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King Philip High School School Committee Report

School-Wide:

All freshman, sophomores and juniors who were not remote were in school today, Monday, May 17. The seniors last day in the building was on Friday, May 14. Seniors will continue to finalize work and take AP exams until graduation.

Sports:

Teams continued to compete with wrestling competing under the lights on Thursday, May 13.

Music:

The bands held a concert on Saturday, May 15 with both concert and symphony band performances.

Clubs:

French Honors Society: held a French movie night where they watched French films across all four grades at the high school.

Model UN: On May 1st, members attended a delegation in Westwood, a virtual conference that addressed issues ranging from artificial intelligence to food safety. Members were admirably represented KP with pride and integrity, and two of their delegates won awards: Frank Merritt received the first place Best Delegate award as John de la Pole in a historical simulation of the War of the Roses, and Andrew LaBerge received a third-place Honorable Mention as Chris Christie in a simulation of the 2024 Republican National Committee.

DECA: The King Philip DECA chapter is proud to announce that for the ninth straight year, their chapter had members named as International DECA Champions. Seven out of our teams were announced as International Finalists, five of those teams achieved top 10 status, and one of these teams earned "DECA Glass" by finishing third place internationally. The entire chapter is proud of the delegation's confidence, preparation, and work ethic of all of the teams. KP DECA is excited and optimistic about our future and anticipates continued success at all levels of DECA competition. The DECA banquet will be held on May 18th saying farewell to the senior class and welcoming the incoming junior class who will help carry on KP DECA's legacy.

GSA: The GSA will watch another film this week from New Day Films. Members from the Diversity Club were invited to participate. The GSA now meets in person in Room 318 on Wednesdays, and students at home can participate on Zoom.

Science National Honors Society: SNHS plans to hold a Paper Airplane challenge in the next coming week, more information on that soon. A STEM Night was also held this week and was very successful.

Class of 2022: A Fundraiser Night at Uno's is going to be held at the Uno's in Wrentham near the Outlets. Families in the community are invited to eat (dine-in or takeout) at the Uno's in Wrentham on Wednesday, June 2nd to help raise money for the class's activities including next year's prom. Please see @kpstugov22 on Instagram for the flyer you should present with your order. Thank you!

Special Ed Department: On April 28th a Remote Transition Fair was held for parents from the KP District and surrounding towns. Representatives from 5 adult agencies presented information about their eligibility and services provided. Presentations were individually recorded and posted along with the training materials on our KP Transition website:
www.kingphilip.org/transition

KP Active Minds Student Chapter: A group of interested students are working with Marylyn Callanan, HS Special Education Teacher, and Dot Pearl, Director of Wellness, to launch a KP Student Chapter of Active Minds. Active Minds is a national non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness and changing the conversation about mental health among high school and college students. This student chapter will work to raise awareness about mental health, promote positive mental health and wellness, and educate students and educators about the signs and symptoms of mental health disorders. Their efforts will seek to reduce stigma and encourage students who are struggling to reach out and seek help. The group is waiting to be approved by Active Minds as a student chapter and is applying for support earmarked for this project through KyleCares.

KP Cares: A scavenger hunt in Wrentham center was held for KP cares members last Friday.

Donations were collected and bags were put together for Guardians of the Streets.

KP Cares hosted many events for Teacher Appreciation Week, sending letters of gratitude to all the teachers, setting up a breakfast buffet for them, and decorating the school entrance with messages of appreciation.

KP Cares held a dog wash fundraiser this past Saturday and will be helping out at Milford Animal Shelter's yard sale with cleaning up.

Lastly, they are collecting donations and making cards for Malia Jusczyk, a KPMS student who was recently diagnosed with neuroblastoma for a second time.

Elections for next year's board took place with the transition occurring for next year.

Student Council:

Elections for the student council executive board took place earlier this month. The president and vice president are Molly Piller and Evie Sanford respectively.

StuCo held class government elections this past week with each class selecting their respective class officers and student council representatives. Candidates submitted video speeches and elections were held on Thursday, May 13.

Student Council is still working on the garden near the library. They are a bit stalled right now with all of the year end activities and trying to get donations of perennials.

Lastly, StuCo held a Full Return Welcome this morning by greeting students at the door and giving out Jolly Ranchers.

Senior Activities

Mrs. Rowe and Mrs. Snead invited all of the seniors to Senior Sunset on Thursday, May 13 at Sweatt Beach. Students had a chance to just hang out together with smores and ice cream.

The senior parade is on Saturday, May 22 beginning in Plainville at 9:30am. Details are on the school website. Graduation is on June 4 with rain dates on the 5th and 6th, rehearsal is on June 3 along with senior awards night. And lastly, the senior dance will be held on June 10 with the next night being the rain date.