

## Soaring into the 21st Century with New Technology

New technology in the Kendall School District is helping students soar into the 21st century. The District began adding technology three years ago with interactive white boards, and now, it is being used in grades K-12 every day to engage and prepare students for college and careers.

Districts are required by law to have a technology plan, and to update it every three years, according to High School Principal Carol D'Agostino. Kendall's policy can be found on the District web site. The District's Technology Committee has a process in place for determining how the current technology is being used, and which technology should be added in the future.

"We need to be fiscally responsible when we're making the decisions about what technology really should come into the District and where it's going to have the biggest impact on our students," said D'Agostino.

The new technology will require changes to the District's Code of Conduct to allow students access to technology throughout the day. Tools such as e-book readers, iPads, and laptops are currently banned from school buildings.

"We're hearing from students that they need those technology tools to take notes and learn," said D'Agostino. "That jump to college

is a significant change in their lives, so we're trying to remove any barriers so we can set them up for success."

Shari Hardenbrook, Kendall's Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES Instructional Technology Specialist is available to support staff in their technology needs, and a user group including elementary and high school teachers allows staff to collaborate on best practices and increase their "tool kit" of tips and tricks.

High School Science teacher Kristin Flint said the white

boards and document cameras have allowed her to expand her curriculum with Internet and videos that reinforce the classroom materials.

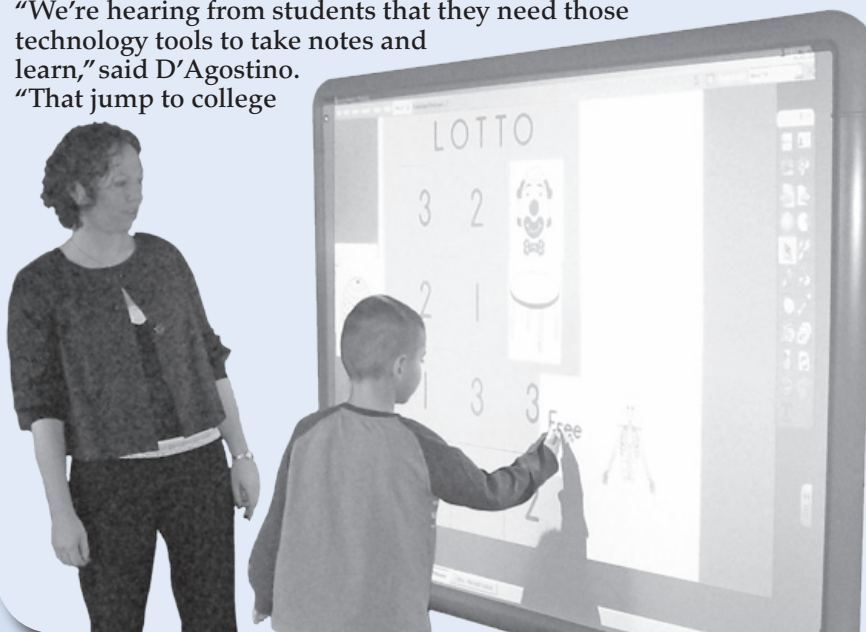
Technology teacher Jeff Decker uses an interactive white board to illustrate technical drawing, to allow students to manipulate 3-D models and computer simulations, and to encourage sharing of work and collaboration among students. Decker is also

using the school broadcast system in conjunction with new technology in a television studio at the High School to create a student-run morning announcement show.

New technology is also making it easier for parents to track their child's academic progress, attendance and more through Parent Portal. There are currently 966 Parent Portal accounts, and of the 827 students enrolled in the District, 676 students have at least one parent with a parent portal account. Parents can email [shardenbrook@kendallschools.org](mailto:shardenbrook@kendallschools.org) to sign up.

### Around the District...

- Seventeen SMART, Promethean and Onfinity interactive white boards in the Elementary School and eighteen in the High School.
- Seven mounted projectors and four document cameras.
- Four Audio Visual presentation carts, including a projector, sounds system, computer and DVD/VCR, and a wireless access point.
- The Jr./Sr. High School Library has Wireless Internet and there are thirteen mini laptops and ten desktop units available for research or Internet learning.
- Activotes and ActiveExpression are tools that allow students to vote their answer to questions, and teachers to collect data to assess students' comprehension on an immediate basis.



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# What you always wanted to know about a Board of Education...

## What is a board of education?

The board of education (BOE) in a school district is similar to what a board of directors is in a business. The primary functions of the board are to develop the broader, longer range goals and plans (called policies) which determine the basic framework for the educational programs, services and facilities to be offered to the youth of the community. NYS laws and regulations place the responsibility for carrying out educational mandates with a board of education. Even though elected locally, a school board is technically an official state body.

## What are the requirements to be a KCS board member?

To be a member of the Kendall BOE, you must:

- a. be at least 18 years old
- b. be a United States citizen
- c. live in the KCS District

## How do you get on the ballot to run for the Kendall BOE?

To be placed on the voting machine ballot, you must submit a petition signed by 25 or more qualified KCS voters to the district clerk at least 30 days before the May vote, which usually means before the middle of April. These petitions are available in the District Office or by calling 659-2741.

## How many members are on the KCS board?

The Kendall BOE consists of five members.

## How long do board members serve at KCS?

Each board member is elected to a five-year term.

## How many terms can a member serve?

The number of five-year terms a member wishes to serve is an individual choice, except that a person must run and win re-election for each five-year term.

## How many vacancies on the board are there each year?

With five members each serving a five-year term, only one board position is up for election each year.

## What is the salary for a KCS board member?

There is no salary paid to board members, but they are reimbursed for expenses incurred while on board business, such as mileage, conference registration, and so forth.

## When, where, and how often does the KCS board of education meet?

Usually the BOE meets once a month in the Jr. /Sr. High School Library. These meetings start at 7 p.m. and last two to three hours. Occasionally, special meetings are called to focus on special topics, such as budgeting, evaluating the superintendent, construction projects, and so forth.

## How do new board members become familiar with how a board operates?

Prior to becoming a board member, any person who wishes may attend a board meeting. After being elected, the board president and the superintendent will meet with the new board member to help orient him/her, to provide relevant materials, and to answer questions. In July and September, the NYS School Boards Association provides a two-day orientation session for new school board members. Additional experience is gained by participation in actual board meetings and workshops.

## Do board members have to spend a lot of extra time on KCS committees?

There are many school related organizations outside of KCS, such as the New York State School Boards Association, the Orleans School Boards Association, and the Western New York Education Service Council, which hold meetings and seminars for interested school officials. However, individual KCS board members may participate only if they wish to. The individual board member's own interests and preferences determine extra time in these organizations.

## Board of Education Petitions

Any person interested in running for the vacancy on the KCS board of education must submit the proper petition on or before Monday, April 18, 2011. Petitions are available upon request in the District Office or by calling 659-2741. The petition must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the KCS District and may be filed with the district clerk in the District Office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on any business day through Monday, April 18, 2011. The incumbent is Patrick Donahue.

## Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to donate three hours to help with the Annual Budget Vote and Board Member Election Tuesday, May 17, 2011, from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Elementary School. Volunteers will register voters and assist with the voting booth. For more information, please call Sherry Madison at 659-2741.

## Board Members' Terms of Office

Board Member	Term of Office Expires On
Lucille Welch	June 30, 2014
Edward Gaesser	June 30, 2013
Randall Spurr	June 30, 2012
Patrick Donahue	June 30, 2011
Nadine Hanlon	June 30, 2015



# A letter from the Superintendent



Dear community members,

March came in like a lion with enthusiastic performances by our all district instrumental and vocal

students and continued with fantastic performances by our students at concerts, All County events and the Evening of Jazz. To hear our children perform gives me goose bumps. Art students are finishing outstanding portfolios and athletes are preparing for the spring season. Our Girls Basketball team won the esteemed Sportsmanship Award and all of the winter Varsity teams had grade point averages of 90 percent or higher. In addition, our academic clubs, such as Mock Trial and Academic Challenge Bowl are performing well. For a small district we offer many opportunities for our children, and we are thankful for your continued support.

All staff at Kendall Schools are brainstorming strategies and solutions to balance the economic challenges with a sound educational program. We anticipated a reduction in state aid and set aside monies to offset some of that reduction. Given solid financial planning and foresight, as well as creative suggestions from staff, the impact on instructional programs is negligible.

I encourage you to attend the many activities occurring at Kendall Schools. You will be impressed by the commitment and dedication staff exhibit towards students in the classroom, on the bus and on the fields. Education is the future; great teachers inspire great leaders and we need great leaders to run our country! I can assure you all staff at Kendall Schools are providing the knowledge, values and attitudes needed by our students to live responsibly and compete successfully in the world.

Sincerely,

Julie Christensen  
Superintendent

**Did you know** the tax levy (the amount collected by the District in property taxes) has been below 1.62 percent since 2008-09 and was zero for the 2009-10 school year?

**Did you know** the tax rate (percent paid by property owner per thousand) was a negative -6.68 percent in 2008-09, a negative -2.61 percent in 2009-10 and .91 percent in 2010-11?

**Did you know** the budget to budget (roll over of budget from one year to the next) has been below 4 percent since 2008-09 and was .84 percent last school year? This low percent reflects solid financial planning given the double digit increase in health insurance premiums, and the rise in pension, fuel and food costs.

## Elementary Student of the Month

Congratulations to Kendall Elementary School's students of the month honorees for February.



(First row l-r) Keely Knittle, Marah Woodward, Grace Casey, Braxton Zarpentine, David Elliott, (second row, l-r) Mayra Reyes Rosario, Trey Buzard, Haleigh Sanchez, Alma Botello, Hunter King, Joshua Krichbaum, (third row, l-r) Kassidy Dent, Kierstyn Christensen, Morgan Reed, (fourth row) Jesse Scarpulla, Cameron Heller, Cooper Rowley, Parker Nau and Santanna Johnson.

\* Absent: Robert Harty and Riley Casey.

## Box Tops for Education

Students submitted 316 Box Tops Collection sheets between January 3 and February 18, raising \$790. Each collection sheet entered the student's classroom in a "Cool Collection" drawing which was held during morning announcements on February 28. Congratulations to Mrs. Downey's, Miss O'Sullivan's and Mr. Wahl's classrooms. Their students will be treated to a Cool Ice Cream Social. Each student who turned in a collection sheet also received two small prizes.

As of March 1, the total raised for the 2010-2011 school year is \$3,510. We've already exceeded the amount we raised last year which was \$3,485. Great job to our students, parents, staff and community! The money raised will benefit the Elementary playground.



## Summer Recreation Registration

The Kendall Central School District Summer Recreation Program will be offered again this summer at the Elementary School. The program will run five days a week July 11-August 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All students completing grades K-6 are eligible to participate. Students attending a summer school program or participating in another camp are encouraged to come to the Recreation Program when they are finished with their commitment.

Registration forms were sent home with students. For more information, contact Judy Weber at 659-8317 ext. 1146.



*This year marks the 25th anniversary of the explosion of the Challenger space shuttle and the 20th year sixth-graders from Kendall Elementary School have visited the Strassenburgh Planetarium's Challenger Learning Center at the Rochester Museum and Science Center. The program directly aligns with the New York state mathematics, science, and technology standards and activities have been designed specifically to provide practice for the New York State Intermediate Science Performance Exam.*



*The folkloric dance group Alma Latina performed at Kendall Elementary on February 18. The presentation featured dances and costumes including the popular Mexican Hat Dance and the Mariachi dance among others. Audiences were very respectful, tapping their feet and clapping their hands, and students and faculty joined in for the final dance. Kendall student Mayra Reyes Rosario is a member of Alma Latina.*

## 2011-2012 Kindergarten Registration

Registration for children starting Kindergarten for the 2011-2012 school year was held in March. If you have a child who will be 5-years-old by December 1, 2011 and have not yet registered them for Kindergarten, but wish to do so, please contact Registrar Terri Kroth at 659-8317 ext. 1431 on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Parents must provide the following items to register:

1. The child's original birth certificate
2. Parent/guardian photo identification (such as driver's license or passport)
3. Proof of residency (such as utility or mortgage bill)
4. Proof of custody, if applicable (such as a copy of court documents)
5. Completed Registration Packet - you can request that a packet be mailed to you or go to the Kendall website at [www.kendallschools.org](http://www.kendallschools.org) and click on the "Kindergarten Registration" link to print the packet.

Kindergarten screening appointments will be arranged at the time of registration. Screenings will take place June 27-29.

## 2011-2012 Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program

Kendall Central School District will once again be offering the Universal Pre-Kindergarten program. If you have a child who will be 4-years-old on or before December 1, 2011 and are a resident of the District, your child is eligible to attend. The UPK program is held five days a week. Morning session will be held from 9:00-11:15 a.m. and afternoon session will be held from 1:00-3:30 p.m.

Parents can request an application and transportation form by contacting Terri Kroth at 659-8317 ext. 1431 weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Application and transportation forms are also available online at [www.kendallschools.org](http://www.kendallschools.org) under the "UPK Registration" link. All UPK student applications and transportation forms are due by 3 p.m. on Friday, May 20. They can be dropped off at the Elementary office or mailed to Terri Kroth, Central Registrar, UPK Program, 1932 Kendall Rd, Kendall, N.Y. 14476.

## Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart 2011

This year marks the 30th year that Kendall Elementary has participated in Jump Rope for Heart and the 10th year for Hoops for Heart. Kendall students have collected \$230,102.15 in that time.

The Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart event will be held during physical education classes from April 8-15. Students will participate in activities that include some

type of jumping, as well as basketball skills. We are challenging the entire district, staff and students to bring in at least \$10 in donations. If the challenge is met, we will have raised approximately \$10,000 for the American Heart Association.

Donations from the community can be sent to Kendall Elementary School c/o Judy Weber or Justin Laureano.



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

We are quickly approaching the spring and summer months and students will begin to wear their spring and summer attire to school. Please remind your children about what clothing is appropriate for school. The Code of Conduct, section 5312.10, outlines the following guidelines:

- Individual students and parents/guardians have the responsibility for student dress and general appearance. Students are required to attend school in appropriate dress that meets health and safety standards and does not interfere with their education or the education of others as determined by the Building Administrator. Students may be asked to wear appropriate protective gear in certain classes such as physical education, wellness, and technology.
- Students must wear appropriate clothing. In accordance with administrative expectations, the wearing of hats, bandanas, and other forms of headwear is prohibited during the regular school hours. Overcoats, shoes with rollers, or clothing worn inappropriately (unbuttoned to the point of immodesty, too tight, see-through, etc.) are all examples of unacceptable dress. Students are not allowed to display bandanas or other gang affiliated items.
- A student's dress should not reveal any skin between the upper chest and mid-thigh. A student's dress shall ensure no undergarments are exposed. A student's dress shall include footwear (not slippers) at all times and footwear that is a safety hazard will not be allowed. Students cannot wear pajamas or slippers to school. A student's dress, grooming, and appearance, including hair style/ color, jewelry, make-up and nails, shall not promote and/

or endorse the use of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs and/or encourage other illegal or violent activities.

- Clothing and attire which have an expression (phrase, word or words) or insignia (picture, symbol, patch or pin) which is obscene or libelous (that is, which contains objectionable language, including insults, whether directed to themselves or others), or which advocates racial or religious prejudice is forbidden.
- Students who violate the student dress code shall be required to modify their appearance by covering or removing the offending item and, if necessary or practical, replacing it with an acceptable item. Any student who refuses to do so shall be subject to discipline, up to and including In School Suspension (ISS) for the day."

It is my intention to eliminate as many distractions as possible so students stay focused on their classes and earn their graduation requirements and pass their Regents exams. If you have any questions please contact me at [cdagostino@kendallschools.org](mailto:cdagostino@kendallschools.org) or 659-2706. Your support is appreciated.

Sincerely,



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

## Seventh Grade Orientation

Kendall Jr./Sr. High School's counseling office encourages parents of current sixth-graders to attend the annual Seventh Grade Orientation on Thursday, May 5 at 7 p.m. in the High School auditorium. A number of topics, including the transition to the Jr./Sr. High School, New York State junior high requirements, the differences between elementary and high school, and extracurricular activity opportunities, will be discussed during the 90-minute presentation



## High School Students of the Month

Congratulations to the junior and senior high school students of the month honorees for February.



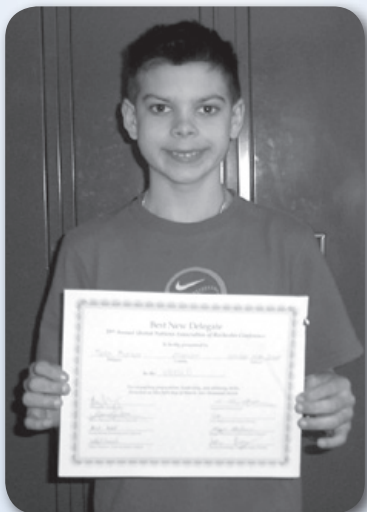
(Front, l-r) Eryn Mosier, Devona Jock, (back l-r) Angel Schmidt, Taylor Rutland, Alex Forte and Carley Lester.

## Exploring world problems through Model UN

By Michael Turbeville

Model UN is a club that offers students the opportunity to explore world problems through the forum of the United Nations. Our school has been fortunate enough to be able to send students to the annual UNAR Model UN Conference at St. John Fisher College for the past five years. Six students attended the two day conference this year, which included nearly 700 students from schools across New York State.

Kendall students Tyler Banker, Sheldon Bidwell, Keersten Galletta, Danielle Rush, Kelsey Hurlbutt, and Molly Horst represented the nation of Ecuador at the conference this year. Some of the topics they discussed included famine, disarmament, the environment, and the escalating issues facing Libya and Egypt. During the conference, ninth-grader Tyler Banker represented the nation of Ecuador in a very competitive committee, UNESCO. Tyler was honored as The Best New Delegate within his committee. His preparation, hard work, creative and meaningful debate and dedication to the solutions of severe global problems helped him to earn this distinguished honor.



## Best Practices for Kendall Library Web sites

By: Kendall CSD Child Abduction Grant  
Cyber Safety Committee

Kendall CSD libraries provide access to a large number of databases students may visit and utilize. Both the Elementary and High School library Web sites provide links for families to access at home. For more information, please visit [www.kendallschools.org](http://www.kendallschools.org) and click on the Jr. /Sr. High School or Elementary icon at the top, and then select "Library." The databases that KCS subscribes to are reliable and provide valid information that is

imperative to learning and academic success.

Some databases by topic include animals, business/economics, countries, health/wellness/fitness, politics/history/social studies, and science. Other databases include citations, images/videos, magazine/newspaper articles, and much more.

When it comes to finding information for an assignment or just for interest, remember KCS libraries have the resources available.

## Senior MasterMinds and Academic Challenge news

Kendall's MasterMinds team recognized its eight seniors at its fifth meet of the year, which was held in Kendall. MasterMinds is an academic team competition for high school students at both the varsity and junior varsity levels. Match questions cover topics such as history and political science, language and literature, math and the sciences, sports, the arts, religion, pop culture, and current events.

Kendall's Academic Challenge team played host to teams from Albion, Spencerport and Brockport schools in the Academic Challenge Bowl on March 17. Academic Challenge Bowl is an academic team competition for students in seventh and eighth-grades. It is an excellent way to nurture, recognize, and celebrate the academic strengths of students.

Academic Challenge Bowl is structured similar to MasterMinds and covers a wide variety of subject areas. The season consists of eight games plus play-offs leading to a championship match. Academic Challenge and MasterMinds are coached by Renee Cliff and Kristine Stumpf, and are both Project ADEPT programs offered through the Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES Department of Gifted and Talented Education.



Kendall's Senior MasterMinds are (front, l-r) Coaches Renee Cliff and Kristine Stumpf, Molly Richardson, Tyler Raufeisen, (back, l-r) Emily Thiel, Amelia Phifster, Roger Williams, Casey Birch, Tanner Jubenville and Elizabeth Longrod. The team's final meet of the year was March 24 in Pembroke.

## Elementary School to Host Grandparents Day

Kendall Elementary School will once again celebrate Grandparents Day on Friday, May 27. Grandparents will have an opportunity to attend a Chorus and Band concert at 1:15 p.m. in the auditorium, and visit classrooms from 1:45-2:40 p.m. Coffee, juice and refreshments will be available prior to the concert. Grandparents with written permission to do so, will be able to take their grandchildren home. Requests to take children home must be made prior to May 27, and must be signed by the students' parents or legal guardian.



# Athletics Update

## Softball Teams Welcome New Coaches

By Michael Bourne

The Kendall Athletic Department is excited to introduce two highly motivated softball coaches to the District. The program would like to welcome Rachel Maxon as the Varsity coach and Bryon Rockow as the Junior Varsity coach.

A 2005 Kendall graduate, Rachel Maxon was a collegiate softball player at SUNY Brockport, serving as the starting shortstop for all four years where she amassed many athletic accolades. Rachel received league honors in 2007 and 2009 by being named to the All SUNYAC team for her athletic achievements. She graduated from Brockport with a dual degree in Criminal Justice and Physical Education with a minor in Coaching.

"I am very excited to coach at the high school that I graduated from," Rachel said. "I am invested in the community and am committed to the success and development of the varsity softball players."

Bryon Rockow graduated from Brockport HS in 2006 and attended Slippery Rock University where he received his degree in 2010, majoring in Health Education and Physical Education with a minor in Coaching. He has been actively coaching baseball, basketball, and football in recent years and he still participates in recreational men's leagues in baseball. Bryon is looking forward to helping build the fundamental skills necessary for future success for the Lady Eagles this upcoming season.



## Kendall Wrestling Crowns Two Sectional Champions

By Michael Bourne

Kendall's wrestling team strong 2010-11 season ended solidly, with the team placing third out of 16 teams at the Class B Championships at Geneseo in early-February. Devin Iqbal (103) and Jake ReQua (125) won sectional championships in their individual weight classes. Also, Averey Iqbal (96) and Jimmy Wiler (135) reached the finals but fell just short of reaching the top of the podium by placing second. Other top finishers included: Mason ReQua (112), James Klafehn (130), Luke Stimac (135), Dan McLaren (140), Justin Mullins (145), Josh Vogt (152), and Gabe Sobieraski (160).

Each of the aforementioned individuals qualified for the Section V Championships at RIT on February 12 where they faced-off against the toughest competition in the Greater Rochester Region. The Eagles experienced highs and lows over the course of the weekend but capped off a strong season in respectable fashion. Jake ReQua (112) finished fourth-place along with Jimmy Wiler (135) who came in fifth.



## Girls Basketball Earns Sportsmanship Award

By Lacey Speer

The Kendall Girls Basketball teams received the Carolyn and Jack Foote Sportsmanship Award during halftime of the Class B Girls' Sectional Tournament held at Gates Chili on March 3. The Lady Eagles received the Sportsmanship award for the Genesee Region, as well as the coveted Section-wide Sportsmanship Award for displaying characteristics of good sportsmanship, as voted on by league officials. As a result, Kendall will receive a banner displaying a Regional Championship award to be hung in the gymnasium.



Members of Kendall's Girls JV and Varsity Basketball teams represented with their best efforts, work ethic, and sportsmanship attitudes during their 18-game season, said coach Lacey Speer. The teams consisted of a dedicated and hard working group of two seniors, four juniors, two sophomores, eight freshmen, and an eighth-grader.

"Their effort and level of improvement gained them respect from both coaches and opponents in their league," Speer said. "No matter what the outcome throughout the season, or the injuries they were faced with, the team stuck together and finished."

## Administration

Julie E. Christensen, *Superintendent*

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

Kevin Watson, Jr./Sr. *High School Assistant Principal*

Scott A. Wright, *Elementary School Principal*

Steve Passero, *Coordinator of Special Education*

Kevin Watson, *Athletic Director*

## Board of Education

Edward Gaesser, *Board President*

Lucille Welch, *Board Vice President*

Patrick Donahue, *Board Trustee*

Nadine Hanlon, *Board Trustee*

R. Randall Spurr, *Board Trustee*

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## April

1	AFS Talent Show @ HS auditorium	7 p.m.
4	Coffee with HS Principal @ HS Commons	6 p.m.
6	KFA Rollerskating @ ES gymnasium	3:30-6:30 p.m.
7	Family Fun Night @ ES	6-8 p.m.
8	Registration deadline for May SAT	
8	Third Marking Period ends	
8	Studio K performance, <i>Into the Woods</i>	7 p.m.
9	Studio K performance, <i>Into the Woods</i>	1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
12	BOE Meeting @ HS Library	7 p.m.
14	Chicken BBQ Sports Fundraiser @ HS	3-7 p.m.
18-22	Spring Recess – No School	
26	BOE Meeting @ HS Library	7 p.m.
28	NJHS Induction Ceremony @ HS Auditorium	7 p.m.

## Masonic Scholarship Fundraiser

The Kendall Masonic Lodge has supported the graduating class at Kendall High School since 1972 by awarding the Frank W. Clow Memorial Masonic Scholarship to a deserving senior. This scholarship is in honor of Frank Clow who supported students, both as a teacher and a principal in the Kendall schools.

The Lodge is hosting a scholarship fundraiser dinner on Saturday, April 9 at 4:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge. Last year, the Kendall Masonic Lodge was able to provide two \$500 scholarships due to the generosity of our community.

## Evening Counseling Hours

High School Counselors Mirjam Bauer and Lindsay Hammer are available to meet with parents and current and former students on the first Thursday of every month, unless noted differently on the school calendar. Counseling hours are available from 5-7 p.m. by appointment only. Please call 659-8649 between 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at least 48 hours in advance to make an appointment. These hours are used to discuss any concerns relating to students, including class choices, college career, or emotional concerns.

## Music to our ears

The Kendall School District had nine Elementary School band students and twenty-six High School singers participate in the All County Music Festival in Albion March 4-5. Twenty-four Kendall Elementary School students participated in the All County Music Festival in Holley February 4-5.



# Our Mission:

The MISSION of the KCS District is to provide the knowledge, skills, values and attitudes needed by students to live responsibly and to compete successfully in today's and tomorrow's world.