



Your monthly guide to school news, information and events.



Kinard Connects



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Leader In Me

Habit 1: Be Proactive

I am a responsible person.

Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind

I plan ahead and set goals.

Habit 3: Put First Things First

I take care of the important things first.

Habit 4: Think Win-Win

I consider all situations so that everybody wins.

Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood

I listen to other people's ideas and feelings.

Habit 6: Synergize

I get along well with others, even people who are different than me.

Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw

I take care of my body by eating right, exercising, and getting sleep.

Habit 8: Find Your Voice

I voice my concerns and opinions.

Leader In Me Choice Board



Our Leader In Me Choice Board Challenge has come to an end. Several families were rewarded with dinner at a local restaurant for their participation. Many students won prizes for their submissions. Those students who submitted a picture of all 8 prizes earned an extra recess with music and snacks!

But the biggest reward of all is that Kinard families worked together to build their leadership skills by practicing the 8 habits!

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8 Habits

#KinardLeaders Menu

1. BE PROACTIVE Write or draw about a character you read that was proactive.	2. BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND Create a family goal and make a plan to help you achieve your family goal.	3. PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST I did my work before I played.
4. THINK WIN-WIN Write or draw about two characters or more that made a situation a Win-Win.	student Choice board	
6. SYNERGIZE Help your family clean up. Choose a way to synergize: help clean the house, help do the dishes, help put away the laundry or write or draw a way you synergized.		
7. SHARPEN THE SAW Take a hike and enjoy the fresh air. Or play a game together.	8. FIND YOUR VOICE Teach a family member a Habit.	5. SEEK FIRST TO UNDERSTAND, THEN TO BE UNDERSTOOD Think about someone in your family who is a good listener. What makes them a good listener?

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Kidz Trendz by Ava and Bryna

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Kid's Trendz

State Testing!

What Testing Tips do Kinard Students & Staff Have?

- Get lots of rest!
- Try your best!
- Eat a good breakfast!
- Have a good attitude!
- Read the words carefully!
- Take your time!
- Read the question multiple times.
- If you need a break get water.
- Work out your problems on extra paper.

Joke of the Month

Why are frogs so happy?..... They eat whatever bugs them!

Words of Encouragement

Not all great minds think alike.

Important Information

- **State Testing** - The South Carolina state testing schedule for Kinard is below. Please help your child to do their best on these tests by ensuring that they have a good night's sleep as well as a good breakfast. Also, you can access practice questions through the shared linked below.

- **Testing Schedule (Grades 3, 4 & 5):**

- Wednesday, May 19 - SC READY ELA Session I
- Thursday, May 20 - SC READY ELA Session II
- Tuesday, May 25 - SC READY Math
- Wednesday, May 26 - SC PASS Science (Grade 4 only)

- **Testing Resources**

- [SC Ready Brochure for Parents & Students](#) for valuable information
- [SC PASS Brochure for Parents & Students](#) for valuable information.
- [Sample ELA & Math test questions!](#)

- NOTE - There will be no SC Pass Social Studies test this year.

- **Teacher Appreciation Week** - May 5 - 7

- **Interim** - Interims will be sent home on May 13. Please check Wednesday folders for more information.

- **Memorial Day** - There will be no school on Monday, May 31

- **Coming up in June:** Lip Sync Battle (June 3 & 4) and Field Day (June 14)!

Student Shout-out- Vera (3rd Grade)

Student interview:

We found a blue tunnel in Vera's artwork. She said it is a tunnel that takes you up to the mountains in your car. She said the cloud represents the bunny in the corner of the picture. She also drew a shadow of the bunny in the grass. The triangle in the center is a road going into the distance. - - -Ava & Bryna



Looking Back on April



What Moon Phase
were you born in?
How old would you
be on Neptune?
Fourth grade used
their knowledge of
the solar system to
answer these
questions.



Over 130 families signed up to participate in
our drive through family night. Everyone
received resources, pizza, activities & prizes
aimed at "Growing Stronger Together"!



Earth Day: First graders work with fourth grade
buddies to practice their gardening skills and what
they have learned about what plants need to grow.





March Staff Member of the Month - Ms. Ella Darby

The following comments from Kinard staff make it obvious that Ms. Darby puts a smile on our faces!: "Continued support of our school and students." "She goes above and beyond..." "Always in a great mood and brings a positive spirit to Kinard." "Played football at recess with my kids and made them all feel so special." "Has a heart of gold and has treated my son like her own." "She keeps our school high and tight!"

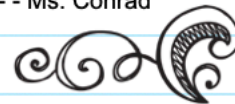
Ms. Darby will enjoy a special parking spot and a \$25 gift from the Clover LEAF foundation!



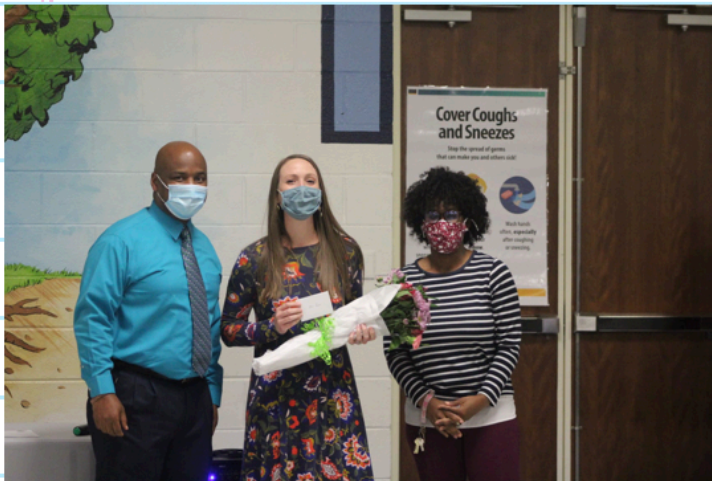
Eagle Leader Board Compliments:

These are just some of the students who have been recognized for showing leadership skills in school.

- Kindergarten - **Trinity W.** (Ms. Demarest's class): "She helped a friend overcome her fears." - - -Ms. Demarest
- First Grade - **Mike G.** (Ms. Russel's class): "Another student was absent and without me asking he jumped up to fill in and lead our class in the pledges.." - - - Mrs. Piers
- Second Grade - **Peyton M.** (Ms. Brannon's Class): "She helped pick up my trash." - - - Aria F.
- Third Grade - **Ella C.** (Mrs. Miles' Class): "She helps her friends and classmates every day without being asked." - - - Mrs. Miles
- Fourth Grade - **Mason C.** (Ms. Boyd's Class): "He has been using wonderful manners and has had a great first week at Kinard!" - - -Mrs. Boyd
- Fifth Grade - **Da'Shaun L.** (Ms. Garruto's Class): "He was being a leader by reading quietly and putting first things first when I walked in this morning.." - - - Ms. Conrad



Teacher of the Year 2020-2021 Ms. Piers



Ms. Piers is a 1st grade teacher. This is her 4th year at Kinard Elementary and her 8th year in education. She earned both her Bachelor and Master's Degrees at College of Charleston. She was voted for by her peers to represent Kinard Elementary as the Teacher of the Year!



Support Staff Member of the Year 2020-2021 Nurse Hinkle

Nurse Hinkle is in her second year at Kinard Elementary. She earned her RN certification from York Technical College. Nurse Hinkle goes above and beyond when caring for the students. The staff and faculty at Kinard Elementary have elected her as the Support Staff Member of the Year! Congratulations Nurse Hinkle!!

