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# Chronicle

## Message from the Superintendent

As we roll into the doldrums of March I want to focus everyone's attention on a bright spot...student achievement at Keshequa Central. Our teachers and staff work very hard to provide the best educational program possible for every student and we are very proud of our results over the past two years. Charted for you on page 3 are the results for the last six years of the required New York State Exams for grades 4 and 8 in English Language Arts (ELA) and math. Level 1 is the lowest score a student can receive and a level 4 is equivalent to a score with honors. To be passing you must be a level 3 or level 4. You will note the significant increases, particularly in math. We believe that changes in the way we deliver instruction are largely responsible, along with an alignment of our math curriculum. We have made a smaller increase, though significant, in the passing rates for ELA. We feel confident that our new Reading First Program will help us to realize future increases. Additionally, all grades must now take these exams, which will help us identify individual weaknesses on a yearly basis.

We have also seen student successes at the high school level, where the Regents Exams are the tools for measurement. You will find a four year summary of these results on page 4. These scores are most impressive and rank right up there with students from larger and more affluent schools. The major area we need to improve on is our participation rate. As reported to you last fall, we need to ensure that 95% of the students who were enrolled as 9<sup>th</sup> graders must take these exams, and not drop out of school along the way.

Our teachers, support staff and students are to be commended for their efforts and can be proud of their accomplishments. Parents and community...you, too, have contributed and we applaud and thank you as well. So as one local television station proclaims "Bright Spots" in their news, the Keshequa Chronicle proclaims these "Bright Spots" of our own! Let's all celebrate Keshequa student achievement!

**District Goals**

- #1 Academic Achievement**
- #2 School Climate**
- #3 District Communication**
- #4 Educational Structure**

- Honor**
- Wisdom**
- Leadership**
- Truth**

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.

# Board of Education News & Notes

This section of the newsletter is intended to communicate information about the Board of Education and highlights from recent meetings. Complete minutes are available from the District Clerk (Tammy Peck, 468-2541 ext. 1105) and on our website [www.keshequa.org](http://www.keshequa.org)

## February 16, 2006

- Presentation from the KCS Counseling Department
- Discussion of a proposed new program – Pre-kindergarten
- Approval to purchase an SUV school bus from bid
- Permanent appointment of three personnel:
  - Lynn Gilbert (cleaner)
  - Richard Fisher (laborer)
  - Noreen Sanford (school nurse)
- Approval of one (1) year child care leave for Treva Walker
- Superintendent Search Update – see above inset
- Capital Project work session

## March

Board of Education Meetings

- Thurs., March 9, 7 p.m., Board Conference Room, Nunda.
- Thurs., March 23, 7 p.m., Cafetorium, Dalton Elem.

## Superintendent Search Update

As this issue of the Chronicle goes to print there has been no final selection of the next Superintendent for Keshequa Central School. The search is still following the process as the Board of Education makes every effort to find the best candidate to be our educational leader. The Board thanks all those individuals who have been involved with interviews to help make this very important decision.

## Question of the Month:

*How can I become a KCS Board Member?*

## Answer:

1. To qualify for school board membership, an individual:

- Must be able to read & write
- Must be a qualified voter of the district (*citizen of the US, at least 18 years old, and not adjudged to be an incompetent*)
- Must be and have been a

resident (but need not be a taxpayer) of the district for a continuous and uninterrupted period of at least one year immediately before the election

- May not have been removed from any school district office within the preceding year
  - May not reside with another member of the same school board as a member of the same family
  - May not be a current employee of the school board
  - May not simultaneously hold another incompatible public office
2. To run for a school board seat, an individual must:
- Pick up a petition from the District Clerk, Tammy Peck (468-2541 ext. 1105)
  - Have the petition signed by at least 25 qualified district voters
  - File nominating petition in the office of the District Clerk no later than April 17, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.

There are two seats up for election on May 16. These seats are currently held by John Gordinier and Patricia Kreuzer. Of the candidates who appear on the ballot, the one candidate with the most votes will win a five (5) year term of office and the candidate with the second most votes will win a four (4) year term of office. All future winners of board seats at Keshequa will be for four (4) year terms. This year's election of candidates phases in the reduction of the term of office from five (5) years to four (4) years as approved at the annual meeting/election in May, 2005.

## Calendar of Events

### March

- 3 & 4 ..... High School Play, "Little Shop of Horrors", 7:00 p.m., Nunda Auditorium.
- 6-10 ..... NYS Math Test for Grades 3, 4, and 5
- 9 ..... Bd. of Ed. Mtg., 7 p.m., Nunda Board Room.
- 10 & 11 .. MS/HS All County Festival, Nunda Auditorium
- 11 ..... End of 25 Week Marking Period
- 13 – 17.... NYS Math Tests for Grades 6, 7 and 8
- 17 ..... Interim Reports Mailed Home
- 23 ..... Bd. of Ed. Mtg., 7 p.m., Dalton Elem. Cafetorium
- 24 ..... Supt.'s Conference Day, No School for Students

### April

- 2 ..... Turn Your Clocks Ahead
- 4 ..... Elementary Spring Concert, Nunda Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- 6 ..... Middle School Spring Concert, Nunda Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

## NOTICE

AHERA periodic surveillance was completed on November 17, 2005. There were no changes in the conditions of either the Middle School/High School or the Elementary School.

# KCS ELA/Math Long Term Results

## Public Safety Bulletin

The Keshequa Central School District has received formal notification that a classified level 3 sex offender is currently residing in our school district. For more information you may:

- Contact the Nunda Police Department at 468-2515
- Visit the state website at <http://criminaljustice.state.ny.us>

4th Grade English Language Arts							
Year	# Students tested	% at 1	% at 2	% at 3	% at 4	% Passing (3+4)	Performance Index
2000	70	1	44	47	7	54	152
2001	59	3	31	53	14	67	165
2002	65	2	42	51	6	57	156
2003	70	4	41	44	10	54	149
2004	65	0	34	54	12	66	166
2005	55	4	24	62	11	73	170

4th Grade Math							
Year	# Students tested	% at 1	% at 2	% at 3	% at 4	% Passing (3+4)	Performance Index
2000	74	3	19	64	15	79	177
2001	62	2	13	55	31	86	185
2002	66	0	21	65	14	79	179
2003	69	0	9	58	33	91	191
2004	64	0	2	66	33	99	198
2005	54	0	2	59	39	98	198

Grade 8 English Language Arts							
Year	# Students tested	% at 1	% at 2	% at 3	% at 4	% Passing (3+4)	Performance Index
2000	85	7	59	24	11	35	129
2001	89	21	45	24	10	34	113
2002	66	2	56	35	8	43	142
2003	82	11	60	27	2	29	118
2004	75	4	51	41	4	45	141
2005	53	0	40	51	9	60	160

Grade 8 Math							
Year	# Students tested	% at 1	% at 2	% at 3	% at 4	% Passing (3+4)	Performance Index
2000	82	18	44	33	5	38	120
2001	90	2	53	22	3	25	103
2002	63	10	46	44	0	44	134
2003	79	6	32	54	8	62	156
2004	76	5	25	61	9	70	165
2005	52	2	8	71	19	90	188

## Emergency Closings

### Radio:

WHAM (AM 1180)  
 WPXY (FM 98.9)  
 WDNY (FM 93.9, AM 1400)  
 WBEE (FM 92.5)  
 WYSL (AM 1040)

### Television:

WKBW (Channel 7)  
 WHEC (Channel 10)  
 WHAM (Channel 13)  
 WROC (Channel 8)  
 R News (Channel 14)

### Parent Broadcast:

Phone call to your home.

## Computer Lab Hours

Community members and students of KCS are welcome to attend the open computer lab on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the Middle School computer lab. A variety of software applications will be available.

# High School Happenings by Mark Mattle, High School Principal

BOCES hosted their annual skills competition and KCS students gave great performances. First place finishes included Brian Kerwin in welding masking and painting, Jamie White in the bed-making rodeo, and Amber Funk in the hors d'oeuvre cook-off. Second place was taken by Tory Dieter in the hors d'oeuvre cook-off, Courtney Carlin in agricultural sales, Adam Sullivan in millwork, and Sarah Burrus & Crystal Whitney in the hair styling competition (the theme was Broadway hits). Congratulations to our winners, and all our competitors, at this year's competition.

Our High School Music Department reports that Sarah Gray and Lindsay Gunn were selected for the fourth annual Roberts Westlyan College Honors Band. The ensemble, comprised of students chosen through nationwide auditions, played music at an advanced high school and college level. Mr. Hoffman says "The girls did an amazing job, and I was very proud to have them perform at my alma mater."

At the county-wide solo festival Grace Rich earned a 100 on her level six solo. Level six is the highest level that any high school student can play. Mr. Hoffman stated, "I have personally never seen a perfect score before, I am extremely proud of her accomplishment."

Mr. Hoffman took 17 students to the solo festival this year. Out of the 17, 12 of them made it to all-county. As to their performance Mr. Hoffman says, "I have 24 students in high school band, half of them are representing Keshequa at all-county. That's amazing! This is a testament to their hard work and dedication. Congratulations to the following students who performed: Brandi Kelly, Ashley McAuslen, Grace and Laurie Rich, and Jason Buckel.

Eight students auditioned for a place in the senior high all-county chorus, which KCS will host on March 10 & 11. "Congratulations to Scott Gray, Ashley McAuslen and Jason Buckel, who were chosen to represent KCS at the festival."

Mrs. Beaumont visited our 11<sup>th</sup>

## Join us on March 5 for a day to come together as a community to help six local families of the class of 2007.

- Bill's Restaurant, noon till 5:00 p.m.
  - Music by the band *Dam Straight* (southern & classic rock)
  - Raffles-Door Prizes-Food
  - \$5 adults; \$3 ages 4-11 years; free for ages 3 & under.
- Woodlyn Hills Country Club
  - 3:00...cocktail hour
  - 4:00...dinner
  - five-course meal by the American Culinary Federation's Professional Chefs of Rochester
  - \$35 per person

grade English classes as part of the high school guidance department's unit on college planning. Mrs. Beaumont discussed the correlation between education, yearly income, cost of living and the benefits of a higher education. The two-day unit culminated with a review and discussion of the senior handbook. This handbook, created by our counseling department, explores the college application process and helps students and their families prepare for their senior year. Parents, if you have not seen the handbook, please ask your son or daughter to see it!

SAT prep class begins on Saturday,

February 25, and runs 9:00 a.m. to noon every Saturday through April 8<sup>th</sup> at GCC in Dansville. This comprehensive course will help prepare students to take the SAT exam and promises to increase scores on both the math and verbal sections of the test. The cost for the course is \$63 and includes the cost of a workbook. Please call GCC at 335-7820 to pre-register.

## Keshequa Wins Section V Class B Wrestling Championship.

Congratulations to our wrestling team for winning their first-ever Section Five Class B Title. Jake Dale led the team with a technical fall in the finals to win the championship at 171 lbs. Paul Kreuzer, Mike Moir, Patrick Mattle and Matt Whiteman placed second. Korey Gillen, Matt Kreuzer, Brandon Schrier, John Johnson and Jerry Goodrich all placed third. It was a great team victory with all members contributing to points with wins throughout the tournament.

Congratulations to Coach Mike Uveino for being named Section Five Class B Wrestling Coach of the Year! A special thanks to him and his coaching staff for their hardwork, commitment and dedication to our wrestlers and the wrestling program at KCS throughout the years!

## Regents Exam Results

Subject	2002	2003	2004	2005
English 11	98	100	96	100
Math A	NA	94	85	94
Global Studies	65	74	78	88
US History	85	97	97	98
Living Environment	94	95	100	94
Earth Science	92	79	83	97
Chemistry	52	81	74	93
Spanish	96	100	94	100
French	75	NA	100	100
Proficiency Exam in French	65	91	93	100
Proficiency Exam in Spanish	79	97	87	97

# Middle School Corner *by Doris Marsh, Middle School Principal*

Middle School students who passed all courses at the 20-week marking period earning an average of 80 or above, and/or had been recommended by their teachers, received a special treat from Mrs. Marsh. For the 30-week marking period students will have to have an 85 average or above to be rewarded with a special treat.

Students in the Middle School and High School participated in a practice safety lock-down planned by the administration, with guidance from the Livingston County Sheriff's Department. Students were very cooperative as they followed the directions of their teachers, and the practice drill was deemed successful and informative for future possible incidences.

Middle School ELA teachers corrected our New York State ELA tests for grade 6-8. Students and teachers are now anxiously awaiting the results of the ELA tests. Hopefully, we will receive the results by May.

Our Middle School students participated in the review of bullying issues and types of harassment as presented by Officer Phyllis Applin from the Living-

## State Testing Schedule for Gr. 6-8

Middle School students will be taking New York State Tests beginning in March. Please note the following schedule:

Grades 6,7,8 – Math .....Mon., March 13 – Fri., March 17

Grade 8 – Science.....Mon., April 10 – Thurs., April 13

Grade 8 – Science.....Mon., May 8

Grade 8 – Social Studies .....Wed., June 7 (Booklet 1)

Grade 8 – Social Studies .....Thurs., June 8 (Booklet 2)

It is very important that student's be in attendance on these days. Please note that these are New York State tests and are only administered during the stated times. Performance on these tests will indicate student's academic growth and will aid in determining if a student needs additional academic intervention.

ton County Sheriff's Office (see story below). It was stressed that it is important that students educate themselves and learn to protect themselves from potential harassment and that reporting it to an adult was extremely important.

Sixth grade students were excited to participate on a field trip to the Rochester Philharmonic performance on February 8, and to Rochester Museum and Science Center on February 16, where they studied the universe and the

planets at the planetarium and forces of nature such as earthquakes, volcanoes, and tornadoes at the museum.

MS/HS students need to mark their calendar for Friday, March 17, 2006, as the Healthy Communities That Care Committee will be hosting a game night for grades 6-12 from 3:00 to 7:30 p.m. Students need to sign up in the main office to attend the event as we will need a count for ordering food. Students will be participating in basketball, volleyball, and ping pong games. They are also invited to bring their X-boxes, board games, card games, and appetite. There will be a movie (yet to be determined) shown from 3:15 pm to 4:45 pm. Students will be served finger foods such as sandwiches, cheese and cracker tray, vegetable tray, and beverages. We hope many students will participate and we invite parent chaperones to join us for a fun time.

The All-County MS/HS concert will be held at our high school on Saturday, March 11 at 1:30 pm. Please come and hear the wonderful music that talented students from thirteen school districts of our Genesee Valley BOCES will be sharing. Come early as parking and seating will be limited.

Again, I am sincerely enjoying and loving working with the Middle School students, faculty and staff. It's just the place to be!

## Harassment Can Be Serious

It is often a question of whether or not a specific behavior or action is harmless fun or goes beyond those boundaries and becomes a serious offense. Our Middle School faculty and staff take any form of harassment and/or bullying very seriously. To better equip our students with a full understanding of what constitutes physical, sexual, verbal harassment and bullying, Mrs. Marsh invited a Livingston County Sheriff to present the facts.

In a presentation by Deputy Phyllis Applin, our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders learned of the laws and seriousness of physical, sexual, verbal harassment and bullying. Students were divided into small groups by gender, then Deputy Applin presented for about 20 minutes with each small group. For example, she described to the students the fine line between 'innocent' flirtatious behavior and harassment. She gave detailed and explicit examples that could be defined as harassment. Each small group then spent 20 minutes with our Middle School Counselor to answer further questions. The students listened attentively and contributed to the discussions.

Each of our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are well informed of what constitutes physical, sexual, verbal harassment and bullying. Our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are also well aware that any form of these behaviors will not be tolerated and serious consequences will be promptly implemented.

# It's Elementary!

by Marilyn Capawan, Elementary Principal

With Groundhog Day, 100 Day, Valentine's Day, and President's Day, February has been an action and learning filled month here in Dalton! The celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School is always an interesting one as children create collections of 100 items and participate in other activities to help them develop a deeper number sense.

Kindergarten registration is underway for those children who will be five years old by December 1, 2006, and plan to enroll in kindergarten this coming September. Many of you will be receiving a letter from the school informing you about how the process works. If you do not receive that letter, and you need to register your child, please call our office at 476-2234, and we will help you with all the details.

Our *Reading First* program is proving to be an effective approach in helping students become stronger readers. In January Benchmark assessments were given, and we see tremendous gains in the basic literacy skills our children need to acquire in kindergarten and first grade. Reading teachers spent a day, along with myself and our Director of Curriculum and Instruction and Reading Coach, learning more about using data to improve instruction, and refreshing our knowledge of effec-

tive early reading instruction. Our K-3 teachers continue to participate in the New York State Reading Academy as part of their professional development.

In early March our grades 3-5 students will be participating in the New York State Mathematics exams. We will notify you by letter when your child's tests will occur.

Odyssey of the Mind students

will participate in their competition in LeRoy in late February, and we wish them well. They and their coaches have worked hard and we are all proud of them!

As always, please feel free to call me at 476-2234 ext. 1133, or email me at [mcapawan@keshequa.org](mailto:mcapawan@keshequa.org) if there is any question or concern about your child's education.

## PageTurners Off to a Great Start

by Joan Ellison

Our lower level (gr. 3-5) PageTurners team has started the year with a bang! Our first competition was in Wayland in January – and we came home in first place.

Students who join PageTurners must read as many books as possible from the official PageTurners list. There is a list of 21 books for the January competition and a list of 20 books for the April competition. There are 22 teams in our BOCES who participate in this program. The teams are divided into five divisions. Keshequa is in the southern division. We compete against Dansville, Wayland, and Cohocton. Whichever schools are in first place in each division at the end of the April competition will head to the finals in May.

The members of our hardworking team are: Brooke Alford, Helen Al-loco, Mariah Barranco, Tim Carlin, Cortney Clinton, Katelyn Costello, Blaithe Donovan, Alexandria Flint, Emily Forrester, Katie Forrester, Taylor Forrester, Danae Gibson, Michelle Hand, Sarah Link, Gabrielle Mehlenbacher, Grace Mehlenbacher, Olivia Morris-Quackenbush, Kathryn Piraino, Lindsay Piraino, Skylar Simmons, Gracey Smith, Emma Snyder, Hannah Snyder, Aurora Straton, Katelyn Sullivan, and Kirsten Willey.

## Kindergarten News

We have been very busy in Kindergarten! The children meet a new Alphafriend each week, and enjoy learning the song that goes along with each one. We are also working on building and reading words.

We recently celebrated our 100<sup>th</sup> day celebration. Students shared a collection or project that represents the number 100. We also read books and sang songs about the 100<sup>th</sup> day.

Using manipulatives, we are working on addition to five. We have been working on the concept of more than/less than and continue to practice counting and number recognition.

The children have been learning words to describe the weather. We have a daily weather graph that we fill out.

We have also been creating sentences about the weather each day.

The kindergarten joins together each Friday for sing along. We are learning many new songs!



# KCS Honor Roll

The following students have made the honor roll for the second ten-week marking period in grades 6-12. The categories are high honor (89.5 and above), and honor (84.5 – 89.4) Congratulations to these students:

## Grade 12 High Honor

Troy Deiter  
Blaine Ellis  
Matthew Flint  
Amber Funk  
Scott Gardner  
Samantha Halbert  
Jenny Holley  
Bethany James  
Eric Kanouse  
Brandi Kelly  
Ingvild Marthinussen  
Ashley McAuslen  
Soeren Melskotte  
Andrew Sarratori  
Sarah Scott  
Rory Sheehan  
Rachel Strain  
Alexander Ulik

## Honor Roll

Ashley Burnett  
Nicole Fedele  
Brandon Howarth  
Brian Kerwin  
Paul Kreuzer Jr  
Deserea LaDelfa  
Ryosuke Nezu  
Jason Pierce  
Kady Smith  
Joshua Sullivan

## Grade 11 High Honor

Hope Borden  
Kari Buchinger  
Amber Carney  
Amber Didas  
Kristin Hanley  
Crystal Harrington  
Joshua Houghtaling  
Lorelei Kujat  
Marcie Mallaber  
Sara Morris  
Heather Pawlowski  
Charles Provorse Jr.  
Grace Rich  
Jessica Stokes  
Joshua Trim

## Honor Roll

Jason Buckel  
Sarah Burrus  
Sarah Cobin  
Steven Emke  
Kevin Garwood

Scott Gray  
Raymond Halter  
Michelle Mozzer  
Ian Phillips  
Nathan Pierce  
Lindsay Snyder  
Kelsey Wagar  
Matthew Whiteman

## Grade 10 High Honor

Jessica Case  
Ashley Cassidy  
Jacob Dale  
Katheryne Davis  
Angela Dieter  
Jacalyn Donovan  
Ashley Green  
Eric Howard  
Rachel Kanouse  
Matthew Kreuzer  
Joseph Maddalena  
Ryan McClements  
Anna Mucha  
Ryan Nugent  
Brittany Pawlowski  
Laurie Rich  
Dustin Rook  
Angelica Schmitter  
Courtney Willey  
Marissa Underwood

## Honor Roll

Riley Adams  
Chelsea Amrhein  
Rhiannon Boehm  
Cheyenne DeMarco  
Leanna Derrenbacher  
Dominic Flint  
Adam Green  
Felecia Gregg  
John Johnson  
Rory Kennedy  
Dean LaDelfa  
Joseph Layland  
Lauren Morris  
Shawna Nickerson  
Brandon Schrier  
Kassandra Schrier  
Nathaniel Spencer

## Grade 9 High Honor

Kayla Beardsley  
Nicole Castner  
Courtney Curry  
Emily Gibson  
Jessica Gilbert

Chrysta Giles  
Brian Gordinier  
Sarah Gray  
Lindsay Gunn  
Alicia Halpenny  
Ashley Hark  
Thomas Miller  
Brandon Nickerson  
Jesse Orellana  
Erin Partridge  
Albert Schmitter  
Jeffrey Steidle  
Sydney Sullivan  
Breanna Yaw

## Honor Roll

Jacob Axtell  
Brittany Barnhardt  
David Brooker  
Kurt Fraser  
Charise Gelser  
David Murray  
Johnathan Peritore  
Areil Piper  
Evan Pirrello  
Bert Provorse  
Victoria Underwood.

## Grade 8 High Honor

Thomas Coates  
Paige Essler  
Ryan Forrester  
Ryann Gardner  
Amanda Gath  
Christopher Gray  
Dylan Hatfield  
Greg Hoodak  
Bryan Kunkle  
Mariah Mahendorf  
Terrence Mann  
Michelle Montgomery  
Catherine Mucha  
David Nesbitt  
Cory Owens  
Amanda Reichard  
Melissa Seiwel  
Rischandra Smith  
Christine Tallman  
Ethan Trim

## Honor Roll

Cassandra Allen  
Jeremiah Bentley  
Kaylie Buckel  
Ashley Cartwright  
Michael Clarke  
Tyler Cobin

Zachary Coffey  
Elizabeth Gilbert  
Derek Hendershot  
Finn Kennedy  
John Nesbitt  
Jacob Osborn  
Ashley Pernicone  
Andrew Powers  
Breannah Smith  
Brett Vesico  
Tyler Westcott

## Grade 7 High Honor

Sarah Allen  
Rachel Axtell  
Chelsea Beardsley  
Melissa Curry  
Zachary DiAngelo  
Lauren Donovan  
Gerald Farrell  
Zachery Galton  
Katelyn Gelser  
Samuel Gordinier  
Tyler Green  
Nicole Grosse  
Sarah Hand  
Andrew Hark  
Tiffany Harrington  
Shelby Hatfield  
Timothy Jackson  
Claire Mann  
Kevin Moran  
Chelsea Nichols  
Stephanie Reynolds  
Ariel Simone  
Kaila Weaver

## Honor Roll

Jessica Bogardus  
Jessica Carney  
John Carroll  
Amber Cassidy  
Shaylnne Craft  
Brittany Denby  
Adrec DeRue  
Amber Garwood  
Korey Gillen  
Kyle Grosse  
Gabrielle Herington  
Bernard Johnson  
Kyle Karst  
Justin Kelly  
Alexandria Maksymiw  
Valerie McAllister  
Tanner Piper  
Nicholas Snyder

Francis Wirt

## Grade 6 High Honor

Cyrus Acciari  
Elizabeth Alberti  
Dalton Alloco  
Alicia Calcote  
Kassandra Calkins  
Timothy Cassidy  
Travis Caton  
Justin Coates  
Carrie Curry  
Destinie Curry  
Gabrielle DiAngelo  
Amzi Ethridge  
Terry Forrester  
Hunter Grosse  
Brittany Hark  
Troy Hatfield  
Michaela Hillier  
Taylor Howard  
Mark Kirwan  
Jordan Kraft  
Andrew Kunkle  
Kirstin Orton  
Tyler Piraino  
Brittany Ressler  
Ryan Sarratori  
Kendra Smith  
John Swartzfager  
Jennifer Symonds  
Abigail Therrien  
Zachery Todd  
Philip Wood

## Honor Roll

Aaron Bennett  
Amelia Bloomer  
Kaleb Borgus  
Evan Chemelli  
Desiree Clark  
Jesse Ellis  
Brooke Essler  
Nicholas Faulds  
Jessica Gallicchio  
Jacob Green  
Elizabeth Hendershot  
Jonathan Keppen  
Brandon Lunn  
Shannon Mann  
Meagan Masters  
Nicole Mock  
Ashley Pierce  
Audrey Preen  
Logan Thompson  
Darwin Willett

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students & Parents

## French News

### Are You Ready For 9<sup>th</sup> Grade???

It's the time of year when we begin working with 8th grade students in preparation for their transition into high school. This involves explaining graduation requirements, developing a four-year plan, discussing and reviewing the Curriculum Handbook and selecting courses for next year.

On **Wednesday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School Computer Lab** we will hold an informational meeting for parents and students. During this time, we will review the New York State Standards, the requirements for graduation, and talk about the process students follow when selecting their courses for 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Parents will also have the opportunity to schedule an appointment with the counselors to participate in selecting their son's or daughter's courses for next year and developing a four-year plan. If you are unable to attend this informational meeting, and would like to schedule an appointment please call 468-2541 ext. 4012 and speak with Mrs. Ludwig to set up an appointment.

We think you will find this meeting informational and beneficial to you and your child. We hope to see you there.



During the past summer, Mrs. Noble had the opportunity to be an interpreter for a group of French speaking delegates from the country of Mali. Mali is a country in western Africa and French is an official language. Probably the most famous city in Mali is Timbuktu—yes, Timbuktu is a real city.

During this visit, Mrs. Noble became friends with Mahamane Touré, who is an English teacher at the Lycée La Lanterne in Bamako, the capital city of Mali. Mrs. Noble's French II class was the first to receive the names of their pen pals and wrote to them in French. We have exchanged photographs and are anxiously awaiting their responses to us. Mr. Touré's classes will be writing to us in English.

This is a very exciting project for us and we hope to make many good friends in Mali and to learn about their culture.

## Residents with Kindergarteners Entering School in Fall 2006

Dalton Elementary welcomes to kindergarten all children who will be 5 by December 1, 2006. If you have recently moved into our school district or have not been contacted by our census taker, please call the Dalton Elementary Office by March 3<sup>rd</sup> to register your incoming kindergartener.

To register your child, or inform us that you have an alternative educational plan for your child, or if you need additional information, please contact: Mrs. Brenda Weaver, Elementary Office Secretary, 467-2234, Ext. 1132

Information Night for incoming kindergarteners for the 2006 – 2007 school year will be Tuesday, April 25, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. A letter and registration form will be sent to parents before the meeting date.

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