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Chronicle

Honor

Wisdom

Leadership

Truth

Superintendent's Message *by Edward Stores*

The first month of school has flown by. It has been great seeing students and faculty at work. I want to recognize the job that Jim Van Sickle and his crew did getting our buildings ready for the opening of school. Also to be commended are our bus drivers and mechanics led by Ivan Beardsley. As per direction from the Board of Education, routes have been streamlined, driver certifications have been updated and buses inspected and ready to go. Individual concerns were handled quickly and professionally.

As I indicated in the September newsletter, the Board of Education has established goals for the year. The first of these deals with academic achievement. The results of the ELA assessments for grades 3 through 8 have been released by the State Education Department. While these scores are only baseline scores they do give us information upon which we can build a better program. In the next few months there will be a steady stream of data which will help us analyze what the scores mean and how we should proceed. A second goal deals with school climate. There appears to be a tremendous rapport between faculty and students. This translates to respect that in turn translates to academic success. As administrators our goal is not to be overly officious but rather to allow a very creative staff to do good things for students. Watching two huge flatbed truck and trailers load a prebuilt log home for delivery was a new and impressive experience for me. A third goal deals with district communication. At a Board meeting the

District Goals

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

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.

Dalton Elementary Open House

The Dalton Elementary Open House is Thursday, October 26, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Come visit your child's classes and meet their teachers. You will be able to sign up for teacher conferences at this time. The Livingston County Health Department will have a display set up in the cafetorium. Refreshments will be served also in the cafetorium.

other night Board members and Marilyn Capawan spoke of assisting the KPTSA with programs concerning district operations. This is a very good beginning. Several community members have stopped by to chat – sometimes about concerns but more often about who they are, where they are from and their hopes for their children and grandchildren. I generally have coffee on and hope more of you will stop by.

College Visits

October

- 2.... Rochester Area Colleges, Library, 1-1:45 p.m.
- 10.. SUNY Potsdam, 1:30p.m.
- 11.. SUNY Geneseo, 1:00p.m.
- 16.. Houghton College, 8:30 a.m.
- 24.. SUNY Canton, 9:45 a.m.
- Univ. of Pittsburgh at Bradford, 1:00 p.m.
- 31.. Nazareth College, 9:30a.m.

November

- 1.... Finger Lakes CC, 1:00p.m.
- 2.... Trip to Alfred State College for Juniors

PSAT

- October 18, 8-11:00 a.m., Café
- Student Fee = \$12 (*fee waived with free/reduced lunch status*)

Pre-K Is Off To a Rolling Start!

Students are coloring an apple after tasting and deciding if red apples, green apples or yellow apples were their favorite.

Our favorite time of the day, SNACK TIME! We are enjoying eating cupcakes. Mr. Mattle has even stopped in to enjoy a snack with us.

Mrs. Sanford is singing something silly with us.

We are also checking books out each week from the library. We have had a very busy start to the new school year. We are working hard and having fun.



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Summer Award Winners

Dominick Vasile, son of Rose and Michael Vasile, won Grand Champion (firstplace) in the Market Beef Program at Hemlock Fair. He raised his cow through the 4-H Program of Livingston County.

He got his cow when it was just weaned from its mother at 400 lbs. At the time of the sale to Roll n View Farms, it weighted 1,170 lbs.

In 4-H Dominick learned to feed, clean and make a good home for the cow. During competition he had to lead it, prove that he'd taught it good showmanship, and he had to trim the cow.

Cows are judged by shape, fat and lean, their marbling and how well they've been cared for. Some people even use hair spray to pretty up their cows.

He also showed two pigs, another steer, and heifer. Three of these animals took second place.



Math Enthusiasts

by the KCS Middle School/High School Math Department

The Keshequa Math Department is looking forward to a great year. In addition to algebra, geometry and trigonometry, we are offering statistics, pre-Calculus and calculus I and II. These courses are offered as AP (Advanced Placement, a college-level testing program through the College Board), ACE (Accelerated College Enrollment, through Genesee Community College) or local (for high school credit only) courses. We have also added a new course, math survey, which briefly covers many topics from math history through math in literature and even some computer programming.

Middle School students will be busy studying algebra, geometry and trig and preparing for state math tests at each grade level. Some competitions at the county and national level are also being planned.

The annual math club trip to Alfred University has been tentatively scheduled for Nov. 3, and students are gearing up for the Interscholastic Mathematics Competitions, coached by Ron Macomber. Math club is again coordinating Odyssey of the Mind and is looking forward to a math /art day where the emphasis will be on the works of mathematician/artist M.C. Escher.

Many thanks to the Nunda Rotary Club from all of us here at Keshequa for the very generous gift of 25 graphing calculators this past year. Our students will be using these calculators every day in their math studies. Graphing calculators give our students a competitive edge in the world of science and math.

We invite parents and guardians to communicate with the math department. You will find our contact information by visiting the school website at www.keshequa.org.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

To all parents please call extension 2027 to speak to the School Nurse/Attendance Officer. (Nedra Stevens) Please do not call extension 1102 .

National Young Leaders Conference



Sarah Gray, the daughter of Douglas and Lori Gray of Nunda, is a sophomore at Keshequa High School and will take part in a unique leadership development conference in our nation's capital from October 24-29. During the six-day program, the National Young Leaders Conference (NYLC) will provide scholars with the opportunity to interact with a variety of personnel who operate within the three branches of government, the news media and the international community.

"NYLC prepares students to serve our country well, whether that means as elected officials in our nation's capital, as active members within communities around the world or as intelligent, creative and responsible members of the work force," said Mike Lasday, executive director of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council (CYLC), the organization that sponsors the conference. "Through a series of simulations, we place these young leaders in the proverbial driver's seat on a variety of issues facing our country today. Their determination, as shown within the conference, is a good indicator of the types of leaders we will see in the future."

Past highlights of this program have included welcoming remarks by a current or former member of Congress, made from the floor of the House of Representatives – a privilege that is seldom afforded to other groups. Students have also had opportunities to interact with prominent members of the Washington press corps at the National Press Club, in addition to meeting with senators and representatives or appointed staff members to discuss important issues facing the nation.

To complement the schedule of special meetings and briefings, students participate in a number of leadership skill-building activities and simulations. In one role-play activity, titled *If I Were President*, students act as the president and cabinet members responding to an international crisis. Students also participate in Testing the Constitution, in which they examine actual Supreme Court cases. The conference culminates with the Model Congress, in which scholars assume the roles of U.S. Representatives, and debate, amend, and vote on proposed mock legislation.

CYLC is a non-profit, nonpartisan educational organization. Since 1985, the council has inspired more than 200,000 young people to achieve their full leadership potential. 430 members of the U.S. Congress show their commitment by serving on the CYLC Honorary Congressional Board of Advisors. In addition, more than 50 embassies participate in the council's Honorary Board of Embassies.

Sarah's trip is sponsored by Nunda Auto Parts, Inc., Nunda Family Pharmacy LLC, Husky Contracting, Seating Incorporated, Modern Home, Lucinda Miner, Trinity Church of Nunda Missions Committee, Trinity Church Women's Association, St. John & Baldwin Management Consultants, McMaster Pontiac-GMC Truck, Inc., Mann Funeral Home, Inc., Theron and Patricia Foote, and James Couture.

For additional information, visit www.cylc.org.

Students & Families Needed for Rotary Youth Exchange Program

The Nunda Rotary Club of Rotary District 7120 sponsors a youth exchange program for students between the ages of 15 and 19. As the oldest exchange program of its kind, Rotary Youth Exchange takes pride in choosing students who are academically above average, articulate, and demonstrate leadership in their communities. Ideal candidates should also possess qualities of flexibility and a willingness to try new things that will enable them to become cultural ambassadors of the U.S.

There are several types of exchanges available: Long-term is usually for an academic year in which students may live with more than one host family (3 families for three months each) and attend high school classes. Another type is short-term that varies from a few weeks to three months. Students live with a family over the summer and the host "brother or sister" lives with your family. The main costs to the student are airfare, insurance, and spending money for big trips while on the exchange; the estimated cost is \$2000. The host club will provide a monthly allowance to help defray extra expenses. The application deadline is December 1st with a district interview in January. Students may select from 85 countries in Europe, Asia, Australia, South Africa, Japan, and other Americas to travel.

At this time, the Nunda Rotary Club is looking for host families for incoming students from Argentina and Brazil. They will be arriving in January to the United States, and Rotary District 7120 needs families who are willing to host these students from January 2007 to January 2008. If you are interested in hosting a student this January or during the next school year starting in August 2007, the Nunda Rotary club would be able to assist you in the process.

If you know of a student who is interested in becoming an exchange student or your family would be interested in hosting a student, please contact the Guidance Office or the Nunda Rotary Club for more information and an application. (Contact Rotarians: Barbara Baldwin or Brenda Weaver).

New Employees



Name: Christopher Clark
Job Title: 6th Grade Math Teacher
Lives: Nunda
Graduate of: Houghton College
Bachelor's Degree: Childhood Education
Family: My new wife Carolyn Clark
Hobbies: Hunting, Soccer, and Guitar



Name: Drew Tuck
Job Title: 4th Grade Teacher
Lives: Livonia
Graduate of: SUNY Geneseo
Bachelor's Degree: Childhood Education
Family: mom and four sisters
Hobbies: Traveling, camping, reading, running



Name: Nedra Stevens
Job Title: School Nurse
Lives: Hunt
Graduate of: Alfred State College
Family: Husband Mike; son Ryan
Hobbies: Scrap booking, spending time with Ryan



Name: Aimee Brooker
Job Title: Primary Special Education Teacher
Lives: Alexander
Graduate of: Keshequa
Bachelor's Degree: SUNY Geneseo
Master's Degree: Walden University
Family: Husband Jim. Puppies: Roscoe and Molly

Hobbies: Reading, playing piano



Name: Julie Simone
Job Title: Permanent Substitute – Kindergarten
Lives: Nunda
Graduate of: SUNY Geneseo
Bachelor's Degree: B.S. In Natural Science Elementary Certification
Master's Degree: in process, Reading Literacy

Family: Husband Frank; Children – Ariel, Alex and Nicole
Hobbies: Reading, family activities, communitie volunteering, skiing



Name: Heather Macomber
Job Title: Special Education Teacher
Lives: Nunda
Graduate of: Horseheads High School
Bachelor's Degree: SUNY Geneseo
Master's Degree: SUNY Geneseo
Family: Husband Ron
Hobbies: Reading and traveling



Name: Susan Piraino
Job Title: 1st Grade Teacher
Lives: Nunda
Graduate of: SUNY Geneseo
Bachelor's Degree: BS in Education
Master's Degree: Master of Arts in Liberal Studies
Family: Husband Pete; Children Tyler and Kathryn

Hobbies: Sports and exercise



Name: James Smith LMT
Job Title: MS/HS Health Teacher
Lives: Avon
Graduate of: SUNY Cortland
Bachelor's Degree: B.S. Physical Education
Master's Degree: Master of Science in Teaching (Health)
Hobbies: Athletics and coaching



Name: Danielle Conner
Job Title: Grades 4-8 Instrumental Music Teacher
Lives: Mt. Morris
Graduate of: Nazareth College
Bachelor's Degree: Bachelor of Music
Family: Fiancée Gehn, brother Tim and Parents
Hobbies: Music, reading and walking

Middle/High School News *by Doris Marsh, Middle/High School Principal*

Opening day of school was filled with excitement about returning back to a daily routine of school activities along with being with friends again. Our sixth grade and ninth grade classes had already participated in their orientations and were familiar with their lockers, class schedules, and locations of their classrooms. All other students were able to obtain their schedules as they entered the building and immediately began the task of finding their lockers and first period classes. We actually had very few lost students on the first day of school.

Students were greeted by new teachers. Any student taking a health class met our new teacher, Mr. James Smith. In sixth grade our students met our new math teacher, Mr. Christopher Clark. Seventh grade students have a new social studies teacher, Mr. Ryan Messenger and eighth grade students have a new teacher, Miss Megan Payne, who is replacing Mrs. Prinzi until the end of January. For Middle School Band we have a new band director, Miss Danielle Conner. We also are happy to welcome our new school nurse, Mrs. Nedra Stevens.

On September 11, Middle and High School students participated in a ceremony in memory of our own William Donovan and the many others that have served our country, and continue to serve our country, such as the military, firemen, police, and ambulance personnel. The event was organized by Mr. Tom Cook with Mr. Burt Smith presenting a speech in tribute to the many that have served our country. Students laid flowers at the memorial stone in remembrance of all.

Sixth grade students had a field trip to the A-on-da-wa-nuh Sportsman Club Conservation Days in September. They learned about the conservation of natural resources. Our sixth grade also had a visiting guest from the GLOW Region of Solid Waste Management Committee to learn about the importance of recycling, reducing, reusing, and conserving our natural resources.

Eighth grade students went to the Granger Homestead in Canandaigua in September to visit a Civil War encampment and learn about a variety of aspects about the Civil War life.

Upcoming events for October include Middle School Student Council election of officers and representatives, Red Ribbon Week, fund-raisers, and sports activities along with cross country, soccer games, volleyball games.

Students and parents are reminded that our school day goes until 3:30 p.m. We highly encourage students who need extra help to stay after school and then be dismissed at 3:30 PM. Teachers are usually available to assist students on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays after school during 9th period.

High school and middle school students are reminded of our code of conduct, the importance of excellent attendance, following the dress code, and most importantly, how respect for yourself and others helps to make for a welcoming school atmosphere for all of us.

Greetings from Dalton Elementary *by Mark Mattle, Elementary Principal*

In my first article as the new Elementary Principal, I would like to thank the Board of Education for giving me this wonderful opportunity. I am grateful and honored to serve as the Elementary Principal and am excited about the excellent educational opportunities we have to offer our students at Dalton.

I would like to introduce and welcome our new staff to Dalton. We have two new grade-level teachers, Sue Piraino at first grade and Drew Tuck at fourth grade. We have two new special education teachers, Heather Macomber and Aimee Brooker, and a new instrumental music teacher, Danielle Connor. Mandy Schwenebraten has moved to our new Pre-K Teacher, Christie Downey has moved into First Grade and Keli Walker has moved from the High School to be our new psychologist. Dorothy Di-Angelo has taken a year leave and Julie Simone has moved from First Grade Teaching Assistant to Kindergarten. Jeff Howard has been hired to fill Julie's Teaching Assistant position.

I would like to welcome our first through fifth graders and their families back to school and welcome new pre-k and kindergarten students and families. Here are few tips to help you get into the school routine:

- Get ready early! Some people recommend getting up an hour

to an hour and half before you have to leave. This will eliminate rushing and the resulting panic.

- Reduce the time spend getting dressed in the morning by preparing the night before.
- Minimize tension by preparing lunches, signing papers, writing notes and getting supplies ready the night before.
- Make breakfast quick, easy, and yet special; it is the most important meal of the day! I have some great recipes for Easy Applesauce Muffins, Banana Smoothies, Crunchy Home Made Granola, Jammy Scones and Orange Biscuits. Give me a call or drop me E-Mail for them.
- As your child leaves, let them know how proud of them you are!
- Lastly, display a positive attitude toward the school, smile, be happy and communicate that education is a great thing!

Our new pre-k program, taught by Mandy Schwenebraten with Tammy Beardsley, is off to a great start. We are running two sessions per day, a morning session from 8:30 to 11:00 and an afternoon session from 12:15 to 2:45. The Houghton/Mifflin Company, the same people that provided us with our new

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If you have moved to a new address, changed your phone number, or changed your emergency contacts please fill-out this Student Emergency Card and send back with your child to the High School/ Middle School Office. (Mrs. Seifried).

KCS HS/MS STUDENT EMERGENCY CARD

Name of Student _____
First MI Last

Home Phone _____

Street Address _____

Birthdate _____

City, State, Zip _____

S.S. No _____

Mailing Address _____

In an Emergency call:

Father _____

1) Name _____

Address _____
(If different from student)

Phone _____

Father's Work Place _____

2) Name _____

Father's Work Phone _____

Phone _____

Mother _____

Address _____
(If different from student)

Mother's Work Place _____

Family Doctor _____

Mother's Work Phone _____

Doctor Phone _____

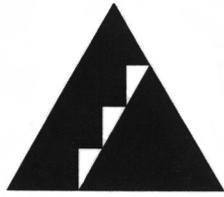
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reading series, outlines the curriculum that Mandy will use. It will be consistent and flow nicely into the kindergarten curriculum.

Our K-3 Reading First Initiative is exploding into its second year! Much summer work in planning and staff development has been done. Many thanks to our fearless Reading 1st Leader, Jeni DeMarco for all the help she has given me. I personally had the pleasure of accompanying a fine group of excellent teachers to New York City for the State Reading First Conference. I thought that I was going to see the Yankees play but instead, I learned about the fascinating art of teaching children to read. I became so excited about teaching kids to read I barely missed not seeing the Yankees; Mrs. Long made sure we went to the Yankee Store on 42nd Street! Mrs. Waldon taught us how to get purses really cheap, not that I needed a purse. The over-all goal of Reading First is, all children will read at or above grade-level by the end of third grade, more specifically, all children will read accurately, rapidly, and with comprehension by the end of third grade. It is a noble goal and one that I whole heartily support.

Lastly, I would like to thank the awesome group of people who worked hard all summer to get our school ready and in-shape for our students this year. Thanks to our maintenance and cleaning crew, Connie Mullikin, Gail McKinney, Lauri Denby, Theresa Clark, Mary Jo Sherlock, Tracy Ressler, Becky Sanford and our thoughts to Gail Sherlock. Thanks to Eugene Stephens our new head of Maintenance in Dalton, Donald McCallum our new Laborer and James VanSickle, our new Superintendent of Building and Grounds. A special thanks to Brenda Weaver and her trusty volunteer Marge Vianese for all the great work they have done.

I am looking forward to a great year at Dalton! I encourage you to contact me if you have a thought, concern, suggestion, comment, question or maybe you just want to shoot the breeze a bit. I can be reached at: Mark Mattle, Dalton Elementary School, PO Box 517, Nunda, NY 14517; (585)-476-2234, extension 1133; email: mmattle@keshequa.org



Junior Achievement

Junior Achievement's elementary school programs are the foundation of its K-12 curricula. Six sequential themes, each with five hands-on activities, work to change students' lives by helping them understand business and economics. A want versus a need. How to balance a checkbook. Don't you wish that someone had taught you those things as you were growing up? Now there is someone. YOU!

All we need is your enthusiasm, life experience, and a willingness to teach children about how you took chances and shot for the stars. The Livingston County Business/Education Alliance provides the Junior Achievement training, curriculum, and a classroom ready to meet you.

Your commitment could vary from a single school day to a weekly visit of one hour each for five weeks. It all depends on the grade level of the program you choose. You can choose your classroom based on a number of factors. Perhaps you would like to volunteer in your son/daughter or grandchild's classroom. We're flexible!

Volunteers are needed for the following classroom programs:

Kindergarten-Ourselves[®] uses compelling stories read aloud by the volunteer, along with hands-on activities, to demonstrate helping, working, earning, and saving.

Mrs. Simone • Mrs. Forrester • Mrs. Randall • Mrs. Snyder

1st Grade-Our Families[®] emphasizes the roles people play in the local economy and engages students with activities about needs, wants, jobs, tools and skills, and interdependence.

Ms. Downey • Mrs. Hochbrueckner • Mrs. Vogel • Mrs. Piraino

2nd Grade-Our Community[®] explores the interdependent roles of workers in a community, the work they perform, and how communities work.

Mrs. Lisa Downey • Mrs. Ellis • Mrs. Gebrig • Mrs. Wood

3rd Grade-Our City[®] studies careers, the skills people need to work in specific careers, and how businesses contribute to a city.

Ms. Cantleberry • Ms. Kelly • Ms. Neu • Mrs. Long

4th-Our Region[®] introduces the relationship between the natural, human, and capital resources found in different regions and explores regional businesses that produce goods and services for consumers.

Mrs. Amrhein • Ms. Clark • Ms. Nageldinger • Mr. Tuck

5th-Our Nation[®] examines how businesses operate in the United States. Students role-play business ownership, interview for jobs, and learn different methods of production while exploring various economic issues that affect business.

Mr. Dodge • Mrs. Brickwood • Mrs. Galton

To become a Junior Achievement volunteer, please contact Lori Gray at 243-2222 ext. 223 or email lgray@frontiernet.net.

Be sure to stop by the Junior Achievement Program Information Table during the Elementary Open House on Thursday, October 26 from 6-7:30 p.m.

Parent Website Offers ELA & Math Help

During September and October, schools across New York State received English Language Arts and Math score reports for students in grades 3-8. The scores were late this year because the New York State Education Department had to adjust its schedule to accommodate all the new tests and reports. In addition, New York State is implementing a multi-tiered system to track students and their progress. Part of this system is called NYStart, New York State Testing and Accountability Reporting Tool. It is a web-based application which allows teachers to see data generated by each test and score reports and to print score reports for parents.

All parents whose children took exams last year in math and ELA in grades 3-8 will receive a printed report from this website that indicates what scores the child received and how well the child did on math and ELA standards. Math and ELA teachers are familiar with the report and can answer parents' questions.

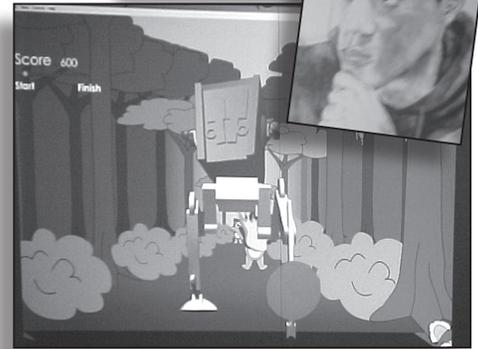
A new and exciting addition to the score reports is a link to a parent website: www.NYSParents.com. This website offers parents information on each of the new tests, a state calendar for test administration, and sample questions. Reading and math activities are available for parents, and other resources from the United States Department of Education, the National PTA, and the NYS Public Library System offers parents multiple resources for working with your child to improve reading and math skills.

More detailed information on NYStart and NYSParents can be found at the New York State Education Department's website: www.nysed.gov.

English Classes Focus on Careers

Chad Heeb from Art Institutes visited eleventh and twelfth grade English classes to discuss careers that incorporate both English and Art. The Art Institutes have over 30 locations in North America and offer degree programs in fields such as visual art, graphic design, music, fashion, broadcasting, digital media, and culinary arts.

Students viewed video games, artwork, fashion, advertisements, designs, and video games created by Art Institutes students. Mr. Heeb stressed the importance of English in each of the fields because students will need to plan, brainstorm, create, organize, write, and present in most future careers. Many unusual, exciting jobs are available and the presentation encouraged young people to unlock their potential, especially if they are imaginative.



New Employees *continued from page 4*



Name: Samantha Hiotakis
Job Title: School Psychologist
Lives: Avon
Graduate of: Hofstra University
Bachelor's Degree: SUNY Albany – Bachelor of Arts
Master's Degree: Hofstra University, Psychology Master of Science and Doctorate of Psychology
Hobbies: tennis, reading and writing



Name: Ryan Messenger
Job Title: Social Studies Teacher
Lives: Irondequoit
Graduate of: Roberts Wesleyan
Bachelor's Degree: Ad. Ed. Social Studies 5-12
Master's Degree: History (pursuing @ SUNY Brockport)
Family: Wife Alicia
Hobbies: Revolutionary War Reenactor

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