Kennedy Middle School NEWSLETTER

December 9

This is the last full week of the semester before we administer our semester exams. In preparation for semester exams our schedule will be as follows:
December 17 - 1st period exam
December 18 - 2nd & 3rd period exam
December 19 - 4th & 5th period exam
December 20 - 6th & 7th period exam

Exams will not be given early, so if your child is absent for one of the above days they will need to take the exam when we return from winter break.

This is the week to ensure ALL assignments in Focus have been turned in. Let's make the most of this week academically.

Congratulations goes out to our Boys' and Girls' soccer teams on an outstanding inaugural season. You made us proud with your determination on the soccer field.

Tomorrow, starts our HOLIDAY spirit week! Dress in your school appropriate pajamas to show your school spirit!

Here's to another amazing week, Panthers!

Student School Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9:30 AM - 4:15 PM

Friday: 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Our Mission:
We are committed to achieving an educational standard of excellence for all students that will motivate and empower students to become lifelong learners and productive citizens.

Our Vision:
Our community shares a commitment to education that challenges and motivates students to reach their highest potential.

Panthers Academic Support Service

CIVICS & AVID **Ms. Gerges**	**Monday & Wednesday**	**4:30 P.M.**
CIVICS **Mrs. Jensen**	**Monday Thru Friday**	**8:00-8:30 a.m.**
Math **Ms. Krieger**	**Tuesday & Thursday**	**4:30 P.M.**
History & Civics **Mr. Murphy**	**Monday thru Friday**	**8:00 A.M./4:30 P.M.**
ELA & Civics **Ms. Rogers**	**Tuesday & Wednesday**	**4:30 P.M.**
Math **Mr. Reed**	**Monday, Wednesday & Friday**	**4:30 P.M.**

Kennedy Middle School Achievements

Panther Pride AWARD

Congratulations to Jocelyn & Mack

for receiving our Panther Pride award of the Week

Students receive a Panther Pride Award by being nominated by our staff or teachers for going above and beyond while at school. Those who are given the award will receive a certificate and a choice between a free ice cream or a “front of the lunch Line” pass.

ALL COUNTY ORCHESTRA & BAND

Congratulations:

All-County Orchestra

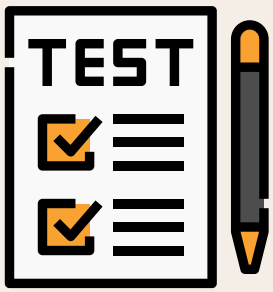
Noelle B., Shianne F., Kaley J., Emma S. & Jin Z.

Congratulations:

All-County Band

Aubry S.

Kennedy Middle School Achievements



Student Learning Gains
FAST ELA & MATH

We are proud to announce that these students have reached a remarkable achievement by securing a spot in the **TOP TEN** for their improvements on either the English Language Arts (ELA) or Math Fast Assessment. They have increased their scores by an impressive margin of 28 to 70 points since August. Congratulations, Panthers, on your academic success!

Congratulations to Andrew C., Tatiana M., Darrell B., Ta'Naisha S., Kaylee S., Wesley R., Chrison D., Ah'Rielle P., Oliyah J., Shiloh Q., Cameon J., Josiah V., Matthew F., X'zavier C., Chloe Q., Caleb B., Matthew G., Randy A., Skye W., Amelia S. & Ayden D.

SAC

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 17th
8:30 AM in Room 100

From our PTO Board

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 10
8:30am in Room 100.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to the PTO with questions, ideas, or if you would like to get involved. Our email address is Kennedypantherspto@gmail.com

The second annual KMS GIVING TREE has arrived. Please take a look at the **sign up.**
We are hoping to be able to provide for our school family. If you want to help out but don't want to do the shopping, we are taking donations and will do the shopping for you
The PTO Zelle is Kennedypantherspto@gmailcom

The Box Tops competition is in full swing. Currently, KMS is at $402.20 in total donations from box tops.
Please continue scanning your receipts.
The Schoolwide prize is a Pajama day when $425 is reached.
Remember to use referral code SH1X21QH when you sign up and you will receive 25 Bonus Box Tops when you can your first receipt.

Download the Box Tops for Education app **here**

Looking for a way to help at school?

Media Center Support!

9-9:30 am & during lunches.

Please sign up **here**
or contact Kennedypantherspto@gmail.com for more information!

First Semester
EXAM SCHEDULE

December 17

9:30 – 11:23	1st Period Exam
11:27-1:03	2nd Period Review and Lunch
	A Lunch 11:27-11:57
	B Lunch 12:33-1:03
1:07-2:12	3rd Period Review
2:16-3:21	5th Period Review
3:25-4:15	7th Period Review

December 18

9:30 – 11:23	2nd Period Exam
11:27 – 1:03	4th Period Review and Lunch
	A Lunch 11:27 – 11:57
	B Lunch 12:33 – 1:03
1:07 – 3:00	3rd Period Exam

December 19

9:30 – 11:23	4th Period Exam
11:27 – 1:03	6th Period Review and Lunch
	A Lunch 11:27 – 11:57
	B Lunch 12:33 – 1:03
1:07 – 3:00	5th Period Exam

December 20

9:30 – 11:23	6th Period Exam
11:27 – 1:03	1st Period Lunch
	A Lunch 11:27 – 11:57
	B Lunch 12:33 – 1:03
1:07 – 3:00	7th Period Exam

Weeks-at-a-Glance

Mon. Dec. 9

Holiday Snack Drive. “A Sack Full of Snacks, Holiday Joy Packed Inside”
Holiday Spirit Week: Pajama Day
Science Research: 4:15 pm - 5:30 pm (Room 513)

TUE. Dec. 10

PTO Meeting: 8:30 AM (Room 100)
Holiday Snack Drive. “A Sack Full of Snacks, Holiday Joy Packed Inside”
Holiday Spirit Week: Holiday Hat Day
Club/Team Picture Day
Science Research: 4:15 pm - 5:15 pm (room 513)
Track Informational Meeting: 6:00 PM (Media Center)

WED. Dec. 11

Holiday Snack Drive. “A Sack Full of Snacks, Holiday Joy Packed Inside
Holiday Spirit Week: Teacher Swap Day

THURS. Dec. 12

Holiday Snack Drive. “A Sack Full of Snacks, Holiday Joy Packed Inside
Holiday Spirit Week: Ugly Sweater Day
Student Council Meeting: 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM (Room 505)
7th & 8th AVID to Full Sail University: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Science Research: 4:15 PM - 5:30 PM (Room 513)
Dungeon & Dragons Club: 4:25 PM - 5:30 PM (Room 702)
Dance Team Practice: 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM (Commons)
High School Preview Night: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (Commons)

FRI. Dec. 13

Early Release - 3:00 PM
Holiday Snack Drive. “A Sack Full of Snacks, Holiday Joy Packed Inside
Holiday Spirit Week: Santa vs. Elves
Science Research: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (Room 513)
Future Problem Solvers: 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM (Room 514)

Weeks-at-a-Glance

Mon. Dec. 16

Holiday Snack Drive. “A Sack Full of Snacks, Holiday Joy Packed Inside”
Science Research: 4:15 pm - 5:30 pm (Room 513)
Texas Roadhouse Spirit Night: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Band/Orchestra/Choir concert: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm (Rockledge H.S. Auditorium)

TUE. Dec. 17

SAC Meeting: 8:30 AM (Room 100)
Period 1 Exam - See exam schedule
Holiday Snack Drive. “A Sack Full of Snacks, Holiday Joy Packed Inside”
(Last day collection)
Science Research: 4:15 pm - 5:15 pm (room 513)
Cambridge Parent Recruitment Meeting: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (Cafeteria)

WED. Dec. 18

New Friends Club: 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM
Period 2 & Period 3 Exams: Early Release

THURS. Dec. 19

Student Council Meeting: 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM (Room 505)
Period 4 & 5 Exams: Early Release

FRI. Dec. 20

Period 6 & 7 Exams: Early Release
Science Research: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (Room 513)

Holiday Spirit Week!

Monday 12/9: Pajama Day

-Wear your (School appropriate) comfiest Pajamas!

Tuesday 12/10: Holiday Hat Day

-Wear your favorite holiday hat (i.e. santa hat etc.)

Wednesday 12/11: Teacher Swap

-Teachers dress as students and Students as your favorite teacher

Thursday 12/12: Ugly Sweater

- Wear your ugliest holiday knit sweater

Friday 12/13: Santa v.s Elves

- Who will win? Santa, or his little helpers?

Please keep in mind dress code while choosing your Festive outfits

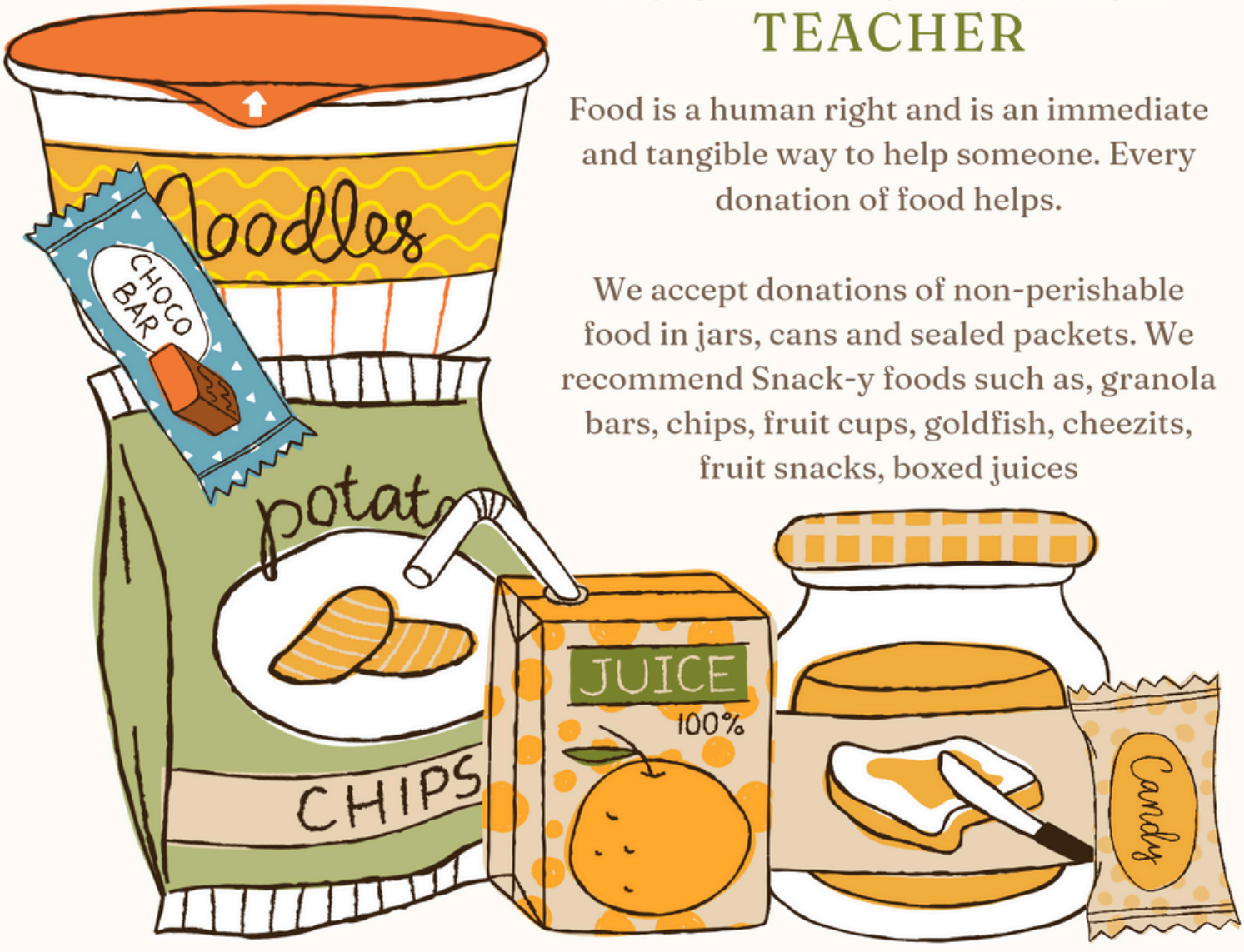
A Sack Full of Snacks, Holiday Joy Packed Inside

Snack drive for families in need

TURN IN SNACKS BY DECEMBER 17 TO YOUR FIRST PERIOD TEACHER

Food is a human right and is an immediate and tangible way to help someone. Every donation of food helps.

We accept donations of non-perishable food in jars, cans and sealed packets. We recommend Snack-y foods such as, granola bars, chips, fruit cups, goldfish, cheezits, fruit snacks, boxed juices



Kennedy Middle School
invites you to attend

H.S. Preview Night

Come learn about the different options
BPS High Schools have to offer!

KMS Commons
December 12th
6 P.M.- 8 P.M.

All middle school students & families are welcome!

High Schools that will be in attendance:

Viera High School
Rock
Merritt Island
Cocoa Beach Minutemen
Satellite

Brevard Take Stock in Children

AVID National Demonstration School

Kennedy Middle School

WINTER CONCERT

Band * Chorus * Orchestra

DECEMBER 16
6 P.M. - 8 P.M.

Location :

ROCKLEDGE H.S
AUDITORIUM

GRADES
6-8

PERSEVERANCE

Parent Resource

What is perseverance?

Perseverance means continuing to try even when things are hard.

As your child gets older, it is important for him or her to continue to develop the perseverance to achieve his or her goals.

In grades six through eight, children begin:

- Identifying strategies to manage challenges and setbacks.
- Recognizing alternative ways to achieve goals.
- Understanding that continuous learning leads to personal growth.

Below are ways you can help your child learn, practice and demonstrate perseverance:

ASK YOUR CHILD TO SHARE

Ask your child to share an experience that was challenging. Next, have your child reflect on why accomplishing his or her goal was challenging. Discuss how he or she can approach a future goal to achieve a desired outcome.

WRITE A LETTER

Work with your child to write a letter to his or her "future self" about overcoming an anticipated or past obstacle. Encourage your child to explain how he or she persevered through the challenge.

Skills to consider practicing with your child:

Strategies and skills needed to assess progress and maintain a challenging personal goal.

Identifying the importance of perseverance and problem-solving when facing difficulties.

ACTIVITY WITH YOUR CHILD

Ask your child to identify a role model and research their accomplishments as well as the challenges or setbacks they faced. Look for examples of ways this role model demonstrated perseverance.

By encouraging your child to persevere, you are helping him or her develop the necessary skills to achieve his or her goals.

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GRADES
6-8

GRATITUDE

Parent Resource

What is gratitude?

Gratitude means being thankful and sharing appreciation with others.

In grades six to eight, children begin:

- Understanding how attitudes and thoughts can influence behavior and affect others.
- Learning how to positively interact and respond to external influences.
- Demonstrating how gratitude can foster lasting relationships.

Below are ways you can help your child learn, practice and demonstrate gratitude:

IDENTIFY WAYS TO EXPRESS GRATITUDE

Encourage your child to identify different ways he or she can express gratitude towards someone. For example, volunteering at a local community event, paying attention to and expressing appreciation for others' skills and helping a neighbor or family member.

TAKE TIME TO REFLECT

Take the time to reflect on the ways you have expressed or received gratitude today.

LearniNg to foster and expresS gratiTude wilL help strengthen relationships, build charActer and improve resiliency.

Skills to consider practicing with your child:

Focusing on small daily interactions that build character in the community and at school. For example: greeting others, holding the door for the person behind you or saying please and thank you.

Discussing the importance of taking good care of one's belongings as an act of appreciation for all he or she has been given.

ACTIVITY FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILD

Help your child write thank you cards or emails to those who are helpful or supportive in his or her life. This could be a family member, teacher, friend, school leader or coach.

RESILIENCY FLORIDA

FORTIFYFL

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.

FORTIFYFL

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