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KING PHILIP PARENTS' NETWORK NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the KP Parents' Network Newsletter!

Happy New Year! We have had a productive Fall and would like to share our achievements and plans with you. Thanks to your membership dues and support of our fundraising efforts, we are able to impact the high school experience for our students in big and small ways.

Follow us on **Twitter** to keep updated on our activities.

@kppn1

Picnic Tables-

In early Fall, the KP Parents' Network purchased and installed two additional picnic tables for the area outside of the cafeteria. This makes a total of six picnic tables we have given the high school in the last two years, because of successful fundraising and parent support. We would like to thank Rob Abramson, KP parent and owner of Abramson Carpentry, for installation help along with the KP grounds crew and parent volunteers. The picnic tables are enjoyed by the seniors during lunch in good weather, and are available at other times for the rest of the student body, faculty, and community.

New KP Sign with Message Board-

We are pleased to announce the purchase of a KP sign and message board, to be installed at the school entrance by the tennis courts. The message board will be visible on Rte.140 as students, parents, and community members drive by. We anticipate the message board will be in heavy use by school groups and sports teams announcing upcoming events and games. Look for the new sign in the Spring.

Teacher Mini-Grants-

New this year, the KP Parents' Network has funded a Mini-Grant program for King Philip teachers. Grant funds will be used to support and enhance the classroom experience for KP students. In early December we invited teachers to apply for the grants and applicants were notified of their grant status at the end of the month. There were many worthwhile applications for funding and only a select few were funded during this grant cycle. We wish the recipients success and thank them for their efforts on behalf of the KP community.

With the continued support of membership dues and fundraising we hope we can make this an ongoing program. See our website for more information: www.kpparentnetwork.org.

Student Council Donation -

Each year the KP Student Council holds a Holiday Party for students from the Davis Elementary School in Roxbury. Students are bused from Roxbury to KP to enjoy a fun afternoon complete with food and gifts from Santa. This year we were once again able to help with the transportation costs for this special event.

Father/Daughter/Special Person Dance -

The KP Parents' Network Father/Daughter/Special Person Dance was held on Saturday, November 23, 2013 at the Renaissance Hotel in Patriot Place. KP girls and their dates enjoyed a fun night of dinner and dancing. A professional photographer was available for photos to capture the memories.

All Night Party Update -

The 2014 All Night Party Kick-off was held on Wednesday, January 29, 2014 during Parent Teacher conferences. We are off to a good start! Many volunteers are still needed to decorate, set-up, and especially chaperone. The energy in the school is amazing on this night, and many parents wish they had gotten involved earlier. This is an unforgettable event for the graduating seniors so please consider working a shift. Parents of underclassman are especially needed! "Paying it forward" ensures the party will continue, and senior parents can enjoy this special moment in their child's life without working that night. See our website for information on how you can help.

A drawing was held at the kick-off and the following parents won graduation-related prizes:

- **Speed Pass/Front of Line (2 Families):** *Deb Deschenes and Kathy Ostby*
- **Premiere Parking (4 Families):** *Margie Dillon, Janice Young, Phyllis Govoni, and Eileen Green*
- **3 Extra Tickets (2 Families):** *Eileen Gonser, Linda Glebus*
- **Front Row Seats (4 Families):** *Sandra Guarino, Sheri Allan, Holly May, Sharon Bannon*

Congratulations to all the winners...if you have ever been to a KP graduation, you know how valuable these prizes are!

If you were unable to make the meeting you did not miss your chance to win... the KPPN will be auctioning off more of these graduation-related prizes shortly.

ANP Volunteer Sign Up

Here's how to sign up to volunteer on-line for the All Night Party using Volunteer Spot:

1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on Volunteer Spot: <http://vols.pt/kRRfrh>
2. Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account on Volunteer Spot)
3. Browse the calendar and activities from March to June. Choose the activity, date, and time when you are available.

Note: Volunteer Spot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use Volunteer Spot, please email us instead at KP.All.Night.Party@gmail.com to volunteer.

To learn more about the All Night Party check out the KPPN website or the ANP Facebook page.



www.facebook.com/KP.ANP

Fundraisers -

Patriots Fan Dream Raffle –

The drawing for the Pats raffle was held on Super Bowl Sunday and the winners are:

1st Place Prize – Private Tour of Gillette Stadium

The Bannon Family

2nd Place Prize – Patriot's Snow Bowl Collage

The Silvestri Family

Congratulations to the Winners!

Clothing Drive—Start your spring cleaning! We will be holding a used clothing and household item drive on Saturday, April 12, 2014 at the KP bus loop from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Drop off your gently used clothing, bedding, toys, and other items and the KP Parents' Network will receive CASH for every pound collected. Volunteers will be available to help collect your items at the curb. Or have your student drop off your donation in the school lobby the week prior. The KPPN will donate a portion of the proceeds to the grade level that collects the most bags.

In addition, Norfolk residents can drop off items at the Transfer Station on March 22nd, March 29th and April 5th during regular business hours. For more information, as well as a list of items we are collecting, visit our website at www.kpparentnetwork.org/fundraising/.

Roche Bros. — It is almost time for our annual fundraiser at Roche Bros. Supermarket in Millis. Plan your food shopping for Good Friday, April 18th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and KP volunteers will be available to collect receipts as shoppers exit the store. Roche Bros. will then donate 5 percent of all collected receipts to the KP Parents' Network. Also, 5 percent of gift cards ordered prior to March 22nd will be donated to King Philip. Gift cards can be used at any of the 15 Roche Bros. grocery stores, 3 Sudbury Farms locations, or their home delivery service. All proceeds raised will go towards the All Night Party. For more information or to order gift cards in advance contact Phyllis Govoni at kpparentnetwork@gmail.com.

Business, Community Organizations and Individual Sponsor Drive—The All Night Party depends on the generosity of community businesses and organizations, as well as individuals. We will be contacting area businesses for donations soon. If you or your business would like to help sponsor the All Night Party, please contact Phyllis Govoni at kpparentnetwork@gmail.com. All donors will be thanked and recognized during and after the All Night Party.

Graduation Lawn Signs – COMING SOON! We are currently in the process of designing an exciting commemorative for our graduating seniors. Purchase a lawn sign and place it on your front lawn to show your support and appreciation for the Class of 2014. Ordering details will be on our website shortly.

Dancing with the Wrentham Stars –

Preparations for the 2nd annual Dancing with the Wrentham Stars is underway, and KP's principal Dr. Lisa Oliveira is one of the event's "stars." Dr. Oliveira will be competing to help raise funds for the King Philip Turf Project, launched recently to replace the grass football field with turf. Please support Dr. Oliveira's fundraising initiatives so that the KP community can enjoy upgraded facilities for the school's athletes and musicians!

Covidien Grant -

We are pleased to announce that the KP Parents' Network was recently awarded a \$750 grant as part of Covidien Grants Volunteer Incentive Program (VIP). We are grateful to KPPN board member and Covidien employee Eileen Green for her efforts in applying for the grant. Covidien is a Massachusetts-based medical equipment maker committed to giving back to the community by recognizing their employees who generously donate their time and expertise to charities.

The KP Parents' Network-Gail O'Hara Scholarship -

Each year, the KP Parents' Network awards four scholarships to graduating seniors pursuing higher education. Established in 2004 in recognition and honor of Gail O'Hara, the scholarships are presented to the recipients at Senior Awards Night in May.

Senior students should contact the Guidance Department for this year's application information and submission deadline.

Staff Appreciation -

Plans are underway for the annual Staff Appreciation Day, hosted by the KP Parents' Network to thank our teachers and staff for their dedication and hard work. On Friday, May 2nd, a half-day of school, we will host a luncheon in the cafeteria for all KP staff members. Volunteers are needed for preparations, as well as to supply requested food items, beverages, and paper goods. Gift cards to various stores to buy supplies, as well as prizes for raffle drawings are appreciated. We will be forwarding more information as the date draws near. We appreciate your support – Thank you!

Membership Drive Update -

The 2013-2014 Membership continues, and so far only 10% of KP families have returned their forms and dues. It's not too late to join so please encourage other KP families to sign up. Participation in KPPN activities is entirely optional, but dues are used for the enrichment of all KP students. For most of us, our TPA/PTO days are over, but you can still make a difference in your child's school with your donation of \$20. Membership forms are available on our website: <http://kpparentnetwork.org/>.

GENERAL INFORMATION*Please Join Us*

KP Parents' Network meetings are held the third Thursday of the month, unless otherwise noted on our website. Our next meeting is Thursday, February 27th, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the Faculty Dining Room (Rm 339) next to the cafeteria.

For more information about any of our initiatives or ways you can help, contact us at kpparentnetwork@gmail.com or check out our website: kpparentnetwork.org

