



SCHOOL TALK

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Dates to Remember:

- Mar. 17 – St. Patrick's Day
- Mar. 19 – No School/Workshop Day
- Mar. 29 – Passover
- Apr. 2 – Kindergarten Registration Day
- Apr. 4 – Easter
- Apr. 19 – 23 – No school/Spring vacation

KHS

- Mar. 18 – **KHS Open House** at 6:30 p.m.
- Mar. 18 – 29 – **Senior art exhibit** in the library and auditorium
- Mar. 19 – **Staff appreciation breakfast**
- Mar. 24 – **Outstanding Educator Award** voting
- Mar. 25 – **Math team** to competition at Plymouth State University
- Mar. 29 – **Senior scholarship information meeting** in the auditorium during homeroom/Senior meeting on caps and gowns in the auditorium block 2
- Mar. 30 – **KHS Winter Art Show at the Colony Mill Marketplace** through April 27
- Mar. 31 – **Youth Risk Behaviors Survey results** presented by the Monadnock Alcohol and Drug Abuse Coalition at 7 p.m.
- Apr. 5 – **Post secondary planning night** for juniors and their parents in the auditorium at 6:30 p.m.
- Apr. 6 – **Spring Band Concert** at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium
- Apr. 9 & 10 – **NH All-State Music Festival** at Concord High School
- Apr. 13 – **KHS Invitational Choral Concert**, 7:30 p.m., auditorium
- Apr. 17 – 30 – **AP Art Studies Show** at the Starving Artist. Opening on the 17th from 3 – 5 p.m.

• KHS senior **Evan C. M. West** won the state wide Voice of Democracy competition sponsored by the NH Veterans of Foreign Wars. Evan was awarded \$1,750 scholarship and will move on to represent the state of NH in national competition in Washington, D.C. The theme of this year's was Does American Still Have Heroes?

• At the Scholastic Art Awards event on Feb. 13 at Pinkerton Academy KHS student **Coryann Larkin** earned a Silver Key for her portfolio and won a \$750 scholarship renewable up to 5 years from the NH Institute of Art. **Nicholas Schlerf, Caitlin Scanlon** and **Tara Morrison** all won Gold Keys for their portfolios and a \$1,000 scholarship to the NH Art Institute renewable for five years. Tara Morrison, one of only two students in the state, also won the NH Art Educators President Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.

• The **KHS A Cappella Choir** is one of only 14 high school choirs to be featured in the NHPTV Celebrate America broadcast which will air Friday, April 5 at 8 p.m.; Tuesday April 9 at 1 p.m.; Thursday April 11 at 9 a.m.; and Thursday, April 18 at 6 p.m. As an added incentive, KHS music department will receive a \$500 coupon from Hal Leonard Music Publishing Company for the purchase of sheet music if 50 viewers make a \$40 pledge to NHPTV before or during the broadcasts. When making the pledge, donors should mention which high school they are supporting. For the \$40 pledge, the donor will receive a CD or DVD of the broadcast and membership to NHPTV. To pledge online go to NHPTV.org or call 1-800-639-8408.

Cheshire Career Center

• Eight **DECA** members attended this year's NH DECA Career Development Conference and received 12 Certificates of Excellence and 3 GOLD MEDALS. One student, senior **Conor Burke**, became eligible to represent the State of New Hampshire at the National Career Development Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. **Conor Burke**, competing in the Hotel and Lodging Individual Event, received a Gold Medal for his Exam and 2 Gold Medals in his Role Plays. **Spencer Wilhelm**, competing in the Sports Marketing Individual Event, won a Gold Medal for his exam, and three certificates of Excellence. **Jimmy Berry** and **JJ Ornstil** teamed up for the Travel and Tourism Marketing Event and each received a Certificate of Excellence in their Role Play. Jimmy received a Gold Medal in his exam. **Kristy Ricardi** and **Danielle Smith**, competing in the Hospitality Marketing earned a Certificate of Excellence for their Role Play. **Darcy Delaney** and **Michelle McEwan** teamed up in the Travel and Tourism Marketing Event and received a Certificate of Excellence in their Role Play.

KMS

- 8th grader **Peter Murphy** qualified to go on to the state level of the National Geographic Bee. He will be one of 100 NH students to compete at Keene State College in April.
 - **KMS Mathcounts** team placed first in regional competition at Keene State College in February and moves on to state competition at Plymouth State University this month. Coached by KMS math teacher **Erika Greenwald** the team members include **Eileen Cormier, Peter Murphy, Evan Twarog**, and **Will Welsh**.
 - A team of students from Keene Middle School has been tackling the WordMaster Challenge - a national language arts competition. KMS tied for fifth place in the second meet **Madeline Hubbard** earned a perfect score in the meet - which was accomplished by only 37 students. Other students who achieved outstanding results include: **Sadie Borden, Samantha Cohen, Emily Grussing, Claire Koutras, Ethan Lippold, Meghan Morris, Casey Osbourne, Wayland Tolman-Anderson, Dervis Anber, Jacob Cohen, Cooper Jordan, Alyssa Perley and Emily Vandenberg**. Thanks to the English teachers **Patrice Campbell** and **John McMahon** for bringing WordMasters to their classrooms.
 - Mar. 22 & 29 – **Guiding Good Choices** workshop from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the school's conference room
 - Mar. 23-25 - The **7th grade art club** with Miranda Nelken will be holding a red ribbon rose sale with half the proceeds going to Angel Boy Art, a non-profit org. whose aim is to help children with special differences flourish, communicate and express themselves through art.
 - Mar. 24 - Spring Band Concert at morning assemblies
 - Mar. 25 – Spring Band Concert at 7 p.m. at KMS
 - Mar. 31 – Cluster E to Lowell, Mass.
 - April 13 - The **KMS Showchoir** will perform at KHS as part of the Choral Exchange Concert, 7:30 p.m.
 - 6th graders at KMS put on a **career expo** on February 18. For 6 weeks students worked on a research project about a career of their choice. As the culminating activity, students set up displays in the KMS cafeteria to show what they had learned. Parents and members of the community were invited attend.
- ## Daniels
- Mar. 19 - No School/Teacher Workshop Day/Parent Conferences Report Cards Home
 - Mar. 24 - Personal Safety-K & 1st Grade Parent Information Meeting at 6 p.m.
 - Mar. 25 - Math Beyond The Dots Program
 - Mar. 26 - Jason Purdy Magic, Evening Show – ELF Fundraiser
 - Mar. 30 - Tuesday Night Band-Band Concert, KHS at 6:45 p.m.
 - Apr. 1 - Math Beyond The Dots Program
 - Apr. 5 - ELF Training - Ponds: Life in Still Water
 - Students in the Jonathan Daniels School Art Club (grades 2-5) have been busily making clay *Wishing Stars* to raise fund for Haitian earthquake victims. "They are meant to be a symbol of hope, something to cast your wishes and dreams upon," said art teacher Tessa Carpenter. All proceeds from the sale of the stars will go to the Red Cross.
- ## Franklin
- Mar. 16 - Popcorn/pencil sale/Intramurals
 - Mar. 17 - Student Council
 - Mar. 19 - No School
 - Mar. 22 - Cheshire Smiles (K-3)/Gr 4 Bully Program
 - Mar. 23 - Jeff Warner residency/Intramurals
 - Mar. 24 - Jeff Warner residency/Gr 5 to The Colonial Theatre
 - Mar. 25 - Jeff Warner residency/Student Council to the Humane Society
 - Mar. 26 - Math Mystery Club
 - Mar. 29 - Gr 4 Bully Program
 - Mar. 30 - Intramurals
 - Apr. 2 - Allison & Hunt dance program/Math Mystery Club
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The mission of the Keene School District is to provide students with the tools to become productive and responsible citizens in an ever-changing world.



BOARD NOTES

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- Apr. 6 - Intramurals
- Apr. 8 - All School assembly
- Apr. 9 - Math Mystery Club

Fuller

- Mar. 17 - St. Patrick's Day/Math Beyond the Dots
- Mar. 19 - Parent/Teacher Conferences/ No school
- Mar. 24 - 3rd Grade to the Colonial Theatre/Math Beyond the Dots
- Mar. 26 - 4th Grade to Boston Museum of Science
- Mar. 31 - Math Beyond the Dots
- Fuller raised \$1,015 in its Pennies For Peace to benefit the Central Asia Institute, which builds schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Student council members **Madison Wentworth, Diego Betancourt, Bayleigh Fletcher, Olivia Gorier, Hunter Drew and Jack Ebbighausen** headed up the effort.
- On March 4th Fuller School put on an all school show at KHS called "**Fuller Goes Green**" - a recycling theme which has been a school wide focus this year. The children worked for months with the school's art teacher, **Rebecca Harris**, to create the back drops and rehearsing their presentation (music and dance) with music teacher, **Danielle Discenzo**.
- As part of their study of NH state government, 4th graders in **Mandy Jeskey's** class had some special guests, County Attorney **Peter Heed** who spoke about the judicial branch, former senator Tom Eaton to talk about the legislative branch and Executive Councilor **Debora Pignatelli** who spoke about the executive branch.

Symonds

- Mar. 16 - Afterschool Homework Club/Afterschool Chess Club
- Mar. 17 - Afterschool 5210 Club/Afterschool Homework Club
- Afterschool Drama Club/PTA Meeting at 7 p.m.
- Mar. 18 - PTA sponsored Movie/Pizza night
- Mar. 19 - Parent/Teacher Conference Day - No School
- Mar. 22 & 23 - Afterschool Homework Club
- Mar. 24 - Day One Assembly/Afterschool Homework Club
- Afterschool Drama Club/Afterschool 5210 Club
- Mar. 26 - Math Magic Performance Assembly
- Mar. 29 & 30 - Afterschool Homework Club
- Mar. 31 - Afterschool Homework & Drama Clubs
- Apr. 1 - Day One Assembly
- Apr. 5 - Afterschool Homework Club
- Apr. 6 - Afterschool Homework Club/Afterschool Chess Club

Wheelock

- New Hampshire Dance Institute returns to Wheelock for an artist-in-residency from March 8 to March 18 with a culminating performance on Thursday, March 18, at KSC.
- Mar. 16 - KMS visits Mr. Gillard's fifth grade class/BBBS meets after school/Staff Yoga with Josephine Russell after school
- Mar. 17 - Math Beyond the Dots/BBBS meets after school/Nature Club meets after school
- Mar. 23 - BBBS meets after school/Staff Yoga with Josephine Russell meets after school
- Mar. 24 - Mrs. Sawyer's and Ms. Hannum's 4th grades visit the State House/Mr. Gillard's 5th grade class visits the Colonial Theatre to see Four Score and Seven Years Ago/BBBS meets after school/Nature Club meets after school
- Mar. 30 - Mrs. Smith's and Mrs. Seelen's K classes visit Stonewall Farm/BBBS meets after school/Staff Yoga with Josephine Russell meets after school
- Mar. 31 - Math Beyond the Dots/BBBS meets after school; Nature Club meets after school
- Apr. 6 - BBBS meets after school/Staff Yoga with Josephine Russell meets after school
- Apr. 7 - Math Beyond the Dots; Third grade band demonstrations/BBBS meets after school/PTA meets in the library at 6:15 p.m.

This is a summary of the regularly scheduled Keene Board of Education meeting held on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 in the LGIA at Keene High School. The meeting was televised live on Cheshire TV, Channel 8.

O'Donnell re-Elected Board Chair

Kathleen O'Donnell was unanimously re-elected Chair of the Keene Board of Education last night. Kristin Blais was elected Vice-Chair and Carl A. Panza as Secretary. Newly elected members Mark R. Nugent and Kris E. Roberts, as well as incumbent member Chris Coates, were sworn in to serve for three-year terms by School District Clerk Carmelina Tonkinson. The board also certified the election results from last Tuesday's election.

Kristin Blais Named Chair of Committee to Look into Restructuring Keene Schools

Kristin Blais was named chair of the committee that will look into how the structure of Keene schools should be changed to reflect the findings and recommendations gathered by the Administrative Study Group Task Force.

Committee Assignments Approved

The board approved the following committee assignments:

Building Facilities and Ancillary Services

Christopher C. Coates, Chair
Carter Chamberlin
Neil W. Donegan
Kris E. Roberts

Communications Committee

Carl A. Panza, Chair
Christopher C. Coates
Neil W. Donegan
Kris E. Roberts

Education Committee

Amy K. Speas, Chair
Kristin Blais
Carter Chamberlin
Mark R. Nugent

Finance Committee

Neil W. Donegan, Chair
Christopher C. Coates
Mark R. Nugent
Carl A. Panza

Personnel Committee

Kris E. Roberts, Chair
Kristin Blais
Carl A. Panza
Amy K. Speas

School Liaison Assignment

KHS – Amy K. Speas
Cheshire Career Center – Carter Chamberlin
North Campus – Carl A. Panza
KMS – Carl A. Panza
Daniels – Neil W. Donegan
Franklin – Kristin Blais
Fuller – Kris E. Roberts
Symonds – Christopher C. Coates
Wheelock – Mark R. Nugent

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Keene Board of Education will be on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 in the LGIA at KHS.