

Kennedy Middle School Newsletter

June 4th, 2007

Upcoming Events

6/4	9:10 - 12:40 pm → Band Field Trip to Wave Pool
6/6	12:00 pm → Early Release (Periods 4, 5 and 6)
6/7	9:00 - 11:30 am → Pride Trip #4 at Wave Pool
6/9	9:00 - 3:00 pm → Tommy Morrow's Solar Challenge
6/12	9:30 - 3:15 pm → 7 th -Grade Trip to Spencer Butte / River Play
	9:00 - 3:15 pm → 8 th -Grade Coast Trip (Honeyman State Park, Florence)
	9:00 - 10:00 am → Twin Oaks to Tour Kennedy
6/13	12:30 pm → Early Release for 8 th -Graders
	6:30 - 7:30 pm → 8 th -Grade Promotion
	8:00 - 10:00 pm → 8 th -Grade Celebration / Dance
6/14	6 th -Grade Field Day & Awards Ceremony [Time TBA]
6/15	12:00 pm Release → Last Half Day for 6 th and 7 th -Grade Students

Attention All 8th-Grade Students and Parents **8th-Grade Trip Information — Honeyman State Park, Florence**

Schedule:

- 8:45 am → Board buses
- 9:00 am → Depart for coast
- 10:30 - 11:45 am → Play in the dunes
- 12:00 - 12:45 pm → Eat barbecue lunch provided
- 12:45 - 1:30 pm → Swim in Lake Cleowox (optional)
- 1:45 pm → Return on buses to Kennedy
- 3:15 pm → Arrive at Kennedy in time for students to ride the school bus home.

What to bring:

- Clothing appropriate to the weather - it could be warm and sunny; it could be cool and rainy
- Sand toys, footballs, frisbee, etc.
- Swimsuit and towel
- Sunny disposition!
- A bag of cookies to share

Notes:

- Kennedy Middle School cannot be responsible for damaged or lost electronic devices.
- School rules regarding behavior and dress apply.

We're going to have a great day together! Let's celebrate!

8th-Grade Promotion & Celebration

The 8th-grade teachers and staff at Kennedy are looking forward to recognizing and honoring the students of the class of 2006-2007 in a promotion and celebration of their middle school success.

Date: June 13th

Schedule:

Time	Event	Location
6:30 - 7:30 pm	Promotion & Award Ceremony	Large Gym
7:30 - 8:00 pm	Dessert Social	Courtyard
8:00 - 10:00 pm	8 th -Grade Student Dance (Pizza to Be Served)	Cafeteria

We would like to congratulate each student and their family for their commitment to education. A special thank you to the many parents who have assisted us along the way to provide new, fun and interesting activities for the students over the years. We would also like to thank all the parent volunteers who are working to make this evening a special one.

In an effort to keep the evening comfortable, age appropriate and relaxed for everyone, we ask that students dress appropriately. Good school clothes, nice dresses or skirts and blouses, collared shirts and long pants are all appropriate. Due to heavy traffic and limited parking for this event, we ask that no limousines be hired. Thank you again for your support and creation of a wonderful and memorable celebration / dance.

Last Day for 8th-Graders

Our 8th-graders' last day at Kennedy will be Wednesday, June 13th. Release time will be 12:30 pm, with lunch being served as usual. Students will return for the 6:30 Celebration / Promotion which will be followed with a Celebration Dance from 8:00 to 10:00 pm. We sincerely thank all the parent volunteers who work many hours to make this a wonderful and memorable night for our class. We also thank our larger Kennedy community who help donate funds in so many ways.

7th-Grade Trip

On Tuesday, June 12th, we will be going on an all-day outing to the River Play area at Skinner Butte Park for a full day of fun activities. We are looking forward to this activity as a wonderful way to bring this school year to a close. This day of fun will include hiking, Ultimate Frisbee, softball, volleyball, biking and a barbecue. Thank you in advance to all those parent chaperones who will join us for the day.

Early Orientation for 6th-Graders

A half-day orientation camp for incoming 6th-graders will be held during the beginning of the 4th week in August. A letter will be mailed by August 22, letting parents know which session their student will be attending. Please call us in the office if you have any questions. Parents, this will be an opportunity for you to pay your student's fees and beat the first day rush. The half-day camp is a good time for students to meet the Kennedy staff, learn about the 6th-grade program, meet teachers, familiarize themselves with our buildings, and have fun, play games and make new friends.

6th-Grade Parents

We are "gearing" up to start the 10th Annual EWEB Solar Challenge here at Kennedy. This is an awesome project, sponsored by EWEB, in which students around the area learn about and build solar-powered cars. This year's event will be held Saturday, June 9th. Thank you to our parent volunteers for helping our students with this project.

Kennedy Talent Show

Thank you to all who supported our recent Talent Show and Dinner. Mrs. Yess and her Kennedy Family Consumer Sciences classes prepared a wonderful dinner and Mrs. White and Ms. Fischer directed the Second Annual Stars On Stage Talent Show. Thank you for bringing your family and friends and for making this a memorable evening for all.

Cafeteria Charges

This is a second reminder that it is getting even closer to the end of the school year, and the kitchen is working to get their accounts in order. If your child has lunch or breakfast with us, please make sure they are up to date with payments. Please contact the kitchen if you think there is a charge against your child. It is the school's policy not to allow yearbooks to be handed out if there are any fees on your child's account.

Outdoor Barbecue Held During School Lunch

On June 1st, our one and only cafeteria manager, Marlowe Sinclair, featured a special hamburger and hot dog outdoor barbecue for the entire school. In addition to barbecued hamburgers, garden burgers, chicken burgers (on our very own outdoor barbecue grill) and hot dogs, the lunch included potato salad, watermelon and cookies, with all the trimmings. We all enjoyed the very beautiful and sunny weather and ate our lunch outdoors.

Yearbooks For Sale

Our Kennedy 2006-2007 Yearbook is still available and can be purchased for \$28.00. We will continue to sell yearbooks through the last day of school, but it is better to purchase before the last day, just in case we run out.

Red Light! Green Light!

The sun is out, the kids are at the skate park, the wonderful Churchill Market beckons thirsty students... and we still have a very serious concern. There have been a number of parents and other community members who continue to let us know of a very scary safety issue. Our Kennedy students are crossing Bailey Hill Road from the skate park to the market without using the crosswalk and against traffic. This is a recipe for disaster.

Please take some time to remind your student about traffic safety and insist that he/she use the designated crosswalks. School administrators have asked the Eugene City Police to patrol our area more frequently to keep our students safe.

Lunch Bunch

The ongoing Kennedy Lunch Bunch Program allows us to recognize those students who have either accomplished a special task, improved in a certain area, achieved a goal or just plain deserve a “special recognition” in their life. It also provides an opportunity for our Principal, Assistant Principal, counselor and staff members to interact with students in a very positive way. Thank you to our extended Kennedy community for donating so many wonderful lunches. Thank you to Quizno's, Subway, Carl's Jr., McDonalds, Arby's, Countryside Pizza, Taco Bell, and Hodge Podge.

Mentor Program

Thank you to our Counselor, Meredith Fischer, for giving Kennedy such a strong and vibrant mentorship program. There are many Kennedy students who look forward to spending time and getting to better know their mentors. The Annual Mentor Skating party on Thursday, May 24th, was another great time for mentors and students to further connect and share in lots of fun.

Remember to Pay for Lost Books

The library is again asking parents to help us get our books returned as soon as possible. Our procedure at Kennedy is that both library and textbooks that are lost must be paid for before a student can receive their yearbook. The replacement cost for a lost textbook is \$55.00 and there are various charges for lost library books. Your student will receive a notice which they should bring home indicating what is owed to the school. Please do not hesitate to call the office with any questions you may have, and we thank you in advance for your assistance in helping us repair and/or replace our books.

It's Time to Register for the UO Summer Camps for Youth!

The University of Oregon's Youth Enrichment / TAG Program is registering for the UO Korean Conversation & Culture Camp, UO Chinese Conversation & Culture Camp, and the YWA Literature Camp; Castles, Catapults & King Arthur. For additional information and registration forms go to www.uoyouth.org or request a brochure at (541) 346-3084. Two partial scholarships per session per camp will be awarded to families who demonstrate a financial need.

Eugene Education Fund / The Big Picture

Students in 4J benefit from EEF support in three forms: gifts, grants and endowed support. Gifts earmarked by donors are passed on to indicated schools and 4J programs at the close of each fiscal quarter. Grant proposals are accepted at the start of each school year for board support in November. Endowment sub-funds (such as the Dickman Memorial Fund for Middle School Music) pay out at the start of each school year. For questions and/or more information you can go to www.eef.lane.edu.