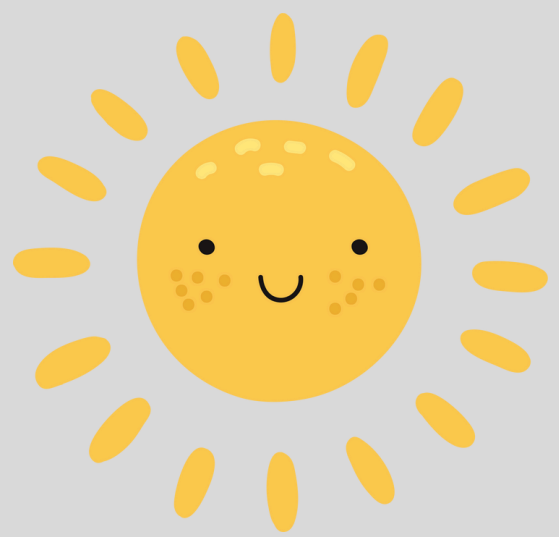


# KENNEDY NEWSLETTER

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As we step into April, we enter the school year's final stretch! With just nine weeks remaining, it's an exciting yet busy time for students, teachers, and parents. Let's make these last weeks count by staying engaged, attending every day, and making the most of our learning experiences.

April is also an important month for state assessments and end-of-year testing. Students have been working hard all year, and now is their time to shine! Please ensure your child gets plenty of rest each night and arrives at school on time. Encourage them to do their best and remind them that these tests are just one way to show what they have learned.

The warmer weather and longer days make spring a perfect time to get outside and enjoy the sunshine! Encourage your child to play outdoors, ride bikes, go for a walk, or simply enjoy nature. Fresh air and movement will help students stay focused and energized for the remainder of the school year.

With the end of the year approaching, teachers are planning exciting field trips and special class activities. **Please watch for information from your child's teacher regarding permission slips, event dates, and additional details.** These experiences create lasting memories for our students and connect the lessons they are learning in class to real life, and we appreciate your support in making them successful!

Thank you for your continued involvement in your child's education.

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Amber Kowatch has dedicated 18 years to education, building a diverse and impactful career. She began as a classroom teacher, spending six years shaping young minds before transitioning into the role of an Instructional Technology Coach for two years. She then stepped into leadership as a Principal, serving for four years. Now in her sixth year as a Curriculum Director, Amber continues to drive innovation and excellence in education.

## Kennedy: Spring Into Learning: Show What You Know!

Spring is here, and it's time to show what we've learned! As we get ready for state testing, our 3rd-5th grade students have the chance to demonstrate all the skills they've been working on this year. These assessments help teachers see how much students have grown and what they still need to learn. While tests are just one part of learning, they are a great way to celebrate all the progress made throughout the year!

To do their best, students should get plenty of rest, eat a healthy breakfast, and come to school ready to focus. Most importantly, we encourage them to try their hardest and be proud of their efforts. Our teachers and staff believe in each student, and we know they will do an amazing job.

Let's show what we know and finish the year strong!

