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King Philip High School

School Wide: The clubs and groups at the high school can now schedule time after school for in school meetings. Last week a number of groups held in school activities after school.

Sports:

Fall II games have started for all sports. Go KP!!

Music:

The music association is running its annual Mulch Madness fundraiser. Order premium mulch from the KPMA which comes directly from the Vermont Mulch Company. Order by April 2 and delivery will be made to your home by April 10. Go to www.kingphilipmusic.org to order and for more details

Marching Band Orientation is on Wednesday, March 31 at 7pm.

The Southeast District Junior Band Festival in which several of our music students participated was on March 13.

The Massachusetts Music Educators Association Virtual All-State Festival was on March 6 with KPHS sending seven participants.

The first in-person Symphony Band rehearsal was on March 6 and a low brass masterclass was begun on March 1.

Clubs:

GAPS: GAPS started in-person training for freshmen in response to Dr. Mobley's recommendation for starting in-person meetings for extra-curricular activities. GAPS students were invited via Remind and Google Classroom to a training session in the HS theatre on Tuesday, March 9. Two students attended to learn how to set-up and run the audio and projection systems for the upcoming DECA event on March 18th. A follow-up training session is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16th to do a trial run of everything prior to the aforementioned DECA event on the 18th.

Math Team: The Regional Playoff Meet was on March 11. . KP is ranked 2nd place overall out of 50 towns in the region!

Science National Honors Society: are planning a future STEM Career Night, Trivia Night, and MIT Biogen lectures.

KP Business Honor Society: Monthly meetings are planned for March 18, April 15 and May 20. Using a merit /achievement based election system Junior Sydney O'Shea was named Business Honor Society President in January for this school year. Seniors Grayden Lawrence and Justin Yatsuhashi were named co Vice Presidents. Grayden and Justin will support Sydney in the KP NBHS President role.

English National Honor Society: The English National Honor Society ran a book drive. All donations were being given to local libraries.

Peer Mentoring: As they have in the past, the Peer Mentor Program is doing a collection for the New Hope Shelter in Attleboro. The shelter serves those who are affected by domestic and sexual abuse. Right now, there are 12 women and their children living in the shelter. They will be collecting items until March 31st and hoping to deliver items at the end of that week. Donations can be given to Mrs. Halloway in room 134.

King Philip Leo Club: The Backpack Drive started on March 13 and will last through March 23. Leos will be donating essential supplies that will be given to the local homeless population.

Craft Kits are being provided to the Fiske Library. Leos will donate craft materials to make Mother's Day craft cards for kids in Wrentham

On March 25, at the Norfolk Grange, Leos will be assembling Easter baskets, craft kits, and backpacks using the supplies the club has collected.

The Pull Together Tab Drive is ongoing until the end of April. Soda tabs will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House.

An Easter Basket drive is being held from March 1st through the 23rd. Leos will be collecting supplies for Easter baskets that will go to the Attleboro Sober House.

A scavenger hunt is planned for the tri-town for St. Patrick's Day on March 20-21

Mock Trial Club: will attend their 3rd tournament trial in the preliminary round of the State Mock Trial Competition. The Mock Trial team had a great season. They finished the season winning two out of three trials! Students have been preparing for the tournament since September and we have a great team which is composed of 9th, 10th and 11th grade students.

DECA The chapter submitted all of their state manuals and video presentations online last week and are looking forward to the Awards Session next week. The MASS-DECA State Conference Opening Session was held on March 1 via MA DECA Facebook live that kicked off the state conference for our members. KP DECA is also proud to be supporting Junior Jared Curran for state office who will be campaigning virtually this week to be elected on the MASS -DECA State Action Team 63. Finally, their chapter will begin preparing next week for an international competition in April that will feature DECA's competitive events finals, workshops, leadership academies and more!!

KP Cares is pairing up with Student Council to host the first in-person/school event on March 23rd called from 3:30pm until 4:30pm. The event is What's in your bag?

Students are volunteering to work in the cafeteria on Wednesdays through April to help King Philip Food Service pack up boxes of food to distribute meals for families.

KP Cares is currently running a supply drive for New Life Furniture in Walpole to create baskets. Students have also volunteered at their warehouse to organize/make plate stacks, collect donations, moving furniture, and sorting household goods.

KP Cares is also hosting another Gilly House dinner on April 13th and will collect household items to donate as well.

A Kahoot trivia night is planned for KP Cares members on April 6 just for fun.

February Kindness month just wrapped up. Members participated in lots of acts of kindness everyday including cards, coffee and bagels for staff and local business support.

Student Council:

In collaboration with KP Cares and Eco Warriors plans are in the works for Earth Week during the week prior to April vacation. Earth Day actually occurs during break. The plan is to have yard work groups, clean up our courtyards and streets and more. This is just in the planning stages.

Student Council is continuing to sell candy, cookies, candles, flower bulbs and more from Meadow Farms. Funds raised will be used to fund some of the school activities and scholarships. You can find links for details on Instagram @KPStuco, @kphighschool and the KPHS website.

Many student council members have raised funds for the Special Olympics polar plunge. Everyone will send a video to the KP Stuco President who will create a compilation of "plunges".

On Wednesday's Student Council and KP Cares members help pack food in the cafeteria. Everyone says it's fun!

The "What's in Your Bag" event will be held with KP Cares on March 23 in school. Students can create a group of 10 and sign up for a classroom(students can also sign up as smaller groups and they will be combined). Using the Clear Touch screens, Mrs. Rowe and Mrs. Snead will call out random objects for the teams to find in their bags. Points will be given for each object. Prizes will be awarded to each member of the winning team.

Plans are in the works for another competition like the cake baking contest. This one will be a building/creative event. Stay tuned for more details.

In the past, Student Council would hang stars all around the school with each student's name before midterms. This year all students, working with KP Cares, will be honored in a different way. Stay tuned for pictures.

King Philip Middle School

Student Council

Read Across America

The Student Council members made Flip Grid Videos reading picture books that were shared with the local elementary schools in Wrentham, Norfolk, and Plainville for the annual Read Across America, which took place on March 2.

Student Council Trivia Event

On Wednesday, March 17 at noon, students can come to the Student Council Zoom link to participate in another Trivia Event. There will be Kahoot rounds focusing on music and pop culture. There will also be an emoji round where students will guess Pixar movies based on the emojis that are used to describe it. Lastly, there will be a Logo round where students will try to guess the business based on its logo. Gift cards will be available to win after each round!

KPMS Kindness Club

"KP is lucky to have them" Bulletin Board - this month the custodial workers and cafeteria workers will be recognized for their endless hours of work for our school. Students have been asked to submit messages (via Google forms) thanking and recognizing these unsung heroes. These messages will then be displayed on a bulletin board in the library hallway!

Posting positive messages on all the student lockers for National Optimism Month is another activity that the Kindness Club has coordinated. Messages will be placed on all students' lockers to flood the building with positivity!

Grade 7: Samaritans Suicide Prevention Presentation

As an extension of health and wellness education at KPMS, the Samaritans of Boston will be meeting with 7th graders during their Unified Arts class on March 11 and 12 to engage our students in discussion on identifying the symptoms of depression, recognizing the warning signs of suicide, and how to seek help for themselves or others who may be dealing with these issues. Samaritans also provided a presentation for parents/guardians focused on suicide prevention, mental health and wellness on Tuesday, March 9, at 6:30 PM.

The Samaritans are a non-profit organization with a mission to reduce the incidence of suicide by alleviating despair, isolation, distress and suicidal feelings among individuals in our community, 24 hours a day; to educate the public about suicide prevention; to help those who have lost a loved one to suicide; and to reduce the stigma associated with suicide.