



# KMS Connection

Feb/March 2017

*From the desk of the Principal*

Hey! You did it! Both you and your 6<sup>th</sup> grader have survived the transition. Now, how do you get your child excited about learning?

The best way to motivate your child is from the inside out. Kids' inner motivation is a much, much stronger force than rules enforced from the outside. Help them see the connection between achievement in school and what they want to be and do, and let their inner energy do the rest. Middle schoolers are just beginning to wonder about themselves and how they'll find in the world. Some are thinking about what kind of life they would like to lead when they grow up. Show them how they can use school to learn about themselves and what they might become. Learning will make more sense to your children then, because it will be about them and their goals. And anything about them motivates middle schoolers!

Since middle school is the first time students get to choose some fo their classes, the more they know about themselves, the better their school choices. Eventually, they'll get to use writing, research, and science projects to learn more about things that they care about. Understanding their interests will help students be more engaged in learning.

So, first step is to focus on your child. ***Me? I'm not a career counselor***, you may be saying. Believe it or not, parents are often a child's first and best, career counselor! All you have to do is help your child follow this great advice from theologian Frederick Buechner: *Child, find the place where your deep gladness meets the worlds deep need.*

Middle schoolers are asking these questions of any adult who will listen:

- ***Can you help me figure out what I'd be good at?***
- ***Do you know how I can learn where I might fit in life?***
- ***Can you help me get into the grown-up world so I can see how it works?***
- ***Can you tell me where to go or who I can talk to about me?***

Yes, they can talk to you! You see what they love to do at home and what they are willing to learn on their own. This joy and curiosity points to their inborn talents and skills. If they love to do it, they have a talent for it.

Once you know their interests, you can read the class schedule together, asking sure they take some classes and join activities that interest them. If you are unsure about classes and activities that match their talents, ask a teacher or a counselor. ***It's very important for children to feel that they are working on some of their goals.***

Later, families can help find people in the community doing what their children want to do. Advice from like-minded people is great for teens! When your child is a little older, you can help them find mentors in the areas that interest them.



# February 2017

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 Sports Photos 3pm in the gym	2 Viking Jazz GBB @ Fairview	3 Club photos	4
5	6 NO School It Snowed	7 Sports competition Cancelled Practice took place	8	9 St of the Qtr Breakfast GBB Home Wrestling @ Mt. View	10 Red & Pink Day	11
12	13	14 GBB @ Woodward Wrestling	15 Horticulture Native Plants Presentation 2pm Library	16 GBB home Ridgetop Wrestling Away Ridgetop	17	18
19	20 NO SCHOOL	21 Wrestling make up Away @ Klahowya	22 Wrestling make up Away @ CK	23 GBB make up Home Klahowya	24 PEP ASSEMBLY	25
26	27	28 GBB Away Poulsbo  Wrestling Home Fairview				



# March 2017

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2 GBB Hawkins  HOME	3	4
5	6	7 GBB Vashon Island AWAY	8	9	10 Wrestling Tournament →	11 →
12	13	14 GBB Crossover HOME	15	16	17 Green Day	18
19	20 Band Concert 7pm Gym	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 First day of Track	28	29 Conferences 4-7 House of Awakening	30 Conferences 12-7:30 KMS	31 Conferences 7:30-11 KMS	

## ATHLETIC CORNER

*The 3<sup>rd</sup> sports season is well underway with the Cavalier Girls Basketball team off to a fast start defeating their first two opponents at the Varsity and JV levels. It looks like the girls should be in the hunt for a league title this year- keep up the great work girls!!*

*Kingston's wrestlers are also doing well in the early season, winning a home match against Cedar Heights and dropping a close one to Mt. View. Every week there is plenty of outstanding athletic competition in the Cavalier Gym and our student-athletes would love to see you in the stands cheering them on!*

KMS Track starts Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> - Will you be ready for some fun in the sun?

Attention all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders!! That's right, it's not a typo...6<sup>th</sup> graders get to participate with the rest of KMS in Track & Field for the first time ever! While the season start is still a few weeks away you should be picking up all necessary paperwork NOW at the student window from Mrs. Lacey. All athletes must have all paperwork in by Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. You also need to purchase an ASB card (\$15) and pay off any fines you may have. You must also have a current physical so if you haven't had a physical in the last 2 years you need one of those too so get an appointment with your doctor right away.

Make plans to run in the sun and have lots of fun with the KMS Track Team- see you on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March!!

*Click here for [Athletic forms](#)    Click here for [Track specific](#)*

# KMS HORTICULTURE CLUB

Invites you to:

## “Native Plants”

Presentation

Speaker: Sam Decker

KMS Library

Wednesday February 15

2:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.

Refreshments: 1:45 p.m.

**DOOR PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED**

*Congratulations to these students voted as EPIC ARTISTS from  
their classmates and teacher:*

5<sup>th</sup> period: Kyle C., Michael D., Tomas G., Miles M., Jennifer M., Teagan N., Skyler O., Olivia P., Paulina S. and Evin W.

6<sup>th</sup> period: Aubrey B., Harlee D., Aletcia I., Dany L., Dan M., Izzy M., Kai P., Alaina P., Naomi S., and Kara W.

6<sup>th</sup> grade Epic Artists will be announce in the last KMS newsletter. Speaking of 6<sup>th</sup> graders, come on down to the Sweet Life Cakery where you will see this trimesters students art showcase: 1-800-Come 2 R ART-SHOW. Artwork will be displayed until Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>.

Terra Cotta Soldiers come to the Pacific Science Center starting April 8<sup>th</sup>. I highly recommend this for my Ceramic students! Every art class I've ever taught, knows how crazy I am about these!!!

Calling all artists: North Kitsap School District is having an all district art show on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at PMS from 5-8 pm. It's free! We hope you'll attend and bring money to perhaps purchase an EMPTY BOWL to take home. All proceeds go to a local food bank.

Art Club starts February 21<sup>st</sup>! It runs on Tuesdays from 2:40-5:00 in the Art Room! All KMS students are welcome to join! Please see Ms. Stewart or go to the front office for a sign up slip!!!

# Counseling Center Information

## **Resiliency and Suicide Prevention:**

KMS counselors will be continuing the curriculum on Resiliency and Suicide Prevention Awareness during PE classes during 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.

The curriculum is adopted from the Youth Suicide Prevention Program (<http://www.yspp.org>).

The purpose of these presentations is to teach students how to manage stress and to recognize the warning signs of suicide. The student will learn how to connect either themselves or a friend with the appropriate resources to help.

Letters have been sent home to parents/guardians with more information and you can contact KMS Counselors: Pat Jensen (360-396-3433) or Stephanie Robinson (360-396-3437) with questions.

**SCREENAGERS** probes into the vulnerable corners of family life, including the director's own, and depicts messy struggles, over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. Through surprising insights from authors and brain scientists, solutions emerge on how we can empower kids to best navigate the digital world.

North Kitsap School District and North Kitsap Schools Foundation are hosting two free screenings for the public in February. Both screenings will have a 30 minute panel discussion after the screening. Additionally, students at the middle and high schools will view the movie the following day.

## **Screening Dates and Locations:**

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

6:00pm

North Kitsap Community Auditorium

1881 NE Hostmark Street, Poulsbo

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

6:00pm

Kingston High School Commons

26201 Siyaya Avenue NE, Kingston

# ATTENDANCE UPDATES

Effective **Wednesday, November 2**, Kingston Middle School implemented the new WAC codes for attendance. The Reason Code table below has been updated with codes based on the **excused** absence reasons established by the legislature and as published in the WAC.

**Please remember to call our Attendance Line for students tardy or absence on our 24 hour phone line 360-396-3407 or email Mrs. Petranek at [gpetranek@nkschools.org](mailto:gpetranek@nkschools.org)**

[WAC 392-400-325](#) provides a statewide definition of excused and unexcused daily absences.

## **Excused daily absences**

The following are valid excuses for absences from school:

- (1) Participation in a district or school approved activity or instructional program;
- (2) Illness, health condition or medical appointment (including, but not limited to, medical, counseling, dental or optometry) for the student or person for who the student is legally responsible;
- (3) Family emergency including, but not limited to, a death or illness in the family;
- (4) Religious or cultural purpose including observance of a religious or cultural holiday or participation in religious or cultural instruction;
- (5) Court, judicial proceeding, or serving on a jury;
- (6) Post-secondary, technical school or apprenticeship program visitation, or scholarship interview;
- (7) State-recognized search and rescue activities consistent with RCW [28A.225.055](#);
- (8) Absence directly related to the student's homeless status;
- (9) Absences related to deployment activities of a parent or legal guardian who is an active duty member consistent with RCW [28A.705.010](#);
- (10) Absence resulting from a disciplinary/corrective action (e.g., short-term or long-term suspension, emergency expulsion); and
- (11) Principal (or designee) and parent, guardian, or emancipated youth mutually agreed upon approved activity.

The school principal (or designee) has the authority to determine if an absence meets the above criteria for an excused absence.

## **Unexcused daily absences**

Any absence from school is unexcused unless it meets one of the criteria above for an excused absence.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [28A.300.046](#). WSR 12-17-051, § 392-400-325, filed 8/9/12, effective 9/9/12.]

# MEANINGFUL WORK PROGRAM

KMS - MEANINGFUL WORK PROGRAM (MWP) is growing, we now have 33 students involved in the program, which is about 8 % of student enrolment. The MWP purpose is designed to help students get real world experiences with community service. During their lunch time recess they help-out their fellow classmates and school with several different jobs (lunch room recycle supervisor, student greeters, student store assistants, American flag detail, library organizer...etc.). All grades levels at KMS can participate and volunteer their time in the MWP. We currently have added two new volunteer positions; American Flag Detail and Student Greeters both position have volunteers now. Just recently we had our Second Quarterly MWP Celebration for all of our volunteers (hot coco and donuts), and we announced January 2017 MWP Volunteer of the Month - Madison Tollefsen. She volunteers as an Art Curator helping Mrs. Steward (Art Teacher). Madison assisted her with two Art shows, and currently displayed the snowflake exhibit for KMS in the main hall. Well done Madison Congratulations, she received a framed MWP Volunteer of the Month certificate and gift certificates for the student store.

We also had three other students that were the MWP Volunteer of the Month in October, November, and December. Thomas Emling - Oct 2016, Mack Rienstra - Nov 2016 and Fiona Schmid - Dec 2016. Congratulations to them for their continued service to KMS.

We still have volunteer jobs posted that need to be filled located on the MWP bulletin board, if your child is interested in volunteering at their school, have them talk with Mrs. Koons the MWP coordinator.

**Shout out to AWESOME KMS CTE students in who have proven Computer Applications skills!**

After working hard during the 1st Semester, learning about Microsoft Office PowerPoint 2016, Word 2016, and even some Excel 2016, the following list of students have achieved Microsoft Office Specialist certification.

Each of these KMS Stars deserve a high five and compliments

*(then ask them for help with your computer)!*



***MOS Specialists in PowerPoint 2016***

Amie Venneman  
Angela Facklam  
Aubrey Black  
Becky Smyth  
Brayden Jacobs  
Breanna Ewing  
Brian Ramirez  
Brockton Foss  
Brooklynn Soderling  
Cameron Hagenbrock  
Carson Nyman  
Colin Longbons  
Desmond Price  
Frederick Wood V  
Grace Epperson  
Jace Keener  
Jacob Adams  
Jaidyn Johnston  
Joel Ray  
Joseph Jafek-Irigaray  
Kaitlyn Mills

Kaynoni George  
Kennedy Stewart  
Lilly Howton  
Lydia Becker  
Mackenzie Crow  
Madison Hammon  
Madison Zwiefelhofer  
Maighe Williamson  
Makayla Stockman  
Maxwell Shane  
Noah Delos Reyes  
Olivia Guzman  
Orlando Chiquiti  
Rowan Brown  
Ryelee Belgarde  
Samuel Decker  
Samuel Reber  
Sean Sansbury  
Theo Jez  
Tionna Hawk  
Tyler Brown

## *MOS Specialists in Word 2016*

Alexander Terrell  
Amie Venneman  
Arowyn Courtright  
Aubrey Black  
Becky Smyth  
Brayden Jacobs  
Breanna Ewing  
Brianna Jorgensen  
Brockton Foss  
Brooklynn Soderling  
Cameron Hagenbrock  
Carson Nyman  
Frederick Wood V  
Grace Epperson  
Gunnar Reinbold  
Jacob Adams  
Jady Goodfellow

Jaidyn Johnston  
Joseph Jafek-Irigaray  
Kaynoni George  
Lydia Becker  
Lynn Nelson  
Mackenzie Crow  
Madison Hammon  
Maighe Williamson  
Makayla Stockman  
Maxwell Shane  
Noah Delos Reyes  
Olivia Guzman  
Rowan Brown  
Ryelee Belgarde  
Samuel Decker  
Terefa Rutherford  
Tionna Hawk

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