

KMS March Newsletter 2017



Students of the Month

Congratulations to Helen Huang, Jarrett Jolliff, Alyssa McLaughlin and Logan Hurt. They received a gift card compliments of PTO. Keep up the great work!

State Testing

The dates for state mandated testing are fast approaching. It is imperative that students arrive on time and well rested for these tests. As always, free breakfast for everyone will be served starting at 7:30 AM in the KMS cafeteria. Test dates are as follows: **March 23 & 28 7th & 8th grade ELA AIR Test**
DO YOUR BEST ON THE TEST!

April 25 & 27 7th & 8th grade Math AIR Test
May 3 & 4 8th grade Science AIR Test

8th Grade News

The DC trip will not see an increase in price! The final cost of the trip will stay \$576/student (\$676/parent). Thanks to the generosity of local businesses and fundraisers done at KMS by staff and students, we have covered the cost increase! Thanks to the following businesses/individuals for help in this matter: Tom Brim, Quest Federal Credit Union, Robinson Fin, Dr. Kate Johnson, Golden Giant, Jon and Vickie Krock and the Optimist Club. KMS staff had a bake sale at the Christmas Concert, sponsored a technology day in activity period, sponsored a hat day, participated in a pie a teacher event and sold baked steak meals to help out! Thanks to all!

The 8th grade DC trip will be May 9-13. While in Washington DC the 8th grade has the opportunity to participate in a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. Students were given the opportunity to write about this experience and why they would be a good candidate to represent KMS. Claire Bailey, Lenore Kohl, Erin Lyons and Owen Styer will be representing KMS at this event which will take place on May 10 at 1:15 PM. Congratulations on this fantastic honor!



Eighth grade staff are planning a field trip to the Ohio Caverns on May 11, 2017 for all of the students that will not be going on the Washington DC trip. We will be leaving KMS bright and early and returning before school. The total cost of the trip is \$12, half of which is being covered by a fundraiser. This includes a cavern tour and mineral mining. A final fundraiser will assist in paying a portion of this cost. Permission slips have been sent home and should be returned by now. If you have not seen the permission slip, please contact the main office at 419-673-1237. Student payment of \$6 is due on or before April 3rd.

On the afternoon of March 23rd, those 8th grade students that meet the criteria for the GOLD reward level will be traveling to Hillcrest Lanes to enjoy two hours of bowling. These students will be provided with rental shoes and bowling. They may bring money for snacks. Students will be required to return a permission slip given to them a couple days in advance. Students who have met the criteria for the SILVER reward level will participate in games/activities for half an hour and then enjoy an ice cream treat during the second half hour. Finally those students who earned the BRONZE level reward will receive ice cream. Congratulations as they are only nine weeks away from being freshman!

The 8th graders will be touring the high school and learning about their future academic opportunities on Wednesday, March 29. The following day, guidance counselors from KHS will be coming into Mr. Bartlett's Global Studies classes to begin the high school scheduling process. All forms will need a parent/guardian signature to schedule.

Picture Reminders

Yearbooks are still on sale. See Mr. Bartlett for an order form. Yearbooks can also be ordered online. Spring picture day at KMS is Tuesday, March 21. These are pre pay only pictures, and forms went home March 10.

Dates to Remember

- 3-21 Spring Pictures & Track Pictures
- 3-23 ELA AIR TEST**
- 3-23 End of Third Quarter
- 3-24 NO SCHOOL- Teacher PD
- 3-28 ELA AIR TEST**
- 3-29 8th graders visit KHS
- 3-30 High School Scheduling in Global Studies
- 3-31 Group Picture Day





Power of the Pen

The regional Power of the Pen tournament was held March 8 at Lourdes University in Toledo. Students from 34 schools and 20 cities competed. We are excited to announce that Helen Huang (11th place) and Alana Coon (12th place) will be going to the state tournament at the College of Wooster. Congratulations to all of the writers who competed in the tournament: Addy Modd, Alana Coon, Mitch Jennings, Helen Huang, Lenore Kohl, Ryenne Caudill, Claire Bailey and Brady Klesmit. Great job!

KMS Quiz Bowl

The KMS Quiz Bowl team competed Saturday at the 1st Tag Team Quiz Bowl event at Crestview Schools in Conway, Ohio. The team was split into 3 teams; Kenton Wildcats, Kenton Red, and Kenton White. They played 10 rounds against 14 other teams from Crestview, Fort Recovery, Coldwater, Continental, Delphos, St. Marys and Van Wert. The Kenton Wildcats: Lucas Hites, Owen Styer, Aidan Carlson and Ace Baum; were in first, second, or third place for most of the rounds ending in third place overall with 196 points. The Kenton Red: Trenton Yoder, Grace Collins, Katie Sturgeon, Caleb Mackenzie and Seth Dunahue were 16th out of 17th scoring 19 points in round 10 and a total of 36 points total. The Kenton White: Taylor Harshfield, Lauren Bartlett, Max Haushalter, Addy Modd and Jacob Taylor were 14th scoring 14 points in their best round and 53 points overall. Everyone on all 3 teams rang in and answered questions correctly and several members swept their categories for bonus points. Congratulations to the Kenton Quiz Bowl team and good luck at the Van Wert Invitational.

Robotics Team at State

The Ohio 2017 Middle School Vex State Championship was held on March 10th in the Marion Harding High School gymnasium. The team of Ace Baum, Logan Hurt, and Ethan Tucker qualified for this competition at a tournament last month. Their robot Wildcats 1594D was one of 37 state qualifiers. The event started with a qualifying round with each robot competing five times. Wildcats 1594D placed 30th at the end of this qualifying round. Twenty-four teams later competed in a best of three bracket style tournament. The boys enjoyed the high level of competition at the tournament. Congratulations for representing Kenton Middle School at the State Level!



Student Council & Upstanders News

Student Council sponsored a Winter Fun Event in the form of a dodgeball tournament on Friday March 3. The Black Panthers went undefeated and won the tournament for their second dodgeball championship of the year. The Dodgefathers came in 2nd place, followed by Gabe's Team and The Average Joe's.



Student Council is busy planning the second annual Choose Hope event that will take place on May 23. We will need lots of volunteers that want to help that day. Look for information to come home in April.

A small group of Upstanders had the opportunity to have lunch with Jacqualine Fitzgerald and Jon Cross of the Hardin County Chamber and Business Alliance to share the positive happenings at KMS. We would like to thank them for visiting and joining us in spreading the word of the great things happening at KMS. In addition, committees are working on revitalizing the courtyard here at KMS, planning the Hoops for Heart and Easter Fun week events and starting to plan the 6th grade Orientation. More information to come in the near future.

Students will not be able to attend class trips until all outstanding fees & balances are paid in full!

These include lunch accounts, library fines, school fees and technology repairs.

Stop in the KMS office to see Mrs. Maag to get those taken care of soon!