



KENESAW PUBLIC SCHOOL

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# THE BLUE DEVIL BUGLE

## March 2020

### Special points of interest

- 3/3 Dr. Seuss Day
- 3/3 Sr High Quiz Bowl
- 3/5 End of 3rd Quarter
- 3/6 No School
- 3/7 Speech At Doniphan/Trumbull
- 3/12 NHS Blood Drive
- 3/13 No School
- 3/16 10:00 Start
- 3/17 District Speech @ Minden
- 3/18 Track Picture
- 3/19 HS Track @ Crete
- 3/20-3/24 Project DC/NY
- 3/26 HS Track @ Loup City

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## Quiz Bowl

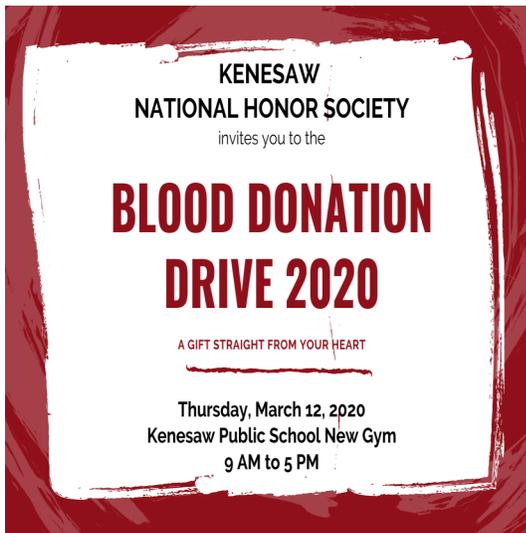
By Timothy Zimmerman

ESU 9 hosted the first of three quiz bowls starting with the elementary teams in the area. Forty-two elementary teams participated in the double-eliminations competition February 4th, playing a total of 127 rounds. After losing their first match, Kenesaw went to the consolation bracket. They then spent the next six hours winning ten rounds, fighting their way into the championship. Winning by 20 points against Sutton, the Kenesaw team celebrated yet another win for the second year in a row. Congratulations to Helen Keiser, Sylvia Schneider, Adam Denkert, Kendri Petersen, Brylee Petersen, Mackenna Edmondson, Morgen Kauk, Kami Kennedy, and coach Tessa Kuehn. The second place team was Sutton Red team and third place was Hastings Middle School Black.

Although they worked hard this season and were never the first to go home, the Kenesaw Junior High Quiz Bowl team did not win any meets. Bridger Kroos, Kassie Kimle, Annika Hellner, Avery Kelley, Madyson Ciemnoczolowski, and Chase Uden quizzed at TVC quiz bowl, Silver Lake Invitational, and the ESU 9 quiz bowl. They finished out a hard-thought season.

The senior high team -- Jenna Jaeschke, Elisha Reiners, Deric Goldenstein, Emma Schroeder, Madi Kennedy, Trey Kennedy, and Jadyn Jackman -- finished in their second round at the ESU 9 meet. They still have to participate at the Silver Lake Invitational on March 3 and the TVC Quiz Bowl on April 8. The meet in April, however, is the same day that the Junior class will take the state ACT test, so there will be some substitutes on the team for that meet.





"THE MORE YOU READ,  
THE MORE THINGS  
YOU WILL KNOW. THE  
MORE THAT YOU  
LEARN, THE MORE  
PLACES YOU'LL GO."  
- DR. SEUSS



**Dr. Seuss DAY**



**TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020**

## Student of the Month

Tabitha Sidders is an amazing young woman who is an obvious choice for Student of the Month. Among her many positive attributes is a sense of service to others both in our school and in the community at large. She volunteers to help whenever needed,



often without being asked. Most recently she helped with the school's and community's food drive, helping to box the items and drive them to the needed destination. (She volunteered to do so though she was not a "member" of the organization in charge.) She simply saw an opportunity to help and offered her service.

Tabi is a hard worker and no matter what is asked of her she completes the task with alacrity and exuberance. It is easy to spot Tabi in our halls as she wears her signature orange shirt, but even more so by her cheerful countenance and her smile for everyone she sees.

Tabi participates in many activities we offer; often she is behind the scenes. It has been said, "We need more people like Tabi in the world." Her kind heart and service to her community make her, at the very least, "Student of the Month."



It is with great pleasure that we nominate Hope Nienhueser for the Kenesaw February Student of the Month. Hope has shown time and again that patience, teamwork, and dedication are the elements for success in both her studies and extracurricular activities.

In the classroom, Hope has always been dedicated to her studies. She is exceptionally reliable, always completing her work on time and maintaining communication with her instructors regarding lessons and assignments.

For this reason, Hope is always in demand for group work. In addition, she is excellent at self-evaluation (a quality rare among students her age), making sure to ask questions about any mistakes and correcting those mistakes whenever possible. This self-motivated drive and sense of responsibility for her own understanding will make her successful in her future.

In addition to her academic success, Hope has proven herself a leader amongst her peers in many activities, including FFA, Sports, Band, and Student Council. Hope is always willing to try new activities and adventures. She proved this by competing in both FFA Livestock Evaluation and FFA Land Judging. She had no experience with these events, but was willing to put in the time and give it a try to gain new experience. Furthermore, even from the stands it is easy to see that Hope's teammates benefit from her quiet leadership style on the court. Whether in volleyball or basketball, it is clear that younger teammates listen when she speaks and respond to her energy and determination. Even in practice, Hope seeks out others on the team, even student managers, to make sure that everyone is developing not only their skills, but also a deeper understanding of the game. Hope is also leading by example, taking on club volleyball for the extra practice to hone her skills.

Hope is a well-deserving recipient of this honor and we look forward to seeing more of her successes as she finishes her high school career at Kenesaw.

# Senior Spotlights

## Sydney Weiler

Sydney Weiler, daughter of Paul and Karen Weiler, has been a member of Track and Field, Dance Squad, K-Club, National Honor Society, FBLA, Journalism, CYO, and Volleyball. She plans to go to the University of Nebraska at Kearney and major in visual communication and design. Her advice for the underclassmen is, "Yeet it out." The thing she will miss most is seeing her friends everyday. Mrs. Bonnie Engelhardt's English and study skills classes helped prepare her for the future. Her favorite memory from high school is spending time in New York City with friends and Mr. Schnitzler.



"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." -Eleanor Roosevelt



## Savannah Williams

Savannah Williams, daughter of Andrew Williams and Kristie Kent, has participated in Volleyball, Basketball, Track, FFA, One-Act, Speech, and K-Club. She plans to go to the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, but her major is undecided. Her advice for the underclassmen is, "High School goes by way too fast, so enjoy every moment and don't take anything for granted." The thing she will miss most is spending time with friends/class and just the experience. Mrs. Bonnie Engelhardt's English class helped prepare her for the future. Her favorite memory from high school is getting stuck in an elevator with Mr. Schnitzler and classmates in New Jersey on the Project DC/NY trip.

"Success is a journey not a destination" -Bee Sweetland

## Payton Morrow

Payton Morrow, daughter of Byron and Hailey Morrow, is currently in cheer, Speech, One-Act, and NHS. She plans to go to Midland University and major in business. Her advice for the underclassmen is, "You only live once; don't be afraid to step outside your comfort zone." The thing she will miss most is sharing jokes, candy, and memories with her friends. Learning time management skills with a hectic schedule helped prepare her for the future. Her favorite memory from high school is the bus ride home from state speech in 2018.



"Time has a wonderful way of showing us what truly matters." -Margaret Peters

## Girl's Basketball

By Hope Nienhueser



The 2019-20 season for the Lady Blue Devil Basketball Team can be considered a great learning experience for years to come. The 7-15 Blue Devils continued to improve in different aspects as the season went on, but unfortunately did not end up where they wanted to be. They competed with Blue Hill and Franklin in the TVC Tournament but fell short due to a lack of consistency, which has been a struggle throughout the season. Coach Jace Morgan recalled, "We played really good basketball at times but we weren't consistent enough to finish off many of our games. We need to improve our offensive abilities this off season if we want to win more games next year. We were relatively young and inexperienced coming into the year, but with the leadership of our upperclassmen, great improvements were made. I believe we will be a competitive team next year with the valuable experience gained this season."

## Boys Basketball

By Hope Coutts

The basketball team had their ups and downs throughout the season. The team placed 3rd in the TVC tournament against Blue Hill. They avenged the loss from the first game of the season against Blue Hill. They had momentum going into the final regular season game and Sub-Districts by winning the past three games against Blue Hill, Red Cloud, and Bertrand. The team's last regular season game was on Friday, February 21, against Wood River. It was a close game and the team fought deep within and showed true grit. Unfortunately, they did not win, but it was a true team effort. Their determination and teamwork showed they were ready for the post-season. In the first round of Sub-Districts, the Blue Devils won against Franklin on Monday, February 24, at Kearney Catholic. They then took on Pleasanton in the second round of Sub-Districts on Tuesday, February 25, which ended the Blue Devil season. Thank you seniors for the leadership to the underclassmen and showing what it is like to play as a team.

## Winter Formal

By Kaylee Steer

The 13th Annual Winter Formal was held on January 31 in the old gym. Students came in all dressed up to dance the night away. There was also an outstanding turn out with one of the highest attendance rates since the first formal in 2007. The 9-12th graders were able to get together in a safe environment and take lots of pictures while making memories that will last a lifetime.



## Speech

By Micha Cordes

The Kenesaw Speech Team has had another successful month. The team has won all three meets it has been to this month. The team was 1st as the Varsity Speech Team Champions at Ord on February 1st, the small school sweepstakes at Gothenburg on February 8, and most recently, they swept the competition at the Sandy Creek Invitational on February 15. At Sandy Creek, all events finished and placed within the top three. The team competed very well at Sutton on February 22 everyone received a medal.



The Kenesaw Speech Team won TVC on Wednesday, February 26 at Lawrence-Nelson. Awards from TVC meet are the following; Jenna Jaeschke, 1st Informative; Paityn Jameson, 1st Entertainment; Paityn Jameson, 1st Poetry; Paige Morrow, 1st Persuasive; Emma Schroeder, 1st Humorous; Paige and Payton Morrow, 1st Duet; Payton Morrow, 2nd Poetry; Jenna Jaeschke, 2nd Entertainment; Madeline Kennedy, 2nd Persuasive; Savannah Williams and Baylen Johnson, 2nd Duet; Jenna Jaeschke, Emma Schroeder, Savannah Williams, and Micha Cordes, 2nd OID; Paige Morrow, 3rd Extemporaneous; Emma Schroeder, 3rd Serious; Payton Morrow, 4th Serious; Baylen Johnson, 4th Extemporaneous; Paityn Jameson, 4th Humorous; Shawna McKimney, Sean Duffy, Drake Olson, and Natalie Kyle, 6th OID.

## Junior High Activities

By Lisa Baak

This year the Junior High basketball team saw an exciting season with a lot of good games. In an interview with Coach Kroos, he was asked about the team's greatest improvements, "The boys got better at the ability to run the floor, a better offense and being more efficient." The record is currently 3-3, and the team hopes to finish off the year strong. The team finished its season at Harvard on February 18 with a victory. Blake Steer said, "We struggled in the beginning, but by the end of the year we improved a lot, we played like a team."

## Wrestling

By Hope Coutts

The Wrestling Team has had an amazing season. Coach Stephen Duffy said, "all of the boys have been wrestling well and have improved a lot from the beginning of the year." The team competed at the district tournament where Nick Kuehn and Sean Duffy qualified for the state tournament by placing in the top four. It was an exciting time. "The hard part is done, it's just a matter of fine tuning the little things and keeping our minds in the right place." said Coach Duffy. Sean Duffy placed 4th at districts, and Nick Kuehn placed 1st.



State wrestling was held in Omaha at the CHI Health center on Thursday, February 20- Saturday, February 22. Nick Kuehn went to state with a record of 26-7. His first round opponent was Keenan Kosek of Centura with a record of 24-18. Nick won his first two matches and lost the third match. With that loss he dropped to the consolation part of the bracket. He lost that match to Koby Smith from Elm Creek. Sean Duffy went into state with a record of 23-15. His first round opponent was Issaiah Borgmann from Stanton with a record 42-1. Sean lost his first match but won the next two matches. He eventually lost to Hunter Arehart from Ansley Litchfield. Nick Kuehn placed 5th and Sean Duffy wrestled well but did not place. Congratulations to Sean and Nick for representing Kenesaw and the Community.

## UNK Honor Choir

By Micha Cordes

On January 27, students from 101 high schools in Nebraska and Kansas participated in the annual Honor Band and Choral Clinic hosted by the University of Nebraska at Kearney's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. The UNK Honor Band and Choral Clinic included high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors selected through auditions. Students arrived at UNK early in the morning and spent the day rehearsing the choir's selected pieces for the concert later that day. The 7 p.m. concert showcased the Festival Choir, Honor Choir, Women's Choir and UNK Choraleers. Once again, students from the Kenesaw choir were accepted into the choral clinic. Students that participated were: Sean Duffy, Festival Choir; Dalton Smith, Honor Choir; Emma Schroeder, Women's Choir; and Micha Cordes, Women's Choir.

## Preschool Roundup 2020

Thursday, April 2 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Kenesaw Public School Library

Parents are encouraged to bring their pre-school students

For 3-4 year olds

## Prom Preview

Friday, April 17

Walk in begins as 6:00 p.m.

A Night Under the Stars

Post prom to follow at the Big Apple in Kearney

## Spelling Bee

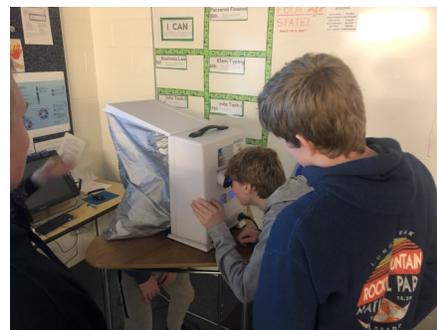
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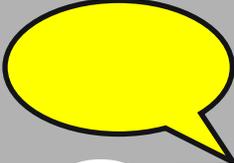
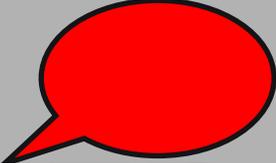
On Friday, February 7, two students from grades second-eight went to Adams Central Elementary School to compete in the annual Spelling Bee. Each competitor completed a written test, and the top winners from grades 5-8 moved on to the oral competition. Leo Keiser placed 5th in the written third grade test. Sixth-grader Sylvia Schneider placed 6th in the oral competition. The students were treated with pizza after the Spelling Bee.

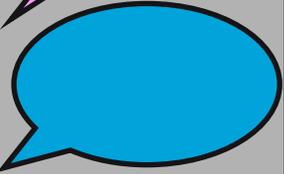


## Sun Safety

One in five people will be diagnosed with skin cancer. On Wednesday, February 19, Heidi Degodt a Social Worker from Mary Lanning Morrison Cancer Center, presented to the 7-9 grade classes about sun safety. The students were taught the purpose of sunscreen and how to properly use sunscreen. They learned what to look for when detecting skin cancer on their own skin and how skin cancer grows on the body. The students discussed the dangers of tanning beds and how the intense concentration of ultraviolet rays effects the skin and how it is more dangerous than sun exposure. The students were able to look through a machine and see the damage that has already occurred to their skin.





# KIDS' CORNER

1. Where does a Leprechaun live?
2. What is your favorite Dr. Seuss book?
3. Who is going to win March Madness?
4. Who is Dr. Seuss?
5. What is your favorite part of spring?



Kaleb Spencer

1. I don't know
2. Oh! All the Places You'll Go!
3. I don't know
4. Writes books
5. Weather

Third Grade



Johna Gasseling

1. By the rainbow
2. One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish
3. Nebraska
4. I don't know
5. Rain

Preschool



Hallie Uden

1. I don't know
2. All of them
3. Nebraska
4. Writes books
5. When the pool opens

Fourth Grade



AnnBritt Cole

1. I don't know
2. Green Eggs and Ham
3. Aladdin
4. He is in a show
5. Playing out in the pool

Kindergarten



Cade Uden

1. At the end of the rainbow
2. Cat in the Hat
3. North Carolina
4. Author
5. Weather

Fifth Grade



Landon Bockstadter

1. By the rainbow
2. Green Eggs and Ham
3. Arizona
4. Person who wanted Dr. Seuss books
5. Warmer weather

First Grade



Kaitlyn Langenberg

1. At the end of the rainbow
2. Green Eggs and Ham
3. Nebraska
4. An author
5. Weather

Sixth Grade



Tenley Prella

1. In Hastings
2. One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish
3. Nebraska
4. Cat in the Hat
5. Weather

Second Grade



Eli Jensen

1. In a tree in the dark forest
2. Yellow Bellied Sneetches
3. Duke
4. An author
5. Money

High School



Mission Statement:  
"In partnership with stakeholders we will develop  
challenging academics, encourage positive  
citizenship, and promote lifelong learning."

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