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Farewell party planned

All employees are invited to a farewell party for Dr. Weber from 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 1 in the first floor gallery area of the Arts and Sciences building.

Refreshments will be served.

Weber, who has been KCC president since July 2001, has accepted the presidency at College of Lake County in Grayslake. His final day at KCC will be April 4.

New info on severe weather drills

Severe weather drills are scheduled for Tuesday, April 1 at 1:40 p.m. and Wednesday, April 2 at 6:45 p.m.

The April 2 information is new since the original weather drill announcement. The April 1 time and date are unchanged.

It is anticipated that classes will be able to resume 15 minutes after the drill begins. Faculty may announce to classes that the drills will take place and advise students about the nearby safe area(s). Disabled students may use elevators.

A list of safe areas on campus was in the March 16 *Update*.

[Click anywhere on this line to see an article with tornado tips.](#)

For more information phone Rich Soderquist, chair of the Campus Safety Committee, at ext. 8713.



Dental/optical balances to be posted on KCCConnect

Submitted by David Cagle, director of human resources

As most employees know, KCC offers dental and optical care to full-time employees and their dependent family members who are less than 24 years old.

The maximum amount which will be paid for dental care, optical

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care, or any combination of the two services is \$600 per calendar year. Staff can carry over unused dental/optical funds up to two times the current year benefit. Claims for payment or reimbursement must be made within 90 (ninety) days of the date the service was performed.

Beginning April 1 (no fooling), and barring unforeseen circumstances, employees will be able to access individual dental/optical balances through KCCConnect.

Special thanks to Jane Clark, Janet Fager and Pam Yates for making this enhancement to customer service possible. Great team effort!

For more information on this benefit, please see the Personnel Policy and Procedures Handbook, Section 7.7 or contact Jane Clark at jclark@kcc.edu, or ext. 8146.

[Balls and ballgloves can be donated to troops](#)

Be involved: Friendship Day is April 2

Plans for the annual International Friendship Day celebration at KCC are under way.

Country displays, faculty and student presentations, and information on study abroad opportunities are scheduled for April 2 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students who attend will receive discount coupons for KCC's food service and a chance to win a free three-hour course.



The Affirmative Action and Cultural Diversity Committee needs your participation to make the event a success again this year. Community members are also invited to participate.

If you have a connection to a particular country and you would like to have a display, please e-mail Elise Schultz at eschultz@kcc.edu. Please also be sure to mention the country you would like to represent.

We ask that you encourage your students, friends and family to attend. The country displays are informative and educational, and the event provides a great way to test your awareness about each country and win prizes!!

An LRC reminder regarding AV preview orders

Order! Order! Audiovisual preview orders take four to six weeks to arrive, followed by a month for preview and return.

Because of the time involved, preview orders must be submitted before March 31.

AV orders for purchase will be accepted through April 30. Please check with your program administrator prior to ordering regarding budget availability.

In addition, this is a great time to send book requests for next term

to the Learning Resource Center. Please send any suggestions for what would help students succeed to Donna Smith at dsmith@kcc.edu.

Many have been caught walking

Will you be next?

Submitted by the Wellness Committee



Congratulations to Akilah Stewart and Dana Washington for winning the first walking contest drawing!

As a reminder, any staff member can participate in the new Walk KCC contest. The Wellness Committee is encouraging you to get motivated and walk. There are many benefits: It is healthy, low impact, easy to fit into a routine, meets weekly cardio requirements, and anyone can do it.

Undercover staff working for the Wellness Committee is secretly watching for staff walking the campus on their breaks and others helping the Wellness Committee are providing them with a ticket to enter into each week's drawing.

Multiple tickets may be earned over the course of the week. At the end of each week, one or two winners will be drawn for prizes as a reward for walking for their health. So come on KCC, put on some comfortable shoes and start walking!

Tuesday is disaster training event



Activities Building and other areas will have limited access

On March 24, KCC will host a nuclear disaster training drill in conjunction with a number of local and federal agencies.

Including preparation and cleanup, the drill will run from 8:30 a.m. until approximately 11:30 a.m. The actual drill will be from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Activities Building.

The east staff parking lot will be blocked off beginning that morning, and it will not be available until after cleanup and removal of all equipment has concluded, around 11:30 a.m. All staff who normally park in the east staff lot are requested to park in the main public lot.

The Activities Building will not be available during the drill, except by designated college personnel. Entrance through the east hall doors as well as the hallway leading from the Workforce Development Center to the Activities Center will not be permitted.

KCC is a designated community shelter facility should a nuclear disaster incident occur at either the Dresden or Braidwood nuclear

power plants. Training rotates through all shelter facilities.

Recognizing achievement

Davila earns doctorate

Congratulations to Deisy Davila on earning a doctorate from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Deisy's Ph.D. will be through the department of educational policy studies in the College of Education.

"I mainly work with the philosophy of education, more specifically social and cultural studies in education," Deisy said. "My dissertation is 'Critical Folkdance Pedagogy: Women's folkdancing as feminist practice.' I wanted to write something to honor the memory of my mother, who died in 1995."

As part of her studies, Deisy stayed in Barranquilla, Colombia, for a year and met and interviewed women folkdance teachers and educators, and popular singer/songwriters who include folklore literary expressions as part of the Atlantic Coast Caribbean identity.

She will receive her doctorate at UIUC's commencement May 17.

Tuesday is College Fair

KCC will sponsor a College Fair from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 24 in the first floor Atrium.

More than 30 public and private colleges and universities will be represented at the fair, sponsored by KCC's Transfer Center. Information also will be available on KCC's transfer programs and vocational training, financial aid and student activities.

Current high school students, college students and the public are invited to attend.

The Concourse Atrium Area is inside the main entrance at KCC, between the Learning Resource Center and the College Center.

For more information about the College Fair, phone Susan LaMore at ext. 8208 or e-mail slamore@kcc.edu.

Class schedules available

The 2009 summer/fall class schedules are available in Student Services and have been delivered to district residents' homes.

Each employee is encouraged to take four or five mailers and give them to a spouse or friends to put at their workplace.

Update vacation

There will be no *Update* the week of April 20.

Events will still be posted on the college's Web site and at <http://r25.kcc.edu>; the links to those pages will be sent via e-mail the morning of April 20.

The deadline for the April 13 *Update* will be Thursday, April 9 at noon.

Articles and suggestions for articles can be submitted by phone to ext. 8279, and by e-mail to eskelly@kcc.edu.

Everyone can be part of earth hour

"Earth Hour" will be on Saturday, March 28 from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

All residents, businesses and organizations are being asked to voluntarily turn off lights to reduce energy consumption. For Earth Hour, streetlights, lights impacting public safety, and hospital and security/emergency lighting will remain on.

More details can be found in at www.EarthHour.org.

The Sustainability Committee at KCC encourages you to participate in this event. To participate, you can sign up to be part of the worldwide participation number posted at www.EarthHour.org.

Here are a few morsels of info related to the Earth Hour celebration, received in an e-mail about the event:

- The official Earth Hour video has been viewed more than 71,000 times on YouTube in the past 90 days. Average is 1,500 views a day. <http://www.worldwildlife.org/site/R?i=TwEt5K0K81zZ4yJmk4P8Dw>.

- 78 countries will take part in Earth Hour. Nearly 700 cities have already signed up.

- In St. Louis, the iconic Gateway Arch will go dark the city takes part in Earth Hour.

- The Church of Sweden will ring its bells across the country to signal the start of Earth Hour.

- Down under, Sydney ferries will sounding the horns of its ferry boats operating in Sydney Harbour at 8:30 pm, heralding Earth Hour in the city where the campaign first began.

Editors note: KCC will drastically reduce the indoor and outdoor lighting on the evening of March 28 as safety and security permits.

Balls and ballgloves can be donated to troops

The 2nd Battalion 1st Marines Weapons Company, 3rd Platoon, currently serving in Iraq, are looking for adult size baseball gloves and baseballs.

If you have an adult size baseball glove or baseballs that you could to donate to our troops, please contact Sherry Kinzler, proud mother of a Marine,



Room L326, ext. 8632 or skinzler@kcc.edu.

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