

Principal's Report  
Florence Budge  
February 5, 2015  
Enrollment: 250

We are proud to announce that two of our talented music students, Bella Dumitrascu (8<sup>th</sup> grade) and Kevin Hobbs (7<sup>th</sup> grade), have been selected to participate in the very competitive Northern Region Music Festival to be held at Central Connecticut State University on March 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. Bella was selected for her talent in playing the clarinet. Kevin qualified for the event due to his beautiful singing voice. This is quite an honor and we wish them much success.

On January 15<sup>th</sup>, students in grades 3, 4, and 5 participated in the first Continental Mathematics League computer coding contest for elementary students. The contest consisted of six algorithmic questions and computers were not used for this contest. The highest score for our students was 4 correct answers out of 6. Four of our students answered 4 problems correctly. Congratulations to our 4<sup>th</sup> graders Jillian Fitzpatrick, Zoey Greenbaum and Linnea Saxton and to 5<sup>th</sup> grader, Jacob Finch.

Kent Center School students once again participated in the National Geographic Geography Bee. The Geography Bee was held on January 22<sup>nd</sup> in the cafeteria. The ten participants were Beatrice Voorhees, Tommy Johnson, Bella Dumitrascu, Sadie Grusauski, Matthew Franks, Riley Mollica, Tim Hoose, Colby Harrington, Astrid von Seufert, and Ivan Pascasio. The winner of this year's event was 8<sup>th</sup> grader, Bea Voorhees.

Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders participated in the National Assessment of Education Progress Testing (NAEP) On January 28<sup>th</sup>. The state test coordinators gave rave reviews to our students for their stellar behavior!

On January 29<sup>th</sup>, our 8<sup>th</sup> graders spent the afternoon at HVRHS. They were treated to a lunch in their cafeteria and then were able to tour the school for the remainder of the afternoon. We wish to thank the high school staff for the informative session.

Our Student Council began a new program called Raising Student Voice and Participation or RSVP. The goal is to allow students to have a voice in what changes

they would like to see happen at KCS. This new style of meeting will give the school an infinite amount of voice and increase student involvement by working on the issues important to students. It will teach us all what it means to be an active citizen, making positive changes that will improve our school and community.

For Grades 5-8, Report Cards are due to go out tomorrow, Friday, February 6. Due to the delayed openings and snow days, this date may be pushed to next week. However, the grades are available for viewing on the Parent Portal.

In an effort to make faculty meetings more productive and meaningful, a team of teachers have joined together to survey their colleagues regarding professional needs and interests. As a result of the information gleaned, "our experts on staff" have shared topics such as: Google apps; accessing SRBI forms on Google docs; collaborative unit designs based on reading and writing across disciplines; AV2 books with online content that can be accessed using all devices, such as videos, quizzes, activities, slide shows etc. in alignment with the CCSS.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 6	Kindergarten report cards go home
February 9	Regional Band & Chorus performance - 10 am
February 9	8 <sup>th</sup> grade Boys Basketball Jamboree - HVRHS 3:45 pm
February 11	Chocolate Fest - 3:30 pm (sow date 2/12)
February 13	Teacher Workshop Day - no school for students
February 16 & 17	Presidents' Day Holiday - No school
February 27	Read Aloud Day