

# Kennedy PTA



February  
2012

## Calendar of Events

### February:

- 2 - Lego Club
- 3 - Super Snack Bowl Day & National Wear Red Day
- 4 - Family Fun Day - Bowling
- 6 - Lewis & Clark Exhibition Assembly
- 16 - Lego Club
- 28 - 4th Grade Talent Show & PTA mtg (see email blast)

### March:

- 1 - Lego Club
- 2 - Science Fair
- 2 - Spirit Day
- 13 - PTA meeting, 7PM
- 15 - Lego Club
- 23 - Bingo Night, 7PM



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## President's Corner

Hello Kennedy Families!

First, the PTA would like to say congratulations to all of the students that participated in the *Reflections* program. The students that participated got to enjoy having pizza with Mrs Wallock. Thank you, Mrs Wallock, for all of your support of these PTA programs and encouraging the students to take part. You all did a wonderful job!

Thanks to Anni Mauro and her son Nicholas for having Kennedy school's very first Lego night. It was a great night! Kids & parents had fun making Lego creations. Please look for the pictures from the night on the PTA bulletin board this month.

Thank you to Stephanie Kooyenga and Jenn Toupet for bringing the very fun Hip Pickles group to our school. They came and taught the kids why bullying should not be accepted. The kids had a blast, and I even noticed a few teachers dancing along with them.

Kennedy students have been enjoying a week of fun events for Spirit Week. This year, we will end the week by having a Family Fun Day of bowling at Circle Lanes. We hope to see most of you there for a fun time.



### 4th Grade Talent Show

Thursday, February 28 at 1:30PM & 7PM. See the email blast for details!

And last but certainly not least, everyone should have received our No Stress Fundraiser letter. We will be running this fundraiser for the month of February. Please consider contributing whatever your family can. This is the LAST and ONLY fundraiser we will be doing the rest of this year. Please support our school and programs!

Please join us for our next PTA meeting which will be held right before the 4th grade talent show on Thursday, February 23rd at 7PM.

Kerry Seminara, Erin Ronchetta, Jenna Yiu, Anni Mauro & Stephanie Kooyenga

## Family Fun Day - Bowling!!!

To wrap up Spirit Week, the PTA is happy to announce a Family Fun Day at Circle Lanes in Ledgewood on Saturday, February 4th from 3:30 to 5:30PM.

All Kennedy students bowl for only \$5!

Other Kennedy family members pay \$10 per person. All costs include:

- 2 hours of bowling
- shoe rental
- 1 slice of pizza
- 1 cup of soda

The RSVP date has already passed, so we hope you sent in your form and money. If you have any questions, please contact Kerry Seminara at 973.584.6966 or [kerry4298@yahoo.com](mailto:kerry4298@yahoo.com)





## From the Principal's Desk...

In recognition of Black History Month and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

I have a dream.... All children worked to their maximum potentials, because they realize the value of education. *Youngsters are respectful and supportive of each other at all times.* Parents work with us to make certain that their children benefit from all that is offered in the Roxbury Public Schools (We are fortunate that our parents are remarkably supportive.) *Violence is eliminated from every school on every day.* Profanity is never used, at school and at home. *We continue to teach to the curriculum and New Jersey Core Content Curriculum Standards, covering all material by early June of each year.* One hundred percent of our children take the standardize tests and all are found to be proficient or advanced proficient (mostly advance proficient, of course). *Students smile due to success and achievement throughout each day.* Nobody feels rejected or like an outcast. *We are accepting of all religions, cultures, and other diversities that make our society rich and interesting.* The world achieves ongoing peace. *We recognize differences as an opportunity to learn rather than something to fear.* Challenged youngsters compensate for their disabilities so they may perform competently and competitively in our changing world. *We make time for our loved ones and family members often.* Acts of kindness are a part of everyday for every person. *Health and well-being is enhanced through medical research without costing billions of tax dollars.* We take the time to develop hobbies and incorporate them in our lives. *Students all come to school with homework done on a daily basis.* Everyone is prepared for large tests and small quizzes. *Special reports are handed in completed and on time.* All parents remember and attend scheduled conferences as planned and all teachers keep to their schedules to the minute so nobody has to wait. *All busses arrive at Kennedy Elementary School by 3:10 PM, punctually.* Parents are successfully notified about early dismissals through Honeywell (hopefully, only one message necessary) so everyone gets home safely in a timely manner. *Delayed openings seem like half days rather than double days.* Happiness and positive self-esteem are viewed as by-products of acts of kindness, hard work, dependability, extra effort, teamwork and love rather than rights of passage.

I had a dream that there was no more war, no more killing, and no more hatred.

I had a dream that SNOW did not start in October and did not present hazardous driving conditions. As long as I continue to work with children, I will continue to believe in my dreams, for it is what gives us strength, hope, and compassion for our future.

**Audrey Wallock**



## Clip & Earn!

Don't forget!!! Box tops will be collected through Wednesday, February 22. For the class that turns in the most box tops by then, each student in the winning class will receive a \$5 gift certificate to use at the March Scholastic Book Fair.

Please make sure to have your box tops clearly labeled with the Teacher's name to ensure that they are properly counted.

Valerie Dolan, Box Top Coordinator ~ [vmdolan@verizon.net](mailto:vmdolan@verizon.net)



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## Reflections

The Kennedy School PTA is very proud to acknowledge all of the students that participated in the *Reflections* program this year. An impressive 66 Kennedy students submitted entries, which was more than the 3 other elementary schools combined. Our students showed tremendous creativity and diversity with their interpretation of the theme. Kennedy School even had 5 entries that have advanced to the State level! Hats off to all our *Reflections* participants:

*Kelly Ernst, Bill Karipidis, Nicholas Montesano, Karly Stigliano, Emma Weiss, Jared Weiss, Brandon Bang, Brian Dino, Joseph Kovach, Matthew Seminara, Mia Cinquegrano, Katelyn Curto, Gabriella Daskalova, Jeremy Maida, Gianna Malone, Joseline Molina, Jessica Pichat, Melissa Priester, Rachel Roth, Liana Scafani, Alexandra Schulz, Jennifer Schulz, Cassandra Sempiti, Corey Smith, Michaela Sokolowski, Karly Stigliano, Angelina Stigliano, John Tremper, Natalia Yamka, Max Annis, Taylor Bailey, Justin Berge, Nancy Bogardus, Jessica Coons, Jayden Cooper, Maximus Corsi, Matthew Curto, Katelyn DeCraine, Amanda DeCraine, Weston Edelman, Grace Edelman, Lauren Ernst, Hailey Gabloff, Hunter Gabloff, Nathaniel Hatten, John Karipidis, Sean Kenworthy, Patrick Lockman, Quinn Longo, Antonia Matos-Kruck, Catarina Matos-Kruck, Nicholas Mauro, Juliana Medini, Peter Millus, Ava Nack, Jordan Prince, Alexandra Ronchetta, Alexandra Scafani, Thomas Schulz, Brandon Schwartz, Rocco Timpano, Tony Timpano, Kyle Vongas, Benjamin Weiss, Emma Wilson*

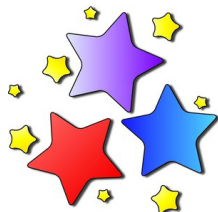


County recognized winners!



Also, it is never early enough to announce the Reflections theme for 2012-2013:

*"The Magic of the Moment"*



We would also like to congratulate Kara Wilson, Jared Weiss, Joseph Kovach, Brian Dino, and Rachel Roth for being selected to move on to the State level. Good luck with State judging!



On Monday, February 6, the students at Kennedy will be experiencing:

THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION  
A CELEBRATION OF AMERICAN TEAMWORK

Presented by Mr. Patrick Garner



for additional information on this show or one of Mr. Garner's many other shows, you can visit his website:  
[www.historysalive.com](http://www.historysalive.com)

The show times are 12:30 for AM Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders and 1:30 for PM Kindergarten, 3rd and 4th graders

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From Kennedy School's Guidance Counselor

### Help Kids Take Responsibility by Predicting & Preventing

The behaviors that often drive parents crazy are also the things they can see coming. Your child walks in from school and switches on the TV before he starts homework. Or your child goes to bed without packing his backpack and leaves something behind in the morning. In both these cases, you probably knew what was coming. One of the best ways to help your child take responsibility is by predicting and then preventing.

First, make sure your child understands the rule. "We are not going to turn on the TV before your homework is complete and I have looked it over." Second, agree on a consequence. "If you turn the TV on before your homework is done, I will turn it off and we will keep it off after dinner that day."

The next day, meet your child as he comes in the door. "Remember our rule about TV. We are not going to turn it on until after homework. Should you switch it on, we will have to keep it turned off after dinner." He may test your limits. In that case, stay calm, but enforce the consequence you have agreed on.

When your child follows the rules, you both win. He does what you expect him to. If he does not follow the rules and you keep the TV turned off after dinner, you have still both won. He has learned that you mean what you say. The next time you lay out a rule, he will be much more likely to pay attention.

**Source: L.R. Griffin, Negotiation Generation: Take Back Your Parental Authority Without Punishment, Penguin Books.**