

KENTRIDGE

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March 2004

Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences

March 25, 2004

4:00-8:00 PM

Principal's Message

Construction Update

When you drive by Kentridge High School, you can see the progress the construction crews are making on our new additions for our occupancy this August. The new wing has all of the concrete flooring completed and the steel frames are in place. Crews will continue to build the mechanical and electrical systems. The work in the auditorium continues to be the remodeling of the ceiling which includes installation of the ductwork for the heating and cooling systems. The cafeteria addition is also underway and the foundation will be poured this month. The new auxiliary gym foundations are set and the erecting of the walls is the next phase. Furniture and technology purchases are currently being made for the new wing. An excellent web site to view Kentridge's construction cams, aerial photos, indoor pictures and to receive information about the construction status is the Kent School District Facilities' web site at <http://www.kent.k12.wa.us/KSD/FP/>. We are excited about our new buildings and again would like to thank the community for their support.

February 4th - Late Arrival and Preparation for the Transition

On February 4th, Kentridge staff met during the late arrival time period to continue to plan and prepare for the ninth grade reconfiguration occurring next year. Currently, Kentridge has four committees working to prepare for next year. Those committees are the Smaller Learning Community, Student Achievement Gap, Culminating Project and the 9th Grade Transition. The Smaller Learning Community Committee used this time to work on developing curriculum for integrated units of study and how to best personalize learning in a smaller learning community structure. The Minority Achievement Gap Committee worked on developing procedures to implement a new program called AVID. AVID is a program designed to assist students who are not academically achieving and do not qualify for special services. The Culminating Project Committee listened to a presentation from a software specialist in creating electronic portfolios for students. Finally, the 9th Grade Transition Committee continued its discussion on developing ideas to assist students and adults in their transition to high school. We would like to thank you for allowing us to have this extremely valuable time to address the anticipated needs of next year and future years. The next late arrival days are Wednesday, March 3rd, April 7th and May 5th.

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Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences

Kentridge will be hosting a Spring Parent-Teacher Conference on Thursday, March 25th from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to have a five minute conference with individual teachers. A letter of invitation with information will be sent in early March.

Congratulations

Congratulations to seniors Nicola Derbyshire, Anthony Gibbon, Kara Jones, Timothy Schmidt and Julianne Stewart who have been named a National Merit Finalist in the 2004 National Merit Scholarship program. Approximately 90% of the 16,400 semifinalists became finalists based on their accomplishments, abilities and personal qualities. Only finalists are considered for some 8,000 National Merit Scholarships worth over \$28 million awarded this spring. Students in over 20,000 high schools entered the Merit Program as juniors taking the 2003 PSAT which served as an initial screen of more than 1.3 million entrants.

Parent Visitation Day Set for May 13th

Kentridge staff invites parents to attend school on Thursday, May 13th to witness firsthand what is happening in your student's classes. The number of guests is limited to 75 and you must reserve your place. A mailing will be coming out in April with more details.

Beware of Non-Sponsored Senior Class Trips

Beware of "Senior or Class Trips" to places out of the country. These are not sponsored by the school or PTSA but are arranged by local travel agencies with all-expense-paid trips for the student organizer(s). Such trips are unchaperoned, and package prices are often "inclusive" making available unlimited complimentary alcoholic drinks and admission to discos or clubs. The Kentridge PTSA has organized and is selling tickets for this year's Grad Night Party. For more information, contact Debbie Dullenty at (253) 631-7502.

WASL and Public Baccalaureate Institutions

Washington's public baccalaureate institutions are committed to continue their partnership with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and secondary educators in support of the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL). The Council of Presidents for public baccalaureate institutions are encouraging high school students to achieve the highest degree of preparation for both college and work. They agreed that performance on the WASL is one of the ways high school students could demonstrate preparation.

The council said there are several ways, at this time, that public baccalaureate institutions are prepared to use the WASL:

- ▶ Public baccalaureate institutions that offer Running Start will join the community colleges to identify how WASL scores may be used to establish Running Start eligibility and course placement.

WASL, Cont'd.....

- ▶ Public baccalaureate institutions intend to use the WASL scores to identify promising college students, similar to the way they use PSAT.
- ▶ All six public baccalaureate institutions have agreed to consider WASL scores among the criteria in some of their merit scholarship selection processes beginning in 2005.

I would like to encourage parents to talk to their child about the importance of the WASL. I am hoping that our students will give their very best effort so that the Kentridge administration and staff can use the data resulting from student scores to assist in planning for improved academic success for all students. Kentridge will be administering the test the weeks of April 26th to May 7th.

Kudos To.....

There are many ways in which our teachers serve the students, parents and Kentridge community that goes beyond their work in the classroom. Each month in the newsletter, that service will be highlighted. The following are examples that have occurred since the beginning of the new year:

Kudos to Denny Wiseman and his custodial crew for clearing the sidewalks of snow and responding quickly to the water pipe damage due to the cold.

Kudos to Christina Fox, Neil Cochran and Kelly West for organizing and facilitating a successful "Pod Summit".

Kudos to Thom Rohm, Juanita Segura, Jason Roberts, Keri Garcia, Anthony Giles, Lorretta Watanabe and Jennifer Peterson for all of their hard work in preparing an outstanding Martin Luther King Assembly.

Thank you to Claudia Bredow, Alton Mattioli, Pam Schilz, Rob Rutherford and Melissa Sweeney for all that you do in recognition of School Counselors' Week.

Kudos to Debbie Roberts as she had fifty-seven students qualify for the DECA State Competition.

Kudos to Charmaine Kroll, Beth Gwinn, Jeff Tibeau and Marty Osborn for organizing and facilitating the "Cocoa and Cram" Night. Over 150 students attended. Thank you to Michelle Quinn, Christie Nelson and Tom Robinson who attended and assisted students.

Thank you to Vince Howard, Al Waltner, Steve Marques, Eli Carlo, Michelle Quinn and Tim Harry for their assistance in developing our Technology Three Plan.

Congratulations to Jeff Tibeau who had four students place as "Regional Winners" at the Puget Sound Educational Service District's Regional High School Art Show.

Kudos to Dave Baldock and Anthony Giles for organizing the Kentridge Area Band Bash and Choir Festival.

Kudos to Steve Brown and the math department for facilitating the American Mathematics Competition. Over 250 students competed in this year's test.

Kentridge Counselors' Corner

SAT and ACT Test Dates

We strongly encourage students to register for the SAT and/or ACT online at www.collegeboard.com and www.act.org respectively, due to the limited number of mail-in registration forms allotted to us. In addition, both web sites offer helpful hints and practice tests for students.

SAT Registration fee - \$28.50

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Closes</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u>
May 1	March 25	April 7
June 5	April 29	May 12

ACT Registration Fee - \$25.00

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Closes</u>	<u>Late Regis. Deadline</u>
April 3	February 27	March 12
June 12	May 7	May 21

Running Start

Current sophomores and juniors who might be interested in attending a local community college next year through the Running Start Program should contact their counselor to obtain information regarding the steps needed in order to access this program. The first step in the process is to meet with the high school counselor.

Attention Juniors and Parents of Juniors

The annual Green River High School Conference will be held this year on Wednesday, March 24th. This event provides juniors an excellent opportunity to gather information about Washington four-year, two-year and vocational colleges. Representatives from four-year universities, local community and vocational colleges will present program, admissions and financial information about their institutions. Students are able to attend presentations from three schools.

Students will leave Kentridge at 9:00 AM and travel by bus to Green River Community College. They will return to Kentridge at 12:30 PM in time to attend fifth and sixth periods. A fee of \$2.00 is charged to each student to pay for the cost of transportation. Field trip forms can be picked up at the counseling office. The fee and the form must be turned in to the cashier's office no later than Friday, March 19th. Juniors will hear more about this opportunity from counselors who will be visiting their English classes in early March.

Advanced Placement

An advanced placement test will be offered in Statistics, Environmental Science, Calculus AB and BC, United States History, Music Theory and Biology. The tests will be administered at the First Christian Church of Kent between May 4th and May 11th. The four Kent high schools have used this common site for test administration for the past eight years.

Registration and payment of \$82.00 for each test to be taken will take place during the last week and a half of March.

Our test order must be postmarked by April 1st. The last day that payment will be accepted will be on Monday, March 29th.

More information about registration and testing will be provided to students in their AP classes. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Mattioli at (253) 373-7349.

Web Sites

There are a number of websites available to help students learn about various colleges, their admissions criteria, required testing and scholarships. The Kentridge Counseling web site, www.kent.k12.wa.us/staff/bboughte/index.htm, offers a great deal of information as well as links to other sites. Here are a few to check out:

www.fastweb.com - Provides details on more than 60,000 scholarships.

www.collegelink.com - Browse scholarships by academic field.

www.scholarships.com - Contains a scholarship search and insights on a variety of scholarship-related topics.

www.srnexpress.com - Includes useful questions and answers on how to research and find scholarships.

www.xap.com - A resource site for colleges with profiles, entrance requirements and costs.

www.collegenet.com - Search over 600,000 scholarships.

Now is the Time to Fill Out the FAFSA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available in the counseling office. The FAFSA website, www.fafsa.ed.gov, can provide you with all of the latest, updated information about financial aid. Everything from general information to pre-application worksheets is available. The federal government will award close to \$90 billion in the form of loans, grants and scholarships. To access this potential money for college, the FAFSA is the first step.

Scholarship Bulletins

Listed below are three more scholarship opportunities. To find out about further scholarships, check our Scholarship Bulletin in the counseling center or online at www.kent.k12.wa.us/staff/bboughte/monthlyscholarshipbulletin.htm.

1.) **Jessica Jordan Blue Memorial Scholarship** - Any graduating senior that will be attending an accredited college or university in the fall of 2004 or winter of 2005 can submit an application along with an essay by March 31, 2004 describing how you were able to overcome a disappointment or to encourage someone else to persevere in a difficult situation.

2.) **Robert J. Handy Memorial Scholarships** - Seniors that are interested in entering the teaching profession are eligible to receive one of sixteen \$600.00 per year renewable scholarships or one of eight \$1200 one time only scholarships. The deadline is March 3rd.

3.) **Lemonade Series Writing Scholarship** - Open to all students who write a 500 word story about one person who positively influenced your life. The deadline is April 1st.

Bits and Pieces

- Kelley Menard, drug and alcohol counselor, is available to KR students on Tuesdays. If you would like more information regarding her services, please contact the counseling center.
- Homework requests—students who are ill three or more days can call the counseling office at (253) 373-7349 to request homework from Ms. Boughter. A student must arrange to pick up the homework from the counseling office **no sooner than 24 hours** after the request has been made.

Class, Club & Sports News

Math Lab

The Kentridge Math Lab is a very popular source for extra help in all aspects of math. Students work together as well as receive help from the staff and/or a calculus student tutor and to take tests. The lab is open from 2:45 to 3:45 PM on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the Kentridge Library.

Cherry Blossom Festival

Japan Club, KR Judo Team and Kentridge PTSA are sponsoring the 8th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival on March 26th at Kentwood High School. The festival will commemorate the Kent Valley's links to Japanese culture. Attractions will include Taiko Drumming, a fashion show, childrens' activity booths, food, dancing and martial arts and much more. Featured guests are twenty students and five teachers representing the All-Tokyo High School Judo Federation. Admission which includes a complimentary bowl of yakisoba is \$5.00 in advance and \$7.00 at the door. Tickets are available from Japan Club and Judo Team members and their parents.

Creek Testing

Mr. Howard's five chemistry classes brought the results of their creek testing project to twenty-nine elementary classes on February 9th to 12th. Participating elementary schools included Meridian, Lake Youngs, Fairwood, Springbrook, Glenridge, Carriage Crest and Ridgewood. The high school chemistry students taught their lesson about salmon and the water quality factors in our streams by including hands-on demonstrations, worksheets and games. Our goal is to create a long-term relationship pairing Kentridge science classes with the elementary feeder schools.

Kentridge Artists are Regional Finalists

Congratulations to Kentridge artists for being selected as regional finalists in the 2004 Puget Sound Educational Service District's Regional High School Art Show. Ian Smith was awarded Best in Show and King County Executive Award for photography, Rachel Crowder was awarded Best in Show and Superintendent's Purchase Award and Desirae Wilson and Jessica Eve were Regional Photography winners. Congratulations artists!

Football Camp

All players planning to play freshman, JV or varsity football are encouraged to attend the WSU Summer Football Camp. Brochures are being mailed to families of current football players or can be obtained from Coach Osborn. Camp runs from June 23rd to June 26th. If you have questions or need further information, please contact Head Football Coach Marty Osborn at (253) 373-4251.

National Honor Society

National Honor Society held its second successful Reading Night of the year at Soos Creek Elementary. Fifty Kentridge students and thirty-five Soos Creek students participated. The night was full of books, laughter, prizes and snacks. Thanks to all NHS members who chose to participate.

Kentridge's chapter of National Honor Society would like to recognize the outstanding service of the outgoing officers:

Maria Brooks	President
Alan Chang	Vice-President
Eilene Eugenio	Secretary
Mary Buslon	Treasurer

On January 27th the chapter elected new officers:

Shanai Lechtenberg	President
Eric Troftgruben	Vice-President
Rachel Carter	Secretary
Kishan Theaharajah	Treasurer

Little Charger Preschool

The preschool is now accepting registration for fall. Little Chargers offers four preschool sessions with each meeting twice a week for two and a half hours. Morning classes are from 8:30 to 10:55 AM. Afternoon classes are from 11:50 AM to 2:20 PM. The preschool runs from mid-September to mid-June. Tuition is \$80.00 per student/per month. Registration forms can be picked up in the Kentridge Main Office.

Integrated Biology and AP Biology

Attention parents of Ms. Ketover's Integrated Biology and AP Biology students! If you subscribe to her weekly parent email service and have not been receiving weekly emails, please let Ms. Ketover know immediately. Her address is samantha.ketover@kent.k12.wa.us. Many messages have been returned as undeliverable. Thank you for your help.

Attendance Reminder

Kentridge attendance policy states that students with more than thirteen excused or unexcused absences in any one class per semester may receive a failing grade for that class for lack of participation. This policy excludes school-related field trips, athletics and activities. Students may, however, buy back time if approved by their teachers within ten (10) days of an excused absence. Please keep this in mind as we begin our second semester.

2004 Key Club

On February 11th, the following 2004-2005 Key Club Officers were elected: Paige VanBruggen, President; Rommell Fontanilla, Vice-President; Kim Erickson, Secretary; Calvin Yee,

Treasurer; and Kristina Pfiffner, Historian. These officers will take over after Key Club Convention on April 2nd to 4th. Congratulations to all of the new officers. We look forward to a great year!

On March 19th Kentridge Key Club members will gather with Key Clubs from other high schools to honor and thank our supporting Kiwanis Clubs with an annual Kiwanis Prom. The students plan and host a catered dinner and dance complete with decorations, DJ and entertainment.

Calendar of Events for March

Monday, March 1

Spring Sports Begin

Wednesday, March 3

Late Arrival Day - Class Begins at 10:15 AM

8th Grade Parent Night

Saturday, March 6

Chatelaines at District (Thomas Jefferson H.S.)

Friday, March 12

Spring Sports Assembly 1:30 PM

Baseball at Issaquah

Soccer Jamboree at Auburn

Saturday, March 13

TOLO 8:30-11:30 PM Gymnasium

Fastpitch/Baseball vs. Lindberg 11:00 AM

Monday, March 15

Fastpitch at South Kitsap

Tuesday, March 16

Girls Tennis at Sumner

Soccer at Emerald Ridge

Wednesday, March 17

Fastpitch at Federal Way

Thursday, March 18

Track vs. Rogers

Baseball at Tye

Friday, March 19

Chatelaines at State

Baseball vs. South Kitsap

Soccer vs. Lindberg

Monday, March 22

2004-2005 ASB Election Packets Available

Tuesday, March 23

Soccer Kentridge at Kentlake

Judo vs. Snohomish

Baseball/Fastpitch Kentridge vs. Kentlake

Wednesday, March 24

Baseball/Fastpitch at Auburn-Riverside

Thursday, March 25

Track at Tahoma

Tuesday, March 30

Soccer at Enumclaw

Baseball at Sumner

2004-2005 ASB Packets Due

Judo Jamboree at Kentwood

Flexible Enrollment Begins (For KSD Students Only)

The Kent School District flexible enrollment process allows students the opportunity to attend a school other than their neighborhood school, if space is available. The elementary and middle schools listed below will have openings for flexible enrollment for the 2004-2005 school year. There will be no high school openings for flexible enrollment next year.

The timeline for elementary school flexible enrollment applications for the 2004-2005 school year will be February 2nd through March 12, 2004. The following elementary schools have flexible enrollment spaces available: Carriage Crest, Cedar Valley, Daniel, East Hill, Fairwood, Grass Lake, Jenkins Creek, Lake Youngs and Sawyer Woods.

The timeline for middle school flexible enrollment applications for the 2004-2005 school year will be February 2nd through February 27, 2004. The following middle schools will have flexible enrollment spaces available: Mattson, Meeker, Northwood and Sequoia.

Flexible enrollment applications are only available at the schools identified above and must be completed in person on site.

**Free and Low-Cost Health Insurance
Washington State Has Free and Low-cost Health Insurance for Kids & Teens**

Every child deserves to be healthy. Health insurance helps kids stay healthy. Over 100,000 children and teenagers in Washington State don't have health insurance. Now, many families can get free or low-cost health insurance for their kids. Stop worrying about health care expenses. Call toll-free at 1-877-KIDS-NOW for information and to find out if your kids qualify! *This insurance does not affect WorkFirst or citizenship status.*

Thousands of Kids Under 19 are Eligible

Infants through teenagers can receive free or low-cost health insurance. Many families in Washington State qualify and don't know it. The programs are flexible and cover kids in many types of households.

What Kinds of Services are Covered?

The health insurance programs cover a full range of services that all children need to stay healthy. Don't wait until someone in your family is sick or has an accident. Apply today and your kids could have health insurance soon! Once your child is eligible, you will get more information on how to get care. A few services that are covered include:

- ◆ Doctor and nurse visits
- ◆ Dental care
- ◆ Check-ups and immunizations
- ◆ Physical and speech therapy
- ◆ Transportation for office visits
- ◆ Hospital and emergency care
- ◆ Prescriptions and much more

Kentridge PTSA Newsletter

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Grad Class 2005 - Next Year's Seniors!

Parents, here is a great opportunity to get involved! Planning needs to begin for the 2005 Grad Night Celebration. Important decisions must be made in the next few months. Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Kentridge Library.

Daddy-Daughter Dance - April 24, 2004

The dance will be in the KR Cafeteria from 8:00 to 11:00 PM. Be sure to bring your daughter and come for a fun evening.

KR Softball Team - Seat Cushion Sale

Look for softball seat cushion sales to begin again in March and make your bleacher seat more comfortable. Cushion prices are one for \$10.00 or two for \$15.00. Contact Jeannine Kuolt at (253) 639-2730 for more information.

Elections, Standing Rules & Proposed Budget

Officer elections and approval of the Standing Rules and Proposed Budget for 2004-2005 will take place at our PTSA General Membership Meeting on April 21st at 7:00 PM. If you would like to recommend someone for a board position (president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and cashier), please leave a note in the KR PTSA box for the nominating committee.

Calendar of Events

- Tues., March 2** Grad Night '04 & '05 7:00 PM KR Library
- Wed., March 10** PTSA Board Mtg. 7:00 PM KR Library
- Tues., Apr. 6** Grad Night '04 & '05 7:00 PM KR Library
- Wed., Apr. 21** PTSA Board Mtg. 6:30 PM KR Library
PTSA General Mtg. 7:00 PM KR Library
- Sat., Apr. 24** Daddy-Daughter Dance 8:00 PM Cafeteria

2004 Grad Night Celebration Reservation Form

Prices:	February 21, 2004 through March 31, 2004	\$125.00
	After March 31, 2004	\$140.00

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Phone: _____

Date: _____

Make check payable to: Kentridge PTSA Grad Night 2004

Place in the PTSA mailbox in the Kentridge Main Office or

Mail to: Kentridge PTSA - Grad Night 2004

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