



KENT CITY SCHOOLS

# UPDATE

News for Kent parents from Superintendent Joe Giancola

December 1, 2009

Dear Kent Community Members,

The month of December is packed with many school activities, and a letter like this one has insufficient space for a complete list. Generally, I would like to point you in the direction of our 2009-2010 School Calendar for many scheduled events such as concerts, programs, and meetings.

Much has been said already about our H1N1 vaccination clinics. To read the most current information on the status and results of this program, administered in Kent Schools on December 8 and 9 by the Portage County Health District, check our district Web site at [www.kentschools.net](http://www.kentschools.net). You also may contact your child's building principal for specific details.

This month, we say "farewell" to one of our esteemed board members, **Mr. John Flynn**. As a board member for the last 20 years, John always has guided the district with the best interests of students in mind. I have been privileged to know John for the last 17 of those 20 years, and I thank him and acknowledge his commitment, work, and time devoted to the Kent Schools.

Born and raised in the Kent community, John is a 1967 graduate of Roosevelt High School. Later, he graduated in 1971 from Mount Union, where he met his wife of 35 years, **Connie Flynn**. A graduate of The Ohio State University Law School, he has been practicing law in Kent ever since his graduation in 1974. No stranger to community service, he has committed many, many hours to valuable volunteer positions other than the Kent Board of Education, such as the Robinson Memorial Hospital Foundation Board, the Rotary Club of Kent, and the City of Kent. Besides Connie, John has nine immediate family members in his life: three sons (all Roosevelt graduates), two daughters-in-law, and four grand sons. With his retirement from the board, John will be spending more time with all of them.

At the same time that we say "farewell" to John, we welcome **Dr. Marlene Dorsey** to the Kent Board of Education. Like John Flynn, she has children who are Roosevelt High School graduates. Her involvement as a parent will now take a new form as a representative of the people of Kent. Dr. Dorsey has been and continues to be an outstanding educator at Kent State University, and her insights will be appreciated.

I began this letter with an invitation to use your copy of the 2009-2010 School Calendar to plan your weeks during the upcoming busy holidays. Feel free to call my office (330-676-7610) if you need a replacement copy.

Happy Holidays!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe Giancola".

Dr. Joe Giancola  
Superintendent