

Keystone's Keynote

Keystone Local School District's May 2012 Newsletter

Superintendent's Message

As we look back on the 2011-2012 school year, we see many new additions and improvements to our District. Our professional development committees have been busy implementing new teaching strategies, including the incorporation of learning targets in the classroom as well as formative assessments, and curriculum changes. In addition, our Keystone Middle School construction progress is following on the projected timetable, and we are excited to have it completed by winter of next year.

Lastly, I would like to mention that the High School bond rating was increased to Aa2, and the refinancing will **save taxpayers nearly 1.3 million dollars** over the remaining sixteen years of the bond issue.

As this is the last Keynote newsletter for the 2011-2012 school year, I would like to congratulate all of our graduating seniors on their accomplishments and wish them success in their future.

Literacy Rocks Lorain County

On May 6-May 13, the Lorain County Literacy Collaborative is sponsoring the first annual "*Literacy Rocks Lorain County*" to raise literacy awareness in our county.

To participate, paint rocks of any size with pictures, letters, or words and display them in and/or around your building or home. To submit photos of your rocks, email them to literacyrockslorain@gmail.com.

Immunization Reminder

This is a reminder to *kindergarten* and *seventh grade* parents (for 2012-13 year) that they must show documentation of their child's updated immunizations.

Kindergarteners must have a signed physical form from a physician and up-to-date immunizations.

Seventh grade students need to have documentation that he/she received the **Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis (Tdap)** immunization. This must be turned in prior to the 2012-2013 school year. If you have any questions, contact Shirley Burrer, district nurse, at 440-355-5133 or at Shirley.Burrer@keystone.k12.oh.us.

College Dreams a Reality

The annual scholarship awards night was held at KHS in early May. This event rewards seniors for their hard work and dedication throughout their years at Keystone. This year, over **\$50,000** in funds were donated to deserving seniors. These funds are generated by individual donors, parent organizations, and local community groups. To view the full list of donors and recipients, click here - [KHS Scholarships 2012](#).

Keystone would like to express their upmost appreciation for all donations, which help make students' dreams of attaining a college education a reality.

In addition, KLSD would like to recognize the hard work and dedication of our students to their academic development. As an example of this commitment, **25%** of seniors took an **Advanced Placement (AP) class**, **31%** took **dual enrollment** courses, and **33% earned college credit** while in high school. Congratulations again to the graduating **Class of 2012!**

May-June: Upcoming Events & Programs

- Sat, May 12: Prom 6:30-11 at Jacobs Field
After Prom at KHS Cafetorium 11:45-3am (Sun, May 13)
- Wed, May 16: KMS "Keystone Idol" Tryouts 2:45-5pm in KMS Gym
- Thurs, May 17: First Grade Musical 7pm in KMS Gym
- Fri, May 18: Keystone Kabaret 6pm in KHS Cafetorium
- Sat, May 19: Keystone Kabaret 6pm in KHS Cafetorium
- Mon, May 21: 5/6th Grade Young Authors Showcase 6pm in Library
Board of Education Meeting 6pm at KHS Room 124
- Tues, May 22: 5/6th Grade Choir Concert 7pm in KHS Cafetorium
- Wed, May 23: KHS Awards Assembly 7:45am in Gym
4th Grade Musical 7pm in KMS Gym
- Thurs, May 24: 7/8th Grade Choir Concert 7pm at KHS Cafetorium
- Mon, May 28: No School – Memorial Day
- Tues, May 29: 7/8th Grade Band Concert 7pm in KMS Gym
- Thurs, May 31: 5/6th Grade Band Concert 7pm in KMS Gym

Navigate to our [events calendar](#) to view more...

KEYSTONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PTA Appreciation

The KES PTA has been doing a great job providing students and staff with valuable resources. In May, they will continue to provide these services as they are participating in two important events.

Members of the PTA will assist students and volunteers at the Special Olympics, held at Elyria High School on May 18. In addition, the PTA will provide an ice cream social for students in grades K-4 on May 25.

Keystone would like to thank the parents and staff involved in the PTA for their hard work and dedication to the elementary school.

COSI Visits KES!

Kindergarten, first, and second graders enjoyed a visit from the *COSI on Wheels* Outreach Program on May 4.

This year's theme is called "What Wild" and is about animals and animal habitats. This ties in great with the animal habitat projects being done in first grade and animal reports in second grade.

Keystone would like to thank the many KHS Youth-4-Youth students who aided in the program's success along with the COSI volunteers. KES looks forward to working with their staff in the future.

Kindergarten Students Visit Keystone Pointe

Throughout the school year, kindergarten students have been learning about the value of community service and the difference between consumer goods and free, community-centered programs.

As a culminating activity, kindergarteners provided a service for residents at the local Keystone Pointe Rehabilitation Center. During school, the students practiced musical numbers and then sang the songs to the residents. KES will continue to show students the importance of community service in the hopes that they will carry on this value into adolescence and adulthood.

KEYSTONE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dynamic Presenters at KMS

Eighth graders at KMS are looking forward to two upcoming visits from dynamic speakers. Michael Sallinger from the Young Audiences program will present at KMS on Monday, May 20 and Tuesday, May 21 to work with the eighth graders on public speaking skills.

In addition, artist Jim Gill will be holding a workshop with the eighth graders called *Historic Hysterics*. He will introduce and help students to create satirical cartoons relative to the social studies curriculum.

KMS looks forward to these upcoming visitors and would like to thank them in advance for their commitment to aiding in the education of today's youth.

Witness a Musical Masterpiece!

KMS students and their music directors are looking forward to upcoming concerts. Students have been working hard to prepare, and we hope you support their efforts by attending their performances.

The 5/6th grade choir performance is Tues, May 22. This performance will be followed by the 7/8th grade choir concert on Thurs, May 24. Both concerts will be held at 7pm at KHS. The 7/8th grade band concert is Tues, May 29 and the 5/6th grade band concert is Thurs, May 31. Both band concerts will be held at 7pm in the KMS gym. We hope to see you there!

End-of-the-Year Activities

KMS is celebrating the end-of-the-year through various programs. The seventh grade indoor fun day will take place on Mon, June 4. On the last day of school, Tues, June 5, the eighth grade graduation will take place at 8:30am at Lions Park along with the sixth grade awards assembly at 9am in the KMS gym.

Congratulations students on all of your success this school year!

KEYSTONE HIGH SCHOOL

Troops Thankful for Keystone Generosity

In March, the KHS Youth-4-Youth organization, led by advisor Ms. Krajewski, collected non-perishable items, toiletries, games, books, and many other materials and sent them to members of an Ohio National Guard Unit serving in Afghanistan. KES students also helped out by packing the gift boxes and making cards for the soldiers in the National Guard Unit.

The soldiers were so appreciative of the gift boxes that they sent pictures and wrote a letter (copied below) to the students.

*“Dear Students,
On behalf of all of us in the 1-148 Infantry Battalion, I want to thank you for all of the items you collected and sent us in care packages. We are so grateful that you thought of us. Everything that you sent- the food, candy, shampoo, toothpaste, soap, and all the toiletry items- were used and are appreciated, and we loved the letters and pictures you sent as well. As soldiers, we are away from home and our families and children for a long time and are proud to make those sacrifices. Getting care packages sure makes it a lot easier knowing that people back home are thinking of us. Please accept this most humble thank you!”*

Keystone will continue these and other community service projects that support individuals both locally and nationwide. Keystone would also like to thank Youth-4-Youth Advisor and Special Education teacher Ms. Jamie Krajewski, ISA Supervisor Mr. Kevin Fox, and KES Principal Mr. Dave Kish for coordinating this valuable and rewarding service project.

PTA Provides Valuable Services

Through the hard work of the KMS/KHS PTA, classrooms have been provided with new books, incentive prizes, and field trip funding. In addition, during the month of May, the PTA supported the Senior Citizen breakfast, provided each senior with a yard sign, donated pizza to fifth grade classes, and awarded \$1,000 in scholarship funds to deserving seniors.

The KMS/KHS PTA would like to thank Julie Sigmund (Vice President) and Kim Jorgensen (Secretary) for all of their hard work and dedication to the PTA for many years. As their sons graduate in June, their service to the PTA will end. We will truly miss these outstanding women as part of our KMS/KHS PTA. Thank you!

Final Exam Schedule

The end of the 2011-2012 school year is nearly here! The final exam schedule is provided below. Contact the KHS office at 440-355-5132 with any questions.

SENIOR Exam Schedule

May 30: Finals: Periods 2, 4, 5-10, 12

May 31: Finals: Periods 1, 3, 5-10, 11

June 1: Senior Breakfast at 8:30am

Graduation Practice at 10am

Graduation at 7pm

Underclassmen Exam Schedule

**Delayed Start Schedule June 1, 4, and 5*

June 1: Finals: Periods 1, 5-10, 11

June 4: Finals: Periods 2, 5-10, 3

June 5: Finals: Periods 4, 5-10, 12

Students' Last Day of School!

Community Enjoys Annual Breakfast

The high school's seventh annual Senior Citizen breakfast took place in late April. This event is highly enjoyed by both community members and students. Thirty Youth-4-Youth members and consumer education students took part in cooking and serving breakfast to forty community seniors.

Attendees enjoyed French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit parfait, hash brown casserole and of course, interacting with the students.

In addition to the tasty breakfast, the students hosted numerous games for attendees, including Family Feud, Poker, Mad Gab, Clue, Sorry, Scategories, Apples to Apples, and checkers. Keystone would like to thank event facilitators Ms. Gayle Gatzke and Ms. Jamie Krajewski as well as all students who made the breakfast successful. KHS looks forward to hosting this community event again next year.