



Paging the Robertsons: KF Twins Serve Together in Virginia Senate



Anna and Sara Robertson to serve as Virginia State Senate pages

Kenston Forest eighth grade twins, Anna and Sara Robertson, were recently selected to serve as pages in the Virginia State Senate. The twins, daughters of Dolores and James Edward Robertson (KF '77) of Blackstone, were nominated for the position by Senator Frank Ruff (R-Mecklenburg). Senator Ruff serves the 15th District, which includes Nottoway County. The girls left on January 7th for Richmond. The typical work day for Anna and Sara is 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Capitol Hill. Their duties will include performing a variety of tasks in the Senate offices. The page program lasts for eight weeks. The Robertsons will not be missing school, however. Their teachers at Kenston send assignments to them each week. The girls have a study hall each night from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The page program provides tutors for all the pages. As part of the program, the pages live in a hotel in Richmond during the week and can come home on the weekends. After the first week, the twins were excited and had adjusted to the routine.

Exchange Student Bids Farewell to Kenston Forest

The end of first semester brought sad farewells to one of Kenston's exchange students. Hyunji Ha, a native of South Korean capitol of Seoul, had attended Kenston Forest for a year and a half after having spent a year at Central of Lunenburg. Ha, a senior at KFS, planned on attending college back home in Korea. To achieve this goal, she had to complete her last semester of high school in Korea. At college, Ha plans to major in business or linguistics. While at KFS, Ha was an honor roll student and played on the girls' tennis team. Ha's many friends and KF faculty will miss her and wish her the best.



New Club has Impact at KF

Kenston Forest recently started the Rotary Interact Club, which is a worldwide high school service organization sponsored by Rotary International. All high school Interact clubs must be sponsored by a *local* Rotary Club; Kenston is sponsored by the Blackstone Rotary Club. There will be meetings for the organization before school, during Refocus on Fridays and after school. Meeting days will be posted in the announcements and on the bulletin board outside the office.

Sixty percent attendance is required to be a member of the club. Admission is on-going. So far, the club has organized several projects, including a breakfast with Santa at the Woodland in Farmville. The club plans to have several more events including cooking a stew and challenging the South Hill Rotary Club to a race to collect the most school supplies for Haiti. The Rotarian sponsor for Kenston, Frannie Schwabenton, hopes that the club will give students an opportunity to be part of an international service organization and a chance to display their "Service Before Self." To learn more about the club, visit rotary.org or contact Mrs. Schwabenton.



Rotary Interact members at a Christmas service project

News From the Guidance Director

★A **Financial Aid Workshop** will be held at Southside Virginia Community College - Christanna Campus on Wednesday, February 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the John J. Cavan Workforce Development Center.

★For scholarship opportunities, check with Ms. Bacon.



Patriot's Pen winners Grayson Rose, Carrie Bailey and Remy Butts with VFW leaders and Mrs. Cam Williams

KFS Students Win in VFW Essay Contests

Students from Kenston Forest in grades 6, 7, and 8 recently participated in the *Patriot's Pen* essay contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). The winners were announced at the Lower School awards assembly on 11 Jan 2012. After careful consideration of the many submissions, the VFW presented certificates (and checks!) to Remy Butts for 1st place (\$150), Carrie Bailey for 2nd place (\$100) and Grayson Rose for 3rd place (\$75). Presenting the awards were Charles R. Reed, Jr., Commander of Post 7819, Lynwood F. Spain, Commander of Post 7897, and Robert K. Martin, Senior Vice Commander of Post 7819. Remy Butts also placed 3rd in the district and will be given that award at a VFW ceremony in February.



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Also presented at the assembly were awards for the VFW *Voice of Democracy* essay contest. This contest was open to high school students. Kenston Forest was again well represented. Winners were Amanda Hawthorne – 1st place, Wellsley Bacon – 2nd place and Ben Barnes – 3rd place. Honorable mention went to Eva Watson and Janna Williams. Amanda Hawthorne also placed 2nd in the district and will be given that award at a VFW ceremony in February. KFS English teacher Cam Williams was awarded 2011 Teacher of the Year for her promotion of patriotism.



VFW leaders with Eva Watson, Janna Williams, Mrs. Cam Williams, Ben Barnes, Wellsley Bacon and Amanda Hawthorne

Varsity Cheer Squad Has New Look



2012 Varsity Basketball Cheer Squad

The 2012 varsity basketball cheer squad has a decidedly different make up---boys have joined the girls on the squad. Seniors Lucas Lloyd, Will Outlaw and Scott Long received permission to join the team. Dressed in traditional male cheer uniforms of windsuits and armed with megaphones,

the three young men enjoy getting the crowds pumped up. They attend practice and work diligently on the routines. This year's cheer squad is one of the largest in recent years, thanks in part to the young men.



2012 JV/MS Cheer Squad

The cheer squad for the JV and Middle School games is a mixture of students from grades 6 – 9. For the last 2 years, the JV and Middle School girls have been a combined squad.

Yearbook On Sale

The Photojournalism Class is having a sale on the 2012 edition of the Kenston Yearbook. From now until 31 Jan 2012, the yearbook is available for \$60. This is a savings of \$10 off the regular price. Order forms are available in the main office or can be printed online from the KF website. Purchase your memories now while the sale lasts!



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Check the www.kenston.org news-weather-sports web page for driving directions, calendars, and details.