

Fall of 2007  
KHS PTSA

Welcome to all the new students and parents and to those returning to Kecoughtan. We have an exciting year ahead of us.

Your PTSA has two major projects for our school.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals publication quotes the US Department of Education as stating "...more than 6 million middle school and high school students are not currently able to read or write at grade level. While we strongly support the priority given to literacy programs at the pre-K and K-3 levels, it is imperative that this priority be extended beyond the early years to ensure that all students are reading and writing at grade level from grades 4-12. For the most part, current literacy instruction ends at the third-grade level. It is the lack of grade-level appropriate and remedial literacy programs across the curriculum in middle level and high schools that causes so many students to fall behind in reading comprehension. This results in poor writing skills, a decrease in overall academic performance, an increase in dropouts, and a decrease in graduation rates." Mr. Baker, Mrs. Sanzo and the entire KHS staff are taking a very aggressive approach to ensure that our students do reach their appropriate reading levels. The KHS PTSA supports their efforts 100% and wants to help. We would like to provide mini libraries in each classroom. These mini libraries will contain books of all reading levels to encourage students to read before class and after assignments have been completed. Many times a student does not have time to get to the library to check out a book. The mini library will give them the opportunity to get a book quickly and work on their reading skills whenever they have a few minutes.

The second project that we would like to support is a scholarship program for the AP students. This program is currently being developed by Mr. Baroso. Once I have more details, I will provide those on this site.

Your PTSA will work hard to support our school in any way that we can. However, we **MUST** have your help. We do not fund raise during the school year so we depend solely on membership dues. Our goal this year is 100% membership of parents, students and staff. This is not asking too much. Just \$5.00 per member and we will be able to provide the assistance that our school requires.

Please take the time to fill out the membership envelope and return it to the school. If you did not receive one, your student can pick one up in room 331 before or after school.

I encourage all parents, students and staff to join. Your contribution just may be the difference in a student's reading ability and/or being able to afford to attend college.

If you have any suggestions/questions/concerns regarding your PTSA please do not hesitate to e-mail me ([freegood58@yahoo.com](mailto:freegood58@yahoo.com)).

***Thanks for your continued support.***

***Barbara Good  
PTSA President***