



Blues News



K.C.V.I. Newsletter

April 2009

Principal's Reflections

KCVI - Where Tradition Meets the Future!

The warm sunshine and longer days are welcomed by all staff and students at KCVI. We look forward to a busy, positive, and rewarding final term of the school year. We continue to encourage and support students to focus on their academic goals .

Our recognition assembly was held on Thursday, April 9, 2009. The assembly was organized by the Athletic Association members in conjunction with staff supervisor Mr. Carrier. The assembly celebrated the many successes during the winter term at KCVI from sports, clubs, and global initiatives. The winter sport season highlighted the senior and junior girls' volleyball, girls' and boys' hockey, senior and junior boys' basketball, dance, swimming, badminton, and ski teams. Of special note: Senior Boys' Basketball, Senior Girls' Volleyball, Ski and Swim teams competed at OFSAA. In addition, many clubs and global initiatives were recognized such as SAPC, DECA, Outdoors Club, Goal Patrol, Relay for Life, Environment Club, Robotics Team, Gear for Cheer, Student Association, Athletic Association, Band, and YoYo Club. Thomas Babcock's individual success and achievement at the Special Olympics receiving a silver medal in Figure Skating was celebrated by the entire school.

I would like to highlight some of the fantastic accomplishments of our current clubs. The Improv Team won the Eastern Regional Championships which qualified them for the Improv Nationals from April 13 to 17 in Ottawa at the National Arts Centre. A packed fan bus went to cheer on and support our improv team of the following students: Matt Roby, Laura Garcia-Cervantes, Nick Rose, David Sherren, Brandon Vasko, Hunter Foley, Phoebe Jones, Marie Laing. A special thank you and recognition to the improv coach Mr. Scott Bates and staff advisor Mrs. Joanne Whitfield for their time and commitment devoted to the team. Congratulations to the team

who represented KCVI and the Eastern region very well at the competition.

In addition, the KCVI First Robotics Team competed in Mississauga in March and won the Rookie competition qualifying them for a position at the World Robotic Competition in Atlanta, Georgia from April 15 to April 20, 2009. The team consists of the following: Mary Gallerneault, Andre Imbeault, Catherine Kern, Mahdi Khazaali, Chelsea Lappan, Alex Radcliffe, Tim Radcliffe, Michael Singleton, Chris Twigg, Haotian Wang and Brennan Bibic. A special thank you and recognition to the staff advisors Mr. Kevin Wood and Ms Rachel Bearse and community partners.

Another successful club is the DECA International Business group who have qualified to attend an International Career and Development Conference April 27 to May 4 in Anaheim, California. The following students will attend: Jeremy Wang, Sebastian Ko, Victor Zhang, Winston Zhang, Sindhu Marampuai, Jiali Ji, Hugh Kim, Juli Kim, Christina Kim. A special thank you to staff advisors: Mr. Vance Grekul and Mr. Huw Davies and our community sponsors.

Our students continue to make a difference in our community and globally through their numerous involvements. Please support our students as they fundraise and raise awareness for a number of worthy initiatives. The Student Association is involved in the "Spring for Nets" campaign to provide nets to villages in Africa for the prevention of malaria. They are encouraging all students and staff to contribute two dollars to this worthy cause. South African Partnership continues to raise money for their partnership with a secondary school in Africa. They have a garage sale planned for Saturday, May 30. The Environment Club is busy looking at ways to make KCVI a "greener" place. A newly established club at KCVI is Invisible Children. They are busy raising awareness and funds to help the children in Rwanda. There will be a carwash at KCVI on Sunday, April 26, 2009.

Our students enrolled in music and band travelled to New York City April 16 with staff supervisor and trip organizer Sandra Davison. Our students studying business will be off to New York City the following week with Mr. Huw Davies.

I would like to take a moment to thank all of our staff and community volunteers that make it possible for the numerous and diverse co curricular opportunities to exist at KCVI. Your commitment to our students makes a tremendous impact. Thank you!

The professional activity day on April 27 will continue building on our focus of learning around evaluation and reporting. In March our focus was on awareness and all teaching staff completed a gap analysis with regards to the revised evaluation and reporting document that will be implemented in September 2009. During the month of April our focus is on course outlines. During the P.A. day we will have the opportunity for departments to work together on course outlines, learning skills, and on additional evaluation and reporting changes that will be implemented for September 2009.

As always, the teachers, support staff, and administrators are here to assist you and support all students in the completion of a successful school year. Please contact myself (ext. 117), Vice Principal James Bonham-Carter (ext. 116), or Vice Principal Maureen Bartlett (ext. 160) if we can be of assistance at any time. On behalf of the entire staff at K.C.V.I., we look forward to working with you to ensure an excellent completion of the school year.

Sincerely,
Darlene Scarlett
Principal



Kingston's

Newest Provincial Champions!

Congratulations to all of our fencers who competed in the Junior Provincial Championships & the Newmarket Youth Circuit Competition on the weekend. Cutting Edge athletes came away with a total of 12 medals, plus another 2 were won by RMC fencers. Here are all of the results:

2009 Junior (Under 20) Provincial Championships

Gold & 2009 Provincial Champions

Jonathan Hutchison (men's epee) - KC Alumni

Silver: Kerr Hutchinson (men's epee)

Newmarket Youth Competition

Kerr Hutchinson - gold in Youth - 14 men's epee & bronze in cadet (under 17)

Attention Parents of Students with Life Threatening Allergies

According to *Administrative Procedure 315: The Safety of Anaphylactic Students* to comply with *Bill 3: Sabrina's Law*, parents are requested upon registration to supply information on life threatening allergies. The School Emergency Response Plan requires that a Medical Safety Plan and an Emergency Medical Alert Form for each anaphylactic student be developed which outlines the sequence of actions that should occur subsequent to an emergency situation.

Furthermore, ORANGE files are developed and maintained for each anaphylactic student in the main office visible and accessible to all. It includes the Medical Safety Plan and the Emergency Medical Alert Form (with the student's photo) and Epi-pen. NOTE: All emergency contact information must be kept up to date by the parent(s)/guardian(s).

A copy of the Emergency Medical Alert Form is also posted in the office(s), staff rooms(s), and other strategic area(s) in the school and is provided to the classroom teacher(s) and others as required.

Auto-injectors, labeled with the student's name, are stored in a safe, unlocked and easily accessible location (ORANGE file) known to all staff even if child carries it on their person. Expiration dates are checked on auto-injector kits or other stored medication. All teachers and school staff receive Anaphylaxis Training (Awareness, Avoidance and Action) including the use of an auto-injector.

Should your son or daughter be diagnosed with a severe allergy please contact the school regarding the process of sharing this information with the school so that a plan can be developed for your son or daughter. Furthermore, for those students with existing conditions, please feel free to contact the main office to inquire about their medical safety plan. All students that carry an Epi-Pen must have a medical safety plan.

For more information about this or other policies related to health issues please visit http://www.limestone.on.ca/Board/Documents/Health_Issues/.

Thank you for your support with these very important student health measures.

Don't forget about KCVI's Online Magazine Sale!

Visit the school website or www.qsp.ca to participate. QSP offers new subscriptions and renewals at discounted rates and a portion of all sales support our school. You can even purchase a gift to give to a friend anywhere in Canada. Our school group number is 10201.

KCVI's 16th Annual Model United Nations

This year's conference was a huge success! Over 80 students from all over the school board participated

in this three-day event, debating and resolving current world issues. Congratulations to Lydia Farnell, Gabrielle Rode, Rebecca Farrow, Alexandra Batchelor and Mr. Fruhling who were the main organizers of this event. We would also like to thank Ms. Scarlett, all the secretaries, and the custodial staff for their support and assistance.

Six KCVI DECA students qualify for International Conference in Anaheim, California!

Six KCVI DECA students have qualified to represent Ontario at the International Career and Development Conference known as ICDC to be held this year in Anaheim, California. They have earned the right to compete with 15,000 other high school students from across the United States, Germany, Japan, South Korea as well as other countries from around the globe.

Jeremy Wang and **Sebastian Ko**, KCVI who placed **first** at the Ontario Provincials in the category of Business and Financial Services Marketing Research Event. Jeremy and Sebastian prepared a marketing plan for Unity Savings Credit Union.

Jialu Ji, KCVI who placed **second** in Ontario in the individual category of Food Marketing Services. Jialu earned top 20 medals on both his marketing case role-plays as well as on his written exam.

Sindhu Marampudi, KCVI who placed third in Ontario in the grade nine category called Junior Executive Event. Sindhu earned top 20 medals on both her role plays.

Victor and **Winston Zhang** who placed 5th in Ontario with top 10 overall medals in the Internet Marketing Team Decision Making event. Winston and Victor both earned top 20 medals on their written exam.

Hugh Kim, Christina Kim and Juli Kim will be also traveling to Anaheim as Leadership Development Academy students.

Special mention to our gold sponsor Unity

Savings as well as our silver sponsors KEDCO and Wireless Express in over fifty locations across Ontario.

The students will be in Anaheim over the period of April 27 through May 4.

KCVI DECA Advisors
Vance Grekul, Huw Davies

KCVI Robotics Team returns from World Championships!

The KCVI Robotics team – K-Botics – has just returned from a week in Atlanta for the FIRST Robotics world championships. They placed tenth in their division, winning the Highest Rookie Seed



Award. The trip culminates a very successful season for K-Botics, in which the team also captured the Rookie All-Star Award at the Greater Toronto Regional Competition, securing their spot in the world championships.

KCVI was one of 350 teams that qualified to compete in the world championships, 12 of which were Canadian. In all, more than 42,000 high-school students on 1,686 teams from the U.S., Brazil, Canada, Chile, Germany, Israel, Mexico, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Turkey, and the U.K. participated in this year's competition.

K-Botics won five matches and lost two in a very tough competition. In addition to being the highest placed rookie team, K-Botics also placed higher than

some very skilled veteran teams. In fact, if they had scored one more ball in one of their games they would have qualified as an alliance captain and guaranteed a spot in the quarter-finals. Not bad for a rookie team!

FIRST Robotics is a high-school level competition designed to inspire and challenge young minds through mentor-based programs. KCVI's mentors come from many different backgrounds: among them are Queen's students, teachers, engineers and parents. It is through their careful tutelage that KCVI was able to excel at this year's FIRST Robotics challenge, 'Lunacy'.



Lunacy is similar to basketball except that it is played on a slippery surface. Robots drag trailers behind them, launching balls into opposing teams' trailers while simultaneously dodging those teams' attempts to score points. Lunacy provided many challenges for the robot designers and drivers alike!

The team would like to extend special thanks to the Queen's Applied Science Classes of '78 and '82, Transformix Engineering, the Ontario Centres of Excellence and the Limestone District School Board, as well as all our other sponsors and supporters. It has been a lot of hard work and long hours, but at the same time exciting, fun and highly rewarding.

K-Botics team members will now keep themselves busy demonstrating the robot, starting up elementary level "Lego League" teams, and fundraising and recruiting for next year's competition. Any interested students or parents are welcome to attend our meetings Tuesday and Thursday after school in room 107, or contact Mr. Wood or Ms. Bearse.

Kevin Wood: woodk@limestone.on.ca or 613-544-4811 ext. 131.

Rachel Bearse: bearser@limestone.on.ca or 613-544-4811 ext. 393.

News from Student Services

At this time, 33 students have applied to community colleges for the Fall and 15 have accepted offers. There are 137 students who have applied to an Ontario university and at this time 17 have confirmed offers of admission. We also had 37 students apply to universities outside of Ontario including McGill, Concordia, Dalhousie, University of Alberta, Acadia, St. Francis Xavier, Bishops, Lethbridge, Mount Allison, King's College, U.B.C., Thompson Rivers, Cape Breton, one to a university in England and St. Lawrence and Colgate, both in the United States.

It is still early as students will continue to hear from colleges and universities. Colleges are asking that the students notify them by May 1, 2009 with a response and Ontario universities have until May 25 to either offer a student admission, indicate that their application is pending further documentation or a refusal letter.

Seeking all Grade 11 Parents and Guardians!

We will be hosting an information evening on Tuesday, May 5 in the auditorium. The topic: "An Eye to the Future". Grade 10 parents and guardians are also welcome to attend. Students may also accompany their parents/guardians for the evening. The evening will begin at 7:00 pm and finish at 8:00 pm. There will be an agenda for the evening which will include answering any questions you may have. We look forward to meeting with you.

OSAP Workshop

An OSAP workshop will be held in May - the date to be determined. We need to wait for the government to update its website in order to allow students to access the information. Once available, Karen Green from the Financial Aid/Student Awards office at Queen's University will be presenting a full one hour workshop on how to access OSAP. Her workshops are always very informative and are open

to all students applying to college and/or university. Students who have not yet applied but are wishing to gain some information are also welcome to attend. Stay tuned!

Grade 8 Day

KCVI is looking forward to welcoming back the grade 8 students in May. The date and time is yet to be determined as we finalize the activities for the day. In the past we have provided the students with an overview of the Student Services Department along with Kairos, a drug and alcohol agency in Kingston. We have also been fortunate to have one of the drama classes perform a skit "The Day in the Life of a Grade 9 Student" in previous years and are working on offering the same this year - stay tuned for more information on our website.

Grade 9 Day

KCVI also hosts a separate grade 9 day in August organized by our Student Association and Athletic Association. It is a wonderful opportunity for the grade 9 students to explore the school, partake in a scavenger hunt, pick up their timetable, obtain their locker and lock, pick up their books, purchase their SA card and also their yearbook, if they so desire. There is a letter sent home in July to grade 9 students outlining all of the above. Once the school year has been determined, the date for the grade 9 day in August will be chosen and shared with the KCVI community.

In the meantime, Happy Spring to everyone! We appreciate your continued support and look forward to working with you over the next few months!

Just a reminder to look at the KCVI website for up-to-date information from Student Services

Thank you,
Student Services Staff



