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# KELLY WALSH PARENT NEWSLETTER

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# LETTER FROM MR. DILLER

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Spring Break is in sight and we are all excited! Or at least the principal is excited! Last week I had a senior come into my office and asked for a copy of the district calendar. Our careful calculations reveal that there 83 days left until Commencement for the Kelly Walsh Class of 2010. Those are calendar days – neither one of us wanted to try to figure a count of actual school days before the BIG EVENT!



Regardless of how many days are left, there is still a great deal for all of our students to accomplish! Juniors must pay close attention to PAWS dates which are March 16 through March 24. Last year our school made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), which was an accomplishment with which we all take pride! In fact, it was the first time in six years we have achieved that goal. We would dearly love to celebrate that achievement again next fall. We need the help of all our juniors and we need your help in getting their help! Attendance is critical throughout the PAWS testing window and we need all students to put forth their best effort. This is an important evaluation for our school and if our kids really “buy in” on the test we will once again meet AYP!

Juniors also need to attend the ACT test on April 28. This is a free shot at taking the college entrance required by most American colleges and universities, including the University of Wyoming and Casper College. This is a great opportunity for students to post an ACT score that will help them plan future test dates, determine if they meet entrance requirements for their college choice, and make course selections that will help prepare them for their future education.

Several people have called concerning registration for their student for the 2010-2011 school year. If your student is enrolled at Kelly Walsh High School they have “rolled over” into our enrollment for next year, unless they have selected another high school. However, if your student did not complete their course selection for next year, we would appreciate it very much if they would see their TROY advisor to complete that process.

It will soon be time for spring sports. Please make sure that your student has their physical and proof of insurance on file prior to the beginning of practice on March 8. I hope you find the time to attend many of our contests. It is fun to watch the kids compete.

Thank you for your continued support of the Kelly Walsh Trojans!

Sincerely,

Brad Diller

# CAREER PLANNING

Setting a career plan is a difficult art at best, but for teens it can feel like climbing Mount Everest! Most teenagers have a hard time making plans for the end of the week, much less mapping out a path for the rest of their high school careers. Part of what we, as parents, teachers, counselors and administrators, can do to help them is start the conversation. Talking to kids about their dreams and aspirations is a first step to formulating firm plans.

In February, our students had to sign up for classes for next year. Sure, some of those classes are required, like English, math, social studies, etc., but with eight slots to fill there are many options. **Did you have a discussion with your child about what those classes should be?** Was there a plan to make some of those classes match their career path? Does your child have a career plan?

A **career plan** is not some concrete document that is planned out and followed to the letter. **It is a general road map that helps to give a framework to the choices kids can make about their classes and activities throughout high school and beyond.** It starts with a conversation. Parents are often the first people to hear about their children's dreams. From those dreams come choices.

It is common for high school students to be unsure of what they want to do for their adult careers, but by the time they get to be teenagers most have started to sort out certain things. For instance, most kids know whether they like math and science, or art and music, or working with their hands. Do they like helping people or selling things? These are clues to possible jobs that can help determine classes they can take to explore more in depth.

**The first step to a career plan is to help your child do some research about the jobs they are considering.** There are many resources available both in and out of school. If you don't know how to start, just contact the Career Center and we can help the kids begin that process. Encourage your child to choose classes that can provide the foundation they will need to make that dream happen. Also encourage them to take part in activities outside of the classroom. These clubs, sports and associations can often lead to contacts and opportunities related to their careers.

As kids take classes they will start to sort out what was of great interest and what was not. Some may end up adjusting that career plan to reflect a newfound interest, or to push themselves to take more challenging classes in a concentrated area. Once a student has started to sift out their interests, then they can begin looking at what kinds of training that career requires. If the job requires a four-year college degree, then the student can make sure they are taking the classes needed to meet entrance requirements. If the job requires a two-year degree, then kids can start taking introductory classes now.



Your child's TROY advisor, counselor, and teachers can be great sources of help. **The Career Center is another great resource to help kids get started.** The point is, they must get started. Talk to your kids and talk to us. The Kelly Walsh mission is, "Preparing students for their next step." Let us help.

Coming Soon!

Look for posters like these around the school which are being created to help students make a connection between the classes they take and future careers.

# DECA~CAREER DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Wyoming DECA held its State Career Development Conference in Cheyenne on February 4-6. Twenty members of the Kelly Walsh DECA chapter, along with their advisors, [Mary Hopper](#) and [Jill Thompson](#), attended. DECA's mission is to enhance the co-curricular education of students with interests in marketing, management and entrepreneurship. DECA helps students develop skills and competence for marketing careers, build self-esteem, experience leadership and practice community service. Students participated in tests, individual and team role plays, as well as research events.



The following students won certificates for top performance in testing: [Jon Bolding](#), [Ali Gobble](#), [Cara Litke](#), [Bryce Mittelstadt](#), [Esther Seville](#), [Montana Sawyer](#), and [Shelby Sawyer](#). The following students won certificates for top performance in role plays: [Ethan Atwood](#), [Jon Bolding](#), [Michael Chapin](#), [Kaitlyn Dooling](#), [Marissa Gonzalez](#), [Marcus Linn](#), [Tiffany Linn](#), [Cara Litke](#), [Bryce Mittelstadt](#), [Jessica Novotny](#), [Montana Sawyer](#), [Shelby Sawyer](#), and [Rebecca Thompson](#).

Students receiving trophies included: [Ali Gobble](#) and [Shelby Sawyer](#) in Business Services Operations Research; [Morgan Kuykendall](#) and [Jon Bolding](#) in Community Service Project; [Jessica Fabrizius](#) and [Jessica Novotny](#) in Community Service Project; [Jarred Fuller](#), [Marcus Linn](#), and [Tiffany Linn](#) in Financial Literacy Promotion Project; [Ethan Atwood](#) and [Rebecca Thompson](#) in Public Relations Project; [Morgan Kuykendall](#), [Montana Sawyer](#), and [Elysha Baldwin](#) in Principles of Finance; [Cara Litke](#) in Principles of Hospitality and Tourism, [Ali Gobble](#) in Principles of Marketing; [Jon Bolding](#) in Accounting; [Jarred Fuller](#) in Automotive Services; [Tiffany Linn](#) in Quick Serve Restaurant Management, [Bryce Mittelstadt](#) and [Shelby Sawyer](#) in Retail Merchandising; [Michael Chapin](#) in Sports and Entertainment Marketing; [Bryce Mittelstadt](#) and [Cara Litke](#) in Buying and Merchandising; [Jon Bolding](#) and [Pearley Wells](#) in Financial Analysis; and [Ali Gobble](#) and [Shelby Sawyer](#) in Travel and Tourism.

DECA's International Career and Development Conference will be held in Louisville, Kentucky April 23-28.

## SCIENCE BOWLERS WIN SECOND PLACE

The 2010 Wyoming Regional Science Bowl was held February 6<sup>th</sup> at Frontier Middle School. Eleven schools from around the state entered at least one team to compete for a chance to win a three-day, all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. for the national competition.

Kelly Walsh Science Club entered three teams this year and Team #3 advanced to the final round only to be defeated by Gillette's Team #1 by the narrowest of margins. The top three teams of the day were awarded savings bonds and medals along with a trophy and money for their science clubs.



Team #3 Members~  
Emmett Burgess, Cindy Sun, Flynn Shelton, Jennifer Schilling

Team # 1 Members~  
Aiden Finley, Ian Moffett, Alan Hatledstad, Eric Anderson

Team # 2 Members~  
Teresa Martinovich, Drew Jaussaud, Christian Baker, Shae Aagard

Mr. Hileman & Science Bowl students presenting their \$ 750 check to Mr. Diller.

The annual Science Olympiad will be held March 27<sup>th</sup> at Casper College.



Becky Underwood, math teacher, was selected by the Siemens Foundation as the Siemens Wyoming AP Teacher of the Year. Since 1998, the Siemens Awards for Advanced Placement has supported the efforts of students and teachers who perform exceptionally well in STEM-related Advanced Placement initiatives across the nation. The Siemens Foundation awarded a \$1,000 grant to KWHS to support science and mathematics education. Congratulations Mrs. Underwood!

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Unlike past school years, there will be no alternate class schedule to accommodate PAWS testing. Students who have a math and/or science and/or English class on their second semester schedule, will take the test in those classes. Students who do not have a math and/or science and/or English class on their second semester schedule will take a portion of the test in the library.

School attendance during PAWS is very important. Students who are absent during PAWS administration will be taken out of classes starting March 24 to complete the exams. If you have questions about PAWS testing, please contact the Counseling Office at 253-2190.

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## SPORTS MARKETING

Each semester the Sports Marketing Class conducts research on a problem or opportunity related to sports. This semester, Mrs. Hopper’s class chose to work together toward a common goal of increasing participation in both athletics and activities. The first step of the research process is to conduct a District-wide survey of all 8th and 11th graders related to their participation in athletics. The results will be analyzed, the information will be presented to interested parties, and a campaign will be developed to increase participation in high school athletics and activities.



# KW Football

This year's season is behind us. However our KW football players are very active in representing KW as they prepare for their graduation and for next season.

Several of our players are participating in a winter sport. The efforts these players make to be in competitive situations in their respective sports is encouraged by the coaching staff and KW administration. As the winter sports season comes to a close, we wish all of the KW teams good luck.

Several of our players have participated in our TROJAN FOOTBALL reading program. The reading program links Trojan football players with elementary age students in the elementary classrooms. This has been a real benefit for the 1-5 grade students and for our football players. We have read at Manor Heights, Pineview, Verda James and Sagewood schools and look forward to continuing this program through the remainder of the school year. Reading is fun and our players make this quite clear to the students in the classrooms we have been in.



Our football team was recognized by the Wyoming High School Activities Association for the WHSAA Academic Achievement Award. Our entire varsity team was honored for having a cumulative GPA of 3.00-3.49 at the end of the season. Academics is our first concern and we are proud of the academic progress that all of our athletes are making. GO TROJANS!!

We are also pleased to announce that so far we have 4 of our players going on to compete at the collegiate level. **Thomas Manning** and **Noah Creel** will play football at the University of South Dakota and University of Wyoming respectively. **Lane Fischer** will attend Indian Hills Community College to play baseball and **Lucas Nolan** will play basketball at South Dakota School of Mines. Best of Luck as the Trojans move on in their academic and athletic careers.



Pizza Hut on 2nd  
Support KW Football

20% of all sales on March 3  
will be donated to KW Football.

Clip this Coupon and Redeem it  
at Pizza Hut on March 3rd!

# KELLY WALSH ACTIVITIES

253-2159

MARCH 2010						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Date	Activity	Location	Opponent	Level	Time
4	GIRLS BASKETBALL	LARAMIE	TBA	VARSDITY	TBA
	BOYS BASKETBALL	LARAMIE	TBA	VARSDITY	TBA
5	GIRLS BASKETBALL	LARAMIE	TBA	VARSDITY	TBA
	BOYS BASKETBALL	LARAMIE	TBA	VARSDITY	TBA
	COED ALPINE SKIING	STATE		JV/V	TBA
	INDOOR TRACK	STATE		VARSDITY	TBA
6	GIRLS BASKETBALL	LARAMIE	TBA	VARSDITY	TBA
	BOYS BASKETBALL	LARAMIE	TBA	VARSDITY	TBA
	COED ALPINE SKIING	STATE		JV/V	TBA
	INDOOR TRACK	STATE		VARSDITY	TBA
11	GIRLS BASKETBALL	EVENTS CENTER	STATE	VARSDITY	TBA
	BOYS BASKETBALL	EVENTS CENTER	STATE	VARSDITY	TBA
12	GIRLS BASKETBALL	EVENTS CENTER	STATE	VARSDITY	TBA
	BOYS BASKETBALL	EVENTS CENTER	STATE	VARSDITY	TBA
13	GIRLS BASKETBALL	EVENTS CENTER	STATE	VARSDITY	TBA
	BOYS BASKETBALL	EVENTS CENTER	STATE	VARSDITY	TBA
19	GIRLS SOCCER	BUFFALO	BUFFALO	JV/V	3:00/5:00 PM
	BOYS SOCCER	SOCCER COMPLEX	BUFFALO	JV/V	3:00/5:00 PM
20	GIRLS SOCCER	SOCCER COMPLEX	JACKSON	JV/V	10:00/11:30 AM
	BOYS SOCCER	SOCCER COMPLEX	JACKSON	JV/V	1:00/2:30 PM
	COED TRACK	NATRONA	EARLY BIRD	JV/V	TBA
27	GIRLS SOCCER	LARAMIE	LARAMIE	JV/V	1:00/3:00 PM
	BOYS SOCCER	SOCCER COMPLEX	LARAMIE	JV/V	1:00/3:00 PM
	COED TRACK	GREELEY, COLORADO	GREELEY INVITE	JV/V	TBA
	COED TRACK	SCOTTSBLUFF	BINFIELD INVITE	JV/V	TBA
	COED TRACK	BUFFALO,	BUFFALO INVITE	JV/V	TBA
30	COED TRACK	KELLY WALSH	KW/NC DUAL	JV/V	4:00 PM

## Pizza Hut invites you to support the KW Football Team

Who: Kelly Walsh Football Team

When: Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Time: Open to Close

Where: East 2nd St. Pizza Hut

Offer is good on dine in, take out and delivery.

(Coupon Necessary)

## IMPORTANT NOTES FROM KELLY WALSH [www.kellywalsh.org](http://www.kellywalsh.org)

**S** (SUPPORT) **O** (OFFERED) **S** (STUDENTS)

SOS is funded solely by contributions. Please help us support our needy students. Donations may be made through the KW Principal's office in care of KW SOS. We are collecting used jewelry for next year's fundraiser.

### Dates to Remember

**End of Quarter**  
March 5

**Spring Break**  
March 8-12

**Last Blast Meeting**  
March 15 ~ 6:30 pm  
Room 101

**PAWS ~ Juniors**  
March 16 - 24

**Junior ~ Senior Prom**  
May 1



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### KWHS Phone Numbers

Attendance Office	253-2189
Activities Office	253-2159
Cafeteria	253-2197
Counseling Office	253-2190
Nurse's Office	253-2026
Main Office	253-2000

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## ***Prevention Needs Assessment (PNA)***

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### ***Parental Consent Letter***

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

KWHS Sophomores and Seniors will be taking part in the Wyoming Prevention Needs Assessment Student Survey (PNA). This survey is sponsored by the Wyoming Department of Health. The students who participate will be asked about their attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors. The survey gathers information used to plan and evaluate programs addressing alcohol use, drug use, and other problem behaviors.

The survey will take about 45 minutes during the regular school day. The risk to your child will be no greater than what he or she might experience finishing school work. The data gathered from this survey will be anonymous. Your child will not put his or her name or other identifying information on the survey. Everyone involved will follow federal and state privacy laws.

Your child will be free to stop filling out the survey at any time. No action will be taken against your child if he or she does not complete the survey. If you or your child does not want to participate, your child can read or do some other activity while his or her classmates complete the survey.

Like many opinion polls, all results from the study will be presented only about groups. No individual data will be reported. Only the researchers will have access to the data. The surveys will be stored in a locked storage room and electronic data will be kept on secure computers.

**If you would like to see a copy of the survey, one is available at your child's school or from <http://wysac.uwyo.edu/pna/pnaInfoMaterials.aspx>**

If you have any questions please contact:

Eric L. Canen, MS  
Associate Research Scientist  
Wyoming Survey & Analysis Center  
University of Wyoming  
Dept. 3925  
1000 E. University Ave  
Phone: (307) 760-0307 or Email: [ecanen@uwyo.edu](mailto:ecanen@uwyo.edu)

*Results from previous years and additional information about the survey is available from: <http://wysac.uwyo.edu/pna/>*

Please mark and return the completed form found on the tab **only** if you **do not wish your child** to participate in the Prevention Needs Assessment (PNA). The deadline for returning this form to the school is April 7, 2010.

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School Name: Kelly Walsh High School

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My child may **NOT** take part in the PNA survey.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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