



KENESAW PUBLIC SCHOOL

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# THE BLUE DEVIL BUGLE

## October 2018

- October 2: VB (A) Lawrence
- October 4: XC (A) Franklin
- October 5: HOMECOMING
- October 6: Harvest of Harmony
- October 8: JHFB (H) Ravenna; Board of Education Meeting
- October 9: VB Tourn (A) St. Cecilia
- October 11: XC Districts (A); VB (A) Bertrand
- October 12: FB (A) BH; End of Quarter 1
- October 13: TVC VB (A) Franklin; Minden Band Fest
- October 15: 10am Late Start; TVC VB (A) Franklin
- October 16: VB (A) Shelton
- October 18: FB (A) Giltner
- October 19: XC State (A) Kearney
- October 23: VB (A) Blue Hill
- October 26: NO SCHOOL
- October 30: Picture Retakes
- November 2: Fine Arts Night

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## New Staff

By Ryan Thomas and Tabi Sidders



The new school year brings some new students and teachers, including preschool teacher Taylor Hanson; she will be teaching Kenesaw's new preschool section for four-year-olds. She and her husband Nathan have a one-year-old daughter named Harper, a dog named Sadie, and a cat named Kizmit. This summer, the Hansons bought a house in Kenesaw only a couple blocks from the school, completing renovations and various household projects. They enjoy going on walks and bike rides around town. If you see them, feel free to say "Hello!"

Taylor grew up in Kenesaw and graduated from high school in 2012. After graduation, she attended the University of Nebraska at Kearney where she then earned her teaching certificate in December of 2016 in Elementary Education. Currently, Taylor is working on her endorsement in Early Childhood Inclusive Education. Her first teaching position was with Head Start in Hastings. She "thoroughly enjoyed her time at Head Start working with students and helping them grow, not only as thinkers but also as individuals." This year, she is excited to start a new chapter teaching in her hometown alongside the educators who first inspired her! She looks forward to meeting the new students at KPS, and she is eager to kick off this school year and cannot wait to get started!



Mr. Jacob Lovejoy is the new fourth-grade teacher. He grew up in Bladen but went through elementary, high school, and graduation (in 2014) at Blue Hill. He went to the University of Nebraska - Kearney and received his Bachelor's Degree in Education in May of 2018. He says that "the profession of education runs in my family." Both of his sisters, his aunt, and his uncle presently teach at Blue Hill in the footsteps of his grandmother who used to be a teacher. He has two nieces, a mother who works in real estate in Hastings, and a father who works carpentry in Hastings. Since he has finally finished college and has a job, he is finally looking into hobbies he may enjoy.

## School Updates

*By Noah Klein*

*Pictures by Jared Summers and Noah Belz*

Over the summer, the school building completed a number of updates: the addition of the preschool and the painting of the old gym. While the preschool building is not yet finished, we have been told that the project is still on track to be done by October.

During the summer, new LED lights were also put into several classrooms: Mr. Sales', Mr. Lovejoy's, Mr. Morgan's, as well as Mrs. Burr's library.



## After-School Youth Program

*By Nebraska Extension Office*

Nebraska Extension in Adams County is excited to again partner with Kenesaw offering an After-School 4-H program. This 4-H afterschool program is designed on principles of youth development, addressing the interests of youth, and helping to develop their physical, cognitive, social, and emotional skills and abilities.

This program is offered at no cost to the participants; the only cost to you will be a \$5.00 fee to join 4-H, and with some of the lessons, the youth will be asked to bring items from home for the daily projects, such as a T-shirt for dying. The first 15 minutes of the program will be a general meeting where the youth will be learning about parliamentary procedure, leadership/citizenship and doing team building activities.

The Kenesaw After-school 4-H program starts immediately following school on Thursdays and dismisses at 5:00 p.m. Feel free to pick your youth up at any time during the 4-H sessions (following the Kenesaw School youth pick up policies); however, to allow the youth to get the most educational value from the sessions, they will need to be there until 5:00 p.m. Sessions will be led by Julie Ochsner, Nebraska Extension Assistant in Adams County, along with 4-H volunteers helping lead the program. Participants must be 8 years old.



## Junior High Volleyball

*By Ryan Denkert*

The Junior High Volleyball team is looking to improve upon an 0-2 start to its season. Both the A and B teams have lost to Shelton and Gibbon in very close games that could have gone either way. Coach Mrs. Engelhardt said that the team is young, but she has high expectations for this group nonetheless. In addition, she said she wants her team to not be afraid to make a mistake, and she wants them to concentrate on playing and having fun.

## Booster Club BBQ

*By Ryan Denkert*

The Booster Club's kickoff barbeque was held on Tuesday, August 28, at the city park. The barbeque is held annually to build up excitement for the upcoming school year for the students, as well as the community. The Booster Club served hot dogs, chips, and a variety of desserts. The Cross Country, Volleyball, Football, Cheer, and Dance teams were introduced, and several seniors on the teams talked about their expectations for their seasons.

# Senior Spotlights

## Nick Sharp

Nick Sharp, son of Ryan Sharp, is involved in One Act, Newsletter, and Striv Crew. Nick is undecided about his future yet. His advice for the underclassmen is “focus on work and not everyone else.” Nick says the thing he will miss most about high school is everything. The thing that most prepared him for the rest of his life was all of high school. His favorite memory from high school was getting to make new friends.



“Fate rarely calls upon us in a moment of our choosing” -Unknown



## Walker Ruh

Walker, son of Margaret and Darrell Ruh, participates in Band, Choir, FBLA, and NHS. Walker’s current plan for the future is to study pre-radiation science technology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. His words of wisdom are “keep asking questions until you get the answer.” Walker says the thing he’ll miss most about high school will be the people. Learning time management best prepared him for the rest of his life. The best memory Walker will take from school is the time Mrs. B. Engelhardt asked him why most of the track team was still in school after they had been suspended.

“Your identity is your most valuable possession. Protect it.”-  
Elastigirl (*The Incredibles*)

## Nyah Jones

Nyah, daughter of Jeff and Shawna Parr, is involved in track, FBLA, One Act, Choir, Dance Squad, and K-Club. Nyah current plans for the future are to attend University of Nebraska-Lincoln to study pre-veterinary medicine. Her advice to the underclassmen is “enjoy every moment of high school whether it’s the classes or just being with friends because before you know it, all that will be gone, and it will only be a memory.” Nyah says the thing she will miss most about high school is sitting in the student section at games, supporting her friends, and dancing during halftime. The thing that most prepared Nyah for the rest of her life was Mrs. Benton’s science classes. Her favorite memory from high school was going to state in high jump.



“The only thing standing between you and your goal is the story you keep telling yourself as to why you can’t achieve it.” -from *The Wolf of Wall Street*

## Rollover Simulator

By Katie Long

According to the Nebraska government, in 2017, 71.3% of motor vehicle fatalities were because of people not wearing a seatbelt. On August 20, 2018, Lawney Knuth, Nebraska State Patrol officer for 29 years, in conjunction with the Kenesaw Volunteer Fire Department, came to Kenesaw Public Schools and spoke to the 7th-12th graders about the safety of wearing a seatbelt and what kids should and shouldn't do when trying to avoid an accident or when in an accident. The 45-minute demonstration included what a rollover would look like, what the body would do if it were not buckled, and traumatic stories of people who were



in accidents while not wearing a seatbelt. The one takeaway Officer Knuth wanted kids to remember is to "buckle-up and drive safely."

## Scrip Cards

By Mrs. Mousel and Tim Zimmerman

Normally, scrip orders are placed on the second and fourth Fridays of each month. However, in December, orders are placed on the first two Fridays of the month and none over Christmas vacation. Order dates will be October 12 and 26, November 9 and 23, and December 7 and 14.

Using gift cards can pay for your child's trip to D.C. A mother of a sophomore student decided when the child was in the 7th grade that she was not going to sell any pies as a fundraiser. She started buying gift cards through the Scrip program, which gives a rebate on the cards. As of Aug. 24, the student has a little more than \$1800 in the child's account. At the present time, the cost of the D.C. trip is a little more than \$1900. This family will not need to do any fundraisers for this child.

The school has a bunch of \$25 I-tunes gift cards on hand available for sale. If you need a last minute gift for a birthday on Christmas, talk to Deb or Jan, and they will gladly get one for you.



## Striv Service Coming to Kenesaw

By Micha Cordes and Noah Klein

Striv is a live video streaming platform that is built for schools to share live events online. Live streaming is a great way for people who are unable to attend school events but would still like be able to watch what happens. A group of students from Kenesaw High School will be cooperating to bring the live events straight to your computer or mobile device. You can find the link to the streaming channel on the Kenesaw School website or by visiting striv.tv.

The current plan is to striv home games; however, some away games can also be found on opponents' striv accounts.



## Kami Kennedy Featured in Calander

By Noah Klein

Recycling, composting, and keeping litter in its place are among the many ways we keep Nebraska clean. The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality was inviting students to put their talents to good use by submitting a drawing for the 2019 "Nebraska: Don't Waste It!" calendar. The calendars feature the artwork of students from grades K-12. One of our own Kami Kennedy was one who has her artwork in the calendar for the month of August. She was honored at the state capitol for the work that she has done.



## Kenesaw Visits the State Fair

By Nick Sharp and Molly Engelhardt

On August 28th, the Kenesaw third and fourth grades visited the Nebraska State Fair in Grand Island. The highlights for the students were the hands-on activities in which they were able to participate. They made kits out of recycled material. They also enjoyed being able to see the exhibits and attractions that the fair had to offer. The students were able to grow a corn stock in a plastic sack that they wore around their necks. Mr. Lovejoy said the students enjoyed watching him shear a sheep.



## Blue Devil Football

*By John Schuster*

It has been a better than expected start for the Kenesaw Blue Devils with the team starting out undefeated going 3-0. They opened the season beating the following teams: Overton Eagles 36-6, Pleasanton Bulldogs 54-18, and Twin Loup wolves 74-7. No one saw a start like this coming, especially because of how many starters the team graduated last year. With so many new faces in the starting lineup, it is impressive how Coach Schnitzler has prepared them for success. In an interview with Ryan Denkert, he explains difficulties and new challenges of this season. "We don't have as much size as we've had in the past; however, we have put in new schemes on offense and defense that help us use our team speed to our advantage."

## Blue Devil Cross Country

*By Noah Belz*

Kenesaw's Cross Country team has changed a lot since previous years; the team went from a team of seven all the way down to a team of two in just a year after having one student move and four seniors graduate. "Now only having two runners, I think it's helped them to push themselves just as hard in practice and in the meets," said the Kenesaw Cross Country coach Jace Morgan. When asked what the teams goals were, they responded by saying, "improving our times and making it to state." To kick off the start of the Cross Country season, Kenesaw ran at Brickyard Park. Noah Belz had a great start to his senior season placing 14th out of 135 runners and also ran a PR. Parker Bittfield is also off to a great start as he ran a PR as well. The Kenesaw Cross Country team has already run in four meets in the last month. So far, they have run at Brickyard Park in Hastings, Gibbon, Loup City, and Ravenna. Noah Belz has placed in every meet so far, placing 9th at Gibbon, 4th at Loup City, and 9th at Ravenna. The team has four meets left: UNK, Red Cloud, TVC at Franklin, and Districts is TBD.

## Blue Devil Volleyball

*By Ashley Uden*

The Lady Blue Devils already have 14 games under their belts for the season. Starting the regular season with a 3-0 sweep over Heartland Lutheran, a tough schedule of many higher-class teams, during the beginning of the season, has been a challenge for the Lady Blue, but with many hard practices and lots of determination, they are starting off the 2018 season with a 7-7 record. The Lady Blue Devils faced two undefeated teams at the Central Valley Tournament and won both coming out on top as champions.



## Homecoming Info

*By Payton Morrow and Noah Klein*

The 2018 Homecoming Football game will be on October 5th at 7:00 p.m. We hope to see you cheering on the Blue Devil football boys on Friday, the volleyball girls at Lawrence on Tuesday, and the cross country boys at Franklin on Thursday. Each day of spirit week will have a dress-up theme for the high school. Students will participate in activities throughout the week, like decorating walls and building floats. Everyone is encouraged to watch the Homecoming Parade that will begin at 1:30 p.m. Students, be sure to sign up your outside date well before the dance, and keep the dress code in mind when picking your outfits, both for the dress-up days and the dance. Best of luck to all the Kenesaw teams, and be sure to show your pride this Homecoming season! The dress up day for the year will be Cowboy Day on Monday, Career Day on Tuesday, Squad Day on Wednesday, 50s/60s/70s Day on Thursday, and Pride Day on Friday.



**GOOD LUCK TO ALL KENESAW ATHLETES! GO BIG BLUE!**

## PUBLIC NOTICE OF PARTICIPATION IN TITLE I OF THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT (NCLB)

Pursuant to the Requirements of Title I of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) of 2001, the public is hereby notified that the Kenesaw Public Schools, whose official address is 110 N. Fifth Ave., Kenesaw, Nebraska, has been approved for funding under Title I NCLB, for the express purpose of serving students with special needs in the areas of mathematics and reading/language arts to help insure that all children acquire the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in the 21st century. Mr. Rick Masters, whose official title is Superintendent, has been authorized by the Board of Education to serve as its representative for all matters concerning Title I NCLB for the 2018-2019 school year.

The public is further notified that a council composed of parents, teachers, and interested citizens may be established for the purpose of advising the school on matters relating to the Title I program. Under the regulations the school must host an annual meeting open to all parents of eligible students.

Persons interested in any aspect of the Title I NCLB program including, but not limited to, the application and budget, evaluation procedures, the needs assessment, prior applications, budgets and complaint procedures, or other information and data concerning Title I which is not subject to the Family Rights and Privacy Act are requested to contact the Office of the Superintendent, Kenesaw Public Schools, Kenesaw, Nebraska.

### Kenesaw Early Learning Academy – Project Update

*By Rick Masters*

Looking from a distance, any Kenesaw community member can see that the Kenesaw Early Learning Academy is taking shape. The block walls are up, the metal ceiling rafters are in place, and the corrugated metal roof sheeting is beginning to be attached to the rafters. In a short time, the preschool facility will be enclosed and work on the interior of the classrooms will begin. Carmichael Construction, the winning bidder for the project, feels that the project can be completed on time if weather cooperates and if the brick for the exterior arrives on time. The scheduled completion date is October 31<sup>st</sup>; however, a more reasonable completion goal will be a week or two into November.

A significant challenge with this project has been matching the existing brick color and texture. This task caused a delay in ordering the brick, which is scheduled to arrive on September 17<sup>th</sup> with the brick layers to begin immediately after. The dirt work for the roads and sidewalks will begin the week of September 24<sup>th</sup> with the concrete to be poured soon after.

The preschool teachers have ordered the curriculum, furniture, toys, games, educational materials, tables and chairs, and all other items necessary to provide preschool students with the experiences they need to grow socially, emotionally, and academically. The classrooms will be full of new items to capture the attention of our little learners.

It is exciting to see this project taking shape and will be even more exciting when our 3- and 4-year-old preschool students get to assume their place in the newly completed classrooms. An open house will be planned for the community when the facility is completed and ready for guests. Please closely watch the Kenesaw webpage, KPS marquee, and the Adams County Bank marquee for more information.

### Kenesaw Public School Appreciates Adams Central Generosity

*By Rick Masters*

As many of you may already know, the Kenesaw Early Learning Academy is being held in Juniata thanks to the cooperation and graciousness of Adams Central's Superintendent Shawn Scott and Adams Central Early Childhood Center Principal and District Special Education Director, Jennifer Pohlson. Without the support of these two individuals, Kenesaw Public Schools would not have been able to place our preschool teachers and students in such a quality learning environment. Adams Central remodeled their Juniata preschool facility this summer and offered us two classrooms to house our 3-year-old and 4-year-old students. The newly renovated classrooms provide an excellent learning space for our Kenesaw students. Additionally, the students are able to play on the preschool sized outdoor playground and use the outdoor toys and equipment, too. Since Adams Central was already bringing lunches over to their facility to feed their preschool students, they offered to do the same for Kenesaw. Currently, Adams Central provides Kenesaw preschool students with 30 meals daily and only charges Kenesaw the price that they would charge a parent for a student meal - \$2.60. The cost to rent the two classrooms for one month is \$500. Again, this is at a reduced rate from what one would expect to pay for the rental of classroom space. Kenesaw Public Schools greatly appreciates the support that Adams Central has provided as we anticipate the completion of our preschool project – Kenesaw Early Learning Academy – in early November. If you would happen to know an Adams Central board member or faculty member, please pass along Kenesaw Public Schools' sincere appreciation and gratitude for the support they have provided.

# KIDS' CORNER

- 1- Will you go Trick-or-Treating this year?
- 2- What are you dressing up as?
- 3- What's your favorite school subject?
- 4- Who's the oldest person you know?
- 5- What is your favorite candy?



- 1- Yes
- 2- I don't know
- 3- Math
- 4- My grandpa's brother
- 5- Chocolate bars

**Denver Simmons** Fourth Grade



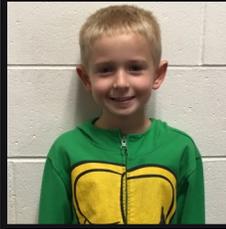
- 1- Mhmm
- 2- Elena of Avalor
- 3- Recess
- 4- My mom and dad
- 5- Suckers

**Lydia Adams** Kindergarten



- 1- Yes
- 2- I don't know
- 3- Math
- 4- My grandma
- 5- M&M's

**Kaitlyn Langenburg** Fifth Grade



- 1- Yes
- 2- Black Ninja
- 3- Recess
- 4- Tabitha Sidders
- 5- Lollipops

**Westyn Prella** First Grade



- 1- Yes
- 2- I don't know
- 3- Art
- 4- My grandpa is like 90 I think
- 5- Jolly Ranchers

**Jravin Suck** Sixth Grade



- 1- I don't know
- 2- I don't know
- 3- Playing on my tablet and art
- 4- Sarah
- 5- Every single piece of candy

**Braely Adams** Second Grade



- 1- No
- 2- To be determined
- 3- P.E.
- 4- Skip
- 5- Snickers

**John Schuster** High School



- 1- Yes
- 2- I don't know
- 3- Math
- 4- Probably my grandpa
- 5- Bubblegum

**Cole Haahr** Third Grade



- 1- Probably, yes
- 2- I don't know
- 3- I really dig physical science
- 4- My friend's grandpa is 104
- 5- I am a fan of dark chocolate

**Kristen Benton** Staff



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

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