

Principal's Report  
Kent Center School Board of Education  
September 20, 2018

**Highlights:**

Although there were a few weather disruptions, our first weeks back to school were very successful. Students were excited to be back, and were appreciative of our air-conditioned spaces these past few weeks.

Our enrollment this year is 209 students. Over the summer, we lost 31 total students, and welcomed 13 new students as we opened the doors on Monday, August 27. We are very excited to have an AM and PM Pre-K class this year with 19 total students. Additionally, we welcome the following new staff members:

Casey Burke - Grade 2

Laurabeth Davidson - Grade 4

Georgia Kapetanopoulos - Grade 4 (2017-2018 Math Interventionist)

Barbara Boardman - Special Education Paraprofessional

Kathryn Scribner - Paraprofessional

Tracy Bayers - Speech/Language Pathologist

**Student Spotlight:**

*Back to School Art Show-* Mrs. Tarabara is currently holding the 2nd annual Back to School Art show. All staff and students at KCS were encouraged to contribute a piece of artwork. This exhibition is to showcase our students who want to create artwork to express themselves and share their art with our community. This year, we had a grand total of 74 works of art! We had 58 students ranging from PreK to 8th grade and 16 adults who brought in artwork for the show. The art show will be on display through October.

*Governor's Summer Reading Challenge-* Each summer, Kent Center School staff and students participate in this state run challenge. This year, Kent Center School is happy to report **98% participation!**

**Curriculum and Instruction:**

*Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium-* Results from our SBAC testing in April 2018 in Grades 3-8 are represented in the table below. As stated in our strategic plan, the leadership team will analyze our data and set goals for the upcoming school year. Classroom teachers will also use this data to set their student learning objectives and growth indicators. Parent reports were sent home on Monday, September 17.

<b>Kent</b>			
<b>ELA</b>	% at Level 3 or Above		
	2016-17		2017-18
		Grade 3	86% (22)
Grade 3	73% (26)	Grade 4	56% (25)
Grade 4	83% (23)	Grade 5	86% (22)
Grade 5	77% (26)	Grade 6	73% (26)
Grade 6	82% (28)	Grade 7	86% (28)
Grade 7	81% (31)	Grade 8	77% (30)
<b>Math</b>	% at Level 3 or Above		
	2016-17		2017-18
		Grade 3	82% (22)
Grade 3	69% (26)	Grade 4	44% (25)
Grade 4	65% (23)	Grade 5	50% (22)
Grade 5	58% (26)	Grade 6	73% (26)
Grade 6	86% (28)	Grade 7	71% (28)
Grade 7	58% (31)	Grade 8	66% (29)
Parentheses indicate total number of students tested			
	Decrease in scores		
	Increase in scores		

**Professional Development:**

*Tom Guskey Presentation, Friday 8/31-* All Region One teachers attended a workshop with Dr. Tom Guskey at Salisbury Boys School. Dr. Guskey shared his research into grading and reporting student learning. Teachers were provided information to assist in reporting student learning progress which will ensure meaningful communication between school and home. We also had time to connect with grade level teachers at all of the regional schools to discuss our new learning from Dr. Guskey.

*Next Generation Science Standards:* This year, one or both teachers at each grade level will receive NGSX training (Next Generation Science Exemplar System) provided by facilitators who were trained by the CT Science Center. Training will take place at HVRHS and will give our

teachers the tools to begin the transition to the NGSS at all grade levels. Currently, our  $\frac{5}{8}$  &  $\frac{7}{8}$  science teachers are fully trained and implementing these new standards into their classrooms.

*September 26 Early Release:* On September 26, teachers at Kent Center School will participate in a technology afternoon. During this time, four technology classes will take place: Smart Board training, The Google World, SeeSaw, and PowerSchool. The Smart Board class will be facilitated by a Smart Board representative, while all of the other classes will be led by KCS teachers.

**Coming Up on the calendar:**

- September 25 - School Spirit Day- Dress as your favorite book character
- September 25 - Building Committee Window Project meeting
- September 26 - Early Release, Professional Development
- October 3 - October Board Meeting