



Dora Kennedy French Immersion

The Cardinal Chirp

Notes from Administration

Special points of interest:

- Feb. 5–2nd Grade to Port Discovery
- Feb. 14–Honor Roll Assemblies (by invitation only)
- Feb. 17–No School President's Day
- Feb. 20– 4th Grade Band to Baltimore Symphony
- Feb. 28-Mar 1 Model UN Trip
- Mar. 30–End of 3rd Qtr
- Mar. 31–3 hr. early dismissal

We have already completed the first half of the school year! As we near the finish line, we must continue to strive for excellence. This means a continued commitment to student growth, whether academically, emotionally or socially.

The second half of the school year is filled with testing requirements. In order to provide the best chance for our students to achieve success, we ask that parents help:

- Have children get plenty of rest
- Eat a good breakfast, whether at home or school
- Be present, limit early dismissals or late arrivals
- Limit time on TV, Social Media, Cell Phones, (allow their minds to rest)

Implementing these simple

practices can have a profound affect on a child's performance.

Lost and Found Information

The school is experiencing some issues with the lost and found bins. The amount of items placed in the bins continues to grow.

In an effort to rectify this issue, we ask that parents please label the inside of your child's clothing. Hopefully this will cut down on the amount of items in the bin.



We want our school to be presentable to visitors. Speak with your child about the importance of keeping their clothing together.

DKFI Clubs of Interest

Is your student interested in joining a club, or even creating one. Here are some clubs DKFI has to offer.

- Film Club
- Coding Club
- E-Swat (Green School)
- MESA
- Student Council
- Model UN
- Le Petite Voix
- Safety Patrol
- Jazz Band
- Nat'l Jr. Honor Society





DKFI 2020 Talent Show

2020 La Soiree des Étoiles

The 2020 DKFI Talent Show preparations are underway. If your student wants to show off their talents, please have them sign up to audition. Sign up at <https://signup.com/go/JLxBxfB>

All information is available at: tinyurl.com/dkfitalent2020. Students must be logged into email to access site.

- Auditions are on Feb. 26-27— 4:15-6:30
- Rehearsals are on Mar. 4 — 4:15-8:15
- Dress Rehearsal is on Mar. 25 — 4:15-7:00
- Talent Show Date: Mar. 27 — 6:30-9:00pm.

Miss Gorgeous—Prince George's

<https://www.wusa9.com/mobile/article/news/local/maryland/2020-miss-gorgeous-prince-georges/65-ab6b7ce2-d94d-4976-bb4d-5fe0d31f1397>

*“Nothing will work
unless you do.”*

Maya Angelou

Stem Fair Results/Recognitions

Our 2020 Virtual & Electronic STEM Fair was held on Wednesday, January 15, 2020. Our students performed extremely well by showing their ability in French, reading, writing, math, science, engineering, research, creativity, oral presentation, the use of technology, and many other skills.

A special thank you goes to the faculty and administration who assisted in various ways in making this program an exciting experience for our students. We also thank our parent community, the PTA, our judges from NASA, USDA, NOAA, UMD, UMBC, JHU, NSA, etc. We are very proud of the DKFI faculty, the parent community, and our partners from other institutions for supporting this event. We tip our hats off to Betty Aita Rukh Kama, Lela Versteegen, and Nicole Balay, three of our past students who volunteered this year. We would like to thank our STEM Fair Assistants, Nora Viegas, Taylor Bowen-Longino, Mathew King, and Talia Bates for managing the Control Center of the Fair. Our prize winners will be recognized during one of our PTA meetings.

The following students are this year's 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners, special category winners, and selected candidates for the 2020 PGcps Regional STEM Fair.

CONGRATULATIONS

Troisième Année:

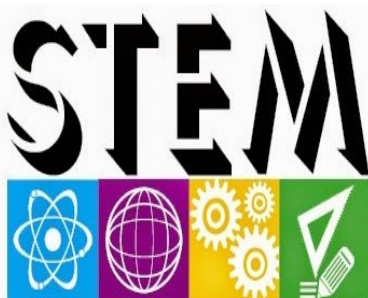
Gross Alaina **1er Prix**

Hargrove, Calysse **2e Prix**

O'Brien, Fiona **3e Prix**

Harley, Xavier **Mention Honorable**

Beaubrun Jathaniel **Prix de Sciences des matériaux**



Athletics

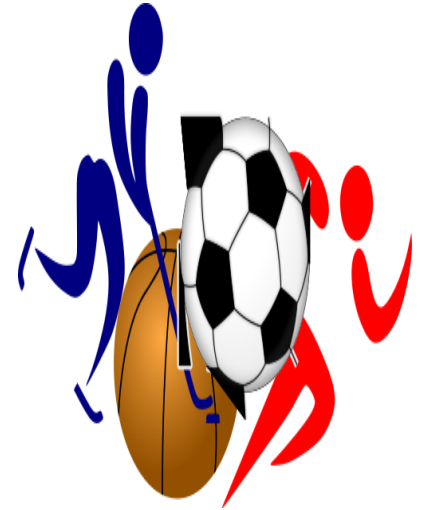
The DKFI student athletes have competed in successfully in 3 of the 5 intramural sports that are offered for middle school. We still have soccer season starting in late March.

The cheerleaders are busy perfecting their routine for the upcoming cheerleading completion taking place on February 8th at 10:00 a.m.

The competition will be held at Oxon Hill High School. Please come out to support our student athletes.

Under the direction of Mrs. Fisher, DKFI is participating in the American Heart Association “Kids Heart Challenge. They will take part in an assembly on January 22, and the fundraiser will run through February 28th. Stu-

dents have already raised \$200 on the first night! Way to go.



DKFI Athletics

Safety and Security Information

In an effort to keep safety at the forefront of everyone’s thoughts, DKFI adheres to the Administrative Procedures set forth by PGPCS. We hold

- ⇒ Monthly Fire Drills
- ⇒ Quarterly Lock Down Drills
- ⇒ Bus Evacuation Drills

⇒ Student Code of Conduct Assemblies.

In addition, DKFI has some in-house policies and procedures in place. All safeguards were created in order to keep your children, our students, safe while at school. Please make sure you are helping in this effort by being prepared.

- ⇒ Transportation changes must be provided in writing to the teacher and front office no later than the morning of the change
- ⇒ Talk with your child about good touch/bad touch

⇒ Cyber Bullying

⇒ Be aware of their surroundings. It is dark early, if they are participating in after-school activities, parents MUST pick their children up on time.

⇒ No walk-ins. Must make an appointment.

⇒ Have ID (State issued drivers license) ready to scan

⇒ No student dropped off or picked-up in the front of the school prior to 8:45am and 4:15pm.

⇒ Volunteering/Chaperoning a school activity, all parents must be fingerprinted and complete the 3 Safe Schools Training Videos and complete the quizzes at the end. All certificates of completion go to Ms. Ware in the front office.

S – Seek Safety

A – Aim Safety

F – Follow Safety

E – Ensure Safety

T – Teach Safety

Y – Your Safety



February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 <i>2nd gr to Port Discovery</i>	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 <i>Honor Roll Assemblies</i>	15
16	17 <i>School Closed—President's Day</i>	18	19	20 <i>4th gr Band to Balti- more Symphony</i>	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 <i>Model UN Trip</i> →	29

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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