

Principal's Report

April 2016

Enrollment: 239

We ended the month of March on a rainy, blustery note! Then came the beginnings of April... Thankfully, the past winter was mild with only one snow day. Therefore, our anticipated last day of school will be June 14, barring any unforeseen occurrences. Our graduation date has been set for June 10.

The last game for the grade 5 and 6 intramurals was played on March 2. It was a wonderful season and the students exhibited fairness and consideration on the court. Many thanks to the teachers who volunteered their time to coach. We would like to extend a very special thank you to Mr. Lenny Gulotta for taking time out of his retirement to referee the game and set the example for kindness and sportsmanship.

Science CMTs were given to grades 5 and 8 on March 3. We had 100% attendance and the testing went smoothly. SBAC testing schedules are in place and will be given in May for most students in grades 3-8.

Grades 5-8 were presented with a special program on Internet Safety on March 4th. The program was offered by the Ct. State police and organized by Monica Rodriguez, KCS Social Worker and Anne Dealy, KCS Psychologist. It was very informative, and the students added to the discussion with thoughtful questions and dialogue. A parent component is in the works.

On March 8th HVRHS guidance counselors were at KCS to meet with Grade 8 students and parents for HVRHS course selection. The counselors will now begin putting together a schedule for the 2016-2017 school year for the students attending HVRHS.

March 9th marked the end of the second Trimester. Report Cards went home on March 19th. In Grades 5-8 there are 26 students with High Honors and 40 students on the Honor Roll. Congratulations to all of the students for working so hard!

Our Reading Intervention teacher, Lee Sohl, organized a "Breakfast and a Book" presentation in the library for parents. Mrs. Sohl spoke to parents about how to get the most out of reading time with children. It was a very informative and worthwhile event!

Grade 4 Arts day was held on March 16 at Hotchkiss School in Lakeville. All Region One Grade Four students attended creative workshops taught by talented artists and performers. In between workshop, students were treated to performances in the Hotchkiss auditorium given by Hip Hop Dimensions, Cello Man, and the HVRHS Musical Theatre. Fourth graders said it was the best event of the year!! A great time was had by all!

On March 28, Grade 4 had a field trip to the local Fife and Drum Restaurant, where they were instructed how to order from a menu then treated to a delicious lunch while practicing etiquette, social conduct, and manners. Thank you to Allan P for arranging this wonderful trip and to the Fife & Drum for their generous outreach to KCS students.

The students at Kent Center enthusiastically welcomed the idea of a tennis team and 27 students signed up to participate. These participants included 11 boys and 16 girls, many students who do not normally participate in school activities. Since there are so many eager participants, players practice days are rotating and will include 8-10 players at a time. The schedule began Monday, March 28 and with a 5 day rotation, everyone was able to practice 1-2 times during the week. Players are eager to get back out to learn and play more. Needless to say this sport has certainly generated much excitement! A special thank you to Mrs. Morin for introducing and coaching such a wonderful life-long sport to the KCS students!

Kindergarten Registration

Last night we were treated to a fantastic performance of *Once Upon a Mattress* performed by students in grades 5 through 8. Despite delays and cancellation of practices due to weather, the students did an amazing job due to the efforts of the Director, Sandy Kleisner and Assistance Director, Lee Sohl.

Upcoming Events for April

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| April 8 | 8 th Grade Spaghetti Supper |
| April 11 | 1:00 dismissal (Optional Spring Conferences) |
| April 13 | Grade 5-8 Special Recognition Ceremony |
| April 15 | Grade 2 Judi Barrett Day/Grade 3 to Institute for American Indian Studies |
| April 18-22 | No School- Spring Break |
| April 28 | Grade 3 to Music Mountain |
| April 29 | Arbor Day Celebration/Grade 7 & 8 Regional dance at Lee Kellogg School |
| May 4 | Instrumental Music Concert - 1:15 & 7 pm |