



Kennett High School



Principal's Report
January 9, 2017

Identified Improvement Targets in Progress

- The Kennett Wellness Committee will host a student and community workshop on the impact of the digital age on children and offer suggestions and guidance to help families minimize harmful effects and find balance with technology. The event 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 a healthy digital balance. During the school day we will have two student showings and also offer a free community evening event to all parents in the Mount Washington Valley and Fryeburg area. The evening 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. A brief trailer can be viewed at www.screenagersmovie.com.
- Semester One midterm and final exams are scheduled for Tuesday January 24th through Friday January 27th.
- The school counseling office will host an alumni panel on January 5th for our students. We will have alumni representing both 2 year and 4 year post-secondary experiences. Among the topics to be discussed are: their experience in high school (grades, could they have done better, attendance etc.), what their day to day is like in college, what was the admission process like, work and reading load in college compared to high school, why did they decide to go to their school and more. We have received excellent feedback from our students when we have offered this peer to peer experience.

Student & Staff Accomplishments

- Eagle academy will hold its 19th graduation ceremony on Tuesday on January 10th. This ceremony will feature 7 new graduates; during the past 10 years Eagle Academy has now had over 275 students graduate from the program. The ceremony begins at 6PM and will feature Gene Chandler, State Representative from Bartlett as the Keynote speaker.
- The Kennett hockey team swept through difficult competition to win the Peter Hall Christmas Classic Tournament. The team played great, twice winning in overtime. Mackenzie Murphy was named the tournament MVP.
- Students from Penny Kittles writing class are presenting their project in a TED talk format. You are all invited to attend the student TED talks on Jan. 11 and Jan. 13 at one PM in the auditorium. This year the topics are:
An Apple a Day Does Not Keep the Doctor Away: insight into the long-term effects of pesticides;

Cold Water Dwellers: the effects of global warming on trout in New England;
Through the Eyes of a Dog: a new way of looking at the world from smells to dreams;
Blood for Black Gold: how the foreign policy and Middle East dealings are inextricably linked to oil;
My Dreams Are Made of Ink: from an idea to print, the process of publishing as a teen writer;
The War You Can't See: how we're losing a war to antibiotic resistance;
Atlantis: how the deep blue sea might solve overpopulation;
It Takes One Moment: don't become a statistic, folks;
Find Your National Park: the importance and the organization of our country's most beautiful conservation lands;
Ocean Pollution: how our actions are jeopardizing our world's most important resource

- The KHS Stage Band submitted its audition tape to the Disney World in the middle of December. On Dec. 30th, we received an email from Walt Disney World Performing Arts stating: "Congratulations Kennett High School Stage Band! You have been selected by Disney Performing Arts to be part of the entertainment at the WALT DISNEY WORLD Resort!" We will be performing on Tuesday, April 18, time TBD.
- KHS drummer Max Belkin had a successful trip to Pasadena, CA for the Rose Parade. He could be seen clearly in NBC's coverage of the parade, which was thrilling for us all.



Kennett Eagles 2016 Tournament Champions



Max Belkin at Rose Bowl Parade