A Message From Kiel and Stonybrook

Dear KEHSA Families,

February 18th marked the 100th day of school! Across those hundred days, our students have been engaged in exciting learning opportunities. Our Pre-K-5 students have grown into such voracious readers and writers! Writers across Pre K-5 have written informational books, literary essays, and opinion writing during Writing Workshop. Students in grades K-2 have also become savvy word detectives, where they have learned to appreciate the beauty of words and use their newfound knowledge to devour their nonfiction and fictional texts. In grades 3-5, the students immersed themselves in mystery reading, nonfiction and narrative nonfiction, growing ideas about characters, life lessons, and theme. (con’t on page 2)

Important Dates

March 6 - Student Art Show Reception at Library
March 9 - Author Day at Stonybrook
March 9 - Tricky Tray ticket order deadline
March 9 - Minimum Day
March 11 - STEM NIGHT @ Kiel 6pm-8pm
March 13 - Charleston Wrap order deadline
March 18 - Kiel Author Day book orders due
March 26 - Tricky Tray at The Tides
March 27 - Yearbook order deadline
April 1 - Author Day at Kiel
April 6-10 - Spring Break No School
April 15 - STEM NIGHT @ Stonybrook 6pm-8pm
April 29 - Wendy’s Night for K-5 Fundraiser

Upcoming Assemblies:
Bodacious Books - Kiel
Franklin Institute Traveling Science - Stonybrook
Our K-2 mathematicians compared weight and capacity, learned to play Top-It, and continued to practice with counting and beginning addition. The students learned about place value, time and standard units of length. In grades 3-5, students explored multi-step word problems and practiced computation skills and strategies. They calculated partial products to solve two by two multiplication problems, graphed coordinates on a grid, and practiced adding/subtracting decimals.

In the Stonybrook Library Media Center, Mrs. Bosch and the 5th grade teachers collaborated on a social studies unit where students researched and produced stories of explorers using a digital comic creator. Third and fourth-grade students created posters, t-shirts, buttons, and SBTV skits to talk about and share their knowledge of environmental issues.

Sticking with the environmental theme, Mrs. Bosch is leading a schoolwide emphasis on recycling. At Kiel, children, under the guidance of Mrs. Gersten, have begun to explore keyboards while learning to touch type in grades kindergarten through second using Dance Mat Typing and Learning.com. By second grade, students are ready to type documents exhibiting their stories and poems.

Teachers at Kiel and Stonybrook are busy using the materials purchased by KEHSA through the Mini Grant Program. We are so thankful for the opportunity to enrich our students’ education through KEHSA’s support. Our students also enjoyed KEHSA-sponsored assemblies FUNance for Finance at Kiel and the Prismatic Magic Laser Show at Stonybrook. At Kiel, the students were also visited this month by none other than the Cat in the Hat. The students lined the halls with their books to share their excitement for reading. You can look forward to asking your children about the upcoming programs: Author Day at Stonybrook with author Candace Fleming on March 9th (Kiel’s Author Day is April 1st), The Bodacious Book Show on March 12th at Kiel School (Stonybrook Kindergarten students will attend). (con’t on pg 4)

Kiel: Kiel teachers have continued their work with our Teachers College staff developer. This year’s focus is on shared reading and small group instruction to move students along the progression for both reading and writing. We also have fully implemented a new phonics program grades K-2 (also a Teachers College program) that works seamlessly with our reading and writing workshop models. We are hearing great implementation stories from teachers as they are starting to see immense transfer work from phonics lessons to reading and writing.

Stonybrook: Stonybrook teachers have also continued their professional development with our Teachers College staff developer. A focus of ours this year is building student stamina in both reading and writing along with increasing student “talk”. We are moving towards creating independent readers refining their teaming capabilities.

This past November, seven parents from Kiel, Stonybrook and PRM attended the Teachers College Annual Family Literacy Day. The institution provided Kinnelon with tickets to send district parents to attend practical workshops. Parents saw examples of student work, watched demonstrations of how you can work with your children at home, and obtained important tips and suggestions for helping our students at home. Attendees came away with a better understanding of literacy instruction as well as tools and resources to help their own child at home.

The District has many on-going offerings for Professional Development for our PreK-5 teachers. Specifically for mathematics, our teachers have continued attending sessions at Conquer Math Teachers, where they have been learning a variety of strategies to engage students while gaining knowledge and understanding of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

Our Kinnelon Teacher Academy, is our avenue for in-house after school teacher learning. We are hopeful that teachers will lead sessions to foster professional learning and innovative instructional practices. We hope we can expand this program in the future.
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**THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH**

ANNUAL KEHSA TRICKY TRAY

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**THE TIDES ESTATE**

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They close PROMPTLY at 7:30

Featuring: Live Auction, Door Prizes, 50/50, Tricky Tray, Cash Bar, Sit Down Dinner

For more information please contact: Christina Jasinski

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**FROM THE KEHSA PRESIDENT**

It’s hard to believe this school year is halfway over. In the blink of an eye, summer break will be upon us.

I would like to thank everyone for their continued support of KEHSA. This fall, with your support, we had great success with our fundraising efforts. As a result we were able to provide the schools with some great additions! We awarded $15,000 in Book Grants, allowing teachers to replenish their classroom libraries. In November, KEHSA approved $10,000 in mini grants for teachers. Some examples of approved items are sensory hallways for both schools (to be installed soon!) a multitude of various flexible seating options, several new, large carpets, science kits, robotics equipment, yoga mats and more.

Many thanks to our volunteers who helped with the fall book fairs as well as the holiday shop. I enjoyed helping the kids shop this year. The excitement on their face while picking gifts for loved ones is priceless.

Spring is shaping up to be busy. Both schools have author day coming up. This is a great opportunity for kids to see what goes into writing a book. Don’t forget to order your signed copy. The book fair is also right around the corner. One of my favorite programs is the art show. Come see your little Picasso’s artwork on display at the library in March. Lastly, we have the annual Tricky Tray, our biggest fundraiser of the year. Come join us for a fun evening. We have great prizes to be won.

KEHSA is always looking for volunteers. Open committee positions for next year will be released soon. Please consider helping out. If you have any questions feel free contact me. Our children are very fortunate to live in this amazing community. Thank you again for all your support.

Sincerely,

Robyn Tumminia, KEHSA President

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To order click **here**.

Kiel Yearbook ID Code 11535120

Stonybrook Yearbook ID Code 206002
MESSAGE FROM KIEL AND STONYBROOK (CON'T)

On March 2nd, Read Across America Day marks the start of the National Education Association’s National Reading Month. This year’s theme is “Grow a Love of Reading” which we practice every day at Kiel and Stonybrook!

Students have developed their Social and Emotional Learning through lessons focused on kindness, respect, and conflict resolution. At Kiel, the students learned about the use of “I Statements” as a strategy when resolving peer conflict. Students have also learned many breathing techniques, such as finger and shape breathing, to help regulate their emotions. Students have also learned about the different parts of their brain, like the amygdala, that controls feelings and emotions. Stonybrook students learned about cyber-safety and being an upstander.

At Stonybrook, a Holocaust survivor visited with our 5th grade students. He reminded our students that we must practice care and compassion, rather than fear and the “H” word (hate). His message, “be an upstander, not a bystander” is taught and practiced in all grades. January 24th marked the Stonybrook Spirit Week kick-off event: students vs. staff basketball game! Thanks to all the families for being great sports during the week that followed! Students arrived at school wearing pajamas, mismatched clothing, silly socks, and with CRAZY hair! Congratulations to the 3rd grade and kindergarten students on their winning hallway! The theme was “Change the World One Student at a Time.” While these days may have seemed frivolous, rest assured that learning continued, but with an increased feeling of togetherness through the shared memories made.

At Kiel and Stonybrook, the students prepared for the “Official” 100th day by showing 100 Ways to Care.” We collected items such as kitchen & bathroom essentials and paper products during February 10th-21st. Items collected are being donated to Connect for Community. This volunteer organization will distribute these products to the Kinnelon Food Pantry. Kiel students will also participate in Heart Week during PE class where there will be a variety of cardiovascular activities, like jumping ropes, with a focus on heart health.

Speaking of heart, thank you for putting your hearts into supporting our schools and enriching our students’ educational experience. We are looking forward to seeing you at the annual Tricky Tray in March!

Warm regards from your Pre K-5 principals,
Michele Fisher and Jodi Mulholland

ART SHOW RECEPTION
KEHSA, in conjunction with Kiel and Stonybrook, invite you to attend this year’s Art Show!
Every child has a piece on display!
MARCH 6, 2020
4:00 - 5:00 pm
KINNELON PUBLIC LIBRARY

K-2 AUTHOR DAY @ KIEL
KEHSA presents author Russ Burach for Kiel Author Day! Wednesday, April 1st
Click on the link below to order signed books! ORDERS ARE DUE WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 18th
Author Day Order Form

STEM NIGHT @ KIEL
KEHSA is thrilled to once again fund KIEL STEM NIGHT
MARCH 11, 2020
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Wednesday, April 29TH
5PM-8PM
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