

KENNETH D BAILEY ACADEMY

April 2025 Newsletter

In the Home Stretch!

Vision: Kenneth D. Bailey Academy
Ensures Excellence From All, for All.

A note from the principal

Happy Spring, KDBA Families!

We hope all of our staff and students feel refreshed after a well-deserved Spring Break! As we begin the final quarter of the school year, we want to encourage our students to arrive at school on time every day! Students who attend school regularly achieve at higher levels than their peers with poor attendance. Additionally, we would like to invite our parents and guardians to join us during Parent Teacher Conferences on April 8th and April 10th. We would love the opportunity to share your student's successes with you, as well as address any areas of concern you may have. You may schedule a conference by calling the KDBA office at (217) 477-0300 or reaching out to your student's homeroom teacher.

We look forward to a successful final quarter!

Mrs. Campbell, Principal



Upcoming Events



Tuesday April 8th	Thursday April 10th
2:30 PM-6:15 PM	2:30 PM -6:00 PM

We can't wait to talk with you about your child's progress. Please plan to set up an appointment with our teachers so we can celebrate successes!



Middle School testing

Date	Test taken
April 1, 2025	ELA (90 minute test)
April 2, 2025	Math (60 minute test)
April 3, 2025	ELA (90 minute test)
April 8, 2025	Math (60 minute test)
April 9, 2025	Math (60 minute test)
April 4, 7 and 10, 2025	Make up testing

High School testing

Date	Test taken
April 1, 2025	PreAct- 10 Sophomore standing students
April 2, 2025	ACT- Juniors standing students
April 3, 2025	PreAct- 9 Freshman standing students

PBIS at KDBA



Obstacles and Popsicles

Enjoy some popsicles while competing in a few games and extra free time!

Criteria: *90% Attendance (No more than 2 Absences and each tardy will be equal to ½ day absence)

*No Suspensions/No Reflections

*Passing ALL Classes

**If Mother Nature does not cooperate we will move free time indoors!



PBIS goal winners from March

Middle School winners:

Laylana
Aaliyah
Kah'Meiryonna
Maria
A'Maya
Isiah
Damon
Quintin
Olivia

High School winners:

D'Angel
Tylyn
RaShaun
Mason
Laniyah
Shay
Delana
Alzahra
Aubrie
Armarni
Jalisa

AMAZING OPPORTUNITIES

Our Student Advisory Board has partnered with Edison elementary this year as a mentor opportunities. Student visit Mrs. Holycross (pictured) and Mrs. Waterman's classes monthly.



I am really grateful for the opportunity to go on this trip. I enjoyed all of the presentations and gained lots of educational information. I'm also grateful for meeting all the different types of people, it was very inspiring to hear all the different stories on how they got their positions. - Destiny Baugh, Senior



Three KDBA students were able to travel to Washington D.C. with 4H to attend the Ignite 2025 Young Leaders program. Over 1,200 students from across the country were invited to gain skills, connections, and the confidence to shape their future.



I'm happy to have had this opportunity because it helped me step out of my comfort zone. It all helped me develop my communication and life learning skills. These skills I developed will help in school, and also life outside of school. - Armarni Eaton, Senior

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Collaboration



Happy April!

During the month of April students will be working on collaboration strategies.

This is a life skill for students to be successful in the path of their choice.

Collaboration is the “process of two or more people or organizations working together to complete a task or achieve a goal.”

Check in with your student on some of the collaboration activities they are learning in their classes. At home, share with your student how you collaborate in your day to day life.

UPCOMING EVENTS:



April

	<p>1 Sophomores PreACT 10</p> <p>Middle School IAR test #1</p>	<p>2 Early Dismissal</p> <p>Juniors and Seniors ACT</p> <p>Middle School IAR test #2</p>	<p>3 Freshman PreACT 9</p> <p>Middle School IAR test #3</p> <p>MS SAB to Animal Shelter</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>8 Early Dismissal</p> <p>Middle School IAR test #4</p> <p>Parent teacher conferences</p>	<p>9 Middle School IAR test #5</p>	<p>10 Early Dismissal</p> <p>Parent Teacher conferences 2:30-6:00 PM</p>	<p>11</p> 
<p>14 HS SAB to Edison</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 Early Dismissal</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> 
<p>21 HSPP classes to Discovery Garden</p>	<p>22 Family Council Meeting 5-6</p> <p>MS SAB to Edison</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>28 HS SAB to Edison</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>		



Keep Your Child On Track in Middle and High School: Pay Attention to Attendance

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10%, or 2 days a month, over the course of the school year, can affect a student's academic success.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Make school attendance a priority

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day.
- Help your children maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and non-urgent related medical appointments during the school day.
- Keep your student healthy. If you are concerned about a contagious illness, call your school or health care provider.
- If your children must stay home because they are sick, make sure they have asked teachers for resources and materials to make up for the missed learning time in the classroom.

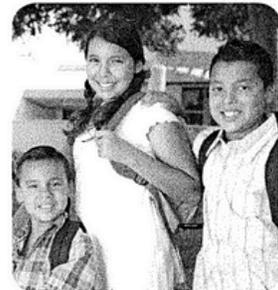
Help your teen stay engaged

- Find out if your children feel engaged by their classes, and feel safe from bullies and other threats.
- Make sure your teens are not missing class because of challenges with behavioral issues or school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, contact the school and work with them to find a solution.
- Monitor your teen's academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors when necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage your child to join meaningful after-school activities, including sports and clubs.
- Support your students if you notice signs of anxiety, and if needed, seek advice from your school or health provider

Communicate with the school

- Know the school's attendance policy – incentives and penalties.
- Check on your child's attendance to be sure absences are not adding up.
- Seek help from school staff, other parents, or community agencies if you need support.

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Visit Attendance Works at www.attendanceworks.org for free downloadable resources and tools!



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