

Area Employers *Help Seniors Prepare* for College and Careers

High school seniors got a head-start preparing for college and their future recently when area business members and employers volunteered to interview them and give them feedback on their career choices during the eighth annual Senior Interview Day. Over 70 seniors had the opportunity to meet with over 25 area professionals from various fields including forensic science, law enforcement, the medical field, education and the service industry.

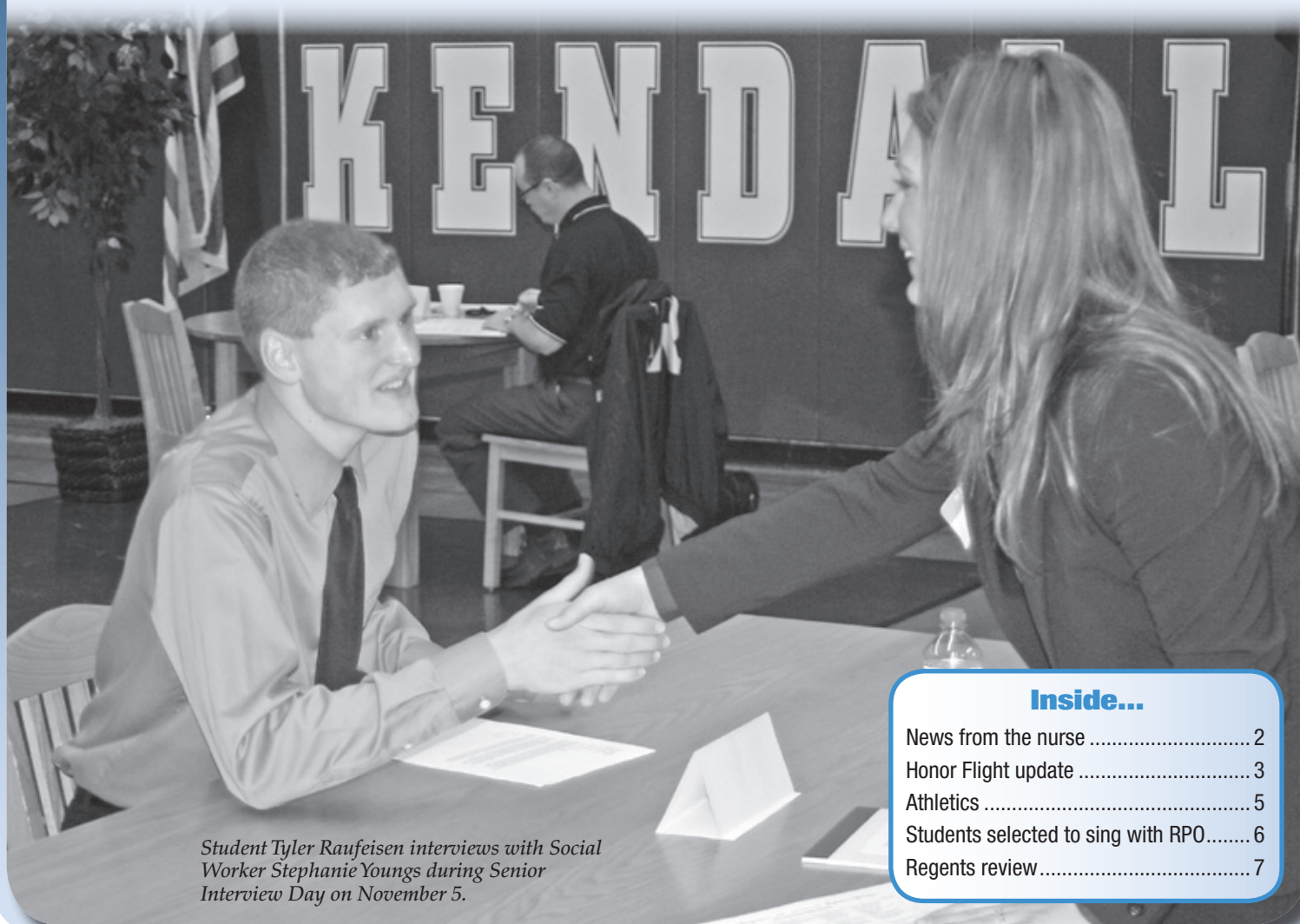
"Everything ranging from their attire, to the way they carry themselves, their demeanor, the sample interview questions I provide, and the activities we do in class, it's all structured toward this one event," said Michael Bourne, organizer of the event and a social studies teacher at the high school.

Senior Tyler Raufeisen said his interview with Stephanie Youngs, a social worker with a Psychology background, offered him a glimpse into the career path he hopes to pursue after college.

"I think it was a great experience to get to interview with somebody before you actually go to an interview or college," Tyler said. "You have to learn what to work on and what to improve."

Youngs said the Senior Interviews set students up for future success.

"I think it's a great opportunity for the students to learn what it's like going into a professional field," said Youngs. "A lot of times, high school students go into college or the professional world not having any idea what to expect."



Student Tyler Raufeisen interviews with Social Worker Stephanie Youngs during Senior Interview Day on November 5.

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A Letter from the Superintendent of Schools



Dear community members:

December is a time to celebrate, and KCS students and staff will be celebrating this month. We have many vocal and instrumental concerts, Supper with Santa, Community Concerts, sport booster activities and the infamous KFA Christmas sale, to name a few. Many of these events encourage donations of a toy or canned item and these items will support others in the Kendall Community. Proceeds from the Christmas sale directly supports student scholarships. Kendall is a warm and giving community, on behalf of the staff I thank you for your generosity.

The Positive Behavior Intervention and Support initiative is in full swing in both buildings. We encourage students to exhibit respect, responsible and caring behaviors in all that they do. We have seen evidence of success through the senior interview process, enrichment opportunities, academic preparation, academic clubs, athletic competitions, music events and so much more.

Please encourage your child to practice these attributes outside of school. For example, establish a scheduled time and location for homework, and utilize the Parent Portal to monitor completion. Remind students to show respect and kindness towards others and let them know name calling and rumors started and continued on social network sites, such as Facebook, will not be tolerated at home. Remind students to follow the rules on the school bus, in school and at school sponsored activities. We want your child to be safe, respectful of others and responsible for their actions.

When the school and home work together we can accomplish much more and neither is as successful in isolation. If you have questions or concerns please contact the staff so we can continue our partnership in providing the knowledge, skills, values and attributes needed by your child to live responsibly and to compete successfully in the world. Enjoy the holidays!

Sincerely,



Julie E. Christensen
Superintendent

News from the School Nurse

Kendall Schools are among several districts in the state that have been chosen to be included in a mandatory survey of students' weight status. As part of this survey, Kendall will be providing information on students' body-mass-index, also known as BMI, to the New York State Department of Health. As part of students' annual physicals at Kendall, nurses and doctors formulate child's age, height and weight to determine if the individual student is in a healthy weight range or if it's too high or low. The district will be providing only summary information to the health department. Names and other identifying information about individuals will not be included.

If you chose to have your child's information excluded from this survey report, please send a statement to the school nurse with a parent/guardian's signature by January 7, 2011.

Elementary Students of the Month

Congratulations to Kendall Elementary's student of the month honorees for October.

Pictured (front l-r) Taylor Lautner, Connor Winkley, Taigan Guerrero, Regan VanDusen, Zachary Barrett, Tristyn Moyer, Kailie Regan; (middle row l-r) Joshua Kirchbaum, Waylon Peet, Olivia Hunt, Karlee Rob, Megan Elliott, Rebecca Banker, Olivia Rice; (back l-r) Hannah Ulmen, Joey LoSapio, Eliya Cooper, Rachael Bakutis, Austin Kuhn, Trevon Helms, Michael Gardener and Nyree Williams.



Social Networking: Keeping Students Safe

By: Kendall CSD Child Abduction Grant Cyber Safety Committee

The Internet allows students to learn in new and exciting ways every day. However, the content on the Internet is not always child friendly, and unlike printed materials websites are not always edited, revised and/or cleaned up. This is particularly true for the newest Internet craze, social networking.

MySpace, Facebook, hi5 and Bebo are among the sites most used by children today. According to recent statistics, young people ages 13-19 are the most frequent users of social networking websites. These sites allow students to connect and converse with people from around the world with their stories, pictures and personal information.

While there are some benefits of social networking websites, the dangers are real as well. These websites are monitored but are not completely edited. Personal information is shared and spread, pictures become public knowledge, and young users may not know the true dangers or consequences of sharing their personal information.

Many people agree that social networking sites do have some benefits, even for young people. However, how do you keep children safe? The main goal is for parents are to understand the real dangers that exist with social networking websites.

General Tips for children of all ages

(Source: NYU Child Study Center):

- Sit with your child when they are on-line (monitor their use)
- Do not allow sites you deem unacceptable
- Keep the computer in a central location, not in a bedroom
- Educate children that anything posted on the Internet is accessible by anyone and could be available for years.



For more information about keeping children safe on the Internet, including social networking websites, please visit www.education.com or www.medialit.org.

Kendall Box Tops for Education Update

Since 2002, Kendall Elementary has raised \$16,954 through the Box Tops for Education program. Our goal this year is to raise \$3,600. So far, classrooms have collected \$1,839. Students receive two prizes for each 25-count collection sheet they turn in.

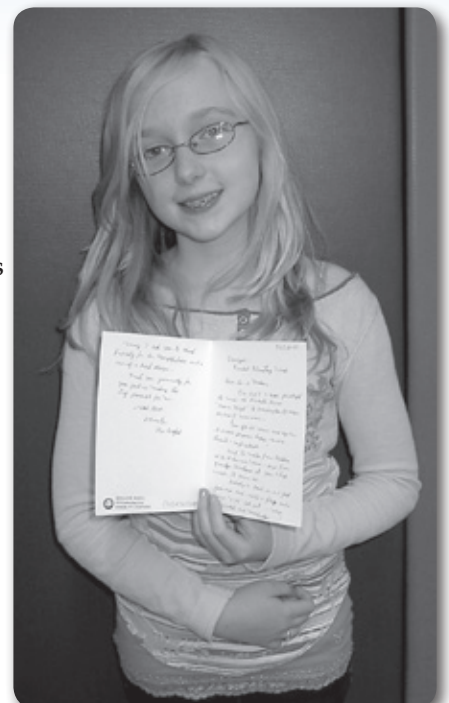
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HONOR FLIGHT VETERANS EXPRESS THEIR APPRECIATION TO KENDALL FIFTH-GRADERS

As part of Kendalls' continued support of Honor Flight of Rochester, a not-for-profit organization aimed at honoring America's Veterans, fifth-graders in the school district recently sent letters to World War II veterans wishing them luck on their trip to Washington, D.C. and thanking them for their service. Many of those fifth-graders received thank you letters from the veterans in return.

Earlier this year, Kendall's Elementary School Student Council, in conjunction with the Jr./Sr. High School Student Council, contributed over \$900 to sponsor flights for WWII veterans to travel to Washington, D.C. through Honor Flight of Rochester. Fifth-graders letter writing activities are an extension of the district's support of Honor Flight, and Kendall's Character Education Initiative which encourages caring, respect and responsibility among students.



Visit our website at: <http://www.kendallschools.org>

Elementary Students Learn about Bats

Elizabeth Thompson, on-site program specialist for the Buffalo Zoo, taught students at Kendall Elementary School about the secret lives of earth's most misunderstood mammal – bats, during the program Bats: Myth vs. Fact. At Kendall Elementary School recently. The program for second- and third-graders is hosted through Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES Department for Gifted and Talented Education's Project ADEPT (A Diversified Enrichment Program for the Talented). Students participated in activities to help them distinguish myths from reality while studying the biology and behavior of bats. Students also learned about echolocation, rabies, and current conservation strategies for bats during the workshop.



Invitation for Kendall Alumni Wrestlers

Tuesday, December 21 will be a special day for the Kendall wrestling program.

Not only will the Kendall Eagles participate in the match against rival Holley, but they will honor their former wrestlers by hosting their second Alumni Night, starting at 6 p.m. at the high school.

The annual event developed as a result of the 2009-2010 wrestling season when Kendall's wrestling student-athletes honored Kendall alumni and showed their gratitude prior to a match against Lyndonville. Over 30 individuals were honored for their past participation, but also were honored for their continued support for the current Kendall wrestlers.

"Our goal for alumni night is to keep the connection between the past and present alive because it symbolizes generations of young athletes who committed themselves by making similar sacrifices," said Varsity Wrestling Head Coach Michael Bourne. "A rich athletic program is not possible long term without the work ethic passed down through the community. As a result, those who came before our current athletes deserve to be recognized for their contributions."

For alumni interested in attending the December 21 event, please contact Coach Bourne via email at mbourne@kendallschools.org or via phone at (585) 659-2706, ext. 2109 or (585) 507-3887.

Recognizing Elementary School Empire State Game athletes

Kendall athletes brought home 77 medals, including 54 gold, 16 silver, seven bronze, and six ribbons from the 2010 Empire State Games for the Physically Challenged earlier this year. Kendall has participated in the competition at The College at Brockport for the past 24 years. Kendall Elementary Physical Education Teacher Judy Weber has

been the coach for the Kendall team since the event began.

The following Elementary School students were recognized earlier this month during an assembly for their participation in the Empire State Games:

First-grader Owen Shaw; second-graders Nicolette Buzard, Alexis

Haskins, and Savanna Peet; third-graders Waylon Peet, Justin Baxter, and Quinton Slocum; fourth-graders Jason Miller, Joshua Wietz, and Brooke Lawson, and sixth-grader Kirk Warren.

High school athletes, not pictured, included Zach Adams and Tyler Banker.



Congratulations on a season well-played!

The Kendall Modified Girls and Junior High Boys Modified soccer teams recently wrapped up successful seasons.

Some highlights for the girls include a total of 11 shut-outs between both teams and a 2-2 tie against Aquinas. Team members' athletic achievements carried over into the classroom, with the teams pulling in an overall 93 percent academic average. Team members included eighth-graders Kristen Jacob, Taylor Kingsbury, Sarah Boyle, Marisa Hanlon, Tania Arellano, Brooke Titas, Abby Horst, Alexis Bartel, and Cassidy Borkholder; and seventh-graders Jenna Jacob, Lillian Klafehn, Maya Rutland, Taylor Rutland, Julia Smith, Kenzie Galletta, Jessica Hofer, Mariah Ammerman, Dallas Johncox, Corelee Frietag, Kerri Furness, Amelia Patrick, Annaliese Bosko, Danielle Kellog, Emily Boyle, Brooke Andrus, Jasmine Thorton, and Grace Sanchez.

The boys' team went undefeated in their 10-game season, scoring a total of 41 goals and allowing their opponents to score just twice. The team's overall academic average was 92 percent. The team consisted of eighth-graders Justin Barrett, Will Condo, Nick Hance, Skyler Heller, Riley Iqbal, Riley Reis, Keith Salyer, Matt Schuth, Jon Steffen, Sage Summers, Cody Travis, Zach Vogt; and seventh-graders Andrew Harrier, Bryce Gaesser, Evan Gaesser, Gabe Mendoza, Brayde Moyer, Jacob Richardson, Jon Robinson and Paul Urquhart.



DECEMBER ATHLETICS HOME GAMES SCHEDULE

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| 2 | Girls Modified Basketball against Elba | 4:15 p.m. |
| 6 | Girls Basketball against Holley | 5:30 p.m. |
| 7 | Wrestling against Alexander | 6 p.m. |
| 8 | Girls Basketball against Elba | 5:30 p.m. |
| 9 | Boys Basketball against Notre Dame | 5:30 p.m. |
| 14 | Modified Wrestling against Alexander, Lyndonville | 4 p.m. |
| 15 | Girls Modified Basketball against Alexander | 4:15 p.m. |
| 15 | Wrestling against Albion | 6 p.m. |
| 17 | Girls Basketball against Wheatland-Chili | 6 p.m. |
| 20 | Girls Modified Basketball against Holley | 3:30 p.m. |
| 21 | Modified Wrestling against Pembroke, Attica | 4 p.m. |
| 22 | Girls Modified Basketball against Oakfield-Alabama | 4:15 p.m. |

Please see District website for updates and changes.

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A Letter from the Jr./Sr. High School Principal

Dear community members:

The holidays provide us with a time to enjoy our family, friends, and reflect about our blessings. There are so many things to be thankful for and to celebrate. As I have stated before, I am so fortunate to be working with the students and staff at Kendall. I witness our kids and staff reaching out to the community time and time again to make a difference. For example, during our advisement periods the school is sponsoring a food drive for Food Link and the Kendall Food Cupboard. This activity allows students to display the characteristic of Caring in a meaningful and authentic manner. Also, following the death of one of our dear students who graduated in June, Amber Liese, our students and staff felt compelled to make a donation in her memory to a wonderful, supportive organization called Teens Living with Cancer. Amber impacted so many lives so the entire Kendall Community wanted to do something in her memory. She will always be in our hearts.

One of the many advantages of working in a small rural school setting is to have the opportunity to experience first hand the students' sense of anticipation of the coming season. Students are looking forward to the winter sports season, extra-curricular activities, and our holiday concerts. Please consider joining us at one of the many school functions to celebrate and enjoy our students' talents. Your presence would make these events even more special.

Please join us in December for our Holiday Concerts. The Junior High concert is planned for December 13 and our Senior High students, including our senior high jazz choir and band, will perform on December 16 at 7 p.m. I guarantee you will leave the concerts with a sense of the holidays. On December 17, the High School instrumental students are sponsoring their annual Christmas Hour from 7 to 8 p.m.

The American Legion Oratorical Contest took place on Tuesday, November 23 during the school day. Juniors were required to create an oral presentation about the importance of the Constitution and then present their thoughts to a panel of judges. Students gained a unique and detailed understanding of the history of our great nation through this event.

The music boosters are sponsoring their annual Supper with Santa on Friday, December 10 beginning at 5 p.m. This is always a highlight with the little ones. As a bonus, the Jazz Band will perform while the kids tell Santa their most cherished wishes.

May your December be filled with the magic of the holidays and your New Year overflow with happy and memorable moments.

Happy Holidays,



Carol D'Agostino
Jr./Sr. High School Principal

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*Rochester Philharmonic
Orchestra*

HOLIDAY FESTIVAL CHORALE

Congratulations to Jourdan Heller and Devona Jock for being accepted into the 2010 Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra Holiday Festival Chorale. The RPO Festival Chorale is composed of about 200 of the finest high school vocalists in the greater Rochester area. Jourdan and Devona will be performing at Eastman Theatre with the RPO for its annual Holiday Pops Concert. Concert dates are December 17 at 8 p.m., December 18 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and December 19 at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tickets are available at www.RPO.org.



Regents Information English

Students requiring assistance in preparing for January's English Regents Examination may attend any or all of the following review classes. Please see Mrs. Magliocco or Mrs. Lloyd for questions or comments. Students must come prepared with a pen and paper. All sessions are 2:45-4:15 p.m., except January 8 which is 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 2

Monday, December 6

Thursday, December 9

Monday, December 13

Thursday, December 16

Monday, January 3

Thursday, January 6

Saturday, January 8 (9:30-11:30 a.m.)

The NYS English Regents exam is scheduled for Tuesday, January 11 from 8 to 11 a.m. The exam will be administered in the high school gymnasium, and students will return to their classes following the examination.

Financial Aid Night on January 6

The high school counseling office will sponsor a Financial Aid Program for parents and seniors who are planning to attend college in 2011-2012, January 6 at 7 p.m. at the high school auditorium. The speaker is a Financial Aid professional from The College at Brockport.

Junior parents and students who want a head start on obtaining financial aid information and learning about the financial aid process are welcome to attend. This would be an excellent opportunity to listen to an expert in the field.

The program will provide the most current information on the financial aid process and the types of financial aid available. It is important for all parents and senior students to attend this meeting because of the complexity and deadlines of the financial aid process.

The agenda will include the process (forms and applications), how and when to apply for financial aid, financial aid availability, and questions.

Specific questions about scholarships and financial aid can be discussed during or after the program. For general questions or comments, please contact the counseling office at (585) 659-8649.

Board of Education News

- The Clark Curtis Memorial Scholarship Fund was established
- Creation of the Positive Behavior Intervention & Support Activity Fund Account was approved
- School Improvement Plans for the Elementary and Jr./Sr. High School was reviewed and discussed
- Preliminary plans for a Science trip to Florida were approved
- A Building Condition Survey bid was awarded to SWBR Architects of Rochester
- School Board Recognition Week was October 18-22

High School Students of the Month

Congratulations to Kendall Jr./Sr. High School student of the month honorees for October.

Pictured (front l-r) Ashley Solis, Brad Bobzin, Nancy Wright; (back l-r) Leah Payton, Abbey David, and Amanda Culbertson.



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December

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| 2 | Evening Counseling Hours @ HS | 5-7 p.m. |
| 4 | SAT Test | |
| 9 | 4, 5-6th Grade Bands and Chorus @ HS | 7 p.m. |
| 10 | Supper with Santa @ ES | 5-7 p.m. |
| 11 | ACT Test | |
| 13 | Jr. High Band and Chorus Concert @ HS | 7 p.m. |
| 14 | BOE Meeting @ HS Library | 7 p.m. |
| 15-17 | KFA Christmas Sale | |
| 16 | Sr. High Band and Chorus Concert @ HS | 7 p.m. |
| 17 | Christmas Hour @ HS | 7 p.m. |
| 21 | Kendall Wrestling Alumni event | |
| 21 | End of 15 weeks for Jr./Sr. HS progress reports | |
| 23 | Early dismissal for K-12 Registration deadline for January SAT | |
| 24-31 | Holiday Recess No School | |

Holiday shopping for a good cause

The annual Kendall Faculty Association Christmas Sale is December 15-17 at the Kendall Elementary School, 1932 Kendall Road. All proceeds will benefit the Kendall Faculty Association Scholarship Fund. There will be a selection of plants, gifts, and craft items for sale with prices ranging from ten cents to \$3. Students and parents are welcome to stop by and holiday shop. Hope to see you there!



Kendall CSD Entertains for the Holidays

The Kendall Music Department would like to invite the community to this year's December Concerts. The Elementary School kicks off the musical spirit with its December 9 concert featuring the fourth, fifth, and sixth-grade bands and choruses at the High School auditorium. The Junior High Band and Chorus Concert will follow on December 13 at the High School auditorium. Finishing out the season will be the High School Band and Chorus Concert on December 16 at the high school auditorium. And on December 17 the high school instrumental students are sponsoring their annual "Christmas Hour." All concerts begin at 7 p.m.

In addition, The Kendall High School Music Department will be hosting the 2nd annual Christmas Hour on Friday, December 17 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the high school commons. Come and relax and socialize with your friends and family during this Christmas season with festive music performed by Kendall students. The music boosters will provide free hot cider and cookies. This was the idea of senior Elizabeth Welling. This event is free and open to the public.



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