

Krum Middle School

May 1, 2012



Krum Middle School BOBCAT BULLETIN

“Teaching is the profession that teaches all of the other professions.”

—Author Unknown

Dear KMS Families:

It's hard to believe that May has already arrived and we have just a few weeks left of the school year. National Teacher Appreciation Week is May 7th —11th. I encourage you to let our teachers know just how much we appreciate the positive difference they are making in our school and community. KMS has many reasons to be grateful for the men and women who have dedicated their lives to educating our children. Often, the fruits of their labor is not seen until many years down the road.



This year we have two staff members who will be retiring at the conclusion of the school year. Although their classrooms will be filled with new faces; these educators will never completely be replaced. Mrs. Snellgrove and Mr. Brashears have influenced many lives during their years of service, and we will miss them in the future. To both of you, thank you for the lessons you have taught us and the wisdom you have shared both in and outside of the classroom. Your legacy will continue to make a positive difference in our school and community.

On behalf of the faculty and staff of KMS, thank you for your support throughout the year. This has been a challenging year with budget cuts and the state's new STAAR assessment. Nonetheless, our students and staff have met the challenges with great gusto. In just a few weeks, we will close out the year. Even though our time is short, rigorous instruction is still our goal. Please encourage your student to stay the course and finish strong as we continue preparations for promotion to the next grade level.

Finally, we will have an early release day on May 31st followed by 8th Grade Graduation & KMS Awards Ceremony at 6:30 pm in the KISD Fine Arts Auditorium.

Go BOBCATS!

Michelle Pieniazek

Principal

THANK YOU, PTO!

Submitted by Mrs. Murdock

The faculty and staff of Krum Middle School want to thank the Krum PTO for the treats they donated for STAAR. Thank you for assisting us!

Cafeteria News

Submitted by Mrs. Doyal

As the year comes to an end menus are subject to change. Also in the month of May we will be strictly following the policy of no charges. Breakfast prices are .30 and 1.50 and Lunch is .40 and 2.75.



Choir News

Submitted by Ms. Carty

As we are winding down the 2011-2012 school year the Krum Middle School choir department is heading into their last concerts, contests, and trips! With a very successful UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Contest behind them (the Concert Men receiving ratings of 2s on stage and 1s in sight-reading and the Concert Women receiving ratings of 1,2,1 on stage and 1s on stage), we now send the 6th grade students to a Hurricane Harbor Contest on Friday, May 4th and Saturday, May 5th. Also, all grade levels will be presenting their Spring Show, featuring a 6th grade musical called "Broadway Beat" and "Annie" and "Newsies" presented by the 7th and 8th graders on Tuesday, May 10th. The 7th and 8th graders will then travel to San Antonio, TX for the weekend to compete in the Choice Music contest. This has definitely been a very fun and successful year for the KMS Choir!

Reminder - important dates for choir parents:

- 4/30 – 7th/8th grade San Antonio Trip meeting 6:30 pm in the KMS Choir room
- 5/9 – MS Spring Show Dress Rehearsal 3:30-5:30 pm in the HS Auditorium
- 5/10 – MS Spring Show Concert 7:00 pm in the HS Auditorium (students arrive by 6:00 pm)
- 5/11-5/13 – 7th/8th grade San Antonio Trip

Danielle Drews Recognized for Writing

Submitted by Mrs. Morcovescu

Mrs. Morcovescu is proud to announce that Danielle Drews, one of her 8th grade Pre-AP students, has won several awards with her writing abilities. Mrs. Morcovescu stated, "Danielle is a very talented young writer. Danielle loves writing; she has a great imagination and an excellent control of the language— grammar and vocabulary. When you start reading her stories, you want to read more!"



This year, Danielle submitted a few of her stories to different writing competitions and received different awards. They are as follow:

- Honorable Mention at *The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards of 2012*
- The Silver Key Award at *The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards of 2012* and
- 1st Place at the *Jerry Simpson Memorial Short Story Contest* organized by North Central Texas College.

Congratulations to Danielle! The KMS family is proud of you!

KMS Cheerleaders 2012-2013

Submitted by Mrs. Borchardt

Please congratulate the members of the 2012-2013 KMS Cheer Squad!

8th Grade:

- Waverleigh Ananiew
- Taylor Chenault
- Ally Cook
- Ashley Frank
- Mackenzie Freeman
- Karissa Harris
- Tori Lamb
- Zoe Romine
- Jasmine Schneider
- Hannah Thompson

7th Grade:

- Rachel Alabaster
- Kate Fielder
- Addison Ivey
- Aly Jonas
- Samie Logan
- Joshlyn Savage
- Lindsey Sjogren
- Arianna Tijerina
- Ashleigh Wiley
- Hailee Whitley
- Harley Simpkins (mascot)



Band News

Submitted by Mr. Forbis

In the musical world, everyone knows that fall is for football and marching. As we build a marching band program, the Krum community will experience great music and field shows. However, spring is for concert band music and Krum ISD has a long-standing tradition of excellence in this area. In the KMS band program, there are four performing groups: Beginner Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble.

When understanding contest results, it should be noted that Division I ratings are the best while higher numbers indicate a lower score (i.e., 2, 3, and 4). KMS began the contest season with the Concert Band performing at Sandy Lake. Performing "St. Petersburg March" and "The Sound and the Fury," the band brought home all Division I ratings. A week later, the Beginner Band followed suit with all top scores for their performances of "Pompeii Unearthed" and "Transformers Theme."

With great success from the Sandy Lake contests, the band moved into a formal contest setting. The Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band competed at the Peak Music Festival at Wakeland High School in Frisco. The competition is closely related to UIL but does not contain a sight-reading portion. At the group, each KMS band received all Division I ratings as well as excellent critiques from the judges. The Symphonic Band received the compliment of performing at the level of a varsity group during their performances of "Conquista" by David Shaffer, "Our Kingsland Spring" by Samuel Hazo, and "Fortis" by Gary Gazlay. The Wind Ensemble was also praised for an inspired performance of very difficult musical literature.

On April 18, the KMS Wind Ensemble participated in the Region 2-AA UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Competition. The concert program included "Pan American March" by Karl King and arranged by Clark, "Journey Down Niagara" by Christopher Tucker, and "Adrenaline Engines" by Randall Standridge. The level of difficulty for the program was one equivalent to a high school non-varsity group, which is outstanding for a middle school band.

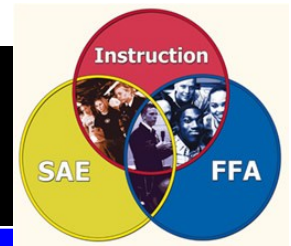
After the stage performance, the band proceeded to the sight-reading portion of the competition. During the sight-reading process, each band student receives a new piece of music specifically composed each year for sight-reading purposes to ensure that it has not been previously performed. Each band director is allowed seven minutes to guide their band through the piece and explain as much as possible. During this time, band members are to "finger" along although no talking is allowed. Once the seven minutes has elapsed, the director and band perform the piece while they are judged on how well they perform a new piece of music.

From the stage performance to the sight-reading competition, the Wind Ensemble received all Division I ratings along with many compliments from the judges. The receipt of Division I ratings in both areas resulted in a UIL Sweepstakes award, the highest award bands can receive at the competition. With contest season now complete, the Wind Ensemble will now submit their music recordings for consideration in the TMEA Honor Band competition.

We are extremely proud of every student's efforts and look forward to more success in the future!

FFA News

Submitted by Ms. Valigura



The school year may be winding down, but the Krum FFA is keeping busy. With a successful school year almost behind us, we are beginning to plan for next year. If you are interested in raising a lamb or goat for next year, please let Ms. Valigura know. If you are interested in raising a steer or heifer for next year, please let Mr. Pieniasek know. If you and your parents are still unsure, please let us know by the beginning of the next school year in August.

The Krum FFA Chapter Banquet will be held on May 24th in the Middle School Cafeteria. All FFA members are encouraged to attend! In addition, the District 7 FFA Banquet will be held after school on May 1st in Pilot Point.

Krum FFA Pictures from 2012 Krum International



Staying Healthy

Submitted by Mrs. Craddock, School Nurse

Vaccine Requirements for 2012-2013 School Year

Attention incoming students and parents!!!! Please start checking now that your students immunizations are up to date for the 2012-2013 school year.

ALL 7th grade students are required to have 2 varicella (chicken pox), Tdap booster, and meningococcal vaccination **PRIOR** to starting school.

Immunizations play an important role in the health and well being of your child and the community we live in. Please refer to the MINIMUM requirements listed below.

- 6th grade: 3 doses of DPT (one on or after 4th birthday)
 - 4 doses of Polio
 - 2 doses of MMR
 - 3 doses of Hepatitis B
 - 1 dose of Varicella (or verification of previous chicken pox disease)

- 7th grade: 3 doses of DPT/DTap
 - 1 Tdap/TD booster within the last 5 years
 - 4 doses of Polio
 - 2 doses of MMR
 - 3 doses of Hepatitis B
 - 2 doses of Varicella (or verification of previous chicken pox disease)
 - 1 dose of Meningococcal

- 8th grade: 3 doses of DPT/DTap including one within the last 10 years
 - 4 doses of Polio
 - 2 doses of MMR
 - 3 doses of Hepatitis B
 - 2 doses of Varicella (or verification of previous chicken pox disease)
 - 1 dose of Meningococcal



If your child needs any immunizations please see your physician as soon as possible to avoid the back-to-school rush. Please don't wait until the end of summer when there is almost always a vaccine shortage. Shot records will be checked upon enrollment and if not up to date your student will not be allowed to enroll in school.

Please be aware that students without the required immunizations or a valid exemption will **NOT** be allowed to attend school.

2012 Field Day

May 30, 2012 – Save the Date! Krum Middle School will host its annual field day. Students are encouraged to wear sunscreen, tennis shoes, and comfortable clothing. Students may wear athletic shorts and caps, but all other clothing must be dress code compliant. More details will be distributed soon!

Athletic Physicals

On May 16th, athletic physicals will be offered for all incoming 7th through incoming 12th grade athletes. Doctors will be on hand to examine the students before they go to summer break for a small fee of \$15.

While it is not required that students use the district-offered exam, it is mandatory that all students undergo a physical before the first day of summer practice or before engaging in district athletic activities.

The physicals will be conducted in the Krum ISD field house, located next to the football field. Exam times for eligible boys will be from 3:30 – 5 pm. All female students may come from 5-6:30 pm.

Forms may be downloaded from the KISD website. The emergency form must be notarized.

*2012
8th Grade Graduation
&
KMS Awards Ceremony
Thursday, May 31, 2012
6:30 p.m.
Krum ISD Fine Arts Auditorium*

Advance invitations will be sent to all students who will receive an award.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	May 1 8th Grade Living Choices FFA District Check	2 Campus Leaders Meeting 8th Grade Living Choices	3 7th Grade Living Choices 5th Grade Tour Band Spring Concert	4 7th Grade Living Choices 6th Grade Hurricane Harbor Contest FNL	5 6th Grade Hurricane Harbor Trip
7 6th Grade Living Choices	8 6th Grade Living Choices	9 Faculty Meeting Board Meeting	10 Choir Spring Show	11 FNL 7th & 8th Grade Choir Trip	12 7th & 8th Grade Choir Trip
<i>Faculty & Staff Appreciation Week</i>					
14	15	16 Campus Leaders Meeting 6th Grade Field Trip Athletic Physicals	17 Algebra EOC	18 FFA – Area Convention FNL	19
21	22 BEAM Ropes Course	23 Faculty Meeting	24 FFA Banquet	25	26
28 School Holiday	29 Yearbooks NJHS Induction	30 Field Day	31 Last Day of School Talent Show Early Release 8th Grade Graduation 6:30	June 1 Teacher Workday District Luncheon 11:30	2

