

Kent School Bulletin

MAY AND JUNE 2008

- 1 **Thurs.**
8:00am French C
3-5pm **Little School Open House**
4:00pm Home games vs. Easton Middle
- 2 **Fri.**
8:00am French C
12:30pm Cinco de Mayo celebration, 5th & 6th
- 3 **Sat.**
9-10am Little School Open House for all families followed by spring clean-up
- 5 **Mon.**
5th grade to Philadelphia
4th grade to Port Isobel (5/5 - 5/7)
- 7 **Wed.**
2nd grade to Dover
- 8 **Thurs.**
10:50am Ches. Garden Club to visit 5th grade
12:45pm Dress Rehearsal for Spring Musical
5:00pm Board of Trustees meeting
- 9 **Fri.**
8:00am French C
11:00am Little School Mother's Day Tea
7:30pm Spring Musical
- 10 **Sat.**
7:30pm Spring Musical
- 12 **Mon.**
Civil War Re-enactors visit 6th grade
- 13 **Tues.**
K & 1 to Pickering Creek
4th graders visit Middle School
4:00pm Endowment Committee meeting
- 14 **Wed.**
3rd & 4th grade to Eastern Neck Island
- 15 **Thurs.**
8:00am 4th graders visit Middle School
5-7pm French C
PTF Pig Roast and Meeting
- 16 **Fri.**
8:00am 5th grade Colonial Day
French C
- 20 **Tues.**
8:45am 4th graders visit Middle School
Parent Coffee with Mr. Schuler
(multi-purpose room)
- May 20-29 Susan Argo visits 3rd, 5th and 6th grade for a Poetry in Residence workshop
- 21 **Wed.**
4th graders visit Middle School

- 22 **Thurs.**
8:00am 4th grade to Horn Point to plant Bay Grasses
French C
- 23 **Fri.**
8:00am 4th graders to visit MS Advisory Group Lunch and activities
French C
11:00am Modern Woodmen Speech Contest
12:00pm Volunteer Appreciation Lunch
- 26 **Mon.**
School closed - Memorial Day
- 28 **Wed.**
8th grade exams
Visiting author and illustrator on campus to present their new book, "Osprey Adventure"
- 29 **Thurs.**
8:00am 8th grade exams
French C
- 30 **Fri.**
11:00am 8th grade exams
Little School End of Year Party

Kent School is a Green School!

The Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education has awarded Kent School the Green School designation. This award recognizes the efforts of our students and staff to meet extensive criteria in environmental education, professional development, and environmental best management practices on our campus. We will be the first school in Kent County and one of only four on the Eastern Shore that have earned this designation.

An award ceremony is being held at the Community Colleges of Baltimore County, Catonsville campus on Thursday May 29th where we will receive a variety of prizes to recognize our accomplishments.

From the Head's Office

A big "Thank You" to the Parents, Teachers and Friends (PTF) for a lovely luncheon last Friday. What a nice treat between meetings! All of us here certainly appreciate the many special things you do and have done all year. Thanks for all of your hard work!

Parents - Please join me at 8:45a.m. on May 20th in the multipurpose room for coffee and muffins. I look forward to meeting with you and "wrapping" up the school year.

It's Show Time...

Everyone is invited to attend the performances of "Peter Pan," Kent School's **Class of 2008 Spring Musical**, on Friday May 9 and Saturday May 10, at 7:30p.m. both nights in the Kent School gym. The James Barrie play features lost boys, pirates, Indians and wonderful songs by Jules Styne and others. The entire 8th grade makes up the cast, with Willy Meehan as Peter Pan, Katie Hottel as Wendy, Parker Williamson as John, Connor Ricketts as Michael, Emily Brookshire as Mrs. Darling, John MacIntosh as Mr. Darling, Shelley LaMotte as Liza, Stuart Wright as Captain Hook, Jake Edwards as Smee, Morgan Bench as Tiger Lily, Joe Cusimano as Curly, Bonnie Bless as Slightly, Ryan Culp as Nibs, Ashley Hollingsworth and Alex Young as the Twins, Julio Ramirez as Starkey. Taylor Leverage as Cecco, Lindsay Gilbert as Noodler and Miles Norris as Mullins. Jim Landskroener is the director and Kate Bennett is the musical director. The performances are free and open to the public.

JUNE

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| 2 | Mon. | 8th grade canoe trip (overnight) |
| 4 | Wed. | Play Day |
| 5 | Thurs.
9:00am | Class Day
Awards assembly |
| 6 | Fri. | Graduation, 11:00am |

Play Day - June 4

Parents, please join us for the annual Play Day at Kent School! Play Day is a fun-filled day of games, relays, activities and Red Team vs. White Team competition. The opening school relay starts at 9:30a.m. and the famous Tug-O-War is at 2:15p.m. Please join us during any part of the day. A picnic lunch, snacks and refreshments will be provided for everyone.

Children should wear play clothes and athletic shoes, no cleats. Red Team members should wear RED and White team members should wear WHITE. No body, face or hair paint, please. Have your child prepared to be in the sun all day with sunscreen and a hat.

In case of rain, Play Day will be moved to Thursday, June 5 and Class Day to Wednesday, June 4.

Class Day - June 5

The Awards Assembly will be held in the gym at 9:00a.m. Awards to be presented: Physical Fitness, Honors, Red/White Team Captains, Speech Essay winners, SGA election results, Geography Bee and Spelling Bee winners.

Graduation - June 6

The Kent School community is invited to attend the 39th graduation at Kent School. Graduation is an important and moving tradition at Kent School. It marks not only the graduation of our eighth graders, but also the 'graduation' of all of our children into the next grade. It is a celebration for the entire community, and, for that reason, we ask that **all** children attend. Please join your children for this important event.

The ceremony will begin at 11:00a.m. **Graduates are asked to arrive at 10:00a.m. for pictures; all other students should arrive at their usual time.** Boys are asked to wear coats and ties, and girls, dresses or skirts. A reception hosted by the seventh grade parents will follow the ceremony. Dismissal will be at 12:00p.m. **If your child is not riding the bus on this day, please send in a note.**

News From the Development Office

Many thanks to everyone who participated in the auction this year. Volunteers, donors, guests and sponsors all helped raise over \$82,000 for Kent School this year. Of that \$31,500 will be earmarked for improvements in technology. THANK YOU.

Several parents have inquired about making additional purchases for the Wishing Tree. You can do that through the Spirit Store or whenever you happen to be on campus. Stop in Tricia Cammerzell's office to purchase an item to improve a classroom, playground or athletic program.

We're closing in on the end of the school year, and the end of our fiscal year follows close behind. Please make your Osprey Fund donation. Each year we strive for 100% parent participation. With 100% participation, Kent School becomes a more attractive candidate for Foundation support. At this point we're at about 30% participation. We've got a long way to go. Make sure your gift is counted and recognized in our Annual Report.

News from the Admission Office

As of today Kent School would like to welcome 27 new students for the 2008-2009 school year. There are a limited number of openings in various classes for next year. Contact Beth Collins in the Admission Office if you know of any families interested in joining the Kent School community. admissions@kentschool.org

Summer Programs

This summer Kent School will continue to offer the following programs: Sports Central, Little Adventures, Science and Basketball Camp. The registration forms are on the Kent School website. For more information you may contact Suzie Wright-Taylor @ ext. 30 or swrighttaylor@kentschool.org.

Middle School News

Orientation for Fourth Grade Students

The middle school has several orientation activities planned for the fourth grade students. In groups of three or four, they will visit fifth grade for the morning. They will go to classes, meet the teachers and get a feel for the fifth graders' day. The fourth grade students will also be invited to lunch with their new advisor and advisory group on the 23rd of May. In addition, they will attend a question and answer session with current fifth grade students where they will be able to learn more about how these students managed the transition to middle school. It is an exciting time for these students, and our goal is to make the transition a smooth one.

Supplies

Please be sure to replenish school supplies. We still have five weeks of school!

Spelling Bee

The Middle School Red/White Spelling Bee was held on April 18. The contestants were fifth graders: Elizabeth Grabis, Owen Pierce, Alphonso Ramirez and Madi Shenk; sixth graders: Clayton Carlson, Katy Jones, Mary McLean and Avery Zuber; seventh graders: Helen Cammerzell, Logan Leverage, Dan Lohr and Jesse Townshend; eighth graders: Shelley LaMotte, Taylor Leverage, Julio Ramirez and Parker Williamson. Katy Jones was the champion; Alphonso Ramirez, the runner up.

Lower School News

Will Starkey won the "If I Were Mayor" Contest. He will be honored at a presentation in Annapolis on June 3rd. Shelby Billups and Emmett van Venrooy were finalists.

Third Graders read 100 books to help save 100 acres of Rainforest! This was another project sponsored by Scholastic in conjunction with the Rainforest Alliance. Congratulations to all who are trying to save the EARTH! For more information, visit www.rainforest-alliance.org.

Chesapeake Bay Studies Field Trips

The next few weeks will find the 4th grade students participating in a variety of outdoor field experiences following their year-long study of the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem. This integrated curriculum uses the Bay as an overarching theme for their science, social studies, literature, writing and technology classes. We will be exploring a variety of island and wetland habitats and performing several restoration projects by planting two species of Bay grasses.

April 30 - Poplar Island to release our terrapin hatchlings

May 5-7 - Port Isobel for immersion studies near Tangier Island

May 14 - Eastern Neck Island to plant Spartan alterniflora on the Western shore of the island - they will be joined by the 3rd grade

May 22 - Horn Point Lab in Cambridge to plant submerged grasses (red head)

Third Grade to Eastern Neck Island

On May 14th the 3rd grade will be exploring Eastern Neck Island near Rock Hall. Students will learn about the variety of habitats available at the refuge and participate in a large-scale planting of Spartan grasses sponsored by NOAA and the National Aquarium. The children are currently studying the importance and function of a wetlands habitat in their science class. This field trip will give them an opportunity to have a hands-on, feet-wet experience in a wetland while fostering a sense of stewardship for the environment.

Monarch Waystation

Volunteers are still needed to spend an hour helping rototill a patch of ground to be planted by the Lower School children. Do you have an hour to spare and a rototiller you could bring in?? Call Pam Deringer if you can help.