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EAGLE

IMPORTANT DATES

October 20

**PICTURE RETAKES
SCHOOL DANCE
6PM-8PM**

November 3

KIDS AWARDS

November 9

**EARLY RELEASE
STUDENT LED CONFERENCES**

November 10

**VETERANS' DAY OBS
NO SCHOOL**

November 22-24

**THANKSGIVING BREAK
NO SCHOOL**

December 1

TRIMESTER 1 ENDS



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Kennett Middle School



FROM THE DESK OF PRINCIPAL RICK BICHE'

Kennett Middle School has been a very lively place since last I wrote. The centerpiece of this activity was of course the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the school. I was very proud to see the level of school spirit among our students and the community as a whole that Friday and Saturday. The spirit week was engaging for students leading up to the celebration and the artwork and decorations produced by our students was excellent. I am happy to say that we raised just over \$300 for the KHS Alumni Scholarship fund. Those of us who did, are happy to take a pie in the face in support of the students in the valley.

Looking ahead to the coming month your students will be challenged in their classes as we have fully settled into the school year. Math classes are well underway exploring math through problem solving which strives to put the emphasis on deeper understanding of why we solve problems the way that we do. Math practice is sent for out of class work nearly each day. In science kids have been challenged to investigate forces and specifically contact forces. They approach this by conducting investigations, developing models and collaborating with peers to develop understanding of these concepts.

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In Literacy, students are writing fictional narratives and should be adding at least four pages of writing a week to their in class journals. How to do this writing is also guided by their reading, which they should be doing for a minimum of 30 minutes outside of class daily. Our students have presented in Social Studies classes and been active in each of their Unified Arts classes.

This is a great time of year to really lean into the learning process in order to get the most out of it. Conversations with your student about perseverance and trying are important at this time to help them keep the momentum going and continually adjust to the increasing demands of the work they will be doing. Talking to them about their learning goals and steps they could take to reach their goals is also helpful. If at any time you would like more information about how your student is doing please reach out to the classroom teachers. I also encourage you to set up a team meeting where you can meet with all of your student's teachers at one time. You can do this by reaching out to any of your child's teachers or the team leader.

RICK BICHE'
PRINCIPAL

IMPORTANT INFO FROM THE MAIN OFFICE

- Students are not allowed to have cellphones, earbuds or smart watches during the day at school and are required to have these items off and in their lockers. If you need to get a message to your student during the day, please contact reception at 603-447-6364 and we will be happy to get the message to your student in the least disruptive way.
- There is no adult supervision at Kennett Middle School prior to 7:30 am. Students should be dropped off at 7:30 am. This leaves ample time for them to get into school and to homeroom on time. Students cannot be on campus after school without adult supervision.
- Free and Reduced lunch forms are available on the SAU 9 website. If you qualified previously you still need to fill the forms out again each year.

FROM THE DESK OF THE SCHOOL NURSE



Happy October! It's so nice to see everyone's smiling faces every day. Here are a few things to remember:

- Please enter all health and contact information updates in our PowerSchool system. It's so important to have the most current health information, contact information, and emergency contact information!
- Please call me with any significant new medical issues and/or concerns.
- Every year School Nurses must report the immunization status of all students to the State. This Fall I will be reviewing each child's medical record. You may be informed that your child is in need of immunization to be compliant with New Hampshire requirements. Immunization information may be found at [DHHS Immunization Information](#) website. It may be that your child has already had the immunization and the school just doesn't yet have a copy of it. Please forward updated immunization information to KMS so we have current information. Your child is also able to be exempt from having immunizations by completing and returning an exemption form located at [DHHS Immunization Exemption Information](#).

Please call me with any questions or concerns! Let's have a happy, healthy year!

MRS. JEFFREY, R.N.
KMS SCHOOL NURSE



NEWS FROM THE KENNETT MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER

So far, students have been enjoying bi-weekly visits to the library with their Literacy teachers. These visits allow students to browse the collection and check out books. The library has had over 650 checked-out books so far this year. That's 150 more than this time last year!

Soon students will also be visiting the library to learn valuable research skills in their Social Studies classes. We will be exploring databases such as Gale, SIRS, and ESBSCO Explora. More information about these databases is available on the library's website, welcomekms.com/KMSLibrary.

HALEY TORREY
LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST





SAU 9 Child Find

Preschool Developmental Screening



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FREE screening for families residing in SAU #9, including the towns of Albany, Bartlett, Chatham, Conway, Eaton, Hart's Location, and Jackson

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Screenings in the areas

of:

Speech & Language

Fine & Gross Motor

Pre-Academic Skills

Hearing

Vision

Please contact Alisa Wong or Sarah Neugebauer
at (603)447-8951, a_wong@sau9.org or
s_neugebauer@sau9.org to schedule an
appointment today!

FROM THE FAMILY SUPPORT LIAISON

Kennett Middle School is looking for individuals that are interested in joining our Parent Teacher Organization. PTOs give parents/guardians and school staff an opportunity to collaborate and work together on common goals for the school year. This is a great way to become involved with your student's school. If you are interested in joining our PTO, or would like more information regarding the organization, please email Ms. McAllister at a_mcallister@sau9.org. We will be scheduling meetings soon!

MRS. MCALLISTER.
KMS FAMILY SUPPORT LIAISON



Maine Health Survey

Attention all families: Please take this 5-minute survey from MaineHealth. Even if you completed the survey last year, we need your participation again! Everyone who completes the survey will be entered into a prize drawing and five lucky winners across the state will each receive a \$100 Amazon gift card for their personal use AND if you win, our school will receive \$1,000.

Other schools are participating, so the more families from our school who complete the survey, the greater our chance of winning \$1,000!

Contact information for the prize drawing will be collected at the end of the survey and will not be connected to your survey responses. All survey responses are anonymous.

Click the following link to begin the survey: <https://redcap.link/2023FamilySCH>

FROM THE DESK OF ALI THORNTON, SCHOOL COUNSELOR

It has been wonderful to reconnect with our 8th-grade students and start to get to know our 7th-grade students and new enrollments.

I work closely with students, staff, and families to ensure that each individual student is progressing academically, socially, and emotionally. If at any point you have concerns about your child feel free to reach out to me directly. The teams have time set aside each week to meet with parents and help create collaborative solutions to issues that may arise.

Students and parents should be checking academic progress by logging into PowerSchool which is regularly updated by the teams. If you need help accessing your account please reach out to me and I can walk you through the process.

It is important to encourage your students to be involved in some type of sport or activity- whether it is school-based or out in the community. This allows your students to gain important social skills and learn to work with other students in an environment of their choosing that is based on their interests. If you need help finding a connection for your child please get in touch with me and together we can brainstorm ways for them to expand their extracurricular activities.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to working with all of our KMS students and families this upcoming year!

MRS. THORNTON
KMS SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Friendly Reminders for Free and Reduced Lunch Applications

- Please fill out the application whether or not you receive benefits from the state- (SNAP, TANF, FDPIR)
 - Although you will qualify for free lunch due to receiving those benefits, we won't have that information until the application is completed with the benefit type and benefit number. You will continue to acquire a balance until that application is received and processed.
 - Please include income that is totalled on a weekly, biweekly, monthly or annual basis.
 - Please note, We are not legally allowed to calculate any income for you. If there is a daily rate, please calculate what you receive on a monthly basis.
- Please ensure that you are putting the grade levels of all the students in your household on the applications.
 - We can not link the students in your household together if the grade is not listed.
- Please ensure the accurate mailing address is on the application so the eligibility letter gets to you promptly.
- Please ensure you sign and date the form
 - We legally can not process any application that is not signed by the person filling out the form
- Please be aware that any changes/alterations to the application must be done by the family/guardian or person filling the application out. This also applies with incomplete forms. We are not legally allowed to change or complete the form in any way.
- Please note that the application expiration date is October 13th, 2023 for current applications from SY22. Therefore, as of October 16th, 2023 your student will be deemed paid until the application is filled out. To keep your eligibility status rolling please fill out the paper or online application. Both applications are able to be accessed on the SAU9 website.

<https://www.sau9.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=59020&pageId=59043>

Please reach out to your lunch coordinator with any questions or concerns regarding Free and Reduced Lunch. We are always happy to help.

Thank you,

Lindsey Brandon- Conway and Jackson School District- 603.447.8368

BREAK THE ICE

First Game of the Season!

ME MARINERS

Tickets
\$23



SCAN HERE

Proceeds To:

CAMP
SUNSHINE




SATURDAY
OCTOBER 21ST, 2023 6:00 PM
CROSS INSURANCE ARENA
1 CIVIC CENTER SQUARE
PORTLAND, ME 04101





KMS SCHOOL DANCE



Our first school dance is coming up on Friday, October 20th. Drop off for the dance begins at 6:00 PM and all students must be picked up at 8:00 PM. There is no supervision on the school grounds prior to 6:00 PM.

- Students who are absent from school that day may not attend the dance unless you have prior permission from the Principal.
- Late arrivals must be accompanied to the door by a parent/guardian.
- No students will be allowed into the dance after 7:00 P.M. unless prior arrangements have been approved by the administration.
- No water bottles, beverages or other containers are allowed in the dance.
- Any belongings brought to the dance will be secured away in a separate room until the dance is dismissed.
- Appropriate and polite behavior is expected at all school functions, including dances.
- You are expected to adhere to the school dress code at dances.
- If a student presents a discipline problem or fails to follow dance rules, the parents/guardians will be contacted to pick the student up immediately.
- Anyone who leaves prior to the end of the dance must be picked up at the door by a parent or guardian unless other arrangements have been made with the administration.
- No one who has left the dance early may re-enter.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

We are coming to the end of the KMS Falls sports season! Our teams and coaches have been hard at work and busy with games, meets, and practices. Thank you to all who have come out to support our athletes and take in a game or meet.

Here are a few reminders as we move forward with Fall sports, home games, and after-school events:

- Parent pick-ups - Parents should pick up their players at the football tower after school, after practices, and after games. Please **DO NOT LINE UP BY THE SAU9/KMS/Rec Courtyard**. This creates a traffic jam and can easily be avoided. This is especially important for Football player pickups.
- Students must be accompanied by a parent when coming to watch a game or meet and must be with them at all times. Students are not permitted to stay after school and hang out unsupervised. Additionally, students should not leave school grounds and return for a practice, game, or meet.
- All fans must be respectful to the home and away athletes, coaches, teams, and umpires/referees at all times. Heckling, poor sportsmanship, and/or rude behavior will not be tolerated and you will be asked to leave.
- Late buses leave promptly at 4:45. Please make sure your student-athletes are on a late bus or picked up at this time on practice days.
- Winter Sports Sign-Ups will be happening soon. Please check www.GoKMS.com periodically for updates and information.



MRS. SHAW.
KMS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR