



KENESAW PUBLIC SCHOOL

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# THE BLUE DEVIL BUGLE

## November 2018

- November 2: Fine Arts Night
- November 3: VB Sub-State
- November 5: TVC Vocal Clinic
- November 6: JH GBB (A) Gibbon
- November 7: 2nd Grade Field Trip
- November 8: JH Wrestling (A) Sandy Creek
- November 9&10: State VB
- November 12: FB Semifinals; JH GBB (H); JH Wrestling (H); Board of Ed. Meeting
- November 13: TVC One Act; Elem. Quiz Bowl; JH Wrestling (H)
- November 15: TVC JH Quiz Bowl (A) Silver Lake; JH GBB (H)
- November 17: Youth VB Tourn.
- November 19: FB Finals; JH GBB (H); 8:00am Start
- November 20: JH Wrestling (H)
- November 21, 22, 23: No School
- November 26: District One Act (A) Holdrege; JH GBB (A) Nelson
- November 27: JH Wrestling (A) Sutton
- November 29: GBBB (A) Blue Hill

## Homecoming

By Tim Zimmerman, Jenna Jaeschke, and Noah Klein

Homecoming 2018 was one for the books. The week started with the dress up days: cowboy day, career day, squad day, 50's 60's 70's, and spirit day, respectively. Later in the week, the 7-12 classes were given time to decorate each of their own walls, and they were given time during school to decorate their floats for the Homecoming parade. Each of the decorated walls were great in their own respects, but three were given the title of being the best. Places for best walls were awarded in the following manner: 8th grade in 1st place, 10th grade in 2nd place, and 9th grade in 3rd place. Additionally, there were many great floats, but due to the parade being rescheduled, a few entries that couldn't make it. Regardless, fun was had by all. Float awards were given as such: 1st place to the junior class with the theme "Your Flight is Cancelled," 2nd place to the 8th grade class with "Serving Up a Victory," and 3rd place to the 10th grade class with "Road to State." Traditionally a football game is played on Friday night, but this year was a bit different. The team scheduled to play was the Franklin Flyers, but after a rough week and too many injuries, their team just wasn't able to play our football team. Junior Katie Long said, "Everybody thought it was going to be a bust, but it turned out great."



## Kenesaw Marching Band

By Tabitha Sidders

Kenesaw Public Schools marching band has had a very successful year, receiving first place in the class D section of the Kearney UNK Band Day on Saturday, September 22. The band's parade tune is "September" originally performed by Earth, Wind, and Fire. Every year, several seventh graders are thrown right into the fast pace of the band, ready to show that they have what it takes to be a great high school musician, be an important part of their section, and that someday they will take over the title of section leader or drum major. "I am very pleased with the progress we made over the last seven weeks, and I'm very proud of this group," Mr. Arrowood says about this year's band. "We rehearse in class, remember the music, and help people with keeping step and step size." With a rocky start of losing four bass drummers, the band finished strong on October 13, at Minden Band Fest. Congratulations to the band on their achievements this year!



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## Kenesaw Welcomes Skills USA

*Katie Long*

Kenesaw High School is welcoming a new extra-curricular activity, Skills USA. What is Skills USA? Skills USA is an organization that was designed to be run by students. Members develop into people with technical and employable skills that will help them have a successful career. I asked Mr. Perry, our shop teacher and director of the local Skills USA, "How do you think Skills USA is going to help our school?" He answered by saying, "Skills USA will help our school by giving our students the opportunity to gain employable skills. In Skills USA, students will practice problem solving, teamwork, and communication. These skills will help students obtain their first job, and help them advance throughout their careers." On April 11, 2019, all Skills USA members will be traveling to Grand Island Heartland Event Center to compete in the state competition. Any students who make it past state will have the opportunity to go to Louisville, Kentucky, where



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they will be competing in the national competition, opening up many job opportunities, scholarships, and more.

## Kenesaw Graduate Nominated

*Ryan Thomas*

Sam Schukei has been nominated for the Nebraska Athletic Hall of Fame under the Ron Gustafson Inspiration Award. Ron Gustafson lost his left arm and had his left leg crushed in a tractor accident when he was 9 years old. He is recognized for "turning a setback into a comeback." Ron, after having lost his arm and his leg, was told he'd never be as good as his brother, but miraculously recovered and grew to 6 feet and 4 inches. He started on the high school varsity basketball team for three years and played at Kearney State until blowing out his left knee, twice. Ron, originally having been right-handed, now tells jokes saying "In case you're wondering, I'm left-handed." Similarly, Sam, who lost his leg in a lawnmower accident when he was 3, also grew to be 6+ feet and conquered all obstacles. Sam, a 2018 Kenesaw graduate, has also turned a setback into a comeback, by not only being a four-year letterman in high school but also by playing basketball, football, and qualifying for the state track meet in the discus.

## New Staff

*Ryan Thomas*

Mrs. Hoffman, a new teacher to Kenesaw Public Schools, has come out of retirement at the request of Mr. Richardson. (He might have had to "twist her arm a little.") Although, she is happy to have accepted. When asked what she liked about the school, she simply said, "I really like the students, the staff, and the lunches." She also enjoys the drive to work and planning for the day ahead. Mrs. Hoffman comes from a small farm by Ohio, Nebraska. She grew up around horses and cattle. To this day, she still enjoys riding horses and raising her own longhorns. As a young girl, she went to a small school which gave its students discontinued books. Some days she'd take these books home and try to teach her farm cats new things; however, they "wouldn't stay in their chairs, do their assignments, and frequently didn't show up." It was at this time that she discovered that she wanted to be a teacher, to help kids learn, and to make a difference. When she graduated, she did just that, earning a bachelor's degree in art and science as well as a master's degree in special education services and behavioral disorders. After 26 years of teaching, she still enjoys the job, and when she gets some downtime, she enjoys reading, tending to the longhorns, and going to the fitness center. And, not to be left out, but she's also keen to country music and Christmas. Mrs. Hoffman is the perfect woman for the job. From all of us at KPS, we hope she stays for a long while and continues to not only help kids pass their classes but flourish through graduation.



The Bugle Staff Would Like To Congratulate Mr. Kroos On His 100th Win!!

# Senior Spotlights

## John Schuster

John Schuster, son of Robert and Lisa Schuster, is involved in Football, Basketball, Track, FBLA, CYO, K-Club, and Skills USA. John is planning to study business and auto mechanics after graduation. His advice for the underclassmen is “Live every moment like it’s your last.” John says the thing he will miss most about high school is the athletics. The thing that most prepared him for the rest of his life was the sports which taught him to fight through the hard times. His favorite memory from high school was getting to play at state basketball junior year.



“I walk around like everything is fine, but deep down, inside my shoe, my sock is sliding off” -Anonymous



## Ryan Denkert

Ryan Denkert, son of Jon and Tracy Denkert, participates in Basketball, Football, Track, National Honor Society, Student Council, Skills USA, FBLA, K-Club, and the Newsletter. Ryan’s current plan for the future is to study at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, but he is undecided about his major. His words of wisdom are “Set goals and never stop working to reach them.” Ryan says the thing he’ll miss most about high school will be the athletics and being around friends every day. Playing sports best prepared him for the rest of his life. The best memory Ryan will take from school is the time he got to play in the state basketball championship.

“Life is short, smile while you still have teeth.” -Mallory Hopkins

## Ashley Uden

Ashley Uden, daughter of Scott and Teresa Uden, is involved in Volleyball, Basketball, Track, National Honor Society, and K-Club. Ashley’s current plans for the future are to pursue nursing, but she doesn’t know where she wants to go. Her advice to the underclassmen is “Don’t stress too much over homework and have fun while you can.” Ashley says the thing she will miss most about high school is playing sports, locker room jam sessions, and hanging out with friends. The thing that most prepared Ashley for the rest of her life was Mrs. Bonnie Engelhardt’s classes because she taught us responsibility with her strict deadlines. Her favorite memory from high school was playing at state basketball freshman year.



“All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them.” -Walt Disney

## Progressive Agriculture Safety Day

*Nick Sharp & Jared Summers*

On October 3, 18 students from the 5th and 6th grade went on a field trip to the Adams County Fairgrounds to take part in Progressive Agriculture Safety Day. The main goal of the day is to make life safer and healthier for children. Kenesaw was one of the many schools in Adams County to participate in the event. At Pro Ag Safety Day, participants were divided into small groups that rotated between stations where lessons outlined in the Topics and Activities Manual were taught. Mr. Morgan said, "All of the sessions we attended had great safety information to share, but I think the session that opened the eyes of many students was the Hearing Safety session. She gave a great demonstration, showing what happens to our ears when we don't wear protection." The favorite part for the students was the Weather Safety class. They learned some great information on how to keep themselves safe during different weather events, and they played Family Feud to help them learn. It was a great way to keep them engaged in the class. During the hand tools safety session, the students got to make a Jacob's Ladder. This required them to listen and follow directions and to also have patience when completing a difficult task. All the sessions did a great job of keeping the students' interest, and they learned a lot. The personal stories and experiences the presenters shared really resonated with them and will hopefully stick with them to keep them safe in a variety of situations. There were activities such as bicycle safety, electrical safety, food safety, knife safety, fire safety, railway safety, and roadway safety.



## Kenesaw Wins Wellness Award

*Press Release*

Governor Pete Ricketts and the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) announced this year's recipients of the Governor's Wellness Award. A total of 38 Nebraska employers representing 24 communities are being honored for offering evidence-based worksite wellness programs for their employees.

"The businesses recognized today are putting people first and are making the workplace a healthy environment," Governor Ricketts said. "Worksite wellness provides an opportunity for Nebraskans to live healthy lives, improve quality of life, and help grow a healthier Nebraska for the next generation."

"These businesses have internalized the mission that we here at DHHS live by. In their workplace policies, they are helping Nebraskans live better lives," said Judy Martin, Deputy Director of Community and Environmental Health for DHHS. "Employees clearly benefit from worksite wellness programs, and recent health-related outcomes have been significant. In this past year, award recipients increased the percentage of people meeting Surgeon General Guidelines for Physical Activity by more than 25 percent, reduced tobacco use by 12 percent, and decreased obesity by five percent. This great work also continues to help manage stress and improve the culture within these organizations."

This year marks the 11th year recognizing businesses that dedicate leadership, resources, and time to wellness efforts in the workplace. The application process is designed to recognize businesses that have planted and nurtured the seed for wellness within their organization. Each applicant must provide information in the areas of leadership, data collection, intervention strategies, policy/environment support, and evaluation of outcomes.



Please note the date for the Youth Volleyball Tournament has changed to November 17 with registration of teams due on November 2 with payment.

## Football

*Ryan Denkert*

The Kenesaw Football team has surprised many people with its 8-0 start. The team has blown out every team on its schedule so far and the scores of the games are as follows: Overton, 36-6; Pleasanton, 54-18; Twin Loup, 74-7; Axtell, 66-20; Lawrence-Nelson, 60-12; Franklin, win by forfeiture; Blue Hill, 56-0; and Giltner, 82-22. The team will be hosting Twin Loup on Thursday, October 25, to take on the Wolves in the Qualifying Round of playoffs. With a win over Giltner, the Blue Devils became district champions for the second year in a row. When asked how this team has been able to have so much success this year, senior running back John Schuster said, "This team has a lot of young pieces that have fit in well into our offense. Our speed is also a great factor as to why the season has been a success."

With all of this being said, the Blue Devil Football team is very hungry for wins this postseason, and they are looking to make a run to Lincoln.



## Cross Country

*Noah Belz*

The Kenesaw Cross country team has finally come to a finish after their successful season. To finish their season, they ran at UNK, Red Cloud, Franklin, and Hebron. At the UNK meet, there were over 300 runners resulting in some very hard competition. No one placed in this meet, but soon after the Cross Country team started to run much better resulting in both running a PR in almost every meet. Noah Belz placed 9th at the TVC meet in Red Cloud, 4th in Franklin with a personal record time of 17:55, and 20th in the district meet in Hebron. Parker Bittfield started to run better times in the meets after UNK also, running a 20:31 in Franklin, which was also a PR for him. The District meet in Hebron



had a total of 200 runners, also resulting in some very hard competition. Neither of the runners made it to state, but they both had a great season. Noah Belz placed in the Top 15 in all of the meets, but UNK and Hebron, and Parker Bittfield improved in almost



## Volleyball

*Ashley Uden*

Coach Kroos and the Lady Blue Devils have had a year of many firsts and plan to continue them. The Lady Blue Devils have the first winning record in over 15 years with a record of 17-10. Starting out the season with a first-place finish at the Central Valley Tournament gave the girls a lot of confidence for the rest of the season, and they've just kept building on it. The girls came out fired up Saturday, October, 13th for the Conference tournament, winning two games against Harvard and Deshler. These wins put the girls in the TVC championship game for the first time ever. Even though the girls didn't come out on top against Blue Hill, a hard fight was put up. The Lady Blue Devils have beat many teams including the following: Hampton, Bertrand, and Exeter-Milligan back-to-back years. This year's wins against these teams are even more special because the opponents were beaten on their own home courts for the first time ever. Many girls are also racking up some outstanding stats. For the first time, four girls have over 100 kills, three girls with over 30 aces, four girls with over 100 digs, and another three girls with over 200 digs on the season. Coach Kroos also received his 100th win on October 16th with a win over Shelton. Although, the Lady Blue have accomplished many things, they are not done yet and plan to keep getting better and better in preparation for districts, sub-state, and then the final goal, state. This will be the first year of a sub-state game instead of districts in order to qualify for the state tournament. So, the Lady Blue Devils will need to qualify for the sub-state game by winning the sub-district at Sandy Creek on October 29. The sub-state game will then follow, being played on November 3.

## Junior High Sports

*John Schuster*

The junior high football team started this year's season with a 1-2 record. With the win against Giltner being the highlight of the season, the team hopes to get another win next game. In an interview with Mr. Einrem, he explains what the team has improved on the most this year. "Our offence has been pretty consistent". When asked what the most fun part of this season is he said, "They are fun kids, and they try hard."

Junior high volleyball is looking to improve on their 1-5 A team record and 2-4 B team record. In an interview with Mrs. Engelhardt, she explained the most exciting part of this season, "The great team work and growing in confidence have been exciting." The team has developed well throughout this season, learning to use the overhand serve.

## FBLA Upcoming Service Events

*Noah Klein*

The FBLA will be hosting their annual food drive again this year. They will be dropping off sacks at

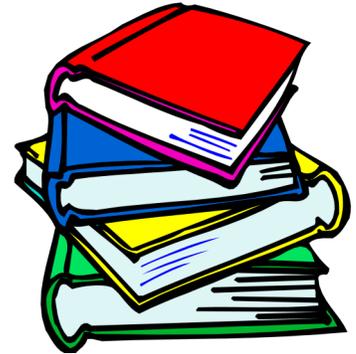


each house in Kenesaw on November 11, and picking them up on November 18. Anyone from out of town is welcome to drop food off at the school if they want to participate. The FBLA would like to thank the community for all the support that they provide for this cause. Our chapter is also beginning to look forward to the toy drive that will take place in December before Christmas. Community members will be welcome to bring toys along with them to home basketball games and place them under the Christmas tree. The FBLA chapter will pick these up and make sure they get to the correct location.

## Book Fair Coming to Kenesaw!

*Noah Klein*

It's that time of year again! The book fair will be returning to Kenesaw once again. Mrs. Burr has been hard at work preparing to host another great event. She also plans on having the Candy Cane draw again with the proceeds benefiting not only the Book Fair but the FBLA Toy Drive as well. We would like to extend an invitation to everyone in the community to come out and visit the Book Fair while it is at the school December 3rd through December 7th.



## Life Flight Team Visits Kenesaw

*Katie Long*

On Tuesday, September 18, the 9-12 students were able to go on the track and watch the Life Team out of Mary Lanning in Hastings land their helicopter on the football field. Students had the opportunity to speak to a flight paramedic, Joshua Marsha, who explained the different types of training that he had to go through in order to get to where he is today. Flight nurse, Stephen Baker, spoke to the students about how he was an E.R. nurse for several years before he was even considered for the job. Senior, Hannah Schnitzler asked the pilot, Andrew Mann, "Do you have to have any medical training for this job?" He explained to us that they do not want him to have any medical education at all. "They do not even want me to see the patient or know what is going on, so that I can not get emotionally involved and I can focus on what I need to be doing," Mann said. After all the students got the chance to ask their questions, they stepped off the football field and watched the Life Flight Team take off and fly back to Hastings. The students would like to thank the Life Team for coming out and teaching us about their jobs.



## Elementary Visits Pumpkin Patch

*Noah Klein and Molly Engelhardt*

The Kindergarten and 2nd grade classes are in the Halloween spirit thanks to the field trip they took on Wednesday, October 17. They visited the Scarecrow Patch outside of St. Libory. The students had a lot of fun: they rode the zip line, jumped on the big trampoline, completed obstacle courses, roasted marshmallows, and went in the corn maze, among many other fun things.



The following elementary students were awarded the Blue Devil Pride Award for the month of October: Alivia Hellner, Sylvia Schneider, Mackenna Edmondson, Cole Haar, Mallory Wagoner, Layne Ehly, Ava Rutt, & Jackson Morgan

# KID'S CORNER

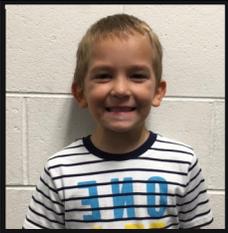
- 1- What is your favorite part of the school day?
- 2- If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go?
- 3- If you could be a superhero, what would your name be? Your powers?
- 4- What is your favorite kind of pie?
- 5- Do you have any Thanksgiving traditions?



Jet Dixon

- 1- Recess
- 2- The Zoo
- 3- Mr. Awesome; invisibility
- 4- Pumpkin
- 5- Go to a prairie and hike

**Fourth Grade**



Dawson Krause

- 1- Recess
- 2- Grandma's
- 3- Superman; laser eyes
- 4- Apple
- 5- Play games

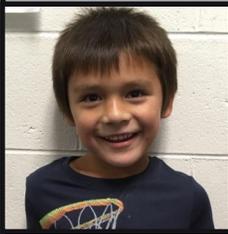
**Kindergarten**



Ian Peterson

- 1- P.E.
- 2- Canada
- 3- Invisibility and Time Freeze Freddy
- 4- Cherry
- 5- Hunt

**Fifth Grade**



Payton Adams

- 1- Play outside
- 2- Mexico
- 3- Flash; run fast
- 4- Strawberry
- 5- Play with my cousins

**First Grade**



Grace Ditsworth

- 1- Lunch
- 2- Paris
- 3- Banana Boy; no powers
- 4- Chocolate Cream
- 5- Go to Iowa to see my family

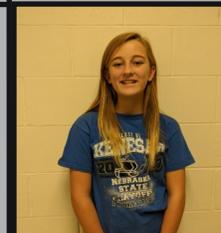
**Sixth Grade**



Kaleb Spencer

- 1- iPad time
- 2- Australia
- 3- Just who I am already
- 4- Apple
- 5- Have fun with my family

**Second Grade**



Trinity Sidders

- 1- Lunch
- 2- My bed
- 3- Trin Wonder; Invisibility and Telekinesis
- 4- Jell-O
- 5- Help down at the Fire Hall with dinner

**High School**



Atreya Reiman

- 1- Inside recess
- 2- Disney World
- 3- Answer Girl; answer all the questions on tests
- 4- Apple
- 5- My grandma gets a table cloth that we can color on

**Third Grade**



Mr. Arrowood

- 1- Band and Choir
- 2- Johnson Space Center Houston, TX
- 3- Oh Great One; Super strength and Flight
- 4- Pecan
- 5- Family Game Night

**Staff**



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

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