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First Graders Have “Reading Buddies”

Everyone needs a buddy. Our first grade students have theirs in a group of readers that visit every Friday. These readers are senior citizen volunteers from the surrounding area that participate in the R.S.V.P. reading program. This program is run by Family and Children’s Services of Monmouth County. They have been coming to our school to work with first grade students for the past several years. The students’ “Reading Buddies” arrive at Central School between 9 and 9:30 each Friday. This half hour is spent selecting just the right books to read and share with their group of 5 -6 students. From 9:30 - 10, Mrs. Krause and Miss Schmidt bring their students to the cafeteria to meet with their buddies. At 10, Mrs. Mantino and Miss Burgener bring their classes to meet with the buddies. These classes stay with their buddies until 10:30. During this half hour, the buddies read books, discuss them, ask questions,

allow students to read, and bond. This time is enjoyed by all involved. The buddy group consists of 8 readers and a few substitutes. They give of their time to share their love of books and reading and to spend time with the students. Recently we had the opportunity to speak to two of our reading buddies, Carmella Mariani and John Talerico. Carmella has been a buddy for about 4 years now and John has been a buddy to our students for 8 years.

They both enjoy coming to the Keyport School District and working with our students and teachers, who they say they like very much because they make them feel very comfortable here. Carmella and John don’t like to miss a session because they know the students are looking forward to seeing them. Occasionally, if they should miss a session, it is far and few between. Books are provided by Family and Children’s Services and are changed on a monthly basis. Some buddies have even been known to bring in books they have purchased

on their own for the group because of a special interest of a student or the enjoyment of a specific author or genre of book. This program begins in October each school year and ends in May. Over this time, the buddies and students develop friendships and appreciation for each other. Students truly miss their buddies when the program ends. This past summer, many of the buddies continued to come and read to students involved in summer programs at the school. Some of our own retired teachers have been so impressed with the program that they have become “Reading Buddies” in school districts near their homes. Lisa Schlosser is the coordinator of the reading buddies program at Family and Children’s Services of Monmouth County, located in Long Branch. If you are interested in becoming a Reading Buddy, please contact Lisa Schlosser at [732 222-9111 ext. 153](tel:732-222-9111).





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Community Day -- March 31st -- Save The Date!

Community day has been scheduled for Saturday, March 31, 2012. Last year's event was a huge success! Once again, we will be celebrating with a collaboration of school, community and local businesses, so please spread the word! We welcome the participation of school personnel, clubs, etc., as well as our parents, organizations and local merchants.

As we have scheduled the **Drive One 4 Your School Ford Program** this year, we are expecting to have an even bigger response. Anyone interested in signing up, please contact the Superintendent's Office with your information and display needs. Additional information will be distributed as soon as it is available.

Community Day is a great opportunity for the residents of Keyport and Union Beach to see first-hand the wonderful progress in our schools and to experience what it is to be an active participant in the community which we are all a part of.

Central And High School Gifted & Talented Students Work Together

Second grade students from Keyport Central's Gifted & Talented Program along with AP Calculus students from Keyport High School visited the Math Midway Exhibit at Liberty Science Center. High schools students from Mr. Sal Principe's class were paired up with youngsters from Mrs.

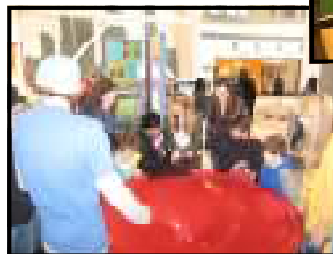
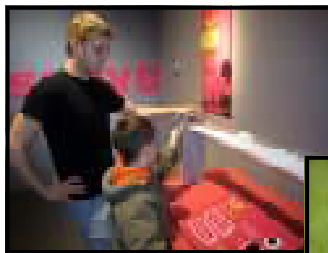
Nicole Goldsmith's Gifted & Talented class as they visited the interactive math exhibit. The trip provided a unique learning experience for both sets of students as they navigated the hands-on stations that ranged from simple mathematics to advanced math concepts.



Seventh and Eighth Grade Gifted & Talented Students Finish Tops In The State

On January 14, the 7th and 8th grade gifted and talented students from Mrs. Goldsmith's class competed in the Future City Competition at Rutgers University. The engineering competition asks students to create a city 150 years in the future. This years research topic was renewable energy sources. The 8th grade students researched nuclear fusion and the 7th grade students researched wind power. Students had to write a

research essay, narrative essay, complete a computer simulation, build a model to scale, and create a presentation for competition. Over 80 teams competed from schools all over New Jersey. Keyport students represented themselves well and the 8th grade team finished with the 9th place overall, a top ten finish!





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Girls Night Out

On January 25th Central School hosted Girls Night Out inviting 3rd-7th grade girls and the important females in their lives for dinner, a movie, and a discussion about relational bullying.

The movie, *An American Girl: Chrissa Stands Strong* fostered a vibrant conversation about different ways girls can stand up to bullying. Families left with goodie bags, raffle prizes, full stomachs, and quality resources.



Serving up Career Standards through Community Connections!



Career Café is an opportunity for students to learn about different careers through interactive presentations. Speakers are volunteers from the Keyport community willing to educate students about their profession. Students will have the privilege to learn about the following jobs this year:

Photography

Engineering

Sales

Teaching

Vocal Performance

Forensic Artistry

Sports Writing

Presenters talk to students about how they became interested in their field, the education/training/skills they need, what they do on a typical day of work, and any advice they may give to students considering a job in their field.

If you are interested in inspiring students about your career, please contact Miss Lemberg at 732-264-0561.

ESL Classes Study Plants/Native American Culture

Our ESL students have been studying the life cycle of plants, while incorporating science and language arts through their experiments. We also completed a Social Studies unit about Native American cultures. The students used various charts and maps to summarize, and compare and contrast information that they learned. Our older students have also been learning about surveys and will be conducting a survey in school. All of our ESL students drew pictures, wrote letters, or wrote

essays describing their holiday wishes. Their work was published in the Holiday Wishes section of the Independent Greater Media newspaper on December 14 and 15, 2011. To view their work, please visit www.gmnews.com. We had the opportunity to mentor Ms. Natalie Whalen, who worked with our elementary ESL students. We appreciate the professional relationship that we have to work with Monmouth University students who are taking ESL courses.





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Peace Leaders are a BIG deal!

Peace Leaders are doing BIG things this winter at Central School. They are serving as Big Brothers and Big Sisters to students in grades 3-5. The Peace Leaders facilitate interactive games and activities to get to know their “littles”. They also serve as role models for the entire student body. Both “big” and “little” are having fun learning about themselves, each other, and what it takes to be a leader!



Celebrating Peaceful Character

Our Peace Pals have been celebrating their peaceful character with a special pizza party just for them! They also receive official Keyport Central School Peace Pal certificates from Mr. Rapolla!



Kindergarten Students Learn About The Arctic

Kindergarten students have been busy learning facts about the Arctic. The winter theme focused on Arctic animal facts, the North Pole, and weather around the world. Science, social studies, math, language arts, and writing activities were integrated into their daily workshops. Children especially enjoyed the writer’s workshop lessons. Students had the opportunity to utilize writing strategies learned from district reading coach, Kim Rosas, and first grade teacher, Amy Mantino. Kindergarten students enjoyed all of the arctic themed activities!



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High School Art Class Goes on Painting Field Trip

On November 21, 2011, students from Mrs. Decker's high school painting class and art club went on a painting field trip to paint store windows on Front Street in Keyport. The Keyport Art Association sponsored the event. Mrs. Decker and the students spent the

day painting holiday designs on the Family Dollar windows, Nichole's Trendz Hair Salon, Bayshore Tanning, Jack's Lottery and several other store fronts. The students enjoyed painting on the windows. The following students attended this exciting day, David Bauer, Matt

Amanda Littell-Dochnahl, Samantha Obreiter, Nadia Syed, Alexa Chandler, John Tolentino-Klein, Brandon Gress, Stephanie Heyer, and Erin Uptegrove. Mrs. Decker and her students had a wonderful day and enjoyed helping to decorate the downtown area for the holidays.



KHS Drama Club To Perform



The Keyport High School Drama Club is gearing up for this year's production of Aida. Performances are set for February 23rd-25th at Keyport Central School beginning at 7:30PM. Aida is appropriate for children, although some of the

content may be mature in regards to complicated relationships and consequences of actions. Aida is full of powerful love ballads and intense gospel-rock type ensemble numbers. When a musical written by Elton John and Tim Rice comes

to your neighborhood, you don't want to miss it, so make a date and come out to see some of Keyport High School's most talented singers and actors. All tickets will be \$10. Contact Mrs. Cowen, Director, at ccowen@kpsdschools.org or

[732-264-0902](tel:732-264-0902), ext. 3311.



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Physical Education for Pre-K

Pre-K students are on the schedule for gym now! Our four and five year olds travel to the gymnasium five days a week. The students participate in hopping, galloping, jumping, and running activities that develop and refine gross motor skills. They also use objects and props such as balls, hula-hoops, mats, balance beams, and a parachute to develop spatial and coordination skills.

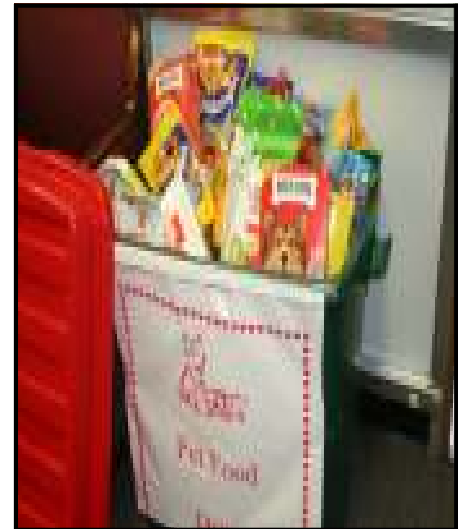
The daily gym period also allows the children to express themselves and develop an appreciation of creative movement and dance while defining and maintaining personal space, concentration, and focus. The most exciting aspect of the Pre-K gym program is the opportunity the boys and girls have to get to know all of their peers and the pre-school staff at Keyport Central School.



Pet Food Drive

The Keyport School District, in conjunction with Dogs on the Farm and Cats, Too, located in Middletown, collected pet food and supplies in each school, to distribute to several different food pantries. Although the district did very well, the pet food collection will be ongoing and open to the entire community of Keyport. A bin will continue to be placed in the Curriculum Office at Central School. Please help us help our community members to keep their pets. Each week food banks and homeless shelters are requesting pet food for their clients and many towns have seen the need for pet food

increase due to these troubling times in our economy. Animal shelters are overcrowded with pets of people who cannot afford to keep and feed them. The number of homeless on the streets is increasing and many of those folks will not give up the only companion they have and love since their bond is unbreakable. If you wish to donate to the pet food drive, please drop off unopened bags of food or any supplies which could be used for pets, at the Broad street entrance to Central School. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle in the curriculum office at 732-264-2840 X 2007.



Our Sympathies

As most of you know, the Keyport School Community suffered 2 tragic losses during the past month. Matt Adams, a junior and Drew Capichana, a senior, both students at KHS. During this difficult time for everyone, the school district partnered with the Traumatic Loss Coalition which worked closely with our crisis team to provide counseling services to students and staff. The Keyport School District expresses their sympathies to the families and friends of these young men.