

KENNETH D BAILEY ACADEMY

May 2025 Newsletter

May Days!

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

A note from the principal

Greetings, KDBA Families!

We can hardly believe it's already May here at KDBA! We have been busy—in our classrooms and the gardens! Our high school Environmental Science class has been volunteering their time and efforts by planting and beautifying the gardens at Douglas Discovery as a part of our community outreach program. Meanwhile, our 8th grade students have enjoyed working with the Master Gardeners learning about horticulture through instruction, guest speakers, and engaging hands-on activities. We have been fortunate to continue our partnerships with this great organization!

We want to extend a huge KDBA congratulations to the 2025 Illinois Principal Association Outstanding Student Award recipients to two of our graduating seniors, Krissa Sims and D'Angel Coleman! These students were chosen based on their academic accomplishments, self-improvement, and contributions and dedication to the school, staff, and their peers. We are so proud of these two outstanding young ladies.

This summer, we will be providing summer school programming for all High School Prep students (in-person) and high school students (virtual) who wish to participate in our Credit Recovery options. Please call the office (217-477-0300) if you would like your child to participate in KDBA summer school. Looking forward to a positive and successful ending to the school year!

Mitzi Campbell, Principal



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Upcoming Events



**DANVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2025 GRADUATION:
SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2025
10:00am • Palmer Arena**



KDBA Graduates for 2025:

Destiny Baugh
D'Angel Coleman
Elijah Davis
Armarni Eaton
River Jackson

Mohamed Nagi
Ru Olmstead
Jalisa Pope
Krissa Simms
Khilan Swinford

PBIS at KDBA



PIZZA PARTY!

Come Join At Our End of the Year Pizza Party!

Criteria: *90% Attendance each tardy equals ½ absence)

***No Suspensions/No Reflections**

***Passing ALL Classes**

PBIS goal winners from April

Middle School winners:

Laylana
Shea
Isiah
Aaliyah
Kah'Meiryonna
Maria

JoVani
A'Maya
Jamarrea
Damon
Payton
Robert



High School winners:

Tylyn D.
Dante
Armarni
DaShaya
Jalisa

AMAZING OPPORTUNITIES

KDBA Student Advisory Board has had a partnership with the Vermilion County Animal Shelter for the past two years. Students walk and socialize dogs, and spend time with the cats to help socialize them so they are ready for homes. This is a really fun way that KDBA staff and students give back to the community we live in!



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KDBA Senior English students presented at the University of Illinois

Mrs. Schnepel and Ms. Lafler's Senior English classes has been working collaboratively with graduate students from the University of Illinois on a youth participatory action research project, with a focus on mental health and public housing. Students chose their topic and spent the school year researching through interviews and surveys across the community.

Students analyzed the data and compiled a poster for the symposium displaying their data and conclusions. At the symposium, students presented their poster to students and faculty of the University of Illinois and got to explore the other research conducted and presented by University of Illinois students. They were one of only three high school groups who presented their project alongside undergraduate students at the U of I. Way to represent Danville and KDBA!!



Middle School High School Prep students preparing their gardens at the Douglas Discovery Garden.



AVID CORNER
A YEAR IN REVIEW



What a year it has been!

ALL STUDENTS HAVE BEEN WORKING ON WRITING, INQUIRY, COLLABORATION, ORGANIZATION, AND READING.

THESE SKILLS HAVE HELPED STUDENTS WITH TOOLS FOR THEIR TOOLBOX AS THEY PREPARE FOR FUTURE ENDEAVORS. THE TEACHERS, STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION ARE PROUD OF ALL THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR STUDENTS THIS YEAR.

JUST TO NAME A FEW:

**READING SCORE INCREASES
NEW COLLABORATION SKILLS
GOAL SETTING
NOTE TAKING
AGENDA USE
BACKWARDS PLANNING FOR FUTURE**

TAKE THE SKILLS YOU HAVE LEARNED AND RUN WITH THEM AND BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE! WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!

KDBA ATTENDANCE STARS!



AT KDBA, we have a large amount of students who
prioritize being at school.

The following students have an attendance percentage of
OVER 95% for the year!

Isiah M.
Laylana P.
Olivia P.
Aaliyah B.
Kah'Merryonna C.



A'Maya H.
Maria G.
RaShaun H.
Armarni E.

These students have an attendance percentage of OVER
90% for the year!

Na'Asia H.
Jazmon P.
Shea Y.
Damon W.
Jamell H.

TyLyn D.
Bree B.
DJ J.
Mason V.



FROM THE NURSE:



FROM THE NURSE... Attention Parents! Now is the perfect time to get your school physicals and immunizations done for the 2025-2026 school year. **ALL** incoming 9th grade students must have an updated school physical, and **ALL** incoming 12th grade students are required to be up to date with the Meningococcal Vaccine. Two doses are required unless the first dose was given after the age of 16. Get your appointments now so your student is ready to start in August. The completed paperwork can be turned into the school nurse at KDBA any time!

UPCOMING EVENTS:



May

			1 SAB to Animal Shelter	2 Progress reports mailed home
5	6 HSPP to VA Gardens SAB to Edison	7 Early Dismissal	8	9
12 HSPP to Douglas Discovery Garden SAB to Edison	13	14	15	16
19 HSPP to Douglas Discovery Garden SAB to Animal Shelter	20	21 Early Dismissal Last day for senior finals	22	23 DHS graduation tomorrow 5/24 at the David S. Palmer Arena KDBA Senior Class Trip
26 Memorial Day, No School	27	28 KDBA 8 th grade Promotion	29	30

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!

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