

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT  
OCTOBER 2017  
ENROLLMENT: 231

Our school-wide Open House was held on September 13 from 6:30 pm. – 8 pm. and was well-attended. Students in grades pre-kindergarten through grade 3 guided their parents to their homerooms and showed them their classroom as well as their school work. Grades 4-8 had a more structured evening with presentations given by the subject teachers. It was a wonderful night!

This year, we had the first annual Back-to-School Art Show. This is a temporary exhibit that opened on Wednesday, September 13 for our KCS Open House and will be on display until Friday, October 20th. Students had the option to create an original work of art over the summer to then share with our school community. Teachers also had the option to bring in artwork, too. We had 74 artists bring in a work of art, including 62 students from every grade level and 12 adults. Visitors continue to peruse artwork during regular school hours.

The boys and girls soccer season is in full swing. Kevin Capobianco is back again coaching the boys while Debbie Morin is coaches the girls. So far, both teams are doing well.

Rehearsals have begun for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade play, *The Artful Dodgers*, under the direction of David Poirier. Performances will be held on Friday, November 3. Save the date!

Each fall, students in grades Kindergarten, 1, 2, and 3 take a walking field trip to the Kent Memorial Library. Sarah Marshall prepares a lesson based upon each grade's chosen theme. The children listen to books about their theme and participate in a craft or activity.

On Tuesday, September 26, the fourth grade students took a field trip to The Big E in West Springfield, Massachusetts. It was a beautiful day, and the fourth graders truly enjoyed themselves. They learned about well-known products that come from each of the six New England states, and sampled many of them! Students strolled through Storowtown Village to learn how villagers mastered their trade in 19th century New England. Since agriculture is one of the Eastern States Exposition's oldest traditions, fourth graders learned about this everywhere they went! Some watched a demonstration of "ram judging", while others viewed a butter sculpture built from 60 pounds of butter! Fourth graders had a great day, and thank the PTO and KCS for helping with the cost of their trip.

On October 20, Kent Center School had our school-wide evacuation drill. The entire school walked to Kent School's Pre-Engineering & Applied Sciences building at the Kent Town Center. We were amazed to learn that it took us only 27 minutes round trip! Thank you to Kent School for allowing us the use of their building. The evacuation drill is mandated by the Fire Marshall. Kent emergency Management Director Brian Hunt assisted us with the drill.

97% of KCS students participated in the 2017 Governor's Summer Challenge with 3,175 books read over the summer. The average number of books read per participating student was 15 books! Hats off to our Librarian, Betsy Morrow, for organizing the event and to our super readers for their efforts over the summer.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

10/11	Visiting Nurse Flu Clinic 3:30 – 5 pm
10/13	Grandparents Day – 8:30 – 11am
10/18 & 19	1pm Dismissal – Parent/Teacher Conferences
10/20	Bus Evacuation Drill - am
10/23-27	Grade 7 to Nature’s Classroom
10/25	1pm Dismissal – Teacher Professional Development
10/26	Grade 8 to visit the 911 Memorial