

June, 2014

Issue 5

KING PHILIP PARENTS' NETWORK NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the KP Parents' Network Newsletter!

We had a very productive school year. Please take a moment to read about our activities.

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

@kppn1

Thank you -

As another school year draws to a close, the KPPN would like to thank its members and the KP community for their participation and support. Whether you paid your dues, volunteered at an event, or contributed to fundraising, you helped make KP a better place for our children. In a time of academic, fiscal, and social challenges to our education systems, the support of parents is important and necessary. Whether parents are behind the scenes or highly visible, our students benefit from knowing we are involved and care about their high school experience.

Staff Appreciation -

On Friday, May 2nd, the KPPN hosted its annual Staff Appreciation luncheon to thank KP staff members for their hard work on behalf of our students. This year's event was held in the cafeteria so staff could sit together and enjoy a catered meal. Thank you to the many parents who donated gift cards, helped serve, bake, and clean-up, and Dr. Lisa Oliveira for generously providing the salads and water. Special thanks to The Bistro of Westborough for the delicious luncheon and cake. The Bistro offers a full breakfast menu, lunch options, complete bakery, and an extensive catering menu specializing in barbeques and clambakes. Many thanks to new Staff Appreciation chair Diana Cooper for the incredible amount of work she put into this event. In addition to the luncheon, teachers were surprised each day with baskets filled with a different token of appreciation: chocolates, nuts, apples, and school supplies.

New KP Sign with Message Board -

We are pleased to announce that the new KP sign and message board has been installed at the school entrance by the tennis courts. The message board is 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.

Contact the Main Office for information on displaying your group's message on the sign.



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

Each year, the KP Parents' Network awards four scholarships to graduating seniors pursuing higher education. Through the generosity of our members, local businesses and organizations, as well as fundraising efforts, we were able to double the amount of the scholarships this year. Established in 2004 in recognition and honor of Gail O'Hara, this year's scholarships were presented to the following recipients at Senior Awards Night on May 29th:

Natalie Figueroa

Courtney Hebert

Michael Owen

Christopher White

Congratulations and good luck to this year's winners. For more information on the KP Parents' Network scholarship see our website.

2014 Senior All Night Party -

The 2014 All Night Party was a huge success! Over 87% of the senior class attended and enjoyed one last night together at KP. The school was transformed into an exciting venue filled with music, food, games, and entertainment. Even the chaperones had fun!

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to chaperone and help with activities. Also, thank you to all the committee leads and drop-in decorating volunteers who worked throughout the school year on preparations for the party. The ANP cannot happen without your help. Your hard work over the last several months is very much appreciated!

We would like to extend a special thank you to the following All Night Party Board members who have 2014 graduates and still managed to fit in time for the ANP: Sharon Bannon, *Decorating*; Phyllis Govoni, *Fundraising*; John Govoni, *Casino*; Nancy Owen, *Food*; Tara Werlich, *Food*; Alison & Dave Lutes, *Arcade*.

Finally, thank you to ANP Co-chairs Jackie Volpe and Chris Ahearn for stepping up to help this year. Their enthusiasm and new ideas helped make this year's party one of the most successful ever.

We hope to hear from parents of underclassman to volunteer and "pay this tradition forward." For more information, please visit our website <http://kpparentnetwork.org/> or contact us at KP.All.Night.Party@gmail.com.

Grant Awarded

The KP Parents' Network was pleased to once again be awarded an Operation Graduation Grant. The Norfolk District Attorney's Office awards the grants to help defray the cost of hosting alcohol-free events for high school graduates.

Teacher Mini-Grants -

New this year, the KP Parents' Network funded a Mini-Grant program for King Philip teachers. Grant funds were used to support and enhance the classroom experience for KP students. We hope we can make this an ongoing program. See our website for information on the recipients and their projects.

2013-2014 Fundraisers -

Patriots Fan Dream Raffle -- The drawing for the Pats raffle was held on Super Bowl Sunday and the winners were:

- 1st Place – PrivateTour of Gillette Stadium and CBS Scene Gift Card – Sharon Bannon
- 2nd Place – Patriots' Snow Bowl Collage – Joe Silvestri

Clothing Drive -- Our second spring clothing drive was once again very successful. We collected 2,967 lbs. of clothes, shoes, bedding, and toys. The senior class collected the most bags, so they received a check for \$200 from the KPPN. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Roche Bros. -- Our annual Roche Bros. fundraiser was very successful this year! We raised \$1,652...the most money we have ever raised through Roche Bros. Thank you to all the parent and student volunteers who warmly greeted shoppers and enthusiastically collected receipts as they exited the store. Thank you also to all the KP families who shopped the store during the event.

Graduation Lawn Signs -- Thank you to parents and business that showed their pride and support of the Class of 2014 by purchasing and displaying a commemorative lawn sign! The two-sided sign was designed by KP Senior Lauren Gilleland.

All Night Party Auction -- Thanks to all who participated in the All Night Party auction and congratulations to the winners:

- Reserved prime seating at graduation ...Tara Werlich
- Reserved premium parking at graduation...Sandra Guarino
- Speed pass at graduation -- jump to the head of the line for seating...Gail Klein

Business, Community Organizations and Individual Sponsor Drive -- The KP Parents' Network and the All Night Party depends on the generosity of community businesses and organizations, as well as individuals. A list of our 2013-2014 sponsors can be found on our website:

<http://kpparentnetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/2013-2014Sponsors-3.pdf>

Anyone who wishes to help us out with fundraising next year please contact us at kpparentnetwork@gmail.com

Save the Date -

Next year's **Father/Daughter/Special Person Dance** will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2015 at the Renaissance Hotel at Patriot Place. KP girls and their fathers (or other important adult male) can enjoy a fun night of dinner and dancing. Look for ticket sale information next Fall.

KP Parents' Network Board -

2013-2014 Board

We would like to thank the following outgoing board members for their time and participation this year. Many thanks to Phyllis Govoni, Chairperson, for her unceasing energy and commitment to the KP Parents' Network. Phyllis gave 110% to the KPPN, and her leadership and support will be missed. Thank you also to Wendy Geiger, Membership Chair, for her ideas and positive energy. Wendy was always available to help out other board members, too. Finally, thank you to Noelle Tonelli, 2012 Liaison to the Principal and this year's Fundraising Co-chair. Noelle was recently elected as Norfolk's representative to the KP Regional School Committee.

2014-2015 Board

Chair/Co-Chairs	Open
ANP Co-Chair	Jackie Volpe
ANP Co-Chair	Chris Ahern
Secretary	Open
Treasurer	Eileen Green
Fundraising Co-Chairs	Open
Membership	Maureen Lukes
Publicity	Grace Allen
Father/Daughter Dance	Jean Nickerson
Staff Appreciation	Diana Cooper
Webmaster	Mirian Sousa

If you are interested in joining the KP Parents' Network Board please contact us at kpparentnetwork@gmail.com. We welcome new participants and new ideas!

*Have a great summer,
and look for our membership drive to start in September!*

GENERAL INFORMATION

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

**KP Parents' Network
c/o King Philip Regional High School
201 Franklin Street
Wrentham, MA 02093**