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# Kelly Walsh Parent Newsletter

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Hello Trojans!

I want to start by saying it was great, earlier, to be able to visit with most of your school's teachers during some of the professional development day on February 16. I am excited to get to work with the admin team and the rest of the KW staff to keep the great things going! Speaking of the administration team...

Please welcome Julie Hornby as our new assistant principal at Kelly Walsh!

Thanks to the following staff members who were on the interview team and gave their time and expertise to the process:

Amy Rose, Jamie Cordonier, AJ Nathan, Casey Schell, and Todd Trupp

Thanks to Kathi Hawley and the others in the office for taking care of the arrangements!

Now that Brian Doner has been named as the new Centennial principal, my time transitioning to Kelly Walsh will increase throughout the spring. I look forward to visiting with all of you. Feel free to email, text, or call me with any questions.

Take care,

Mike Britt  
Principal  
Centennial Junior High School



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# Rodstock Grants Wishes!

Thank you for all of your support of Rodstock and Make-A-Wish Wyoming. This year, we collected **\$13,724.75** in one day! Several businesses also sent donations directly to Make-A-Wish Wyoming; furthermore, there are other funds still needing to be collected.

Thank you so very much for encouraging our students to donate to ensure that kids with life-threatening medical conditions have their greatest wish come true. **MOST IMPORTANTLY**, thank you for supporting our talented students who performed!!!

Thank you to the following ... without you, this event would never happen:

- Marc Fleming, Jason Murdock, Duane Reimer, Brent Rose, Gary DePaolo, Dustin Hebert and Katrina Rooney
- KW Custodial staff
- KW Booster Club
- Donna Scott & her classes
- KW Coffee Company
- KW Student Council student leaders
- Jeff Chavez & his kids
- Our attendance clerks - this was a hectic day for them!

Surely there are many others who contributed to the success of this day. Student Council and KWHS would like to thank everyone who was a part of this amazing event.

Sincerely,  
Ben Schank,  
KWHS Student Council



A parent writing on her daughter's S.A.I.L. evaluation said it better than any of us could:

"My daughter is learning that a real friend will like her even when they don't agree on everything. S.A.I.L. has shown her that everyone is different and it's okay. Friendships are very important to a child but, so is self-esteem. A person needs to believe in their self, trust their own feelings, and be confident in making their own decisions. If confidence is lacking, they might find themselves following the wrong person down the wrong road for all the wrong reasons.

Your program has shown the children how to be themselves. That each one of them has their own opinion, and it matters. You've given them steps to take so that they are able to solve their own problems, given them examples of where to seek help when needed, prepared them for some encounters they are sure to have, and given them the confidence to make the right choices.

You've helped to develop her self-confidence, a gift that will prove invaluable - for that we are forever grateful.

With times the way they are, we need to do everything we can to prepare our children for the many choices they will be making. I believe the SAIL program is very effective in teaching our children some very valuable skills they will use throughout their lives. I only hope they will be able to offer the program to all of the children soon - after all, a person who is prepared is less likely to make a fatal mistake.

Thank you for all you do, and the caring way you do it."

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## Kelly Walsh High School Student Assistance Program

# S.A.I.L. Student Assistance in Life

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## S.A.I.L.

Student Assistance in Life, S.A.I.L., began in the Natrona County School District in the winter of 1982. Initially, the District adapted a philosophy that commits to helping all students fully realize their potential. To do this, a series of support groups were developed using a co-facilitation model that utilizes both school personnel and community volunteers to lead support groups for students.

S.A.I.L. groups are strictly for support and they are educational in nature. Therapy and counseling are not part of the design. If young students can feel supported by significant adults, and if they can develop trust, communication, and a positive relationship with others, they will not feel so isolated. They will also understand that they are not the only ones experiencing certain situations in their life.

S.A.I.L. groups are based on student need. In cooperation with school counselors and administrators, groups are established and will meet weekly on a rotating schedule. Examples of groups include, but are not limited to:

Stress Relief	Sharing & Connecting
Divorce	Problem-solving Skills
Grief & Loss	Suicide
Family Issues	Peer Relationships

In order to help students cope with stressors that may be inhibiting their success at school, S.A.I.L. groups are offered during the school day. Groups meet weekly on a rotating basis for 45 minutes in order to minimize the loss of class time. Students are responsible for making up work during S.A.I.L. meetings; however, teachers recognize the value of S.A.I.L. and will work collaboratively with students regarding missing work.

Written parental permission is required in order to participate in S.A.I.L. Parents may contact their child's counselor or a Kelly Walsh administrator to request information or make a referral to participate in a S.A.I.L. group.

Student Last Name	Counselor	Administrator
A - D	Deb Slensker	A.J. Nathan
E - K	Patty Platt	Jamie Cordonier
L - O & U - Z	Amanda Saylor	Amy Rose
P - T	Jolene Whitley	Kathy Neely



# WORLD LANGUAGE CULTURE FESTIVAL



 **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
 Bring your friends and family! 

 **Free Culture Experiences and demonstrations!**  
 Food and drinks available for purchase

 Guacamole! Raffles Make pinatas!	 And lots more!	 Sushi, origami, chopstick games!
 Crepes!	 Fun for all ages!	 Try your <b>hand</b> at learning ASL!

KW World Culture Festival is back! Please mark your calendar for this fun and learning event at the Commons from 4-6 pm, Friday, April 20th.

This festival is open to the public, and there will be many free culture experience tables, so bring your friends and family!

Yes, food and beverages are available.

Our last year's two biggest hits, "Crepes" and "Sumo Wrestling" are there, too!

## College Fair

The Rocky Mountain Association for College Admissions Counseling Spring College Fair is Sunday, April 15th from 1:00-3:30, at Cherry Creek High School. If interested, go to <https://rmacac.org/college-fairs/springdenver/>



For more information see Mr. O'Connor in the counseling office on Tuesday or Thursday.

## SENIOR CELEBRATION AND ACADEMIC AWARDS

**COMING SOON.....**The **DEADLINE** for accepting awarded scholarships to be included in the **SENIOR CELEBRATION AND ACADEMIC AWARDS NIGHT** program. We realize scholarships continue to be awarded to our seniors after this date, but there must be a deadline to complete the program and send it to print. **The awards recognized are monetary scholarships.**

**May 4, 2018:** Last day to submit a copy of awarded scholarships to be recognized during the evening program on **Monday, May 14, 2018**

**May 14, 2018:** Senior Celebration and Academic Awards Night at 7pm in the Kelly Walsh Auditorium

**May 15, 2018:** Last day to submit a copy of awarded scholarships to be recognized in the Casper Star Tribune and Casper Journal. Submit to the Counseling Office by 4pm.

You may submit all awarded scholarships or just the scholarships awarded by the college in which the student will attend. **QUESTIONS?** Contact Mrs. Platt in Counseling.

Thank you,  
Patti Platt  
KWHS Counseling



## Seniors, Stay Informed!

The Kelly Walsh Counseling Office set up a Google classroom-**Counseling Office Class of 2018**. Important information regarding graduation & post high school planning is posted to the classroom throughout the year. Your student has been sent an email to sign up for this classroom. You may also sign up to view information. Go to senior meetings. Sign up for "Remind" text messages and/or emails. Read Daily Announcements at [www.kellywalsh.org](http://www.kellywalsh.org). Read Infinite Campus notifications. Read all mailings sent to your home. Listen to "dialer" messages left on your phone.

### Kelly Walsh Yearbooks

are on sale online at

[www.kellywalsh.org](http://www.kellywalsh.org).

Look for the link.

They are **\$70**.

Availability is limited, so  
buy early !

## KW Grad Yard Signs



# KW

# Class of 2018

**\$10  
EACH**

Purchase from:  
Mr. Rose in the Band Room  
Mrs. Carlson in 2328  
Or in the Main Office

Proceeds go to support the KW BAND

### Senior Info for Graduation:

- \*May 31st--mandatory rehearsal at the Events Center from 10am-noon
- \*May 31st--graduation ceremony at the Events Center starting at 7:30pm (seniors arrive at 6:45pm)
- \*Still need to order your cap and gown? Go to [gotograd.com](http://gotograd.com) TODAY!
- \*Got fines? Pay yours now in the front office. Questions? Call Kathi Hawley at 253-2091.

**\*Last Blast is a graduation celebration that is sponsored by the parents of the graduates and is held at KW after the graduation ceremony. There are games, prizes, activities, food and fun in a safe, supervised environment. Only members of the KW graduating class of 2018 may attend. Tickets are \$25 a piece and go on sale May 14th during both lunches in the KW Commons. Parents interested in helping with Last Blast may contact Kathi Hawley.**

\*Again, pay your fines now to avoid aggravation later!

### Parents/Guardians of Graduates:

\*Look for more graduation information via postcard, IC, and email.

\*Interested in helping plan Last Blast or Baccalaureate?

Contact Kathi Hawley.

\*If you have any other questions, call **Kathi Hawley, Secretary, at (307) 253-2091**



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## Financial Literacy Is Crucial to America!

Funding the Future's mission is to teach financial literacy to every student in America! They engage students with a live concert, inspire with the musicians' personal stories, and encourage critical thinking during a spirited Q&A. Students learn how to harness money as a tool to succeed, achieve dreams and change lives.

On March 15, Kelly Walsh High School hosted Carter Hulsey, an Americana/Folk-rock singer songwriter from Joplin, Missouri. Hulsey blends honest lyrics, catchy melodies, undeniable hooks, folk and rock. First Interstate Bank financially supported the visit which included the opportunity for the 2017-18 Financial Literacy students to attend.



*Above: Carter Hulsey's band, First Interstate Bank representatives, and Mrs. Thompson.*

## WY-TOPP Testing Dates

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TEST</b>	<b>SUBJECTS</b>	
9th	April 16 <sup>th</sup> - May 4 <sup>th</sup> (Specific dates TBA)	WY-TOPP Summative	ELA, Writing, Math	Chromebook
10th	April 16 <sup>th</sup> - May 4 <sup>th</sup> (Specific dates TBA)	WY-TOPP Summative	ELA, Math, Science	Chromebook

# Kelly Walsh DECA Students Shine During State Development Career Conference in Cheyenne

Submitted by Jill Thompson & Bryce Flammang,  
KWS DECA advisors



Kelly Walsh DECA members competed at the State Development Career Conference held in Cheyenne on February 5 & 6. Students in attendance included Jaden Brutsman, Jordan Carlson, Samantha Carpenter, Jaleigah Davis, Destiny Edwards, Tyler Evenson, Michaela Gromer, Cassie Haupt, Hank Hoversland, Claire Johnson, Jennifer Kline, Kaily Koch, Thayne Macy, Jesse McCormick, Alex Nelson, Shawna Rausch, Kiara Sims, and Dylan Smith. Students could compete in as many as three competitions including individual role-play, team role-play, and written project.

The role play competitions include an on-line exam in a specialized area which students took before the conference. Students who received Top Performer awards for their exams included: Jordan Carlson, Sam Carpenter, Cassie Haupt, Hank Hoversland (2), Claire Johnson, Jennifer Kline, Thayne Macy, Alex Nelson, Shawna Rausch, Kiara Sims (2), Dylan Smith (2).

Students who received Top Performer awards for Role Play #1 included: Jaden Brutsman, Jordan Carlson, Destiny Edwards, Brandon Evenson, Cassie Haupt, Hank Hoversland, Claire Johnson, Kaily Koch, Kiara Sims (2), and Dylan Smith.

Students who received Top Performer awards for Team Role Play included: Jennifer Kline and Brandon Evenson, Michaela Gromer and Jaleigah Davis, Thayne Macy and Jordan Carlson, Samantha Carpenter and Cassie Haupt, Kaily Koch and Destiny Edwards, Shawna Rausch and Hank Hoversland, & Claire Johnson and Jaden Brutsman.

Students who received Top Performer awards for Role Play #2 included: Jordan Carlson, Samantha Carpenter, Jaleigah Davis, Destiny Edwards, Brandon Evenson, Cassie Haupt, Claire Johnson, Jennifer Kline, Kaily Koch, Kiara Sims (2), and Dylan Smith.

Students who received Finalist awards included: Jaden Brutsman, Jordan Carlson, Samantha Carpenter, Brandon Evenson, Cassie Haupt, Hank Hoversland (2), Claire Johnson, Jennifer Kline, Kaily Koch, Thayne Macy (2), Kiara Sims (2), and Dylan Smith.

The top four competitors are recognized by Wyoming DECA in each competitive area. KWS winners included:

Community Service Project Written: Cassie Haupt and Claire Johnson (1<sup>st</sup> place)

Financial Literacy Promotion Project: Samantha Carpenter (2<sup>nd</sup> place)

Innovation Plan Written: Jaden Brutsman, Hank Hoversland, and Thayne Macy (3<sup>rd</sup> place)

Advertising Campaign Written: Shawna Rausch (2<sup>nd</sup> place)

Financial Consulting Presentation: Jordan Carlson (2<sup>nd</sup> place)

Principles of Business Administration Role Play: Samantha Carpenter (2<sup>nd</sup> place)

Principles of Finance Role Play: Hank Hoversland (1<sup>st</sup> place)

Principles of Marketing Role Play: Dylan Smith (4<sup>th</sup> place)

Accounting Applications Role Play: Thayne Macy (1<sup>st</sup> place)

Apparel and Accessories Role Play: Kaily Koch (1<sup>st</sup> place)

Business Finance Role Play: Jordan Carlson (2<sup>nd</sup> place)

Business Services Role Play: Kiara Sims (1<sup>st</sup> place)

Retail Merchandising Role Play: Claire Johnson (2<sup>nd</sup> place)

Personal Financial Literacy Role Play: Kiara Sims (1<sup>st</sup> place)

Financial Services Team Role Play: Thayne Macy and Jordan Carlson (3<sup>rd</sup> place)

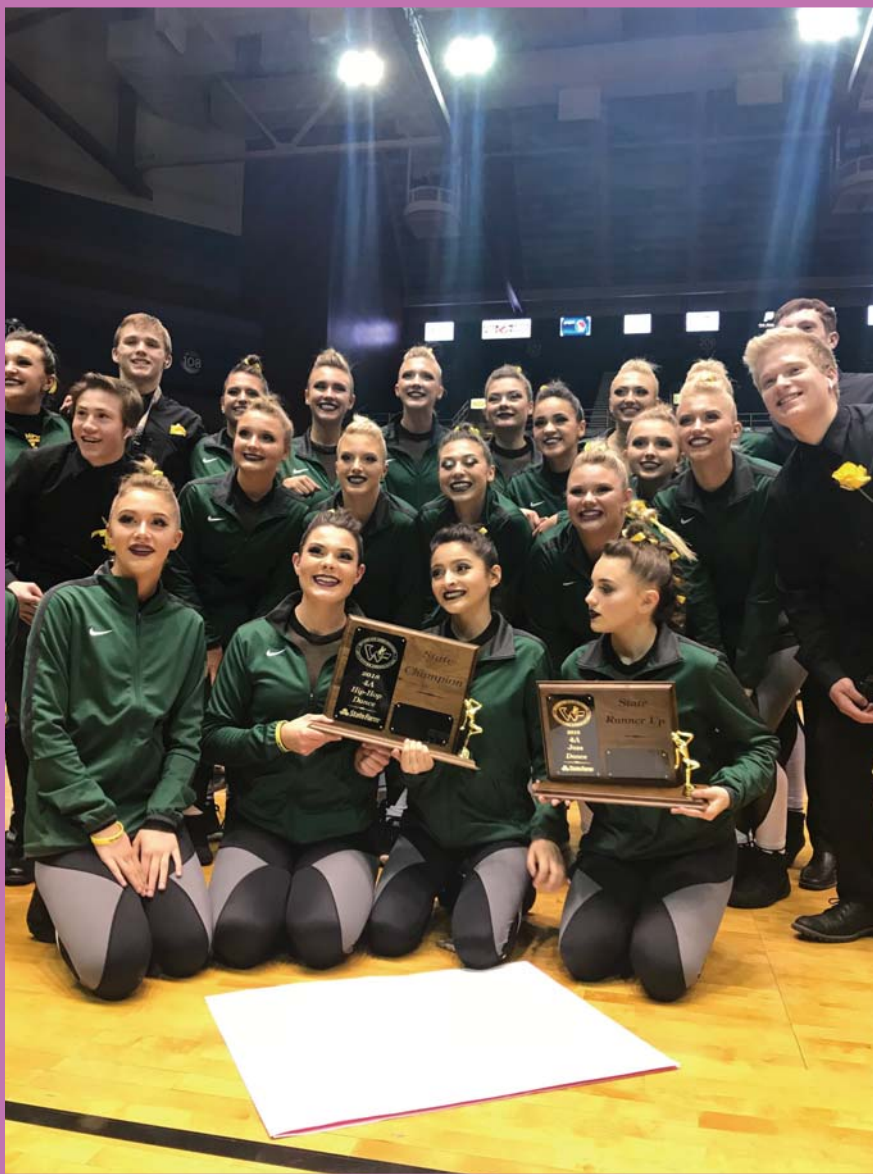
Sports and Entertainment Team Role Play: Hank Hoversland and Shawna Rausch (3<sup>rd</sup> place)

Travel and Tourism Team Role Play: Jaden Brutsman and Claire Johnson (3<sup>rd</sup> place)

Ten members will be representing Kelly Walsh by competing at the International Career Development Conference in Atlanta, Georgia the end of April where they will be competing against over 17,000 high school students from across the world.



# Kelly Walsh Dance Team Wins Eleventh; Claims Hip Hop Crown.



*In March, the Kelly Walsh Dance Team once again excelled in the Wyoming State Spirit Championships. This year, the dancers won State Hip Hop and took second in Jazz. This makes it eight straight years that the dancers have captured a state title, meaning that, in a few of those championships, Coach Tanya Sisneros' squad won both categories. Congratulations, **KWDT**, on being simply the best!*

## ...From Our Athletic Department!

Need to check the date and time of a game? Need to know what time the play starts? Log on to [4aconference.org](http://4aconference.org) to get the latest updates on games, dances, meetings, drama productions, test dates, etc. You can even be added to a list to be notified when the Activities Office makes a change in the sports calendars. If you have any questions, please call Terri at 253-2159.

# Kelly Walsh Trojans Wrap Up Successful Winter Sports Seasons.

