



Weekly

NEWSLETTER

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September 10, 2010

Dear Parents,

We had an excellent School Advisory Council meeting on Wednesday night. I would like to thank Sandi Averette who accepted the office of President, Jennifer Cleaver who will be vice president and Laura Blyth, our faculty representative, who will be secretary for the 2010-2011 school year. Their generosity in committing to work with SAC is appreciated. Although school grades have not been announced yet for high schools, we do know that we have received at least a "C" for last year. Despite hard work, we have been unable to close the achievement gap which exists between the performance of White students and that of Hispanics, African Americans, Economically Disadvantaged and Students with Disabilities in Reading. This is our most critical area of need. The School Advisory Council reviewed our progress and made suggestions regarding targets we should try to reach this year. I will share more information with you on our School Improvement Plans as the year progresses.

We also talked about increasing participation in SAC and we have decided to feature a series of programs that will interest parents at the meetings. On that note, next month, Mrs. Alice Calleja will be present to discuss with us the Community Service Hours that are necessary for the Bright Futures Scholarships and how both "volunteer and "community service" hours are defined.

There has been some talk at school that next week, students will participate in "coffin night" activities. I would like to remind everyone that Key West High School does not sanction or support activities off school grounds especially those that could become dangerous. Everyone knows a story from the past of a "frozen" egg being thrown which injured a person or damaged private property. If it is discovered that any student has participated in an activity which caused bodily harm or damage to personal property, I will notify students that the school will cooperate with law enforcement in their investigations regarding the damages. Please caution your students about this important issue.

Seniors will begin leaving campus for lunch on Monday, September 13th. Please talk to your senior about the importance of arriving back at school on time for his or her class which occurs after lunch. In my meeting with them, I let them know that if rampant lateness occurs with their departure for lunch, the privilege will be revoked. From an educational view, getting to class on time is far more important than an extended lunch.

I would like to share two great links for parents which discuss two important areas this year. One is the website that I already shared regarding Senate Bill 4 and the new requirements for high school graduation and statewide assessment. It's important so I wanted to mention it again. It is found at <http://www.fldoe.org/Bll/sb4i.asp>. The other website deals with the class size amendment which we are working to fulfill at this time. It is <http://www.fldoe.org/classize/>.

We have been having many great activities over the past couple of weeks. I hope that you will check out the calendar and join us for an event. We play football at home at Tommy Roberts Stadium against Coral Shores on Friday at 7:30 PM. See you there.

Yours in education,
Terri Axford

Important Dates

9/11	ACT Test
9/13-9/14	Senior Pictures
9/16-9/23	Nominations for Homecoming Court
9/21	Underclass Pictures
9/22	Progress Reports
9/29	Voting for Homecoming Court
10/7-10/9	Keys Kids - Dear Edwina
10/11	Professional Day

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

Attendance

If your son/daughter is absent please contact the attendance office to report the absence. Absences are defined in the Student Handbook pages 16-17. Reminder: Absences may be reported by telephone or written note and must be reported the day before, the day of, or within two school days following the absence or the absence will be considered *unexcused*. To view your son/daughter attendance and grades, visit <http://kwh.monroe.k12.fl.us>, click on the "Hot Links" located on the left side, then "Gradebook" user name is id # (if a SS# put an "X" on the end) and password is their lunch #, make sure you have "Key West High" as the institution.

- Mrs. Alicia Oropeza 293-1549 ext. 54320 or Alicia.Oropeza@keysschools.com

Guidance Department Staff

Registrar & Records - Becky Davila - ext. 54306

Class of 2011 - Vicki Cooper - ext. 54309

Class of 2012 - Wanda Spencer - ext. 54313

Class of 2013 - Carly Hach - ext. 54316

Class of 2014 - Determined by English Teacher

Erhard & Simpson - Wanda Spencer

Stefanowicz & Hulme - Carly Hach

College Advisor - Alice Calleja - ext. 54307

Transition Counselor - Helen Rowe - ext. 54410

Clinic News

Seniors need to stop by the clinic to pick up vaccination packages. See the nurse in 1-103.

CONGRATULATIONS!

KWHS TV production program was honored to have nine videos accepted for judging by the 36th annual international student media festival committee! Great job Justine Ortega, Michael Weinberg, Drake Eckerd, Tesia Theriault, Matt Malby, Andres Pfahl, Mariah Woessner, Jeffrey Matthews, Fernando Alcantara, Briana Lowery, Terry Beeman, Tyler Lee, Richard Hatch, Clay Wagner, Michael Davila and Instructor Ed Smith.



Sports News



- ⇒ Football - KWHS will host Coral Shores High School on Friday, September 10th. Kick-Off is at 7:30pm.
- ⇒ Cross Country - Home meet Saturday 8:00am at Key West Golf Course against St. John's Neumann. Thursday, the team will be traveling to Miami to take on Ferguson.
- ⇒ Volleyball - Saturday 9/17, away against Norland. Thursday 9/16 Away at Marathon.
- ⇒ Golf - Traveling to Miami Shores on the 17th to take on Miami CD and Curley.