

KENNETH D BAILEY ACADEMY

September Newsletter

# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

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

## A note from the principal

Dear KDBA Families,

As we wrap up the first few weeks of the school year at Kenneth D. Bailey Academy, I want to commend our students and staff for an incredibly smooth and energetic opening. Walking through our halls, it is clear that the KDBA Eagles are ready to make this year exceptional. To keep us focused and aligned, our team has established four "Big Goals" for this academic year:

- Academic Growth: Boosting FastBridge math and reading scores specifically for our 5th–8th grade students.
- Credit Acquisition: Helping our high school students maximize their credits earned toward graduation.
- Consistent Attendance: Improving daily attendance rates across all grade levels.
- SEL Integrity: Implementing school-wide social-emotional learning initiatives with deep commitment and high integrity.

We know that achieving these targets requires a strong partnership with you. We invite you to stay actively involved in your student's education by reaching out to teachers with questions, participating in our Family Council, and joining us for this month's Lunch on the Patio event. Thank you for your continued support and collaboration in helping every student thrive at KDBA!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Campbell, Principal



# MEET THE TEACHERS



Middle School Teacher  
**Ms. Sommer Frazier**



Middle School Teacher  
**Ms. Kayla Nixon**



Middle School Teacher  
**Ms. Kendra Free**



Middle School Teacher  
**Ms. Claire Martin**



Physical Education Teacher  
**Mr. D'Lando Carter**



High School Teacher  
**Mr. Ryan Warren**



High School Teacher  
**Ms. Jennifer Rambole**



High School Teacher  
**Ms. Jessica Lafler**



High School Teacher  
**Ms. Libby Schnepel**



High School Teacher  
**Ms. Talia Daulton**



5 grade teacher  
**Mr. Demetric Hightower**



6 grade teacher  
**Mr. Steve Martin**



# MEET THE SUPPORT STAFF



Interventionist  
**Ms. Kara Earles**



Interventionist  
**Mr. Courtney Watson**



Seceretary  
**Ms. Janelle Biggs**



Support Staff  
**Ms. Carolyn Duprey**



Support Staff  
**Ms. Angi Harden**



Support Staff  
**Ms. Brandy Kurtenbach**



Support Staff  
**Mr. Bailey Wolfe**



Social Worker  
**Ms. Megan Mohr**



ESL Teacher  
**Mr. Sam Sanders**



# ADDITIONAL STAFF

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School Nurse  
**Ms. Shelby Mullins**



Special Education  
**Ms. Ashton Powell**



Head Custodian  
**Mr. Aaron Bott**



Custodian  
**Mr. Eduardo Padron**



Virtual Coordinator  
**Ms. Val Kegeris**



Assistant Principal  
**Ms. Jamie Skovran**



Principal  
**Ms. Mitzi Campbell**



# WILDLY IMPORTANT GOAL



Every year schools across the state set goals for the year that are part of our School Improvement Plan. This year, all District #118 schools were asked to choose one goal as our Wildly Important Goal (WIG) to really focus on with our staff. This year at KDBA our WIG is:

**Kenneth D. Bailey Academy administration and staff will implement school-wide social-emotional learning (SEL) initiatives with high integrity, ensuring that at least 90% of in-person students have direct, active access to the core SEL curriculum.**

We are starting a new program called 7 Mindsets that is geared specifically for social emotional learning- and it is layered to be age appropriate so everyone learns something at their level!



# FAMILY COUNCIL OPEN HOUSE



**Thank you to all of the  
parents who attended our  
Open House!**



# GET INVOLVED!



## Student Advisory Board



Why join Student Advisory Board? The students on SAB will be working with Meade Park Elementary this year to mentor younger students. KDBA students will visit Meade Park four times a month to work with younger students on social and academic development. Our Advisory students will play games, help teach study skills, and read to the younger students. The Student Advisory Board will also work with Holy Family Church on the food pantry, as well as other opportunities to contribute to the community throughout the school year. If you are interested in applying for Student Advisory, please see Mrs. Free or Ms. Earles.

## Poster Club and Yearbook Staff

Need an activity to join after school? The KDBA Poster Club and Yearbook are one of the multiple opportunities to get involved.

Poster Club meets on the Second and Fourth Tuesday of the month from 3:15-3:45 to help partner with the KDBA Print Shop to fulfill community and school orders for posters and banners. Yearbook will meet on the first and fourth Tuesday each month from 3:15-4:00 to help create memories that last a lifetime. If you are interested see Ms. Nixon for permission slips. All students MUST have transportation home.



## EnviroEd



EnviroEd is another great after school opportunity for students!

Students can learn about gardening, composting, and being good stewards for our environment, all while having fun!

EnviroEd puts on an annual plant sale, maintains a worm farm, and volunteers in the community garden. EnviroEd meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month after school from 3:15-4:15 with Mrs Schnepel and Ms Lafler. If you are interested, see Mrs Schnepel or Ms Lafler for permission slips.

Students MUST have transportation home.

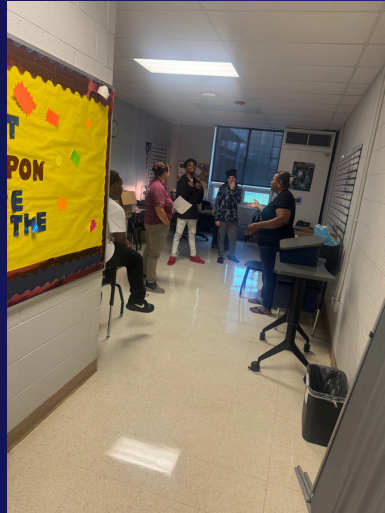
# PBIS AT KDBA



## What is PBIS?

**PBIS stands for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports . PBIS is a school-wide approach to teaching and reinforcing respectful, responsible, and safe behaviors so all students can succeed. All Danville 118 schools are PBIS schools teaching students what positive behavior looks like in all the different school settings.**

**The first week of school focused on students learning the procedures and expectations here at KDBA. All students participated in our "PBIS Expectation Station Activity" where students rotated through various stations around the school. At each station, a staff member spoke to the students about the behavioral expectations and the procedure of that area (lunchroom, classroom, library, science lab, hallways, etc.)**





Kenneth D. Bailey Academy is committed to being an AVID school. Why AVID? Listed below are just a few of the skills that AVID, and our staff use to help your child to be successful in school and life!

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| <p><b>WRITING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cornell Notes/Learning Logs</li> <li>• Quickwrites and Reflections</li> <li>• Process Writing</li> <li>• Peer Evaluation</li> <li>• Authentic Writing</li> </ul>                                                                                     |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <p><b>READING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deep Reading Strategies</li> <li>• Note-Taking</li> <li>• Graphic Organizers</li> <li>• Vocabulary Building</li> <li>• Summarizing</li> <li>• Reciprocal Teaching</li> </ul>                                                                         |  | <p><b>INQUIRY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skilled Questioning Techniques</li> <li>• Costa's Levels of Thinking</li> <li>• Socratic Seminars</li> <li>• Tutorials</li> <li>• Investigations</li> <li>• Questions that Guide Research</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>ORGANIZATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Binders and organizational tools</li> <li>• Calendars, planners, and agendas</li> <li>• Graphic organizers</li> <li>• A focused note-taking system</li> <li>• Tutorials and study groups</li> <li>• Project planning and SMART goals</li> </ul> |  | <p><b>COLLABORATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Socratic Seminars</li> <li>• Tutorials</li> <li>• Philosophical Chairs</li> <li>• Group Activities</li> <li>• Peer Editing Groups</li> <li>• Service Learning</li> </ul>                       |

# UPCOMING EVENTS:



## September

|                                                           |                                                    |                                                    |                                             |    |
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|                                                           | 1                                                  | 2                                                  | 3                                           | 4  |
| 7<br>Labor Day- No<br>School                              | 8                                                  | 9<br>Early Dismissal                               | 10                                          | 11 |
| 14<br>Lunch on the<br>Patio- 5th/6 <sup>th</sup><br>grade | 15<br>Lunch on the<br>Patio- 7 <sup>th</sup> grade | 16<br>Lunch on the<br>Patio- 8 <sup>th</sup> grade | 17<br>Lunch on the<br>Patio- High<br>School | 18 |
| 21                                                        | 22                                                 | 23<br>Early Dismissal                              | 24                                          | 25 |
| 28                                                        | 29                                                 | 30                                                 |                                             |    |

# SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE UPDATES



What is so important about attendance?

## 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



ATTENDANCE GOAL  
FOR SEPTEMBER:

90%

# CONTACT US:



## Upper Elementary Staff

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|---------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mr. Martin    | 217-477-0331 | <a href="mailto:martins@danville118.org">martins@danville118.org</a>         |
| Mr. Carter    | 217-477-0323 | <a href="mailto:carterd@danville118.org">carterd@danville118.org</a>         |
| Mr. Hightower | 217-477-0332 | <a href="mailto:hightowerd4@danville118.org">hightowerd4@danville118.org</a> |

## Middle School Staff

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| Mrs. Frazier | 217-477-0322 | <a href="mailto:fraziers@danville118.org">fraziers@danville118.org</a> |
| Ms. Nixon    | 217-477-0308 | <a href="mailto:nixonk@danville118.org">nixonk@danville118.org</a>     |
| Mrs. Free    | 217-477-0317 | <a href="mailto:freek@danville118.org">freek@danville118.org</a>       |
| Mrs. Martin  | 217-477-0316 | <a href="mailto:martinc@danville118.org">martinc@danville118.org</a>   |
| Mr. Carter   | 217-477-0323 | <a href="mailto:carterd@danville118.org">carterd@danville118.org</a>   |

## High School Staff

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| Mrs. Daulton  | 217-477-0333 | <a href="mailto:daultont@danville118.org">daultont@danville118.org</a> |
| Mrs. Rambole  | 217-477-0303 | <a href="mailto:rambolej@danville118.org">rambolej@danville118.org</a> |
| Mrs. Schnepel | 217-477-0314 | <a href="mailto:schnepel@danville118.org">schnepel@danville118.org</a> |
| Ms. Lafler    | 217-477-0305 | <a href="mailto:laflerj@danville118.org">laflerj@danville118.org</a>   |
| Mr. Warren    | 217-477-0313 | <a href="mailto:warrenr@danville118.org">warrenr@danville118.org</a>   |
| Mr. Carter    | 217-477-0323 | <a href="mailto:carterd2@danville118.org">carterd2@danville118.org</a> |

## Other Important Numbers:

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|---------------|--------------|
| Main office   | 217-477-0300 |
| School Nurse  | 217-477-0326 |
| First Student | 217-920-1341 |
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