

Principal's Report

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September 5, 2013
Enrollment 271

- It has been a wonderful week filled with smiles, hugs, and stories of summer adventures. The excitement that coming back to school generated radiated from the faces of staff and students alike! Our four day week concluded with an outside "Popsicle Party" last Thursday afternoon. Many thanks to the PTO for sponsoring the event.
- KCS is pleased to welcome Cindy Willson, our new Enrichment Paraprofessional. Cindy is very excited about being at Kent Center and we are as excited to have her.
- Our biggest changes this year focused upon the safety of the children. As a result, a new morning drop-off was instituted. The morning car drop-off has run very smoothly and we received many positive comments from parents, staff, and law officials. We were fortunate to have Trooper Andrew Fisher help us with the transition to the new routine. The drop-off area is monitored by camera, so we can keep an eye on students as they exit the cars and enter the building. In addition, staff is located at the outside door and is able to view students as they walk down the sidewalk toward the school. It has been my pleasure this week to assist students out of cars and greet them! We asked parents who wished to bring their child into the school to use the first parking lot.
- The doors to KCS are opened at 8:25 am. Students may not enter the building before that time unless a previous arrangement with a KCS staff member has been made. At that time, a staff member will greet the awaiting students at the door. We would like to thank the parents for their patience and positive words as we continue to adjust to the changes initiated by events beyond our Kent Center School walls.
- The Kid's Marathon started on Tuesday morning. Children in grades K-2 MUST be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- Open House is scheduled for September 17th.

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| Grades K-4 | 6:30 p.m. to 7p.m. |
| Grades 5-6 | 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. |
| Grades 7-8 | 7:30 to 8 p.m. |

- Brian White and Scott Eldridge hosted an informational *Nature's Classroom* meeting for *Grade 7* parents and guardians yesterday. They presented information about the trip and answered questions. *Grade 7* will be leaving on September 23rd and returning on September 27th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| September 12, 2013 | School Pictures |
| September 17, 2013 | Open House |
| September 25, 2013 | Grades 4-6 Sturbridge |
| September 23-27, 2013 | Grade 7 to Nature's Classroom |