Kennedy Families & Friends - Principal's Update & School Report Card

November 17, 2026, 6:30-7:30 PM, Kennedy Library

Welcome & Introductions

1. Formerly known as PTO (Parent-Teacher Organization)
2. Reach us at *KennedyFamiliesFriends@gmail.com*
3. Sign up for the KFF mailing list at our website:

KFF's work at Kennedy

1. We host free family events to help students and their families feel like they are part of the school community.
   - ➢Family Science Night is coming up on Thursday, December 3
2. We support school staff with grants, meals, appreciation days, and more.
   - ➢Classroom grant process is underway; $5000 to award to staff
3. We serve families by hosting guest speakers at our monthly meetings, free community meals, and supplying gift cards for the social workers to distribute.
   - ➢Shout-out to Tammy Moss for helping organize & pay for meals!
4. We advocate for school needs with the district or school board.
   - ➢Asking for needs-based staffing allocation process
5. We fundraise in order to be able to do all that!
   - ➢THANK YOU for bake sale donations! We raised $1967 between 2 locations.

Seeking volunteers - can you help?

1. Social media
2. Staff appreciation
3. Event planning - Black History Month Celebration (Feb), Arts Night (March), Hmong Heritage Night (April)

Principal's Update & School Report Card

Kennedy Principal **Sarah Larson**, *smlarson@madison.k12.wi.us*

The Report Card can be found here:
https://apps6.dpi.wi.gov/reportcards?SelectedSchoolYear=2026&SelectedDistrict=007738&SelectedPublicSchool=008583

Literacy and math are goals for the school

There will be new curriculum for next school year

How will the lower enrollment impact the staffing for next year?

Difficult to say, just starting conversations

School improvement usually takes 3-5 years when new curriculum or systems are put in place

Going well

- Change in teacher practices in classroom
- Working on coaching systems
- Attendance rate is really important
- Community schools - has been great to provide resources in the community

District has been using “The Opportunity Myth” in curriculum implementation

Morale - staff were shared the report card today with an optional staff meeting

Any update on student behavior - believe that generally staff say it’s calmer