



# SCHOOL TALK

This is your staff newsletter. Please send news items to Chris Weeks | [cweeks@sau29.org](mailto:cweeks@sau29.org)

## Dates to Remember:

- Feb. 14 – Valentine's Day
- Feb. 22 – 26 – Winter vacation/no school
- March 9 – **Second Session of the Annual Keene School District Meeting** – Vote at the polls on proposed school budget for 2010-2011, two-labor agreements with KAPS and Tutors, the establishment of a building maintenance fund and three candidates for the school board. Wards 1, 2 & 3 vote at the Keene Recreation Center, 312 Washington Street, and Wards 4 & 5 vote at the First Baptist Church, 105 Maple Avenue. Polls are open from 7:30 a.m. until 7 p.m. Same day registration is available.
- Mar. 17 – St. Patrick's Day

## KHS

- **Haitian Relief efforts** – KHS raised about \$2,600 for Haitian relief – A fund drive, organized by school nurse Harriet Davenport and substitute teacher David Belknap and with the help of many students, raised nearly \$1,151 during lunch periods which included \$150 from Julia Imbarrato's life science and biology classes, a \$500 contribution from the student council, \$200 from the 2010 Class Council, and \$100 from the French Club. In addition, the girls basketball teams raised \$600 and science teacher Tom Sintros is leading an effort to collect tents to be ship to Haiti to provide temporary housing for those who were left homeless by the devastating earthquake. All donations were made to the American Red Cross which is working with the Cheshire Career Center's television production program to schedule a Thank-A-Thon on March 1<sup>st</sup> to be produced in the CCC studio and broadcast on KHS in-house Channel 2 and on public access Channel 8, Cheshire TV.
- **Red Sox Scholarship** – KHS has been selected as one of only ten high schools in the state to be eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship to a students who has "demonstrated academic achievement and a commitment to community service.

### • KHS Students Win NH Scholastic Art Awards

**Gold Key Recipients:** Aaron Chavira, photography; Laura Damato, drawing; Anna Feeter, jewelry; Mina Hibino, painting; Alison Hill, painting; Kegan Landfair, design; Alison McMahan, printmaking; Tara Morrison, portfolio and drawing; Caitlin Scanlon, portfolio; Nicholas Schlerf, portfolio and drawing; Sarah Scott, sculpture; and Julie Van Saun, printmaking.

**Silver Key recipients:** Kristen Anderson, ceramics and glass; Matthew Desrochers, drawing; Ian Frederick, design; Kegan Landfair, digital art; Corynn Larkin; portfolio; Antonina Robinson, printmaking; Nicholas Schuman, photography; Tiffany Thisner, digital art.

**Honorable Mention:** Jon Bower, ceramics and glass; Ritchard Boylan, photography; Laura Damato, drawing; Matthew Desrochers, drawing; Thomas Fox, printmaking; Kayla Harwood-Ponzini, Mixed media; Mina Hibino, Drawing; Kayla Hoffman, jewelry; Hayley Madden, photography; Chris Penny, drawing; Nicholas Schlerf, photography and drawing; Alexandra Schuman, photography; Diana Stepka, design, and Luke Thurmond, painting.

The NH Scholastic Art Awards Show and Ceremony will take place at Pinkerton Academy on Feb. 13 at 11 a.m. All Gold Key works will travel on to New York City for the National Scholastic Art Awards competition.

- Feb. 15 – Winter Scholar/Athlete Social in the cafeteria
- Mar. 2 – Program of Studies distributed to students by the Guidance Department
- Mar. 5 – Mr. Keene High contest in cafeteria/3<sup>rd</sup> quarter progress report, marks close
- Mar. 15 – 18 – Yearbooks on sale in cafeteria
- Mar. 16 & 17 – Vision and hearing screenings in cafeteria
- Mar. 17 – Mar. 29 – Senior Art Show in the library and auditorium hallway
- Mar. 18 – KHS 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Open House

## KMS

### Haitian Fund Raising Efforts:

- Cluster E Homeroom 272, Ms. VanDeusen's advisory, took the lead at KMS and organized a bake sale to raise money for the American Red Cross Haiti Disaster and Relief fund. Many teachers and students donated snacks to sell as well as money. In the two-day bake sale, their advisory raised \$278 to support Haiti.
  - Many students in Cluster C, with homeroom teacher Mrs. Jen Hebert as the advisor, are participating in a Community Outreach Project: Help Haiti. The goal was to collect \$1,000.00 in donations. The students involved (volunteers) have collected just over \$1,500.00 in donations over the past week and a half. Those involved have collected donations from family, friends, and members of their community. Many parents have also become involved by bringing information and a collection envelope to the work place. The donations will be sent to a relief organization called Direct Relief International, which will provide medicine, medical supplies and materials to healthcare facilities in Haiti. For every dollar that DRI receives, it can provide \$21.00 - \$36.00 of supplies.
  - Rich Marcou, Cluster D, and Karen Antonellis, Clusters A, spearheaded a fundraiser at KMS called "Hope For Haiti". They asked everyone in the building to donate \$1 and put up a thermometer outside Principal Dotty Frazier's office to track donations. Their goal was \$500. - They raised an astounding \$933.15 almost twice what they had hoped to raise. The funds were presented to the American Red Cross on Feb. 8.
  - Cluster A students in Ms. Polizos' homeroom have begun a sale at all lunches of carnations with valentines for \$1.00 each to raise money to help the people of Haiti. They will continue the sale until Friday of this week and valentines with flowers will be delivered on Thursday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - Students from homerooms # 307 and # 309 and staff: Joanna Schinler, Karen Antonellis, Christine Chamberlin, and Desiree Hubbard hosted a bake sale to raise money to support relief efforts in Haiti. They raised \$120.65 and plan to send it to Partner's in Health at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, Mass.
  - Eight Keene Middle School Students received awards in the **NH Scholastic Art Awards 2010** competition.
  - **Gold Key:** Sarah Dintino, Drew Morrison, Mikayala Ogg, and Briana Sullivan
  - **Silver Key:** Phillip Policare
  - **Honorable mention:** Ellen Greenwood, William Parshall, and Quincy Durr
- "The Scholastic Awards recognize exceptional student work in the arts and are held regionally in the State of New Hampshire. Students who have received Gold Key awards are considered for the national awards," said KMS art teacher Miranda Nelken. An exhibit of scholastic art award winners' work will be held at Pinkerton Academy, 5 Pinkerton Street, Derry, NH from January 25<sup>th</sup> - February 13<sup>th</sup>. Gallery hours are Monday- Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, Noon to 4:30 and Sunday, Noon to 3:00 p.m. The awards reception for grades 7-9 will be held on February 13<sup>th</sup> at the Stockbridge Theatre at Pinkerton Academy from 11-12 am, with the Grades 10-12 awards following at 12 noon.
- Feb. 12 – Student Council Dance, 6:30 p.m.
  - Feb. 16 – Parent Group Meeting from 1 – 2 p.m. in conference room
  - Feb. 18 – Drama performance at 7 p.m. in KMS auditorium
  - Mar. 11 – Winter Awards Ceremonies
  - Mar. 15 – Guiding Good Choices Workshop from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in conference room
- (School Talk continued on Page 2)**



# BOARD NOTES

Informational Bulletin from the Superintendent's Office | [cweeks@sau29.org](mailto:cweeks@sau29.org)

## (School Talk continued from Page 1)

- Mar. 16 – Parent Group Meeting from 1 – 2 p.m., conference room

## JD

- Feb. 11 – Math Beyond The Dots
- Feb. 12 – Classroom Valentine Parties
- Feb. 15 – Guiding Good Choices, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 18 – Math Beyond The Dots
- Feb. 19 – Last Day For The Pennies For Patients Drive
- Feb. 27 – JDA Ice Skating, 5 -7 p.m.
- Mar. 1 - Guiding Good Choices, 6 p.m.
- Mar. 3 & 4 – Math Beyond The Dots
- Mar. 8 – JDA Meeting, 6:15 p.m.
- Mar. 11 – Math Beyond The Dots
- Mar. 12 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester Ends/JDA Contra Dance

## Franklin

- Feb. 10 – Math Beyond the Dots/Gr. 4 Harris Center/Student Council/PTC meeting
- Feb. 11 – All School Assembly - Hats for Haiti donation presented to Red Cross/Gr. 4 Harris Center
- Feb. 12 – Gr. 4 Harris Center/K-Fisk-Junior Achievement/Math Mystery Club
- Feb. 15 – 19 – Spirit Week
- Feb. 16 – Gr. 3-5 skating trip/Popcorn/pencil sale/intramurals
- Feb. 17 – Math Beyond the Dots/Gr. 4 Harris Center/Intramurals/snow date for ice skating trip/student council
- Feb. 19 – PSNH- Gr. 2/Math Mystery Club
- Mar. 1 – Gr. 4 Bully Program
- Mar. 2 – Intramurals
- Mar. 3 – Math Beyond the Dots/Student Council
- Mar. 4 – All School Assembly/NH Brass Band
- Mar. 5 – Bake sale for Haiti/Gr. 4 & 5 to KSC to see Greg Mortenson/Math Mystery Club
- Mar. 8 – Gr. 4 Bully Program
- Mar. 9 – Intramurals
- Mar. 10 – Math Beyond the Dots/Student Council/PTC meeting

## Fuller

- Feb. 12 - Valentine Day Parties
- Feb. 17 - Math Beyond the Dots
- Feb. 19 - Last day for Pennies for Peace
- Mar. 3 - School Show rehearsal at KHS
- Mar. 4 - School Show, 6:30 p.m.
- Mar. 12 - 2nd Trimester ends

## Symonds

- Feb. 10 - Homework Club/5210 Club/Drama Club
- Feb. 11 - Stamp Club
- Feb. 15 - Guitar Club/Homework Club
- Feb. 16 - Chess Club/Homework Club
- Feb. 17 - Day One Assembly/Homework Club/5210 Club/PTA Meeting, 7 p.m./Drama Club
- Feb. 18 - Stamp Club
- Mar. 1 - Homework Club/Guitar Club
- Mar. 2 - Homework Club/Chess Club
- Mar. 3 - 5210 Club/Homework Club/Drama Club
- Mar. 4 - Day One Assembly/Stamp Club
- Mar. 8 - Homework Club/Guitar Club
- Mar. 9 - Homework Club
- Mar. 10 - 5210 Club/Homework Club/Drama Club
- Mar. 17 – Drama Club

## Wheelock

- Feb. 10 - MBTD; Wednesday Assembly; Knitting Club; PTA Everyday Math Parents Night
- Feb. 15-19 - PTA/D'Angelos' Restaurant Fundraiser
- Feb. 15 - Book Club

- Feb. 16 - BBBS; Staff Yoga
- Feb. 17 - MBTD; Wednesday Assembly; BBBS; PTA Game Night
- Mar. 2 - BBBS; Staff Yoga
- Mar. 3 - MBTD; Wednesday Assembly; BBBS; PTA meeting, 6:15 p.m.
- Mar. 5 - Grades 3-5 to KSC to hear Greg Mortenson
- Mar. 8-18 - NHDI Artist in Residence with a culminating performance at KSC on March 18
- Mar. 9 - BBBS; Staff Yoga
- Mar. 10 - MBTD; Wednesday Assembly; BBBS
- Mar. 16 - BBBS; Staff Yoga
- Mrs. Sawyer's and Ms. Hannum's 4th grade classes have led the school wide collection for Pennies for Peace (P4P) over the past weeks by displaying posters, making weekly announcements at assemblies and holding bake sales. To date, Wheelock students have collected nearly \$500. The penny drive will continue until March 5th, when students will present their contribution to Greg Mortenson during his visit to Keene State College.

*This is a summary of the proceedings of the regular monthly meeting of the Keene Board of Education held Tuesday, February 9, 2010 in the LGIA at KH and televised live on Cheshire TV, Channel 8.*

## MacMillin to build new KMS

Upon the recommendation of the Keene Middle School Building Committee, the full board voted unanimously last night to award the construction of the new middle school to locally owned and operated MacMillin Co. The price tag is \$26,596,516 with an estimated completion date of May 30, 2011. The committee entertained bids from eight eligible companies. Once the bids were opened last week, the committee chose to consider only the two lowest submissions, one from MacMillin and the other from Hutter construction of New Ipswich. At its meeting last night, the KMS Building Committee said that because the proposals were virtually identical, it would vote to support the local firm so that much of the work would stay within the greater Keene community.

## Public Input on Proposal to Eliminate of one Principal

Several Jonathan Daniels parents spoke out against the proposal to eliminate one elementary principal and to have one of the remaining principals share duties between JD and Franklin. Board Chair Kathleen O'Donnell said that she appreciated their input and that the administration, principals and other interested parties, including parents, will be working on a proposal that will be presented to the board this June. At that time, the board will decide whether to go forward with the plan.

## In other action:

- The KMS Marketing Committee reported that it expects a proposal to purchase the current school within the next few months.
- Board Chair O'Donnell reminded board members of two upcoming meetings. The first, with the Keene City Councilors and city officials, is set for next Monday, February 15th at the Cheshire Career Center restaurant. Students in the culinary arts program will be preparing the meal. The second meeting, between the board and the city's delegation to Concord, including Senator Molly Kelly, is set for Friday, March 5th from 2 – 4 p.m. at 34 West Street.
- Education Committee chair Carol Brown reminded Board members that an in-depth report on Special Education will be made at next week's Ed. Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the Cheshire Career Center conference room.
- The board set a special meeting for March 2nd to consider a "memo of understanding" between the district and the city regarding traffic and sidewalk issues on Maple Avenue and Court Street and construction of the new middle school.

*The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Keene Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2010.*