KSD family CONNECTION

May 24, 2022

Dear KSD Community,

This is our twice monthly communication, KSD Family Connection. Each edition includes:

- Relevant and timely information based on the month's theme
- A health and wellness section
- A brief spotlight on one of our district programs, clubs, services, etc.

this month

Monday is Memorial Day, an American holiday honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military.

Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season. You can learn more about the history of Memorial Day here.

As you enjoy the upcoming three-day weekend, please take a moment to remember and honor those who gave all.

health & wellness

The health and safety of our students and staff is always a top priority. We continue to work closely with state and local health authorities and follow their guidance.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental illness. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), mental illnesses are among the most common health conditions in the United States, with an estimated 1 in 5 Americans experiencing some form mental illness in any given year.

Here (at bit.ly/ksd-mh), you can find resources to support you if you or someone you care about are struggling with issues related to your mental health.

AVAILABILITY OF COVID TESTING KITS DURING SUMMER

Kelso School District will have at-home testing kits available at each summer school site during school hours for staff, students, and families.

Summer School Sites: Wallace, Lexington, Coweeman Middle School, and Kelso High School.

good to know

APRIL 11 SNOW DAY WAIVER GRANTED FROM OSPI - NO MAKE-UP DAY

Last Day of School Remains:

June 17 - All Schools Except Wallace

June 28 - Wallace Elementary

ThoughtExchange Results

We completed our final ThoughtExchange survey for this school year. Thank you for participating in the series and sharing your thoughts with us! We value and appreciate your input.

The question for this last survey was: What should Kelso School District prioritize for the next 3-5 years to realize its mission of preparing every student for living, learning, and achieving success as a citizen of our changing world?

You can see a pdf summary of the results here.

celebrations & accolades

We have much to celebrate! We are #KelsoStrong

STATE MUSIC

- Adam Woodriff, Aidan Haglund, Beau Napper, Ben Alabiso, Braden Lesh, Bran Michelleto Struble, Bug Scrichfield, Caleb Von Schirmer, Claudia Gipson, Damian Bonds, Elliot Rascon, Emily Knapp, Haylee McFadden, Isaac Rosado, JJ Robarge, Katalia Trujillo, Kenzi Cromwell, Khloe Palmer, Kimberley Ochoa Ramirez, Landon Mooney, Lily Evans, Lucy Wells, Mitchell Reller, Olivia Kunz, Parks Chennault, Ryan Smith Farvour, Rylie Bishop, Sadona Holm, Savannah Wood, Sol Baldomero

ARTS

- Gullermina Rios Rios: juried to the National K-12 Ceramic Exhibition
- Kylana Hegnes: 2nd place in Congressional Art Show
- Remy Frey: 3rd place in Congressional Art Show

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL EQUESTRIAN TEAM (WAHSET)

- Competed at State: Josie Backman, Elizabeth Cahill, Sophia Cheslock, Remy Frey, Olivia Gilbert, Bella Norwood

BASEBALL

- Academic State Champions
- Qualified for the State Tournament - part of the final 20 in the state
- First Team All-League: Easton Marshall, Jackson Toms, Hunter Letteer, Carter Gaston

SOFTBALL

- First Team All-League: Kaydence Mackin, Lexi Grumbois
- Second Team All-League: Sydney Parsons

GIRLS GOLF

- Academic State Champions: **4.0 Cumulative GPA!**
- Qualified for regionals: Vivian Nguyen, Khloe Palmer, Emma Ramey, Mallory Scruggs

BOYS GOLF

- Rex Burt qualified for State as 1st alternate

TENNIS

- Kamaile Correa: GSHL District Singles Champion and GSHL Singles Player of the Year
- Macy Grafton, Maggie Waddell: placed 3rd, First Team All-League
- Ella Chennault, Andrea Gutierrez, Netty Mauer: Second Team All-League
- Qualified for regionals: Kamaile Correa, Macy Grafton, Maggie Waddell

GIRLS TRACK

Third in Regionals, Second in District, League Champions (undefeated regular season, including invites)

- Rielee Gourde: District Champ-Pole Vault; 3A All-League-Pole Vault
- Hanna Kuhn: District Champ-Discus; 3A All-League-Discus
- Ruby Sereday: 3A All-League-Shot Put
- Josie Settle: District Champ-Triple Jump, High Jump; Regional Champ-Triple Jump; 3A All-League-300H, Long Jump, Triple Jump, High Jump; 3A GSHL Track Athlete of the Year
- Maya Swanson: District Champ-400; 3A All-League-400
- Erin Tack: District & Regional Champ-Javelin, Shot Put; 3A All-League-Javelin, Shot Put; 3A GSHL Field Athlete of the Year
- Qualified for Regionals: Jaida Barrows, Kyra Dieter, Lily Evans, Ashley Foust, Rielee Gourde, Hanna Kuhn, Josie Saccio-Devine, Kyra Sanders, Sadie Schierscher, Ruby Sereday, Josie Settle, Maya Swanson, Erin Tack
- Qualified for State: Rielee Gourde, Ruby Sereday, Josie Settle, Erin Tack

BOYS TRACK

District Champions, League Champions (undefeated regular season, including invites)

- Colby Cooper: District Champ-Javelin; 3A All-League-Javelin, Long Jump
- Judah Calixte: District Champ-Long Jump, Triple Jump; 3A All-League-Long Jump, Triple Jump

- Kai Chaney: 3A All-League-High Jump
- Henry Hyde: 3A All-League-Javelin
- Kamren Mattison: District Champ-1600, 3200; 3A All-League-1600, 3200; 3A GSHL Track Athlete of the Year
- Brady Phillips: 3A All-League-Discus
- Jake Webb: Regional Champ-Pole Vault; 3A All-League-Pole Vault
- Qualified for Regionals: Bannick Allen, Judah Calixte, Kai Chaney, Colby Cooper, Norman Hartman, Henry Hyde, Eli Iverson, Stan Johnson, Naiser Lukas, Kamren Mattison, Brady Phillips, Jake Webb, Koda Woodard
- Qualified for State: Colby Cooper, Jake Webb, Koda Woodard

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As always, if you have any questions, feel free to email me.

Sincerely,

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