

## *Principal's Report*

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Enrollment 271

### *School News:*

- Open House took place on September 17, 2013. It was very well attended. The Grades K-3 routine remained the same as last year with a visit to the classrooms. This year there was a change in format for Grade 4 in that the teachers, along with Grades 5-8 presented grade level expectations and curriculum in their classrooms.
- The Kid's Marathon, sponsored by the Wellness Committee, is in its 5<sup>th</sup> week. There have been approximately 49 participants (31 boys and 18 girls) thus far. The mile walk starts at 8:00 a.m. each morning and concludes around 8:25 a.m. The event will culminate at the Kent Pumpkin Run on October 27<sup>th</sup> as our young athletes complete the last leg of their marathon. It has been an inspiring event for all! Another similar event is planned for spring.
- KCS is pleased to participate in the "Trout in the Classroom" program. Mrs. Willson is overseeing the project. Our tank arrived on September 20<sup>th</sup> and the eggs are scheduled for delivery in mid November. Students will assist in tank maintenance and care for the fish. Our release date will occur in late May. Please visit our website for photos of the arrival of the tank.
- On Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Arts Alive sponsored a Jazz and Improvisation Workshop for members of the KCS Jazz Band. The workshop was led by Diana Herold (vibes player in the Broadway production of *The Lion King*) and her husband Grisha Alexiev (drummer, composer and arranger). The two musicians performed for the entire school community. What a treat it was!
- Brooker Memorial Dental Clinic presented a puppet show on dental health for grades pre-k-through 2 and a presentation on dental health for grades 3-8. They will begin screenings and cleanings at the end of October to the end of November for all students. This is a free service available for all students.
- Governor's Summer Reading Challenge: The total number of books read over the summer months by KCS students was 3,120 books. Nine grades participated as well as 94% of faculty and staff. Thanks to all who participated and to Betsey Morrow and Katie Moore in organizing the event for KCS.

### *Classroom News:*

- The Seventh grade class returned from their visit to Nature's Classroom on Friday. The students, although tired from their trip, said it was a great adventure. Thanks to Scott Eldridge, Cathleen Montemorra, Dianne Riddle, and Brian White for chaperoning this trip.

- The Girl's and Boy's soccer teams are beginning the year with a bang. The girls receiving 3 wins and 1 loss and the boys receiving 3 wins and 0 losses. Congratulations to the players as well as their coaches, Mr. Sanchez (girls) and Mr. White (boys).
- Grades 4-6 visited Sturbridge Village. The children learned how people lived in a New England farming town in the 1800's. In addition to touring the village, the students had a presentation on storytelling. It was both an enlightening and fun event for all!
- The Eighth graders visited the Sloane-Stanley Museum, Seven Hearths and Mining Exhibit in Kent. The trip supported and complemented a study of early American history. Students used Visual Thinking Strategies to "read" art and then drew lovely drawings replicating George Laurence Nelson's work. They also toured the Mining Exhibit as well as Sloane-Stanley Museum gathering information about an earlier time.
- Congratulations to eighth grader, Alice Benjamin, this year's recipient of the Litchfield County Superintendent's Award. This award is given to a candidate who demonstrates model citizenship, a positive attitude, leadership skills, participation in school activities, and aptitude for achievement. KCS is honored and proud to have Alice represent our school at an award dinner in November at the Cornucopia Banquet Hall in Torrington.

### **Upcoming Events:**

October 4, 2013	Progress Reports Grade 5-8
October 8, 2013	Nutmeg Program - Grades 4-6 to HVRHS @ 8:50 AM
October 8, 2013	Fire Safety Program Grades Pre-k-4
October 10-11, 2013	Teacher Workshop/No School
October 14, 2013	No School/Columbus Day
October 17, 2013	Family Flu Shot Clinic @ KCS
October 18, 2013	Grandparent's Day
October 21, 2013	Picture Make-up Day
October 23, 2013	Recycling Program for Grade 3
October 25, 2013	End of Marking Period #1,
October 25, 2013	Kent's Regional Dance
October 27, 2013	Kent Pumpkin Run 5 mile race
November 1, 2013	Report Cards Grades 5-8
November 1, 2013	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Play 1:15 p.m. and 7 p.m.
November 1, 2013	Bus Evacuation Drill - all school (a.m.)