

Principal's Report  
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The Mother/Daughter Basketball Game held on January 10<sup>th</sup> was well attended and enjoyed by all, even though the Mothers lost! (According to the mothers, they have never won a game!). Mary Ann VanValkenburg announced that this was the final year she is involved with Mother/Daughter Basketball Game and she is hoping someone will step forward to continue the tradition.

Our Geography Bee for grades 6, 7 and 8 was held on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Seventh grader Tommy Johnson won for the second year in a row.

The weather has taken a toll on scheduled events:

- Kindergarten report cards were sent home on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Because of snow days, the 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period for grades 5-8 was extended one week. Report cards were sent home on January 24<sup>th</sup>.
- All 8<sup>th</sup> grades in Region 1 were invited to visit HVRHS for an orientation on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. This trip was postponed from January 22<sup>nd</sup> due to weather.
- Our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders were scheduled to visit IGA on January 23 but due to the sub-zero temperature, it was postponed to January 30. This trip was a culmination activity in nutrition to show the children how a grocery store is set up and where the different foods can be found. The children participated in a scavenger hunt which required them to locate foods from all the food groups throughout the store.

We received a generous offer from The Chas. C. Hart Seed Co. for 100 assorted seed packets. Ane Starr and Cindy Willson will be using the seeds in their studies of soil and plants.

We are proud to announce that two of our talented music students, 8<sup>th</sup> grader Alice Benjamin and 7<sup>th</sup> grader Bella Dumitrascu, have been selected to participate in the Northern Region Music Festival to be held at Central Connecticut State University on March 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. This is quite an honor and we wish them much success.

Congratulations to the four eighth grade students that were chosen to have their artwork judged at the **Connecticut Scholastic Art Awards** at the University of Hartford in West Hartford. Still life drawings by Alice Benjamin, Victoria Sanchez, Max Branson and Simon Green were sent for review. Simon's work won an Honorable Mention Award in the Group I,

Grades 7 - 8 drawing category. His still life was on display at the Hartford Art School's Silpe Gallery at the University of Hartford along with other work by students from across Connecticut. On Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> a ceremony was held honoring all those that received awards and were in the show at the University. All four pieces are on display in the main hallway of Kent Center School for the month of February.

The KCS Boys' and Girls' Basketball teams finished their regular season games with 8 wins and 2 losses each in league. Both teams will begin the semi-finals tonight. The winner will proceed to the championship for Region One played at the high school next week.

Upcoming February events:

- February – Marvelwood students Chinese New Year presentation to grade 2
- February 10 – Regional Band & Chorus performance – 9 am (snow date 2/11)
- February 12 – Chocolate Fest – 3:30 pm (snow date 2/13)
- February 14 – Professional Development (no school for students)
- February 17 – 18 – Presidents' Day – no school
- February 28 – Read Aloud Day
- February 28 – Grade 5/6 Intramurals begin (every Wednesday and Friday through March 21<sup>st</sup>).