



KENESAW PUBLIC SCHOOL

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# THE BLUE DEVIL BUGLE

October 2019

*Special points of interest*

- TVC Cross Country  
October 3
- FFA Connecting  
Chapters Training  
October 8
- End of First Quarter  
October 11
- District XC  
October 17
- TVC Volleyball  
October 19 & 21
- No School—State  
Cross Country  
October 25
- VB Subdistricts  
October 28 & 29
- FB Qualifying Round  
October 31
- Volleyball Districts  
November 2

## Growing the Kenesaw Family



Mrs. Siera Meyer

I grew up on a small family farm near Campbell, Nebraska. I attended Blue Hill Schools, then went to the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis to gain my Associate degree in Agriculture Production Systems. From there I attended UNL and finished my Bachelors degree in Agriculture Education. For the past 7 years, I have been the agriculture education teacher and FFA Advisor at Bruning-Davenport.

My husband of 7 years works for Norder Ag Supply near Juniata. We live on a small acreage south of Hastings with our 3-year-old son Owen, 8-month-old daughter Oakley, and Hank the dog. I enjoy spending time with my kids and family and reading. I am excited to join the Kenesaw school district and get the agriculture program started!



Mr. Joe Weichman

It is great to have the opportunity to be back in a small town. I am originally from Pilger, Nebraska, located in the north-east part of the state. I grew up on a family farm there, and we still farm and hunt the ground to this day. I spent the last 8 years teaching math and science at Windy Hills Elementary in Kearney, Nebraska. I received my undergraduate and graduate degrees from UNK. I met my wife, Jennifer Karr, while attending UNK, she is originally from Hastings. We have two children, Clara and Henry. Clara is 6.5 and will be a first grader this fall. Henry is 2.5 years old. I typically like to spend time with my family doing a

number of activities depending on the weather.

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Mrs. Danielle DeWitt

Hola! My name is Danielle DeWitt, but I usually go by Dani. My family and I moved to Hastings in 2017 from Minnesota. I am originally from Michigan, but I have lived in many different places including Costa Rica and Paraguay, South America. I have been married to Scott for 25 years, and we have 3 children: Zac is 22 and lives in North Dakota, Abby is 18 and is a freshman at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, and Anna is 17 and is a senior at Hastings Senior High School. I really enjoy reading, hiking, gardening, shopping, decorating, eating as much chips and salsa as possible, and speaking Spanish!

KENESAW PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
August 28, 2019 5:30 PM Central

**Board Members Present:** Gallagher, Kimle, Legg, Olsen, Sidders and Uden

**Administration Present:** Superintendent Masters, Principal Richardson, Principal Wiechman  
Opening the Meeting

1. Nebraska Open Meetings Law
2. Call to Order
3. Publication of Meeting
4. Roll Call
5. Reports
6. Comments from Principal Wiechman
7. Comments from Principal Richardson
8. Comments from Superintendent Masters
9. Action Items
10. Approve Contract with Eakes Office Solutions for Printers and Copier (5 Year Contract with a Monthly Cost of \$835.01) Motion to Approve a 5-Year Contract with Eakes Office Solutions for Printers and Copier for the Monthly Cost of \$835.01 per month passed with a motion by Cindy Olsen and a second by Kay Sidders. Shawn Gallagher: Yea, Marlin Kimle: Yea, Troy Legg: Yea, Cindy Olsen: Yea, Kay Sidders: Yea, Shandra Uden: Yea Yea: 6, Nay: 0
11. Discussion Items
12. Discuss the Kenesaw Public Schools' Strategic Plan and Work with Kori Stanosheck, NASB - Board Leadership Engagement, on the Further Development of the Strategic Plan.

## Wiechman's Write-Up

And we are off. We see the partnerships with our community are helping develop challenging academics, positive citizenship, and promoting lifelong learning for our students and staff. The greatest examples of this are attendance of school events and the continuous involvement Kenesaw parents have in each child's education.

The Kenesaw students have shown resilience and stability through the changes happening. The sense of community is expanding as we begin our first full year of having a preschool attached to the building. The preschool has continued to go through many changes for their play area, and we hope this year is no different as we look to continue developing the outdoor space for all grade levels to enjoy.

Several storage areas in the elementary have been repurposed for study rooms to increase more small group instruction throughout the day. The high school is benefiting greatly from a change in offered classes. Spanish and Agriculture are leading the way with new opportunities for students to expand their knowledge and exposure. The shop has undergone structural changes to help further experiences in properly using industrial technology processes.

It is evident Kenesaw is a school built on serving others and each person doing their part to help improve the school as a whole. The students and staff always make visitors feel welcome in the building. Young and old, students are interacting in common spaces before and after school, showing one another appropriate ways to interact and developing common connections with one another and the staff.

As a school, a community, and a foundation of success for future generations, let us all continue making this an excellent school and an excellent year.

# Senior Spotlights

## Tim Zimmerman

Tim Zimmerman son of Ed & Tracy Zimmerman, is involved in One-Act Crew, Newsletter, and SkillsUSA. Tim's current plans for the future are to attend NCK Beloit and CCC to take automotive and medical field classes. His advice to the underclassmen is "Do what you're told. Do your homework. Always remember that her name is Mrs. Engelhardt, not Bonnie. ." He says the thing he will miss most about high school is his friends. The thing that most prepared him for the rest of his life was his personal finance class. His favorite memory from high school was the DC/NYC trip.

"Where is the future?' Right here.

'Who's life is this?' Mine.

'What are you going to do with it?' Live it by any means necessary."

-Cress Williams as Jefferson Pierce in *Black Lightning*



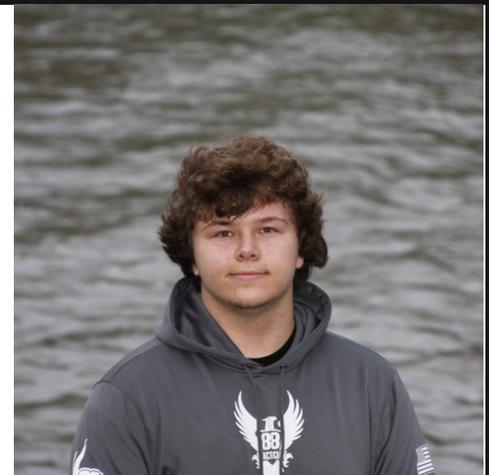
## Tabitha Sidders

Tabitha Sidders, daughter of Heather and Travis Sidders, is a member of Band, Choir, One Act, SkillsUSA, and FBLA. She plans to get a degree in business accounting at Peru State. Her advice to the underclassmen is "Don't cheat." She says she will miss high school being free. Mrs. B. Engelhardt and her repetitive patterns prepared her for the future. Her favorite high school memory was taking Burger King crowns after UNK Band Day.

"It's always Christmas at the airport." -Tabi Sidders

## Ryan Thomas

Ryan Thomas, son of Stacia and Jeff Thomas, is one of the writers in the Kenesaw Newsletter. He plans to graduate and succeed in the future. His advice to the underclassmen is "Stop parking in the front row until you're a senior." The thing he'll miss most about high school is the regular schedule and structure he had to follow. The best preparation was school making him wake up early. His favorite memory from high school was in his Junior year when they got their General Science books and Greyson said, "I could get some distance on this."



"My Chromebook screen is brighter than my future." -Ryan

## School Upgrades

By Hope Coutts

This past summer the school had many new additions and rearrangements. The Booster Club contributed \$3500 for the new sign in the front of the school. The library got brand new furniture with more to come. The preschool playground has a new fence around it. The track received a facelift. The elementary storage room had a wall constructed to turn it into two classrooms. Mrs. Kuehn, Mrs. Kimle, and Mrs. Jones were moved into their new room in the preschool, and Mr. Wiechman is now located in Mrs. Kuehn's old room.

## SkillsUSA

By Katie Long

Over the summer SkillsUSA hosted a couple fundraisers: car wash, snow cone stand, and donation jars were set around town. There will be more fundraisers throughout the school year to raise money for members to go to competition later in the year. SkillsUSA is making a few changes this year, as last year was a learning experience.

They are working hard to raise extra money for hotel rooms during the 3 day competition in Grand Island. They will have the officer team helping out and doing their part to make sure that everything stays organized and everyone is kept updated about what is going on.



## Seventh Grade Leadership Conference

By Mr. Brett Sales

The 7th grade class took a field trip to the Youth Leadership Conference in Hastings on Tuesday, September 17! Clint Pulver's presentation taught us about the importance of being significant leaders in our school building by doing the little things that make a big difference each day. A special thanks to ESU9 for organizing the event. We plan to bring the positive message back with us to Kenesaw Public Schools! "Don't worry about being the best IN the world. Be the best FOR the world!"



## Cross Country

By Micha Cordes

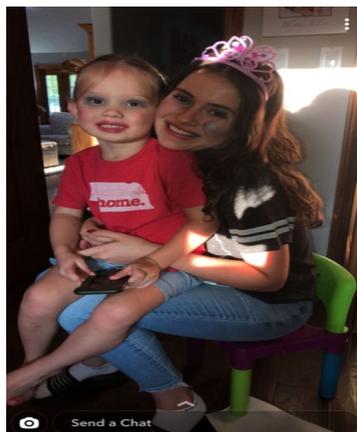
Cross Country is off to a fast-paced start running in three meets so far. The team had a great start with junior Trevor Kuehn finishing 22nd in the Hastings meet August 29, 2019. Trevor Kuehn said, "I feel like I am improving every meet." His goal this season is to break 20 minutes at a meet. The team as of September 19th has only four meets left so stop by and support your Blue Devil Cross Country team!



## The Differences Between the Netherlands & America

By Lisa Baak

- In The Netherlands, it is your own responsibility to do your homework or not. As long as your grades are good, the teachers don't really care if you do homework. In America, I have homework everyday, and some teachers grade your homework, so that was something I really wasn't used to.
- In America, most people are very competitive in sports, and a lot of people go to games and cheer for on another, which I think is really cool because in the Netherlands we don't have sports in school, and we just go home when school is done.
- In the Dutch school, I had a different schedule every day, and I get out of school at different times. The schedules here are the same everyday, so the days are very long compared with my old school.
- In my country, no one can drive a car under the age of 18, so everyone goes to school on a bike. In the USA, some people drive a car by the age of 14 so that was really weird to see on the first day.
- In Dutch school, we have no clubs, shop, or art classes. So I think the classes here are more fun because you don't have to think about tests and quizzes all of the time.
- The school lunch is really different because here I eat warm food like tacos, hotdogs, and chicken (which is delicious), and in The Netherlands most people only eat an apple and a sandwich.
- In America, there are no different levels in a grade. In The Netherlands we have a whole different schedule. At the end of group 8 (or 6th grade in America), you will do a test to define what level you will go to in high school. Besides the test, the teacher also gives an advice. We have 6 different levels. B-KADER, KADER VMBO-TL (or MAVO), HAVO and VWO. Depending on how smart you are, you will end up in one of these 3 levels. B-KADER is the lowest level and only 4 years. HAVO is 5 years, and VWO is 6 years. VWO is the highest level you have (and you could divide VWO also in 2 levels. The highest level is called Gymnasium. If you finish VWO, you can go to University, if you finish HAVO, you can go to college; and if you finish VMBO-TL, you can go to an easier type of college.
- In Dutch school, we don't grade in letters but in numbers, so a 10 is an A, 6 is a D.



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

**By Mrs. Johnna Burr**

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 2019-2020 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.

### **Junior High Sports**

By Ryan Thomas

#### **Junior High Football**

This month the junior high football team won all their games. They have 2 wins, one against Giltner 32-6 and another against Sutton 20-0.

#### **Junior High Volleyball**

This month the junior high volleyball team won both sets against Harvard, 25-19, 25-15.

# KIDS' CORNER

- 1- What is your Halloween Costume?
- 2- What is your favorite Halloween Candy?
- 3- What is your favorite animal?
- 4- What is your favorite subject?
- 5- What is your favorite food?



Dante Cole

- 1- Bendi
- 2- Sour Patch Kids
- 3- Lion
- 4- Art
- 5- Tacos

Third Grade



Julia Benton

- 1- Fairy Princess
- 2- Candy Bars
- 3-A Koala
- 4- Library
- 5- Ronis (Mac & Cheese)

Preschool



Carter Coutts

- 1- Ninja
- 2- Snickers
- 3- Cheetah
- 4- Math
- 5- Italian Dunkers

Fourth Grade



Samantha Schacht

- 1- Fairy
- 2- Chocolate
- 3- Unicorn
- 4- Reading
- 5- M

Kindergarten



Sierra Harmon

- 1- Ninja
- 2- Twix
- 3- Dog
- 4- Math
- 5- Pizza

Fifth Grade



Lexy Coutts

- 1- Mal from Descendants
- 2- Suckers
- 3- Dog
- 4- Math
- 5- Carrots

First Grade



Kami Kennedy

- 1- Pumpkin
- 2- Smarties
- 3- Dog
- 4- Math
- 5- Nachos

Sixth Grade



Ava Rutt

- 1- Super Hero
- 2- Crunch
- 3- Cat
- 4- Math
- 5- Mac & Cheese

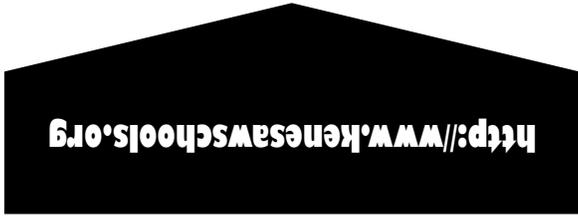
Second Grade



Austin Rostvet

- 1- Mario
- 2- KitKat
- 3- Cat
- 4- Auto-Tech
- 5- Meatloaf

High School



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

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