



# Kennett High School



Principal's Report  
April 10, 2017

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## Identified Improvement Targets in Progress

- The Kennett teachers spent their time at the March teacher workshop working on their UBD curriculum binders, attending a work shop on mastery objectives and a workshop on the five types of teacher thinking. These professional development days helped strengthen the clarity of instruction in the classroom and in curriculum development.
- **Student & Staff Accomplishments**
  - The KHS Stage Band was recognized during the awards ceremony at the Clark Terry-UNH Jazz festival for a strong performance, "Honorable Mention". There were only 2 assessment levels recognized: Honorable Mention and Outstanding Ensemble, so this is a hearty accomplishment for the kids. We had strong leadership and accomplishment from the juniors and seniors band members and hard work by freshmen and sophomores. Georgia Stafford, sophomore vocals, and Brianna Desharnais, junior piccolo received high praise from the adjudicator for their solos. Brianna Desharnais, Georgia Stafford, and Finn Van Rossum received Outstanding Musicianship Awards for their soloing at the Clark Terry Jazz Festival. Please join me in congratulating them!
  - Kennett High School Key Club is once again the #1 fundraising club, by far, in all of the New England District. The KHS Key Club donated \$10,000 to the New England District of Key Clubs Charities during the awards session on Saturday night in Springfield. Although we realize that all Key Clubs do their best to provide community service and raise funds for our charities, it may be useful to know that the next highest amount contributed by any of the approximately 90 clubs represented at the conference was \$1850. The KHS Key Club also earned many individual awards and club awards, including Distinguished Club status.....only four clubs in the entire New England district were recognized with this honor. The members of the KHS Key Club are truly an amazing group who are proud to represent their home, school, and community in exceptional fashion.
  - Senior Finn Van Rossum has received a \$6000 scholarships from the UNH Music Department due to his music accomplishments in high school. He will be majoring in music education starting next year.
  - Aaron Lamar and Pat Cullen have been selected to participate in this year's CHaD all-star game. The CHaD game was founded in 2012 and Kennett has had at least one player participate in the game every year. Currently the boys are fundraising for the CHaD game. Proceeds from the game will benefit critical programs at Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock (CHaD) and the Kristen's Gift Endowment Fund, which supports CHaD pediatric oncology patients. In five years, the game has generated over \$1.3 million thanks to sponsors, players, and fans.

- The language honor societies had an incredible international dinner last week. They had about 50 people attend who were treated to delicious foods representing French, German, and Spanish speaking countries. This will certainly become an annual event for us. They would love it if next year the school board joined in the fun!
- Our Kennett Youth and Government club is very active and now has 24 members! Student Anna Cummings was elected Editor-in-Chief and Olivia Stewart is a committee chair at the state level, big accomplishments for first year students to the program. Also, applause to Harrison for getting so many students involved this year!
- The winter sports awards night was held March 20th with all teams being recognized in a highlight video. Five state championships were the highlight of the evening! After special team awards were handed out in the auditorium, individual teams relocated to classrooms to distribute their other awards.
- Spring sports meetings have been held and practices have started. 223 students signed up using the Family ID online registration program and are participating in baseball, softball, lacrosse, outdoor track, and tennis. Snow is keeping us from playing games this week, but we'll get going soon!
- Kennett's own Megan Croce sang the national Anthem at the New Hampshire House of Representatives session on Wednesday, April, 5<sup>th</sup>.



**Five State Championships!**



**Winter Sport Award Winners**



**Key Club at Decon Conference**