



# Kennett High School



Principal's Report  
December 12, 2016

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## Identified Improvement Targets in Progress

- The Kennett Wellness Committee is in the initial stages of preparing another student and community workshop, this one is on the impact of the digital age on children and how to help families minimize the harmful effects and find balance. This has been scheduled for February 8<sup>th</sup>. We will host a screening of the movie "Screenagers" which deals with social media pressures, effects on brain development, video game addiction and violence and finding balance. The post film discussion will be moderated by Dr. Maryanne Jackson and Emily Benson and the discussion panel will consist of a parent, teacher, medical provider, behavioral health provider and a student. Our psychology classes will conduct a KHS survey as part of a class project and will share the results at the end of the movie. We will have two student showings during the day and offer the free evening event to all parents in the Mount Washington Valley and Fryeburg area. A brief trailer can be viewed at [www.screenagersmovie.com](http://www.screenagersmovie.com).

## Student & Staff Accomplishments

- A KHS contingency of Kennett music students recently attended the Classical All State Auditions in Manchester. Three students were accepted to the All State Band: Devon Cole – trumpet Brianna Descharnais – flute and Clyne Sullivan – horn. Additionally, all three had assessment scores that placed them in the upper-level of the All State ensembles, thereby qualifying them for the even more elite Chamber Music Festival. You may recall I sent out an email recognizing Georgia Stafford for finishing 3rd on jazz, alto voice, qualifying her for the upper-level jazz choir at Jazz All State. This is a new KHS record - 4 different students selected, with our students attending all three All State Festivals!
- The Holiday Concert is on Wednesday, Dec. 14, snow date Thursday, Dec. 15 starting at 6:30 pm. Holiday favorites will be performed by the Chorus, Concert Choir, both Drumlines, Stage Band and Concert Band. A grand finale sing-a-long of jingle bells will feature all the students with audience participation. A \$5 suggested donation will be accepted at the door. The holiday theme this year is "\*Jingle All the Way".
- Mr. Fayle's KHS student literary magazine contains some of the best of our student compositions from his Writing classes. In the past five years, they have published three different volumes of that literary magazine entitled: *Anthology of Young Writers in Mount Washington Valley*. They put the anthologies on sale at White Birch Books, at school and at our graduation ceremonies. They have pledged the proceeds, after printing costs, to Jen's Friends. This year they have a check for \$235.00 for Jen's Friends, making this the third year they have donated to this worthy charity.
- We had a large group (over 30 people) at the Special Ed meeting of Title I Coordinators, DOE officials, and Special Education Directors from all over the North Country which was held at Mineral Springs Café. The members of these groups wanted to let the students know

that they were so impressed with how polite and friendly they were to them. When they met them in the hall, they smiled, were positive and wished them good morning. They also were so impressed with what a nice school we have, how clean it was and how quiet it was in the hallways. They were especially impressed to see teachers outside their classrooms during the class passing times monitoring student activity.

- The German Honor Society presented a check to the Conway Area Humane Society for \$500. During the last five years, the German Honor Society has donated over \$10,000 to local charities such as Angels and Elves, the Gibson Center and their student-to-student senior scholarship.

- Thirty two students were inducted into the Kennett High School National Honor Society on Tuesday evening on December 6<sup>th</sup>. It was a terrific ceremony, tastefully done with great dignity and was run entirely by the Kennett NHS officers. This was one of our largest induction classes in recent years.



German Honor Society & Humane Society



Kennett High School 2016-2017 National Honor Society

The Kennett High School Music Department presents its  
**2016 Holiday Concert**  
**Jingle all the way!**

Wednesday, December 14  
6:30 pm  
Kennett High School's  
Loynd Auditorium  
\$5 suggested donation  
Snow Date: Thursday, Dec. 15