



From the Principal

Trudie Donovan

The 2008-2009 school year has brought many great things to Kell High School. In the fall a winning football program got the school spirit going in the right direction. The student section was moved from the far end of the stands to the end closest to the concession stand, which added a lot of enthusiasm as the team came from underneath the stands. The student section is now called the Stockyard. The band created a great atmosphere at the football games this year with their patriotic themed performances. As usual, they out did themselves as they continued to win honors at band competitions. The girls slow pitch softball team won the STATE CHAMPIONSHIP! A movie was actually filmed at Kell High School, while students were taking the PSAT! The movie, "The Joneses" is scheduled to be released this summer. The community outreach program, "Shop with a Longhorn", was very successful in its second year, as we were able to support more families. At the end of the semester students who are enrolled in some one semester classes take End of Course Tests (EOCTs) to see if they have mastered the curriculum. Our students continue to increase their scores.

The second semester brought new opportunities. Kell was nominated to be a "Cool School" on Channel 46. On February 6, 2009, Mike Brooks from Channel 46 came to Kell and broadcast the News program live from 5am to 7am inside the Kell gymnasium. We had over 600 students in the gym willing and ready to perform and talk about all the wonderful programs at Kell. It gave our school a chance to be noticed not just in the community, but in the Metro Atlanta area. We were able to highlight programs like: Model UN, AVID, Georgia Tech distance learning, gymnastics, drama, chorus, video productions, band, orchestra, Lauren Chambers a nationally recognized athletic, as well as our very own Assistant Principal, Antwane Nelson who demonstrated his martial arts abilities. Students and teachers alike enjoyed the program as they proudly wore their Cool School t-shirts made by our graphic arts students.

Kell High School has always been a wonderful place to be; however, this year has proven to be an exceptional one. I could not be more proud to be the principal, and I look forward to more outstanding Longhorn opportunities next year. Hook'em Horns!

A Letter From the PTSA President

Shelly Nordlinger

We say it all of the time. Where has the time gone? How is it already March? Time flies when you are having fun – and busy! Reviewing the many accomplishments of PTSA thus far, it is easy to see why time has gone so quickly. We have been VERY busy, productive and successful.

PTSA Youth Services programs have focused on protection of our students. We have more coming this semester including Safety and Splish, Splash, Splosh – our concerted effort to make our kids more aware of the danger of sun damage and skin cancer. This program will take place just before Spring Break.

Also, during the spring we are bringing a new program to Kell to aid student success. PTSA is bringing The Princeton Review SAT Prep Class to Kell. This is a great opportunity for Kell students to gain extra preparation for the upcoming SATs. The class begins on April 25 and the deadline to enroll is April 15. Take a look at the detailed information located in this newsletter.

Let's not forget about our seniors. PTSA is offering scholarships to seniors for their dedication to Kell. Proudly and sadly, this year, in addition to our traditional scholarship, PTSA is introducing the Mario Griscti Service Scholarship to a deserving senior. Mr. Griscti was a member of Kell's School Council, its PTSA Executive Board, the Orchestra Booster Board, and the Executive Board of the Tommy Mathis Council of PTSA. His life was cut short in his battle with cancer. But in his words, his life is his legacy. PTSA is honoring Mr. Griscti's commitment to volunteerism by annually recognizing a senior who has chosen to commit to volunteering in their community. It is our honor to offer this scholarship in our dear friend's name. His legacy is his life. Applications for the Mario Griscti Service Scholarship are available in the Guidance Office.

Senior parents, please watch for information about the Baccalaureate Service on May 21 and other senior activities that PTSA is sponsoring to celebrate our seniors' accomplishments.

Please remember that May 3–9, 2009 is Teacher Appreciation Week. Kell High School PTSA works for a wonderful population that includes parents, teachers, students, and our community. Send your students' teachers a note of thanks for what they do for you child during Teacher Appreciation Week. What they do matters.

Please continue to read your Cattle Call announcements for updates about what is happening at Kell High School. Know that your PTSA is working very hard toward student achievement, student safety, parent education and school services.

Happy spring!

Shelly Nordlinger

CAREER-TECH NEWS

Registration is just around the corner. Take advantage of all that Kell has to offer in the Career and Technology Department.

There are 10+ Career Pathways that offer project-based real life experiences. Register today for one of the following:

Business Administration Pathway
 Interactive Media
 Computing Career
 Teacher Apprentice
 Marketing with opportunities in work-based learning
 Broadcast Video
 Graphic Communications
 Engineering & Architecture
 Public Safety
 Culinary Arts
 Interior Design

All CT students have the opportunity participate in wonderful activities such as field trips, competitions in CT areas, leadership conferences and much more. Real life... real classes available now in the Kell CT Department! Stop by and talk with any CT teacher.

Parents of all rising 9th graders--Don't forget to come at 6:00 on March 5th to learn more about what Kell High has to offer your student. The Career Tech department will be available to give you and your student first-hand knowledge about the variety of Career Pathways offered. Talk with faculty and students to learn about the opportunities to develop leadership skills and learn new skill sets. CT...real life...real classes! Contact Ms. Kovachi at angela.kovachi@cobbk12.org for more information.



CULINARY ARTS PROGRAM

Twenty-two Culinary Arts students from Kell attended the 11th Annual Southern Hospitality Career Expo at the Georgia World Congress Center on Friday, February 13th. The Expo presents opportunities for students to meet representatives from prestigious culinary schools. Corporate and restaurant sponsors demonstrated wonderful food samplings for the students to taste as well as talking with them about the wide variety of jobs available in the food industry! The entire event is organized by the Hospitality Education Foundation of Georgia. It is put on yearly just for the benefit of the Culinary Arts students in the state of Georgia. For more information about Kell's Culinary Arts Program, contact Julie Gray at Julie1Gray@cobbk12.org.

FBLA COMPETITION

Future Business Leaders had 11 students compete in our Region 7 Competition. We had five students place in the largest region in Georgia and one winner progress to State. They are: Matt T., progressing to State in Spreadsheets, Whitney O. and Taylor B. in Desktop Publishing, Nita M. 1st place in Word Processing II, and Neil J. in Web Page. Others competing were Lavonne A. in Public Speaking II, Michael S., Evon K., and Jasmine L. in Accounting I, Luv P. in Business Calculations, and Bryant M. in Finance. Future Business Leaders of America reinforces the skills taught in Career Tech courses and emphasizes practices needed in real life. For more information about FBLA, contact Ms. Forbes at becky.forbes@cobbk12.org

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DECA JOB SHADOW

The Principles of Marketing students participated in a job shadow experience sponsored by Junior Achievement at Nokia on Friday, February 6th. After receiving a tour of the business as well as an overview about the corporation, the students were paired with a business executive. They had the opportunity find about careers within the organization as well as ask questions of each executive. The students enjoyed lunch with their executive mentor before returning to school.

DECA COMPETITIONS

Six marketing students placed in DECA Region last month. Please help congratulate these students for achieving such success. Fourteen marketing students will be attending State March 6th and 7th.

Tyler Baker 3rd Advertising Testing
 Kristen Barry 6th Marketing and Business Foundations Testing
 Leah Breevort 1st Travel and Tourism Testing
 Sarah Cullom 3rd Marketing Management
 Zinesha Singleton 5th Marketing Math Testing
 Jessica Smith 6th Business Administration Testing

For more information about the Marketing Program, contact Ms. Kovachi at angela.kovachi@cobbk12.org.

NORTH METRO TECH FAIR

The following students represented Kell High School on Saturday, February 7th, at the North Metro Tech Fair, held at Pitner Elementary. There were 160 students from Cobb County School District, Marietta City Schools, Paulding County Schools, home schools and private schools that participated in the 2009 fair. Note: all first place winners are eligible to compete in the Georgia State Technology Fair on March 14th.

Tyler L. - competed in Graphic Design (non-animated)
 Matthew E. - Web 2.0 Internet Applications - won 2nd place
 Strati P. - Digital Video Editing - won 1st place in 11/12th grade category
 Michael K. - competed in Digital Video Editing - won 1st place in 9/10th grade category



If you would like more information about this event for next year, feel free to email Mrs. Zullo of the Kell Career-Tech Department at beth.zullo@cobbk12.org

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BROADCAST & VIDEO

Video Production classes will be attending the Atlanta Film Festival on Tuesday, April 21, 2009. There are two student groups submitting their videos to the ATLANTA FILM FESTIVAL called the Teen Screen. For more information on this, contact Coach Herron at spencer.herron@cobbk12.org

COMPUTER SCIENCE BOWL

Saturday, April 18, 2009 3-5 pm. Students from Kell will be attending Georgia Tech on this day to participate in the 2nd annual Advanced Placement Computer Science bowl. Students will be competing with other schools throughout Cobb County. You do not have to be in a programming class to attend if you are interested. If you are interested in more information, contact Mrs. Zullo at beth.zullo@cobbk12.org

FULL SAIL

The Kell Career-Tech Department had a guest speaker from Full Sail University this month. Students from the Career-Tech Department participated in this event. If you're looking to launch a career in music, film, video games, design, animation, entertainment business, or Internet marketing, visit www.fullsail.edu

For more information about upcoming event in Career-Tech, visit: <http://www.cobbk12.org/~kell/departments/careerTech/UpcomingEvents/Upcoming%20Events.html>



TAP APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Once a month since October 2008, Kell's TAP students volunteer as facilitators for Chalker's Elementary School fifth grade Leadership Academy. The Leadership Academy purpose is to provide students the opportunity to learn Keys of Excellence and skills that will develop leadership. Ms. Karen Frost, Assistant Principal at Chalker, initiated the program. Contact Mrs. Beth Moore Williams, the TAP Coordinator at Kell. (beth.moore-williams@cobbk12.org)

Pictures are of the Leadership Academy in November, 2008

WEB DESIGN

Mr. Emery's Web Design class has been creating their own version of a school website. Each student is making a website for Kell highlighting "what makes Kell great". Feel free to come by 7th period to look at some extremely creative websites. Who knows, you might learn something new about Kell! For more information about this, contact Mr. Emery at ryan.emery@cobbk12.org

*** Senior Celebrations ***

Attention seniors and parents:

Be a creative force in producing the end of the year Senior Celebrations

We are currently planning the Senior Breakfast and fourth Annual Baccalaureate

Volunteers please contact Vanessa Barker at bark.nessa@gmail.com

The Baccalaureate will held on Thursday, May 21 and the Breakfast on Friday, May 22. Because these are special occasions honoring our seniors, we want them to be outstanding. In order to produce these memorable events, we are asking for a \$20 donation from parents. Please send your contribution to the attention of Senior Activities, Kell PTSA

Attention seniors and senior parents

Please mark your calendars for Kell's fourth annual Baccalaureate, an evening of celebration and inspiration. All family and friends are welcome as it promises to be a wonderful event celebrating the culmination of the past four years.

Kell High School Class of 2009

Baccalaureate

An Evening of Celebration and Inspiration

Thursday, May 21, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.

Piedmont Baptist Church

570 Piedmont Road, NE

Marietta, Georgia



PTSA President Shelly Nordlinger, Vice President Michele Sutcliffe, Principal Trudie Donovan and Teacher of the Year Scott Stephens at the Eastern Cobb County Council Teacher of the Year luncheon



The Eastern Cobb County Council Teacher of the Year luncheon was hosted by the Kell/Lassiter Cluster of the ECCC. Kell board members Lynn Dearing and Marcia Stewart represented Kell's PTSA.



Congratulations to our scholar athletes for being awarded a college scholarship to participate in athletics. Kell is so proud of you!

What language should my child take at Kell?

Think about Latin!

Latin . . .

- strengthens basic English skills in vocabulary and reading comprehension
- focuses on grammar which leads to improved English writing and communication
- increases cultural awareness and makes cultural connections
- encourages critical thinking and comparative analysis
- introduces students to a rich source of mythology, literature and history which support Social Studies and English curriculum
- TOGAS!!

Want to know more? Go to www.longhamlatin.com or contact Scott Stephens at scott.stephens@cobbk12.org

SCIENCE NEWS

The graduation exit exam for science is rapidly approaching for all juniors. The science portion has been especially difficult for many students statewide. We feel the best way to prepare for the test is by accessing the review site. www.usatestprep.com. The log in is Kell and password is Newton66. There are practice tests, games, vocabulary review and much more on this site. If all juniors would use this site everyday in March for 30 mins. or more they should be ready for the test. The test is 25% Cells and Heredity, 17% Ecology, 26% Structure and Properties of Matter, 16% Energy Transformations and 16% Forces, Waves and Electricity. Each junior also received a review packet in homeroom which can also help them study. If they feel like they need to review with a teacher that is also available through guidance, M-Th from 3:45-5:00 p.m. Please do your best to stress the importance of these tests with your junior.

SAT Prep Class at Kell High School!

This Spring, The Princeton Review will be holding an SAT Class at Kell High School.

During the SAT course The Princeton Review administers two full-length diagnostic SATs, each with a detailed analysis pinpointing individual strengths and weaknesses. The individual attention The Princeton Review gives each student is only one reason for the success of this program. Equally important is the focus of the classes. The Princeton Review approach includes a thorough review of all math, reading and writing skills tested on the SAT – including the student-written essay. However, they go beyond that - they teach test-taking techniques that make students feel in control of, rather than controlled by, the SAT.

The tuition covers all the work they do, including 18 hours of classroom instruction, two diagnostic tests, 24/7 access to online student resources, and all course materials.

SAT Class Schedule and info: Deadline to enroll is 4/15/09 (seats are limited). Please call 404-233-0980 to enroll or register online at www.princetonreview.com

Tuition \$325

4/25 - test
4/27 - class
4/30 - class
5/4 - class
5/7 - class
5/9 - test
5/11 - class
5/14 - class

Classes from 4-7pm - Tests from 9am-1:15pm

