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### CKMS

#### Students of the Week

February 2-6, 2009

#### 6th Grade

Emma Paduano\*

Stena Peterson\*

Courtney Hall

Kelly Klupar

Audrey Rodriguez

Reannah Klassen

Jason Chapman

#### 7th Grade

Janie Kach\*

Jacob Smith\*

## PTSA Dance tonight 7p-9p...

Dear CKMS Parents,

The full day Fridays seem to be going smoothly. Remember that we will be having full day Fridays through April 3rd. Also a reminder that we have a full week next week and then Mid Winter Break during the week of February 16-20.

Many parents have started to ask questions about the WASL. It is true that the WASL is changing next year. This year we will be giving the WASL at all grade levels April 14-16 and 21-23. Testing will take place in the morning from 8a-11a. Students needing more time on the tests can work past 11a but must complete the test on that testing day. Students missing tests will use test makeup days on Mondays or Fridays during those testing weeks.

The March 10 Bond Vote is nearing. This bond election is mail-in ballots only, and requires a 60% super-majority to pass. The bond is for upgrades and repairs to almost every school in the district. Chief Kanim is in desperate need of upgrades and repairs. In fact, 70% of this bond's cost for upgrades and repairs will go to CKMS, FCE, and MSHS. Did you know the school bond currently on the ballot has a lower cost for taxpayers? Due to expiring school bonds in 2008, our school taxes will decrease. If the new bond is approved, the new school tax rate is still less than the current tax rate, and creates a net decrease for all taxpayers. You may visit [www.svsd410.org](http://www.svsd410.org) for more information.

Our 8th graders are nearing the end of their middle school years. Freshman year is just around the corner and in March parents are invited to a March 3 Parent Night at MSHS from 6-8p. There, you will get all the information about the upcoming 9th grade year. On March 5 MSHS counselors will come to CKMS to begin the registration and class selection process. This will be an exciting time for both parents and students. If you have questions about this transition please contact the CKMS or MSHS offices.

This week, we sent our ASB Executive Council students to a middle level regional leadership seminar at Kilo Middle School in Auburn. Our students and ASB coordinator enjoyed the opportunity to attend the worthwhile event.

We will be hosting a PTSA dance tonight from 7-9p. Cost is \$5 and this dance is for CKMS students only.

Have a great weekend.

Kirk Dunckel, Principal

Next Week in Sports...

Varsity Boys Basketball:

Thursday, Feb. 12 ~ @ Twin Falls 8/7 ~ 3:00

Lianne Hoeger  
Paul Bateman  
Shane Vance

8th Grade  
Shad Schreiber\*  
Zelda Mason\*  
Marcus Luchtel  
Bruce Stuart

\* indicates winners

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#### JV Boys Basketball:

Thursday, Feb. 12 ~ **HOME** vs. Twin Falls 8/7 ~ 3:00

#### Varsity/JV Girls Soccer:

Wednesday, Feb. 11 ~ @ Tolt (Cedarcrest HS) ~ 3:30

Thursday, Feb. 12 ~ @ SMS (Ridge fields) ~ 3:00

#### JVB Girls Soccer:

Wednesday, Feb. 11 ~ **HOME** vs. Tolt ~ 3:30

#### 6th Grade Girls Soccer:

continue to practice

### News from the District

#### **BOND FACTS: School Tax Rate Will Decrease**

The estimated tax rate for the \$27.5 million school bond proposition is \$0.35 per \$1000 assessed property value, starting in 2010 when collections would begin. Because old bonds (of \$0.54 per \$1000) recently expired however, school tax rates will decrease in 2009. If this bond is approved by voters, **the tax rate will be \$0.19 less per \$1000 in 2010**, than it was in 2008.

Costs were intentionally kept low for this bond in response to near-misses on three previous bonds and out of sensitivity to current economic uncertainties. By focusing first and foremost on the most critical, time-sensitive needs of our school buildings, the net cost to our community will actually decrease.

Some needs cannot wait. This bond will fund much-needed repairs and upgrades to school buildings and systems in nearly every school across the district. It will also purchase and site 12 additional modular classrooms to immediately relieve overcrowding at Mount Si High School. This bond is a first-step approach to the district's facilities needs, while research and community discussion continues regarding our long-term facilities plan.

Please take time to learn the facts about this affordable bond that addresses the most pressing and critical needs of our schools. All Snoqualmie Valley residents will be mailed information about this important bond later this week. Visit the district website ([www.svsd410.org](http://www.svsd410.org)) for answers to commonly asked questions and more information.

**REMINDER:** Voter Registration Deadline is February 7. To register for the March 10 mail-in only election, go online at [vote.wa.gov](http://vote.wa.gov) or call the King County Elections Office at 206-296-VOTE (206-296-8683) by this Saturday. **Every vote counts.**

## Human Growth & Development Class

All parents will be receiving a letter via US Mail from our Health Teachers regarding the Human Growth and Development unit for Health Classes beginning February 23. This letter explains the curriculum, and must be signed and returned by February 23.

***If a parent chooses to opt out of the unit, they must review the curriculum in the school office and sign a waiver.***

Please contact your student's health teacher for more information:  
[Mrs. Kjorsvik](#), [Mr. Schlotfeldt](#), or [Ms. Benning-Frank](#)

[Health Class Letter](#)

## 8th Graders: High School Registration and Parent Night

**Thursday, March 5** all CKMS 8th Graders will receive High School Registration Packets during their Language Arts class. The high school counselors will be here to explain the packets and answer any questions your student may have. These packets must be returned with parent signature, so be looking for it!

On **Tuesday, March 3**, the high school will be hosting the Future Freshman Night; 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. is an open house, the program will begin at 7:00 p.m.

A letter from the high school will be mailed to all incoming 9th graders on February 23 with details and contact information.

## News from the Nurse

**Scoliosis Screenings** will be held Tuesday, February 10th. All 7th graders will be included in the screening unless the parent returns the [Opt-Out form](#) prior to the 10th.



**Medications at School:** we must have a physician's (or dentist's) order to medicate on file before school staff may administer ANY type of medication, including over the counter (e.g. Tylenol). This form is available in the school office or online at [www.svsd410.org/departments/healthservices/index.asp](http://www.svsd410.org/departments/healthservices/index.asp)

We are in the midst of **flu season**! Please keep your child home if they have thrown up in the last 24 hours, or are running a temperature of 100 (or more). Remember to call the attendance line when your child stays home. 425-831-8226

## 8th Grade Trip to Washington DC

JUNE 24-28, 2009 - Join your friends on the adventure of a lifetime in Washington, D.C. during the first few months of President Barack Obama's historic term. See the president's new home, the place where our congressmen and women create laws, and the monuments to our nation's past presidents, heroes, and leaders. You will experience all of this and more as you and your friends take part in a once-in-a-lifetime program in Washington, D.C. this June.



*Come & Be Counted* is your opportunity to make your opinions known to our nation's new administration and all Americans. On your WorldStrides program to Washington, D.C., you and your friends will sign an historic document that highlights the issues that you think are the most important for our country. This document will be bound and presented to U.S. government officials and archived in the Library of Congress to be preserved forever as a testament to your generation's collective voice.

- *Imagine taking part in this once-in-a-lifetime experience with your friends!*
- *Imagine visiting our nation's capital during this historic time!*
- *Imagine making history in Washington, D.C. this June!*

It's easy to sign up for our D.C. adventure!

Contact [Dean Snavelly](#) at Snoqualmie Middle School or

[Thomas Burford](#) at Snoqualmie Middle School or

Register online at [www.worldstrides.org](http://www.worldstrides.org) or

Call WorldStrides at 1-800-468-5899

## PTSA News

**DANCE TONIGHT!!**  
**\$5 entry, CKMS Students only**  
**Concessions available.**



(click logo to go to PTSA web site)

## February 2009 Events

**Tuesday, February 10** - Scoliosis Checks -7th grade only

**Thursday, February 12** - 6th grade to Theater

**Mid Winter Break February 16 - 20**

**Wednesday, February 25** - Make-Up Ski Club trip

**Saturday, February 28** - Auditions for "Once On This Island" [Musical Info](#)

**Chief Kanim Middle School**

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