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Kennedy Connection

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Upcoming Events :

- February 2nd—Jump Rope Team visit
- February 4th—Talent Show in cafeteria @ 6:00pm

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO MARCH OF DIMES

- February 5th— Power of Choice Health M Powers assemblies
- February 11th— 4th Grade American Revolution Wax Museum
- School Dance—Friday, February 26th 6:00-8:00

From:
The Principal's Desk

100th Day

On Monday, Kennedy Elementary School celebrated the 100th day of school. Students in Kindergarten and First Grade brought in posters that contained 100 items, and first graders wore 100 day hats and even wrote 100 words. Mr. Butcher's 100 year old great grandfather (or look alike) greeted students outside of the media center and Anna Sears (Kindergartner in Mrs. Whiddon's class) read a 100 day poem. Later on in the day, Zero Hero went to the Kindergarten classes and gave out imitation \$100 bills. It was a fun and educational day, and all the students and teachers seemed to enjoy it. (That is 100 words about the 100th day.)

Slam Dunkin' the CRCT

As was stated in last Kennedy Connection, we have begun our preparation for the CRCT in April. We are encouraging ALL students in grade 1-5 to go to www.georgiaoas.org and take the CRCT practice tests that have been assigned to the students. These tests are all under the "Teacher-Assigned" section of the site. These tests are not the same questions that will be asked on the CRCT, but they are in the same format and cover the same GPS that your child will be responsible for on the CRCT in April. To help students get excited about this, we have started randomly pulling students each week who have taken and passed a practice test to take a 3-point shot or free-throw. All students who get picked win a coupon. If they make the shot, they will win a gift card. So far, we have taken 181 tests and passed 140 of them as a school. If your child does not know their password, please contact the school and we will get it to you.

Is your child too young to be home alone??

These guidelines are provided by the Department of Family and Children Services.

- Children age eight and under should not be left alone.
- Children between ages nine and twelve may be left alone for brief periods (less than two hours) if caretaker determines that the child is mature.
- They may not be left responsible for younger children.
- Children ages thirteen and older may be left alone and may perform the role of babysitter.

DFCS advises that this time be no more than twelve hours.

Talent Show

We will be having our Annual KES talent show to benefit March of Dimes on Thursday, February 4th. The event will start at 6:00pm and will cost \$2.00 for students and \$3.00 for adults. This night is always an amazing display of talent and benefits a wonderful cause. We hope to see all of you at the Talent Show on February 4th!

HEBRON HELPS!!

Hello families. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of the exciting resources that Hebron Baptist Church in Dacula, Georgia is currently offering. First, Streetwise Ministry is available to help with clothing, food and financial assistance. If you are interested, please call (678) 985-9952 at 8:00-4:30, Monday through Friday. In addition, on the third Saturday of each month, Hebron offers respite care for children with special needs, giving parents the opportunity to have some time to themselves. This is 100% free and includes dinner and supervised activities from 5:00-9:00pm. Contact Jessica Butterworth at (678) 427-5833 for more information. Finally, Hebron also offers a support group program called Celebrate Recovery for parents and children who have experienced a number of "hurts, habits, and hang ups." This is also free and takes place on Mondays at 6:00. Please contact Denise Kitchen at (770) 277-6030 to find out more about this exciting program. If you have any additional questions about Hebron's programs you can call me at (770) 867-3182. Thank you ☺ - Kat Bachman

Kindergarten Corner

Kindergarten at KES is REMARKABLE! Our little dragons are learning so much and we are very proud of all their accomplishments. Students are using the skills they have acquired to read and write words. We are learning about different writing genres. Students have been writing narrative and informational writings. This week we were introduced to how we can respond to literature through writing. In math we continue to explore number sense and are discovering ways to compare numbers as well as objects by weight, height, length, and volume. We want to congratulate everyone for a great 100 Days of School!

Special Education Supplement

Mrs. Mays's class has been learning all about our country's government, using our interactive white board during language arts to write sentences about animals, and having tons of fun with patterns. In February, Mrs. Mays's class will be conducting a KES census and compiling the data into graphs.

Mrs. Horne's students were excited to finish their class novel, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. This past week students watched the movie and completed a compare and contrast essay. Students are reviewing figurative language and identifying themes in folktales, as well as reviewing test taking strategies. The class has also started a new novel, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl.

First Grade Footnotes:

The first graders are really working hard this winter. We are busy learning about a very important life skill, counting money. We have incorporated a behavior management system into our math instruction. Your students are going to be able to explore their ability to count money by making equivalent trades of coins up to one dollar for the purchase of items in the classroom store. This is a very important skill and we ask the parents to reinforce this skill at home with their children by taking opportunities to count money with your child. In first grade we are also improving our reading and writing skills everyday. It is very important for your child to read at home on a daily basis. You can always find fun and creative ways to incorporate reading practice. For example, have your child help read a recipe or the labels on the food products while you are cooking dinner. Your child can also assist in writing a grocery list to aid in improved writing skills as well as helping the family out. In first grade we enjoy learning in a fun way. We also appreciate the continued support of our parents.

2nd Grade Scripts:

We have less than two months before the CRCT. Second grade is working hard on grammar rules and learning math facts. Please be sure to go on the OAS and practice for the CRCT at home. You need a computer, internet access, and your child's password. Your child's password was sent home with instructions on how to get into the system. Please read with your child every night and ask them questions about what they have read. We thank all of you for your support and your involvement with your child's educational success.

3rd Grade Thoughts:

Third graders have just started a unit on Habitats! Feel free to go online to the following websites to learn more about habitats:

- <http://www.lilburnes.org/Students/Habitats/index.htm>
- <http://www.studystack.com/menu-282221>

The vocabulary for this unit is very in depth, so please practice with your child each night. We are also encouraging the students to take tests on the Georgia OAS website. If the kids take the tests, they may get their name drawn to shoot some hoops and a chance to win prizes!

4th Grade Gab

Our fourth graders are continuing to grow and learn each day. We are busily preparing our speeches for our upcoming wax museum.

Please plan on coming to see your child teach others about the heroes of the American Revolution on Thursday, February 11, 2010. The times that each homeroom will be performing are as follows:

Ballard	8:15	Ouzts	9:15
Paramore	11:15	Marsee	12:30

Don't forget to bring in your change for our trip to the Zoo. Each homeroom is competing to see who can bring in the most change. Check those couch cushions and empty those pockets. We are heading to the Zoo!

5th Grade Flyer:

5th graders are very excited about reading Number the Stars which deals with World War II and its effects on the people of the world. In preparation for writing assessment, all fifth graders will be completing one piece of writing each week. Writing will be scored and there will be a winner from each classroom every week for the next 5 weeks. Each winner will receive a special lunch with Mr. Butcher, Dr. Jordan, and Mrs. Sears. All weekly winners will be placed in a drawing for a gift card to be given away at the end of the contest. Good luck to all 5th graders!!!!

KES Dance

We will be having another school dance on Friday, February 26th. Just like in November, we will have DJ Osborne playing your favorite dance songs. We will have plenty of food and drinks. We will be selling pictures as well as neon bracelets. We always get a good turn out for our dances, and we hope that this time is no different. It is a wonderful opportunity to spend a fun family night and support your child's school. We hope to see everyone at the dance, February 26th at 6:00-8:00. Cost is \$2.00 for EVERYONE! We strongly encourage all parents to stay with their child and build memories of activities done together. They will last forever!!

