



Kennett High School



Principal's Report
March 10, 2015

During the month of March, these are the topics of discussion:

Priorities

1. The 8th grade transition night will be held on March 19th beginning at 6 PM. There will be an exciting drum line presentation in the Loynd Auditorium, and then students and parents will have the opportunity to tour the school. During this time, the Career and Technical classes, Freshman House teachers and classes, Performing Arts classrooms, and Physical Education programs will be open and on display for students and parents see the exciting opportunities these programs have to offer. Members of our student council and various honor societies will be on hand to help as tour guides and welcome the class of 2019.

Identified Improvement Targets in Progress

1. The 2015-2016 Program of Studies has gone to the printer and will be distributed to the students during the week of March 19th. Class meetings to highlight individual changes and emphasize grade level expectations will be held that week to help our students with the registration process.
2. The new water bottle filler purchased by the Kennett student council has been installed across from the gym. This is the culmination of a yearlong environmental initiative by the students to reduce the number of plastic water bottle, by encouraging the students to refill their water bottles rather than purchasing bottles of water. The unit has an automatic counter which displays the number of plastic bottles saved.

Staff and Student Accomplishments

1. The Dance Team competed for the state title at the NH Dance Team Invitational. I am happy to report they represented us well with a great performance and took second place. Katie Anderson also won the improvisation competition
2. Clynne Sullivan, Riley Parkhurst, and Finn Van Rossum were selected for the All New England Jazz Festival later this month at Plymouth State University. Only about 100 of the 400 applicants from all of the New England states are accepted.

3. Our indoor track team competed at the New England championships on February 27th. The 4x200 relay team of - Kyle O'Keefe, Cam Labrie, Todd Desmaris, Thomas Chant, broke the school record with a time of 1:36:96. They placed 22nd overall. Thomas Chant also placed 17th as an individual in the 55m dash with a time of 6.75.
4. Through a grant from the NH State Council on the Arts in cooperation with the National Endowment on the Arts, Tj Wheeler, an award winning Blues & Jazz Musicaneer, Educator, and Writer, is visiting Kennett High School for an Artist in Residence program in late March. TJ will work with a variety of students in multiple settings including school-wide assemblies, combined classes, and special workshops with our drum line, jazz band, and dancers, as well as a core group of students gathered especially for his visit. The residency culminates in a public showcase concert for everyone at The Loynd Auditorium on Friday evening, March 27th from 7-9pm.
5. March 2nd the New Hampshire JAG (Jobs for America's Graduates) leadership award ceremony was held in Concord. At the ceremony, Senator Jeanne Shaheen was honored for her outstanding support and commitment to our non-profit which acts as a support service to students who are at risk of dropping out and are in need of an adult connection to help them be successful in school, work, and life. Three of our Kennett JAG students had the opportunity to meet the senator and speak with her about the program here at Kennett.



Kennett Dance Team



JAG Students with Senator Shaheen

