

KENSTON

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844-SAFEROH



Stadium and Track CLOSED during Construction

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Demolition is underway on the Home bleachers. The stadium and track are **closed** for community use until construction is completed.

The practice field between the middle school and stadium will be a construction staging area and off limits until further notice.

INNOVATIVE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Kenston Intermediate School teacher, **Mrs. Kelly Johnston**, was selected as the first Geauga County Innovative Teacher of the Year by the Geauga County Educational Service Center. In the early days of Mrs. Johnston's teaching career, she embraced technology. While others were still using overhead



Kenston Intermediate School
Integrated Technology Teacher

projectors, she moved on to PowerPoint presentation and Excel to calculate grades.

In 2003, she returned to school to pursue her Master's Degree at Kent State University in Instructional Technology. As an educational leader within the building, Mrs. Johnston shared her love of technology with the students in her classroom. After 15 years as a 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Johnston stepped into a new role this year as the Integrated Technology Teacher. She continues to work with her colleagues to integrate technology into their classrooms and now shares her passion for technology with every student in the building.

TOP HONORS FOR BUS DRIVERS IN ROAD-E-O

School bus drivers throughout Ohio participate in regional road-e-o competitions each Spring, designed to test and increase their operational and safety skills. Top participants at each

regional road-e-o move on to compete at the state-level competition. Participants who score 80 percent or more of the total possible points at a regional or state competition may use that event toward their six-year recertification.



Kenston drivers took 1st and 2nd place overall out of 32 teams. Individuals placing in the top 10 were: Andy Lenart - 2nd place; Patty Herendeen - 5th place; Mellony Salsgiver - 8th place and Roger Rodhe - 9th place.

The top six drivers at each regional qualify to compete at the state road-e-o, which is held on May 7th. Winners from the state go on to an international event in July.



YOUNG INVENTORS TO NATIONALS

Aspiring inventors from Kenston brought their solutions to every day problems to the 2016 Invention Convention Northeast Ohio Regional Finals. Seven students from Kenston Intermediate

School have qualified to compete at Nationals in late May.

The grand prize award, the Edison Scholarship for \$2,500, was presented to **Emme Gilbert**, a 5th grader for her invention, "The TriCo Bottle." Her invention is a triangular shaped bottle that makes for easier packaging and storage and has colored caps to help prevent people from drinking from other people's bottles of water.

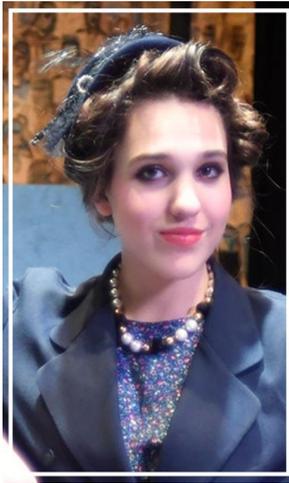


Fifth graders, **Avery Polcar** and **Rachel Ford**, created "The Achel Brush", a hairbrush that collects hair on a piece of gauze so that it is not trapped on the hairbrush. They each earned a \$250 scholarship.

Also representing Kenston in Washington, DC will be 5th graders, **Payton Fetzner** and **Emma Wilson**, who earned second place and the Beyond the Bean Specialty Award for their Decomposable Paper Water Bottle. **Gavin Niehenke** earned a 2nd place Superior Award for his Safety Stick. **Alexa Hebert's** Alexa Food Storage Box received a 4th place Superior Award. Good Luck at Nationals!



Cameron Oakes



Catherine Zickert



Kaitlin McGrath



Nathan Wasinski

THE OVATION GOES TO...

Kenston's Center Stage was honored by the Geauga Council for Arts and Culture at the 14th annual Ovation Awards for area high school musicals. Area directors reviewed two other school's shows and recognized the best elements in acting, music, technical theater, and a category of their choosing.

Damn Yankees was honored with the following awards: Technical Achievement, **Katie Blazek** and **Kayleigh Fisher** for their work on sound; Music Award, **Cameron Oakes** for her vocal performance as Meg Boyd; Acting Award to **Catherine Zickert** for her portrayal of female sportswriter Gloria Thorpe and the Triple Threat - Acting, Dancing and Singing, and the "Wild Card" Award to **Kaitlin McGrath** for her performance as Lola.

Sophomore **Nathan Wasinski** was recognized as the MVP of the show for his work in the cast of the musicals and dramatic performances as well as set construction. **Joslyn Wrona** was awarded a \$400 Geauga Council for Arts and Culture Scholarship for her

work on lighting throughout her high school career.

UPCOMING BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

Regular Meeting - Monday, May 9th - TES - 7pm
Work Session - Monday, June 6th - BOE - 7pm



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