



# Kennett High School



Principal's Report  
May 11, 2015

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## Priorities

1. The 9<sup>th</sup> grade Freshman House teachers are working with a number of different ideas to enhance student engagement and success. There will be a greater emphasis on student engagement with a focus on choice, student to student talk, personalization and interdisciplinary units. We are exploring a freshman project, a Parent Advisory Board, flex scheduling and a greater emphasis on the social and emotional child development needs.

## Identified Improvement Targets in Progress

1. The "Late Work" work group presented the preliminary draft of a school wide policy at the April faculty meeting. The policy has been placed on the high school Google Doc work group site and faculty members are reviewing the draft and providing feedback to the work group. A second revision to the draft is expected to be presented at the June faculty meeting.

## Staff and Student Accomplishments

1. Thirty Four Eagle Academy hosted a great Career & Transition Workshop where close to 30 students took part in exploring careers and employment information. Workshops included Hannaford manager Karyn Collins-Sargent discussing job applications and interviewing tips, Detective Theberge talked about policework, and Sargent Mead discussed military options. There was even a table dedicated to Onet Online - career exploration and job analysis activities. Students filled out interest inventories and researched salaries and education requirements.
2. At our Artist in Residence culmination concert with Tj Wheeler, over 60 KHS students participated in the "How We Arrived" program, including individual performers, the Drum Line, the Stage band, multiple musical combinations thereof, and several student "roadies" and sound and light technicians made the entire thing possible. We had over 70 people from our community attend including Roy Prescott from the Blues Summit on WMWV, and Tom Eastman from the Conway Daily Sun. One man in the audience told us after the show, "This is the best thing I've ever seen performed at a high school." We brought forth the message that all people are created equal, and that we have work to do to make that democratic ideal a reality.

3. The Spring Concert is on May 14 at 7:00 pm in the KHS Loynd auditorium. It will feature the Chorus, Concert Choir, Stage Band, Band and Periods 1 & 3 Drum lines. A wide variety of repertoire is being performed. The students have been preparing for 2 months, and it should be a terrific concert.
4. The marching band will be making an appearance in Madison for the Memorial Day Parade. The Stage Band and Jazz Club will be traveling to Montreal at the end of May for public performances and will also have a clinic at McGill University. The students will also be participating in a traditional French Canadian dinner with traditional French Canadian singing and dancing.
5. We had a successful Blood Drive on Friday, May 1. With students and staff donating, we were able to give the Red Cross 39 pints. Thanks to all staff and students who donated and all the student volunteers who helped us run a successful show.
6. We are pleased to announce that five Kennett students have qualified for the National Merit Scholarship program. Over 1.5 million students' nationwide take the PSAT and only 3 percent qualify as a National Merit candidate. The qualifying students will receive recognition in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program this fall and they will continue the process to find those who are the eventual winners. This is quite an honor for; James Gaudreault, Kathryn Lees, Ian Lubkin, Nathanael Mathieu and Peter Mayer.
7. These are just a few examples of projects from being entered by our students from Chris Darling and Lindsey Coles classes;  
Erin Milford: Instantaneous and Extended shifts in human power  
Emily Davis: The Effect of 6,12 and 24 hour Fasts on Memory Recall  
Kyle Blakely: Can the placebo effect cause similar changes in physical output as caffeine  
India Drummond & Becca Lees: The Effect of Wifi on Second Generation Plant Growth  
Emma Plante: The Effect of UV Light on Mitochondrial DNA Sequencing  
Kirk Badger and Eric Bormann: Comparing Organic vs Genetically Modified Meat on Actin and Myosin Production/Amount  
Esmae Doucette and Jack Thompson: The Effect of Turbidity on Photosynthetic Rates in Elodea