



Ryan Butcher—Principal

Kennedy Connection

Ready, Respectful, Responsible

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February 2012						
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Upcoming Events :

- **February 10th—PTO Peace, Love & KES dance 5-7pm**
- *February 13th—School Governance Team Meeting @ 5:00pm*
- *February 14th—Valentine's Day & Stevi B's All Day*
- *February 15th—HealthMPowers Assembly*
- *February 16th—PTO Chick-fil-a Spirit Night 5-8pm*
- *February 17th & 20th—**No SCHOOL***
- *February 21st—Subway Night 5-8pm*
- *February 23rd— Spring Picture Day*
- *February 28th—2nd Grade Literacy Day & McDonald's Spirit Night*

Way To Go Beverly—Barrow County Spelling Bee Champion for 2012!!

Last Friday, February 3rd, Kennedy Elementary School got their very first Barrow County Spelling Bee Champion. Beverly A. outlasted 11 other Barrow County School representatives to win the county title. Overcoming lots of nerves in the practice round, Beverly successfully spelled word after word until she got down to the final two. After going back and forth with the Russell Middle School winner, Beverly finally took the title when she correctly spelled the word "HOSPICE". Beverly will now represent Barrow County at the district spelling bee on February 25th at North Gwinnett theater. We wish Beverly the best of luck. We are very proud of you!



Barrow County Clean School of the Month

Kennedy Elementary School was named the Barrow County Clean School of the month at the last school board meeting on Tuesday, February 7th. The clean school committee chairman said that they had never seen a custodial office as neat and orderly as what they saw at Kennedy. Mr. Rick, Ms. Carlotta, Ms. Avrora, and Mr. Billy we are so thankful for all you do each day. Great job!

Rockin' the CRCT

Kennedy Elementary School students are really working very hard to make sure that they are ready to "Rock" the CRCT in April. As of today, Kennedy students have taken over 1900 practice CRCT test on georgiaoas.org and have earned over 2000 blue ribbons on Study Island. Our Kindergarten through 2nd Grade students have also completed over 200 maps on Reading Eggs as well. Each of these programs will greatly assist our students in meeting their academic goals and we greatly appreciate our parents for encouraging the use of these programs at home. We have been recognizing weekly high scores as well. The following students have had the highest oas success over the past three weeks: Josh A., Maylisha K, Alena Y., Haley M., Rodrigo M. , Anna M., Raine H., Jacob B., Joseph B., Rylee R., and Mickael D.. These students will be creating an air guitar concert that will be shown on the morning announcements next week. We are very proud of everyone's effort as we prepare to get ready to "Rock" the CRCT on April 4th.

Way to go PBIS Heroes

As a school our students are encouraged daily to be Ready, Respectful, and Responsible students. Our teachers reinforce the students who show these behaviors with Dragon Dollars. Students can use these Dragon Dollars to be entered into a drawing to be a PBIS Hero. The super heroes for the last two weeks have been: Becca S. and Fancy B. Our super hero teachers for the past two weeks have been: Ms. Lee and Ms. Chandler. Thanks to everyone for helping us to create a Ready, Respectful, and Responsible atmosphere here at Kennedy Elementary School.

Wonderful Weeks of Writing

As of today, our 5th grade students are 16 school days away from taking the Georgia Writing Assessment. This is a one day two-hour writing assessment. Our 5th Grade teachers have been working diligently with our students to make sure that they have everything in place to be successful on this assessment. Over the past two weeks, 5th graders have gotten to take a writing prompt from brainstorming session all the way through published work in a shortened time period. This is designed to get them used to the time constraints that they will have when they take the actual test in March. These pieces are then scored and given feedback for future prompts. From those scored writings, the best from each class is chosen and gets to eat lunch with Mr. Butcher and Dr. Jordan. The winners so far have been Rachel C., Emily G., Jayden H., and Kristie H. Way to go and good luck on the real assessment in March.



Getting Started

1. Go to <http://www.georgiaoas.org>
2. Have your student log on with his/her ID and password.
Your student's ID will be their 10-digit Georgia Test ID.

NOTE: From the Logon screen, if you put in your child's logon ID and password, click Login, and then receive a blank screen, turn off "pop up blockers" on your computer for this site. Then attempt to log on again.

Taking Teacher-Assigned Tests

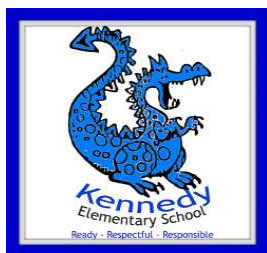
Note: The teacher or school administrator creates and assigns these tests.

- From the Student Welcome Page, select View Teacher-Assigned Tests.
- Select a test from the Test List Page, then click Take Test.
- Answer question, selecting Next Question to advance to the next page or passage.
- Once all test questions have been answered, click Grade My Test.
- If the student has answered all questions, click OK.
- View the test results, if available.
- Click Return Home button to return to the Student Welcome Page.
- Choose another test or Logout.



Our Media Center has a new Look! Please feel free to come by and enjoy all the wonderful adventures Mrs. Ouzts has in store for our students as well as our teachers. It is not uncommon to see Mrs.

Ouzts dressed as story book characters to bring literacy to LIFE! If you would like to share in the excitement of the media center, we are always in need of volunteers. If you are interested, please call Mrs. Kellie Ouzts at 770-867-3182.



Study Island is completely Web-based, which allows students to access the program from any computer with an Internet connection and a standard Web

browser. Study session results are automatically recorded for teacher review, including results from sessions completed outside of school.

The program is divided into sections based on subject (math, reading, etc.). Each section is made up of 15 to 30 topics, with each topic containing about 20 to 30 questions. Topics are accompanied by a lesson, which contains a brief overview of the material covered in that topic.

Follow the instructions below to use the program:

1. Go to www.studyisland.com.
2. Enter your username and password at the upper left side of the screen, and click "Submit." Students will receive a username and password from their school.
3. Click on a subject (math, reading, etc).
4. If this is the first time using the program, click "Pretest." **You must complete 10 Pre-test questions to unlock the rest of the content in that subject.** If there is no Pretest option, or if you have already taken the Pretest, you may move on to the other content topics.
5. Choose a Session Type. The default setting is Test mode, however students may also select Printable Worksheet or Game mode if permitted by the school.
6. To pass a topic, you must meet the passing requirements, which are based on a minimum number of questions answered (usually 10) and a minimum percentage correct (around 70%). A blue ribbon icon () is displayed next to all passed topics.
7. Once you have completed the Pretest, you may work through the remainder of the topics in any order. You must pass all topics before taking the Post Test.
8. Once you have passed all the topics, you must pass the Post Test to complete the subject. Ignore this step if the subject has no Post Test.
9. When you pass all topics in all subjects, you have completed the program.

