



# KERR MIDDLE NEWS



Everett F. Kerr School, 12915 S. Maple Ave. - Blue Island, IL, 60406

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## Letter from the Principal

Dear Parents and Families,

While January sees the beginning of the New Year, many of us also regard it as the true beginning of the long, hard winter. In this sense it is apt that the theme for January is COURAGE. This month at E.F. Kerr Middle School we will demonstrate our courage through kindness and by helping and standing up for others.

We are truly thankful at E. F. Kerr Middle School for our community. We have many parents and staff who generously give copious hours to provide the children with guidance and a ready ear. Their gentle presence gives life to our "New" traditions here at Kerr and is truly appreciated by all.

Our students rise to the very high expectations set by the teachers, staff and families. We thank you for sharing your children with us each and every day. It's a joy to see how happy the children are in their classes. It is a testament to the dedication of our staff and the community.

At this time I would like to ask you to help us get our students reading. Moms and Dads, it is important that your kids see you reading. The best role models are in the home: brothers, fathers, mothers, sisters, grandparents, aunts and uncles. Let's face it, most of us don't realize it, but we have great influence on our children by the examples we set. Get reading: books, newspapers magazines, cook books, etc. are some great choices. We need you to show the way. Be a great role models, and help us in this noble goal.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this effort to help all of our students become better readers in every aspect of their lives.

R.W. Hildreth

Principal

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## Seventh Graders Study the Constitution

The seventh grade will be studying the U.S. Constitution for the next nine weeks in Mr. Farrell's class. They will be going over the the Amendments focusing on The Bill of Rights which are the first ten amendments. The students will have the knowledge of the three branches of government legislative, executive, and judicial. They will have the knowledge of how a bill becomes a law which branch of government can start a bill and how it is passed through the different branches and how each branch can check and balance each other out. They will also know what are the requirements to become President and to run for Congress. After the constitution is completed they will take the final U.S. Constitution.

## Spelling Bee Contest

On January 11th, Kerr held it's Spelling Bee. The following students went on to represent KMS at the District Spelling Bee on January 20th.

### 7th Grade

Michael Basta  
Jacqueline Delgadillo  
Marisol Favela  
Michael Ferreira  
Eric Frausto  
Melinda Gomez  
Lauren Marchbanks  
Julian Peralta  
Ariana Richards  
Joseph Rios  
Alternate:  
Alejandra Aguilar

### 8th Grade

Jacob Basta  
Moneek Booker-Segers  
Ivan Castaneda  
Matthew Cohen  
Bianca Espinoza  
Nick Kusman  
Julio Martinez  
Elisa Perez  
Emmanuel Robles  
Lizbeth Soto  
Alternate: Alexis  
Gamino

### District Winners:

#### 8th grade

1st place-Nickolas  
Kusman  
2nd place- Matthew  
Cohen  
3rd place-Ivan  
Castaneda

#### 7th Grade

1st place-Julian Peralta  
2nd place Melinda  
Gomez  
3rd place-Lauren  
Marchbanks

## Spelling Bee Participants: 7th and 8th grade



## Latin American Flag Project

During Skill Building class, Mr. Rodriguez's students had the opportunity to learn about all Spanish speaking countries. Students learned about the culture and important historical events including the history of the flags. Each student made two flags from scratch using fabric and glue. At the end of the project, the entire school participated in voting for the best five flags of Latin America. The winning students were; 6th grade, Alejandro Murillo with Mexico, 6th grade, Jose Vasquez with Peru, 7th grade, Austin Reed with Bolivia, 7th grade, Andrea Rodriguez with Panama and 8th grade, Raul Tejada with Spain. The winning flags are now display permanently outside the cafeteria at Kerr Middle School. The students really enjoyed doing this project. We plan more projects in the future.

-Mr. Rodriguez

Durante la clase de Skill Building, los estudiantes tuvieron la oportunidad de aprender sobre los países de habla hispana. Los estudiantes aprendieron sobre la cultura y eventos históricos incluyendo la historia de las banderas. Cada estudiante hizo dos banderas usando tela y pegamento. Al final del proyecto, la escuela votó por las mejores cinco banderas de América Latina. Los ganadores fueron; sexto grado, Alejandro Murillo, con México, sexto grado, Jose Vasquez con Perú, séptimo grado, Austin Reed con Bolivia, séptimo grado, Andrea Rodríguez con Panamá, y octavo grado, Raul Tejado con España. Las banderas ganadoras están permanentemente en la pared afuera de la cafetería en la escuela Kerr. Los estudiantes realmente disfrutaron haciendo este proyecto. Esperamos hacer otros proyectos en el futuro.

- Sr. Rodriguez

