12

4p.m. - Band—grades 4-12

7p.m. - Orchestra—grades 4-12

More information to follow



Upcoming Dates:

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 6: Movie Night 6:30 p.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.

February 8: Count Day

February 15: Building Tour 9 a.m.

February 17: Market Day pick up 3-4:30 p.m.

Feb. 20-Feb. 24: No School—Mid-Winter Break

Feb. 27: Classes Resume

Feb. 29: Magnet Program Lottery Deadline



GREEN SCHOOL NEWS



Electronics Recycling at JFK

Protect the environment by donating your used consumer electronics and unwanted, broken or mismatched jewelry. All items will be recycled in accordance with EPA regulations. 100% of the proceeds will help fund the JFK Green Team efforts and our PTA.

We are currently collecting the following items:

Cell phones	Laptop computers	Inkjet cartridges	MP3 players
Digital cameras	Digital video cameras	Handheld game systems	GPS devices
Radar detectors	Electronic book readers	Gold, silver & platinum jewelry	

Please drop off any items you would like to recycle in the RECYCLING ZONE.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Our certified wildlife habitat needs maintaining throughout the winter months. Mr. Thomas', Mrs. Prince's, and Mrs. Lusk's classes have generously offered to maintain the birdfeeders this year. Thank you to the teachers and students for taking on this responsibility. If you have a student in Mr. Thomas', Mrs. Prince's, or Mrs. Lusk's class, ask them about Kennedy School's backyard birds. Each student participated in a mini lesson on birds that we will find on our feeders, how to care for and maintain bird feeders, and what exactly to feed the birds. We are feeding thistle and safflower seeds specifically to attract a variety of species of birds while keeping the squirrels away. The PTA has provided start up costs for the bird feeding station supplies. Please check your teacher's newsletters for donation requests when the supply begins to dwindle. Thank you to teachers, students, and parents for supporting this green school initiative!



WILDLIFE HABITAT

