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"Great Public Schools for Every Student"

It's a reminder that parents, educators, community members, business leaders, elected officials, and students all have a part to play in supporting great schools.



THIS IS ALSO A TIME TO:

- honor students as they endeavor to learn,
- recognize the professionalism and dedication of teachers, support staff and other educators, and
- thank parents and members of the community who help students succeed!

We take this opportunity to ask our entire community to join with us as we rededicate our commitment to strengthen the education and extra-curricular opportunities for every student.

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STUDENT CENTER IS COMPLETED

The James W. Golby Student Center is the newest addition to the Kewanee High School facilities and is directly across the north hall from H.F. Brockman Gymnasium.

Construction began in October 2011 on the \$771,000 addition which was fully available for use at the beginning of this school year. In addition to the student commons area, a conference room provides space away from the central office area for meetings with parents, teachers and students.

The district instructional technology staff has room for offices and storage, and a fully equipped concession and catering area complete the 5,200 square feet addition.

The west side of the large, multi-purpose room is currently also used as an open area for physics classes with a smartboard, whiteboards, and flatscreen TV's on the walls and a long steel beam suspended from the ceiling for class use.

The 11 foot ceiling in the new center is one foot higher than the foyer of the Petersen Auditorium, where group interpretation team practices have been held, and now permits KHS to now host group interpretation meets.



The east side of the student center will be the "Wall of Honor" with plaques recognizing state and national accomplishments from past years in non-athletic activities such as FFA and Key Club. Academic honors such as Illinois State Scholars and Scholastic Bowl will also be featured. Individual plaques will honor valedictorians from past years from Kewanee and Neponset High Schools.

For more pictures visit www.kewaneeschoolsfoundation.org and click Photo Gallery.

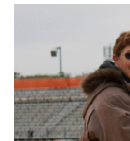
2012 HONORARY BOILERMAKERS

Dan Breedlove '73 lettered three years in football and four years in wrestling. He was a three time state qualifier in wrestling, placing 2nd in state in 1973 under a single class system where only two people advanced out of regionals and sectionals into the state competition. He attended Black Hawk Junior College, and then went on to wrestle at the University of Iowa. Dan was inducted into the KHS Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004, and the National Junior College Athletic Association Hall of Fame in 2008. Dan is the co-owner of Breedlove Sporting Goods. He is married to Liz and they have two sons.

Niles and Sheila Reamer have been loyal supporters of Kewanee athletics for the last two decades. This couple can be seen at football games, volleyball games, and both boy's and girl's basketball games at KHS and on the road. They can also be

seen at Black Hawk East sporting events.

Their support for KHS spans back to 1958-62 when Niles attended KHS and participated in ethics council, boys Glee Club, Pep Club, and Projection Club. Niles and Sheila's support continued as their four daughters attended and participated in activities at KHS. In their retirement, they enjoy supporting local youth. They are also active members of the Kewanee Hog Days committee.



Honorary Boilermakers Mr. & Mrs. Niles Reamer '62.



Honorary Boilermaker Mr. Dan Breedlove '73

THE HOBBIT PRESENTED AT KHS

When it was held in November, the stage in Petersen Auditorium was filled with exotic creatures as Kewanee High School students presented “The Hobbit,” the stage adaptation of the J.R.R. Tolkien novel.

Director Marc Nelson said Tolkien wrote “The Hobbit” after serving in World War I, and some of the themes in the novel seem to be related to his experiences in the war.

The publishers liked “The Hobbit” so much that they asked Tolkien to write more books about the inhabitants of Middle Earth. So he produced the “Lord of the Rings” trilogy.

Nelson said the play has adventure, humor and some dramatic scenes. A cast of some 40 students has been rehearsing for more than seven weeks, he said.

Besides the hobbits in the cast, he said, there were orcs, a dragon and other characters as the main character, Bilbo

Baggins, experiences good and bad things in his journey.

Cast members are Julia King, Ellen Johnson, Johnny Williams, Chloe Bestward, Ernest Toutant, Eva Gunawan, Zach Murphy, Emily Grebner, Cass Grebner, Matt Worden, Isaac Wieser, Drew Becker, Brandon Evans, Conner Oetzel, Julie Kuchle, Lexi Chayer, Stephen Partridge, Austin Siscoe, Katie Kuchle, Dustin Allen, Caitlyn Girkin, Kalley Komnick, Caitlin Edge, Jess Lewis, Victoria Gleichman, Jazmine Hall, Wendy Corral, Cassy Young, Montana DeBord, Ali Eilers, Lexi Lanxon, Jasmine Gleason, Bre Mitchell, Blade Williams, Donovan Williams, Taniya Gromm, Jacob Woods, Conrad Engbrecht, Mark Breedlove, Elizabeth Jamison and Wes Anderson.

GROUP INTERPRETATION COMPETE AT STATE



Performing ‘Clockwork,’ by Philip Pullman, the Kewanee High School Group Interpretation team qualified at sectionals for state finals for the 7th year in a row.

Members are, front row from left, Celine Ahearn, Ellen Johnson and Emily Grebner; second row, Zach Murphy, Isaac Wieser, Abigail Wieser, Chloe Bestward, Blake Bullock and Johnny Williams; and top row, director Heather Olalde and student assistant Cassidy Grebner.



Cast members enact a scene from “The Hobbit,” an adaptation of the J.R.R. Tolkien novel which will be presented by Kewanee High School students.



JASON STABLER IS NEW PRINCIPAL AT BELLE ALEXANDER SCHOOL

Belle Alexander School (the kindergarten and first grade attendance center), is the "Home of the Readers."

The goal at Belle Alexander, is to have ALL the kindergarteners and first graders learn to read and to want to go onto college or training after high school in order to get good jobs!

The school is a Conscious Discipline school. Conscious Discipline professional development training has taught the teachers and paraprofessionals to consciously respond to daily conflict, transforming it into an opportunity to teach critical life skills to children. It's all about taking a deep breath, calming oneself down and using your words to let someone know how you feel.

The students are becoming technology experts as they use their iPads or their Smart Tables for writing, reading and math center time.



Mr. Jason Stabler, Principal

Each classroom has an electronic whiteboard and all teachers are using them to present their Saxon Phonics lessons as well as other lessons they have prepared.

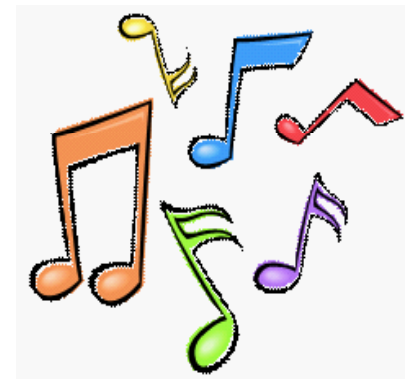
The teachers are presently working to align the curriculum to the Common Core Standards which are required by new state and federal education mandates.

MUSIC INSTRUMENTS PURCHASED WITH MAJOR GIFT

A \$25,000 gift from Judy and John '52 Stewart has enabled the music department to add a significant number of new instruments that are now available for use by students at Central School!

Music Director Eric Hollaway stated that "this will provide many instruments that are needed by our beginning students. Buying this many at one time allowed us to purchase almost twice as much as we would be able to otherwise! We are most appreciative of this gift by Mr. and Mrs. Stewart which

helps continue to enhance and enrich our music program." The instruments purchased included five flutes, six alto saxophones, five trumpets, and three trombones, as well as a new drum set.



KHS REUNIONS

Several classes held their class reunions in the past few months. For a complete list of classes and pictures of their reunions go to www.kewaneeschoolsfoundation.org, and click on Reunions.

Class of 1972 celebrating their 40th reunion at The Elk's in Kewanee.



Class of 1957 celebrating their 55th class reunion at The Elk's in Kewanee.



Class of 1952 celebrating their 60th reunion at PL Damron's in Kewanee.

FRANCES HORLER PASSES

Frances L. Horler passed away peacefully at Kewanee Hospital on August 2, 2012. She was 101 years old. Born on December 16, 1910 in Kewanee. She was the daughter of Charles and Jennie Horler who were immigrants to America from England. She is survived by cousins living in Illinois, Wisconsin and England.

Frances and her brother were raised and educated in Kewanee. As a young person, she played the piano and organ for several local churches including St. Johns Episcopal Church and the First United Methodist Church. She graduated from Kewanee High School while only sixteen years of age in 1927.

She attended Carthage College in Carthage, Illinois for one year and transferred to the University of Iowa where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1931. Immediately after graduation she accepted a teaching position at Moorhead High School in Moorhead, Iowa and taught a variety of subjects including English, History, and Latin. She also served as the school's Guidance Counselor. In 1935, she accepted a teaching position at Kewanee High School where she taught English, Latin, and Biology, and was even appointed head of the English Department. She spent her summers advancing her education at various universities around the country. She earned her first Master of Arts in English degree from the University of Illinois in 1942 and a second Master of Arts in English Education degree from the University of Chicago in 1946. She received her Ph.D. in

Educational Psychology from the University of Chicago in 1950, while holding a teaching position at Rochester University in Rochester, New York where she taught Comparative and International Education courses. She also served as Department Chairperson for the Department of Psychological and Social Foundations.

Her education did not end with her Ph. D.. Summers were spent abroad doing Post-doctoral studies at the University of London and at the University of Mexico, University of New Mexico and Columbia University.

In her capacity as Professor of International Education at Rochester, she also used her summers to travel the world. During her lifetime, she visited every continent in the world and most of the major countries. At the university she often participated in hosting visiting politicians and world leaders, and became friends with such famous leaders as President Eisenhower, President Roosevelt, President Kennedy, Prime Minister Winston Churchill, and Madelyn Albright. On one of her foreign trips, she had tea with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi of India. She also visited both the Arctic and Antarctic regions and even camped on the ice in Antarctica. She was a very effective member on a United Nations Study Team on Peace Keeping to Israel in 1976. When she retired from the university in 1978, she was honored by being named Professor Emeritus.

After a thirty year career at Rochester University, she accepted a post retirement position teaching international relations and English as a Foreign Lan-

guage at Kobe YMCA University in Kobe, Japan. With the capability of speaking five languages including Japanese, she was a natural for the job. She remained in Kobe for four years and enhanced her knowledge even further by making a Cultural visit to The People's Republic of China in 1980.

Frances returned to the United States in 1982 to live out her retirement years near her brother Lawrence in the San Francisco area.

In 2000, at the age of 90, she returned to Kewanee to establish the Horler Scholarship in honor of her brother Laurence. The scholarship is awarded annually to a deserving graduate of Kewanee High School selected by the members of the high school faculty. During her visit she also provided major gifts to assist the music programs of both Wethersfield and Kewanee High Schools.

Dr. Horler will be most remembered for her skills as a teacher and for the many ways she encouraged students to live up to their true potential.



Frances Horler

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Class of 39

Marie (Naseef) Anderson -
1/18/12

Class of 40

Helen (Piester) Kuster - 8/17/12

Class of 42

Donald VanRaemdonk - 9/6/12
Clara (Sopiasz) Buswell -
10/31/12
Doris Dresser - 3/29/12

Class of 44

Joan (Bell) Phillips - 8/25/12

Class of 45

Lucille (Zumber) Horsley -
10/31/12

Class of 46

Mikeal (Mike) Kallas - 6/18/12
Arthur Johnson - 8/30/12

Class of 47

Norma Kitterman - 5/14/09
Leona (Moulton) Stewart -
10/2/12

Class of 48

Richard Warden - 1/18/12

Janice (Milburn) Seeds -
9/29/12

Class of 49

Rogers Anderson - 4/2/12

Class of 52

Duane Black - 9/3/08
Sarah (Wright) Black - 5/4/11
David Vandemore - 9/20/12
Alan Kuster - 8/7/12

Class of 53

Ray Gibson - 6/4/11
Gail (Metz) Anderson - 10/1/11

Class of 54

Elizabeth (Duytschaver) Humble -
8/17/12

Class of 55

Robert Peterson - 8/27/12

Class of 61

Crellin Longanbach - 9/2/10

Class of 64

Gary Snieski - 8/24/12

Class of 66

Brendan Schiltz

Class of 67

Robert Wraight - 1/13/12
David VanNieuwenhuysse -
9/11/12
Kathryn (Lake) Lazoen - 9/9/12

Class of 71

Patricia (Larson) Hood - 8/28/12

Class of 72

Rev. Robert Flagg - 10/4/12

Class of 75

Julie (Heaton) Yordy - 8/25/12
Ronald Siemers - 11/10/12

Class of 86

Julie (Hadsall) Nell

Class of 88

Ron Aman

Class of 05

Donovan VanDusen - 9/4/12

Class of 10

Cody Jannie - 7/26/12

Class of 11

Amy Partridge - 7/23/12

MEMORIAL BENCH DEDICATED AT CENTRAL SCHOOL FOR DAVE VANNIEUWENHUYSE

On December 1, former college buddies of long time Kewanee art teacher and coach Dave VanNieuwenhuysse, gathered together with family and friends to dedicate a memorial bench for Dave. The bench has been installed at the front northeast entrance of Central School. In

addition to the memorial bench, a framed art has been displayed outside of Dave's former classroom at Central School. Those who gathered for the dedication made special remarks about Dave and his love for the school.

Pictured at right are: Seated Nancy VanNieuwenhuysse, Amanda VanNieuwenhuysse, standing sons Jason, John, grandchildren Hunter, Erika and son James.



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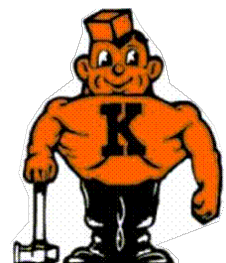
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