

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Families,

Last week was an incredible launch to the 19-20 school year. It was an absolute pleasure getting to know all of your amazing sons and daughters as we taught, reinforced, and modeled our P.R.I.D.E. values of Professionalism, Respect, Inclusion, Dedication, and Excellence.

Many students registered last week, which put our student enrollment numbers around 100 more than expected. More students want to attend Kennedy, and this is a fantastic thing! However, we will need to hire more teachers to decrease class sizes. The Collaborative School Committee (CSC) is a committee that informs the decision making process for spending decisions and school priorities. This committee is made up of at least 3 parents, 1 community member, teachers, and the Principal. We will convene the CSC this Monday from 4 - 6PM in the cafeteria to make a decision about which teacher position(s) to hire immediately to reduce class sizes. Please join us, as this is a PUBLIC meeting. If you'd like to become a CSC member, please email me at tiffany_almon@dpsk12.org.

Additionally, Back to School Night is THIS WEDNESDAY! We are so excited to talk to you more about the classes your child is taking, our school, and all of the opportunities we offer. There will be light snacks served and your entire family is welcome.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Almon
Principal

UPDATES and REMINDERS:

- ★ Here is our [STUDENT HANDBOOK](#)
- ★ Classes begin at 7:30 am sharp. All students must be on time to every class every day. Every second of instruction matters at Kennedy, please make sure that your son and/or daughter is here on time every day.
- ★ If a student is tardy three times, they will have a working lunch to make up missed work and strategize with one of our RJ Coordinators on how to get to class on time.
- ★ If you need to pick up your child, please come into the main office and we will call your child's class to send them down. For security reasons, we prefer that you come in rather than calling our main line.
- ★ Students are required to wear **laneyards** each day so that staff can easily identify upperclassmen who can leave campus for lunch. This also helps to quickly identify who has an off period when schedules are printed on the back of student i.d.s.
- ★ Students with a valid driver's license, registration, and proof of insurance can purchase a parking pass for \$20 in the main lobby beginning Monday. After next week, we will require students who park in our student lot to have a parking pass.

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- ★ Students had an opportunity to sign up to receive a locker last week during lunch, if a student did not yet receive a locker and would like one, they can see Mr. Thompson in the cafeteria during lunch.
- ★ If your child needs a backpack they can see Annie Walden-Newman in room 229, Colorado Kids for Kids donated almost 1000 backpacks for our students!!!
- ★ Our dress code is pretty straight forward and aligned to the District Policy. We ask that students take off hats and hoods inside the school and that their bodies are covered from chest to bottom. We believe the dress code helps us to align to our Professionalism value.
- ★ Due to the increase in enrollment, your child may experience a schedule change as we try to even out class sizes. We will do our best to honor their course requests from the spring.
- ★ OUR WEBSITE WILL BE UPDATED MONDAY!
- ★ If you would like to join the Commander Connection, our parent/guardian teacher student association, please email Tiffany at tiffany_almon@dpsk12.org.

Important Dates (these will be updated on the rcalendar on the website as well)

8/30: Sports and Clubs fair in the JFK Main Hall during lunch -- this was delayed a week due to a busy first week:)

8/28: Back to School Night from 5 - 7PM in the GYM -- PLEASE COME AN

8/28 and 8/29: **School Pictures** in the gym

9/17: Senior Pictures (Senior T-shirts will be in the week of Labor Day)

9/24: **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** for cafeteria and front entrance 5 - 6 PM

Sports Updates:

VOLLEYBALL --

Opening matches:

Varsity - 4 matches (times TBD) on Saturday August 31st at the Lincoln Tournament

V/JV/C team - Tuesday September 3rd away vs Alameda (times 4-5-6 pm)

FOOTBALL --

JFK Varsity football will be hosting Frederick on 30 Aug 19 at 4pm at All City Field (South High School).

JFK JV football will be traveling to Frederick on the 29 Aug 19 at 4pm at Frederick High School.

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

P professionalism

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