



Weekly NEWSLETTER

Conchs Issue #9

Principal Mrs. Rebecca Palomino

October 13, 2023

Key West High School Mission Statement

To empower all students to maximize their potential and prepare them with the skills and experiences necessary to be college or career ready and to develop those character traits that will enable them to be productive members of society.



The Homecoming Court enjoyed the traditional “Homecoming Tea” night at the beautiful home of Yvette Talbott. The ladies sipped on tea while looking at photo albums of past years Homecoming Courts and Queens.

UPCOMING EVENTS **OCTOBER 2023**

- October 23rd— Homecoming Parade with Spirit Night in the Backyard
- October 25th— Student Council hosts the annual Trunk or Treat in the KWHs parking lot at 6:00pm
- October 26th— Homecoming Pep Rally at 2:00pm in the gym
- October 27th— Homecoming Game at 7:00pm in the Backyard. Crowning of the Homecoming Queen will be during halftime
- October 28th— Homecoming Dance in the KWHs courtyard from 7:00pm—10:00pm

KWHs SOCIAL MEDIA:

Instagram— kwhs_news

Facebook—Key West High School Athletics & Student Activities

Twitter— @kwhsnews

Website— www.keysschools.com/kwhs

Students must show their KWHs ID when entering the campus and when a staff member asks to see it. Thank you for your support and effort in keeping our school safe!



AJ Smith, Captain of the KWHHS swim team broke the KWHHS 50 yard freestyle record with a time of 21.37 against Wellington!! We are so proud of you, AJ!!



Congratulations to Conch RB Walson Morin for being nominated as one of MaxPreps Florida High School Players of the Week! Here is the link to vote for him as the state's top performer last week:

https://www.maxpreps.com/m/news/_1UIUsEgiEyixEWjAPgT5A/vote-now-florida-high-school-football-player-of-the-week.htm



SAT Test Dates and Registration Deadlines



| <u>Test Date</u> | <u>Registration Deadline</u> | <u>Online Score Release</u> | <u>Format</u> |
|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| December 2, 2023 | November 2, 2023 | December 15, 2023 | Paper |
| March 9, 2024 | February 23, 2024 | March 22—29, 2024 | Digital |
| May 4, 2024 | April 19, 2024 | May 17—24, 2024 | Digital |
| June 1, 2024 | May 17, 2024 | June 14—21, 2024 | Digital |



ACT Test Dates and Registration Deadlines



| <u>Test Date</u> | <u>Registration Deadline</u> | <u>Late Registration Deadline</u> | <u>Photo Upload Deadline</u> |
|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| December 9, 2023 | November 3, 2023 | November 17, 2023 | December 1, 2023 |
| February 10, 2024 | January 5, 2024 | January 19, 2024 | February 2, 2024 |
| April 13, 2024 | March 8, 2024 | March 22, 2024 | April 5, 2024 |
| June 8, 2024 | May 3, 2024 | May 17, 2024 | May 31, 2024 |
| July 13, 2024 | June 7, 2024 | June 21, 2024 | July 5, 2024 |

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023

WEAR ORANGE

to show unity for kindness, acceptance,
and inclusion and to send a visible
message that no child should ever
experience bullying.

| Bell Schedule | |
|---------------|--|
| Time | Period |
| 7:35 - 8:26 | 1 |
| 8:30 - 9:20 | 2 |
| 9:24 - 10:17 | 3 |
| 10:21 - 11:11 | 4 |
| 11:11 - 11:46 | Lunch 1-- Crimson (Bldgs 4, Wt rm, Auto) |
| 11:50 - 12:40 | 5 Crimson |
| 11:15 - 12:05 | 5 Grey |
| 12:05 - 12:40 | Lunch 2-- Grey (Bldgs 1,2 ,3 & Portables) |
| 12:44 - 1:34 | 6 |
| 1:38 - 2:30 | 7 |

| Pep Rally Bell Schedule | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Time | Period |
| 7:35 - 8:28 | 1 |
| 8:32 - 9:17 | 2 |
| 9:21 - 10:06 | 3 |
| 10:10 - 10:55 | 4 |
| 10:55 - 11:30 | Lunch #1 |
| 11:34 - 12:19 | 5A |
| 10:59 - 11:44 | 5B |
| 11:44 - 12:19 | Lunch #2 |
| 12:23 - 1:08 | 6 |
| 1:12 - 1:57 | 7 |
| 2:00 - 2:30 | Pep Rally |

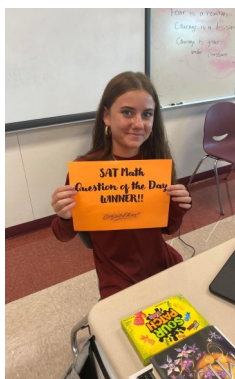
| Wellness Wednesdays | |
|---------------------|----------|
| Time | Period |
| 7:35 - 8:22 | 1 |
| 8:26 - 9:12 | 2 |
| 9:16 - 10:05 | 3 |
| 10:05 - 10:35 | 30+ |
| 10:39 - 11:25 | 4 |
| 11:25 - 12:00 | Lunch #1 |
| 12:04 - 12:50 | 5A |
| 11:29 - 12:15 | 5B |
| 12:15 - 12:50 | Lunch #2 |
| 12:54 - 1:40 | 6 |
| 1:44 - 2:30 | 7 |

| Early Release Bell Schedule | |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| Time | Period |
| 7:35 - 8:00 | 1 |
| 8:04 - 8:28 | 2 |
| 8:32 - 8:59 | 3 |
| 9:03 - 9:27 | 4 |
| 9:31 - 9:55 | 5 |
| 9:55 - 10:33 | Lunch |
| 10:37 - 11:01 | 6 |
| 11:05 - 11:30 | 7 |

| Final Exam Bell Schedule | |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Time | Period |
| 7:35 - 9:10 | Exam |
| 9:10 - 9:51 | Lunch |
| 9:55 - 11:30 | Exam |

| 7th Period Exam Bell Schedule | |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Time | Period |
| 7:35 - 9:10 | 7th Exam |
| 9:14 - 9:56 | 1 |
| 10:00 - 10:42 | 2 |
| 10:46 - 11:30 | 3 |
| 11:30 - 12:16 | Lunch |
| 12:20 - 12:58 | 4 |
| 1:02 - 1:44 | 5 |
| 1:48 - 2:30 | 6 |





Congratulations to Morgan Hale for being our 1st winner for answering the SAT problem of the day correct. Thank you to all the students who participated. PSAT is Wednesday for 10th & 11th graders and SAT for seniors who need concordant scores.



Key West High School

SAC Meeting Dates—2023-2024

October 3rd

November 7th

December 5th

January 9th

February 6th

March 5th

April 2nd



All meetings are at 5:30 in the library.



Parent Resources: Where to Find Them?

Available Resources Include:

- Bus Routes
- District Calendar
- FAST Portal Link
- FDOE Parent Links
- FOCUS Parent Portal Links
- Free and Reduced Lunch Links
- Homeschooling Informational Link
- Keyshelp link
- MCSD Mobile App Instructions
- Parent Guide to MTSS
- Parent Support for Digital Tools
- RevTrak Link
- School Menus
- School Start Times
- Student Handbook
- Video Resources:

<https://www.keysschools.com/Page/7201>

Several resources are available for parents on our district website:
<https://www.keysschools.com/do-main/2726>



Homecoming is weeks away!!!

Come see all the free beautiful dresses available to students who are in need of looking spectacular at Homecoming! The dresses are on display in front of the front gate and also by Ms. Dannacker's room. If any student is needing help with Homecoming attire, please see Ms. Dannacker in room 1-136



Senior Links Worth Checking Out

Bright Futures Course Table

*Identify which courses meet BF eligibility



Florida Bright Futures

Scholarship Program 2023-24

*PDF view if Initial Eligibility Requirements



Federal Student Aid | FAFSA

*Complete the FAFSA Form through the U.S. Department of Education



Key West High School

College & Career Planning

*College & Career info from Mrs. Estenoz



Florida SUS 2023-2024

Counselor Guide

*Current details about the 12 FL universities



Show your Conch Pride!



What are Conch Pride Accounts?

They are free checking accounts with Conch debit cards help raise money up to \$1,000 per month for Key West High School. Keys FCU donates:

\$5 to [KWHS for each account opened](#).

- \$2 to KWHS for each box of checks ordered.
- 1% of each account holder's debit card transactions, up to \$15 per month to KWHS during specific promotional periods like Back to School, Spring Break and Christmas season.

Conch Pride accounts include free adult and teen online & mobile financial education programs that teach them how to save and manage their checking account and credit history and more.

Who can get a Conch Pride Checking Account?

Conch Pride Checking Accounts and Debit Cards are perfect for KWHS students- 14 years and older, parents, teachers, staff, alumni, and fans-that live or work in the Florida Keys.

Where can you open a Conch Pride account?

In Keys Federal Credit Union at 3022 N. Roosevelt Blvd. in Key Plaza, 514 Southard St., and 5300 Overseas Hwy. in Stock Island.

How can KWHS raise more money?

Create awareness of, and encourage students, staff, parents, and fans to open a Conch Pride checking account by:

- Announce/socialize account at staff meetings, school assemblies, pep rallies, sporting events, parent encounters and in classrooms
- Send flyer out in weekly newsletter and Peach jar email service
- Hang posters and banners in school/visible areas

Partner with Keys FCU to promote account openings at school events like open house, [orientation](#), [college](#) fairs, graduation, sports events, meet the teacher

- Identify promotional/sponsorship opportunities on school materials/areas
- Circulate donation photos and information

Who creates and provides the Conch Pride marketing materials?

Keys FCU will create and provide all Conch Pride marketing materials. KWHS must distribute, hang, communicate, and publish them.

Info/Activities



A prominent community leader, an icon, Roosevelt Sands Jr. passed away Monday, October 9, 2023.

Mr. Sands worked as an occupational specialist at Key West High School for more than 20 years. During decades of public service, he mentored countless youth and shared his wealth of knowledge of Key West history. He also served the city as a District VI historic naming committee member.

There is no question of the love he had for his hometown and the love that our hometown has for him.

Key West and Key West High School will miss him dearly! Thank you Mr. Sands for enriching us with your kindness and wisdom!



KWHS School Counselors are now accepting student appointments. They may access the booking site via the QR code below and select their counselor and meeting type from a dropdown menu.

This flyer has been posted throughout campus for ease of access. School counselors continue to be available for walk-ins before and after school, as well as during student lunches.

Please be mindful of unforeseen circumstances that may require appointments to be rescheduled, which will be communicated with as much notice as possible.

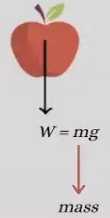
Academics



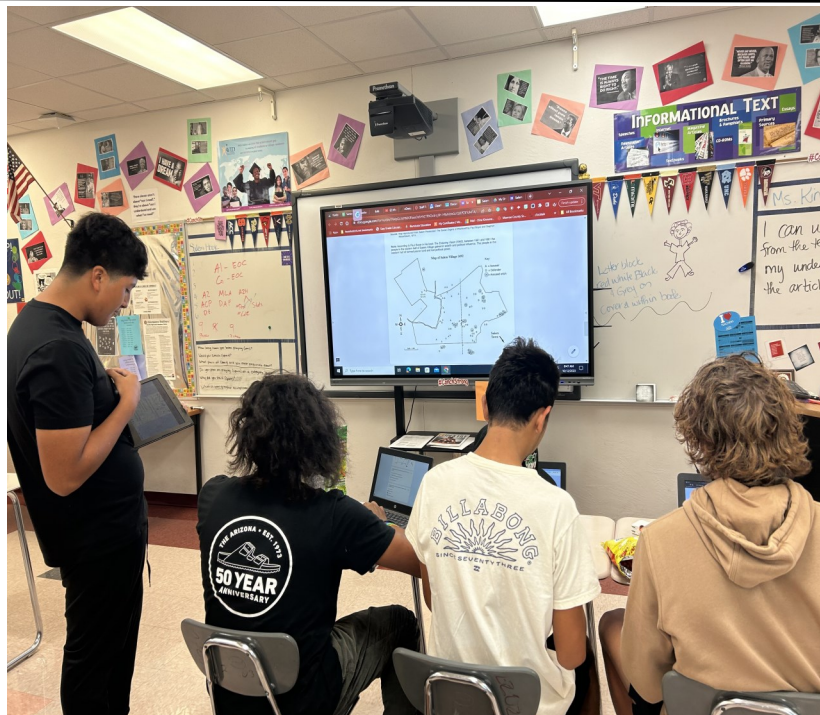
Wonderful things happening at KWHHS in math with Mr. Falatko with Algebra tiles!



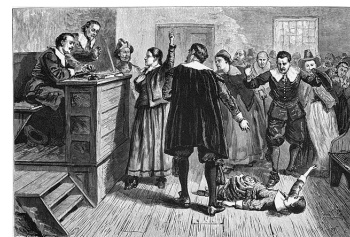
In space, there is no weight because there is no gravity but in space objects have mass.



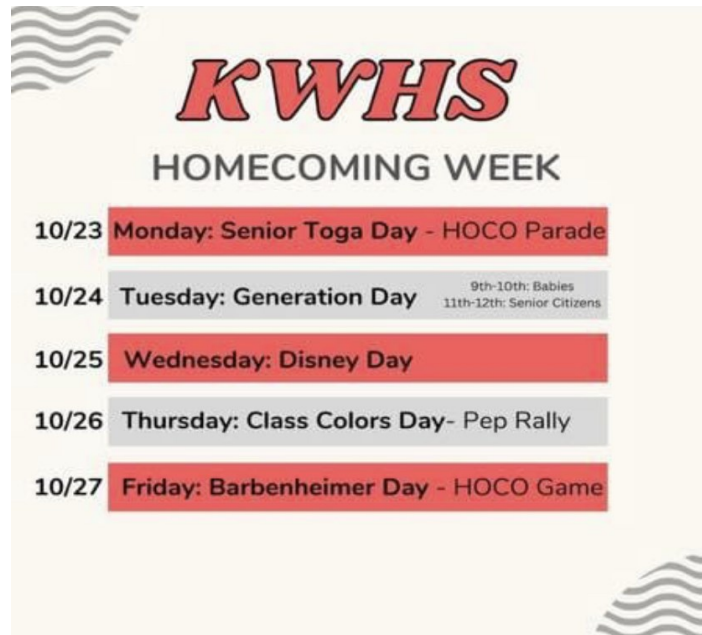
How do you teach the difference between the mass without gravity and weight? Travel to space or use an Inertial balance? Mrs. Nelson's class chose to use an inertial balance!



Ms. Kinnune's students were analyzing a map of where the witches, accusers, and defenders lived in Salem in the 1600s.



Information



Attention KWHS Students!

Homecoming Spirit Week has been planned!! See the schedule to the left ← on the themes each day! Let's celebrate a week of fun and spirit leading up to the BIG Homecoming Game and crowning of the Queen!!!



Important Dates for KWHS students!

If you have any questions about these dates, please email Stacy.Saunders@keysschools.com



- ◇ **November 6th**— Herff Jones will be presenting class ring information to Juniors during 4th period, and senior announcements information to Seniors during 3rd period in the auditorium
- ◇ **November 8th**— Herff Jones will be here for make up pictures/retakes for all students. There will be a \$15.00 retake fee. If a student needs a make up picture, they are already signed up. If a student wants a retake, they will need to email Stacy.Saunders@keysschools.com to request a retake. All pictures will be taken in the auditorium. Mrs. Saunders will send out emails to all make up and retake students giving them their appointment time. Please tell students to check their emails at the beginning of November. Performance Groups will be taking their pictures also.
- ◇ **November 9th**— Herff Jones will be here to take Club Pictures in the gym. They will also take sports pictures in the courtyard for Fall and Winter sports.
- ◇ **November 14th & 15th**— Herff Jones will be on campus during the lunch shifts to take orders for class rings and senior announcements. They will also be taking orders in the library on both days from 4:00pm-7:00pm.

Information

KWHS HOMECOMING PARADE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023 6:00PM

PLEASE COME OUT TO
SUPPORT OUR
BEAUTIFUL
HOMECOMING COURT,
OUR AMAZING
STUDENTS AND THE
FIGHTING CONCHS!!



The parade route will be different this year due to Tommy Roberts stadium under construction during this time. The staging of the flatbeds and the parade participants will be on Kennedy Drive in front of the stadium and the Aqueduct. The four lanes of Kennedy Drive will be shut down starting at 5:00pm to ensure safety to all high school students.

The parade will begin at 6:00pm and the route will be down Kennedy to Flagler, turn right on Flagler, head down Flagler towards Key West High School. The parade will end at Key West High School where the Spirit Night will begin in the Backyard. The community is encouraged to come out and support this annual extravaganza!



Activities



KWHS STUDENT
COUNCIL PRESENTS

or Trunk Treat

October 25 6-9pm K-12 AGES

Face Paint

Snow Cones

Best Costume:
\$50

Admission: \$3
2100 Flagler Ave
KWHS Parking Lot

Balloon
Animals

Popcorn

Best Car Prize:
\$100

Athletics



KWHS Fighting Conchs will play Estero today!! We will be cheering them on from KW!!



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

This week's athlete of the week is Walson Morin. Walson rushed for 227 yards and 3 touchdowns in the football team's 35-12 win over South Fork last Friday.



KWHS Swim competed against Coral Shores, Lasalle, and South Dade on Thursday. They will compete against Doral on Saturday, which is also their SENIOR NIGHT!



KWHS Golf played Marathon and Coral Shores on Thursday! It was also their SENIOR NIGHT!!!



KWHS Cross Country competed against Marathon on Wednesday. They will also have a Home Meet on Saturday!!

Keep it up!!!



KWHS JV & V Volleyball played Coral Shores on Tuesday! That night is also their SENIOR NIGHT!!

They played Mater Lakes on Thursday!!

Get em, Girls!!!

Activities

STAY INVOLVED!!!

SENIORS

- Senior Class of 2024 shirts can be purchased at Ramona's

President— Daniella Barroso
Vice President— Monaya Carey
Secretary— Siena Wardlow
Treasurer— Scarlet Niles
Historian— Yani Nodal

Class Sponsor: Mrs. Carnetra Carey

Student Council

Please join Student Council to get involved in the planning of our pep rallies, Homecoming, student government activities, Teacher Appreciation and so much more!!!

President— Monaya Carey
Vice President— Daniella Barroso
Secretary— Siena Wardlow
Treasurer— Brooke Biskupich
Historian— Yani Nodal

Student Council sponsor: Ayesha Osborne

#CONCHSTRONG!!

JUNIORS

Class of 2025 Executive Board would like you to join us at our next meeting! Every Junior is welcome to join!

President— Deanna Mercier
Vice President— Skye Sterling
Secretary— Haylee Brogli
Treasurer— Jada Franco
Historian— Peyton Zubieta

Class sponsor: Mrs. Kristen Condella

SOPHOMORES

Class of 2026 Executive Board would like you to join us at our next meeting! Every Sophomore is welcome to join!

President— Jake Ferguson
Vice President— Whitney Nervilus
Secretary— Ava Rivera
Treasurer— Chloe Blackwell
Historian— Audrey Smith

Class Sponsor: Mrs. Paula Mercer

FRESHMEN

Class of 2027 Executive Board would like you to join us at our next meeting! Every Freshmen is welcome to join!

President— Jordan Greene
Vice President— Victoria Gray
Secretary— Lily Smith
Treasurer— Josephine Clapp
Historian— Pilar Rivera

Class sponsor: Ms. Melissa Hargis

PROJECT SUCCESS



PREVENTION KWHS CONCHS

Project Success
Counselor—
Shain Cormack
Room 1-109

Parent Sign up—
Bronte.Walsh@Westcare.com

Upcoming Dates:

Project Success

A Partnership Program with KWHS

An evidence-based, school-based intervention focused on preventing and reducing substance abuse and other related high-risk behaviors among high-risk middle school and high school aged youth.

How youth succeed:

- ◆ Exploring positive coping skills
- ◆ Teaching students refusal skills
- ◆ Promoting healthy dynamics
- ◆ Providing tools for anger management
- ◆ Raising alcohol and other drugs perception of harm

The Format Includes:

- ◆ 7th and 9th grade prevention education series within the classrooms
- ◆ Individual sessions (6)—45 minute sessions
- ◆ Referral services for Therapy and Intervention Counseling with Guidance Care Center

Please see the Online
Prevention for Teens
located at the back of
this newsletter!!





Key West High School

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Principal
Rebecca Palomino
Assistant Principal
David Perkins
Assistant Principal
Yanelys Ballard
Assistant Principal
Ja-Ronika Veldheer

October 11, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Florida State Department of Education requires that school districts notify parents/guardians when their children are being instructed by a teacher who is "out-of-field." "Out-of-field" is a term used for teachers who are assigned teaching duties in a class dealing with a subject matter that is outside the field in which the teacher is certified.

It is important to note that the district requires "out-of-field" teachers to actively pursue certification requirements. The out of field teachers for our school are listed below along with the out of field subject area for the 2023-2024 school year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Palomino
Rebecca Palomino

Queridos Padres/Guardianes:

El Departamento de Educación del Estado de la Florida requiere que los distritos escolares notifiquen a los padres/guardianes cuando sus hijos están siendo instruidos por un maestro que está "fuera del campo." "Fuera del campo" es un término usado para los maestros a los que se le asignan tareas docentes en una clase cuya materia está fuera del campo en el que el maestro está certificado.

Es importante señalar que el distrito requiere que maestros "fuera del campo" persigan activamente los requisitos de certificación. Los maestros que están fuera del campo en nuestra escuela están anotados a continuación junto con la asignatura fuera del campo para el año escolar 2023-2024.

Gracias por su continuo apoyo.

Atentamente,

Rebecca Palomino
Rebecca Palomino

Chè Paran/Gadyen:

Depatman Edikasyon Eta Florid la mande pou distri lekòl yo fè paran/gadyen yo konnen lè genyen yon pwofesè ki ap anseye yon klas ki pa maytè pwofesyon li "out-of-field". "Out-of-field" se yon mo ki itilize pou pwofesè yo mete pou anseye yon klas ki deyo matyè pwofesè sa genyen sètifikasyon li.

Li enpotan pou nou fè yon not ke distri a mande pou "out-of-field" pwofesè yo aktivman ap chèche sètifikasyon ki mande pou matyè yo anseye. Non out of field pwofesè yo nan list ki anba avèk out of field matyè yo pou ane lekòl 2023-2024.

Mèsi pou sipò ou kontinye bay la.

Sensèman,

Rebecca Palomino
Rebecca Palomino

Please be advised that your child is currently being instructed by:
 Por favor, tenga en cuenta que su hijo está siendo instruido por:
 Non pwofesè ki ap anseye pitit ou kounye a se:

[illegible]



RED RIBBON WEEK® OCT. 23-31 • WWW.REDRIBBON.ORG



PROJECT SUCCESS

Partnership with KWHS
Monroe County
Coalition, and
Guidance Care/Center

EVENTS

OCT. 23 WEAR RED

**SIGNING OF THE PLEDGE
@ LUNCH TO BE DRUG
FREE**

OCT. 27

**TOO BRIGHT FOR
DRUGS**

**Create Anti-Drug
Slogan Book Marks @
Lunch**

RED RIBBON WEEK

October 23 – 31st

The Red Ribbon Campaign is the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation, reaching millions of young people during Red Ribbon Week®, October 23rd - October 31st each year.

This year's theme is "Be Kind to Your Mind. Live Drug Free."

The theme is a reminder that we are all empowered with shaping the communities around us through positivity, bravery, and strength. We hope the theme encourages everyone to express themselves and their feelings no matter what.





KWHS AFTERSCHOOL TUTORING

Late Bus departs at 4:45- Must have a late bus pass
AFTERNOONS (SEE BELOW)– 2:45 TO 3:45
(REPORT TO THE CLASSROOM DIRECTLY)

| | | |
|--|---|------------------------------------|
| Science | Cerkleski 4-225 Kugeares 4-111 Ledbetter 4-217 | Mon/ Tues/Thurs Tue/Thur Tue |
| Science STEM | E. Smith 2-102 J. Smith 4-109 | Mon/Fri Thur |
| ELA /SAT Prep | Estenoz 1-115 | Thur/Sat (9:00-10:00am) |
| ELA | Rolison 4-203 Pitcher 4-230 | Tue/Thur Tue/Thur |
| ELA Recovery/ FAST Prep | Kinnune 2-202 | Tue/Thur |
| SAT Prep/ Chemistry/Physics | Nelson 1-208 | Mon/ Thur |
| ELL Support | Nasser 2-206 | Tue/ Thur |
| Math | Castro 4-220 (ELL) Hutman 4-229 (Alg 1 & Geo) Meeks 4-118 (Alg 2) | Tue Tue Tue/ Thur |
| ESE/ Career Support | Berenz 1-201 | Tue/Thur |
| Use Your Words (Writing help) | Rein Media Center | Tue/ Thur |
| Cosmetology Students Only | Oropeza 1-133B | Mon (2:45-4:45) |

**TEENS CAN
EARN AMAZON
GIFT CARDS
COMPLETING
ONLINE
PROGRAMS.**



EVIDENCE-BASED ONLINE DRUG PREVENTION PROGRAMS FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

ALCOHOL EDU

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY
\$25.00 Gift Card - 2.5 hrs.**

PRESCRIPTION DRUG SAFETY

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY
\$10.00 Gift Card - 1 hr.**

ALCOHOL WISE

**MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
\$10.00 Gift Card - 1 hr.**

MARIJUANA WISE

**MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
\$10.00 Gift Card - 1 hr.**

NICOTINE 101

**MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
\$10.00 Gift Card - 1 hr.**

**SIGN UP: Bronte Walsh
bronte.walsh@westcare.com**

ALL STARS PREVENTION

**MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
\$25.00 Gift Card - 2.5 hrs.**

PARENT WISE PROGRAM

Parent Program \$25 Gift Card

**SIGN UP: Kayla Clark
Kclark@fkcs.org**