



KPS Newsletter

Quarter 2

Third Quarter School Calendar

January 26- Kentwood Lecture Series II

January 31- February 1-"Women in Distress" seminar

February 2-3-High School College Fair

February 4-Graduation Picture Retakes

February 7-No School

February 17-18-8th Grade High School visitation

February 21-No School

February 23- 8th Grade Parent Meeting

February 24- 3rd Quarter Interim Reports

March 4- No school

March 5- KPEC Waterway Cleanup

March 10- Kentwood Lecture Series- III

March 11- Spring pictures

March 12- Spring Fling

March 15- Class Pictures

March 19- Spring Fling Rain Day

March 22-23- 3rd Quarter Exams

*Kentwood will be putting on a production of "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory." The play will be held in the Nova High School Theater. Dress Rehearsal and performance dates are May 12, 13, and 14th. More details will follow.

2nd Quarter Student Birthdays

Cameron B. - October 26

Jacob B., Zach T. - October 27

Alejandro C. – November 2

Daniel D. – November 6

Vincent V. – November 13

Elijah G. – November 15

Alicia B. – November 16

Parker S. – November 18

Zach B. – November 27

Patrick M. – December 4

Kevin W. – December 7

Jonathan K. – December 9

Daniel G. – December 13

Nicholas M. – December 14

Ashley L. – December 17

Amhar M. – December 19

Vincenzo K. – December 20

Justin P. – December 22

Austin G. – December 23

Michael B. – December 25

Anthony W. – December 26

Kennett M. – December 28

Matthew S. – December 29

Gerret O. – December 30

Liam L. – December 31

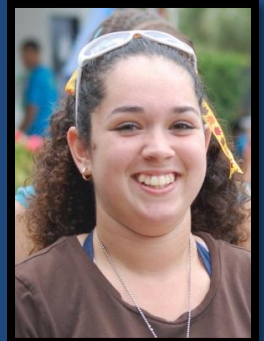


Fall Festival



Kentwood's Fall Festival was a hit! Students and families enjoyed the famous car smash, musical chairs, face painting, creating memorable photo frames, Ms. U's traditional craft table, and the delicious barbecue! The bounce house, dance-off, shooting contest, and soccer tournament kept the active students busy while Mr. Kohser's DJ service rocked the house! Thank you, friends and families, for making this year's event such a success!

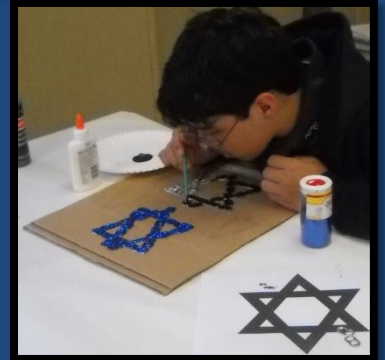
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Holiday Parties

Room 3 had a great holiday party. We started off the event with a yummy pizza party. You can't go wrong with pizza! Many of the students brought in goodies to share like cupcakes, cheese cake and cookies. Even Ms. Nathan outdid us with gifts for the whole class. We couldn't believe the great gifts she bought us. We had puzzles, games, footballs and more. There just wasn't enough time to play with the toys and activities she put together for us! Our holiday party was a great way to begin the long winter break. Happy 2011 everyone!

Ms. Nathan (Room 3)

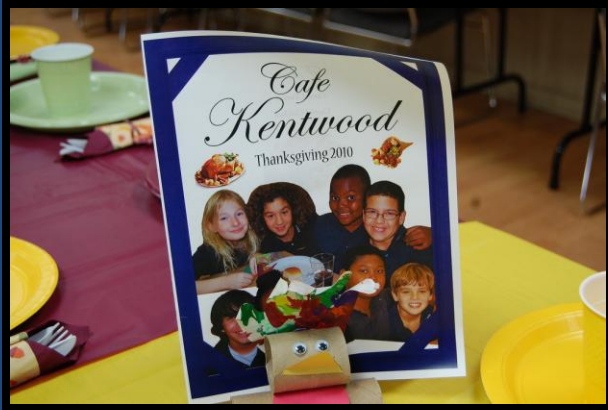


We celebrated the holiday season with a "Winter Holiday Party." All the students brought in wonderful snacks and treats to share with the class. The students were very surprised by the little presents they received from me. We learned that the season is more than just receiving gifts; it's a time to get together with our family and friends to appreciate one another. We all had a blast spending time together and having fun.

Ms. Dillon (Room B)

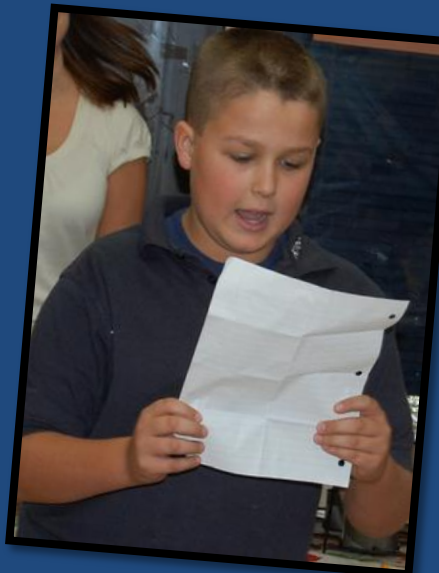


Thanksgiving Day Luncheon



Kentwood's Thanksgiving Luncheon was a delicious way to move into the holiday. Students put their social skills to work by showing their great table manners and conversational skills.

After a yummy turkey dinner accompanied by a sweet dessert, students were ready for the holiday season. Each class representative gave a heartfelt thanksgiving speech while each student contributed their thanks to the thanksgiving trees. Thank you for being a part of our annual tradition.



Scholarly Spotlight

The Scholarly Student Spotlight goes to a student from each class who exceeds academic expectations and consistently produces excellent work. This student participates and shows outstanding effort in all classes. Congratulations, students, on your academic achievement!

Keep working hard!



Room 1- Cara S.
Cara has shown so much growth in her academics! She has been zipping through math and writing her own short stories! Cara can tell you about all the different countries in the world!



Room 9- Daniel D.
Daniel has shown magnificent progress academically. We are very proud of his progress.



Room 3- Johnathon N.
Johnathon has come a long way and has made great progress. Congratulations John, and don't forget to believe in yourself.



Room 2- Samantha O.
Samantha always completes her work on time and has amazing grades. Congratulations to Samantha this month and keep up the good work!



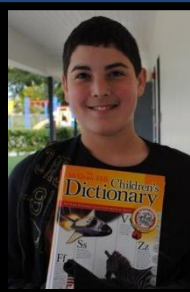
Room B –Daniel M.
Daniel is a very motivated student, a hard worker and truly a pleasure to have in class.



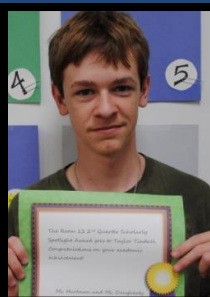
Room 11- Daniel V.
Daniel has had an amazing 2nd quarter! We are very proud of his continued effort and care that he puts into his work. Congratulations!



Room 8- Alicia B.
Alicia has earned the scholarly spotlight and the service award! She has proven herself in the academic arena and she consistently demonstrates appropriate behavior in class.



Room 10- Evan F.
The Scholarly Spotlight award goes to Evan F. He is a hard worker and is always eager to take on the next assignment. He has become a great role model with his academics!



Room 12- Taylor T.
Taylor has shown exceptional motivation this quarter. He has made a great effort with all his assignments, particularly his projects and class presentation. Way to go, Taylor! We are so proud of you!

Room 3- Terrence M.

Terrence has earned his way to the top. He has worked very hard and been a great helper. Congratulations, and well done Terrence!



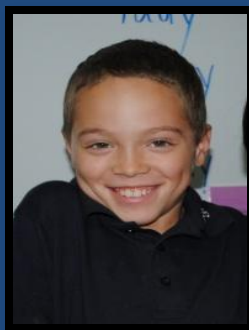
Room 11- Aaron L.
Aaron has been a great helper throughout this 2nd quarter. I am glad to have him as a part of our class.



Room 1- Austin R.

We are so proud of Austin R! He has grown leaps and bounds and is such a polite little boy! We are so happy for how he is growing at Kentwood.

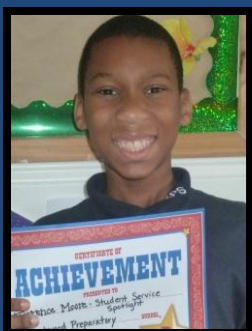
Room 10- Nicole F.
Nicole is extremely helpful in class and is quick to take on extra tasks; not to mention helping our new student settle in nicely.



Room B- Ryan C.
Ryan is such a big helper. He keeps our room nice and orderly. Thank you for being such a great student!

Service Spotlight

The Student Service Spotlight goes to a student from each class who is a role model and someone who uses service as a form of leadership. Students are helpful to teachers, classmates, and staff members on a regular basis. We want to highlight these students for their excellent work ethic and positive attitudes!



Room 9- Myco R.

Myco is always willing to lend a helping hand. He worked very hard this quarter. He had a wonderful attitude in class. We are very proud of him.

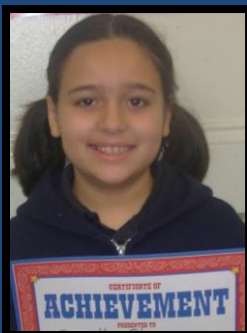


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Room 2- Samantha O.

Samantha helps her classmates when she is done with her own work. She is participating in our school play and is one of the main characters. Congratulations on receiving the service spotlight, Samantha!



Room 12- Joshua G.

Joshua shows leadership through his service. He has been the classroom helper, and has been a wonderful example to all the students on the lower campus! We appreciate you and your success, Joshua!

8th Grade Field Trip

Land Navigation with Sergeant Ojeda

Sergeant Ojeda graciously volunteered his time on a field trip with Room 12 this quarter. He focused on survival skills, compass work, and land navigation with the class. While allowing the students to use high-end compass equipment, students were able to learn and experience how to chart locations on a map in the wilderness and use the technology to determine specific locations within the park. Thank you, Sergeant Ojeda, for your time and expertise! We had an excellent time!



A View of Ms. U.'s Classes

COGMOTICS- test your own cognitive thinking

November's riddle-

*If you had 2 lizards in front of a lizard, and
2 lizards behind a lizard, and
one lizard in the middle,
how many lizards would you have?*

December's riddle-

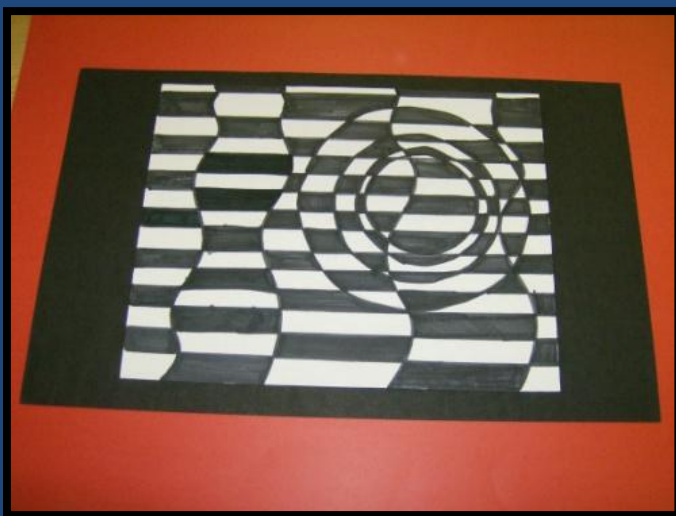
*What is it that was given to you, that still belongs to you, you never lent to anyone, but that is used
by all the people you know?*

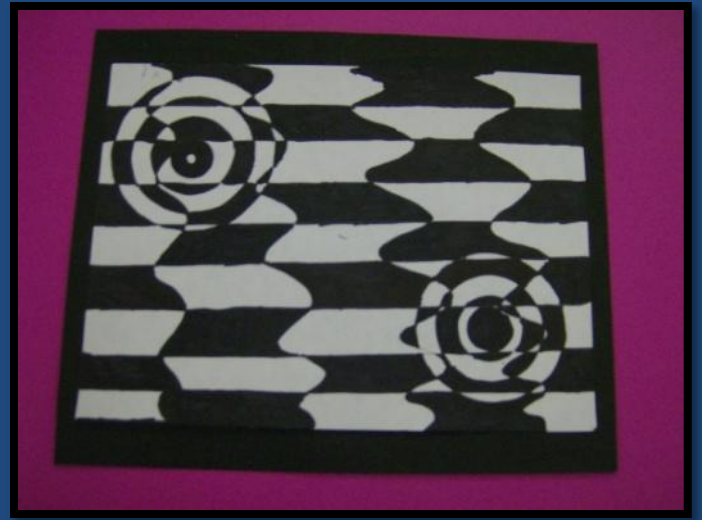
January's riddle-

*On the Galleon there were a number of cats, a number of pirates, the cook, and the one-legged
captain. Altogether there were 15 heads and 41 legs. How many cats were on the ship?*

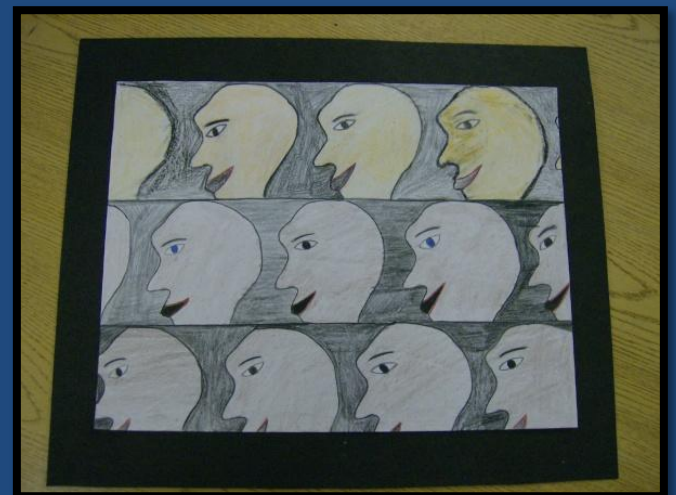
ART-

The High School Art 5 and Art 6 classes created optical illusion pictures after viewing and learning about Op Art and its artists.

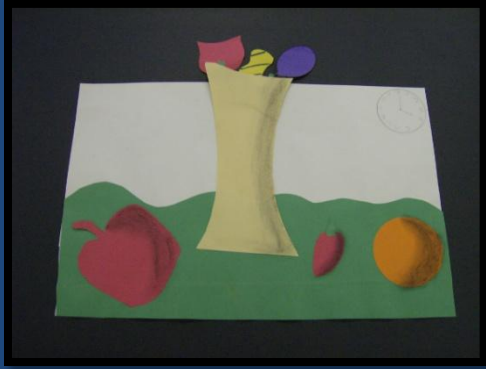




The Art 5 class also took on the works of artist M.C. Escher and patterns of tessellation.



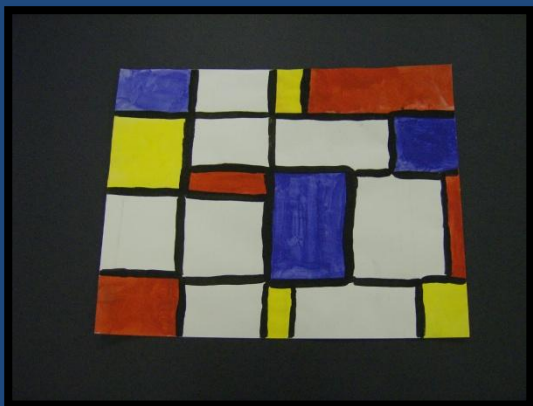
The Art 6 class created their own still life pictures after viewing artwork by artist Paul Cezanne using cut paper and charcoal.



The 7th and 8th graders learned about abstract artist Joseph Stella and created their own versions of the painting “The Brooklyn Bridge.”



The 6th graders viewed artwork by the abstract artist Piet Mondrian and then created their own versions of his artwork.

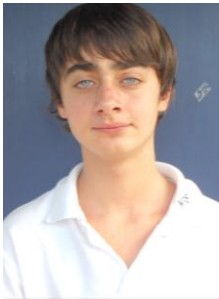


High School Journalist Corner

The first semester of the Kentwood High school year ended with a rewards field trip. Students were allowed to go as long as they had behaved throughout the semester and did not have any make-up work to do. Those who met the criteria were sent off to Sparez Bowling Alley to have fun. Almost all of the students on the trip bowled, and everyone had a great time. The students were allowed to order snacks, but there was also food after bowling. After everyone had finished bowling, the group went to Disalvo's Italian restaurant for lunch. Each student was allowed to choose between pizza, spaghetti, baked ziti, lasagna, and ravioli as a meal. Everyone also got garlic rolls and a choice of drink. Ms. Dougherty, Mr. Manriquez, and Ms. Viswanathan chaperoned the trip. We had a great time!

By Evan B.

High School Geometry Projects



In the high school geometry class, the students just finished a remarkable project. They had to construct a dream house that they would like to live in, choose the location, and physically build it out of arts-and-crafts materials. The project was a group assignment, and students worked in groups of two. The students enjoyed building their own houses, and they got very creative with it, too. They were given time to work on the project in school, and at their home, ensuring a maximum possible success rate. The project was turned in on the 14th of December, and was presented to the class. Everyone did a great job with the outline and model. Congratulations!

Everybody goes bananas!!!



This year the high school decided that for the month of November they'd go to the zoo where they would see the wonderful creatures of the world. There were koalas, tigers, bears, and monkeys, just to name a few. Some of the high school students were even partying with Mardi, the albino alligator, after they finished their lunches. Before leaving, some students even got to buy some souvenirs so they could always remember that bright and happy day at the zoo.

By Blaze O.

KENTWOOD

By Gina K.

Kentwood Preparatory High School started in August 31, 2009. It is located in Davie, Florida.

My name is Gina K., and I have been going to Kentwood Preparatory High School for about 3 years. I am 17 years old, and am a professional horse rider and trainer. This is my story.

Kentwood has helped me with my life and, eventually, it will be helpful with my future.

When I first started at Kentwood everything was hectic and it was hard for me to cope with the students and teachers. I didn't exactly understand their ways in helping people and thought they were a little strict. Over the years, I could see the difference in my behavior. Now, I behave myself in a more meaningful way and I can cope with things that I don't necessarily agree with. I gratefully thank Kentwood in helping me with my patience.

My last year in Kentwood, I am hoping, is going to be one of my biggest accomplishments. I am in my senior year now, and so far I am doing great. I realize that I have to do my work in order to graduate and get into college. If, for any reason I don't do my work, I understand that it doesn't hurt the teacher, because they already have their college degree. I now am a fluent worker and when I'm absent I always remember and care enough to ask for my work. Kentwood has helped me through a lot and, when I graduate, I will hope to visit them whenever I can.

I also want to thank my mommy for believing in me and for helping me graduate. Without her I wouldn't have gone to school. That would have caused me to be a senior for an extra year and I probably would've never made it. I have always had a problem with going to school and even though I do get mad when my mom doesn't let me stay home, I am grateful that she didn't.

Testing Limericks

A lazy kid on Tuesday guessed
That in school that day he would rest
When he got to Kentwood
He said "this isn't good,
I forgot that today there were tests"

One of the kids threw a fit
'Cause he thought he'd do work in the pit
He got to the school
And thought it was cruel
That all of the students were split

It makes sense that he would assume
That the kids would be in the same room
It was that way before,
But this year there was more
Change than that boy could presume

When we all sat down to our test
Every one of us tried our best
Some worked really fast
And were sure that they'd passed
And then they waited for the rest

After test one there was lunch
Where all of the kids would munch
They'd eat all they had
And then they'd feel bad
Because they had eaten a bunch

After our lunch there was test two
Where each and every kid would do
Their test really fast
Just as quick as the last
Then ask if they could go to the loo

The kids found the wait a bore
So every child would roar
"Can we get up and walk,
See our friends and talk?
'Cause no one's working anymore"

The testing went on for three days
Then we all went our separate ways
We went back to our home
Then we would all roam
Outside in all the sun's rays

All of the kids got tired, so
They decided to sleep they would go
They would lie in their bed
With this thought in their head:
"Hooray, there's no test tomorrow!"

By Evan B.