

Principal's Report
Florence Budge
December 5, 2013
Enrollment: 274

- The Community House presented an Art Exhibit on November 2nd and 3rd for selected student art work from Kent Center School along with student works from the three private high schools in Kent. A special thanks to Al Coffill for helping to put this show together!
- KCS were honored to host a Veteran's Day celebration on November 8th. Fourteen veterans, led into the gymnasium by a bag piper, assembled on stage and presented brief accounts of their service to our country. In addition, a lesson in Flag Etiquette was presented. It was a moving and reflective ceremony!
- Parent /Teacher Conferences were held from 1:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on November 13th & 14th.
- The PTO book fair was held in the Library during conference week. The PTO sold \$5,000 at the event and received \$1,200 profit. Many thanks to the PTO for coordinating this event.
- On November 19th, Cindy Willson, our enrichment paraprofessional, hosted a *Take Apart Activity* for selected students in grades 3-5. Under the direction of a retired GE Engineer, Charlie Baumgartner, associated with the Connecticut Invention Convention, students took apart VCR's, DVD players, telephones, computers, and even a sub woofer. This activity is a central element in the district's focus on science, engineering, and technology, and is designed to build curiosity and knowledge in our students. Students saw first-hand how things work and used their hands to explore items they use or see every day. This well-received activity received positive feedback from students, parents, and volunteers.
- As another Enrichment initiative, on November 21st, Katie Moore arranged for Marge Smith, Executive Director of the Kent Historical Society, to give a presentation to 2nd graders on the life of George Laurence Nelson as a young boy at the age of 7. The children were shown many interesting mementos, drawings, and paintings.
- Andy Olson from Teghannuck Grange #100 presented *The Best Dictionary for Students* to all third graders on November 21st. This presentation was the 2nd year that the Grange generously donated the dictionaries to our students.
- Brooker Memorial continued throughout the month of November to do dental screenings for our students.
- Kent Center School students and staff gathered together in the gymnasium on Wednesday, November 27th to sing our traditional Thanksgiving Song. Our Special Recognition assembly for grades 5-8 followed.
- Our boys' soccer team finished their season undefeated and reigns as the Region One Soccer Champions. The girls finished their season with a record of 8 wins, 1 tie and 1 loss. Congratulations to both teams for well-played games!
- The Competition Choir performed at the Kent Singers concert at St. Mark's Church. This event set the stage for this festive season!

Upcoming December events:

December 1	Basketball Season begins
December 6	Progress Reports – grades 5-8
December 6	Report Cards – grades 1-4
December 11	Winter Concert – 1:15 and 7 pm
December 18	Snow date for Winter Concert
December 20	Jump Rope for Heart – grades 2-6
December 20	Early dismissal for Christmas vacation
Dec. 21th - Jan. 6 th	Vacation