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A Message From the Superintendent

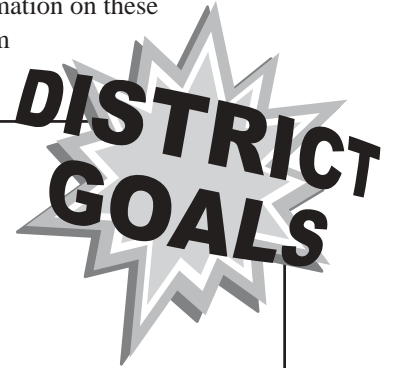
Our school district is continuing great progress to make Keshequa Central an excellent school from which to receive a quality, well-rounded education. I appreciate the responses to our recent surveys in regards to the Superintendent Search and the Football Exploration. Your feedback will be taken seriously. The results and more information on these topics will be provided next month. The real strength of a school system is cooperation between students, teachers, administrators, the Board of Education, parents and community members. We all need to continue to communicate and work together to be successful.

In every issue I will print our District Goals for 2003-2004 as a reminder to us all what we are striving for. I will also include updates on some of them to keep you informed on our progress. Look for small, boxed articles in each monthly issue. We welcome your input, help, and support at anytime. I'm only a phone call away at 468-2541 extension #1105.

*Sincerely,
Lucinda Miner,
Interim Superintendent*

The mission of the Keshequa Central School District is to provide opportunities to empower all students to be cooperative, self-directed lifelong learners, prepared to responsibly meet the challenges of the twenty-first century.

Keshequa Central School District Goals, 2003-2004



- No. 1 Academic Achievement
- No. 2 School Climate
- No. 3 Professional Development
- No. 4 District Communications
- No. 5 Facilities
- No. 6 Technology
- No. 7 Fiscal Responsibility

Greetings from KCS High School

Mark Mattle, High School Principal



We are off to a great start of what is promising to be an exceptional year. Here are a few noteworthy events:

To celebrate the fall sport season and to usher our boy's soccer team into sectional play we had a KCS spirit week ending with a Friday night homecoming dance. My thanks go out to our KCS Student Council and their advisors Ms. Turk and Mr. Riggi for all their hard work in organizing the spirit week.

Renovation Underway

The renovation of Busy Bees Career and Technical Center is underway with our Busy Bee students

working along side the college students from the Building Trades Program at Alfred State College. I would like to thank Mr. Burt and Mr. Boos for their innovative project and hard work pulling together a collaboration between Alfred Agricultural Tech School and the students of Keshequa Central Busy Bees Program.

Students and Faculty practice for an Emergency Go-Home.

On November 4, 2003 the entire district had a successful emergency go-home drill. This drill is conducted annually in the event students need to be evacuated during an emergency at their building. The administration would like to thank all of the faculty, staff and students for their fine execution of the procedures. We are confident that if the need should arise the district can safely and efficiently evacuate all our students to a safe place.

Our Fall Sport Teams Finished as Follows:

Varsity Boy's Soccer (Liv. Co. Sec. V Champions) • *Record: 16-2, 8-0*

JV Boy's Soccer • *Record: 12-3-3*

Varsity Girl's Soccer • *Record: 5-13-1, 2-6*

JV Girl's Soccer • *Record: 9-9*

Varsity Volleyball • *Record: 8-11, 3-5*

JV Volleyball • *Record: 7-11*

Thank you to all our fall athletes, their families and our excellent KCS coaching staff for all their hard work and dedication throughout the fall season.

Life Skills Students have a busy beginning to the school year!

Mrs. Colleen Proctor's and Mrs. Beth Sawyer's Life Skills classes have been busy since the start of the school year.

Students enjoyed a trip to the Rochester International Airport and were provided with a tour. Everyone had a great time, we were given a tour of a United Airlines airplane from a pilot and students had the chance to sit in the cockpit. We got to see many "behind the scenes" areas of the airport and also the emergency unit—including fire trucks, ambulances, and the HazMat truck. Mrs. Shultz's sewing class has been keeping our Life Skills students very busy. Students have learned how to use and care for sewing machines, utilize different stitching techniques, and cut and prepare patterns for projects. Some of our projects include rice bags (to use as a heating pad), fabric animals, and plastic bag holders. Students are working hard preparing for a Holiday Gift Jar Sale. This year, students have selected one special candy to prepare and put together in fabric-covered jars for their sale in December. In preparation, students have collected jars, sanitized them, and planned their list of necessary ingredients. In addition, our classes prepared all the treats for both the MS and HS dances.

KCS District Goal #7: Fiscal Responsibility

Business Administrator Search

We are currently accepting applications for a new School Business Administrator. Interviews will be conducted in December with an anticipated start date of early January.

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Mike Mahaney, a highly qualified, retired business Administrator, who has put in many hours to help out our district over the past five months. His knowledge and experience have helped to set a sound financial course for the district, as we set appropriate measures for numerous non-instructional issues.

Thank you Mike!



Keshequa Selected By Geneseo College for Site Visitation

SUNY Geneseo was searching for a place for thirty aspiring teachers to see some “good” teaching techniques and they found a home right here at Keshequa. Keshequa School-to-Work Coordinator, Shawn Bielicki, seized the opportunity and made arrangements for the college students on November 6,



Upon their return, Mr. Bielicki drilled the group on effective questioning techniques, the power of parents, and positive personal relationships with students. Many KCS teachers were complimented by the aspiring teachers including Mr. Morgan, Mr. Sabo, Mr. Riggi, Mr. Swartzfager, Mr. Smith and several others. Mr. Mattle

2003. “I wanted to highlight some of our best teaching practices and let people know that we really do have good teaching going on here,” stated Mr. Bielicki.

The aspiring teachers were assembled first thing in the morning and given a welcome from Keshequa Interim Superintendent Lucinda Miner. Then Keshequa High School Principal, Mark Mattle, took a break from his busy schedule and entered back into the classroom. Mr. Mattle inspired the future teachers calling

it “the most noble profession.” One student asked Mr. Mattle what his school philosophy was. He explained, in a nutshell, that students learn best by doing and he challenged the group to go and see if his philosophy was evident in his teacher’s practices.

Mr. Bielicki created schedules for the thirty students, breaking them into groups of two or three, and sent them off on this quest to see a couple of different teachers.

was excited to hear the response from the aspiring teachers that his philosophy was apparent and working.

Geneseo thanked KCS for the opportunity, calling it “very organized, and well-done.” Several aspiring teachers will become student teachers for KCS next year. “Ultimately, we hope to see these future teachers in our classrooms as our own one day,” stated Mr. Bielicki, “and I think this day helped provide a small bridge towards that goal.



Middle School Fall Sports Round-up:

Modified Boys’

Soccer, coached by P. Piraino •
Undefeated: 11 wins and 0 losses

Modified Girls’ Soccer, coached by B. King • *6 wins, 3 losses, 2 ties*

Modified Girls’ Volleyball, coached by L. Clinton • *3 wins, 6 losses, 5 ties*



KCS District Goal #5: Facilities

Middle School Gymnasium/Flood Damage

Update: The State Education Department (SED) has given approval, and thus aidability, to replace the flooring in the middle school gym and weight room, as well as resurface the outdoor basketball and tennis courts. We are still waiting for approval of FEMA funds. The gym floor has been removed, and the new floor is expected to be installed by early January. The site work will be completed in the spring.

We thank the students and staff for their cooperation and patience during this time, as space has been a problem with creative solutions by all.

Keshequa Middle School District News

Submitted by Gary Collichio, Middle School Principal



Parents with children in the middle grades know it is an exciting time that marks the beginning of an important new phase in their education and personal

development. In grades 6-8, the curriculum is more varied and goes into greater detail and students have more activities from which to choose. Friends become more important than ever.

It can also be a bewildering time. Middle School students go through many changes. They may become disorganized, aloof, emotional, and anxious for independence. There is good news. All these things are a natural part of growing up.

At the Keshequa Middle School, we seek to engage our students in activities that facilitate their academic and personal growth. Things like Spirit Week, that included dress-up days, hall decoration contests, ice cream social, middle school dance, and school wide pep assembly help us to do this.

Congratulations to last year's 8th graders with their successful performance on the 2003 Mathematics New York State Assessment.

At a time when many of the schools in our state struggle with these assessments, 65% of our KCS public total population either met or exceeded standards for this year. This is a hard earned 18% increase in our previous year's accomplishments.

Great job to the teachers and students who worked so hard to achieve these encouraging results.

You are the pride of our KCS Middle School.



Above: Principals, Mr. Collichio and Mr. Mattle referee the inter-grade level "Tug of War" at the pep rally.



Left: Brittany Barnhardt and Paige Essler dress "for the future" during KCS Spirit Week.

Students contribute to the Bell Memorial Library in honor of area veterans

Mr. Cook's Veteran's Team Project members, purchased two identical books of *Chicken Soup for the Veteran's Soul, Stories to Stir the Pride and Honor the*

Courage of our Veterans, to donate to the Bell Memorial Library and our Keshequa Middle/High School media center. An update of these activities can be obtained through the website www.nunda.history.org.



A message from Rich Greene, Elementary Principal



Hi everyone! I hope this issue of the Chronicle finds you and your family all doing well. I have a couple important things I'd like to take this opportunity to share with you.

First of all, I am happy to announce that our school recently received a grant of \$500 from the Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance Program. Our local Arrow Mart store had applied for the grant and listed our school as the recipient. The money will be used to provide materials and supplies to enrich reading instruction for our students. I would like to thank the store's manager, Tamara Adams for taking the initiative to pursue the grant and for the benefits our students will be able to reap as a result of her efforts.

Also, I would like to ask you once again to consider becoming a member of the Keshequa Parent Teacher Student Association (KPTSA). The KPTSA serves as the main connection point between the school and the parents of our students. By being a member of the KPTSA, you are forming a bond with other parents like yourself that can serve the needs of our students, in an alliance with the school. There are so many ways you can help. You don't have to attend all of the meetings – your involvement can be tailored by you to fit your schedule and comfort zone. By joining, you are added to the roster of people that want to do their part for the school. If you're interested in joining, please give me a call and I'll tell you how to do it.

As always, if you ever have any questions or concerns about what's happening at school, don't hesitate to call me at 476-2234 ext.1133. Happy Holidays!

Board of Education News

Assemblyman Dan Burling will be attending the December 11, 2003 Board of Education meeting. A short presentation will be given followed by a question and answer period. All parents, students, staff and community members are invited to attend. The meeting will be held in the MS/HS Building, 15 Mill Street, Nunda at 7:00 p.m. Any questions please contact Peggy Shaver, District Clerk @ 468-2541 ext. 1105.

December Events

Middle/High School Winter Concert:

December 15 7:00 p.m. MS/HS Aud., Nunda
(snow date: 12/22)

Holiday Elementary Concert:

December 18 7:00 p.m. MS/HS Aud., Nunda

Winter Recess begins on December 24 – January 4

School resumes on 1/5/04

*Happy
Holidays!*

**GOAL
#4**

KCS District Goal #4: District Communication

District Website – www.keshequa.org check out new links!

District Newsletter – This is issue #1 of our new look, fewer frills in the appearance, but more up-to-date news articles.

Surveys – Many people responded to recent surveys to get your input on the Superintendent Search and Football Exploration. Thank you for the returns...we value your opinions!

Home Coffees – Still looking for a host! Give me a call at 468-2541 extension #1105 to lean about this fun ideas-sharing event!

From the Art Room

By Linda Stathearn, Elementary Art Teacher



Megan Green, Grade 2

Congratulations to all of our world hunger art contest winners! You did a terrific job!!!

My second through fifth grade students participated in an art contest concerning world hunger awareness. Out of five participating schools, we took Grand Prize in all grades, two through five. Three finalists from each grade level were chosen to go on to the contest from Keshequa. From there, the grand prize finalists were selected from all of the participating schools: Letchworth, Perry, Warsaw, Castile Christian Academy, and Keshequa. Winners were publicized in the Perry Herald Newspaper and will be in the November Dalton Newsletter.

From Grade 2: Megan Green (took First Place and Grand Prize), Cooper Galton (took Second Place), and Zachary Kennedy

From Grade 3: Connor Lucas (took First Place and Grand Prize), Helen Alloco (took Second Place), and Kristen Jackson

From Grade 4: Gabrielle DiAngelo (took First Place and Grand Prize), Michaela Hillier (took Second Place), and Brittany Ressler

From Grade 5: Trevor Colborn



Connor Lucas, Grade 3

(took First Place and Grand Prize), Ashely Vanelli (took Second Place), and Claire Mann

Honorable Mentions were:

Grade 5: Jeremy Welton, Sarah Allen, Tim Jackson, Valerie McAllister, Cody Jones, Chelsea Nichols, and Tyler Green

Grade 4: Brooke Essler, Kirstin Orton, and Amelia Bloomer

Grade 3: Atticus Kiser, Gracey Smith, and Lia James

Grade 2: Jacob Ostrander



Gabrielle DiAngelo, Grade 4



Trevor Colborn, Grade 5

Working with an area youth group representative, I asked our students to create a poster representing their views of how we all could help put an end to world hunger. This subject is a social issue that has an impact on many people both in the United States and across the world. The images our students created for this project have tried to show that. They make us aware that art is not always a “pretty picture!” Visual Art is at its very best when it is used as a tool for communication. Some of the images were comical, and some were more serious, but all depict a very important issue of concern. Many students took the individual initiative to research important facts concerning the issue of world hunger on their own, either via the Internet or library. This was a more involved effort than just designing something out of their heads without thinking about it. The winning entries and honorable mention entries are on display in the Art display cases by the main office. This project also fit in appropriately with our school’s character education program: PEACE BUILDERS, as any time you place yourselves in someone else’s life, you are showing empathy for someone other than yourself.

When you see any of these students, please congratulate them! They worked very hard on their posters.

First Quarter Honor Roll

The following students at Keshequa Central School have made the honor/high honor roll for the first quarter marking period. The categories are high honor (89.5 and above), and honor (84.5-89.4). Congratulations to these students:

12th Grade

High Honor

Henry Adams
Casey Beechey
David Brown
Brandy Cartwright
Rachelle Cartwright
Travis Deiter
Callie Duryea
Adam Ellis
Abijah Gath
Nathan Grosse
Ryan Grosse
Matthew James
Jason Krenzer
Ina Matteis
Melissa Miller
Anna Moffat
Jerad Pfaff
Edith Rich
Scott Rigney
Jeffrey Rook

Conor Sheehan
Heidi Snyder
Sarah Sullivan
Gerald Towne
Kristen Waldon
Julie Willett
Derek Worden

Honor

Nicole Baylor
Justin Bradt
Jonathan Brown
Jamie Cassidy
Michael Clark
Katherine Cox
Luke Debuysier
Jessica Doyle
Aaron Dudley
Jeffrey Ellsworth
Danielle Gilbert
Terra Howard
Cara Lundquist
Robert Mcevoy
Michael Pike
Rachael Symonds
Mark Wilkins

11th Grade

High Honor

Aeriel Donovan
Jamie Fox
Meghan Giles
Cassandra Gunn
Rachel King

Dillon Kronert
Ashley Perr
Morgan Sanford
Andrea Zeh

Honor

Scott Bartlett
Bryan Buckel
Calla Clancy
Jessica Clovis
Nicholas Decramer
Steven Duby
Brandon Gaby
Jeffrey Green
Courtney Halter
Rachel Howell
Melissa Krenzer
Justin Pelcher
Joshua Pierce
Robert Schwegler
Casey Villone
Mary Ann Wise

10th Grade

High Honor

Troy Deiter
Blaine Ellis
Matthew Flint
Jenny Holley
Bethany James
Eric Kanouse
Brandi Kelly
Deserea Ladelfa
Ashley Mcauslen
Rachel Strain
Joshua Sullivan
Alexander Ulik

Honor

Casey Brown
Tanis Cassidy
Gregory Fraser
Amber Funk
Michael Moir
Michael Oulton
Justin Samuelson
Chaleigh Savastano
Rory Sheehan
Ashley Sherlock
Kady Smith
Jeffrey Sullivan
Ross Thorne

9th Grade

High Honor

Katelyn Brewer
Kari Buchinger

Amber Didas
Crystal Harrington
Joshua Houghtaling
Lorelei Kujat
Alaina Loftus
Marcie Mallaber
Sarah Morris
Ian Phillips
Amber Stephens

Honor

Hope Borden
Jason Buckel
Amber Carney
Sarah Cobin
Kevin Garwood
Scott Gray
Raymond Halter
Bethany Marsh
Michelle Mozzer
Mark Nesbitt
Tiffany Nixon
Nathan Pierce
Nikkole Pragle
Grace Rich
Christopher Rudgers
Justin Sherlock
William Smith
Timothy Snyder
Adam Sullivan
Joshua Trim
Kelsey Wagar
Matthew Whiteman

8th Grade

High Honor

Rhiannon Boehm
Jessica Case
Ashley Cassidy
Jacalyn Donovan
Brendan Ehmann
Ashley Green
Rachel Kanouse
Rory Kennedy
Theresa Krenzer
Ryan Mcclements
Lauren Morris
Robert Newcomb
Shawna Nickerson
Ryan Nugent
Allen Pierce
Laurie Rich
Timothy Rymer
Angelica Schmitter
Jason Small
Nathaniel Spencer
Marissa Underwood

Honor

Riley Adams
Justin Camuto
Jacob Dale
Cheyenne Demarco
Rachelle Duryea
Daniel Fisher
Dominic Flint
Joshua Goodridge
Felicia Gregg
Eric Howard
John Johnson
Mathew Kreuzer
Dean Ladelfa
Joseph Maddalena
Anna Mucha
Adam Oulton
Brittany Pawlowski
Patrick Reichard
Dustin Rook
Brandon Schrier
Kassandra Schrier
Timothy Steiner
Courtney Willey
Nicholas Willey

7th Grade

High Honor

Kayla Beardsley
Angela Colomba
Courtney Curry
Charise Gelser
Emily Gibson
Chrysta Giles
Brian Gordinier
Sarah Gray
Lindsay Gunn
Alicia Halpenny
Ashley Hark
Matthew Moran
Danielle Newcomb
Brandon Nickerson
Erin Pattridge
Johnathan Peritore
Albert Schmitter
Jeffrey Steidle
Sydney Sullivan
Breanna Yaw

Honor

Jacob Axtell
Brittany Barnhardt
Sallie Bel
Megan Brooker
Sonja Brooker
Travis Flint

Brandy Gallicchio
Lacy Galton
Amber Herington
Stephanie Kreuzer
Jesse Orellana
Shannen Oulton
Ariel Piper
Victoria Underwood
Brittany Willey

6th Grade

High Honor

Cassandra Allen
Tyler Cobin
Zachary Coffey
Paige Essler
Ryan Forrester
Ryann Gardner
Elizabeth Gilbert
Christopher Gray
Dylan Hatfield
Greg Hoodak
Mariah Mahlendorf
Terrence Mann
Michelle Montgomery
John Nesbitt
Jacob Osborn
Amanda Reichard
Rischandra Smith
Christine Tallman
Ethan Trim
Brett Vesico

Honor

Jeremiah Bentley
Ethan Boss
Kaylie Buckel
Ashley Cartwright
Thomas Coates
Katheryn Eldridge
Amanda Gath
Joshua Gonzalez
Derek Hendershot
Catherine Mucha
Ashley Pericone
Rebecca Pierce
Jake Rung
Michael Smith
Jessica Snyder
Tavis Strobel
Tyler Westcott

KCS District Goal #1: Academic Achievement



Math Assessment Results for Grades 4 and 8

We recently received the results of grades 4 and 8 testing in Math from last spring, and we have shown significant growth. The goal is to have few students at level one and a high percentage at levels three and four combined. These charts outline our 5-year comparison:

4th Grade Math

Percentage of Students at:

Year	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Levels 3 & 4
1999	9	30	47	14	61
2000	3	19	64	15	79
2001	2	13	55	31	86
2002	0	21	65	14	79
2003	0	9	58	33	91

8th Grade Math

Percentage of Students at:

Year	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Levels 3 & 4
1999	18	46	33	4	37
2000	18	44	34	5	39
2001	21	53	22	3	25
2002	10	47	44	0	44
2003	4	31	57	8	65

Congratulations to KCS students and kudos to our entire staff as we all work together to improve student achievement in all areas, and thank you parents for your support! We are committed to strive for even higher results in the future!

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