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Upcoming

February 4	gr. 7-9 parent-teacher interviews
February 10	senior high reports issued
February 11	senior high course changes deadline
February 11	senior high parent information night
February 13	band candlelight dinner
February 15	Islander Day - no classes
February 24	KISH Science Fair
February 26	int/sr dances
March 15-19	March break - no classes

Report Cards and Interviews

Gr. 7,8,9 report cards were sent home on Monday, February 1 and interviews will be held on Thursday, February 4 from 3-5pm and 6-9pm. For those students who returned the interview request form, the time is indicated on the report card. For those who didn't return the form, you may sign up on the teacher's door. **OUT OF CONSIDERATION FOR OTHER PARENTS, PLEASE LIMIT YOUR INTERVIEW TO 10 MINUTES!** If you require additional time, please set up another appointment with the teacher.

Gr. 10,11,12 report cards will be sent home on Wednesday, February 10. There will be no scheduled interviews for senior high parents as this report card marks the end of semester 1. If you have any questions or concerns, contact the subject teacher at the school.

Senior High Parent Information Night

On Thursday, February 11 at 7pm, parents of senior high students are invited to meet their child's semester 2 teachers and receive course information. Grade 10 teachers will meet parents in room 241, grade 11 teachers will be in room 230 and grade 12 teachers will meet in the cafeteria. We hope all parents take advantage of this opportunity to meet the teachers and find out what's happening in semester 2.

Canadian Parents For French - Kensington Chapter

“Le français est une langue officielle des Jeux olympiques d’hiver de 2010.”
French is an official language of the 2010 Olympics.

“One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way.” - Frank Smith

Candlelight Dinner

The KISH band will hold their 10th annual candlelight dinner at the New London Community Complex on Saturday, February 13. Music and seating from 6-7pm and dinner at 7pm. This is a 5-course hip of beef dinner with dessert. A limited number of tickets are still available from the school or any band member at a cost of \$25 per person.

Senior High Course Registration

Course registration for the 2010-2011 school year will be held during the last week of February. Registration forms will go out to students in grades 9-11 at this time. A parent information night regarding course registration will be held on **Thursday, February 25 at 6pm for parents of grade 9 students and 7pm for parents of students in grades 10,11,12.**

Bridge Building Contest

The annual bridge building contest is being held in Charlottetown on Friday, March 5. Any students interested in participating should talk to Ms. Ramsay ASAP for details and to get building supplies as you should be starting construction soon.

Library Notes

- ⇒ Students and staff are invited to visit the ‘New Arrival’ display to find a book for personal reading and/or school work.
- ⇒ Visit the Olympic display for the 2010 Winter Games.
- ⇒ Literacy reading time for students and staff will take place on Thursday, March 11 during period 3 for both junior and senior high.
- ⇒ Check out the valuable information on the school’s library web page to assist students with their school work, especially the ‘Student’s Writer’s Guide’ under the heading ‘Research Tools’.

- ⇒ Readers' Ink, the senior high book club, meets every Wednesday at noon to discuss great books and to recommend books to others in the group. New members and new book suggestions are always welcome. Book club members are going to be reading the book Generation X: Tales of an Accelerated Culture as part of the Canada Reads 2010 event and have been invited to participate in the 2010 Battle of the Book Clubs scheduled for March 4.

- ⇒ As we begin a new term, students are reminded that they can access KOHA (the new open source library system) to search the library collection, as well as EBSCO (the on-line periodical database) for research projects at home and school.

Staffing Changes

A new semester means some staffing changes at KISH:

Tamra Enman, grade 8 and 9 English teacher, has transferred to O'Leary Elementary. Peter Stone will now be teaching grade 8 and 9 English.

Kim Knox, Educational Assistant, has transferred to Alberton Elementary. We'll miss you, Kim, and wish you all the best 'up west'. We know your drive will be a lot shorter!

Nora Connell, Educational Assistant, has transferred to Elm Street Elementary in Summerside.

Andrea Ford, Educational Assistant, has returned from maternity leave. Welcome back!

Dental Clinic

This year's dental clinic will begin the week of February 8 and will provide preventive dental services and oral health education to help reduce or prevent dental decay.

In the first few days of the clinic, all students will be seen for a two-minute screening to determine their risk of dental decay. If you don't want your child to have this dental screening, please advise the school secretary.

Preventive services including oral health education, fluorides, scaling/polishing and sealants will be provided according to each child's individual needs. A consent form will be distributed to the students once the screening is complete and needs to be signed and returned to the school. **There is no cost involved** with this clinic and parents are encouraged to visit the dental clinic in the school to discuss preventive dental care for their children.

Please note that only preventive services will be provided and the screening is not a dental examination. **It is strongly recommended that parents take their children to a dentist for regular examinations and treatment.** The children's dental care program covers the cost of basic dental care delivered in private dental offices for

children ages 3-17 (up to 18th birthday).

For more information, call 888-8145 or visit the website at www.gov.pe.ca/sss.

Community Notes

1. **Rotary Adventure in Citizenship** is a program offered annually by the Rotary Club of Ottawa. From May 2-5, 2010, some 220 students from across Canada will meet in Ottawa to develop their potential as leaders in their communities and in Canadian society. Participants receive a free flight to Ottawa courtesy of the Summerside Rotary Club and are placed with billet families who provide meals, transportation and lodging during their stay. At least two students are billeted in each home. Costs for the individual student would be limited to spending money and transportation to and from the Charlottetown Airport. Application forms are available in Student Services and must be submitted by Friday, February 12.
2. **Camp Abegweit** is looking for counselors (must be at least 16 years old as of July 1, 2010) for summer employment. As Camp Abegweit is a Christian camp, they're looking for a dedicated and sincere staff with a wide variety of interests including sports, outdoor and waterfront activities, music, crafts and Christian education. The camping program runs for eight weeks from late June through to late August. Applications are available online at <http://campabegweit.peipresbytery.net/> and must be returned by February 18 to Krista Wood, P.O. Box 352, Kensington, PE C0B 1M0 or by email to kkjwood@pei.sympatico.ca.