



Blues News



K.C.V.I. Newsletter

February 2009

Principal's Reflections....

KCVI....Where Tradition Meets the Future!

*A small group of thoughtful people could change the world.
Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.*

Margaret Mead

The second semester is off to a great start! In the grade assemblies that kick off semester two, I challenged students to make a positive difference at KCVI each and every day. It all starts with one person willing to take a risk, make a change, or think of others. Encourage your son or daughter to get involved and make a positive difference!

Even though we have just started semester two, February is the time to start investigating what courses students need for the next school year. We are dependent on the course selection process to help us build the best possible timetable for the 2009-2010 school year. Students will be making course selections on-line again this year. All students will work with the guidance counselors in computer labs to make course selections and parents should expect to see a print out of the selections for their approval and signature.

In addition, the parent/teacher interview evening will be held on March 31 from 6:30 until 9:00 p.m. Sign up will occur starting March 25th at 7:30 a.m. We encourage all parents to attend this evening. Timely and effective communication between home and school ensures optimal support for student progress. If you are not able to attend, or if you would like further updates on your son/daughter's progress at any time in the year, I encourage you to

Speak with the teachers directly or a member of the administration.

School Council continues to make a commitment to improved communication and information for our

parents and community. If you haven't already done so, please sign up for the school council monthly newsletter. We meet the second Tuesday of every month. School Council has started a sub-committee to focus on school facility issues and to become informed about future school facility decisions. The sub-committee has decided to focus on specific areas of the school that need attention to enhance the student experience. The first project will focus on the Auditorium Restoration Campaign. We are hoping to raise enough money to reupholster the chairs, purchase new curtains, and upgrade sound and lighting systems.

The Tri-Council made up of Student Association, Arts Council, and Athletic Association has been very active promoting school spirit, organizing various activities, and encouraging student participation in all school events. There are spirit days, movie nights, midnight madness, and coffee houses planned already for semester two. The popular winter activity week is planned from February 23rd to 27th. Our athletic teams and clubs continue to make a positive difference on a daily basis. Come out and cheer on the Blues during the winter season playoff games! We encourage all students to get involved in K.C.'s fantastic co-curricular opportunities.

Another great tradition and highlight for many students is the Annual Model United Nations running from March 25 to 27. The student organizing committee of Lydia Farnell, Gabrielle Rode, Alexandra Batchelor, Rebecca Farrow, and Catherine Kern along with staff advisors Dan Fruhling and Elva McGaughey look forward to an informative and interesting opportunity for students. I encourage all interested students to attend and get involved on the organizing committee for future planning.

Congratulations to our DECA participants for their fantastic accomplishments at the provincial competition in Toronto at the beginning of February. Jeremy Wang, Sebastian Ko, Jialu Ji, and Sindhu Marampudi. have qualified to represent KCVI at the International Career and Development Conference in Anaheim, California later this April. Congratulations to all the KCVI participants who represented the school very well with many top ten and top twenty performances. A special recognition and thanks to our business teachers Mr. Vance Grekul and Mr. Huw Davies for their work with the DECA competitors.

Many thanks to all staff and especially to the writing and publication committee comprised of Alan Wilkinson, Kevin Reed, Tim Orpin, Jennifer Bailey, David Stocks, Cyndi Forrest-Gregoire, Chris Van Luven, Sandy Prentice, and Joanne Whitfield who helped produce the KCVI Prospectus. This is an excellent document to communicate the strengths of the educational experience that KCVI provides for students. Thank you to parents, students, and staff who provided feedback for the new publication.

I encourage you to contact me (ext. 117), Mr. Bonham-Carter vice-principal (ext. 116), or Mrs. Maureen Bartlett vice-principal (ext.160) if we can be of assistance on any matter. On behalf of the entire staff at KCVI, we look forward to continuing our focus on student achievement

and engaging students in a culture of respect to ensure a successful semester two.

Sincerely,
Darlene Scarlett

APRIL 2nd is the
Big Day!



The **Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test** will be written on the morning of Thursday, April 2. Our grade 10 students and some senior students will be focusing on four components of the test: an opinion piece; an information piece; a summary piece and a report.

Our students have been well prepared for this test during their time at KCVI and at their elementary school before coming to KC. We will be reviewing the skills necessary for the successful completion of the test with our students again throughout the semester. An assembly will be held in March to give students information about the test.

Sign Up for Parent-
Teacher
Interviews



Guardians and parents of st students attending KCVI are invited to come to the school to sign up for parent-teacher interviews beginning Friday, March 25th in the main office. Parent Night is on March 31st from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. We hope to see you there!

Welcome New and
Returning Staff!

We would like to welcome a number of new and returning staff to KCVI for semester two.

Melissa Holloway in the Healthy Active Living department; **Megan Van Noten, Margot Craft** and **Charles MacDonald** in the Languages department; **Leslie Farqharson** and **Julie McGinn** in the English department, **Kirsti Siltanen** in the Liberal Arts department; **Aiste Mickute, Dean Collier** and **Angela Evans** in the Science Department; **Margaret Grieve** in the Library and **Helena Huskilson** in Healthy Active Living, Geography, and Guidance.

Staff Changes

We wish Brian Bontekoe, Matt Saunders, Sherri Finlayson, Gary Pattenden, and Ka Yu Law all the best with their leaves for semester two. David Loken will complete his paternity leave and return to us after March break. Congratulations to Kevin Reed who is working at the Board this semester in the Aboriginal Consultant position. The interim Head of Science is Sandy Prentice and the Interim Head of Arts and Technology is Max Leinhard.

Reminder of our Current Internet, Electronic devices and Cell Phone Policy

Individual cases involving this type of behaviour will be dealt with according to school's code of conduct, Board policies & procedures and Ministry of Education Safe School protocols, as determined by school administration. If these devices are used in classes, assemblies, or other instructional spaces, such devices may be confiscated and returned to your parent or guardian after the instructional day, or as appropriate. Your access to school computers, networks and the Internet may be revoked until an appropriate time as determined by

administration. You may be suspended and/or expelled under the above named policies. When necessary, police will be involved.

Please note: If these devices are used in classes, assemblies, or other instructional spaces, such devices may be confiscated and returned to your parent or guardian after the instructional day, or as appropriate.

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.

Children's Fitness Tax Credit...

Information for Parents...

Canada Revenue Agency now offers a non-refundable tax credit for eligible amounts of up to \$500 paid by parents to register a child in an eligible program of physical activity. The children's fitness tax credit will allow parents to claim a maximum of \$500 per year for eligible fees paid for each child who is under 16 at any time during the year.



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Eligible programs must be:

- Ongoing (either minimum of 8 weeks

duration with a minimum of 1 session per week or, in the case of children's camps, 5 consecutive days.)

- Supervised
- Suitable for children;
- Inclusive of a significant amount of physical activity that contributes to cardio-respiratory endurance plus one or more of: muscular strength, muscular endurance, flexibility, or balance. You can only claim fees that are related to the cost of registering a child in an eligible program of physical activity. Your school will determine whether or not the activity is eligible and the amount of the fee that is eligible based on Canada Revenue Agency's guidelines.

If you require a receipt for 2008, please contact the KCVI Athletic Director, Huw Davies at 613-544-4811, ext. 125.

Want to be Kept in the Loop?...

KCVI would like to begin building an email database of our parents for School and School Council information and communication purposes.

Please fill out the form included in the Report Card package that was sent home. Thank you for your assistance.



KCVI's Competitive Improv Team

The KCVI Competitive Improv Team competes in the Kingston Regional Tournament of the Canadian Improv Games on Wednesday, February 18th at the Octave Theatre, 7pm. Tickets are \$6, \$8 and \$10. The finals are Saturday, February 21st at the Duncan McArthur Auditorium. Tickets for the finals are \$6, \$9 and \$12. Come out and support KC's long tradition of Improv excellence and have a really good time while you're at it.

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.



Are you a
parent who
wants to get
their child to
eat healthier and be more
active?



- We're looking for 8-10 parents who have at least one child at home. We will need one complete hour to your time for an informal discussion.
- Join us this spring to help develop media messages that KFL&A Public Health can use in a media campaign and for resource development.
- FREE healthy snacks will be provided.
- If you wish to participate or for more information please call 613.549.1232 ext.1173.

2009 DECA PROVINCIALS

On Friday, February 6th and Saturday, February 7th the KCVI DECA Chapter sent 36 members to participate in the 2009 Provincials at the Downtown Sheraton Centre in Toronto with over 4,700 high school students from across Ontario.

KCVI had an excellent performance. The following **four** students have qualified to represent Ontario at the International Career and Development Conference known as ICDC to be held this year in Anaheim, California at the end of April and have earned the right to

compete with 15,000 other high school students from across the United States as well as around the globe.

Jeremy Wang and **Sebastian Ko** who placed **first** in the category of Business and Financial Services Marketing Research Event.

Jialu Ji who placed **second** 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 who placed third in grade nine category called Junior Executive Event. Sindhu earned top 20 medals on both her role plays.

Other KC students who earned medals with strong performances are:



Victor and **Winston Zhang** 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. Unfortunately, they just missed qualifying for ICDC.

Andre Imbeault with a top 10 medal on the Technical Sales Event written exam.

Victor Li who earned a top 20 role play medal in the Restaurant and Food Marketing Individual Event.

The following students earned top 20 medals on the written exams for their events:

Conor Corrigan – Automotive Services Marketing Individual Event

Haotian Wang – Business Services Marketing Individual Event



Bill Tang – Sports and Entertainment Marketing Individual Event

Josh Jia - Financial Management Decision Making Team Event



Eli Tremblay – Tourism Marketing Decision Making Team Event

Special mention goes out to the following students for their excellent marketing papers and presentations in the written and presentation events:

Jessica and Vanessa Wiseman- Hospitality and Recreation Marketing Research Event

Zi Yan & Connor Patterson – International Business Plan Event

Jacie DeHoop & Jocelyn Laird – Advertising Campaign Event

Lily Zhu and Nancy Wu – University of Guelph Case Presentation Event

KCVI DECA Teacher Advisors Mr. Grekul and Mr. Davies would like to congratulate all students on their excellent showing at the Provincials.

Thank You from Boys Soccer!

The soccer program of KC would like to thank the community for participating and donating money for the Christmas Tree Pick Up in January. The program raised \$1500 and all money will go towards renting Queen's Tindal Field in the Spring. Please sign up again next year!

New from the S.A.....

1st Semester....

The S.A. would like to thank everyone for an amazing first semester! The highlights include: Movie Nights, Grade Colour Days, Masquerade Ball, Fly On The Wall, and the Famous Holiday Show! The Grade 11's proved to be the most spirited this semester, but with a full semester left a lot may happen. Some things to look forward to are: Winter Carnival Week, Spring Recognition Assembly, Spring Semi Formal and S.A. elections for the school year 2009/2010.

Global Young Leaders....

Congratulations to Rachael Melnick-Proud who was selected to receive a full scholarship to the Global Young Leaders Conference this summer!

Rachael will spend one week in Washington D.C.

and one in New York City at the United Nations. This is a fabulous opportunity to learn about international diplomacy and possible solutions to global crises. Great job Rachael, we're pleased you'll be representing K.C.V.I.

Speak Up Ontario Grants....

This year the Ministry of Education made available a new grant program for student initiated projects intended to create a sense of community and/or celebrate diversity. Our school was awarded two grants with a combined value of \$1500. One grant was awarded to the grade 11 Leadership class who proposed a photo mural project intended to include all students in the school, while the other grant was awarded to the Students' Association to develop an international display highlighting all of the cultural groups and nationalities that are a part of our KCVI community. We look forward to seeing the projects develop over the next couple of months.

December Book Drive

The December Book Drive was a huge success! Over 350 local elementary school children went home for the holidays with beautifully wrapped children's books!! I have been told, more than once, that the books were greatly appreciated!!



A huge thank you to all staff, students and community members who helped make the first annual Children's Book Drive such a

success. A special thank you to a wonderful

group of senior girls who wrapped and wrapped and wrapped....

We will be collecting gently used children's books (JK - grade 8) starting mid-November each year. Please drop by any books you are no longer using the we will make sure they are re-distributed to a child who will enjoy them as much as you have.

HAVE A GREAT SEMESTER II!

Day of Pink

On February 19th students and people all across the world will stand up against Bullying. Discrimination and Homophobia are prime issues that surround high school in particular. Day of Pink is an international youth movement dedicated to preventing and ending homophobia. Last year on February 19th, 2007, Canada celebrated its first annual Pink Day after a young male high school student wore a pink t-shirt to school and was bullied. The next day students around the school in Cambridge, Nova Scotia decided to stand up to bullying and promote diversity by wearing pink. By simply wearing a pink shirt, we will be able to make KC a safer environment for everyone. If you have any questions or concerns please see Vicky Lewis or Sarah Blaney. We hope to see you all wearing pink on **Thursday, February 19th**.



