

# KMS ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

STAKEHOLDER UPDATE REPORT  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2009 PTA MEETING

## UPCOMING EVENTS

September 08 Musical Practice All Week 3-5:00 p.m.  
September 11 St. Council Welcome Back Social 3:15 – 5:15  
September 14 Cross Country Meet  
September 14 Musical Practice All Week 3-6:00 p.m.  
September 14 Girls' B-ball Practice All Week 3:15 – 5:15

## UPCOMING EVENTS (CONTINUED)

September 21 NO SCHOOL – Teacher Inservice  
September 22 Musical Practice All Week Blue 3-6:00 p.m.  
September 22 Girls' B-ball Practice All Week 3:15 – 5:15  
September 28 Musical Practice All Week 3-6:00 p.m.  
September 28 Girls' B-ball Practice All Week 3:15 – 5:15

### • **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation:**

The site hosted a special Orientation/Open House for sixth grade students on Wednesday, Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>. We had a higher number of no shows as compared to past years. The site anticipated this reduction due to another evening event also scheduled for the same night. We had about 90% attendance, where in past it was closer to 98%. Of the 30 students not in attendance at the Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> Orientation/Open House, many came in for special schedule/assignment notebook pick up on Monday, Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>, but some came earlier. A special thank you to Colleen Thompson who organized the many volunteers, and a big thank you to all who helped with the evening.

### • **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Locker Set-Up Day:**

This year, tried something for the first time. We blocked some time when students and their parents came to school to find their locker and organize school materials. With the help of the KMS PTA, we arranged the following schedule:

Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade from 1:00 to 3:00

Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade from 3:30 to 5:30

I think the locker set-up day went well. We had about 90% for 7th grade and 83% for the 8th Grade. We also had many come on Monday, Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> due to not coming on Friday, Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>. A special thank you to Colleen Thompson who organized the many volunteers, and a big thank you to all who helped on both the 28<sup>th</sup> and the 31<sup>st</sup>.

### • **2009 KMS Musical:**

The KMS Music Team and Drama Club are teaming up to present this year's musical, Beauty and the Beast!!!! Auditions were held on Thursday and Friday of last week from 3:00 until 5:00. The musical is scheduled for performance on October 22<sup>nd</sup> thru the 24<sup>th</sup>.

### • **New KMS Staff:**

There are three staff returning as newly hired staff, as they previously served in different roles or as part of limited term contracts. The site is happy to welcome back Mr. Kip Steinmetz, who is teaching in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade as a Cross Categorical Teacher. Mrs. Amy Kreuser, who is teaching in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, also as a Cross Categorical Teacher. And, Mrs. Tracy Lettneberger, who will teach 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math and Reading in the Glaser House. The site is also excited to welcome three staff new to Kennedy this year. They are:

### **Mr. Ken Kasbohm:**

Mr. Kasbohm is teaching students in 8th grade math, algebra and reading in the Donovan House. Mr. Kasbohm graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran College in 1999, and began working at Bostik, an adhesive company, in Wauwatosa. While he enjoyed the job, it was his continued coaching experience (He is now in his 17th year of coaching) that led him to decide to switch careers. In January of 2005 he started attending Carroll College full-time while continuing to work full-time at Bostik. In June of 2007, Mr. Kasbohm graduated with a teaching degree from Carroll. His first two years of teaching were various substitute jobs. In his first year, he had long-term substitute positions (all in math) at Grafton High School, Kettle Moraine Middle School, Templeton Middle School (Sussex) and Gilmore Middle School (Racine). Last year, he started in mid-October and finished the year teaching 7th grade math, pre-algebra and algebra at North Shore Middle School in Hartland. Mr. Kasbohm has greatly enjoyed the teaching experiences that he had over the past two years, and is extremely happy with the decision to become a teacher. Mr. Kasbohm and his wife Erin are expecting their first child in January.

- **New KMS Staff (Continued):**

**Mrs. Leslie Delain:**

Mrs. Delain is a new 8<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts teacher. She is very excited to be teaching here at Kennedy Middle School. For the past 13 years she has mainly been a “stay-at-home” mom to her 3 kids, Nellie (13 – 8<sup>th</sup> grader here at KMS), Lucy (11, 6<sup>th</sup> grader here at KMS), and Maverick (7, 2<sup>nd</sup> grader at Rockfield). Her husband, Paul, is a High School Science teacher in West Bend. The Delain family lives on a small hobby farm in Germantown and have a wide range of critters including three horses, two llamas, a donkey, and a black lab named Stella.

Mrs. Delain previously worked as a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher in the West Bend School District. During her stint as the “stay-home” mom she worked as a fitness and yoga instructor (and still do a bit). In April of 2008, she returned to classroom teaching as a substitute teacher in the Germantown School District.

**Ms. Beth Musolff:**

Beth is a first year teacher and has the wonderful opportunity to teach 7th grade science here at Kennedy. She is taking part in the job share in the Schwister house and will be in the building during the afternoons. Ms. Musolff believes in a hands-on approach to learning and plans on conducting a number of fun and exciting experiments this year. She is very excited to be in a wonderful district and school and to be of such a collaborative and supportive family like environment. In addition to being a first year teacher, she is also the proud mother of a 15 month old daughter, Story. Ms. Musolff is also the daughter of Kennedy veteran Keith Musolff.

- **President Obama National Address:**

There seemed to be much attention regarding President Obama National Address challenging students to work hard, set educational goals, and take responsibility for their learning. The site received many phone calls regarding the school’s plan for this presentation. The district did make arrangements for the President’s address to be recorded, thus allowing teachers to first review the information and determine if there is any curricular connection. Mr. Bold shared the following information with parents who called, and with each House Leader, as to be discussed at subsequent meetings:

*This is becoming a widely politicized topic, and one causing bipartisan debate and putting schools in the middle. I have fielded phone calls questioning if we would be airing this broadcast school wide, and if so they would keep their child(ren) home that day. This sentiment matches some of the recent topics discussed on the radio, newspaper and other media sources. Thus, I believe parents are being encouraged to call the schools and inquire about the plans.*

*Here is my position, and please share with other colleagues in your house. First, I have not made any plans, nor would I plan on a school wide presentation of the speech. In this particular case, I believe it is to be broadcasted at 1:00, which is not conducive for our schedule. However, I have also shared that if a teacher sees a curricular connection to integrate into their lesson, I would not censor that teacher in utilizing the president's National Address. If a student were to ask to leave the classroom due to that part of the lesson, we would honor that and they could work on other school work in the office or our Learning Center. At the same time, I would not expect that any teacher's particular opinions be used to sway or influence; instead, we should outline varying facts on the topic and allow students to arrive at their position. This would be the same process relating to any particular topic in any curricula.*

- **Student Council Welcome Back Social:**

This Friday the student council will be hosing the 1<sup>st</sup> social of the year. Thunder and Lightning will be our awesome DJ’s There will be basketball in the gold gym and board games in the cafeteria. Permission slips were handed out during homeroom group on Tuesday, Sept. 8th. Permission slips will also be available in the Blue Guidance Office.