



Kennett High School



Principal's Report
January 11, 2016

Identified Improvement Targets in Progress

1. We are all aware of the heroin and drug epidemic sweeping through our state, community and young people. In an attempt to combat this we are undertaking a collaborative initiative between Fryeburg Academy and Kennett High School. Fryeburg Academy was able to secure the funding to host a dynamic speaker on this issue, Chris Herren, and they graciously offered us the opportunity to attend. On Tuesday the 19th of January after block 1, we will transport our students and staff to the Fryeburg Academy gym to participate in this educational event. The presentation is due to begin at 9:30 and we estimate it is about an hour in length. Chris Herren was a "can't miss" basketball superstar until drug addiction eventually destroyed his career. At the beginning of a promising NBA career, point guard Chris Herren was drafted in the second round by the Denver Nuggets, and the next year, played for his hometown Boston Celtics. He was also addicted to painkillers. He was taking 1600 milligrams a day and a year and a half later he switched to heroin and was spending \$25,000 a month. Clean and sober since 2008 — after a car crash left him dead for 30 seconds — he now speaks to schools about drug abuse, including opiates. He is known as a dynamic and inspirational speaker and hopes to spare kids from the tortuous journey he knew.
2. The after school learning lab has been actively attended by students who have been assigned this in lieu of detention and also increasingly frequented by a number of students who are now voluntarily dropping in looking for help with their homework and class assignment. Several teachers volunteer their time each week; the teacher schedule below is representative of a typical week. I am deeply appreciative of the teachers who have given their time to help our students and am especially proud of the new teachers who have embraced this initiative.

Learning Lab Staffing

	Tuesday 1/5	Wednesday 1/6	Thursday 1/7
2:45 – 4:45	Peter Innes Peter Sanfilippo Melanie Hawthorne	Peter Innes Colleen Hill Brucie Izard	Peter Innes Chris Darling

Student & Staff Accomplishments

1. The Kennett hockey team held their second annual holiday gift community event and was able to gather 130 teddy bears which were distributed to local valley children during the holiday break.
2. Eagle academy held its 17th graduation ceremony on Thursday, January 7th, with 13 new graduates this year. During the past 9 years Eagle Academy has now had 250 students graduate from our program. This is a significant milestone, one which we are all proud to report.
3. We are in the process of getting the Eagle's Clawset up and running. The 'store' will offer clothing, accessories, food, school supplies, etc to needy KHS students--all free of charge. Rachelle Cox, Karen Pearson, Cherie Ianuzzi, and Nancy Manoogian all worked over break to get the store ready--putting up shelves, boxes, racks, cubbies, etc. There will be two Key Club members helping out in the Clawset--Chloe Van Dyne & Riley Steward--and we will be working with Emily Smith-Mossman (of Revolving Closet) to keep the clothing coming. End 68 Hours of Hunger will continue supplying the food. Stay tuned for information on the Grand Opening date!



Kennett Hockey teddy bear event nets 130 bears for children



The Unified Basketball Jamboree

