



# The Spark

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## FFA Nursery and Landscape Team 1st Place State Winners

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On March 4, Kathleen FFA’s Nursery and Landscape team won the state contest at the US Research Center in Apopka. The team members are Shelby Carlton, Hannah Scionti, Madyson Keim and Blair Buchanon. They will represent Florida at the National FFA Nursery and Landscape CDE in Indianapolis, Indiana “The event was challenging and consisted of identification practicums in which students had to identify 30 ornamental plants from a 100 plant list, 15 pests/disorders out of a 70 item list, and identify 15 tools out of a 100 item list. In addition to identification, there were four other events: Landscape Plan Interpretation, Pruning, Dealing with Hazardous Situations/Safety, and Equipment Maintenance,” said Mr. Carlton.



**We’re going to Nationals!**

Waking Up  
 Before  
 7am  
 Should  
 Be Illegal.

## SPRING BREAK 2017

**March 20-24, 2017**

**KHS Administration**  
 KHS Principal, Donna Drisdorn  
 Assistant Principal, Dr. Lia Maffett  
 Assistant Principal, Tony Williams  
 Assistant Principal, Mario Jenkins  
 Assistant Principal, Javon Smith  
 Assistant Principal, Keith Smith (CFAA)

**PROM TICKETS ON SALE**

**\$85 - March 13-17, 2017**

**\$100—March 27-31, 2017**

**Students can purchase tickets  
 in the 9th Grade Office  
 during lunch and after school until 2:30**

**ALL OBLIGATIONS MUST BE PAID  
 IN ORDER TO PURCHASE A TICKET!  
 Everyone Must Submit Completed Notarized  
 Out of County Medical Consent Form**

In order to purchase a ticket for a student who does not attend KHS, you must submit **completed** GUEST APPLICATION, Everyone Must Adhere to KHS Prom Dress Code & Guest Policies  
 Questions: See Mrs. Lowery or amy.lowery@polk-fl.net

**Prom—April 1, 2017 @ Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress in Orlando**



- 4/24—Graduation Cap & Gown Delivery During Lunches
- 4/49—Grad Bash
- 5/4—Chorus Spring Concert
- 5/11—Band & Orchestra Spring Concert
- 5/16—Underclassmen Awards
- 5/18—CFAA Senior Awards
- 5/19—Underclassmen Awards @ 6:00
- 5/22—Seniors Last Day
- 5/23—FFA Awards Ceremony
- 5/25—Senior Awards @ 6:00
- 5/28—Baccalaureate @ 3:00/Victory Baptist
- 5/31—Graduation Practice @ 10:00/Lakeland Center
- 5/31—Graduation @ 7:30 @ Lakeland Center

## Drifting with Boats!



Tyler Cloutier

On Friday March 3, 2017, attendees of the University of Central Florida's (UCF) annual *Initiatives in STEM – Florida Engineering Education Conference*, were treated to a presentation by KHS Science Teacher, Mr. George Bartuska and KHS Science Student, Mr. Tyler Chouquer. The conference showcased an array of speakers and subject-matter experts which included a panel of government/corporate STEM administrators, K-12 STEM educators, UCF STEM Professors and a series of interactive hands-on workshops.

Mr. Bartuska and Tyler's presentation "*From Student Ocean Current Drifters to Student Atmospheric Circulation Miniboats*" highlighted last year's "Student Ocean Drifter Project" involving the construction of ocean drifters by KHS students including Tyler, and the launching of those Drifters by the University of South Florida's - College of Marine Sciences staff while aboard USF's Oceanographic Vessel the *Weatherbird II*. Tyler explained the processes involved in the building and tracking of the drifters.



Additionally, Mr. Bartuska explained KHS students' new project for this year. It is a project involving a 4 foot sailboat (miniboat) that will soon be launched off the coast of North Carolina with an expected destination of the British Islands, possibly the coast of Ireland.

Both, last year's drifter project and this year's sailboat project contain GPS (global positioning system) transmitters/receivers to track the location of the drifters/sailboats. Mr. Bartuska shared with the conference attendees, a method he developed for teaching students through a hands-on laboratory procedure, about explaining how GPS works and where the satellites are in orbit.

Using a globe and some string, he demonstrated the differences in orbit elevations in outer space between the International Space Station (at about 250 miles up), Global Positioning Satellites or GPS (at about 12,000 miles up), and geostationary / geosynchronous Weather satellites (at about 22,300 miles up). Today, different kinds of satellites in space orbiting at different altitudes make up an integral part of scientist's research assets used for studying Earth's oceans and Earth's atmosphere.

2017-2018

### Kathleen High School Cheerleading

Interested in a sport where you can lead your fans to cheer on our Red Devils in different sporting events, make new friends, be a role model to other KHS students and people in our community, run, jump, stunt, tumble, yell, and have fun?

Then come on out to our Kathleen High School Cheerleader and Parent meeting Tuesday March 14<sup>th</sup> in the KHS Cafeteria from 6:00-7:00p.m. to get more information such as:

- Tryout Packet
- Tryouts will be in April
- Open to all incoming Freshman and 9-12 grade
- Work on jumps, stunts, motions, tumbling, and spirit

Questions?

See Coach Schertzer Room 14-034

Email Coach Amy Schertzer at: [Amy.schertzer@polk-fl.net](mailto:Amy.schertzer@polk-fl.net)

## KHS Concert Choir



### Florida Vocal Association

Congratulations to our Concert Choir for their performance yesterday at their choir MPA. "They received a Good rating

on their stage performance and an excellent rating for their sight reading performance. The students worked hard and put on a wonderful, musical performance at Lake Gibson. We are so very proud of them," said Mr. Poletis.

MPA stands for Music Performance Assessment. Each year, the Florida Vocal Association (FVA) hosts Choral MPA in 16 districts throughout the state. These choirs perform for a panel of distinguished adjudicators who are respected choral directors in their own right.



Calling all PEARLS?

Who?  
Girls ONLY!

Talk about what matters to you: *Self-Image, Interpersonal Skills, Self-Discipline, Academic Success and your FUTURE!*

Why? *You just want to be successful!*

I am Growing into a Woman

When?  
Thursdays @ 2:05PM  
Ms. Rue's Class: N-Wing 13-001



Remaining Testing Dates for 2017

ACT (American College Test)  
<http://www.ACTStudent.org>

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline
April 8, 2017	March 3, 2017
June 10, 2017	May 5, 2017
School Code: 100-830 Test Center Code: 235570	

SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test)  
<http://www.SAT.CollegeBoard.org>

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline
May 6, 2017	April 7, 2017
School Code: 100-830 Test Center Code: 10374	

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Senior Reminders

No Smart Phone?  
Sign up to get text message reminders through Remind101

TEXT: 81010  
MESSAGE:  
@reddevil17

Senior Reminders

Smartphone?  
Sign up to get push messages  
Go to your browser and go to link:  
rmd.at/reddevil17  
Follow the instructions to sign up for Reminder. You'll be prompted to download the app.

At the end of each day life should ask:

"Do you want to save the changes?"



DespicableMeMinions.org Fb.com/MinionQ

Sunday is a teacher's day of REST:

the REST of the laundry,  
the REST of the housework,  
and grade the REST of the papers.

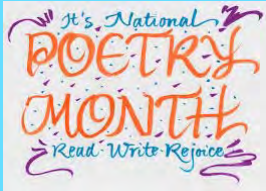


FFA—Sponsors Farm Day

On February 24, 2017 our ag department hosted their annual FFA Farm Day. 200 students from Winston Elementary and Blake Academy visited our Ag department and got to learn all about different aspects of the agriculture industry. Students, ranging from preschool to first grade, were able to make their own orange juice and ice cream, plant their own garden, make animal puppets, learn the different parts of a plant, interact with animals that are kept on campus, and enjoy a hayride around the land lab. Our FFA members worked hard to ensure each child had the best experience possible. Each station was ran by our FFA members, who have spent weeks planning to ensure that Farm Day was a success.



## Students & Teachers



Please check out website and encourage participation in the Poetry Contest. Check out the end of this issue of the Spark for complete details!

<http://www.libraryofpoetry.com/>

## College is 4 Everyone

Mrs. Brown from College is 4 Everyone will be on campus once a week on Wednesday at 2pm to assist our students with college applications, ACT/SAT HELP, resume help, scholarship help, financial aid, college essay help, career coaching etc. If you have students who can benefit from her services, please send them to the main media center on Wednesdays after school at 2pm.



### Opportunity \$500

**Polk Co Retired Ed** association offering scholarship to any senior seeking education degree. See Ms. Sprouse for application. Deadline 3/17. Must include transcript and ACT/SAT scores. Scholarship to be awarded at Luncheon on 5/2.



Our Latin 1 students will take the National Latin Exam on March 14 during 5th period. The philosophy of the National Latin Exam is predicated on providing every Latin student the opportunity to experience a sense of personal accomplishment and success in his/her study of the Latin language and culture. We wish all the students the best of luck: Ken'dell Brown, Julio Cano, Dakota Crawford, Brandon Gaitan, Talon Lachance-Martin, Bethany Lambert, Norman Swanson and Allyson Usher.

## Teacher Spotlight: Santia Garcia

By Eileen Gutierrez

Kathleen High School's Art teacher, Mrs. Santia Garcia, has been teaching for a whopping 21 years. She has taught at 4 other schools, both middle and high, before coming to Kathleen in 2011. She chose this school over the rest because she felt that she would fit in better here, and we are happy to have her! As a child, Mrs. Garcia wanted to become a teacher. She would give her younger sister homework and pretend she was the teacher. She has always been the artistic type. "My first love is art. My second love is teaching, so I had to put them together." At home, Mrs. Garcia has her studio where she can create brilliant and beautiful works of art whenever she feels inspired. In the future, she plans to get back into art therapy or open her own art-based after school business.

## Spend Thursday and Friday with FCA

FCA weekly huddle meetings Thursday mornings with Coach Troutman at 6:30 am in Room 03-010 next to Culinary Arts.

All students are welcome to



come enjoy fellowship and prayer.

FCA huddle with Mrs. Sasser on CFAA campus every Friday morning at 6:40 in the media center. Hope to see you there!

## Heather's Hope Foundation \$2,000 Scholarship

Heather Rimmer's love of children and learning was evident through her commitment to education and her students. As a lasting legacy to her memory, the foundation will provide college scholarships every year to two students that demonstrate outstanding character, commitment and compassion for others. The timeline for interested seniors wishing to make application for the \$2,000 Heather's Hope Scholarship are from the dates March 1, 2017 through April 27, 2017. The requirements are listed below:

1. Must be a graduating senior in a Polk County high school.
2. Submit an essay on Domestic Violence: What can be done to lessen the acts of domestic violence in our community and How does Domestic Violence affect families? OR submit a PSA that cannot be longer than 60 sec segment and geared towards Dating Violence awareness and prevention.
3. Must have an average GPA of 3.0
4. If selected by our committee you will be asked submit a wallet size photo of yourself.

Essays will be judged and winners selected and notified by May 9th, 2017. Recipient's photo will appear on this page if chosen for the scholarship. Apply below or go to our website...<http://www.heathershope.net/scholarship.html>

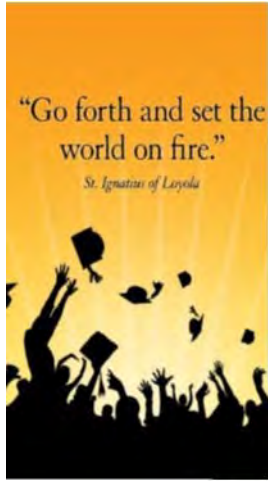
# Class of 2017



**Talent Show:**  
 Date: March 16, 2017  
 Periods: to be announced  
 Cost: To be announced  
 New round of auditions: to be announced

## Senior Dues—Cost: \$50

**Due:** ASAP  
 Student will receive two (2) t-shirts: a white one with a red K for the senior panorama and a t-shirt with all of the names of the seniors printed on the back. If you submitted a partial payment for the senior panoramic shirt, you are required to pay the **REMAINDER** of the senior dues before you get the second senior shirt.



**Prom — April 1, 2017**  
 Location: Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress in Orlando

Cost: \$85.00 from March 13-17, 2017

After Spring Break—\$100



**Grad Bash April 29, 2017**  
 Universal Studio's Orlando  
 7:00 pm—2:00 am  
 Cost: \$ 100.00  
 All obligations must be paid before ticket purchase.



**Run for Ruby**  
 Date: April 22, 2017  
 Price: \$5 donation  
 Time: To be announced  
 Competition for best t-shirt – more details to come

3/28	End of 3rd Quarter
4/11	3rd Quarter Report Cards
4/14	Holiday/No School

## Tutoring Schedule

**Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 2:05-3:05**

Subject	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays
ACT		Mrs. Gardner & Ms. Dellagnese Main Media Ctr		Ms. Dellagnese & Mrs. Huggins Main Media Ctr
Algebra 1			Mr. Taylor 40-113	
Reading/English		Mrs. O'Sullivan 13-006		
ESOL			Mr. Gueiros-Neto 04-004	
Math				Mr. Davis 31-127
Science	Ms. Nicholson 14-036			

## Trident Yearbook

Price=\$75.00.

**Deadline to pre-order:**  
**March 31, 2017**

Click to order your Yearbook

[www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com)

order #1134

# After School 2nd Quarter Grade Recovery Program



We are very excited to let you know that we have just received approval and funding for an after school 2nd Quarter Credit Recovery Program from Title One! We will run the program in the Main Media Center and it will be open till 5:00 p.m. to allow students to have a place to work on credit recovery work and on their current 3rd quarter assignments to avoid being in the same position next quarter.

Teachers can send their credit recovery packet to Title One and the tutors will make copies for the students who come to after school credit recovery. We will collect the assignments and return the assignments for the teachers to grade. Teachers who want their students to just make up missing assignments from their gradebook also don't have to do anything except tell the Title One tutors and the missing assignments report will be provided to any and all stu-

dents who show up for after school credit recovery.

Our program after school is also not just for credit recovery. We will give students a place to work on their school work while they re waiting for their ride home, practice and/or any sports event. Parents, please encourage your child to come to the main media center



any day from 2:00—5:00 for 2nd Quarter Recovery. We will be glad to help all students who attend.



<b>Monday March 13</b>	Boys & Girls Tennis vs. Santa Fe Catholic @ Beerman Center @ 4:00
<b>Tuesday March 14</b>	Girls Tennis vs. Ft. Meade (Home) @ 3:30 Boys Baseball vs. George Jenkins @ 7:00 (Away)
<b>Wednesday March 15</b>	
<b>Thursday March 16</b>	Boys Baseball vs. Bartow High @ 7:00 (Home) Boys Weightlifting vs. Auburndale Sr. @ 2:30 (Away) Girls Softball vs. Bartow High @ 7:30 (Home) Boys Tennis vs. Lakeland Christian @ 4:00 (Home)
<b>Friday March 17</b>	Girls Softball vs. Mulberry Sr. @ 7:30 (Home) Boys Tennis vs. Mulberry Sr. @ 4:00 (Home)
<b>Saturday March 18</b>	Boys & Girls Track—Polk County Championship @ George Jenkins High @ 8:00 a.m.

## Lunch Menu

### Monday—March 13, 2017

Meatball Sub or Chef Salad or Turkey & Cheese Sub/Flatbread, Waffle Cut Sweet Potato Fries, Lettuce & Tomato, Cole Slaw, Baby Carrots, Chilled Fruit & Fresh Fruit Variety

### Tuesday—March 14, 2017

Chicken Taco Meat, Cheese, Steamed Rice or Harvest Chicken Salad or Ham & Cheese Sub or Buffalo Chicken Wrap, Seasoned Pinto Beans, Bean Salad, Lettuce & Tomato, Popeye Salad, 100% Juice, Seasonal Fresh Fruit Variety

### Wednesday—March 15, 2017

White Spaghetti, Asian Chicken Salad, Italian Pizza Sub or 3 Meat Italian Flatbread, Cookie, Steamed Broccoli, Garden Salad, Lettuce & Tomato, Veggie Combo, Spiced Fruit, Fresh Fruit Variety

### Thursday—March 16, 2017

Sloppy Joe, Tortilla Chips, Cheese or Chicken Caesar Salad or Turkey & Cheese Sub/Chicken Caesar Wrap, California Blend Veggies, Garden Salad, Veggie Combo, Juice & Fresh Fruit Variety

### Friday—March 107 2017

Cheese Pizza Slice/Pepperoni Pizza Slice or Buffalo Chicken Salad or Ham & Cheese Sub/Flatbread, Corn on the Cob, Crisp Corn Salad, Fresh Veggie Combo, Juice Cup & Fresh Fruit Variety



# 21<sup>st</sup> Annual

## NATIONAL STUDENT POETRY CONTEST

ENTRY DEADLINE IS APRIL 30th

### \$500.00 GRAND PRIZE

#### 4 DIVISIONS

GRADES 3-5 GRADES 8-9  
GRADES 6-7 GRADES 10-12

#### 36 PRIZES NO ENTRY FEE

Each student may submit ONE poem, via our INSTANT ONLINE ENTRY FORM at [www.libraryofpoetry.com](http://www.libraryofpoetry.com) or by mail with entry being typed rather than handwritten when possible. Poem must be NO MORE THAN 20 LINES on any subject, in any style except concrete (shape poems) or blackout, provided that the content of the poem is not vulgar or offensive, does not employ profanity, and is the original and individual work of the student. Sample topics include: Pride in America, friendship, feelings, nature, dreams, aspirations, or anything that inspires creativity. Mail entries to: "REVIEW COMMITTEE" c/o THE AMERICA LIBRARY OF POETRY, P.O. BOX 978 HOULTON, ME 04730. 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place in each division will be awarded a cash prize and certificate of achievement. One poem declared "EDITOR'S CHOICE" will win a \$500.00 Grand Prize.

12 Participation prizes will be drawn from all entries.

Submissions may be considered for publication by The America Library of Poetry.

**ENTRIES MUST BE MADE ONLINE OR MAILED BY APRIL 30, 2017.**

Each mailed submission must include a copy of the cut out portion of the official entry form pictured here.

**DO NOT RETURN THIS ENTIRE PAGE.**

#### TEACHERS PLEASE NOTE:

Photocopy friendly entry forms, student participation certificates, and Top Educator Award details are available online at [WWW.LIBRARYOFPOETRY.COM](http://WWW.LIBRARYOFPOETRY.COM) To save on postage, all class or school entries with entry forms may be mailed together. For inquiries, deadline extensions, or a list of winners please visit our website. Sponsored by The America Library of Poetry. All rights reserved.

#### TOP EDUCATOR AWARDS

1 OF 10 LAPTOP COMPUTERS OR TABLETS  
FOR PARTICIPATING TEACHERS

#### PRIZES JUST FOR ENTERING

( Random Drawings From All Submissions )  
LAPTOP, TABLET, OR IPOD TOUCH  
AFTER SCHOOL SHOPPING SPREE  
1 OF 10 \$25.00 GIFT CARDS

#### SCHOOL WITH MOST ENTRIES WILL WIN

A NEW COMPUTER PACKAGE AND  
"SPIRIT OF EDUCATION" TROPHY

#### CUT OUT AND RETURN THIS OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

(must be cut out and stapled to top left corner of poem)

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt# \_\_\_\_\_  
(Do Not Use School Address)

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Poem Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(For contact information regarding contest, winning entries, or publication)