

## Principal's Report

March 2016

Enrollment: 237

The weather did not cooperate for the Regional Band & Chorus concerts. The concert was cancelled on February 8<sup>th</sup> because of an early closing; the concert was then rescheduled for February 9<sup>th</sup> but we had a late opening....so we finally enjoyed the concert on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. It was worth the wait. The entire school was impressed with these very talented singers and musicians!

The Chocolate Fest was held on February 11. The aroma of chocolate permeated throughout the building. The Chocolate Fest made over \$2500 for the KCS Scholarship Fund. The Scholarship Committee reported that they are "extremely lucky to live in a community that is so generous in its support of the KCS graduates who go on to post-secondary education after high school." We all agree!

The start of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade intramural basketball season was also delayed due to the weather. The first game was held on February 17. There are two games played each Wednesday and Friday for three weeks. Teachers Heather Darby, Michelle Mott, Debbie Morin, Josh Szwed and Ane Starr volunteer their time to coach our players. We are so pleased to have Len Gulotta come back to referee these games. Len started this program 42 years ago.

Our Read Aloud Day was held on Friday, February 26. Each year, Kent "celebrities" are invited to KCS to read to classes. The program is sponsored by the Northwest Chamber. Books are pre-selected and kept by each teacher for their classroom libraries. Many of the readers have returned each year because it is such a wonderful experience. We are so appreciative of the local business owners, doctors, and members of the community who give their time to this wonderful celebration of reading.

Many thanks to Bruce Adams, George-Ann Gowan and John Kaminski who judged the recycling posters for students in Grades K-6. We appreciate their taking time from their busy schedules to be with us for this important event!

KCS Student Council reported that over 1,261 acts of kindness reported over an 8 day period. Way to go KCS!!

The CMT Science test for students in grades 5 & 8 was given this morning. Everything went smoothly.

### Grants:

- The Music Department received a generous grant from *The Arts Fund for Region One* in the amount of \$750. The grant was issued to the Competition Choir and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Intermediate Band and Strings for their upcoming trip to Fantastic Festivals on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The students will perform for an adjudication committee composed of two top tier music teachers who will critique and coach the students after their performance. The adjudication will be followed by an afternoon at Lake Compounce.
- On January 29, 2016 the State approved RFP #813 Technology Grant Awards. The grant is for technology infrastructure in an effort to better equip schools for online testing.

Kent Center School was awarded \$10,000. The funds will be used for 2 gigabit switches to bring us to an all gigabit backbone. We will also purchase additional wireless access points for faster connectivity to the network and end user. Finally an additional classroom set of Chromebooks and cart will be purchased.

- KCS has been approved for a \$1369 grant for the purchase of 30 pedometers (HUB and software included). The purpose of the grant is to help motivate students and provide a more accurate accounting of miles completed in the KCS Marathon Program. This program promotes life-long fitness, a feeling of accomplishment and increased confidence in our students.

### Upcoming Happenings:

March 4	Internet Safety Program-Grades 5 -8
March 8	HVRHS Course Selection for Grade 8 students
March 9	Trimester #2 Ends
March 16	Grade 4 Arts Day-Hotchkiss School
March 18	Trimester #2 Report Cards go home
March 24	No School- Teacher Workshop Day
March 25	No School- Good Friday
March 28	Grade 4 to Fife & Drum