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KWHS Mission

To prepare each student for success in college, career and life through an engaging, challenging and innovative educational program that is student centered and promotes character and values.

Upcoming Events

**Monday, November 9th,
Advisory (11:05-11:30am)**

Lawrence Technological University
presentation in the Big Room

Tuesday, November 10 at lunch
Representative here to collect orders
for cap and gown and announcements
for Seniors

A Message from the Principal . . .

Learning with the Habits of Mind

by Jim Perry

Last Friday, the KWHS faculty attended a workshop titled "Learning and Leading with Habits of Mind". Those of you who have been a part of our school community for some time know that we employ Arthur Costa's work on the 16 Habits of Mind in our work with students. We strongly believe in Costa's assertion that these particular habits are found in successful individuals from all walks of life.

This workshop strengthened our understanding of the Habits of Mind as well as helped us to progress in our work to embed these habits into what we ask our students to do and further, to help us develop indicators of achievement of these Habits.

I particularly like the word habit as it applies to these qualities of using one's mind as there is great value in practicing and forming positive habits that will serve us well throughout our lives. As Horace Mann, an American educator from the 1800's, puts it: "Habit is a cable; we weave a thread of it each day, and at last we cannot break it."

Here is a list of the 16 Habits of Mind we study with our students:

- Persisting
- Thinking and communicating with clarity and precision
- Managing impulsivity
- Gathering data through all senses
- Listening with understanding and empathy

**Friday, November 13 at 8pm,
Saturday, November 14 at 8pm &
Sunday, November 15th at 2pm**

KWoods Drama Club Presents *Prelude
to a Kiss*

Friday, November 13th
LCC Field Trip

**Wednesday, November 18th, 1-
2pm**

H1N1 Influenza Vaccinations in the
Big Room

**Wednesday, November 18th,
6:30-7:30pm**

Parent-Teacher Group meeting at Lil
Chef in Brighton

Now through November 18
Parent-Teacher Group Wreath
Fundraiser

Saturday, November 29

KWoods/Barnes and Noble Book Fair
at Green Oaks Village

**Tuesday, December 1,
5:30pm**

Informational meeting for Freshmen,
Sophomore and Junior families about
Explore, Plan and practice ACT scores

Friday, December 18

Senior Portraits and Yearbook Ad
orders due

H1N1 Influenza Vaccination Update

The Livingston County Health
Department is scheduled to
administer free H1N1 influenza
vaccinations here at school on
Wednesday, November 18th, from 1
to 2 PM in the Big Room.

- Creating, imagining, innovating
- Thinking flexibly
- Responding with wonderment and awe
- Thinking about thinking (metacognition)
- Taking responsible risks
- Striving for accuracy
- Finding humor
- Questioning and posing problems
- Thinking interdependently
- Applying past knowledge to new situations
- Remaining open to continuous learning

Parents & Teachers Group Information

by Debbie Uhley

Thank you to all who participated in KWoods' first Homecoming celebration in October which was a lot of fun. Also, thanks to all the parents who've volunteered their time for that event, along with the student luncheon, the Staff Appreciation Luncheon last month, and the ongoing fundraisers.

Calendar of Events:

Tuesday, November 10th The parents will be providing our second luncheon for the students and staff for \$3 a person. Tacos and nachos will be served.

Friday, November 13th Our Gordon Food Service fundraiser pies/cookie dough will be in, so please plan to pick up your order sometime between 11:00 and 12:00.

Now through November 18th All the students should have order forms to sell wreaths, which will be delivered to us Dec. 11th. Prizes will be awarded to the top sellers. Last fundraiser top sellers were Richard Call who won an IPOD Touch, Courtney Ferranti/\$30 Deb's Store gift certificate, Tyler Hanley/\$15 Dick's Sporting Goods gift certificate, and Mallory Wolfe/\$15 Deb's Store gift certificate.

Wednesday, November 18th is our next PTG board meeting, held this time at Lil' Chef Restaurant in Brighton (Grand River at I-96) from 6:30 to 7:30. Arrive early/stay late to socialize.

Sunday, November 29th is Mr. Muennix's fundraiser at

Prelude
to a **KISS**
by Craig Lucas



Kensington Woods High School
presents the drama "Prelude to a
Kiss" in the Big Room Theatre.

Performances are at:
Friday, November 13 at 8pm
Saturday, November 14 at 8pm
Sunday, November 15 at 2pm

Tickets are \$7 and are available by
e-mailing dramaclub@kwoods.org
or by calling (517) 545-0828.
Tickets are also available at the
door.

Barnes & Noble. We need parent/student volunteers to
work a two-hour shift during the hours of 9:30 a.m. to
9:30 p.m. Please tell all your friends and family about
this event, as 50% of all proceeds in the store that day
will come back to Kwoods. Please contact
mmuennix@kwoods.org or me if you can help.

All fundraisers are to help support our students and
school groups in their activities, classroom needs, along
with providing fun events such as homecoming, holiday
parties, senior picnic. So, please support us in all we do
- just making our KWood experience the best it can be!

Debbie Uhley, President PTG, 810-231-2662
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Last Call for Basketball!

by Jessie Pratt



As you may know, we are striving to increase Kensington Woods' extracurricular activities for students, including athletics. There has been a huge demand for basketball among students and I have been working hard to make it happen. However, I've run into some problems with facilities! Basketball facilities are difficult to come by, and I need some help! If you are aware of any local facilities available after school or evenings for practice (even if it's not full size for high school basketball) or even games, please let me know ASAP! Unfortunately, if we cannot find facilities for practice and some games, we won't be able to have a basketball team this winter!

I am also looking for additional help on the coaching end. If you would be able to help coach basketball, even if on a part time level, please contact me!

I am available by email at jpratt@kwoods.org or phone at 517.545.0828 x233. Thanks in advance for your help!

College News...

by Shawn Pollman

College Presentation at KWHS in the "Big Room"

November 9th- 11:05-11:30 (Advisory)- Lawrence Technological University

Career Exploration Day at Lansing Community College!

Mrs. Pollman will be taking a group of KWHS Juniors and Seniors to Lansing Community College next Friday to participate in LCC's Career Exploration day. This is an excellent opportunity for students to visit the campus and learn more about potential careers.

When: Friday, Nov. 13, 2009

Where: Lansing Community College Main Campus

Time: 8:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Cost: FREE, students are responsible for their own lunch/snacks. Plan to purchase lunch or about \$5 or brown bag lunches are fine.

Students will have the opportunity to learn more about these exciting careers:

- Culinary arts
- Nanotechnology (discover what the future holds in this new science realm)
- Stage technology
- Child development
- Foreign language (get a taste of numerous languages)
- Media, art and information technology (including 3-D)
- Surgical technology
- Communications

- Youth entrepreneurship (planning your own business)
- Music technology
- Nursing (information heavy, specifics of getting into the program)
- Massage therapy
- IT (Information Technology) Apprenticeship

Scholarship Information

Reminder~ Citizens Insurance Scholarship Program

- Application deadline- November 30, 2009
- To recognize and reward students who exhibit academic achievement, demonstrate leadership and possess a commitment to community service, Citizens Insurance Company of America is pleased to make a community scholarship program available to public school students in the Livingston County area (i.e., Brighton, Fowlerville, Hartland, Howell and Pinckney).
- Citizens Insurance will provide six non-renewable scholarships ranging in value from \$1,000 - \$1,500 to high school seniors attending public schools in the Livingston County area.
- For more information, check out the website listed below.
<http://www.citizensinsurance.com/scholarships/>

Washington DC Update

by Bob Gluth

We just received some exciting news from the Department of the Army. Kensington Woods High School has been selected to place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier when we visit Washington DC this June.



This is a unique opportunity for our students to be involved in one of the most solemn occasions that honors our country and our veterans who gave their lives for our freedoms. I wish all of you could be there to witness this event but we will take lots of pictures and videos to share. Your student should be in the process of registering for the trip to DC if they are planning to accompany us. Registration is done online and is very easy. Just go to www.traveladventures.com/register. Our username is 29257 and the password is *kensington*. We will be planning our fundraisers very shortly. Keep an eye out for future updates in the Enews.

Attention Parents of Seniors

by Laura Moellering

It is already time to start planning for graduation! This week your student received a few important handouts about caps and gowns and Senior pictures.



Caps and Gowns

The first of the important handouts is the order form for their cap and gown and for announcements. The sales representative will be here at lunch on **Tuesday, November 10** to collect them. Make sure your child gives you this packet! Questions about cap and gown and announcements can be directed to Laura Moellering or Liz McGuffin at lmoellering@kwoods.org or emcguffin@kwoods.org.

Senior Pictures

The second is a request for photos from the Yearbook staff. The students were given a handout about the pictures that are required and the costs for optional dedications and senior ads. Every senior gets a quarter-page for FREE which is an exceptional deal...if only they'll bring in the pictures.

Seniors are asked to bring in a portrait style picture for the senior section and a favorite grad picture pose plus one other picture from childhood for the quarter page senior ad. Information about Senior Ads and dedications are available on the school's website at <http://www.kwoods.org/campus/yearbook.html>. Please send them in right away or contact Mrs. Pratt at jpratt@kwoods.org if you have more questions about yearbook.

Kensington Woods Presents:

Barnes & Noble BOOKFAIR

Saturday, November 29th at Green Oaks Village

Save your Christmas shopping until this great opportunity to support Kensington Woods students!
Stay tuned for more information!