



# Kennett High School



Principal's Report  
April 11, 2016

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## Identified Improvement Targets in Progress

1. KHS and the SAU9 Wellness Committee presented the Prevention through Connection workshop and student festival on Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Over 200 students from Kennett and Fryeburg Academy participated in an interactive substance abuse workshop and they also had an opportunity to visit a number of community resources and organizations assembled to help fight substance abuse. There was an adult evening event and an expert panel workshop that was attended by 50 or so community members who had an opportunity to meet with community experts and members of substance abuse organizations. The evening concluded with a presentation by several authorities helping parents with coping strategies and sharing information on trends and state and local resources. This was a terrific follow up to the Chris Herren workshop which our students attended in January.

## Student & Staff Accomplishments

1. The biology classes at Kennett High school hosted a presentation by Ralph Lutjen from the White Mountain Garden Club and representatives from UNH Cooperative Extension on "Native Species and Preserving Biodiversity in NH. The Native Species Project began 2 years ago at KHS and the scope of the project is to teach students the importance of protecting and planting native species of plants in and around the school grounds. The front entrance of the school was host to the first project planting with the help of school grounds keeper Andy Bechtold. The Mountain Garden Club and McSherry's nursery provided the support and materials needed for the planting and the biology classes were able to replace many of the non-native plants and shrubs with native species that adorn the front of the school entrance today. We hope to complete another planting at the entrance of the Gary Millen Stadium this spring again with the help and support of the Mountain Garden Club.
2. Our athletic department began using the new family ID computer program for spring sports registrations. This allows parents to submit required information electronically and eliminates most paperwork. It allows much greater flexibility and parents can easily enroll from home.
3. We are pleased to announce that Kennett Alumni and former Dance Team member Jamie McDonough has been named to the 2016 Patriots Cheerleading Squad! Look for her on the sidelines next season.
4. The French Honor Society raised \$240 the French Red Cross from the presentation by local climber Mark Synnott. The French Red Cross supports efforts in France as well as former French colonies. This was the French Honor Societies second community support fundraiser of the year.

5. The Kennett Concert Choir will be singing the National Anthem for opening Day game for the Fisher Cats on April 14th. The dance team will also be on hand to entertain the crowd with a pre-game performance.
6. Our German program is pleased to report that Nick Brown earned a bronze medal on the National German Exam. He scored between the 70th and 79th percentile. The exam is taken by over 20,000 high school students across America. This is a wonderful accomplishment.
7. Our math department had surveyors from HEB Engineering (Kevin Tilton and Seth Burnell) speak to a couple of the Trigonometry classes about land surveying and the Trig Star Contest (a high school mathematics competition sponsored by the National Society of Professional Surveyors). The contest will be held at Kennett on April 14th at 1pm administered by HEB. The results from local contests held across the state will be pooled to determine one winner from the state who will have the opportunity to participate in a national contest where the top three scores receive prize money. We will keep you posted with our results!
8. The School Counseling office held 2 parent/ student evening events in March. They hosted a mini-college fair of regional colleges and the military for the junior class. After the college fair, junior parents moved to the auditorium where current senior families were asked to share their insights into the application and college search process with the current junior families.
9. Kelsey Bush has been named the NHIAA Student Athlete of the month. This is the second NHIAA Student Athlete of the month Kennett has had in the past 3 months which is quite a remarkable accomplishment. Kelsey is a sophomore, captain of the girls basketball team, a member of the girls soccer team, an active member of Life of an Athlete, earned all A's and high honors at KHS every semester and has volunteered for many, community service events.



Kelsey Bush April NHIAA Student Athlete



Student Prevention through Connection Workshop