

Principal' Report
December 3, 2015
Enrollment 239

The 7th graders returned from their Nature's Classroom trip on November 6. Thank you to Scott Eldridge, Brian White, Marilyn Dwyer, and Cathy Montemorra for chaperoning this week long adventure. As always, the students had a fantastic time. In fact, according to the staff, the students are using the information they learned at Nature's Classroom to complement classroom discussion!

All Region One 8th grade soccer players got together on November 6 at HVRHS for a Soccer Jamboree. The jamboree has become an annual event that the players look forward to.

Parent/Teacher conferences were held on November 9 and 10, and were very well attended, as always. Kudos to our KCS parents who take such an active part in the children's education.

Our annual Veterans Day Celebration was held on Friday, November 13. Veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and the Gulf War marched into the gym as the music of bagpipes played in the background. They shared stories and information about our flag and spoke of the meaning of Veterans Day. We are thankful to the members of the American Legion Hall-Jennings, Post #153 for another memorable assembly. It was a moving tribute to all of our heroes!

A very special program occurred in third grade on November 17. Mr. Olson and Mr. Wathley, representing Taghannuck Grange #100 located in Sharon, Connecticut, presented each of our third grade students with their very own dictionary. The Grange participates in The Dictionary Project (www.dictionaryproject.org), a wonderful program that works with organizations to provide this useful tool for third graders. The students were very excited to receive their own dictionary and will be exploring the many components that make it a useful resource.

Kent held its regional dance in November. The dance is one of many fundraisers for the 8th grade to help with the costs of their end of year trips.

The Thanksgiving holiday started off with our annual Thanksgiving Share on November 25. This year's Share focused on kindness and gratitude. Each student and staff

member wrote a kindness shown to them on a feather, and each feather was placed on a large turkey in the lobby. Some of the kindnesses were shared, along with a kindness video made by the Student Council. We ended the Share with the traditional KCS Turkey Song and Dance!

Mr. Thomas Daly, Curator of Education at the Norman Rockwell Museum, visited second grade on Thursday, November 20. He discussed Norman Rockwell's life as a young person in the early 1900's, as well as the stories within his paintings. He was a smashing success!

This year, KCS has switched from quarterly marking periods to trimesters. Our first trimester ended on December 2.

Our basketball season has begun. Debbie Morin once again is coaching the girls' team and Josh Szwed has taken on coaching the boys.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 11	Report Cards
December 16	Winter Concert - 1:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. (snow date - 12/22)
December 23	Jump Rope for Heart - grades 2-6
December 23	1 p.m. dismissal
December 25- January 4	Holiday Break