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Message from the Superintendent

by Marilyn Capawan, Superintendent

The last month has been an exciting one for the KCS community. Our Basketball Teams, along with our Wrestling Team, provided many reasons for us to be proud. They represented Keshequa Central at its finest in sportsmanship, skill, hard work, and commitment to excellence. Congratulations to all of our fine athletes for an outstanding season. We thank the students, families, coaches and fans for their faithful support throughout the winter. We also congratulate our students who performed in the Middle School Play, and we look forward to many more shining performances!

While it is wonderful to have such talented athletes and actors, we recognize that learning is our number one priority. A recent initiative in New York, as well as in other parts of our nation, is the focus on P-16 education. This refers to our children's educational experiences from preschool through college, with the intention of providing both a strong foundation for, and a smooth transition between, each level of formal schooling. New York has identified six aims to guide this initiative: 1) every child will get a good start; 2) every child will read by the second grade; 3) everyone will complete middle level education ready for high school; 4) everyone will graduate from high school ready for work, higher education, and citizenship; 5) people who begin higher education will complete their programs; 6) people of all ages who seek more knowledge and skill will have the fullest opportunity to continue their education.

As we look at our District in light of P-16, we have accomplished much: Our Pre-Kindergarten, a strong literacy program K-3, more literacy support at Middle School, and a focus on graduation plans in high school, and established our GED program (see page 7) where we offer opportunities for people to continue their education. The emphasis on higher education (grade 16) is in response to the reality of the changing nature of our global economy, and the recognition of the need for post-secondary training, whether it be for two or four years. KCS has been offering college level courses through Genesee Community College for several years, and we are now pleased to inform you of another opportunity for our students to participate in the college experience, thanks to GCC.

The Genesee Promise Plus program offers 2008 high school graduates the opportunity to take up to two GCC courses over the summer with no tuition costs. Students registering for two courses will receive an \$816 scholarship (\$408 for one course) and pay only for books and supplies. The goal of this initiative is to encourage our high school graduates to attend college, and provides all of our graduates, including GED and home schooled students, access to college courses. I encourage our seniors to take advantage of this wonderful offer. Please contact our High School Guidance counselor, Deb Beaumont, ext. 2011, or call GCC at 585-346-5070 for more information before the application deadline of June 15th.

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.

Scholarship for Academic Excellence Winners Announced



Congratulations to Keshequa High School seniors, Angelica Schmitter, Laurie Rich, and Rachel Kanouse, for being nominated to receive the Scholarship for Academic Excellence, awarded by the State Education Department. The award is based upon a student's Regents test scores, with Keshequa Central School being allotted one first place award of \$1500 and two awards of \$500.

Students receiving this award must attend a college or university in New York State and will be eligible for the award all four years of their attendance. Congratulations on a job well done.

KCS Awarded Mini-Grants

The Livingston County Business / Education Alliance awarded three mini-grants to Keshequa Central School for purposes of career exploration field trips. The mini-grants, worth \$100 each, help to off-set the cost of transportation and substitute teachers for the trips.

Elementary teacher Holly Adams was awarded one mini-grant to visit the Bliss Wind Farm, Middle School Technology teacher, Fred Pazzaglia, was granted one to attend a career fair, and High School alternative education building teachers, Scott Burt and Jim Myers, earned one to tour Allegany Log Homes. At the completion of the trips, participating teachers complete a visitation form.

The trips were aligned with New York State Learning Standards within the Career Development and Occupational Standards cluster. Shawn Bielicki serves as the school's BEA liaison and commented, "Carrie Malone [BEA Director] has been a big supporter of our district and its students, and congratulations to these teachers. The students will certainly benefit from their hard work."

From the Art Room...by Mrs. Strathearn

All grade levels are very busy in the art room working on projects that follow our Visual Arts Standards and which will soon be on display in our upcoming Fine Arts Festival on May 19. Please consider displaying your artwork along with that of our students. I wanted to let everyone have more notice so an artwork display form is included in this newsletter to remind all of you. Please tell your friends, neighbors, and family members to consider doing so as well. We have all enjoyed viewing the beautiful artwork that community members have displayed with us in the past! The students absolutely love seeing all of your own artwork. An updated form is also on the district website in the Elementary Art Folder for Mrs. Strathearn. Happy Creating!

Fine Arts Festival
May 19, 2008

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Angelica Schmitter Nominated for the Robert C. Byrd Scholarship

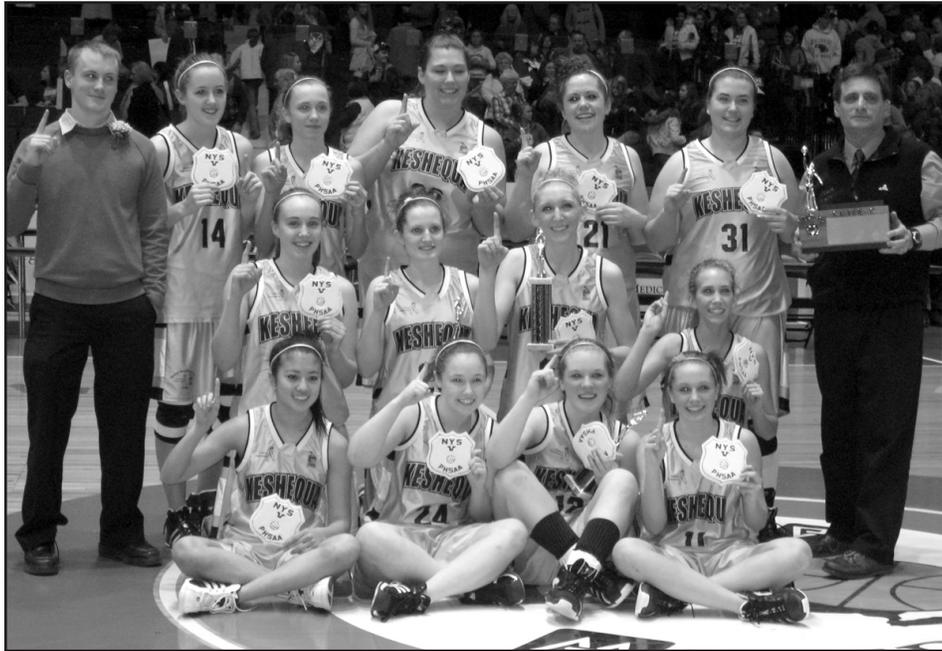
Congratulations to Angelica Schmitter, the daughter of John and Sarah Schmitter of Portageville. Angelica is a Keshequa senior who has demonstrated the academic standards necessary to compete for the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship. In addition to her outstanding academic record, Angelica has been a class officer all four years of high school, a member of National Honor Society, Key Club and played volleyball, basketball and softball.

The Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship is a federally funded scholarship awarded to high school graduates. Approximately 400 awards will be available for this year's state competition. One scholarship per county is awarded to the student with the highest combined SAT scores and the converted Byrd grade point average.

The scholarship may be used at any approved institution of higher education and is renewable for four years.

Sectional Win Completes Dream Season for Lady Indians

You can call it fate. You can call it destiny. You can even call it superstitious. Any way you look at it, the Keshequa girls' basketball team is Class C Section V Champions. Their incredible season was highlighted when the team beat top-seeded Bolivar-Richburg in a nail-biting 31-27 win. This was the first title for the girls' team in 28 years.



"It was pretty much a dream season," said proud coach, Pete Piraino. "Great girls worked hard, tried hard. They wanted to represent the school very well and they did it."

Adorned in their pink uniforms in honor of Coaches vs. Cancer, Keshequa tied the game at 27 with a key shot from Rachel Kanouse. With a free throw from Marissa Underwood, the lady Indians were on their way to winning a championship.

"We were excited, we had never gotten that far in basketball," said Underwood.

To add to the excitement, Piraino was also named Section V Coach of the Year. The honor was determined by Piraino's fellow coaches and officials.

"Basically, it's as much the girls' award as my award, because without them doing what they did, I would have not

received it," said Piraino.

Underwood, a senior, attributes the team's success to a strong bond they all share. The team would go on a hike or gather at someone's house before a big game. She said despite them losing to Avon in the first round of state qualifiers, she's very proud of what the team did this year.

"I couldn't ask for anything better, we've all played

since we were in sixth grade," she said. "We accomplished our vision that was our big goal."

Senior Chelsea Amrhein said the team played as a family. Before each game, the girls would stand in a circle and discuss their goals as a team. She said a big reason for their success was the fact that they not only wanted to win for themselves, but also wanted to win for Piraino.

Some might say that superstition played a part in the win. The night before the big game, one team member brought up the fact that it had been 28 years since the last win, the game was being played on February 28, and it was 2008. Many of the girls didn't buy into the superstition until Underwood made her free throw shot, putting Keshequa in the lead with 28 points.

"Right then we knew it was meant to be, that it was our game," said Amrhein.

Piraino said there was no added pressure to do well because it had been 28 years; he said they've been preparing all year for this.

"We had a lot of stressful situations we had to overcome. We've had these girls for a while, we've also tried to learn how to handle the situations and make the stressful situations a positive situation," he said. "It's also more fun, I think, playing when there's a little pressure on you."

Pressures and superstitions aside, the girls worked hard and did a great job. Congratulations to the team for a great season.

Keshequa Community Chorus

Do you love to sing? A community chorus is forming in order to sing for the second annual *Music in our Schools Month* concert on April 2. We will rehearse Tuesdays through March 25, from 7-8:00 p.m. in the vocal music room at the Nunda HS. If you are interested please call Kim Coffey at the Nunda MS/HS: 468-2541 x1140.

Addressing Bullying

by Karen Mead, Interim MS/HS Principal



On February 26, I had the opportunity to address the entire Middle School about bullying in our school. In recent months, I have become aware of a few incidents involving Middle School students who have witnessed bullying or felt bullied themselves. As I believe that one instance is too many in any school, let alone our own, the matter needed to be addressed clearly and immediately.

Information about what bullying truly is and looks like was shared with the group. I also took the opportunity to clearly state that each and every complaint or concern related to bullying would be looked into thoroughly and immediately. Appropriate consequences, as outlined in our District's Code of Conduct, will be assigned as warranted. Each step from awareness to clear consequences is necessary to promote and maintain a safe environment for each student, in which he/she has the best opportunity to learn, grow and succeed.

As members of the Keshequa School Community, I ask that we all consider the following information and sincerely ask ourselves what each of us can do to prevent any child from becoming a victim of bullying.

"When we think of bullying, the easily identifiable physical and verbal harassment comes to mind, including teasing, taunting, threatening, and hitting. Relational bullying is more difficult for adults to observe and identify. Relational Bullying means that a bully socially isolates their victims by intentionally excluding them or spreading rumors about them.

Bullying is not a normal part of growing up. Victims of bullying suffer psychological and sometimes physical scars that last a lifetime. Victims report greater fear and anxiety, feel less accepted, suffer from more health problems, and score lower on measures of academic achievement and self-esteem than students who are not bullied.

However, it's not just victims who are hurt by bullying. Bullies fail to learn how to cope, manage their emotions, and communicate effectively – skills vital to success in the adult world. Since bullies are accustomed to achieving their immediate goals by pushing others around, they don't learn how to have genuine relationships with other people. Instead, they blame others for their problems, never taking responsibility, nor learning how to care for another's needs. Bullies who don't learn other ways of getting what they want develop into adult bullies who are more likely to experience criminal troubles, be abusive toward their spouses, and have more aggressive children, perhaps continuing the cycle of bullying into the next generation."(Kuther)

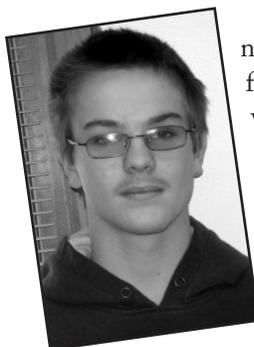
Kuther, Tara L. "Understanding Bullying." PTA . 2003. Parent's Guide Press. 22 February 2008 <http://www.pta.org/archive_article_details_1117637268750.html>.

Subway Athletes of the Week



Keshequa senior Chelsea Amrhein is the daughter of Fritz and Jen Amrhein. Chelsea is a center on the girls' basketball team. During Keshequa's 31-27 win against Bolivar-Richburg in the Class C Section V finals, Chelsea scored four points and helped the team defensively. Chelsea is also a Keshequa volleyball team member. Chelsea plans on attending Monroe Community College in Rochester next year.

Keshequa High School senior Meghan Lowell was chosen as the Subway Athlete of the Week. Meghan, along with the rest of the Varsity cheerleaders, took first place at the Empire Cheer Winter Classic in Geneseo. Meghan's spirit and enthusiasm always stand out when she's performing. She proves year after year to be a huge asset to the squad. Meghan is the daughter of Scott Lowell and Vicki Amidon. She has been cheering on the Varsity squad since she was in junior high and also plays soccer and softball. For her future plans, Meghan hopes to attend Alfred State to pursue a career as a veterinary technician. Congratulations Meghan!



Korey Gillen, son of Bob and Michelle Gillen, was named Subway Athlete of the Week. Despite only being a freshman, this is Corey's third year on Keshequa's varsity wrestling team. Corey has a 21-7 record this season, with a total of 80 career wins. He recently placed third in both the Hornell and Newark tournaments. During those tournaments he had eight pins. Corey is also a high honor roll student.

Students Chosen for All-County

Several students at the elementary, junior high, and high school level were chosen for Genesee Valley School Music Association All-County performances. The students chosen to participate from Senior High Band include: Amanda Gath, Christopher Gray, Sarah Gray, Adam Green, Tyler Green, Sam Gordinier, Lindsay Gunn, Alicia Halpenny, Michaela Hillier, Finn Kennedy, Andrew Kunkle, Bryan Kunkle, Joe Maddalena, Kristen Randall, Laurie Rich, and Christine Tallman. The students chosen from Senior High Chorus were: Zach Coffey, Chris Gray, Sarah Gray, Lindsay Gunn, Theresea Krenzer, and Laurie Rich. Those chosen from Junior High Chorus included: Katelyn Gelser, Nolan Gelser, Sam Gordinier, Shelby Hatfield, Brittany Hark, Michaela Hillier, Brandon Lunn, Ryan Sarratori, Ariel Simone, Dustin Stapleton, and Logan Thompson. The following students were chosen to perform from the fifth and sixth grade band: Cortney Clinton, Jane Farrell, Kathryn Piraino, Lindsay Piraino, Erin Schiano, Katie Sullivan, and Stacey Sullivan.

National Job Shadow Day

Often, for high school students, it's very difficult to decide what career path to take. Many students have ideas on what their goals for the future are, but many have trouble pinpointing exactly what they want to do after graduating. Many Keshequa students took a good first step to making future career plans. There were 41 students from KCS that participated in National Job Shadow Day on February 1. Shawn Bielicki, school-to-work coordinator, oversees the job shadow program and helps pair students with shadowing opportunities. Bielicki said KCS typically arranges 75 job shadows annually, with half of those placements occurring on National Job Shadow Day.



Education was a popular field this year among students. Keshequa junior Brian Gordinier shadowed physical education teacher Martha Blair on February 4. Gordinier said he hopes to pursue a career in the physical education field. Sarah Gray spent the day with KCS band teacher, Kerry Hoffman. Sarah plans on attending Roberts Wesleyan College to pursue her dream of becoming a band director. The medical field was also a popular choice and many students took the opportunity to shadow at local medical offices. Paige Essler is interested in treating patients of the four-legged kind and shadowed at the Nunda Veterinarian Clinic.

Bielicki said many students have positive experiences on National Job Shadow Day. Their experiences help solidify their future plans. Some students find after their job shadowing experience that they want to pursue something else. All the students benefit, regardless of whether they have a positive or negative experience. Students either know they want to continue pursuing a certain field or decide they want to try something different.

Counseling Department To Host 8th Grade and 11th Grade Parent Nights

The Counseling Office has been busy preparing to meet with students during the months of March and April to select courses for next year.

As part of this process the **Eighth Grade Parent Night** will be held on March 25 at 7:00 p.m. During this time we will review graduation requirements, ninth grade course offerings and answer any of your questions or concerns. At this time, parents will sign up to meet with Ms. Prince and their student to select courses for next year and develop tentative four-year plans.

Mrs. Beaumont will be meeting with the current ninth and tenth graders during class time to do their initial selections of courses. All the eleventh grade students will be met with individually to review transcripts, make course selections for next year and to further discuss the college search and application process. A **Junior Parent Night** will be held on **March 18 at 7:00 p.m.** in Vocal Music Room.

If any parents would like to participate in selecting courses for their students please give Mrs. Simpson, the Counseling Office secretary, a call to schedule an appointment with the appropriate counselor, at 468-2541 ext. 4012.

GED Program at KCS

As part of the "Keshequa Cares" initiative, the district has launched a new evening GED program for students and adults, ages 17 and above. The program runs Monday and Wednesday nights from 6:00-9:00 and is held in the first floor library/ media center. The class is run in conjunction with Genesee Valley BOCES and uses different funding sources to bring the program to the district at little or no impact to the taxpayer. The class is free to all students and is still enrolling.

Currently, 18 students are enrolled and working towards earning their diploma. Students were pre-tested to determine individual academic needs and then concentrate on overcoming deficiencies. As soon as the students are ready, they are signed up to take their actual test. To date, two students have already tested and are looking forward to receiving their results.

To help ensure high levels of student success, Keshequa's program takes advantage of several unique and innovative supports. First, in addition to the teacher, each class is also staffed with an assistant who can aid students or can communicate needs to the coordinator. Second, the class is working with the Livingston County Office of Workforce Development to assist students in obtaining job placement or job readiness skills. Third, more than a dozen community members have agreed to serve as mentors and encourage a student through the process. Fourth and most exciting, through a special negotiation with Genesee Community College, each student who successfully earns their GED at KCS will be given a partial scholarship.

KCS is quickly becoming recognized as a model program. Anyone interested in more information about the Keshequa Cares initiative or interested in enrolling in the GED class should contact its program coordinator, Shawn Bielicki at 468-2541 x3032.

The Buddy System



This year, Ms. Neu's third grade students have buddied up with Mrs. Hochbrueckner's first grade students. On a monthly basis, the students get together with their buddy for an activity that supports the lessons discussed in the classrooms. The older buddies act as good role models and the younger buddies enjoy working with the older students.

In September, the students were introduced to their fellow buddy and each group completed an activity to become better acquainted with their partner. In October, they got together as part of a Peace Builder activity. The first graders accepted an invitation to Miss Neu's Cocoa House, while there, they enjoyed listening to the third graders read poetry and had a cup of cocoa.

More recently, the students have been getting together to read with their buddies once a week. During the time before announcements, students will get together with their partner to read. The children are excited that they now get to see their buddies more frequently. The teachers are excited to see them do some extra reading! Both classes are looking forward to doing more fun activities together!

Absentee Ballots/Petitions for Keshequa Board of Education

Keshequa Board of Education member petitions may be picked up in the District office on any business day between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Petitions nominating candidates for the office of Board of Education member must be filed with the Clerk of the Board in the District Office of Keshequa Central School, 13 Mill Street, Nunda, NY no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 21, 2008.

This year there are two vacancies. One vacancy is for the term currently held by Terry Lowell, the other for the term held by Kevin Whiteman. Each vacancy will be for a four (4) year term. Each petition must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District.

Qualified voters may apply for absentee ballots at the District Clerk's office beginning on April 21, 2008, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

The public is invited to a Public Information Meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. to be held in the Board of Education Conference room in the Nunda Building. The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education will follow the Public Information Meeting. The election and vote on the school budget will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2008 from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the District lobby.

KCS Second Quarter Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following students...

Grade 12

HIGH HONORS

Cassidy, Ashley
Davis, Katherine E
DeMarco, Cheyenne N
Derrenbacher, Leanna S
Donovan, Jacalyn E
Flint, Dominic A
Green, Ashley M
Kanouse, Rachel M
Morris, Lauren C
Nahalka, Taylor
Nickerson, Shawna
Nugent, Ryan T
Rich, Laurie J
Schmitter, Angelica L
Schrier, Cassandra M
Shute, Nicholas P
Underwood, Marissa

HONORS

Axtell, Jacob
Amrhein, Chelsea C
Gregg, Felicia
Howard, Eric M
Howarth, Christopher W
Kennedy, Rory
Lowell, Meghan A
McClements, Ryan A
Olson, Aletheia A
Oulton, Adam T
Pawlowski, Brittany E
Schrier, Brandon W
Spencer, Nathaniel

Grade 11

HIGH HONORS

Beardsley, Kayla R
Curry, Courtney
Gelser, Charise M
Gibson, Emily E
Giles, Chrysta
Gordinier, Brian J
Gray, Sarah A
Gunn, Lindsay A
Halpenny, Alicia
Hark, Ashley A
Moran, Matthew K
Nickerson, Brandon
Orellana, Jesse J
Patridge, Erin A
Schmitter, Albert
Steidle, Jeffrey A
Sullivan, Sydney E

HONORS

Barnhardt, Brittany A
Brooker, Megan
Delano, Nicole
Flint, Travis
Gallicchio, Brandy D

Gilbert, Jessica L
Kreuzer, Stephanie
Piper, Ariel B
Sherman, Jessie
Willey, Brittany N

Grade 10

HIGH HONORS

Allen, Cassandra R
Coates, Thomas A
Gardner, Ryann
Gray, Christopher M
Hoodak, Leo G
Kunkle, Bryan
Mann, Terrence
Mucha, Catherine
Seiwell, Melissa E
Smith, Rischandra L
Tallman, Christine
Trim, Ethan

HONORS

Cartwright, Ashley
Clarke, Michael
Coffey, Zachary W
Essler, Paige
Forrester, Ryan J
Gath, Amanda
Gilbert, Elizabeth
Hatfield, Dylan
Mahlendorf, Mariah G
Montgomery, Michelle
Nesbitt, David III A
Randall, Kristen H
Reichard, Amanda
Thompson, Kristen N
Westcott, Tyler

Grade 9

HIGH HONORS

Allen, Sarah J
Axtell, Rachel M
Donovan, Lauren
Galton, Zachery A
Gelser, Katelyn M
Gordinier, Samuel J
Hark, Andrew
Hatfield, Shelby
Jackson, Timothy
Mann, Claire
Moran, Kevin
Nichols, Chelsea M
Simone, Ariel G
Smith, Jeremy T

HONORS

Beardsley, Chelsea D
Bucci, Tyler
Carroll, John M
Curry, Melissa
Delahooke, Karl
DiAngelo, Zachary

Farrell, Gerald J
Gillen, Corey F
Grosse, Nicole M
Hand, Sarah E
Kelly, Justin
Maksymiw, Alexandria

Grade 8

HIGH HONORS

Acciari, Cyrus F
Alberti, Elizabeth M
Bielicki, Arielle
Bloomer, Amelia K
Calcote, Alicia S
Callaro, Ashlee M
Cassidy, Timothy J
Caton, Travis A
Curry, Carrie M
Curry, Destinie
Essler, Brooke A
Ethridge, Amzi L
Faulds, Nicholas M
Grosse, Hunter R
Hark, Brittany A
Hillier, Michaela M
Howard, Taylor
Kirwan, Mark A
Kraft, Jordan T
Lunn, Brandon A
Orton, Kirstin M
Piraino, Tyler J
Ressler, Brittany L
Smith, Kendra L
Swartzfager, John
Therrien, Abigail
Wood, Philip J

HONORS

Alloco, Dalton K
Borgus, Kaleb Q
Gallicchio, Jessica D
Gibson, Dylan A
Hatfield, Troy R

Hendershot, Elizabeth
Hotchkiss, Joshua A
Mann, Kaylie M
Mann, Shennon E
Melendrez, Emma
Nesbitt, Christopher C
Preen, Audrey
Symonds, Jennifer M
Thompson, Logan M
Todd, Zachery A

Grade 7

HIGH HONORS

Barranco, Mariah F
Coon, Victoria L
Donovan, Blaithe A
Garwood, Christian J
Germack, Courtney L
Hand, Michelle M
Jackson, Kristen D
Kirwan, Riley A
Kiser, Atticus B
Link, Sarah Elizabeth S
Lucier, Samantha G
Mehlenbacher, Grace L
Mehlenbacher, Zachary R
Pritchard, Alicia A
Savastano, Chauna L
Smith, Gracey E
Steidle, Jessica A
White, Carrie A

HONORS

Alloco, Helen C
Borgus, Max T
Derrenbacher, James D
Garwood, Amanda M
Goodridge, Shelby N
Gregg, Caitlin J
James, Lia M
Smith, Ryan A
Thompson, Dakotah J
Willey, Joshua

Grade 6

HIGH HONORS

Alford, Brooke A
Axtell, Olivia E
Boehm, Shannon A
Bugman, Madison N
Carlin, Timothy D
Farrell, Jane M
Forrester, Emily E
Forrester, Kathryn S
Galton, Cooper M
Gibson, Erin R
Gillen, Chelsey M
Gordinier, Shannon K
Green, Megan
Hall, Kaytlyn E
Houtz, Kierstin E
Kraft, Savannah L
Layland, Kallie J
Martin, Austin R
McClements, Melissa
Mehlenbacher, Gabrielle
Patchin, Dakota J
Piraino, Lindsay R
Russell, Haley T
Tallman, Joshua D
Thompson, Scott T
Wood, Ariel M

HONORS

Amrhein, Chase R F
Cartwright, Amber R
Costello, Katelyn T
Erwin, Selena M
Faulds, Lukas A
Pragle, Kaitlynn R
Scott, Hannah J
Smith, Nevin M
Smith, Shelby L
Wilkins, Dalton R



Upcoming Events for March 2008



20 No school for students, Superintendent's Conference Day

21 No school, Good Friday

23 Easter

27 Board of Education meeting 7 p.m. in Nunda

28 Staff Development Day K-5 dismissal 12:30 p.m.



A Night of Music

KCS Students Had Impressive Finishes in Skills Competition



Beautiful sounds will fill the air on Wednesday, April 2 in Keshequa Central School's auditorium located in Nunda. The Keshequa Varsity Chorus will be hosting a night of music that will begin at 7 p.m. The chorus will be singing with adults from the area's community chorus and will also be hosting several guest performers. Special performers will include the Mountain Dulcimer Club, the Kerry Hoffman Jazz Trio, a musical offering from each KCS music teacher, Mass Transit, a rousing piano selection for 2 pianos/8 hands, the 3 Gunns and much more. Please join us for a wonderful, eclectic night of music that is free to the public. There will be refreshments for sale benefiting the Keshequa music department. Anyone with questions may contact Kim Coffey at 468-2541 ex. 1140.

Several Keshequa students earned medals in the Genesee Valley BOCES 2007-08 Skills Competition held in February. Andy Hatfield and Tom Rook won gold medals in the log roll competition for the Conservation Department. Rachelle Duryea won first place in the bed making rodeo competition for Health Dimensions and Casey Jeffords received an Honorable Mention. In the Cosmetology styling presentation, Brandy Gallicchio earned a silver medal. Brittany Barnhardt took home a gold medal for recognizing communication disorders in children. Tony Jacobs won first place for the Metal Trades speed burning competition and Tony Smith came in second.

The competition, held annually, allows students to practice and showcase their skills while competing against one another. It is also a good opportunity for clubs like Future Farmers of America and Skills USA to practice. The competition is held in the evening so families and prospective tenth-grade students are able to attend.

In other competitions, the Culinary Arts students showcased their talents with a hors d'oeuvre tasting contest and the Animal Science/Conservation students displayed their public speaking skills. After the competitions were finished, the scores were tallied by the judges and the students were presented with their medals.



Tom Rook and Andy Hatfield



Brandy Gallicchio and Brittany Barnhardt

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