



KJSH Family Newsletter

December 2024

KJSH Welcome

Thank you for trusting us with your child each day. The programs at KJSH include Big Picture Middle School, Big Picture High School, and Crossroads Academy. We are proud to work with our students each day and take great pride in our school! Your dedication and support of your child is essential to our success. We are always looking for ways to be supportive, inclusive, and helpful with families.



Our monthly newsletter is just one way we are trying to keep you informed about the great things happening at school along with some helpful information for families to use to encourage success. Please check out the highlights, updates, and important information below. We look forward to our continued partnership with you to help all students at KJSH achieve their goal of graduating from high school at a school that knows and cares about each student.

[**Kenmore Junior/Senior High School Website**](#)

Big Picture Middle School Celebrates Gratitude

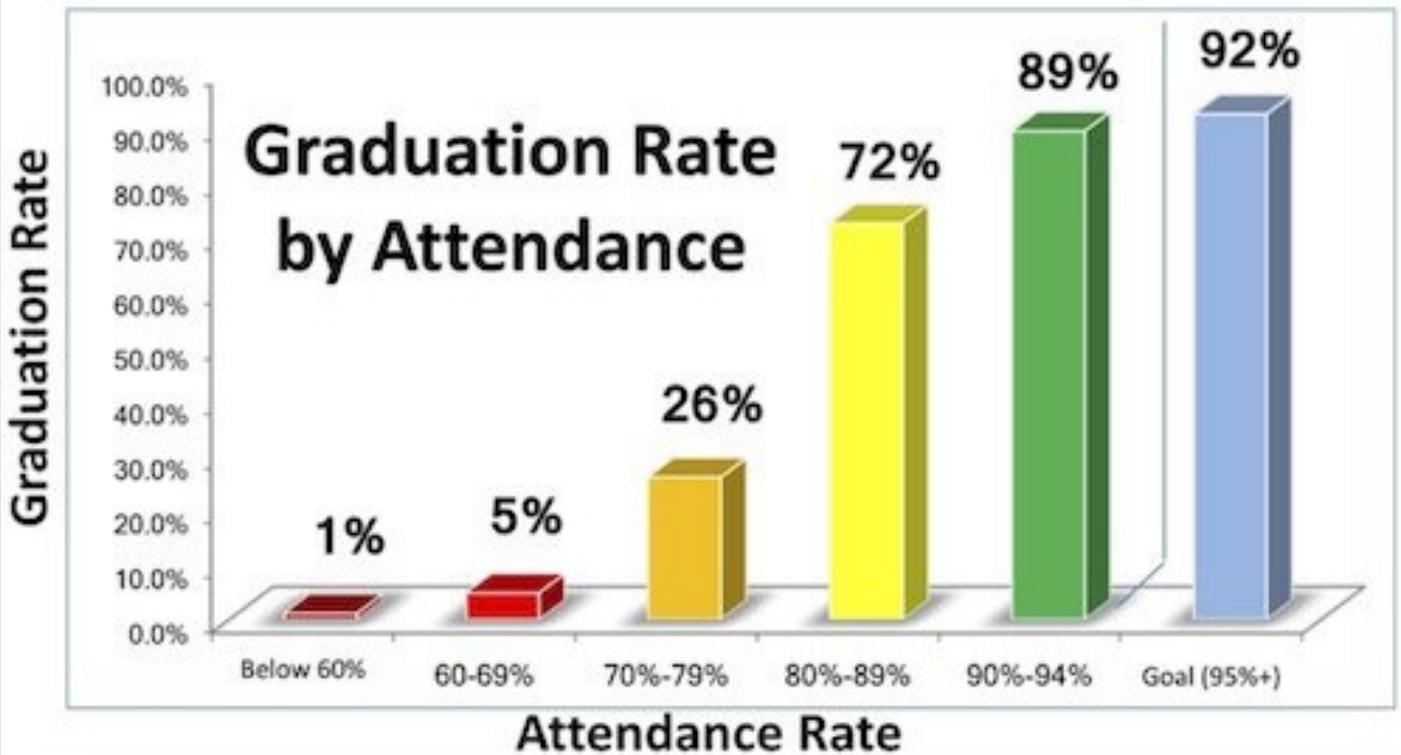


Phoenix Harvest Agricultural Measure Fall Kick Off

Ken-Ton Big Picture is thrilled to announce the successful launch of our school garden, made possible by the Whole Kids Garden Grant, and the invaluable support of community members. This hands-on project has engaged students from 7th to 12th grade in critical tasks like composting, weed prevention, and planting native plants using an auger to ensure robust root growth before winter. As we transition through the seasons, we will provide quarterly updates detailing our progress and future enhancements, including a greenhouse, raised garden beds, an art mural, and more exciting developments.



Attendance data



There have been articles about student attendance each month. This month we would like to highlight some statistical data. The graph above shows how likely a student is to graduate from high school based on how much school they attend. For example, a student that attends school 95% or more of the time has a 92% chance of graduating on-time. The less a student attends school, the lower the success rate.

Attendance is a key indicator to student success. We review student attendance regularly and will be sending notifications to families for any students that are considered Chronically Absent (missing more than 15% of school so far) and what the implications may be for their school programming. If you have any questions or need any help with your child and their attendance, please call us at **(716) 874-8403** and listen to the automated prompts to choose your child's program.

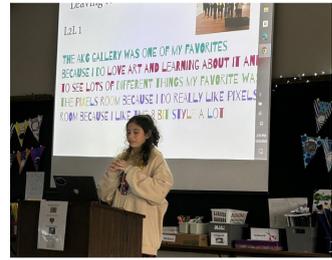
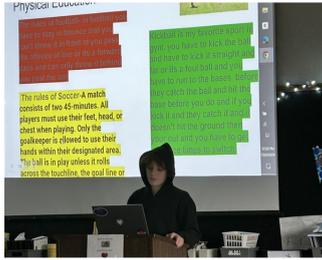
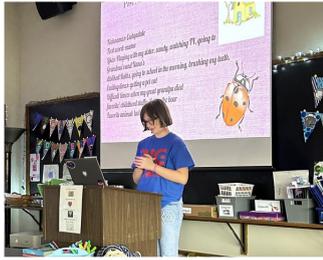
KJSH Library Shares District Library Updates

District Library Resources

Big Picture Hearts Advisory Holds Exhibitions

The Big Picture Program hosted several Exhibitions in late-November and early-December. The Middle School Hearts Advisory had some excellent first Exhibitions! Check out the photo gallery to

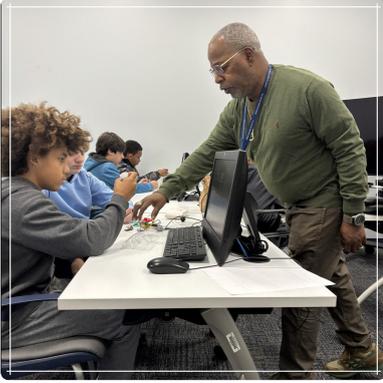
see how students are excelling at BPMS!



KJSH 2024-2025 Calendar

Calendar

Big Picture Middle School Visits Northland Training Center



8th grade Clovers had a great tour of Northland Training Center, getting a chance to experiment with circuitry and have new experiences around hands-on building and technical trades to get them thinking about their paths after high school.

Pictured is a student from the Clovers Advisory working with one of the trainers during their visit recently.

Big Picture Students Make Artifacts

Big Picture students complete independent projects as part of the learning plan and present their work at their Exhibition. Each project requires an artifact to show what the student has learned as part of the project process. A Big Picture 101 Violet student was getting help from one of our substitute teachers that retired from the FACS classroom a couple of years ago. He is even having one of his classmates help model the artifact!



Here are some more examples of other 101 Violet students and some 401 students making artifacts for their projects!





Student Life at KJSH



Crossroads Academy Celebrates Friendsgiving

The students at Crossroads Academy had a wonderful Friendsgiving just before the Thanksgiving Break. Games were played, laughs were had, and the BINGO competition was fierce! In the end, it was a great way to spend quality time together and create memories together.



Crossroads Academy Connections

Crossroads Academy is always looking for ways to engage students in the program and make school the place to be! Teachers and staff have worked together with the students to develop special events during the school day for students that attend every day they are healthy and are on-track with their work. This is a great bonus to work towards and helps break up the week with a little fun!!



Kenmore Junior/Senior High School

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Innovative educational programs for Ken-Ton students!