Principal's Report Florence Budge April 3, 2014 Enrollment: 270

- KCS would like to extend a special thank you to Len Gulotta for organizing and being the referee at the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Intramural Basketball Games. Len has been volunteering his time with this program for over FORTY years. Thank you also to Michael Mariano, Debbie Morin, Michelle Mott, and Ane Starr for volunteering to coach the teams. The students had fun playing while learning skills and sportsmanship. The season ended with a ceremony where each player received a certificate.
- Grade 4 Arts Day celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> year at Hotchkiss School on March 12<sup>th</sup>. There were three main showcases (Leslie Cararra-Rudolf, Ginga Brasileira, and HVRHS Musical Theater: Hello Dolly Audition) with 14 workshops. It was an amazing event! Many thanks to all that made this event possible: Arts Committee, Region One, Hotchkiss, Arts Fund, artists, volunteers, and teachers.
- All students in grades 5 & 8 took the Connecticut Science Mastery Test on March 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Our Quiz Bowl team has been competing with other Region One school teams during the month of March. The matches are held after school and a match is played at each of the schools. Thank you to Rachel D'Ambrosio for the time she puts into this activity.
- Our fifth **Band and Strings Night** was held on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to the generosity of ArtsAlive@KCS, seven professional musicians led our 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> instrumental students in master classes on their individual instruments. Thank you to David Poirier for arranging this outstanding opportunity for our students.
- Our optional spring conferences were held on March 31<sup>st</sup> and were well-attended.
- Graduation has been set for Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Anna Gowan. Anna is a graduate of Kent Center School and is the proprietor of Kingsley Tavern right here in Kent.
- The students did a phenomenal job with their acting and singing in *Peter Pan*. The audience loved it. Thanks to Sandy Kleisner and Lee Sohl for directing this wonderful performance as well as all the other volunteers who made it possible.

April promises to be another busy month as the calendar is filling up with many activities and field trips:

April 1, 3 & 4	Kindergarten registration
April 4	8 <sup>th</sup> grade Pasta Supper – 5-7 pm
April 4	Student/Faculty Basketball Game – 6:45 pm
April 7 & 11	Scott Bricher Figure Drawing Workshop – grade 8
	(sponsored by ArtsAlive@KCS)
April 8	Report Cards – grade 5-8
April 8	Grade 3 field trip to IAIS
April 8	Grade 2 – field trip the Swift House
April 11	Judy Barrett Day – grade 2
April 14-18	Spring Break
April 22	Gr. 5 Housatonic River Program – Art Room
April 25	Arbor Day Celebration – 2 pm
April 24	Grade 3 to Music Mountain