

Principal' Report  
November 5, 2015  
Enrollment 239

On October 5<sup>th</sup>, Stan Macmillan, Fire Marshall, along with members of the Kent Volunteer Fire Department visited the lower grade classrooms of KCS and presented crucial information on fire safety. One of the highlights of the day for students was viewing the firetruck and spraying the fire hose! We appreciated all the time and effort that the firemen gave to our students in order to spotlight the importance of this topic.

The building was again filled with visitors on October 16<sup>th</sup> as we held our annual Grandparents and Special Guests' day. There were many compliments from the students, grandparents and staff on how wonderful the day was as many fond memories were made in a few short hours! Thank you to the KCS PTO for providing breakfast for our guests and for organizing such a delightful morning!

On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, KCS Grades 6 and 7 had an opportunity to take part in the *Courage to Speak* program. The speakers communicated to the students the dangers of using gateway drugs, such as: tobacco, alcohol, marijuana and prescription drugs. The substance abuse prevention program was carefully designed to inspire students to resist drugs, say no to drugs, and help them make healthier decisions.

October 25<sup>th</sup> was the Pumpkin Run which concluded the KCS Kids Marathon. This year there were about 22 students who participated. Congratulations to all the runners who worked so hard and a special thank you to the teachers for all their hard work and dedication to the project!

Student Council has begun the year with lots of great ideas! Their first big project was led by 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, Seth Schullery. Seth approached the Student Council with his concern over the lack of food at the Kent Food Bank. Seth's idea involved sponsoring a food drive concluding with each grade building a creation with the donated items from their classmates. Needless to say, his idea, brought to fruition with the aid of the Student Council and overseen by Mrs. Dwyer, was a success! Our KCS staff and students, working together, collected **1240** items! A special thanks to Seth Schullery for his initiative and caring!! Thanks to all the parents and friends who gave their support. Our KCS family is very proud of the efforts shown by all of the members of this great school!

Many of our students visited our local sites during the month of October: LEAPSS students and staff picked pumpkins at Ellsworth Farm, Third Grade walked to Kent Memorial Library for the Columbus Explorers Program, Grade 4 traveled to the Kent Memorial Library, Grade 5 went to the Kent Art Association, and Grade 8 visited the Sloane Stanley Museum and Seven Hearths.

This week the 7<sup>th</sup> grader are attending Nature's Classroom at the Sargent Center in Hancock, New Hampshire. A representative from the center, Larry Chambers, visited our school to speak to parents and students on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Needless to say, the 7<sup>th</sup> graders are very excited about this trip!

November 4<sup>th</sup> unveiled the talents of many 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students involved in the play, "Sing a Song of Aesop." Everyone practiced with enthusiasm!

#### Teacher Meetings:

- The Region One Health Fair held at Kent Center School's Cafeteria on October 20<sup>th</sup> went smoothly. At the same time, the Visiting Nurses provided flu shots in the library. It was a busy afternoon! Congratulations to Ginny Block who won the drawing for a \$100 gift card!
- On October 21<sup>st</sup> we hosted the District's Collegial Calibration meeting. This model focuses on objectively collecting evidence from lessons in order to improve student learning. Administrators from the district visited Brian White, Susan Makarewich and Josh Szwed's room. A big thank you to those brave teachers for volunteering!
- Grade K-3 teachers participated in Vertical Meetings on October 27<sup>th</sup>. They discussed many different issues, including: Power School, Report cards, grading, Common Vocabulary, Math and Language Arts direction/intervention, Learning targets, Student Learning Objectives, and Testing. Bethanne Kruppa visited the groups to answer questions on Power School and assist them with the access and placement of comments on the report card.

#### Upcoming events:

November 6 <sup>th</sup>	Soccer Jamboree at HVRHS
November 9 <sup>th</sup>	Conferences and 1 p.m. dismissal
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Conferences and 1 p.m. dismissal
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Veterans' Day Celebration
November 19 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Daly from the Norman Rockwell Museum will be visiting Grade 2