

# CRUSADER CONNECTION

3RD QUARTER— JANUARY TO MARCH 2013

*Message from Kennedy Jr. High Administration*

**KENNEDY JUNIOR HIGH REVIEWS SCHOOL SAFETY POLICIES**

In light of the recent situations involving students and school safety, all Granite School District schools have been asked to review their safety procedures. In doing so, we would like to share several items that we feel directly involve parents:

1. We will be conducting several lock down drills over the next 3-4 months. A lock down drill basically reviews the practices involved when a threat is in the building. Teachers will review and process the drill with students.
2. All school staff and district employees are required to wear an ID badge while in the school or on school property.
3. All school visitors need to check in at the front office and receive a visitor's pass upon entering the building. This would involve all personal visits only. It would not be required to check in when attending athletic events, performances, etc.
4. Students who are excused and require a street pass during the school day must be checked out personally by a parent or guardian. Parents or guardians must enter the school and go through the counseling center personnel in order to check out their student. Any person checking a student out must be listed as a contact person on the schools records. Only those on the contact list can check a student out of school.
5. Teachers and staff are encouraged to question anyone in the building without identification.
6. Students will be encouraged to report any safety concern they may have to an adult in the school or through the District Safety Hotline (phone- 801-481-7199; text-801-664-2929).

We appreciate your understanding and support with these procedures. Maintaining a safe environment for our students is everyone's responsibility, so we appreciate your cooperation with these policies. Please feel free to contact the school if you have specific questions or concerns.

GO CRUSADERS!!!



Kennedy Jr. High School

385-646-5214 office

385-646-5218 attendance

385-646-5215 fax

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**Media Center**

**3rd Quarter**

We have some new books in our library by authors that young adults enjoy reading, such as:

Marlene Perez

Harlan Coben

Tyler Whitesides

Suzanne Collins

Come to the library and check them out.

Welcome our new 7th grade counselor, Camille Griego: I grew up in a little town in Maryland but have lived in Utah for 12 years. I most recently came from Monument Valley where I worked for four year as a counselor in an elementary school on the Navajo reservation. I will miss it there but am excited to be back in the city. I moved here with my husband (I just got married 4 months ago) and our two dogs. I enjoy reading, watching movies, hiking, shopping and traveling. My favorite place in the world is Hawaii!!!

*Important School Notices and Calendar*

**COUNSELLING CENTER CORNER**

We have started a new tracking program with the primary focus of increasing citizenship CPA and decreasing truancy. We are asking for your help. If your student is absent, please either call the attendance office (385-646-5218) to let us know they are excused for the day or send a note with them upon their return. This will ensure that your student is not pulled out of another class to make a phone call to get it excused. Also, please remember that as a parent you are only allowed to excuse 7 absences per year. So, if you are at the doctor, dentist, or orthodontist, please have them give you an excuse note. These absences will not count against your student.

In February and March, the counselors will be meeting with parents/guardians and their students for our annual College and Career Readiness/Registration meetings. Please be expecting letters home early in February which will explain the process. We encourage you to call and schedule your meeting early.



**3rd TERM CALENDAR**

- Jan 31 Talent Assembly 8:00 a.m.  
MESA Meeting 3:00
- Feb 1 Spring Pictures 8:00—10:30 a.m.
- Feb 5 Girls Volleyball @ Kearns 3:00  
Wrestling 3:00 Home
- Feb 7 Girls Volleyball @ Hunter 3:00  
Wrestling 3:00 Home
- Feb 12 & 13 Parent-Teacher Conference 4-7 p.m.
- Feb 14 Girls Volleyball vs West Lake  
Wrestling @ West Lake 3:00
- Feb 15 NO SCHOOL**
- Feb 18 NO SCHOOL—President’s Day**
- Feb 19 Girls Volleyball @ Matheson 3:00  
Wrestling vs Matheson 3:00
- Feb 21 Dance Co. @ Cottonwood 1:00  
Girls Volleyball vs Brockbank  
Wrestling @ Brockbank 3:00
- Feb 26 Girls Volleyball @ Jefferson 3:00  
Wrestling vs Jefferson
- Feb 28 Girls Volleyball vs Valley 3:00  
Wrestling @ Valley 3:00
- Mar 5 “Annie” Assembly 9-10  
Elementary School Performance 1:00
- Mar 7 Girls Volleyball Quarter Finals
- Mar 9 Wrestling Division Championship
- Mar 12 Girls Volleyball Semi-Finals
- Mar 14 Girls Volleyball Finals
- Mar 16 Wrestling District Championship
- Mar 27 Pioneer Theatre
- Mar 29 End of Term—No School Day
- Apr 1-5 SPRING BREAK**
- Apr 10 Choral Festival 8-1:30  
Orchestra Festival 8-1:30
- Apr 27 Dance Audition

**New Teacher:**

Hi there! My name is **Miss Sudman** and I am a new teacher and debate coach at Kennedy Jr. High. I graduated from the **University of Utah** and have lived in Utah five years now. I am excited to begin the Debate Chapter here at Kennedy and to be a part of this wonderful school! Beginning next week, there will be an announcement about the new debate team at Kennedy Jr. High. It will be an extracurricular activity that meets after school (weekly times and dates TBD).

## PTSA NEWS

Thanks to those parents who volunteered to help with vision screening! We appreciate your time! We are in need of new board members next year. This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved in your student's education. !!! These positions are open: President Elect, Treasurer, Membership Chair and Reflections Chair. If you are interested or would like to know more about the positions, please call me.

Thank "U" so much for all your help.

Rebecca Gill, President—801-840-5885

## 'ANNIE'

Kennedy Jr. High is proud to present the play

### "Annie"

**March 6, 7, & 8 at 7:00 p.m.**

The cost is \$3.00 if purchased in advance and \$5.00 if purchased the night of the performance at the door.

Come and have an enjoyable experience. The students - performers, singers, dancers, stage crew, directors - have worked hard to make this an awesome night.

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## PTSA Reflections Awards 2012

Students Congratulations on your Reflection Entries

### Award of Excellence

- Literature: Abby Gill, My 1st Dance Co. Performance  
Ashlyn Hernandez, The Gift  
Emmalisa Horlacher, Simple Miracles  
Michelle Rodriguez, Make It Your Own
- Photography: Shantay Earl, Cloudy Sunrise  
Angelina Nguyen, Beauty of Autumn  
Lillian Wright  
Jaime Padilla, Clouds Around Shipwreck
- Visual Arts: Olivia Brock, It's Magic  
Arly Corbian, Rainbow Rain  
April Carver, Love of Beautiful Things  
Halli Walters, Catching the Magic of Wildlife
- Dance: April Carver, Tango Busting  
Christopher Cox  
Bailee Anderson (Went onto State Competition)  
Cassidy Condie (Went onto State Competition)

### Award of Merit

- Literature: Kimerly Biesinger, Magical Moment  
Rachel Cox, The Magic of a Moment
- Photography: Estephany Custanon, Magic of the Moment"  
Christopher Cox
- Visual Arts: Rachel Box, Fall Fun Time  
Fatima Jimenez, The Rooster  
Brenda Seumanu

### Positive Supports Committee and PLT

A school wide incentive program is starting for students called "Star Crusaders".

Tickets will be given out to students by teachers to reinforce positive behavior such as:

- \* Good Behavior
- \* Acts of Kindness
  - \* Helping Out
  - \* Quality Work
  - \* Rewards

Students will put their ticket in a jar that will be in the office before and after school. Each week 10 tickets will be drawn, and those students will receive a prize. This will be an opportunity to recognize students in our school.

### *Prepare, Prepare*

### *9th Graders*

*For Lagoon Day Now !!!*

*Maintain a 2.0 GPA*

*Maintain a 2.0 CPA*

*Have no F's 4th Term*

### . Dance Company

In February, the Dance Company will be attending a Modern Dance workshop hosted by RDT at the Rose Wagner Theatre and will get to perform the movement pieces learned at the end of the workshop.

District Dance Concert—February 21st  
Kearns High School

The concert is for all junior high and high schools to perform one dance number. They will feature Breath of Life choreographed by Sadie Harding and Makenna Meier. The concert is free to the public and we would like to have as many crusaders come out and support our amazing Dance Company.

### **Spirit Week**

**March 18th—22nd**

**Monday—crazy pants day**

**Tuesday—tropical shirt day**

**Wednesday—wear a tie day**

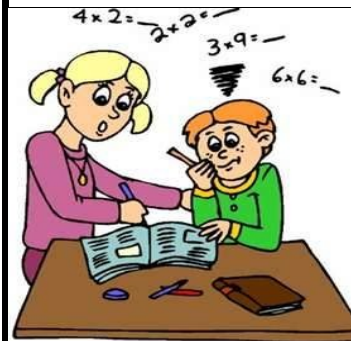
**Thursday—any color polo day (wow)**

**Friday—crazy hair day**

**Spirit Assembly & Dance**

**March 21st**

**\$2 admission to dance**



**Need Some  
Extra Help !!!!**

**Tutoring  
Available**

Morning Tutor/  
Computer Lab in  
the Media Center

Monday-Friday 6:45 to 7:40 am  
After-School Tutor/Computer Lab  
in the Media Center

Monday-Thursday:

2:45 to 4:45 pm

### **\*\* Extra Math Tutoring \*\***

Monday-Thursday in the Media Cen-  
ter 2:45 to 3:45 pm

Or from 2:45 to 3:45 with the  
following teachers:

Monday w/Mrs. Cropper, Room 45  
Wednesday w/Mrs. Bajraktarevic,  
Room 41

Thursday w/Mrs. White, Room 53

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