

KENNETH D BAILEY ACADEMY

May 2024 Newsletter

# May Vibes Only

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 and we've been busy—in the classroom and the gardens! Our high school horticulture 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 2023-2024 Illinois Principal Association Outstanding Student Award recipients, Mr. Fermin Grajales (8th grade) and Mr. Melvin Bowles (12th grade). 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 men.

We look forward to providing summer school again this year for our KDBA students. Courses will be offered from June 3-June 28, 2024, at EDISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL for all High School Prep students and High School students who wish to attend our Credit Recovery options. Please call the office (217-477-0300) if you would like your child to attend KDBA summer school.

Looking forward to a positive and successful ending to the school year!

Mitzi Campbell, Principal  
Kenneth D. Bailey Academy



# Upcoming Events



## KDBA Graduates for 2024:

Tyana Jones  
MaElena Chavira  
Gio Geddis  
Alvin Daniels  
Gavyn Reifsteck  
Latrell Mack  
Robert Young

Darenzo Heard  
Kamarion Jones  
Ezavier Stewart  
AlJavon Cross  
Tashonna Jones  
Micah LaPierre  
Jason Walker



# PBIS at KDBA



## ***PIZZA PARTY***

***JOIN US FOR A PIZZA PARTY...***

***MUST HAVE: PASSING GRADES***

***NO SUSPENSIONS***

***NO MORE THAN 1 REFERRAL***

***NO MORE THAN 2 ABSENCES***

***NO MORE THAN 2 TARDIES***



## ***PBIS goal winners from April***

### Middle School winners:

Jersey A	Nyelia L
Dakari B	Daniel M
Aryonna B	Kasin M
Isaiah P	Zarionna M
Alissa R	Olivia P
Isaiah S	Tonayvion P
Fermin G	Shea Y

### High School winners:

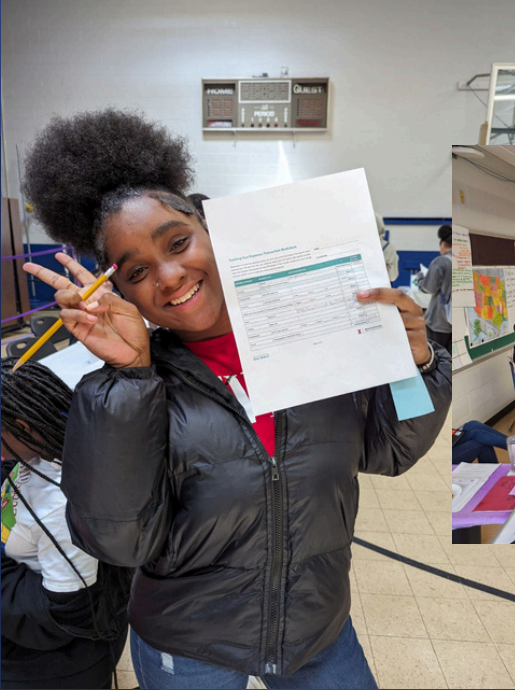
Armani E  
River J  
DJ  
RaShaun H  
LaNiyah C  
Tatyana R  
Sky O  
Krissa S  
Jasmine B  
DAngel C  
Damien G



# AMAZING OPPORTUNITIES

KDBA High schoolers were able to participate in a program called Reality Check.

With this program, they selected a “job” and had to make choices about housing, transportation, food, and so much more!





# AMAZING OPPORTUNITIES



## KDBA Senior English students presented at the University of Illinois

Mrs. Schnepel's Senior English class has been working collaboratively with graduate students from the University of Illinois on a youth participatory action research project, with a focus on social issues and policy. They were the only high school group who presented their project alongside undergraduate students at the U of I. Way to represent Danville!!



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



# AVID CORNER

## Writing



Some of our middle school students have been working on writing an introductory paragraph to start a research they are doing in class. The next step is taking their paragraphs and writing a full research paper!

### Should Schools Provide Free Meals for Students?

28.5 million students eat school lunches each day 18.9 million are free lunches and 1.1 million pay \$3.00 for lunches. Eight states- California, Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, and Vermont- plan to provide universal free meals during the 2023-24 school year. The quality of school meals has disappeared since the pandemic. All of the school lunches have been made for quantity instead of quality. Schools should provide free meals because children can learn.

- Isaiah P (8th)

We can be miserable or we can be happy it's what you make of your life people change over the years and that can change situations for good and bad. "Many experts agree that personal growth and change can be possible with commitment to self-reflection an understanding of the barriers people can change based on their feelings and emotions.

- Danijah Shelby (7th)

### Should Students Get Paid For Good Grades?

Paying for good grades can actually relieve pressure. It sends a kid signals that you're serious about their education. It also teaches kids to save money for their valuable, expensive things they want. Students should get paid for good grades because school is like work, grades will increase and they will work harder for money.

- Ashlynn D. (8th)

# UPCOMING EVENTS:



*May*

		1 Progress Reports mailed home	2	3 PBIS Staff v Student Dodgeball
6	7 <b>TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!</b> IPA Student Awards breakfast	8 Early Dismissal  Board of Education Meeting	9	10
13 High School Prep to Douglas Discovery Garden	14	15 AVID DACC Day! Wear a DACC shirt or green and yellow!	16 KDBA Family Council Night 5 PM	17
20 High School Prep to Douglas Discovery Garden  KDBA high school finals all week.	21	22 Early Dismissal  KDBA Senior Trip  Board of Education Meeting  AVID College Day!	23 KDBA Senior Graduation Celebration  All Chromebooks must be returned by this date!	24
27 Memorial Day, No School	28 Middle School Step up Program	29 AVID College Day- Big 10 Schools theme!	30 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!  Early Dismissal	31 



The Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation School Based Health Center, located at Danville High School, is open and available to see students and staff. They offer same day appointments for School or Sports Physicals, Immunizations, Acute Illnesses such as: Cough, Cold, Sore Throat or Earaches, as well as COVID and Flu testing. They will accept most major insurance plans, including Medicaid.

Call 217-920-0168 to schedule your appointment.

Also, as a reminder, since it is cold and flu season, please do not send your child to school if they are experiencing a fever  $> 100.4$  or have diarrhea or vomiting.





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