

Dear Parents,

I have lots of good news and things to brag about. First, our wonderful Video Productions Department under the direction of Ed Smith has once again been selected as ISMF Best of Festival Award Winners. This is the highest honor the International Student Media Festival bestows. Our winners are: "An Unfriendly Visitor," a live action short by Drake Eckard, Justine Ortega, Michael Weinberg and Ed Smith, "Don't be a Gutter Ball", a Public Service Announcement by Adara Beneway, Tesia Theriault, and Ed Smith, and "Repercussion," a Public Service Announcement by Fernando Alcantara, Briana, Lowery, Matt Malby, Jeffy Matthews, Storm Rocket, Mariah Woessner and Ed Smith. Some students will be traveling to Anaheim, California to the film festival to pick up these awards with Mr. Smith. Congratulations to all the students and to Mr. Smith. We are very proud of you.

Next, I would like to congratulate Neda Preston and Jesse Hulme who have been named Key West High School Teachers of the Quarter for the Key West Chamber of Commerce. Both Neda and Jesse are highly involved in sports and student activities. They both have created projects this year that have heighted student involvement in the school and have made a positive impact on Conch Pride and School Spirit. In addition, they are outstanding classroom teachers bringing the best pedagogy to the delivery of instruction. I am very honored to be their principal and work with them on a daily basis.

Another great thing happened this week and that was the Choir Concert on Wednesday evening. If you missed it, you need definitely to attend the next. It was an outstanding performance. The solos and duets were magnificent. Thanks go to Director James Carter for providing this highly enjoyable evening.

Our Fashion Class under the direction of Mrs. Cassie Santana were the proud recipients of 100 bolts of fabric from Key West Hand Print fabrics. Mr. Ed Swift and Mr. Chris Belland were on sight on Thursday to make the donation. We appreciate the opportunity to work with these beautiful fabrics and I can't wait to see them turn up in our fashion show later this year.

Lastly, I have an important announcement, A college Admission Informational Session will be presented for both students and parents of all grade levels by a Dartmouth Admissions representative on Thursday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Key West High School Media Center sponsored by the Florid Keys Dartmouth Alumni Club. Dartmouth College is one of the Ivy League Schools located in Hanover N.H. Even if you aren't planning to attend Dartmouth, you can get important information at this event. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

See you tonight at Tommy Roberts Stadium as the Conchs take on South Dade at 7:30 PM.

Yours in education, Terri Axford

#### October 15, 2010



#### Important Dates

| FCAT Retakes  |
|---------------|
| 11th/12th     |
| grade         |
| Senior Pic-   |
| tures - Final |
| End of the    |
| Grading Peri- |
| od            |
| Professional  |
| Day           |
|               |
| Herff-Jones   |
| Presentations |
| 5th and 6th   |
| Periods       |
| Picture Re-   |
| takes         |
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If you would like to receive this newsletter via email please send your Name, Email address, and grade level of your child to Leslie.Holmes@keysschools.com

## SENIOR YEARBOOK PAGES

Yearbook page deposits (\$50) are due by October 22nd. Seniors are responsible for page layouts including fonts and colors. Pictures should not exceed 40 per page. For more information please contact Ms. Castaldo (293-1549 ext. 54334). The following KWHS students will be recognized at the Mayor/City Commission Meeting at 6PM, Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### Academic Excellence:

Thomas O'Connell and Erick Lowe

**Outstanding Achievement/Unsung Hero:** 

Alexis Monticello and Alison McLellan

#### The Arts-Visual, Performing or Vocational:

Shelby Stansel and Kevin Florez Bernal

### PICTURE RETAKES

November 3rd

# Contact Mrs. Holmes for more information



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# Senior Pictures

The final opportunity to take senior pictures will be on October 21st. Pictures are by appointment only, to schedule see Mrs. Holmes in room 1-132 or email leslie.holmes@keysschools.com.



FCAT Retakes will take place the week of October 18th—Tuesday (Reading) and Wednesday (Math) for all 11th and 12th grade students that have not passed the test. Please come to school on time and be prepared to do your best on the test. It is a graduation requirement to pass both sections of the FCAT test. For more information contact the guidance department.

# Sports News

- $\Rightarrow$  Football 10/15 Home playing South Dade kickoff 7:30.
- $\Rightarrow$  Volleyball Florida Christian School Tournament 10/15-10/16. Mater (rescheduled) 10/18. Away at Pace on 10/19.
- $\Rightarrow$  Swimming Home 10/22 5:00 vs. Holmes and Braddock (Senior Day).
- $\Rightarrow$  Cross Country 10/16 Pre-State Invitational at Little Everglades Ranch, Dade City.

\*\*Winter sports - tryouts have begun. Students interested in participating must see individual coaches for sports packets.

