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Updates and News



From the Principal

It is hard to believe that we are already well past the midway point of the academic year. Soon, these cold mornings that we are experiencing will give way to spring and all our efforts in staying warm will be a thing of the past. Summer is approaching and many students have inquired about their Student Service Learning (SSL) hours. SSL is a requirement for graduation from high school in the state of Maryland. Our students will need 75 hours as a condition of graduation from high school in the state of Maryland. SSL forms are available online at www.mcpsssl.org and in the school counseling office here at JFK. All SSL activities must be nonreligious in nature, occur in a public place and under the supervision of a nonprofit organization representative. One SSL hour is awarded for each hour of service outside of the regular school day. A maximum of 8 hours can be earned in a 24-hour period. Please contact Ms. Lexanne Wilson, school counselor and SSL coordinator, with any questions regarding SSL hours, via email or at 301 929-2120.

ESOL

In the ESOL department, we just finished WIDA/ACCESS testing. A reminder for students that homework is VERY IMPORTANT because if you are learning a new language, you need LOTS OF PRACTICE outside of classes. All ESOL students have workbooks that go with the textbook and they are asked to take their workbooks home and PRACTICE in them. Please encourage your child to watch news channels on TV in English because they need practice listening to academic English after school. Finally, please ask your child to read 20 minutes a day at home. This helps build their vocabulary and improve reading skills.



Special Services

Students in Ms. Cory's 6th period class are working with JFK's MCPS Transition Specialist and the College and Careers office to hold mock interviews, writing resumes and visiting a variety of local businesses to talk with management about job responsibilities and the application process. They found most applications are now online and at Target applications are done at a computer kiosk in the store. Next will be a demonstration of a "cold call" requesting an interview.

Media Center

I have been working with English 10 students as they research controversial issues of their own choosing and English 9 students on topics lending context to *To Kill a Mockingbird*. We are also talking bibliographies at every opportunity! If you need a new copy of the online services passwords for home use, stop by the Media Center to pick one up or access it via Edline. In book club news, Staff is reading *A Constellation of Vital Phenomena* by Anthony Marra, Classics is reading *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker, and YA is reading *Carry On* by Rainbow Rowell. Lastly, our visit from Newbery winner Kwame Alexander was nothing short of inspiring. Thank you Mr. Alexander, the English Department, the Minority Scholars Program and our students for a truly wonderful event. Ms. Burgos

Ninth Grade Team

The end of the marking period is approaching and our hope is that you are aware of how your child is doing academically. Please note, we will host a mini parent-teacher conference night at the end of the third marking period. This event will provide you with some time to speak to most of your child's teachers to find out how they are doing academically and behaviorally. The actual date and time will be posted on the Kennedy website next week. We look forward to having you here to strengthen the partnership between home and school to ensure your child's success. The Ninth Grade Team



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Art

In Arts and Music News, the spring ART SHOW, showcasing the work of Kennedy's Visual Artists, Musicians and Dancers, is coming up April 13th-18th, with an Opening reception for the Kennedy Community on Thursday, April 14th from 5-8 PM. Symphonic Band received ratings of Excellent and Superior at our District Festival on March 10th at Bethesda Chevy Chase High School. Symphonic Orchestra's Festival was on March 23rd at Kennedy. All band and orchestra students will travel to Hersheypark for the Trills and Thrills Festival on April 29th. Art and Photography students have been busy exhibiting work recently in various shows, with Photographers De-Andra Bailey and Rothony Set being awarded special recognitions in the All-Montgomery Contest and the John's Hopkin's University annual student Competition, respectively. The Rickerson Gallery is currently hosting the senior thesis work of Senior Ellis Edwards, and April's show will feature Portraiture by student artists and ceramicists.

World Languages

Spanish 4 students recently watched a silent film in order to create a group discussion and presentations about the film. As students watched the film, they jotted down 10 points in order to use them as a reference for their discussion.

Spanish for Spanish Speakers 3 students are reading and analyzing "El don rechazado", a Mexican short story by Rosario Castellanos. In IB Spanish 5/6, students are finalizing their Written Assignments, a culminating assessment for their IB evaluation. In AP Spanish Language, students debated the role of government and the individual in promoting social well-being in a Socratic Seminar format. Ms. Méléance - World Languages Resource Teacher

Science

Congratulations to Ms. Barbara Marchwicki and Ms. Gabriela Starita and the Medical Careers students! On February 25th, two teams of students competed in the Patriots Biomedical Competition. The teams presented information on anxiety disorders via a research paper and the development of a website. The teams won first and second places! Check out the link below for more information about the competition. <https://www.patriots-ttc.org/biomedical.html>

If you would like to know more about this or other activities and opportunities going on in the science classes; please contact your child's teacher.

English

Students are continuing their preparation for PARCC, AP exams, IB exams, and many of the traditional year-end assessments. Please continue to check your child's Edline for grades and assignments. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact teachers. Also, if they need help with their writing we have a Writing Center which is staffed by two of our composition teachers which is open daily during lunch.

The English Department will sponsor another book giveaway in conjunction with the Family Market Day. Families will be able to pick up free books for beginning readers, children, young adults, and adults.

