

Connected: New Food Pantry at Kennedy

By Madison Button

Here at Kennedy Jr High, it was decided to provide a food pantry for the Kennedy community. Vice principal Kathlyn Anderson was in charge of creating the pantry at our school. Ms. Anderson, who helps run the pantry, said that the food pantry is here because "it will fulfill a need that our students have." At the beginning of the year, the staff would give out weekend food kits on Thursday. At the time they were giving out close to 150 kits per week. With this number of kits being given out, they realized that they needed something more permanent for families, hence the food pantry.

When you walk into the pantry, Ms. Anderson will give you a bag, and you'll have to fill out some quick paperwork of how many kids and adults are in your family and get a card. Every time you go into the pantry you will just show that card, and then get whatever your family needs for that week. The pantry is

open weekly, so it is recommended to only get the things you need for that week. To get things from the pantry, a parent or guardian needs to come in with the student to get what their family needs.

In the food pantry there are all the necessities such as pasta, rice, granola bars, cereal, and canned food. There are also paper towels, laundry detergent, hand sanitizer, light bulbs, and soon there will be bathroom products and face masks. The freezer and fridge are stocked with lots of frozen foods. Another thing they

have is dinner kits and lunch kits so you can grab everything you need for any meal. There will be weekly bread deliveries with normal bread as well as pastries and other types of bread. Clothes are also provided. If you have a request for a specific item, just ask Ms. Anderson and she will make sure you have the item.

Food Pantry Hours

M-TH 3:00-3:30PM

Friday 8AM-3PM

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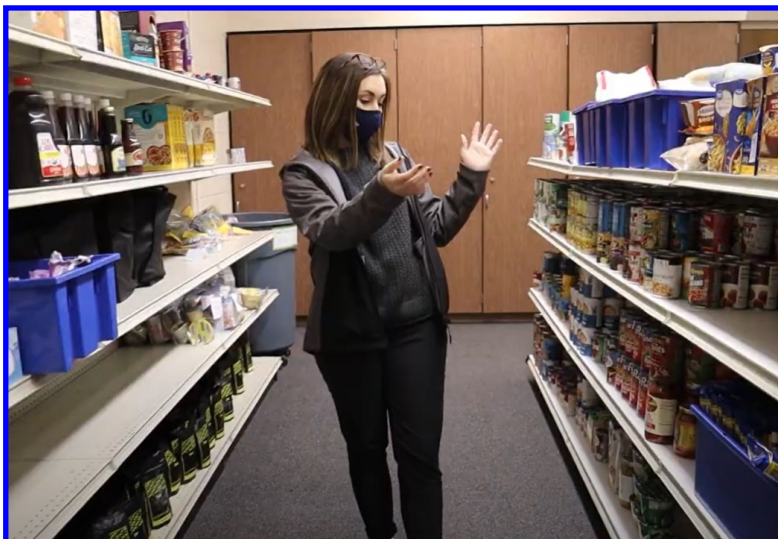
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Ms. Anderson providing Kennedy News with a tour of the new food pantry. Since this interview, Ms. Anderson says the food pantry has stayed busy, regularly providing families with meals and goods.

Student Council

By Amairany Flores

Ever wonder what student council does? How they work? Well your questions will be answered today! We'll find out everything that has to do with the student council.

Student Council Members

The student council advisor is Ms. Van Roosendaal. This year there are no student body officers - those who wanted to be part of the student council were accepted.

The student council members this year are:

- Sam Breeze
- Braden Brinkerhoff
- Vanessa Carranza
- Adana Castro
- Presley Castro
- Tatum Castro
- Regan Cooper
- Emma Crowe
- Rayen Gray
- Gracie Harding,
- Isha Hassan
- Kim Hunt
- Amelia Hunt
- Sambra Kay
- Addison King
- Kason King,
- Sammi Mateo
- Ashley Mateo
- John Nguyen
- Gabriel Ortiz
- George Pasi
- Justin Reyes
- Gage Rolfe
- Alyssa Sanders
- Keira Santiago
- Caleb Shamo
- Ana Shogren
- Lupita Soria
- Maggie Stephenson
- Austin Watkins

Meet this year's student council!

Student Council Roles

The student council makes sure you follow rules and they deliver messages. They are also in charge of events such as Red Ribbon Week and decorating bulletin boards. They host meetings to plan these events.

Student council members get along with other students and "have fun." A member of the student council was asked how to describe student council, and she said, "it was welcoming."

She was also asked "if you could change one thing about student council what would it be?" She said, "it would be to make more people to be present."

Student Council members Adana Castro and Addison King sporting their student council sweaters.



Awareness Weeks

By Addison Brewer, Oscar Renova, Lesly Oliveros, and Madison Button

Red Ribbon Week (October)

Red ribbon week is a yearly school activity to encourage kids to say no to drugs. Some of the activities are crazy hair day and “don’t be haunted by your choices day” (Halloween costumes!).

We also have a red out day. Red is our color to represent the way we say no to drugs. At Kennedy we have a bright future. So we have a neon day too.

Red ribbon week is very important! It's been a thing since 1988. So why is Red Ribbon week so important? It teaches us that without drugs we have a bright future ahead of us. So remember to say no to drugs!

White Ribbon Week (January)

White Ribbon Week is a school program that helps children make good choices and stay safe while surfing the web. Deanna Lambson, the founder of White Ribbon Week states, “nothing good happens by keeping secrets.” Deanna is referring to all of the dangers that can be found on the world wide web. Since 1991, White Ribbon Week has been helping children express themselves safely online, and to trust adults with what happens on the internet.

At Kennedy, we learned about internet safety each morning with a school-wide lesson. We also did activities at lunch to help us learn more about how to be responsible and safe online.

Pi Week (March)

Pi-week is a week-long event that motivates students to engage in math-related activities.

Some activities that we did at Kennedy included: Pie-ing a teacher in the face and winning prizes for remembering Pi.

Pi-week was founded in 1988 by Larry Shaw. This celebration usually involves pie-related activities, while teaching students how to use Pi (π). This is a fun, week-long experience for students to learn math while still enjoying themselves!



Crazy hair day styles for Red Ribbon Week.



Ms. Basso, Ms. Anderson, and Mr. Alder after being pie-d during Pi Week.

Opinion:

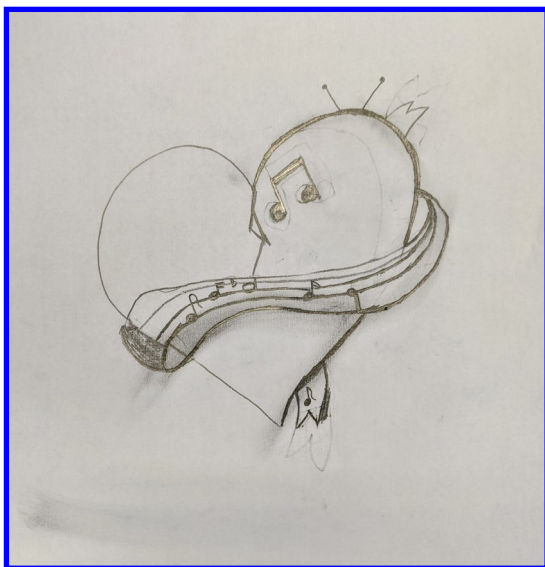
Students Should Be Able to Wear Headphones During Independent Work

By Braden Sorensen, Holden Hamilton, and Salat Lugundi

Students should be able to wear headphones while doing independent work because some students work better with music. It helps them stay on task and not play around.

Listening to music helps students concentrate and drown out other conversations or any bothersome activities going on around the room. For example, seventh grader Salat Lugundi said, "Headphones help me because I don't have to focus on other people. I can just focus on my work."

Scientific studies have shown that listening to music also helps relieve students



Artwork by Braden Sorensen



Artwork by Amairany Flores

from stress. More about the benefits of listening to music while studying are explained in this article "[The Benefits of Studying with Music.](#)"

The headphones are important for listening to music because most students can work with ease while listening to their favorite kind of music. A lot of students can't work with the kind of music teachers put on for the whole class, like soft and calming music, so teachers should let the students listen to their own kind of music.

In conclusion, music helps students concentrate and students should be able listen to their own music while doing independent work.

President Winder Comes to Kennedy

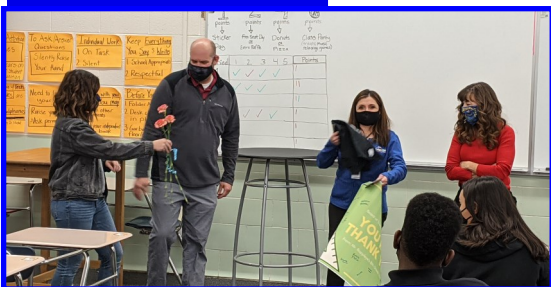
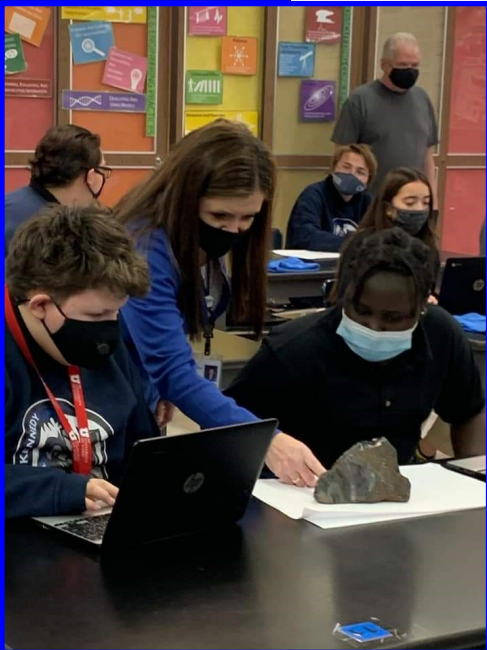
By Addison Brewer, Kadeem Thompson, and Alee Keith



Kennedy Jr. High had the honor of welcoming Granite Board of Education President Karyn Winder to our school in February. Ms. Winder volunteered for two hours, helping with small math groups in Mr. Rappleye’s class, rock observations in Ms. Peña’s class, and reading quizzes in Ms. Johnson’s class. Our journalism class was also fortunate to have the opportunity to interview Ms. Winder. We asked her about her responsibilities for the board, her career path, her life outside of work, and her advice for middle school students. She had many interesting things to say. For example, during her interview Ms. Winder stated, “I really like to play piano. I started teaching piano when I was sixteen.” Ms. Winder made it clear that she is committed to us as students, telling us that her “favorite part [of my job] is being in the schools.”

Ms. Winder gave us three pieces of advice as middle school students:

1. Follow our passion. She said, “If there’s something that interests you in junior high...pursue some of those classes...don’t be scared to branch out and see ‘is this really what I want.’”
2. Be kind. She said, “It doesn’t cost anything to be kind...you just don’t know what kind of a day people are having, so be kind instead of being quick to judge”
3. Don’t give up. She said, “When things get tough, get tough yourself. And do your homework...You can do hard things. Always be willing to push yourself harder.”



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No Sweat: Sports at Kennedy

By Amairany Flores, Tomaasa Arellanes, Cody Vigil, and Kadeem Thompson

The pandemic has changed our sports this year. We had intramural soccer and track in the fall. Team sports were canceled to help stop the spread of Covid. We stayed active by playing basketball, soccer, and volleyball at lunch. And some of us stayed active by playing sports outside of school .

But due to COVID finally starting to die down, the school has let these sports come back. A lot of kids have signed up to play in these sports, to enjoy their favorite hobby again.

We asked some students what they felt about sports and why they feel this way.

“Sports is a good opportunity to get exercise and get a scholarship,” said Montoya.

“It’s fun because you get to work together and I get to feel good about myself,” David Duro stated.

These students have a good hobby to help them become healthy and put down electronics for a while.



Volleyball and basketball are popular at lunch.



Kennedy Performances: The Show Goes On

By Gabriella Lockridge and Kylee Shay

Performances have been different this year because of the pandemic. Our concerts have been Zoom meetings that students have watched from each classroom. Some dance performances were also recorded and put online for parents to watch. During the December recital, piano, orchestra, band, guitar, and dance all performed in that order. The administrators brought cookies around to the classes for students to enjoy while watching the concerts on their classroom screens. Although masks and social distancing has made performing more difficult, especially for choir and dance, we are glad we could still perform this year.



Dancers performing “Castle on a Hill” (above) and the choir performing at the December concert (below).



Third Place



Madeleine Taylor, 7th



Addison King, 8th

First Place

Winter Art Contest

Thank you to everyone who submitted work to our art contest! Please stop by room 17 to pick up your work and a treat, plus prizes for our winners!

Honorable Mentions

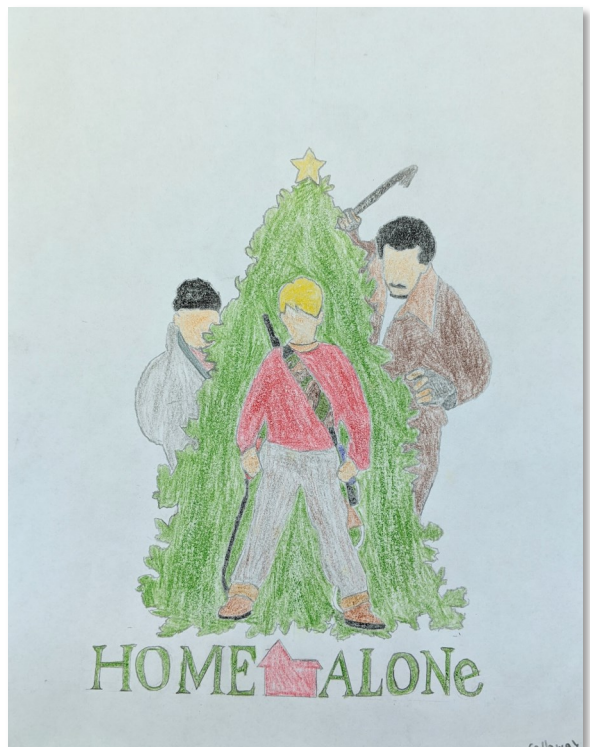


Schaunnalynn Martinez, 7th



Leilani Najera, 7th

Second Place



Callaway Kluge, 8th

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A note from our staff

Thank you to everyone who helped us get word out about our art contest, let us interview you, or otherwise contributed to our stories! We appreciate you!

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

Games & Riddles

By Alejandro Juarez and Jazmin Mendenhall

Q: What is like a blossom and rhymes with sour?

Q: Against the sun, I protect your eyes and am often worn on the face of spies. What am I?

Q: What is said to be like wasps and rhymes with freeze?

Answers: a flower, sunglasses, bees

Summer Word Search

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