

KMS January Newsletter 2017



Students of the Month

Congratulations to Lauren Bartlett, Hunter Gingery, Samantha Unger and Carter Bays. They received a gift card compliments of PTO. Keep making KMS great!

8th Grade News

Hi Point Visit

On Friday, January 27th the 8th grade students will be traveling to Hi Point Career Center in Bellefontaine where they will have the opportunity to take a tour and get a quick overview of the programs and careers that are offered to them.

D.C. Update

Due to a shortage of bus drivers and buses, this year's trip will include one additional night at a hotel. The additional cost will be \$60 per person making the total cost \$636. However, we are seeking donations from local businesses in an attempt to help offset the price increase. Payment in full is due March 21. If you have any questions, please call the KMS office.

Updated Late Work Policy

In order to better prepare our students for high school, as well as the work world, 8th grade staff will be implementing a more strict policy in regards to late work.

3rd Quarter: January 17- March 23, 2017

Students will only have the time during the unit of study or chapter of focus to complete and turn in work for partial credit. Once the test has been given to conclude the unit, no late work will be accepted.

4th Quarter: March 27- May 24, 2017

Students will have a total of 5 days past the original due date to complete and turn in work for partial credit. Following that date, no late work will be accepted.

7th Grade News

Camp Heartland

Students completed the first of two fundraisers (Nature's Vision) for their trip to the Heartland Outdoor School (May 3-5). Many students took advantage of this fundraiser to offset the cost of the trip (\$150). Our next fundraiser will be in March. We will be doing a raffle where each student will sell raffle tickets and receive

100% of the profit. Students should look to take advantage of this opportunities.

We don't want anyone to miss out on this educational, fun-filled trip. Also, remember that we do reserve the right to refuse to take any student whom we feel would not participate and behave properly based upon experience at school.

Please support us and help us to emphasize the importance of academic responsibility and good behavior at school so that your child can enjoy the Heartland Camp experience. At a later date, we will have an informational meeting with an administrator from the Heartland Outdoor School. Thank you for your cooperation and support of our camp field trip. Please let us know if you have any questions about the trip.



Fundraiser Raffle

The 7th grade will be holding a raffle to help students earn money that will go towards paying for their trip to Camp Heartland in May. Tickets will go home with students on Monday, March 6 with the money being due no later than Monday, March 20. All money the student earns will go towards paying for their trip. The raffle will be held on Thursday, March 23. Please encourage your child to sell their tickets. If more tickets are needed, they should ask their first period teacher for another set of tickets.

PTO Meeting- February 22 at 6 P.M. in the KMS cafeteria

Power of the Pen

On January 28th, the Kenton Middle School Power of the Pen team will be traveling to Tiffin Middle School to compete in one of 24 regional writing tournaments held around the state. Students in grades seven and eight from 13 schools throughout Northwest Ohio will be participating in the Tiffin competition. Power of the Pen is Ohio's award-winning interscholastic creative writing program. For over 30 years, Power of the Pen has been dedicated to helping young people find and develop a creative voice. Team members include: 7th Grade Nicole Martinez, Helen Huang, Addy Modd, Lauren Bartlett, Kylie Allmon, Zane Preston, Zachary Heintz, Daniel Davidson, Alana Coon, Taylor Harshfield, Tristan Meeks, Mitch Jennings, Bert Grubbs, Emma Clum 8th Grade Britton Bell, Claire Bailey, Lenore Kohl, Ashlynn Fischmann, Ryenne Caudill, Kate Mendez, Madison Edwards, Owen Styer, Brady Klesmit, Keegan Wright, Myranda Archer, Lara Music, Jazlen Hugley. The team is coached by Mrs. Vickie Krock and Mrs. Shana Stout. Best of luck to our KMS Power of the Pen team!

Robotics Club

The Vex Robotics Team, which consists of Eyan Helton, Theo Jesionowski, Madalynn Long, Nicole Martinez, Brenna Shirk, Ace Baum, Owen Styer, Darian Brown, Tyler Buxton, Ryenne Caudill, Brittani Combs, Logan Hurt, Brady Klesmit and Ethan Tucker, has a competition Thursday, January 26th at the RAMTEC Ohio Middle School Qualifier in Marion. The Starstruck competition is played on a 12'X12' square field with two alliances, one red and one blue, composed of two teams each. The robot alliances compete in matches consisting of a fifteen second autonomous period followed by one minute and forty-five seconds of driver-controlled play. Alliance partners rotate every match in a tournament which ranks all teams. Each team competes in five matches with five randomly selected alliance members from Kenton or other schools. Our teams have been working hard to improve their robots for this competition. Good luck to all the competitors!

NJHS News

National Junior Honor Society members made and sent 12 hygiene bags filled with lots of great items like shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, hair brushes, etc. to the New Hope Homeless shelter before Christmas. Way to go NJHS!

BoxTops

PTO is still collecting BoxTops. Please send those in with your child, as they are in competition with their classmates for the most collected each grading period.

Upstanders News

The Upstanders had a successful Christmas Fun week, complete with a Christmas lunch for our students and staff. Students found hidden Elves on the Shelves and won prizes and got to participate in a dodgeball tournament or watch a movie before Christmas break. We also had many participants in the Ugly Christmas sweater and Most Christmas spirit contests.



Student Council News

Student Council just completed a successful Pennies for Patients drive, raising money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Students got to donate to participate in 9-square, 4-square, and knockout during activity period and using their technology at lunch, as well as winning activity periods playing dodgeball at the end of the week. The winning activity periods of Ms. Wormley and Mr. Jones got to play the teachers as well. KMS raised almost \$500 for this good cause.

Remember to add money to cafeteria accounts, pay school fees & pay for computer repairs ASAP. Students will not be able to attend class trips until all outstanding fees & balances are paid in full!

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