



KANELAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #302

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Key Communicators Network (KCN) – June 3, 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.

This will be the final KCN of the 2008-2009 school year. Should the need arise, we will send out messages via the KCN during the summer. Otherwise, the KCN will return in August.

District News

Kaneland Middle School Students and Staff Say Good-bye – Students and staff at Kaneland Middle School held an assembly on Monday to say “good-bye” to the current middle school. A Kaneland Memory Lane DVD played as the students entered the gym. The DVD included pictures going back to 1976 when the school opened.

Former principal, Bob Woodrick (pictured right with Mr. Burchell), led the students and staff in the Pledge of Allegiance to get things started. The different grade levels each did submissions for the Time Capsule which will be opened in 25 years in 2034. Mr. Huels and Ms. Weiss presented slideshows of the current Kaneland Middle School and the construction of the new Harter Middle School. The assembly ended with the singing of the Kaneland School Song. A wonderful time was had by all!



Thank you to all those who helped put together and participated in the presentation. We look forward to seeing you at Harter Middle School in the fall.



Renee Grisch, KHS Dean of Students, Receives Scholarship - Congratulations to Mrs. Grisch, the KHS Dean of Students. Mrs. Grisch received a \$1,500 scholarship from the Fox River Valley region of the Illinois Association of School Business Officials (IASBO). Mrs. Grisch will use her scholarship to help pay for tuition and fees in the school business management program at Northern Illinois University. Congratulations Mrs. Grisch!



Memorial Fund Established For Andrew Christoffel - A memorial fund has been established in Andrew's name. Donations may be sent to Old Second Bank, c/o Andrew Christoffel Memorial Fund, 749 N. Main Street, PO Box 8018, Elburn, IL 60119.



Conley Outreach has provided information regarding teens and grieving at its website www.conleyoutreach.org. Students, teachers and parents may find this information useful.

Please keep Andrew's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

School News

Kaneland Blackberry Students Keep Busy To The End – Just because it was the last week of school, didn't mean students at Blackberry Creek Elementary weren't still diving head-on into fun-filled learning activities!

And You Are?

Miss Szewczyk's fourth graders worked on biographies. The students picked someone of interest to research, compiled an outline and wrote a report. Their character was interviewed, so students came dressed up in character for the interview. Below, Amelia Earhart is interviewed.





Once Upon A Time...

In 1st grade, May was a month of Fairy Tale Study (above). The classes read fairy tales all month long and studied the basic concepts and lessons of a fairy tale. Then, they focused on plays and readers' theater that ended in the annual Fairy Tale Play Performance.

Field Days!

Mrs. Holubecki and Mrs. Miller put together a wonderful Field Day filled with great activities. The fifth grade boys and girls competed in the Field Day Favorite, Tug-of-War. All of the children had so much fun!



Important Scam Notice From Student Services and Kaplan Testing - We have recently become aware that sales persons unaffiliated with Kaplan are making calls to local high school families and possibly guidance counselors claiming to be from Kaplan. These individuals are attempting to sell Kaplan books and software, specifically ACT/ SAT/PSAT 2009 software using Kaplan's well established reputation to push the sale and at a significant mark up in price.

Kaplan does not sell its product through individual sales calls but through authorized distributors, vendors, and its online bookstore at www.kaptest.com. Should you receive any such calls, please send any information such as the name of the caller, the exact Kaplan product s/he is selling, to rebecca.kelly@kaplan.com. Kaplan will promptly investigate the matter.



Freshman Orientation Scheduled - Freshman Orientation Day 2009 will be held on Tuesday, August 11, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the high school. All members of the Class of 2013 should attend. Incoming students will have the opportunity to meet the high school administration, teachers and staff, learn where their classes are, put money into lunch accounts, purchase PE uniforms and have ID and school photos taken. No other orientation time will be held.

Fab 4 U

Fabulous Parenting Tip 4 U



It has been enjoyable sharing tips with you this year and we hope we've given you some new information. We hope we've helped you expand your knowledge in some area and that you and your children will continue to increase your learning over the summer.

With summer comes more time and opportunities to continue learning, especially as a family. Exploring the internet together is always fun. If you are looking for easy enjoyable ways to keep your child reading over the summer without it becoming a battle or a chore, check out this website: www.readingrockets.com. There are links to great articles and ideas for different

topics on reading. One of our favorites is the 10 weeks of summer ideas to imbed reading into your daily routine! Helping your child establish a goal and encouraging them to reach it is a great way to motivate your reader.

Another awesome resource can be found at www.sandbox-learning.com Select the ‘resources’ tab to gain information on helping your child retain skills over the summer break. [Woodlands Literacy Zone](http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/literacy/index.html) is an amazing site with links to online interactive activities on words and spellings, grammar and punctuation, writing and text work, and online stories. There website is www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/literacy/index.html.

Develop a plan to help your child retain the skills learned throughout the year while fostering a love of learning. Wishing you a safe, happy and fun-filled summer!

Community News

Staff Member To Ride Bike To Niagra Falls for American Diabetes Association - In an



effort to raise funds for the American Diabetes Association, Deb Vensel, Kaneland Middle School psychologist, will be one of approximately 20 people riding bikes from Geneva to Niagara Falls. The group, formed by Boy Scout Troop 37 out of Geneva has been training this spring and hopes to raise a significant amount of money to benefit ADA and to promote physical fitness in school aged children. The bike ride will take place July, 25 – August, 8. Deb is the only

female rider, the only psychologist and the only Kaneland school district staff person riding! She is asking for your financial support. If you are able to support this good work, send your check made out to American Diabetes Association to 220 N. Bennett Street, Geneva, IL 60134.

Openings Still Available For 3-on-3 Tournament - It’s not too late to get in on the annual Matt Kenney 3-on-3 Memorial Tournament fundraiser will be held on Saturday, July 25, 2009 beginning, at 9:00 a.m. The cost is \$75 per team. For more information please see the attached flyers.



Upcoming Events

Date	Time	Place	Event
06/22/09	7:00 p.m.	D302 – Milnamow	Board Meeting
07/13/09	7:00 p.m.	D302 – Milnamow	Board Meeting
07/27/09	7:00 p.m.	D302 – Milnamow	Board Meeting

Did You Know?



The Kaneland School District is now on Twitter. If you are already a Twitter user, start following us now. Otherwise, you can sign up for a free Twitter account and get up to the minute information on the “goings on” of the District. Sign-up today at <http://twitter.com/kaneland>.

Attachments

Golf Outing Fund Raiser Flyer
3-on-3 Tournament Information
Freshman Orientation Flyer

School Abbreviations

KHS – Kaneland High School
KMS – Kaneland Middle School
HMS – Harter 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...

The first day of student attendance for the 2009-2010 school year will be Wednesday, August 26, 2009. It will be a regular school day.

All teachers will report to the High School on Monday, August 24, 2009 at 7:00 a.m.



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Note: Archived copies of the weekly KCN newsletter can be viewed on-line at:
<http://www.kaneland.org/shared/kcn/archives.php>.

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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.