

# Kent School Bulletin

## APRIL 2008

- 1 **Tues.** 8:00am French B
- 2 **Wed.** 4:00pm 2nd grade to Hagley Museum  
Home games vs. SSPP
- 3 **Thurs.** 8:00am French C  
8:45am PTF meeting  
4:00pm Away games vs. Country School
- 4 **Fri.** 8:00am **No LAX practice**  
French C  
2:30pm Chess Club
- 7 **Mon.** 3:30pm 8th grade to National Cathedral  
French A
- 8 **Tues.** 8:00am **Admission Open House**  
French B  
5:00pm Girls home vs, Kent Rec.  
5:00pm Boys home vs. Sudlersville Rec.
- 10 **Thurs.** 8:00am French C  
4:00pm Away games vs. Easton Middle "A"
- 11 **Fri.** 8:00am French C  
2:30pm Chess Club  
2:30-4pm LAX practice
- 12 **Sat.** **Kent School Auction**
- 14 **Mon.** 3:30pm French A  
6:00-7pm Art Show Opening
- 14-18 **Art Show**
- 15 **Tues.** 8:00am French B  
4:00pm Away games vs. SSPP
- 16 **Wed.** **Spring Testing begins (2nd-8th)**
- 17 **Thurs.** 8:00am French C  
3:30pm LAX practice
- 18 **Fri.** 2:30pm Chess Club  
2:30pm LAX practice
- 21 **Mon.** **Spring Testing this week (2nd-8th)**
- 22 **Tues.** 4:00pm Home games vs. Country School

- 24 **Thurs.** 8:00am **0 Waste Lunch Day**  
5:00pm **Lower School Earth Day**  
5:00pm French C  
Girls away vs. Kent Rec.  
Boys away vs. Sudlersville Rec.
- 25 **Fri.** **School Closed-Prof. Development**
- 28 **Mon.** **School Closed**
- 29 **Tues.** 6th grade to Cambridge for Harriett  
Tubman tour  
8:00am French B  
3:30pm LAX practice  
5:00pm Development Committee meeting
- 30 **Wed.** 8:45am 4th grade to Poplar Island  
Assembly by 2nd grade

### From the Head's Office

I hope that everyone had a wonderful spring break! Although the next few months are always very busy in schools, the spring is always a time of great energy and enthusiasm.

Thanks for your understanding as we move to a different format for these bulletins. I appreciate the support and suggestions that come from members of the PTF and members of the parent community as we continue to review and consider aspects of our communication.

In that regard, I would strongly encourage you to check the Kent School website as an updated source of information regarding a variety of topics and events.

We will continue to work on aspects of the ParentReach program. I think this will be a significant step forward in our efforts to communicate events and activities in a timely and effective manner.

The test call with parentReach went very well! Mrs. Nickerson has received a few calls and emails with corrections. Please notify her if your contact information changes. **Incoming calls will be displayed on your Caller ID as "411-411-4111."** **The system needs to "hear" your voice to determine when to start delivering the message, as it is different for a live answer vs. an answering machine.**

Special thanks to Mrs. Nickerson for all her efforts to get the program established and running smoothly!

The Lacrosse Clinic for girls will be rescheduled. Watch for a new date and time!

### Upcoming Art Show

The Student Art Show will be held on Monday, April 14, 2008 from 6-7 p.m. It will feature over 300 pieces of art and an opening musical accompaniment by the Kent School Chorus. All are welcome to attend and refreshments will be provided by Little School parents.

Volunteers interested in helping with the setting up or taking down of the show, please contact Theresa Schram.

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### News From the Development Office

There is great merchandise to support the auction in the Spirit Store. Tee shirts are \$10 and are available in a variety of colors and sizes. Canvas tote bags are also available for \$15.00. There are natural canvas totes with orange or blue accents. Both feature the Good Vibrations logo. If you are going to miss the auction, this is another way to support this great event.

Thanks to the many people who have offered to work on auction night. We'll be holding a quick orientation on Friday April 11 at 1:00 for all event night volunteers. Please plan on attending. If you need information about volunteering, please contact Patti Bowyer at [patti.bowyer@baybroadband.com](mailto:patti.bowyer@baybroadband.com).

Remember to turn in donor forms by March 31. Invitation responses are due April 4.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 12th! Don't forget to do some pre-shopping on the web at [www.kentschool.org](http://www.kentschool.org) and click on the auction page. New items are added regularly!

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### Summer Programs

This summer Kent School will continue to offer the following programs: Sports Central, Little Adventures, Science and Basketball Camp. The registration form will be available in early spring. For more information you may contact Suzie Wright-Taylor @ ext. 30 or by email [swrighttaylor@kentschool.org](mailto:swrighttaylor@kentschool.org).

### Middle School News

Our eighth grade students have received acceptances to the following schools: Gunston Day School, The Hill School, Indian Creek Upper School, St. Andrew's School, St. James School, St. Mark's High School, Mercersburg Academy, Sts. Peter and Paul High School and Woodberry Forest School. In all, 32 acceptance letters were received. The acceptance rate this year was 82%. Congratulations!

The eighth grade collected 288 cans of food for the Community Food Pantry. Good work!

### **Results of the 2008 Science Expo competitions held on March 13 follow:**

#### **Catapult Launcher**

1st place- Avery Zuber & Greg LaMotte (6th)  
2nd place Simona Scotto & Martha Walton (7th)  
3rd place Bonnie McClean & Morgen Ricketts (7th)

#### **Mouse trap Racer**

1st place- Kyle Plummer, Hayley Norris & Gunner Hickman (5th)  
2nd place- Andy Grabis, Dylan Ferrell & Austen Parish (7th)  
3rd place- Clayton Carlson & Nathan Simmons (6th)

#### **Space Shuttle**

1st place- Jake Edwards & Stuart Wright (8th)  
2nd place- Julio Ramirez & Connor Ricketts (8th)  
3rd place- Helen Cammerzell & Darby DeStefano (7th)

#### **Rube Goldberg Device**

1st place- Parker Williamson, AlexYoung & Taylor Leverage (8th)  
2nd place- Logan Leverage & Hollis Williams (7th)  
3rd place- Emily Brookshire, Bonnie Bless & Morgan Bench (8th)

#### **Rocket Car**

The winning car was built by: Parker Williamson (8th), Abigail Smack (5th), Alphonzo Ramirez (5th) & Owen Pierce (5th)

#### **Egg Drop**

Two eggs survived:  
(6th) Abby & Vanna  
(6th) Kimberly, Sarah & Mary  
(6th) Matt & Tyler  
(6th) Clayton  
(8th) Hollis & Darby  
(8th) Willy & John  
(8th) Ashley  
(\* Mr. Strauss

One egg survived:  
(6th) Nathan  
(5th) Gibby  
(7th) Shelbi & Logan

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## LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

### **Spring Testing**

Grades Two through Eight will take the **Stanford** Achievement Test during the middle of April. The sections will be given over the course of a week within regular school hours, with as little interruption to our daily schedules as possible. We ask that you have your child(ren) here on time each morning and schedule personal appointments accordingly.

These tests are used by our faculty to aid in the evaluation of our programs as well as to provide an independent measure of each child's progress. You will receive results in your end-of-year package.

First Graders take the Gates-MacGinitie Reading Test during this time, but the Kindergarten class does not take part in this testing.

If you have questions, please call.

### **Lower School Earth Day Celebration**

Thursday April 24th will be a special day in the Lower School as we celebrate Earth Day. Students will have a regular morning of classes followed by a picnic lunch outside (weather permitting) For the past two years, third graders have participated in a tag and release program of migrating Monarch butterflies. Students have decided to provide the necessary habitat to attract these butterflies to our schoolyard. Chesapeake Bay Trust has funded soil ammendments, mulch and native plants to create what will become a Monarch Waystation. The first phase of the garden was planted by the third grade in the fall: five photinia shrubs, to create a buffer along the farm field near the volleyball pit. A wide variety of flowering shrubs, perennials, and annuals will be planted in six to eight beds within a 20 x 40 ft area near the volleyball pit. Volunteers are needed to help till six sections of ground, one section for each Lower School class and one for Little School. If you have a roto-tiller and a spare hour, we could sure use your help before the big day (call Mrs. Deringer if you can help)! On the 24th, each grade will plant their section of the garden!! By next fall we should have a quite a display and hopefully, lots of butterflies!

## **SPIRIT WEEK**

**March 31 - April 4**

### **Monday- Pajama Day**

You may only wear pajamas, no jeans allowed. If you don't want to wear pajamas, come into school with your usual school attire.

### **Tuesday- Miss Match Day**

This day is to show how creative your wardrobe can be. Jeans are allowed and DRESS AS CRAZILY AS YOU CAN!!!

### **Wednesday- Color Day**

Wear a color that represents you. With your favorite color, you can also wear something that illustrates your personality. Jeans are allowed.

### **Thursday- Sports Day**

Wear sports attire or show support for your favorite team. You can wear jerseys or the teams colors. Jeans are allowed.

### **Friday- Spirit Day**

Show your school spirit!!! Dress in Kent School colors or represent the Red or White team. Jeans are allowed.