



KENESAW PUBLIC SCHOOL

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# THE BLUE DEVIL BUGLE

## May 2019

- May 2 – Track @ Sandy Creek
- May 6 – JH Track @ Elm Creek
- May 7 – K-6 Spring Concert, NHS Induction Ceremony, JR/SR Awards
- May 8 – District Track @ Sandy Creek
- May 9—Elementary Awards Day
- May 10—Community Clean UP
- May 11—Graduation 2:00
- May 14—Last Day of Pre School, Athletic Banquet 6:30
- May 16—Last Day of School, 12:00 Dismissal
- May 17-18—State Track

### Prom

*Ashley Uden*

On April 29, 2019, the students of Kenesaw danced the night away at this year’s Prom “Fit For Royalty.” Seniors, juniors, and their dates began the night with walk-in at 6:00 p.m. After walk-in, the Prom goers were seated at their finely decorated tables and served a dinner of either prime rib or chicken breast, green beans, a dinner roll, and cheesy potatoes, which was catered by local Tim Schirmer. The kids were also provided with a table of meats, cheeses, different types of punches, and a variety of fruits and sweets to be covered with chocolate from the chocolate fountain. After dinner, students were entertained with a game similar to charades in place of the usually annual passing of class awards. Next followed the crowning of Prom royalty. This year, Nyah Jones was crowned Prom queen and Walker Ruh, prom king. After the crowning, ceremony students took the stage to enjoy some dancing. The dance ended just short of midnight due to weather conditions, and the students were then bused to The Big Apple in Kearney. The students were able to bowl, mini golf, laser tag, and play arcade games until 4:00 a.m.



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### Juniors Take ACT

*Tim Zimmerman*

On Tuesday, April 9, the junior class went to ESU 9 in Hastings and took the State ACT test. They have been preparing for it since October with the help of Mr. Roe and Ms. Molly Engelhardt by using ACT online prep assignments. They took five tests: Math, Science, Reading, English, and Writing. The students were given as few as 35 minutes on some tests and as much as an hour on others. After finishing the tests, the junior class was taken to Valentino’s for a celebratory lunch and were given the rest of the day out of school for all their hard work preparing.

## FBLA Takes State

*Micha Cordes*

On April 4-6, students from the Kenesaw FBLA Chapter competed at the State Leadership Conference (SLC) in Omaha. The students who competed from Kenesaw were selected from a point-based system. Points are awarded when a member of FBLA participates in an FBLA fundraiser or community service. The students who participated were the following: Stefanie Anderson, Noah Klein, Mariah Uden, Paityn Jameson, Ryan Denkert, Deric Goldenstein, Nyah Jones, Sydney Weiler, Liam Parker, & Walker Ruh. There were over 2,000 students from across the state at SLC. Congratulations to all the kids that competed! The following are the results from the competition: Noah Klein, 3rd place Health Care Administration (National Qualifier) and 16th place Personal Finance; Mariah Uden and Sydney Weiler 12th place Network Design; Walker Ruh, Mariah Uden, and Sydney Weiler, 11th place Website design. Special congratulations to Noah Klein who qualified for National FBLA in San Antonio this summer.

Members of the Kenesaw FBLA Chapter would like to thank everyone who helped support the various fundraisers they hosted throughout the school year. The

Kenesaw FBLA Chapter was able to collect toys, food, cleaning supplies and almost \$3,000 in donations to various charities throughout the school year, most of which stayed in the community. FBLA would not have been able to do this without the help of the Kenesaw community.

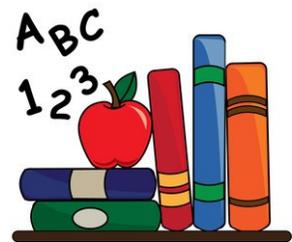


## Kenesaw Welcomes New Staff

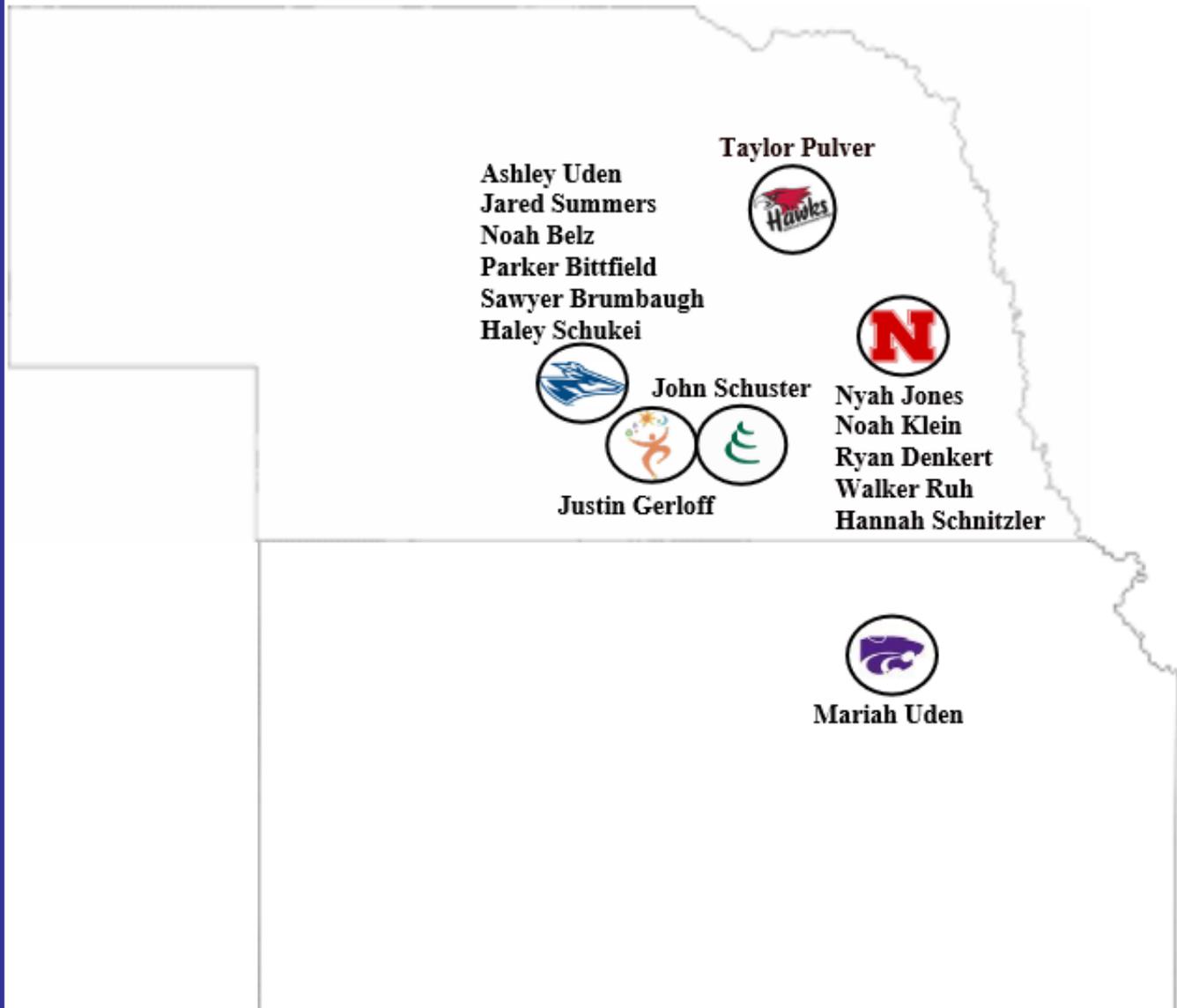
*Ryan Thomas*

As we say goodbye to this year's seniors and teachers leaving the district, the students are ready for the end of the school year and will use the summer to prepare for next year.

Kenesaw Public School welcomes Mrs. Dewitt, the new Spanish teacher; Mrs. Meyer, the first Agriculture teacher, Mr. Weichman, the Elementary principal; and lastly Mrs. Brase, K-6 Special Education. We hope to all be friends and learn a little about them this coming school year. May we all have an exciting and educational 2019/2020 school year. Have a fantastic summer!



## Where are our graduates going?



Not Pictured: Nick Sharp (unsure)

The Senior Class would like to thank everyone who has gotten them here to this point. They would not have been able to do it without the support of their teachers, faculty, parents, grandparents, and community members! You have all helped create wonderful memories that the Senior Class will cherish for a lifetime. We would like to wish the graduating seniors the best of luck in their future: We know great things are in store for your futures!



## School Year Wrap-Up

*Jared Summers*

Kenesaw High School takes pride in all the achievements that happen each year. As the school year is coming to an end, we should look back and acknowledge the effort students and teachers put in to make Kenesaw a top-tier school. The volleyball team made it to districts finals due to the hard work of the players and coaches' and players' motivation. The wrestling team was only two people, and they are young and will drive each other to become better. Cross Country worked hard this year with Mr. Morgan leading the runners to beat their personal best times over and over. The one-act team, with their play *Oz* by Don Zolidis, was runner-up at TVC and placed third at districts. The football team made it to the quarterfinals of the playoffs and ended the season with plenty of great games and a record of 10-1. The boys' basketball team went 18 - 4 and ended the season at district finals. The girls' basketball team went 13 - 9 and ended the season at the district finals. The speech team proved they are a force to be reckoned with by winning districts for the 5th year in a row, with 13 out of the 18 events making it to state and 7 events making the state finals. The 2018-2019 year was filled with numerous achievements that we hope will be talked about for many years to come with the beloved class of 2019 leaving us and going on to their new journey.

## SkillsUSA

*Katie Long*

At the beginning of the 2018/2019 school year, the SkillsUSA program was accepted into Kenesaw Public Schools. Industrial Technology teacher, Mr. Dustin Perry, took the helm with over 30 students signed up. The race began to fundraise all the money needed to send students to the competition at the Heartland Event Center in Grand Island. Many students worked very hard and helped with the fundraising, including a pancake feed, selling Eileen's cookie dough, a craft show, and a wing night at Buffalo Wild Wings.

On behalf of all participants of SkillsUSA, they would like to thank everyone in the community and everyone on the school board for their donations, cooperation, and the help they provided.

Thanks to all of the donations, they were able to send members to the competition on April 11th-13th; however, due to district music, they lost several members, but still had a good turn out. It was definitely a learning process for all, but the students pulled through and all competed. Though not many of us placed in all events, Elisha Reiners placed third in Technical Math and Trevor Kuehn placed second in Action Skills.



## Track

### *Ryan Denkert*

The track season is in full swing as the team approaches the TVC Meet, hosted by Lawrence-Nelson at Sandy Creek. Both the boys' and girls' teams have had very successful seasons, and many individuals have shown they can compete at a high level with many first place medals in relays as well as events such as the 100, 200, 400, long jump, etc. This track season has been different from any other track season in that many meets have been cancelled and postponed, and we have also picked up new meets to make up for meets we lost due to cancellation. On April 23rd, five Kenesaw students qualified for the Central Nebraska Track and Field Championships at Northwest High School in Grand Island: Tyson Denkert, Cassidy Galligher, Wyatt Hansen, John Schuster, and Taylor Pulver. Wyatt placed 3rd in the 400 and John placed 3rd in 100. The Kenesaw Invite was postponed, and the Shelton Invite was cancelled due to weather. After TVC on April 27, the team will have two more track meets, Russ Snyder Invite and Districts at Sandy Creek, and state qualifiers will have state from May 17 to May 18 at Omaha Burke.

## Junior High Track

### *Nick Sharp*

The start for Junior High track season started with a bang with the crazy weather this past spring. Coach Christian Kroos said the first meet went well. The kids learned how a track meet was run and how he is happy with their preparation and is hoping for improvement. As the season has progressed, the younger kids are doing well and improving each day. Mr. Kroos has high expectation and hopes that the kids will exceed those expectations at later track meets. The Junior High Track Team will compete at TVC on Saturday, April 27 at Sandy Creek High School.

## Foreign Exchange Students Wrap Up Their Year

### *Noah Belz*

On behalf of the school year ending, our time with the students studying from Germany, Denmark, and Austria is coming to an end. However, our time with Emilie Ronnow Anderson, who is from Denmark, abruptly ended after she was injured at a track meet earlier this spring. When asked about her time in America, Emilie happily responded with the simple word "dope." When asked about what she'll miss most about America, she said, "I will miss the people." Both of the other foreigners, Katharina Traussing from Austria and Johanna Ricks from Germany, will be leaving a few weeks after our schools closing for the year. After asking them both the same questions, Katie responded with "I traveled a lot in the past few months here, and I really like to see all of these new places, meet new people, and try new food. The thing I know I'll miss the most is my host family because they are like my best friends now. I'll miss other people, too, and just living the American Lifestyle." Johanna responded with "It was lit!, I'll really miss my host family and all of the new people I've met here."

## Kenesaw Excellence

*Ms. Molly Engelhardt*

The Kenesaw Community is invited to an AQuEST Pep Rally on Tuesday, April 7, at 8:30 a.m. in the new gym.

The AQuESTT accountability system recognizes school success by ratings schools on six tenets. These six tenets include Positive Partnerships, Relationships, and Success; Transitions; Educational Opportunities and Access; College, Career, and Civic Ready; and Educator Effectiveness. AQuESTT allows schools to focus on educational equity for their students. The NDE, through the AQuESTT system, classifies schools into four categories: Excellent, Great, Good, and Needs Improvement. Kenesaw Public School received an excellent rating for AQuEST.

## Pictures!

*Tonya Jensen and Laurie Pulver*



## Get Cool at the School!

Please join us for a cool treat in support of the Kenesaw Community Development Corporation and the Kenesaw School Foundation for Hastings Give Day. Students will get a treat during the school day on Tuesday, May 7.

Other family and community members are invited to enjoy a treat, too. Come out and support Kenesaw!



## Kindergarten Fieldtrip

*John Schuster*

On April 17, Mrs. Erb took the kindergarten class on an exciting field trip to the Stuhr Museum. While attending the museum, the children were able to hold and pet cute little chicks, fluffy sheep, and baby calves. After they had fun with the animals, they went on a pleasant picnic to cap off a very eventful day.

# KIDS' CORNER

- 1- What plans do you have for the summer?
- 2- Will you partake in Mayday Baskets?
- 3- Are you going to miss school during the summer?
- 4- What is your favorite: ice cream or popsicle?
- 5- What is graduation?



Olivia Ehly

- 1- To be on the lake.
- 2- I don't know what those are.
- 3- No.
- 4- Chocolate ice cream
- 5- That is kind of weird.

Third Grade



Noah Grummert

- 1- Spring.
- 2- Yeah, I was.
- 3- Yeah, during the summer.
- 4- Popsicles.
- 5- I don't know

Preschool



Chase Uden

- 1- Go to the pool and play on my trampoline
- 2- Umm...Maybe
- 3- No.
- 4- Ice cream
- 5- When you get out of high school

Fourth Grade



Isabelle Florea

- 1- Going to the pool.
- 2- No.
- 3- No
- 4- Popsicle.
- 5- I don't know what that is.

Kindergarten



Carly Kleier

- 1- To go to Texas and ride my horse.
- 2- I don't know.
- 3- Yeah.
- 4- Ice cream.
- 5- Moving on to higher learning

Fifth Grade



Tenley Prella

- 1- Going to the pool
- 2- I don't know what those are.
- 3- This school? Yes. It's too weird.
- 4- Ice cream.
- 5- No.

First Grade



Avery Kelley

- 1- Probably go to the pool.
- 2- Yes.
- 3- Probably not.
- 4- Ice cream.
- 5- When people go from high school to college or their pursuit in life.

Sixth Grade



Madison Frase

- 1- I'm going to the pool or vacation.
- 2- No.
- 3- No.
- 4- Mint chocolate chip.
- 5- Moving from high school to college

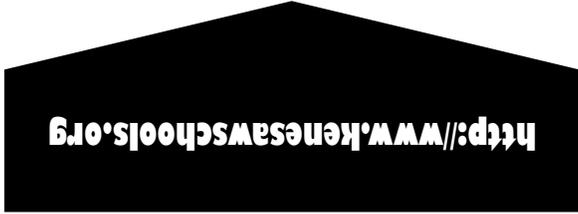
Second Grade



Cecilia Schuster

- 1- I'm going to volleyball camps.
- 2- I don't think so.
- 3- No.
- 4- Ice cream.
- 5- The seniors get their diplomas.

High School



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

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