

May and June, once again, prove to be very busy with many events.

Our SBAC testing is finally complete!! Students in grades 3 through 8 tested for approximately 6 days. Everyone rose to the occasion and did their best. Students seemed to take the testing seriously and worked hard.

Twenty-three first and second grade students have completed a French foreign language program with Valerie Vega. The classes were held after school for six weeks. Valerie does just a great job with these young students!

Our baseball season ended with our boys taking the title of Region One Champions. The last game against Salisbury was a perfect example of how hard the team worked and how far they came with their baseball skills. Congratulations to the Kent Boys Baseball Team for a fantastic season! We also wish to extend our thanks to Marty Lindenmayer for stepping up to the plate to coach our 6th, 7th and 7th grade boys.

Cindy Willson's 6th grade National History Day students attended the State competition at Central Connecticut State University on May 9th. The NHD students had placed FIRST at the Regional competition. Though they didn't earn any medals this time around, judges were very impressed with their Nelson Mandela project and the group scored "Excellent" in a majority of the categories listed on the Judges' Evaluations. We are very proud of these students for their dedication to the project and to Mrs. Willson for leading them!

Our 6th grade students spent the day at the Sharon Audubon in Sharon. This trip focused on part of a 4-session unit on Aquatic Ecosystems and Watershed Ecology developed by Region 1 science teachers and Sharon Audubon staff. The field trip was an all-day session that involved sampling (collecting) aquatic macro-invertebrates ("bugs"), identifying, tallying, and releasing them from two different (pond and river) sampling sites. Needless to say, the students learned a great deal and had fun in the process!

The kindergarten classes visited the HVRHS Vo-Ag Fair on May 13th. The children were able to pet sheep, goats, and cows and view farm machinery and students' displays. Students enjoyed a milkshake and cheese and crackers as a snack. A highlight of the trip was a hayride accompanied by knowledgeable and entertaining high school students as guides.

The Region One Track Meet took place on May 14th. All students in grades 6, 7 & 8 participated in this annual event. Thanks to the teachers, students and volunteers who helped make this such a great success.

On May 20th, fourth grade went to the Warner Theatre in Torrington to see a musical production based on Rick Riordan's, *The Lightning Thief*. All students were thoroughly entertained by the show, commenting that the small cast did a wonderful job portraying all the different characters.

Students in grade 2 work collaboratively with Sharon Audubon as part of our science theme, *The Dirt on Soil*. Students learned about the “ingredients” to make soil, decomposers and predators that they find in the soil and they got up close and personal with some critters too! The students will travel to Sharon Audubon on June 5th for hands-on experience.

On May 27th, our fifth graders travelled by coach bus to New York City to spend the day at the Metropolitan Museum of Natural History. They viewed dinosaur exhibits and other points of interest in conjunction with their science program. The students also saw an IMAX movie. The sixth graders travelled to Williamstown, Massachusetts to visit the Clark Museum. Students were able to see works by an artist that they had previously researched, have a tour of the museum, look carefully at works of art, sketch it and also do some outside sketching. Thanks to Pat Ciccone for organizing both these field trips. We would also like to thank the PTO for their generous donation to help defray the cost of the coach buses.

Our 8th graders travelled to New York City on May 28th. The class held various fundraisers to raise money for this trip (a magazine drive, sale of Cougar Cards, and the Spaghetti Supper.) This year they spent time at the Sony Wonder Technology Lab, saw the Broadway Show, *Matilda*, had dinner at an Italian restaurant, and enjoyed the sights and sounds of the big city.

Once again, our KCS School Band did a fantastic job marching in the Memorial Day Parade. Thank you to Mr. Poirier and our talented band students for their efforts!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 4	Grade 3 to Sharon Audubon
June 5	Grade 2 to Sharon Audubon Grade 3 to Skiff Mountain Schoolhouse Competition Choir and Strings – field trip
June 9	Grade 4 to Seven Hearths
June 15	grade 8 to High Meadow
June 17	1 st & 2 nd Grade Play, <i>Barnyard Moosical</i> – 10:20 & 2 pm Grade 7 & 8 – Final French Exam Grade 5 to Kent Falls Plein Air Art Session
June 18	Grade 8 – Algebra 1 Final Exam
June 19	Kindergarten Tea 1:30 pm Graduation – 6 pm
June 22	Field Day – 9:30 am through lunch (rain date June 23) Talent Show – 1:15 pm
June 23	1 pm dismissal
June 24	Last Day – 1 pm dismissal