

# KITTREDGE KONNECTION

September 27, 2011

Read the Konnection on the web at [www.kittredge.org](http://www.kittredge.org)

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## **Introducing Sycamore Education!**

Kittredge School purchased a school management system during the summer. We have been busy inputting all our school and student information on this “cloud-based” system where it will be available 24/7 to all parents from any computer or mobile device. We currently have school information such as the calendar, Konnection, events, handbook, policies, and directory available on the Kittredge School Sycamore Education website.

Our middle school teachers are posting their student’s grades and assignments on this website. All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents will be getting access to this information today via an emailed invitation to Sycamore Education. This information is confidential and secure and takes the place of our traditional progress reports.

Please note that note each teacher is using Sycamore for the different purposes, and you may find different information available for each student you have at Kittredge. This program is a work in progress so please give us a call with questions and concerns.

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## **The Votes are In**

Congratulations to the Fall 2011 Kittredge School Student Council. Our new officers are:

School President: Leffy Lefferts

School Secretary: Jack Gallo

Seventh Grade Rep: Max Fine

Sixth Grade Rep: Courtney Turkatte

4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep: Michael Metz

Our first meeting will be tomorrow.

We are proud of all the students who ran for office this semester... they are all winners.

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## **Sibling Applications are Due November 10<sup>th</sup>**

If you would like to have a sibling considered for our 2012 early decision, please make sure you stop in the office for an application packet. We will need all the parent and teacher forms back by November 10<sup>th</sup>. Early decisions will be sent December 1.

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## **Academic Chess Begins Again on September 30**

Chessmaster Jesse will once again offer his popular class on Friday after school. The session will begin on September 30 and continue until Winter Break. Attached is an enrollment form or you can register online at [www.academicchess.com](http://www.academicchess.com)

All students must be picked up at 4:10 unless arrangements for Extended Day have been made.

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## **Items Lost and Found**

Our memories are getting worse... please let us know if you have borrowed some folding chairs from the school. We would love to use them at our Open House next month.

A beautiful glass serving tray was left at the picnic. We brought it back to school and have it available for its owner. Please stop by to pick it up.

## Innisbrook Fundraiser is Underway!

A Message from Debbie Veatch, Chair

Kittredge's sale of Innisbrook wrapping paper and other products is underway and continues through October 3. Please support the students and faculty by ordering products for your family and selling products to friends. Our goal is 100% participation by the Kittredge Community. As an incentive, each class that achieves that goal will enjoy a cupcake party. If you have any questions about the sale, please contact Debbie Veatch at [veatchdl@earthlink.net](mailto:veatchdl@earthlink.net) or 752-1676. Thank you for supporting Kittredge!

### Looking Ahead...

#### Two Middle School Dances in October

Presidio Hill is hosting a dance on October 14<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 9:45pm and Laurel School is hosting a dance on October 28 from 7 to 10pm. Details including the cover charge, drop off and pick up instructions, permission and contact numbers will be sent home as soon as we get them.

#### Parent Night Out Hosted by the KPA

Mark your calendars for Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> so you don't miss this year's event. Details will follow!

## September/October Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>
	Cross Country Running practice	SSAT Course High School Night for 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parents @ 6:30	Cross Country Practice	Rosh Hashana No Study Hall/Homework SSAT Course Yoga	Chicken Strips Lunch Chess Class begins	
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
	Cross Country Meet	SSAT Course	Volleyball vs. Lycee Cross Country Practice	SSAT Course Yoga	Chess	
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
	NO SCHOOL	SSAT Course KPA Meeting	Cross Country Practice Open House for Prospective Parents	Character Counts Day at Kittredge SSAT Practice	Picture Make-Up Day Chess PHS Middle School Dance Parent Night Out	

### You can Help Kittredge with eScrip

Kristin Kiss is again heading up a campaign to help raise funds through participation in eScrip. Please take a few minutes to read the information below and use the link to sign up. Thank you!

## **eScrip Information From Kristin Kiss**

### **KITTREDGE GETS FREE MONEY!**

But we need your help to get more!

Kittredge received \$1000 in donations from April 2010 thru July 2011 from **eScrip** with help from many corporations that each of us use every day. Funding came from Safeway, Mollie Stones, Adronico's, Nordstrom, the Gap, Home Depot, Amazon, etc. in amounts varying from 1-4% (Safeway) to 7.2% (Nordstrom) of any and all purchases made. If you haven't signed up for eScrip, then we are losing access to valuable funding that could be put towards new technology for the classrooms, outreach programs, field trips, etc. Many of the top schools in the area have 100% participation and signing up is easy.

We want to thank all those families who became members in 2010 & 2011: Alla Rudin, Irina Tsokolati, Olga Poluyansky, Louise Pon-Barry, Willow Radcliffe, Janaf Bateh, Jennifer Provine, Chris Babcock, Peter Lee, Anne Morris, Kristin Singer & Karen Fung. With these new additions we have increased our overall contributions by 10% and our overall participation by 23%.

We also want to thank the **nine** families who have together contributed **75%** of our total donations (\$750): Kristin Kiss, Kari Rocca, Leff Lefferts, Chris Babcock, Pamela Fine, Amy Shelton, Trudy Young, Olga Shapiro, & Linda Corrado.

Which classroom will be the 1<sup>st</sup> to get 100% participation? It is certainly a close race.

<b>Ms. McKee - Seventh Grade</b>	71%
<b>Ms. Pon-Barry - K/First Grades</b>	50%
<b>Mr. Young - Eighth Grade</b>	50%
<b>Staff</b>	50%
<b>Mr. Kevin Smith – Sixth Grade</b>	47%
<b>Ms. Higgins - Second/Third Grades</b>	44%
<b>Mr. Riddle - Fourth/ Fifth Grades</b>	44%

Kristin Kiss is heading up this program and will be providing quarterly updates, reminders, and more information to encourage you all to help us acquire some corporate support from these well-known businesses. She will be in Ms. Pon-Barry's class during Back to School night if you want more details about the program.

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **How does this program work?**

Go to: <http://www.escrip.com/program/about.jsp>

1. You register any one or all of your existing grocery loyalty, debit and credit cards for use in the program.
2. Participating merchants will make contributions to your chosen group, based on purchases made by you, just by using the cards you have registered.
3. Your purchases are tracked and available to you online, allowing you to see just how much you are earning on your child's behalf!

#### **How do I protect my privacy?**

eScrip pledges not to use your personal information: <http://www.escrip.com/popPrivacy.jsp>  
(Fyi, I've been using eScrip two years now and haven't had any marketer calls, additional mail/email solicitations, etc.)

## Who are the vendors who support eScrip?

**Grocery Stores:** Safeway, Andronicos, Mollie Stones, etc.

**Safeway & Andronicos** have a Tiered Contribution Structure. The more that is spent in a month, the higher the donation to Kittredge is:

- 1% on monthly purchases up to \$300
- 2% on monthly purchases between \$300 to \$500
- 3% on monthly purchases between \$500 to \$600
- 4% on monthly purchases over \$600

### **Mollie Stones:**

- 1% on Monthly Purchases Between \$101-\$300
- 2% on Monthly Purchases Between \$301-\$500
- 3% on Monthly Purchases Between \$501-\$800
- Plus 5% Monthly Purchases Above \$800

**Retailers:** Vendors contributions range from 2.4% to 7.2%

Here is a link to all the vendors: <http://shopping.escrip.com/category/apparel-shoes-women/5400/14/> and I've named a few popular ones down below:

Nordstrom - 7.2%	Old Navy - 3%	Victoria Secret - 1.8%
Ann Taylor - 3%	Banana Republic - 3%	Gap - 3%      J. Crew - 3%

**Restaurants** in San Francisco where you can earn points:

<http://escrip.rewardsnetwork.com/search.htm?q=94108> - 2.5% contribution

## How do you know which vendors support eScrip?

Go to this link: <http://shopping.escrip.com/client/pid=5400/bid=135589666> and download it and every time you visit an on-line vendor who supports eScrip a reminder will pop-up in the bottom right hand corner of your screen:



## What are our fundraising goals?

I signed up for the eScrip rewards program in September 2008 and I am amazed at how easy and rewarding this program is. Spend \$1000 at Nordstrom, and Nordstrom will support the school by donating \$72, spend \$600 a month at Safeway, and Safeway will donate \$288 over the course of the year. With 78 families at Kittredge, that adds up quickly and significantly.

eScrip estimates for a family of four, the average contribution is \$112. If we have 100% participation we could shoot for about \$9,000. I realize that this might be a pretty high goal, so let's shoot for tripling our contributions and shoot for \$3,000.

I will be heading up this program and will be providing quarterly updates, reminders, and more information to encourage you all to help us acquire some corporate support from these well known businesses.

- Kristin Kiss

(Mother of Madison— 3<sup>rd</sup> grader & Alexander - Kindergartener)