

# *Kennedy Middle School Newsletter*

**April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

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## ***Upcoming Events - April***

4/9	3:30 - 5:00 pm -> Track Practice
	3:40 pm -> Talent Show Try-outs
4/10	9:00 - 11:00 am & 12:30 - 3:30 pm -> Churchill Scheduling Team (8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Transition)
	9:00 - 9:45 am -> Stars
	3:30 - 5:00 pm -> Track Practice
4/11	Churchill Scheduling (8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Transition) Make Up Day
	3:30 - 5:00 pm -> Track Practice
	3:40 pm -> Talent Show Try-outs
4/12	9:00 - 9:45 am -> Stars
	4:30 pm -> Track Meet - Kennedy vs. Kelly @ CHS (Kelly Hosts)
4/13	No School for Students / Mid Semester Progress Reports
4/16	3:30 - 5:00 pm -> Track Practice
4/17	9:00 - 9:45 am -> Stars
	3:30 - 5:00 pm -> Track Practice
	7:00 pm -> Star Quest Informational Night
4/18	3:30 - 5:00 pm -> Track Practice
	4:00 - 5:00 pm -> Site Council
4/19	9:00 - 9:45 am -> Stars
	4:30 pm -> Track Meet - Kennedy vs. Spencer Butte @ CHS
4/23	Spring Pictures Fundraiser and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Panoramic Pictures
	3:30 - 5:00 pm -> Track Practice
4/23 - 4/27	Spring Reading Testing (4J)
4/24	3:30 - 5:00 pm -> Track Practice
	7:00 pm -> Welcome to Kennedy Night for Incoming 6th Grade Parents
4/25	12:00 pm -> Early Release (Periods 4, 5 and 6)
4/26	11:00am - 1:00 pm -> Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
	4:30 pm -> Track Meet - Kennedy vs. Jefferson @ CHS
4/27	6:30 - 8:30 pm -> Activity Night
4/28	8:00 am - 3:00 pm -> Boosters Garage Sale
4/30	3:30 - 5:00 pm -> Track Practice

## ***Upcoming Events – May***

5/1	3:30 - 5:00 pm -> Track Practice
5/2	12:00 pm -> Early Release (Periods 1, 2 and 3)
5/3	1:00 & 3:00 pm -> Sub Districts Track Meet @ CHS (Kennedy to Host) (1:00 pm -> Field Events, 3:00 pm -> Running Events)
5/4	Pride Trip #3
5/8	7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Multicultural Awards
5/8 - 5/10	3:30 - 5:00 pm -> Track Practice
5/11	12:00 pm -> Early Release (Periods 4, 5 and 6) 1:00 & 3:00 pm -> District Track Meet @ Hayward Field (1:00 pm -> Field Events, 3:00 pm -> Running Events)
5/16	4:00 - 5:00 pm -> Site Council Meeting
5/22	Kennedy Talent Show [Time TBA]
5/23	12:00 pm -> Early Release (Periods 1, 2 and 3)
5/24	6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band Concert [Times TBA]
5/28	No School - Memorial Day Holiday
5/29	9:00 - 10:00 am -> Kennedy Pre-visit to Twin Oaks
5/30	10:00 - 11:00 am -> Charlie & Meredith Pre-visit to McCornack
5/31	Final 8th Grade Band Concert [Time TBA]

### **Kennedy Website Includes Calendar Updates!!!**

We are pleased to announce that our Kennedy Website has undergone major renovations and is in the process of becoming more and more useful for our Kennedy community. We have added a newsletter link and are updating the calendar section every Monday. We will also continue to update the yearly calendar as needed. You may notice that the format of our electronic newsletter is improving as well, most especially, the new and improved calendar section at the beginning of this newsletter. As previously stated, we will continue to update our calendar every Monday to help provide you with the most current and useful information. Please feel free to let us know your suggestions and/or comments!!!

## **Kennedy Spring Pictures Scheduled for April 23**

It will soon be time for our Annual Spring Pictures Fundraiser. Kennedy will receive \$1.00 for each student who has their picture taken (whether or not they purchase pictures). This money will be used to help pay for our 8th grade celebration, dance and coast trip. Since 8th grade students do not pay for the festivities, this is a very useful and successful fundraiser. A flyer describing the details will be coming home soon with your student(s). Here is a preview of the details. All students will have the opportunity to be photographed. Please do not send any money on picture day. Portrait packages will be sent home for your approval. Your Spring Portraits will be delivered in approximately four weeks. Examine your portraits and price list. After you've made your selections, please bring payment to Mrs. Sloan in the office and return any pictures you are not buying.

***Pay only for the portraits you wish to keep. You are under no obligation to buy.***

A Panoramic Picture of the 8th grade class will be taken on that same day and can be ordered and purchased for \$12.00. Please bring the order form and \$12.00 on picture day.

## **STARS**

Kennedy is again offering a special abstinence education program for 6th graders called STARS (Students Today Aren't Ready for Sex). The program has been evaluated and has shown positive changes in students' knowledge, attitudes, perceptions and intended behaviour regarding postponing sexual involvement. Students who participate in this abstinence based curriculum are less likely to become sexually involved at an early age. The program is designed to help students recognize the pressures and the consequences of early sexual involvement. STARS teaches refusal skills that can also be used to avoid participation in other negative activities like drugs, alcohol and tobacco use.

## **City Offers More than 100 Summer Camps**

The City of Eugene Recreation Services is offering more than 100 camps this summer for kids from age 2 ½ to 18 in art, adventure, outdoors, and adaptive recreation. Registration is now open for the camps that begin Monday, June 18, and run through Friday, August 31. Camp lengths vary from a few hours a day, to overnight, to one- or two-weeks-long. Most are located at one of the city's six recreation facilities; some include trips to fun locations around the state. Register on-line at [www.eugene-or.gov/recenroll](http://www.eugene-or.gov/recenroll) or call 682-5312 for information.

### **We need your help!**

Please come to our Booster meeting on Thursday, April 12th at 7pm in the library.

- Patti Schmidt will let us know ways we can help with the Spring Garage Sale Fundraiser Saturday, April 28th from 8am to 3pm. We will have a drop off container in the parking lot behind the kitchen so watch for it and bring us your used "treasures". We will also need lots of people to help bring the items into the cafeteria Friday afternoon as well as helping on Saturday.
- We are also sending a shout out to all the 8th grade parents who are interested in being part of the 8th grade Celebration 2007. We will need to put together various committees which will need chair people as well as lots of volunteers. This is an important day for your 8th graders, so please come out and support your child as well as Kennedy.

If you have any questions please feel free to call Jerri Jones at 554-9787. If you can't make the meeting, please call Jerri and let her know what you would be interested in doing.