

KENNEDY NEWSLETTER

March 2025



Hello Kennedy Families!

Spring is finally here (well, almost!), bringing warmer weather, blooming flowers, and longer days full of sunshine! Just like nature wakes up in the spring, we can wake up our minds and bodies to try new things, learn more, and grow in exciting ways!

Fresh Goals for a Fresh Season!

Spring is a great time to think about what we want to accomplish. Here are a few ideas:

- Set a reading goal—how many books can you read this spring? This is a great one to work on since March is Reading Month. At Kennedy Elementary, we will highlight reading activities and time all month with our “Wild About Reading” theme!
- Try a new hobby, like painting, gardening, or playing a new sport.
- Spend more time outside, enjoying nature and getting fresh air!

Springtime Activities

So many fun things to do as a family in the spring! Here are some ideas:

- Go on a nature walk and look for signs of spring—flowers, birds, and butterflies!
- Plant a seed and watch it grow.
- Write a spring poem or draw a picture of your favorite spring scene.
- Have a picnic outside with your family.

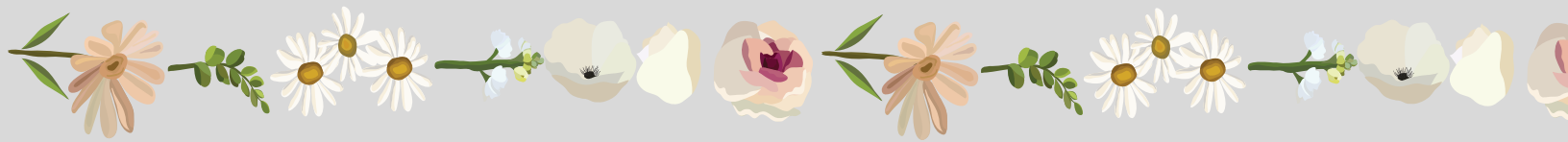
Exciting Events Coming Up

Be on the lookout for special spring events at school! Field trips, outdoor learning days, and fun spring projects are coming. Please watch your SeeSaw account for updates from the teachers and the school! And don't forget that Spring Break starts on Friday, March 28th (no school that day), and we return to school on Monday, April 7th.

Happy Spring! 🌸☀️🐦

Shelly VanVoorst, Principal

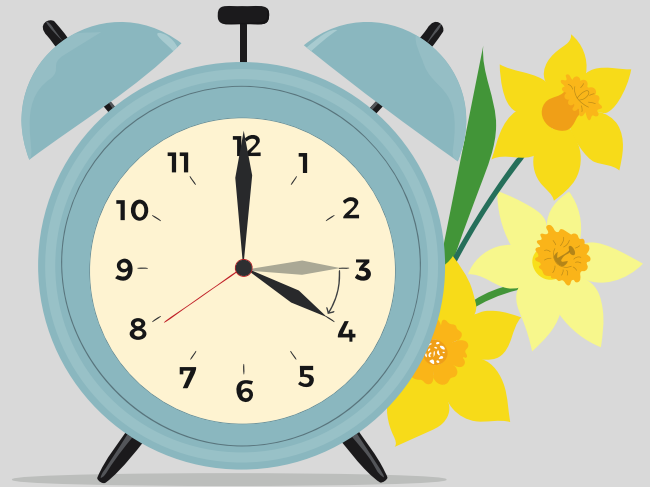
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Spring is here!

Sunday March 9th
Daylight Savings

Spring is here with skies so bright,
Longer days and sunshine light!
Flowers bloom, birds sing sweet,
A fresh new season can't be beat!
Set a goal, read a book,
Try a hobby, take a look—
Nature walks and picnics too,
Spring is here, and so are you!



OUR CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE STAFF

Our incredible custodial and maintenance team is always hard at work behind the scenes, making sure our school is a clean, safe, and welcoming place for everyone! From scrubbing down classrooms to keeping hallways shiny, they make sure our school is sparkling and germ-free. They carefully use special cleaners to help keep us healthy by stopping germs, viruses, and other yucky stuff from spreading.

They also pay extra attention to areas where we eat, making sure they're spotless with the right cleaning products. And when it comes to safety, they are always on the lookout for slippery spots and make sure everything is safe to walk on—especially in winter, when they're out there shoveling and salting walkways to keep us from slipping.

But that's not all! Our team also makes sure the air in the building is fresh and clean, and they help keep the whole school safe with things like fire alarms, extinguishers, and even a new AI camera system at MMHS and Kennedy to make sure we're all protected.

They also take care of all the school vehicles, and make sure there are always plenty of hand sanitizers, soaps, and paper towels ready for everyone. And of course, they're on the job maintaining doors, keeping them working smoothly both inside and outside the school.

We want to send a huge thank you to our custodial and maintenance team for all the hard work they do! Thanks to them, we have a safe and clean school that we can all enjoy every day.



Kennedy

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