

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Students and Families,

This past week we celebrated so many of you for excellence in academics, athletics, and character. Students who were recognized for Professionalism were Jazmin Martinez, Cristal Cerna-Mendoza, Emillyos Yohannes, and Abraham Chavarria; students recognized for Respect were Josiah Garcia, Selena Maldonado. Serenity Dorrance, and Nathalie Muhigirwa; students recognized for Inclusion were Kharis Artim, Melanie Barba-Favela, Cassandra Aguirre-Toy, and Vanessa Cantor-Rojas; students recognized for Dedication were Lance Hayes, Blake Herivel, Kevin Rosales, and Elijah DeLaRosa; and, students recognized for Excellence were Owen Daniels, Laurel Frick, Jasmine Cano, and Perla Cerna-Mendoza. Our students athletes of the month are Andrea Chavoya-Terrazas, Emily Mayoral, Ron Gallegos, Stormy Sanchez, and Raelee Mares.

Brookly Horn was celebrated for being one of very few DPS Female Athletes of the Year, an honor that is typically bestowed upon Seniors; but, Brooklyn earned this title two years in a row as a Sophomore and as a Junior. Eric Torres Mejia was celebrated for his unmatched artistic skill and dedication to improving Kennedy's visual culture.

Please sign your name to the Commander Characteristic(s) that you identify with on our Commanders Are Poster outside of the auditorium. In upcoming weeks, you will have time in advisory to break down these characteristics to find deep meaning in how being an advocate for your passions, a challenger of inequities, and a champion of change can shape your Commander journey.

Finally, the SW Performing Arts Night was a huge success! Our students' creative talents are breathtaking. See this promotional [video](#) for a glimpse of what the night encompassed. We look forward to many more Kennedy Arts Nights. #Go Commanders #Wearestrongertogether

With Gratitude,
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THIS WEEK'S UPDATES:

- We have an opportunity to hire an Instructional Assistant Principal in addition to Mr. Brewer and Mr. Ortiz. Interviews will be held on either Tuesday 3/10 or Thursday 3/12, and I need volunteers to participate in student interviews and family interviews. Email Tiffany at tiffany_almon@dpsk12.org if you want to be a part of the student or family interview panel by the end of this week.
- Students with perfect attendance will be celebrated with a pizza and dessert party at lunch on Monday. Pizza is from the Garlic Knot and the dessert will be a surprise. Students will receive

passes prior to lunch. Shout out to City Year and Claire for planning this celebration.

- Take [this super quick survey](#) about the inclusion of Commander Day in the schedule for 20-21 by EOD Thursday.
- **GET CAUGHT READING CITY YEAR INITIATIVE** -- begins this week!

Heads up, Commanders! March is National Reading Month, and JFK is celebrating by running a Get Caught Reading initiative. Starting on March 1st, get caught reading for leisure or interest outside of class and you'll receive a raffle ticket from a participating administrator, teacher, or City Year. Make sure to fill out the back of the raffle ticket with your name, advisory room, and grade--then Commander walk yourself and that ticket to the City Year room (310) to enter the ticket for the chance to win a prize! A raffle will be held at the end of the month for all of our bookish Commanders here at JFK. Winners will be announced, so stay tuned and get reading!

- Attendance is a top priority at JFK since there is a direct correlation between attending school at least 93% of the time and high academic achievement. Please see [this link](#) for important information regarding our attendance policy and earning points towards your attendance.

Schedule for this week:

3/2	3/3	3/4	3/5	3/6
GREEN DAY	BLUE DAY	GREEN DAY	BLUE DAY	Commander DAY WEAR YOUR GEAR!

Important Upcoming Dates

3/2 -- Spring Sports Begin

3/4/20 -- Commander Connection PTSA meets at 7PM in the cafeteria

3/6 -- Real Talk with Tiffany in the JFK room from 8 - 9AM and 4 - 5PM

3/18 -- Junior Night from 6 - 7PM in the auditorium

3/24 -- Dreamers Workshop 8 - 10:45AM

END OF YEAR DATES

May 20th - Senior Checkout

May 21st - Thursday, Blue Day - Finals (Regular block schedule) - No Advisement

May 22nd - Friday, Green Day - Finals (Regular block schedule) - No Advisement

May 26th and 27th - Make up Days/Grading/Rehearsal for Graduation

May 28 - Graduation

Get Involved! Attend our students' games and events!

For a list of games and events see our [rCalendar](#)

ARCHIVED UPDATES and REMINDERS linked [HERE](#)

Commanders Show P.R.I.D.E.

P professionalism

R respect

I inclusion

D dedication

E excellence

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