



BRANCHING OUT

Roosevelt
High
School



March 2008

Dear Friends,

We continue to battle the winter snows, yet the calendar says spring is just around the corner! I'm not my usual optimistic self about warmer weather being just over the horizon. However, with March upon us, we have just over three months of this school year remaining. There is still tons of work to do in finishing up this school year and planning for the next and beyond.

Many of you are aware that part of our work is with the district Strategic Planning process and some of you have participated in a variety of ways. Strategic Planning sounds technical and has an organizational development tone that, quite frankly, doesn't resonate with our current action-orientated society. I'm even fearful I may have lost a few readers already, so hang with me for a moment, because I have some things that may help you relate this process to our young people.

Strategic Planning is about establishing broad organizational concepts to better position the district to meet its mission of providing the best education possible to our young people. To do this effectively, we have used a random phone survey of our community, a focus group gathering of over one hundred community members, continued information gathering from our faculty, staff, and students, and on-going dialogue with the Strategic Planning steering committee. From these broad themes some goals will be developed and, ideally, some specific action plans created to meet those goals. In a perfect world, the day-to day decisions we make should be framed by those goals derived by this process. These are the so-called "tactical" decisions we make to meet specific objects.

A clear example of this was the emphasis on "communication" established at our last Strategic Plan. When a drunk driver obliterated our message board one winter, we sat down and contemplated the merits of replacement, including the objectives of the message board, and how this fit in that large concept of communication. We then made the tactical decision to upgrade the board to a digital message center

allowing much greater opportunity to communicate with our general public. A second such example of a tactical decision to support the broad goal of better communications is the automated phone messaging system that allows us to contact parents almost instantaneously for what ever reason. Both decisions supported the emphasis of better communications in very different ways.

So how does this process relate to young people? When I ask students in our school, especially in the ninth and tenth grade, to tell me about their plans for the future, the vast majority of them say I want to go to college. When pressed, they can tell me some perceived advantages of a college degree, always attached to better jobs, greater income, etc...They see this broad theme as a way to “strategically” place them in a position to have a yet undefined successful future. By the time they are juniors and seniors while many still emphasize the theme, many have also established a more specific goal; “I am going to college to. . .” precedes a variety of responses directly related to some broad occupation.

However, poor tactical decisions by students, decisions they make that don’t support the broad theme of going to college or some more specific goal of a profession that requires a college degree result in frustration and disappointment. I believe parents, teachers, and society do a great job in helping students set broad themes and clear goals for themselves, but we struggle with helping young people understand that the daily decisions they make should be in achieving those goals. In fact, many decisions such as cutting class, not doing homework, taking the easiest class possible, and skipping tutoring are in direct contrast to what students should be doing to meet their goal!

I would hope that we could all find ways to help students make those conscious decisions that will give them a strategic advantage in our competitive world, have a better understanding of the sacrifices they may have to make in immediate gratification with solid tactical decisions to reach their goals, and to realize the connection between their actions and their dreams. It may be a tall order, but our kids are worth it!

I hope this Branching Out finds you and your family in good health.

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Roger B. Sidoti
Principal

REMINDER!

OGT

OHIO GRADUATION TEST FOR GRADE 10

*And For Upperclassmen
As Needed For
Graduation Requirement*

MARCH 3-7, 2008

(Note change from originally scheduled dates of March 10-14)

Special Schedule/Delayed Start

<i>OGT Testing</i>	<i>7:35 - 9:20</i>
1 st Period	9:30 -10:00 (30)
2 nd Period	10:05 -10:35 (30)
3 rd Period	10:40 -11:10 (30)
4 th Period	11:15 -11:55 (40)
5 th Period	12:00 -12:40 (40)
6 th Period	12:45 -1:25 (40)
7 th Period	1:30 -2:00 (30)
8 th Period	2:05 -2:35 (30)

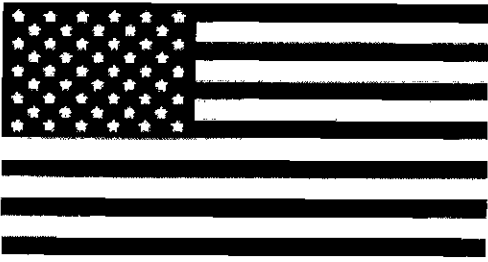
NOTE:

For delayed start, buses run exactly two hours later than regular schedule.

Career-Technical classes follow regular schedule.

Compact buses run as usual.

PLEASE ANNOUNCE & POST



Kent, Ohio, USA



Rennes, Bretagne, France

Students and Parents: *Host a student from France in July, 2008!*

Imagine making a difference in the world from your very own home. Families that host Intercultural Student Experiences (ISE) students from France do just that. Hosting a French student builds bridges between cultures and creates personal connections in a world where global competency is more important than ever.

Ten French teens are coming to Kent, Ohio for 3 weeks in July, 2008.

The rewards of hosting a student from another country are endless! You and your family make a new friend for life, learn first-hand about another culture, share your own culture and language with an eager teenager, and create the possibility of a direct exchange when your family travels abroad.

What's better? American students who host receive a discount when they travel on an ISE program to France during Spring break 2009 with the RHS French Club!

To apply, please download the Host Family Application at:

<http://www.isemn.net/pdf/HostFamilyApplication.pdf>

and give it to Mr. Hido or Mrs. Mikati.

For more information go to:

<http://kentschools.net/rhs/france/>

or email: ke_ahido@kentschools.net





KeyMakers

Some people see a closed door and turn away.

Others see a closed door, try the knob,
If it doesn't open, they turn away.

Still others see a closed door, try the knob,
If it doesn't open, they find a key,
If the key doesn't fit, they turn away.

A rare few see a closed door, try the knob,
If it doesn't open, they find a key,
If the key doesn't fit,
THEY MAKE ONE!

Is there a KeyMaker in your child's education? We would like to recognize Kent City School's employees and volunteers that have been KeyMakers, those who open doors for students. All nominated individuals will receive a certificate.

Nominate a KeyMaker

Your child's name _____

Your name _____

Your address _____

Your phone or email _____

Nominee's Name _____

Nominee's School _____

Please attach a short paragraph explaining why this person should be recognized.

*This program is sponsored by the Kent City Schools Parent Mentor Program. The Parent Mentor Program assists parents of children with special needs in securing an appropriate education for their child. **We must receive all nominations prior to March 17, 2008.** Call 330-676-7661 with questions. Mail the nomination form to:*

Susan Foley or Jeanne Schmidlin, Parent Mentors
Board of Education
321 N. Depeyster St.
Kent OH 44240

Kent Community Education 2007-08
Roosevelt High School Career and Community Education Office (330) 676-8740
www.kentschools.net

We have some new classes beginning in January and February 2008.
Minimum registration numbers must be reached before a program can be offered.

Yoga

Stressed, tired, exhausted? Andrea Bussinger, Certified Yoga Teacher and Massage Practitioner, will be offering a one-hour class beginning in February to help you relax. All levels are welcome. Gentle to moderate poses combined with guided relaxation, breathing and philosophy to meet the interests of the group will be presented. Cost will be \$50.00 for 7 sessions. Dates and times will be available on line and through the Community Education office at 330-676-8740, after January 7, 2008. Please check our web page listed above. Click on Community Education Menu.

Digital Scrapbooking/Storybooking

Join Mandy Seymour and tap your creative talents with digital scrap booking and story booking. Taught in our computer lab, you can learn to create great memories. Class details, cost, dates and times will be available on line and through our Community Education Office at 330-676-8740, after January 7, 2008. Please check our web page listed above. Click on Community Education Menu.

Mandarin Chinese Language Classes for Adults

Kent City Schools through Kent Community Education is pleased to host Mandarin Chinese instructor Lei Yang. Lei Yang joined the Kent Schools community in August through a partnership with the Ohio Department of Education and China. As a Mandarin teacher, Lei Yang has 11 years of teaching experience in the Kunming Foreign Language School in China. Lei Yang is excited to teach a Chinese language class for adults while teaching our elementary and secondary students during the school day. In today's global economy, the Chinese language has become very popular. Businesses might consider employee participation in this opportunity. Parents/guardians of students in our day program are encouraged to participate. In the Mandarin Chinese Language class for adults, students will have the opportunity to learn about the Chinese culture, Chinese words, phrases, conversation, and write basic Chinese characters. We are pleased to offer four sections of Chinese:

Mandarin Chinese Language I

Section One: 8 Tuesdays; January 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26, March 4, 11, 25

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Fee: \$60 TRHS: Room 524

Section Two: 8 Thursdays; January 31, February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 6, 13, 27

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Fee: \$60 TRHS: Room 524

Section Three: 8 Tuesdays; April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Fee: \$60 TRHS: Room 524

Mandarin Chinese Language II

Continue with your Mandarin Chinese Language Development. This Section Four class is offered to those students in Sections One and Two who are interested in extending their language and cultural development of Mandarin Chinese

Section Four: 8 Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22

Prerequisite: Section One or Two

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Fee: \$60 TRHS: Room 524

These new offerings and our Spring class schedule including Sign Language, Tai Chi, Smoking/Weight Loss Seminars, Watercolor Painting, Guitar and Pottery Classes and more will be on our www.kentschools.net website.

Minimum registration numbers must be reached before a program can be offered. Click on Kent Community Education, then 2007-2008 brochure. Most spring class begin in February. Additional brochures are available at local public libraries, Kent School buildings and the Board Office.



Travel to Paris during Spring Break of 2009!



For the artists, visit the Louvre, Musée d'Orsay, and Centre Pompidou

For the fashion savvy, see and buy the latest fashions in Parisian clothing boutiques

For the history buffs, experience the places where the "Révolution française" began

For the culinary experts, treat your taste buds to the famous French cuisine

For the fun lovers, have a blast discovering one of the most interesting cities in the world with your friends

Itinerary (Thursday, March 19 to Saturday, March 28, 2009):

Day 1: Departure – en route to Paris

Days 2-5: Rennes – Travel to Rennes, regional capital of Brittany, France to begin family stay for students and more sightseeing for adults! Enjoy the history and beauty of Brittany with possibilities for day trips to the **Mont Saint Michel**, the **D-day beaches**, and more.

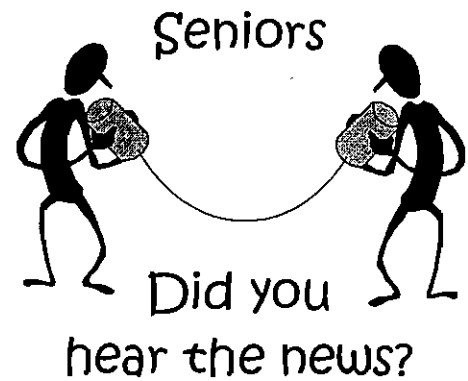
Days 6-9: Paris – In **Paris**, the enchanting "City of Lights," stroll down the **Champs-Élysées**. Enjoy the priceless treasures of the **Louvre**. Visit the awesome **Notre Dame Cathedral** and **Eiffel Tower**. Enjoy shopping and sightseeing in incredible **Paris**. Take a day trip to see luxurious **Versailles**. Relax with your travel partners at your ISE farewell dinner and boat ride on the **River Seine**.

Day 10: Return – Transfer to the airport, depart for the U.S. to share experience with family and friends.

Price: \$2399 for students / \$2699 for adults (First payment of \$350 by March 11, 2008 to lock in 2008 prices)

- **Make memories that will last forever!**
- **Grow culturally and linguistically!**
- **All travelers are welcome! (adult lodging will be in hotels in lieu of families)**
- **Several fundraising opportunities.**
- **Contact: RHS French Teachers Aaron Hido or Fetna Mikati for details at 330-676-8833 or ke_ahido@kentschools.net**
- **Visit our website for more details at: <http://kent.k12.oh.us/rhs/france>**

ROUGH RIDER
Yearbook



Order Your 2008 All Color Yearbook

- ✓ Order by **May 1**. Get an order form online at <http://www.kentschools.net/rhs/cocurriculars/yearbook/>

An Awesome New Feature To Get Your Candid Pictures In The Yearbook!

- ✓ Here is how you can submit photos online:
 - Log on to: **images.jostens.com**
 - Enter Login ID: **1151191**
 - Enter Your Password: **kent**
 - Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.
 - Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
 - Click "Save Details".

Parents and Friends of Seniors

- ✓ Create a personal message, with or without photos, to let your senior know how proud you are of them. Order senior congratulations messages by **April 14th**. Download form online at <http://www.kentschools.net/rhs/cocurriculars/yearbook/> See attached form.

Senior Portraits for Yearbook

- ✓ A color, wallet size, head and shoulders photo should be submitted to Mrs. Frampton's mailbox at the high school (1400 N. Mantua St., Kent, OH 44240) by **April 14, 2008**. Digital files will also be accepted from professional photographers.

A new opportunity for senior portraits offered by one of our very own Roosevelt students - **Joel Hawksley**. A professional looking portrait for \$20 if you only want the portrait in the yearbook; \$75 if you want your portrait in the yearbook and receive the digital file to take to a photo lab for printing those wallets, 5 x 7's, and 8 x 10"s to give to friends and relatives. Contact Joel at school or e-mail him at joel@joelhawksley.com.

➡ Check out his work at <http://www.joelhawksley.com/>.

Too Cute and
So Proud

Congratulations David

We love you #75

Mom, Nichole, Jayce, Grandma & Poppy



David

Carlson



Your smile fills our
hearts with love and
our lives with
happiness. We are so
proud of you- our
dream come true!

**We love you,
Dad, Mom and Lea**

Senior
Congrats that
will last a
lifetime

Kent Lacrosse Annual Mulch Sale

Customer's Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

City _____

Where to deliver bag mulch (front porch, garage, deck, etc.) _____

BAG MULCH (4 bag minimum) Orders must be prepaid. Mulch will be delivered to your home on May 4th between 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm by Lacrosse players. Bags are 3 cubic feet.

Black Sable (3 cubic feet) \$5.75/bag # of bags _____ Total \$ _____

Cypress (3 cubic feet) \$5.75/bag # of bags _____ Total \$ _____

BULK MULCH (5 yard minimum) Orders must be prepaid. Call Gallagher's Landscaping (330-274-2333) to arrange delivery. Your order will be on file.

Landscaper's Choice (brown) \$28/yard # of yards _____ Total \$ _____

Red / Black \$35/yard # of yards _____ Total \$ _____

Seller's Name _____ Team (circle one) BHS GHS BMS GMS

Thank you for supporting our program!

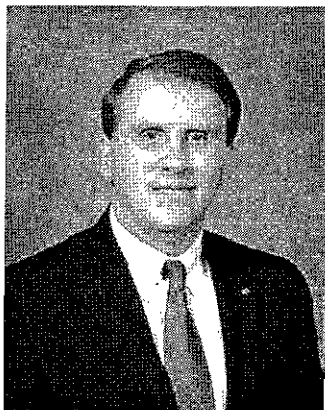
Call 330-673-3193 or 330-678-9122 for more information and make check payable to Kent Lacrosse at the time you place your order.

Make a copy of this filled out form to keep as a receipt. Or, see your favorite lacrosse player for special order forms.

GO RIDERS!



March 2008



KENT CITY SCHOOLS
UPDATE

News for Kent parents from Superintendent Joe Giancola

Dear Kent Parents,

In order to better prepare Kent students for the future, our focus right now is on strategic planning. Perhaps you already attended our first Community Dialogue on February 11, at Stanton Auditoria. Almost 200 community and staff attended and provided input on a variety of areas such as our programs, technology, communications, and other areas.

If you are available on Monday evening, **March 31, at 7:00 PM**, we will hold our second **Community Dialogue at Roosevelt Cafeteria**. At that time, we will share with you many of the ideas that surfaced at our February Dialogue. In addition, we will gather any new ideas that you bring to us. Please come and participate in this important community event!

In the two pages that follow this letter, I am inviting every parent to **please complete a brief survey about the seven areas of our strategic plan:** school safety, communications, curriculum, facilities, finance, staff development, and technology. Your input will be used to compare community dialogue results with parental perceptions about how we currently are doing and where we should be going. When you are finished, send your completed survey to your child's principal's office.

As always, my office door remains open. Feel free to call me with your questions or concerns about our strategic planning or Kent Schools in general.

Sincerely,

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

Dr. Joe Giancola
Superintendent

KENT CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Parent Survey
Strategic-Planning Questions

Directions: Please circle *one* choice for the first part of each question, and then answer the second question. Use the reverse side for more space.

1. Do you feel that your child's school building is safe?

YES NO

How can we improve safety and the school climate for your child?

2. Please rate the communications that you receive from the schools.

EXCELLENT GOOD AVERAGE FAIR POOR

Why did you give that rating?

3. What rating would you give your child's curriculum program overall?

EXCELLENT GOOD AVERAGE FAIR POOR

Why did you give that rating?

4. Please rate the condition of your child's school building.

EXCELLENT GOOD AVERAGE FAIR POOR

Why did you give that rating to _____ (name of building)?

5a. How would you rate the school district's fiscal responsibility?

EXCELLENT GOOD AVERAGE FAIR POOR

Why did you give that rating?

5b. Beginning this year, parents have the option to pay online to deposit money on their child's meal account. Do you think parents would be interested in using a similar option to pay school fees online?

VERY INTERESTED SOMEWHAT INTERESTED NO OPINION NOT INTERESTED

Why did you give that rating?

6. Please rate the quality of staff in your child's building.

EXCELLENT GOOD AVERAGE FAIR POOR

Why did you give that rating?

7. How important is technology in the education of your child?

VERY IMPORTANT IMPORTANT NOT IMPORTANT NOT NEEDED

Why did you give that rating?

PLEASE ASK YOUR CHILD TO RETURN THIS SURVEY TO THE PRINCIPAL.

Theodore Roosevelt High School - March 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
						1 SAT Test (Not at RHS) TBA G V BO @ OHSAA State Tournament 7:30PM Winter Musical
2 8:00AM Kent Lions Club Pancake Breakfast at RHS 3:00PM Winter Musical	3 7:35AM OGT Testing for Grades 10- 11-12 9:30AM Delayed Start of School 6:00PM Wrestling Awards Banquet	4 7:35AM OGT Testing for Grades 10- 11-12 9:30AM Delayed Start of School/ 2:50PM One Act Play Auditions 7:30PM Pre-Contest Band Concert	5 7:35AM OGT Testing for Grades 10- 11-12 9:30AM Delayed Start of School 6:00PM Swimming/Diving Awards Banquet 7:00PM OGAN/PKAN Mealing	6 7:35AM OGT Testing for Grades 10- 11-12 9:30AM Delayed Start of School 7:00PM Pre-Contest Choir Concert	7 Reg. Deadline 4/12 ACT TBA District Band and Choir Contest 7:35AM OGT Testing for Grades 10- 11-12 9:30AM Delayed Start of School	8 TBA District Band and Choir Contest 6:00PM Booster Private Dinner Dance
9	10 Spring Sports Begin 3:00PM Choralworks Auditions 7:00PM KCS Community Dialogue at RHS	11 3:00PM Choralworks Auditions 7:00PM BOE Mtg. at RHS	12 3:00PM Choralworks Auditions	13 3:00PM Choralworks Auditions 5:30PM B V VB @ Stow-Munroe Falls (Scrimmage) 5:30PM B JV VB @ Stow-Munroe Falls (Scrimmage) 7:00PM Seniors vs Faculty Basketball Game	14	15
16	17 SPRING BREAK-NO SCHOOL	18 SPRING BREAK-NO SCHOOL	19 SPRING BREAK-NO SCHOOL	20 SPRING BREAK-NO SCHOOL	21 SPRING BREAK-NO SCHOOL	22
23	24 CLASSES RESUME 4:30PM B V BA Archbishop Hoban HS (Scrimmage) 4:30PM B JV BA @ Archbishop Hoban HS (Scrimmage) 7:00PM Instrumental Music Boosters	25 4:15PM G V SB @ Streetsboro HS (Scrimmage) 7:00PM Open Mic Night 6:00PM Spring Sports Parent Meeting	26 4:30PM B V BA Tallmadge HS (Scrimmage) 4:30PM B JV BA @ Tallmadge HS (Scrimmage) 5:00PM G JV LAX @ Hudson HS (Scrimmage) 7:00PM Rough Rider Open Forum 7:00PM G V LAX @ Hudson HS (Scrimmage)	27 2:35PM Spring Sports Pictures 4:30PM G V SB Akron Garfield HS (Scrimmage)	28 TBA G V LAX @ Scrimmage at KSU Field House (Scrimmage) 11:00AM Senior Retreat Departs For Maumee Bay 4:30PM B V BA Eastlake North HS (Scrimmage) 5:00PM Freshman Class Unity Lock- in	29 Senior Retreat at Maumee Bay
30 2:00PM Senior Retreat Returns	31 4:30PM B V TN Ravenna HS 4:30PM B JV TN Ravenna HS 6:00PM Prom Work Begins for Juniors 7:00PM KCS Community Dialogue at RHS					