

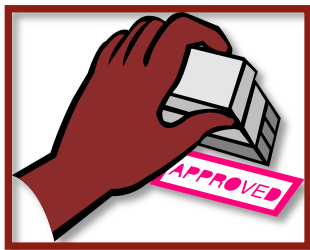
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Key Communicators Network (KCN) – January 7, 2009 “Wednesday’s Words”

Welcome to our new subscribers to the Kaneland KCN. As a member of the KCN, you will receive a weekly newsletter via e-mail. This newsletter will contain information regarding the Kaneland School District. We welcome any feedback that you may have regarding the KCN.

Board of Education News



Board Approves Key Administrative Positions - Due to planned retirements of current administrators over the next three years, many key administrative positions will need to be filled. Contracts for the following administrative appointments were presented and approved at the December 15 Board Meeting. The district is pleased to announce the following appointments which will be effective for the 2009/2010 school year. All will assume their new roles on July 1, 2009.

1. Dr. Julie-Ann Fuchs has been named Assistant Superintendent for Business. Julie-Ann has been working with the Business Office for several years, involved in many of the key operation functions of the District including transportation, technology and the KCN.
2. Mrs. Fran Eggleston will be named Director of Special Education. Fran is currently Principal of McDole Elementary School. Her background in special education paired with her successful leadership experience at McDole make her an ideal choice for this position.
3. Mrs. Martne McCoy will be named Principal of Kaneland McDole Elementary School. Martne has been both an Assistant Principal and kindergarten teacher at John Stewart Elementary. Currently, she serves as the Assistant Principal at both McDole and John Shields. Martne brings a wealth of elementary level experience that will be an asset to our Kaneland Learning Community.



Illinois State Scholars Announced - The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) has announced the 2008/2009 Illinois State Scholars. The Illinois State Scholar Program recognizes Illinois high school students for outstanding academic achievement. The Commission is pleased to announce that 33 Kaneland High School students have been named as Illinois State Scholars.

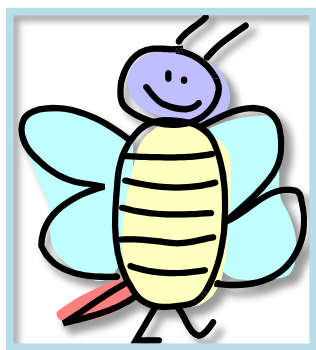
This is a prestigious award. These students are among “the best and the brightest” of the more than 150,000 high school seniors in the Class of 2009. The combination of their exemplary college entrance examination scores and record of high school achievement indicates they have a high potential for success in college. The following Kaneland seniors qualify as a State Scholar:

Emma Anderson	Michael Jenny	Jacqueline Ream
Daniel Arnold	Emily Kenkel	Anna Rossi
Jessica Arnold	William King	John Rotella
Lindsay Bartel	Casey Komel	Kristen Sanecki
Andrew Collins	Meghan Krajewski	Jonathon Schaddelee
Kevin Durrenberger	Anna Limbrick	Meghan Schiber
Samantha Eichelberger	Jeff Malewig	Daniel Spence
Ashley Girard	Sarah Otterness	Emily Tockstein
Sally Gorenz	Kelaine Patterson	Zachary Tolan
Devin Mae Heath	Michael Pritchard	Santiago Tovar
Rebecca Holloman	Scott Proctor	Colin Zagel

Students ranking in the top ten percent of the state’s high school graduating seniors have been named Illinois State Scholars. Selection is based on ACT and/or SAT I tests scores results (including the Prairie State Achievement Exam) and class rank at the end of their junior year of high school. While the program does not provide a monetary award, the designation as an Illinois State Scholars can be added to applications for college admission and scholarships.

The Commission offers information to assist students and families plan, find, apply, and finance college through College Zone, the trusted source for college information at www.collegzone.com or by calling a College Zone counselor at 800-899-ISAC (4722)

School News



John Shields Proud Of Spelling Bee Winners! - Kaneland John Shields Elementary held its annual spelling bee on Wednesday, December 17, 2008. Thirty 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students competed for one of ten spots to represent Kaneland John Shields at the district spelling bee. The following students were our top ten contestants from the spelling bee:

1st place – Brendan Madziarczyk, 2nd place- Kyle Plach, 3rd place – Bradley Bumsted, Tyler Kurzrock, Shannon Hoey, Devin O’Neill, Emily Wilson, Shaelah Kinzinger, Erica Witt and Chloe Scott.

Each of these participants will be competing at the District Spelling Bee on Thursday, January 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the High School auditorium. Congratulations to all of the Spelling Bee contestants (we are proud of your accomplishment), and good luck to our finalists!

McDole Elementary Congratulates Spelling Bee Winners - On December 17, McDole held its annual Spelling Bee. Congratulations to Noble Hwang who took 1st place, Bryan Zollinger who took 2nd, and Jake Marczuk who took 3rd.

These three students will join Brant Chiesa, Gedi Njoya, Jake Swindle, AnaKasia Garcia, Matthew Buhrt, Tyler Ledone, and Arianna Rabiola in the District Spelling Bee on January 15th at 6:30 pm in the High School auditorium. Congratulations to all and good luck!



John Shields Secretary Gets A Birthday Surprise - No, she’s not trying to block alien brain waves. Every year Mrs. Gacek decorates Principal Secretary Sharon Wenz’s office in celebration of Mrs. Wenz’s birthday; and was it ever a surprise this year!

What was Mrs. Gacek’s decoration material of choice this year? Aluminum foil, some plastic wrap and a disco ball to create the ultimate party atmosphere. It looked best with the lights off and the disco ball spinning!

Blackberry Elementary Students Kick Off Winter Break - Students from Blackberry Creek must have sensed a snow day coming, because they managed to celebrate the coming winter holiday the day before.



First graders from Mrs. Devereaux & Mrs. Mance's classes (shown left, with Principal Kuhns) share a "reader's theater poem" during morning announcements to kick off the holiday break! They practiced for two weeks and did a fantastic job!

Mrs. Lemp's kindergarten class (pictured right) read the book The Polar Express and then took a "train ride" to the North Pole. Here they are showing their magical tickets to get aboard the train.



Community News

St. Charles Park District Announces Teen Job Fair – The St. Charles Park District has chosen a date for its annual Teen Job Fair. Current information is listed below and we will share additional info as it is made available.

St. Charles Park District Annual Teen Job Fair
 Monday, February, 16, 2009
 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
 Pottawatomie Community Center
 8 North Avenue, St. Charles, IL 60174

Upcoming Events

Date	Time	Place	Event
01/07/09	3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	KSS – Multi-purpose Room	Market Day Pick-up
01/08/09	4:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Elburn McDonald's	KST – McCare Night
01/08/09	2:45- 3:45 p.m.	KMS – Room 54	Environmental Club Meeting
01/08/09	7:00 p.m.	KBK – LRC	PTO Meeting
01/09/09	All Day	KBK	Spirit Wear Day
01/09/09	All Day	KST	Wear Blue Day
01/09/09	All Day	KSS	Wear Red Day
01/12/09	2:45 – 3:45 p.m.	KMS – Room 54	Yearbook Meeting
01/12/09	3:30 p.m.	KBK– Room 132	Daisies Troop 148 Meeting
01/12/09	2:45 – 4:45	KHS	Graduation Requirements Meeting
01/12/09	7:00 p.m.	Milnamow Adm. Center	Board of Education Meeting
01/13/09	2:35-3:50 p.m.	KMS	Art & Digital Media Club
01/13/09	6:30 p.m.	KBK	Mutual Ground Presentation
01/14/09	9:15 – 10:00 a.m.	KME - Multi-purpose Room	Coffee With The Principal
01/14/09	Lunch Hours	KST	Fun Lunch
01/14/09	Lunch Hours	KSS	Fun Lunch
01/14/09	Lunch Hours	KBK	Fun Lunch
01/14/09	One Hour Early Dismissal		
01/15/09	End of 2nd Quarter and 1st Semester		
01/15/09	End of Day	KST	Box Tops/Tyson & Campbell Labels Due
01/15/09	One Hour Early Dismissal		
01/15/09	6:00 p.m.	KHS – Auditorium	District Spelling Bee
01/15/09	7:00 p.m.	KMS – Workroom	PTO Meeting
01/16/09	SIP Day – No School		
01/19/09	MLK Day – No School		
01/20/09	7:00 p.m.	KMS – Choir Room	Music Booster Meeting
01/20/09	2:35-3:50 p.m.	KMS	Art & Digital Media Club
01/21/09	6:00 – 6:45 p.m.	KMS – Cafeteria	Market Day and Manna Pick-up
01/21/09	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	KHS	ACT Test Strategies
01/21/09	7:00 p.m.	Milnamow Adm. Center	FPC Meeting
01/21/09	7:00 p.m.	KME – Multi-Purpose Room	PTO Meeting
01/22/09	2:30 – 6:30 p.m.	KST	Blood Drive
01/22/09	2:45- 3:45 p.m.	KMS – Room 54	Environmental Club Meeting
01/22/09	7:00 p.m.	Milnamow Adm. Center	CAC Meeting

Did You Know???

Illinois ranks fifth in the nation for having the highest number of teachers achieving National Board Certification in 2008. The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) released the findings today as part of the National Board Certification Day. This is the third year in a row that Illinois has been ranked among the top ten states for the number of new teachers achieving the profession's highest credential.

Illinois teachers are among those who are expected to push the total number of National Board Certified Teachers across the country to more than 73,000.

National Board Certification is a voluntary assessment program designed to recognize and retain great teachers – and make them better. Certification is achieved through a rigorous, performance-based assessment that typically takes one to three years to complete. As part of the process, teachers build a portfolio that includes student work samples, assignments, videotapes and a thorough analysis of their classroom teaching. Additionally, teachers are assessed on their knowledge of the subjects they teach.

School Abbreviations

KHS – Kaneland High School
KMS – Kaneland Middle School
KBK – Kaneland Blackberry Creek Elementary School
KME – Kaneland McDole Elementary School
KSS – Kaneland John Shields Elementary School
KST – Kaneland John Stewart Elementary School
FVCC – Fox Valley Career Center

And in Closing....



Pick battles big enough to matter, small enough to win."

--[Jonathan Kozol](#),
American nonfiction writer and educator

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<http://www.kaneland.org/shared/kcn/archives.php>.

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Pursuing Excellence
Learning for a Lifetime
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MISSION

The mission of Kaneland Community Unit School District #302 is to guide and challenge all students to acquire the knowledge, skills and values that will enable them to contribute to and successfully participate in a diverse, democratic society. Our mission will be accomplished through a continued partnership of students, district personnel, parents and other community members.