

# KMS ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

STAKEHOLDER UPDATE REPORT  
OCTOBER 13 , 2009 PTA MEETING

## UPCOMING EVENTS

October 13	PTA Meeting
October 13	PALS MTG. 6 <sup>th</sup> Hour Block
October 13	Girls' BB Vs. Lake Shore
October 15	Girls' BB Vs. John Long Grafton
October 19	Musical Practice blue gym 3-7p.m. everyone!
October 20	Girls' BB Vs. Templeton Sussex
October 20	PALS MTG 6 <sup>TH</sup> HOUR BLOCK
October 20	Musical Practice blue gym 3-7p.m. everyone!
October 21	Musical Practice blue gym 3-7 p.m. everyone!
October 21	Girls' BB @ Steffen Mequon
October 22	Musical "Beauty and the Beast"
October 23	Musical "Beauty and the Beast"
October 24	Musical "Beauty and the Beast" (Matinee)
October 26	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Jazz Band 3:15 – 3:45
October 26	WKCE TESTING
October 27	WKCE TESTING
October 28	Girls' BB Vs. Falls

## UPCOMING EVENTS (CONTINUED)

October 28	WKCE TESTING
October 29	TEACHER CONVENTION/NO SCHOOL
October 30	TEACHER CONVENTION/NO SCHOOL
November 02	BLT Mtg. GAC 3:15
November 02	Grade 8 Jazz Band Practice 3:10 – 3:45
November 03	Girls' Basketball @ Webster
November 04	Making Connections in GAC
November 06	END OF 1 <sup>ST</sup> QUARTER
November 09	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Jazz Band
November 09	Wrestling Practice starts 3:15 – 5:15 cafeteria
November 09	Book Fair in GAC
November 10	Book Fair in GAC
November 10	Girls' Basketball @ Lakeshore Mequon Grade 7
November 10	Empty Bowls Cafeteria 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
November 10	PALS Mtg. 6 <sup>th</sup> hour block
November 10	PTA Mtg. GAC 7:00 p.m.

### • **After School Study Skills:**

The After School Study Skills Program is available to all KMS Students, and began operating in the middle of September. Students report to the Blue IMC immediately after school and are able to work on homework until 4:00 p.m. Several staff members are available to help answer any homework questions students may have. Students also have access to computers and other materials to help them finish their homework. The After School Study Skills program is available every Tuesday and Thursday. Permission slips are available from House Leaders or in the Blue Guidance Office. All students should be in the Blue IMC by 3:10 pm. In addition, a high school student from Homestead along and two students from GHS are interested in coordinating a GHS & KMS tutoring program. This would operate in conjunction with the After School Study Skills Program, at least initially. The student from Homestead High School has already successfully initiated a tutoring program at the two middle schools in Mequon, as part of his Eagle Scout project. He now looks to share the success with other schools. Mr. Bold and Mr. Towers have remained in contact regarding this initiative. Two GHS students (both Juniors) have committed their time and expertise as program coordinators. Mr. Towers continues to meet with them to help coordinate the effort between GHS and KMS. The two GHS Coordinators are interested in starting after Quarter 1, and suggest that we send a flier home with report cards along with webnotes, posters at KMS, announcements, etc. to publicize the program. The two GHS coordinators are discussing the program at their student council meeting and have begun to start looking for potential tutors.

### • **KMS Technology Club:**

Solar, Wind and Hydroelectric power... Our world is changing quickly! The Qtr. 1 Technology Club will help students learn about the many ways we will power our world. Participating students will build solar and hydrogen powered cars, wind mills, and more using specialized LEGOs. Then, they will have the opportunity to conduct experiments to see how well these alternative power sources perform. The Technology Club is offered as a partnership between the Parks and Rec. Program and Kennedy. The two instructors, also KMS Teachers, are Mr. Parrish and Mr. Baker.

### • **2009 KMS Musical:** \*Picture #1

The KMS Music Team and Drama Club are teaming up to present this year's musical, Beauty and the Beast!!!! Auditions were held at the start of the year, and students have been working hard in preparing for the performances scheduled to occur on October 22<sup>nd</sup> thru the 24<sup>th</sup>.

### • **Making Connections:** \*Picture #2

Making Connections is a yearlong Co-Curricular program at Kennedy. The goal for Making Connection is to promote an inclusive setting beyond classroom environments that may foster : Communication skills between general and special education students, an appreciation of diversity, cultivating leisure activities, building collaboration skills to work toward significant and related goals developing a connection between school and community. The Making Connections Co-curricular club held their kick off activity with an Ice Cream Social, on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. At the first meeting, they also created decorative magnets as a "make and take" activity.

- **Association of School Administrators (AWSA) Names Kennedy as an Exemplary School:**

Superintendent Rogers informed Mr. Bold that Kennedy was recognized as an “Exemplary Middle School” by the Association of School Administrators (AWSA). Criteria for this recognition include one or more of the following: Rapid improvement in reading and/or math scores in the past school year; Reading and/or math scores in the top 10% in past year; and, Rapid improvement in scores in reading and/or math with special designation for rapid improvement in schools comprised of a high poverty population (greater than 33% free and reduced lunch). Kennedy was specifically recognized for being in the top 10% in math scores. Kennedy will be named in an upcoming issue of *AWSA Update* and will also appear in the February Middle Level Conference program. A press release recognizing all Exemplary Middle Schools will be sent in the near future by the DPI. This achievement also entitles us to apply for the Middle School of Excellence Award.

- **KMS Parent Ambassador Program:**

Kennedy is in the second year of launching an initiative referred to as “Parent Ambassadors”. The Parent Ambassador program has been established to build a home-school connection between parents, teachers and students. Each house will be represented by two Parent Ambassadors. Parent Ambassadors will pass along information to parents regarding house/school activities, and current topics of interest. The first planning meeting was held on Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, with a another initial meeting scheduled for Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, for those unable to attend on the 6<sup>th</sup>. The group is close to confirming an introductory letter that will be sent to parents of each respective “House”.

- **School Plan, Goal 2 (School Safe Culture):** \*Pictures #3, 4 & 5

As part of our Goal 2 initiatives, Kennedy is involved in multiple activities to promote a school culture that is safe, one one that promotes the importance of a sense of belonging. As such, we have many curricular connections to educate students about bullying and tolerance. One of many lessons done in sixth grade is one titled, “Teasing, Taunting, Bullying - It's all Harassment.”. With the help of a video and upper classmates from Germantown High School’s “Peers”, the students watch a video on these topics and after each segment break into small groups with the GHS PEERS to discuss. We end by placing a hand print and signing our name to a house pledge - vowing to eliminate bullying behaviors. A copy of this pledge is given to each student to hang in their lockers.

- **Red Ribbon Week:**

At the end of October, Kennedy will show its support for Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon Week is is an alcohol, tobacco and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign observed annually in October in the United States. Kennedy will promote certain activities, while also teaming up with various activities sponsored by Youth Futures and the AODA Council of Washington County. The School Counseling Team at Kennedy, in conjunction with SRO Borden, will be doing a variety of Red Ribbon Week activities during homeroom group time the week of October 26th thru the 28th. One day, students will hear a presentation by SRO Borden, one day they will watch a video "Natural High 4" and another day they will do activities with Mrs. Wittemann and Mrs. Banghart - design a Top 10 Things to do Instead of Drugs bookmark and play smoking or alcohol prevention BINGO. These are a few of the many activities scheduled to occur.

Picture #1



Picture #2



Picture #3



Picture #4



Picture #5

