

KENTWOOD PREPARATORY

“We Prepare Children for Life!”

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CALENDAR –

December 18 – No School – PARENT CONFERENCES

December 21 – January 4 – No School (Winter Holiday)

January 4 – Start of 3rd Quarter (No School)

January 5 – Regular Classes Begin

January 13 – Parent Evening Workshop

January 18 – No School (Martin Luther King Holiday)

BIRTHDAYS!

December 19 – Victor A.

December 19 – Bradley J.

December 20 – Lance C.

January 1 – Kris K.

January 3 – Troy R.

January 12 – Mrs. Shope

BULLETINS FROM MRS. BROWN...

--CARPOOL REQUESTS....

Okeechobee & Crestwood

Glades Road or Yamato

--PARENTING WORKSHOP....January 13th....HOME MANAGEMENT!

We have been getting a lot of requests from parents for home management techniques that we have developed to work well with our program here at school. Please let us know if you want to attend. Child care will be provided.

--HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND THANK YOU...to all our Kentwood families and friends!

--PLAY PICTURES ON FACEBOOK....for those of you who have not yet joined the facebook family; we put up daily news and pictures of all the Kentwood activities. We have also

quite a few pictures from the play on facebook. Be sure and “friend” Ramonyca Brown in order to see Kentwood News.

Mrs. Brown, Office Manager

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THERAPY IN MOTION.....

Elementary classes went to Atria Meridia on Tuesday to deliver their handmade cards. Residents were waiting in the beautifully decorated lobby, and dining room as the kids passed out their cards. They were so grateful, and the kids really enjoyed what has become an annual event. They even sang a couple of songs for the residents who joined in as well! We were all pleased to meet Atria's oldest resident, who is 101 years old! The kids also were given treats at the end of the visit from the residents. Our students made me very proud with their manners and kindness! Upon return to class, students participated in another kindness activity as they randomly chose a slip of paper with a name of a child, with an age and "wish", then looked through sales fliers to find a perfect gift to "give". Of course this was a "mock" giving activity, but done to encourage thinking of others at this time of year. High schoolers will be attending Atria today to visit the residents and provide entertainment by caroling and other activities! I wish you all the happiest of holidays- enjoy your vacation, and will see you in January!!

Cindy Wilson -Therapy In Motion 543-5881

COMP101/P.E....

Hello everyone for the final time this year!!! Where has it gone??? We end the first half of the school year in the Computer room completing make up work and looking to the new year with the new challenges it brings. My thanks to all the students for working hard and their cooperation in all they have been asked to do. I honestly feel EVERY class has made significant improvement since school has started, let us remember, Progress not Perfection. In P.E. we have also made great strides. We continue hand/eye coordination though soccer, basketball, football, running, jumping, and throwing. I would like to take a moment to thank everyone involved in the day to day operation at The Kentwood Preparatory School. Happy Holiday Season to Everyone!!!!

Mr. Bollman

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REPORT FROM DR. GREENBERG....

It is hard to believe that this newsletter is the last in year 2009. It seems as if we were just saying "Hello" and "Welcome Back" to our students and now it is time to wish each and every student and their respective family, a warm, wonderful and "Happy Holiday Season." It does not matter what holiday is celebrated, only that it is enjoyed. The end of the year was a good one. The students completed their final examinations in all of their respective subjects, and welcomed the holiday season by going to an assisted living home and singing an array of holiday songs to the patients. It was a warm feeling to watch all of the high school students walk around, shake hands, and say hello, to all of the patients who had come to watch them perform. We celebrated the last day of school by going on a planned trip to see the movie *Invictus*. Prior to the high school going to view the movie, Mr. Fein, who was raised in South Africa, stopped in to discuss the movie with the students, allowing each student to have a greater insight to this movie based on history. Most of the students expressed how much they enjoyed the movie and enjoyed learning about Nelson Mandela and how he used the game of Rugby to bring about changes in a divided country. Earlier in the week, the students went to Pizza Hut for lunch and enjoyed the buffet. I am looking forward to welcoming in 2010 and to starting the new school year at Kentwood with exciting classes and the ongoing planning of programs to include the important learning of social skills. At this time, I would like to wish each and every student and his or her family, a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year Holiday, only to be followed by a great year. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be an integral influence on your children's lives. I will be seeing you at the parent-teacher conferences and welcome this special time discussing your child with you.

Dr. Greenberg, Dean of High School
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THE BARTAK BUNCH....

Second Quarter has come to a close and certainly whizzed right by this year. If you were not able to attend conferences, I will call following the holiday break to reschedule. Third quarter will be filled with many exciting academic activities. Poetry, science fair projects and preparing for CAT testing. There is much to be accomplished after the long awaited break:) Please enjoy the time with your families. Have a wonderful and safe holiday!

Ms. Bartak

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BAIME'S TROUPE....

We are just finishing our second Jules Verne novel, "Journey to the Center of the Earth". Bradley, Cameron, Andres and Trent have perfected their fluency and tonation. It is a pleasure listening to them read. The students have learned how to use graphic organizers to assist in their

essay writing. Fredrick and Kyle have done a wonderful job analyzing the characters in our last novel. We are now discussing plot development and genre in literature. We will be starting coordinating grammar with our weekly spelling and vocabulary tests after the new year. All the students are looking forward to a field trip to the Museum of Discovery and science for their "Grossology" exhibit. We will be tying in our science studies of the human body so that it coordinates with this trip! Glen and Kai have been speeding successfully through their phonics assignments. Their reading skills are increasing daily! This week's reader's theater play was written by Matthew. He did a spectacular job. There was a part in the play for every student! Even the young reader's joined in and did a great job! We have just completed our bulletin board on "Around the World in Eighty Days". The students will be creating 3-d models of all the creative types of transportation used in that book! We are starting an author bulletin board. The students will be using a biography graphic organizer to learn how to write a five paragraph biography on Jules Verne. Our socialization skills have been steadily improving. Students are interacting in appropriate ways during game playing. Troy has been active in leading the chess games with many of the students! I wish all of you a happy and healthy holiday season!

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BLAKEWOOD'S BUDDIES...

It is amazing to me how quickly Quarter 2 has flown by, and what a quarter it has been!! The class has worked very hard academically, completing Unit 15 in Spelling, focusing on words that end in -ed and -ing. In Social Studies we have completed Chapter 2 on Exploration from 1400-1607...I am very proud of the Assessment test scores. In English, we have completed Chapter 2 on Concrete, Abstract, Singular and Plural Nouns. In Science, the class completed a unit on Plant and Animal Cells, having done an incredible job creating and Animal Cell using construction paper, feathers, yarn and glitter. The class field trip to the Fort Lauderdale Museum of Science and Discovery was amazing. The students showed great social skills towards the museum staff (please, thank you, etc) and were extremely cooperative and courteous when touring the museum and watching the IMAX film....**WAY TO GO GUYS!!!** Thank you to all of my parents for all of your support and understanding throughout this quarter. Thank you as well for all of the wonderful Christmas gifts, **I LOVE EACH AND EVERY ONE!!** I truly do appreciate you thinking of me:) A few reminders: Homework for new students will begin at the return of winter break. Remember, homework is the responsibility of the student and if it is not completed, it will be addressed at school. Science Fair and Poetry will begin when we return for Quarter 3. Thank you again and I hope you all have a safe and wonderful holiday!!

Mrs. Blakewood

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MATH MAGIC....

WHOA! I can't believe the first semester is over. Everyone has been doing a wonderful job! In Mrs. Blakewood's class we finished with money and moved on integers. In Ms. Bartak's class we finished with geometry and will be moving on to multiplication and problem solving with multiplication. In Mr. Dobkin's class we are still working with practical applications involving checking and savings accounts. The class is having fun writing checks to different people, especially the one they wrote out to mom just to have dinner. Mrs. Baime's class is working with problem solving with addition and subtraction and will also be moving onto multiplication. Mrs. Shope/Wiehl's class finished with time, money and problem solving addition and subtraction. Mrs. Wiehl/Finkel's class finished up the unit on fractions and proportions and they got their first dose of algebra. That was interesting to say the least. In the Algebra class in high school, all students finished through chapter 5 with class work and homework. They have been working diligently in making sure to complete all the work. My "Math-labbers" are having a good time making lots of money and playing "Noodlers". Math Lab will continue into the third quarter and we will be inviting a few more students too. Thank you so much to everyone for all of the holiday wishes and I want to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday! See everyone next year!!!

Ms. Irwin, Math Specialist

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THE OCEAN ROOM....

Hello Everyone! We had a wonderful couple of weeks. We covered a lot in Science focusing on the three States of Matter. In Social Studies we learned about European Explorers of America. In Language Arts we are working on Reading Comprehension. The Science Quiz is on Wednesday and Spelling Test is on Thursday. Thank you to all of the parents for your support. Looking forward to Parent-Teacher Conferences on Friday. We are very excited about Science Fair and Poetry in 3rd quarter. I wish you all Happy Holidays and A Wonderful New Year! Sincerely,

Mrs. Wiehl, Room 1

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LEARNING INCORPORATED....

Wow! The year is already over and I am blown away by what a great semester we've had. First, and most recently, testing. The difference in scores from the first quarter exams to second quarter exams really shows how much the students have learned about study habits and taking exams seriously. Special recognition is deserved by Jacob G, Vincent B., and Kaylee S. for their

remarkable improvement in this area. Our study of Civics has concluded, taking us through the structure of government, our court system, the main branches and their roles, state versus federal government and finally Citizenship. Next semester we'll be tackling economics, with Kentwood's unique emphasis on personal economics including managing money, budgeting and planning. In science we completed review exams with excellent scores; special recognition for Vincent and Zachary for "catching up" on material they missed before they came to our group. In Math we've been measuring elapsed time, managing checkbooks, and finishing up fractions, ratios, proportions and applications involving money. In English we've completed an extensive unit of grammar including contractions, double-negatives, topics, quotations and more. English semester exams went very well, with special recognition going to Jared, Derek, Tylor, Sierra, Lawrence, and Kaylee. CONGRATULATIONS TO LAWRENCE FOR GETTING STRAIGHT A's!!! All that hard work has really paid off. Do I need to say anything about the play? It was amazing and our class performed admirably! It makes a teacher proud, and hopeful you parents too. Language Arts wrapped up with review exams on the word groupings, Latin and Greek roots, idioms and expressions, and of course spelling. We work daily on reading skills during home base in the morning and on social skills-particularly Logic & Reasoning-in the afternoons. This has been a banner year for me as a teacher and I am particularly thankful to my students and you their parents for all of your support, cooperation, kind words, congratulations and baby gifts. Thank you for making me feel like I am a part of your families, too! Have a Blessed Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanza, Festivus, New Year and, if you prefer, just plain old "Best Wishes" for all your friends and family. See you next yeeeeeeeeeeear!

Mr. Dobkin, Room 5

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INTRODUCING MS. DOBANI....

Hi everyone! My name is Ashley Dobani. I am so excited to be joining the staff at Kentwood Prep as the Behavioral Specialist and Social Skills Director. The kids have been absolutely amazing so far. It's been an exciting journey getting to know each child as an individual and I can't wait to get to know them even better. Kentwood is unlike any program I have ever seen and it's amazing to me how on board the children are with the program. It's wonderful to watch them make small strides every single day and knowing that I have been part of this growth is more rewarding than I could ever express. I was raised in North Carolina and moved to Florida as a teenager. I attended the University of South Florida and received my bachelor's degree in Criminology. In my free time I enjoy reading, going to the beach, and spending time with my friends and family. I am so happy to be joining the Kentwood family and look forward to getting to know all of you and being a part of the students' growth process.

Ms. Dobani, Counselor

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2009-2010 CALENDAR

January 13 – Parent Evening Workshop

January 18 – No School (Martin Luther King Holiday)

January 25 – First Deadline for Yearbook

February 10 – High School Meeting for 8th Grade Parents

February 15 – No School (President’s Day)

March 10 – Dress Down for Scholarship Fund (\$2)

March 12 – End of 3rd Quarter

March 15 – Start of 4th Quarter

March 16 – Spring School Pictures (can be out of school uniform)

March 19 – No School – PARENT CONFERENCES

March 22 – Final Deadline for Yearbook

March 29 – April 5 – No School (Spring Break)

April 6 – Regular Classes Begin

May 7 – No School (Teacher Workday)

May 26 – Dress Down for Scholarship Fund (\$2)

May 28 – End of 4th Quarter – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

May 31 – No School (Memorial Day)

June 1 – No School – PARENT CONFERENCES (Optional)

June 7 – Summer Program Begins (ends July 16)

June 14 – Summer School Begins (ends July 9) – *tentative*

July 2 – No Camp (Independence Day Holiday)

July 9 – Summer School Ends (*tentative*)

July 16 – Summer Program Ends

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Mrs. Lent, Business Manager – 561-649-6178 (8-4:30)

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Embroidery Plus – 561-439-8943 (school uniforms)

Harris Uniforms – 561-881-8689

Therapy In Motion – 561-731-1975

Facebook – Ramonyca Brown

Twitter – Kentwoodprep

Health Department Representative (for questions about flu) – Diane King 671-4193

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