

Principal's Message

The 2016-2017 school year is well underway and your sons and daughters should be engaged in curricular and extra-curricular activities at this point. At our opening class assemblies this year, the important theme of “**Attitude is a little thing that makes a BIG difference**” was emphasized to our students. Our students are being challenged to achieve excellence in Academics, Athletics and the Arts. In addition, treating all of their peers with respect as well as respect to all adults in the building is a goal that will be stressed throughout the school year. The reinforcement of the theme by parents and guardians will certainly increase our students' chances for a successful school year and high achievement.

We are especially proud of the following achievements during the 2015-2016 school year:

- Newsweek rank JFKMHS in America's Top High Schools
- US News & World Report rank JFKMHS #58 in NJ
- AP enrollment up. Most ever WTSD history – great scores - congrats
- 8 students scored 800 on the SAT- Math or Verbal section
- 5 Commended Scholars – 1 National Merit Scholarship Finalist
- NHS – was able to collect 90 pints of blood
- Our students collected over 5,000lbs of food during the 2015-2016 school year
- Raised \$6,000 for several charity organizations
- JFK Choir and Show Choir received 1st Place Honors in competitions held at the Music in the Parks Festival at Dorney Park, PA
- GMC – Championships in Boys' Spring Track
- 54% of our students made the Honor Roll
- We had students go to Rutgers University, NJIT, TCNJ, Pratt Institute, Penn State University, USC, Northeastern University, and Duke University.

John F. Kennedy has strong traditions of academic excellence and established partnerships with its community. Kennedy's diverse community is a microcosm of today's society. We value our diversity, acknowledge the many different languages spoken by our students, and strive to recognize and celebrate the uniqueness of each individual. This uniqueness coupled with a strong sense of community lends itself to the following quote.

“What makes a good school has very little to do with how rich or poor the students are or the type of curriculum that's taught. It has very little to do with special programs, expensive playing fields, snappy uniforms, or whether the school is wired to the Internet. **What makes a good school**, whether it's public or private, religious or non-religious, charter or non-charter is a **feeling**. A **feeling** shared by the entire staff and student body that their school is special. A feeling that their school really **belongs to them**.” That's **JFKMHS**.
By P. Manna

Please be assured that our entire staff is committed to the theme “**Attitude is a little thing that makes a BIG difference**” as we work with your sons and daughters this school year. Each and every one of us, from teachers and administration to support staff, are dedicated to providing the best possible educational experience for our students. Our children, our community, and our future deserve no less. We wish our students the very best for the 2016-2017 school year.

