

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT  
FEBRUARY 2016  
ENROLLMENT: 237

We held an effective Lockdown Drill on January 11. All of the students and staff followed the procedures that our Safety Committee put in place. In an effort to keep our students aware and safe, we will hold an unannounced Lockdown Drill before the end of the year, along with a Storm Drill and several Fire Drills. We must complete ten drills each school year which includes eight fire drills, one lockdown drill and one storm drill.

You may have noticed the mailbox in the main entrance way as well as the bulletin board with notes to our soldiers. Under the direction of Mrs. Dwyer, the Student Council has actively supported the Operation Gratitude Project. They have asked the students of KCS to write notes/letters to soldiers and have offered the students help, if needed. This project is a worthy and commendable one and we thank the Student Council for their active leadership role.

Our Basketball season has ended. Both the boys and girls teams showed displayed teamwork and tremendous growth throughout their playing season. Thank you to Debbie Morin and Josh Szwed for their coaching skills.

KCS had five singers and one instrumental music student compete in January at the Northern Regional Music Festival auditions. We are proud to announce that 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Kevin Hobbs, and 7<sup>th</sup> grader, Daniel Agostinho, were selected to participate in the very competitive Festival Chorus to be held at Central Connecticut State University on February 19 and 20. We wish Kevin and Daniel continued success with their music careers. The competition was a wonderful learning experience for all participants!

The 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade chorus rehearsals for the musical production of the play, *Once Upon a Mattress*, have begun. The show will take place on Wednesday, April 6. We look forward to another wonderful performance!

On January 20, KCS held the Annual Geography Bee. Ten students in grades 6-8 participated in the rousing challenge. It came down to an exciting contest between a Grade 7 student, Ryan Pollitt, and a Grade 6 student, Stephen Peschel. After an extremely close match, Stephen Peschel was named the champion. Stephen was scheduled to take the State of Connecticut test on Thursday, January 28, in hopes

of moving on to the National Geography Bee. Congratulations to Stephen and all of the students who participated!

On January 22nd, our eighth graders spent the afternoon at HVRHS. The students were served lunch and toured the building to give them a feel for the high school and to show what they have to look forward to next year.

KCS second graders walked to the Davis IGA on a brisk January afternoon and were welcomed by "Professor Nutrition" who gave a tour of the store. This visit was the culminating activity to a 2 month study of nutrition (exercise, food label reading, sleep, water, balanced diets, etc.) with an emphasis on the 5 food groups: fruits, vegetables, grains, proteins, and dairy. After the tour of the store, the children were "let loose" to complete a scavenger hunt of foods that fit into each food group. ("Find an isle that has fruits." "List 2 fruits you find there".) The children were shown that fruits and vegetables can be found in 3 places...fresh, frozen or canned! The trip ended with a generous bag of fruit: apples, oranges, and bananas. The Kent Center School is so appreciative of the connection we have with our local businesses and thank them for their hospitality!!

New artwork is on display with Kindergarten Paper Sculpture Jungles in the library, Grade 3 Fall and Winter Murals in the Cafeteria and Gr. 5-6 Cave drawings near the elevator. We hope you get a chance to see the new creations thanks to Miss Diker and her artistic students!

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 5-March 4	Grades 5 & 6 Intramural Basketball Games
February 8	Regional Band & Chorus Performance at KCS (snow date 2/9) 100 <sup>th</sup> Day of School Food Band Drive (K-2) ends
February 10	21 <sup>st</sup> Annual Chocolate Fest (snow date: 2/11)
February 15 & 16	Presidents' Day - No School
February 19 & 20	Northern Regional Music Festival

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