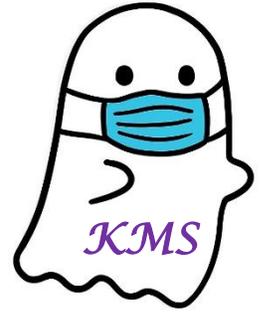


# KMS PURPLE PAGES

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## Pandemic on the Peninsula

By Rylee Novak



Right now, the school system is facing something that society has not had to deal with in quite a few years: a pandemic. The world hasn't faced a sickness spreading so far and fast since the Spanish Flu of 1918, but history repeats itself, and no one ever learns anything, so here we are once again.

I'm sure you're all sick (haha wow, Comedy Central here) of hearing about COVID. And I honestly can't blame you. But, let's run through it one more time.

### The Start

So let's start at the beginning, all the way back to March 12th, which was arguably a better time. It was a Thursday, we were all on Spring Break, and Coronavirus was just something China had to deal

with. Wasn't our problem now, was it?

Until it was.

March 12th was also the day the first COVID-19 case was reported in Alaska. Some international traveler arrived in Anchorage not really feeling the best, and soon enough, their case was declared COVID.

I guess the best way to describe the reaction is that one scene in *Ratatouille*, when the human comes into the kitchen and the rats proceed to go absolutely bonkers.

I remember losing my mind with my friends about it. Like, yeah, we were excited at the possibility of getting more break time, but we still wanted to see each other, and I was in the *Seussical* cast at the time

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(back before it got cancelled), and I didn't want to have to miss out on practices.

Later that day, John O'Brien, the KPBSD Superintendent, sent out a message confirming that school would be suspended from the 16th to the 20th. This was also the same message that made the "symptom-free school" rule a thing.

Heh, remember when we thought that we were just gonna get an extra week of break and then suddenly it was August? Fun times.

## The School District's Response

School was officially moved online on March 23rd, in a message sent out to everyone. Honestly, online school was such a weird thing. I don't think anyone really learned anything. We just kind of submitted stuff and then forgot school was a thing. Also, the number of late assignments really was impressive, I've gotta say.



Anywho, as of now, school is in session (as I'm sure you're all very aware of right now), and so far it's going okay. Online classes are still an option, as well as homeschool. I'm sure we all know at least one person who is doing one of these options.

The school district is also keeping close contact with the State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services while keeping close watch on the case levels, and the administration is doing the same with the Kenai Peninsula Borough of Emergency Management with their "pandemic preparedness plan" in the event that a COVID case is reported in the area. If something like that were to happen, the school would follow the State of Alaska and CDC guidelines to keep everyone safe.

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# Opinion-8-ed

By Sophia Ensley

## What is the best thing about wearing a mask? What is the worst thing about wearing a mask?

Seth Macdonald- "There isn't a good thing. Masks are annoying to me."



Mrs. Stotz-Mason: "I don't have to wear much makeup, and I know I'm doing a small part in reducing the amount of the virus that is circulating in the community, but my skin gets irritated."

Rylee Novak- "It covers my face. When you have acne it's pretty nice, I gotta say, but sometimes it's really sweaty."

Ty Morris- "I think the best thing about wearing a mask is that you get to hide your face and nobody can tell what you are thinking, but the worst thing about wearing a mask is that if you forget to bring your own mask to school you have to wear an uncomfortable paper one."

Beverly Roney- "People can only see my eyes and I like my eyes. I am almost suffocating in choir."

Thomas Smith- "Stay healthy, kinda sweaty, kinda smells bad."

Sam Brighton- "The best thing about wearing a mask is that I don't have to smile and I don't have to show much of my face. Specifically it hides what little acne I have. I don't really like my own smile so now I don't have to use it. The worst thing about wearing a mask is the uncomfortable breathing and how it gets moist after a few hours."



Grace Kahn- "The best would be it keeps my face warm in winter. It's bad because it gives me serious mask acne."

Michelle Duffield- "I don't have to smile all the time, but it's itchy."

Roman Dunham- "The only good thing about masks is that they stop a person from spreading Corona, other than that masks are horrible, they get all stuffy and make it hard to breath."

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All the nurses in the district stay constantly updated, so if you have any concerns about the school and its response to COVID, don't. We have several plans and backup plans and probably even more.

All the nurses in the district are also not only in contact with the district nursing supervisor, but they are also staying constantly updated on the latest screening requirements, symptoms, and general information related to COVID.

## Our School

I'm sure you're all very aware of the steps our school is following, but I'll still go over them. Our school, just like pretty much every other school in the district, offers in-person school and online. Homeschooling is also an option, but the schools and homeschool are separate.



School teachers have set up a schedule and Zoom to the online kids as they teach class, and so far it seems to be working out pretty well. They're also posting all the assignments online, which works out for all the kids either doing online or out sick for that day, but kind of sucks when you get thirty-five emails a day for assignments you've already done in class.

Everyone is also required to wear masks, as well as spraying and wiping down desks before and after using them, which honestly sounds like something we should've done even before this, but I'm not here to get controversial.

Lunch is pretty typical, you just have to have an empty seat between each person, which isn't so bad, unless you have more than three friends. Sorry to you if you do.



Speaking of new school rules, I sat down with Nurse Dixie and Mr. Tilly, as well as the lunch ladies, to talk about the new COVID restrictions the school has set, and how everything has been working out.

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Kyrie Watson- "I would say that masks are both good and bad, good because it helps with the spread of germs and viruses, bad because us with glasses struggle with the fogging up from it, other than that they're okay."

Mrs. Rininger- "Give people dirty looks. Smelling bad breath after lunch."

Simone Watts- "It hurts my poor little ears. I don't spread the pandemic."

Baby Kata- "I can hide my binkie under it. It is very difficult to throw up milk."

Hayden Hughes- "I mean it's good because it hides my face, but it's hard to breathe."

Sawyer Vann- "The best thing about wearing a mask is you can show off your sewing or just a cool design you bought. The worst is that you have to wear the mask most of the day which gets really annoying."

Dain Douthit- "There is nothing good about masks. All they do is hurt my ears."

Taylor Pyfer- "The best thing about wearing a mask is that it covers half my face and makes me feel more confident about myself, the worst thing is sometimes it is hard to breathe with the fabric over your face, a mask doesn't bother me unless it is on for a long period of time."



Hannah Gage- "The best thing about wearing a mask is we help keep people safe and do our part in the community. The worst thing is almost everything besides keeping people safe."

McKenzie Koliba- "The best thing about wearing a mask is it covers half my face so nobody will see the bottom half of my face. The worst thing is after awhile of wearing it you get very hot and you have to wash them too."

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Ms. Mary said one of the new restrictions is that student helpers aren't allowed anymore, as well as the salad bar being removed, and of course, everyone wearing masks.

Ms. Laurie said that the free lunches and masks are new too, and that she doesn't really have as much to do anymore since no more money is being exchanged. She also pre-makes the salads now, so if you have any constructive criticism for her on that, feel free to find her at lunch.

Nurse Dixie said there have been a few new requirements for her job, such as having to keep tabs on every sick kid, including their symptoms and how long they've been absent. The symptom-free rule is obviously new as well, which I imagine makes things pretty stressful, seeing that if any kid shows anything like a symptom, she has to add them to the list.

An extra room has also been added to the back hallway beside her office, sort of as a little quarantine area for kids who have really bad symptoms. That, along with having to wear a face shield *and* mask while dealing with said extra-sick kids really sounds tiring, especially compiled with everything else. Please do Nurse Dixie a favor and wear your masks. And don't get sick.

Speaking of wearing masks, that's something she said she wished kids would remember. Sure, the school has extra masks and doesn't mind handing them out, but after a while, it slowly builds up into huge waste, with hundreds of paper masks being given out a week, along with all the expense of buying more. So please, remember your own masks.



Nurse Dixie said out of everything, the hardest part of her job now is being unable to hug kids. She said that some kids just really need a hug.

Another rough thing is the new lunch rule, where we can only have four kids per table. She said it's a little hard, since if you don't get there at the right time, you'll have to sit away from all your friends, while they all sit together. Not because they don't want to sit with you, but because there's just no space. It's a depressing situation sometimes, especially if you don't have

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Ryker Dykema- "It's bad that the mask restricts my O2 level. A good thing is that I didn't get Covid."

Ms. Hutchison: "It hides your laughter when you really shouldn't be laughing, but I don't get to see the warm, happy, smiling faces of others!"

Isabella Bond- "The best thing about wearing a mask is people not being able to tell your facial expression as easily, which is good for me because when I was in 7th grade I would get some comments to change my facial expression, as in smile more. The worst thing about wearing a mask is that you can sometimes hardly breathe and you basically are smelling your own breath for a long time every day of the week for the entire school day."

Bella Kroto- "I think the best thing about wearing a mask is that it helps keep me safe from sickness. And the worst thing is that it makes my skin break out."

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## Pandemic Playlist

For all your mixed-up moods!

- "It's the End of the World As We Know It" by R.E.M.
- "Don't Stand So Close to Me" by The Police
- "Stayin' Alive" by the BeeGees
- "I'll Be There for You" (Friends theme song) by The Rembrandts
- "Sunday Best" by Surfaces
- "Friends Will Be Friends" by Queen
- "We Are Family" by Sister Sledge
- "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" by Israel Kamakawiwo'ole
- "Don't Let Me Go" by Harry Styles
- "Every Little Thing Gonna Be Alright" by Bob Marley

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many/any classes with your friends, and this is your one time to see them. Luckily, you have the rest of lunch to go outside with your friends if you'd like, or go to the gym or library if that's more for you.



She said that overall everything has been going well, but she wants everyone to remember to wash their hands. Since so many people are mostly focused on wearing masks, it tends to be forgotten, so do remember to do that, since you touch so many different surfaces throughout the day. While most are being

cleaned several times a day, it's still a good idea to wash your hands, just in case something is still there. The main issue with COVID has been that it sticks to surfaces longer than most other diseases, which is a big reason why it's been spreading so fast.

As for Mr. Tilly, we mostly talked about the cleaning procedures in the school. Firstly, the desks and classrooms are cleaned about nine times a day. Seriously. With everyone wiping down everything every class period, and the classrooms all getting a thorough cleaning after hours, they are very clean.

The main goal of the school's cleaning process is to be as easy as possible, but still effective, and so far it seems to be working. Things like the clean/dirty bins for rags, pencils, and various other items have been implemented by the school. Spray bottles are refilled every night or morning, or whenever they run out, which could be the middle of the day. There are about four main hand sanitizer stations in the building, with two in the alcoves and four in the commons, and at least two in every classroom.

Speaking of cleaning the classrooms, I also learned about the spray bottles and the cleaning solution we're using. Now, Clorox wipes are completely sold out just about everywhere. Lysol too, apparently. And it's probably not healthy to be inhaling chemicals in every classroom you go into, now is it? No, which is why the school went with the next best thing: Hypochlorous acid.

So what *is* Hypochlorous acid? Hypochlorous acid sounds worse than it really is. You actually have Hypochlorous acid in you right now! It's naturally

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# COVID-19

By Sylvia McGraw

What seemed to be a small flu-like virus discovered in China in 2019 has now become a global pandemic. In this article you will learn where corona comes from, what symptoms look like, the magnitude of it, and how it spreads.

According to the guardian.com, the first case of COVID-19 was discovered in Wuhan, China in the Hubei province. It was found in a 55-year-old man. Some scientists believe that the virus was first contracted in Wuhan's Huanan market (a market where people sell dead animals for consumption). Others believe it was contracted in a wet market (a place where they sell live animals for consumption).

Professor Stephen Turner, head of microbiology at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia, believes the virus most likely originated in bats. Some people believe that humans contracted the virus from pangolins (an anteater-like animal) that is sold illegally; pangolins are popular for their meat and the supposed healing properties of their scales.

COVID-19 mocks symptoms of a common cold such as cough, shortness of breath, lack of oxygen, fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, and loss of taste or smell. Some emergency symptoms are trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, and bluish lips or face.

The coronavirus has reached an alarming level with 3.85 million cases and 215,000 deaths in the United States, 38 million cases and over 1 million deaths worldwide, and 468 cases and 3 deaths on the Kenai Peninsula as of October 13, 2020.

Coronavirus spreads like many other viruses, through person-to-person contact and contaminated surfaces that have crossed paths with the virus. Three ways to prevent the virus spreading is to practice social distancing (staying six feet apart from anyone who is not your immediate family), washing your hands frequently, and wearing a mask.

We may never truly know where the virus came from, but we know that it is very dangerous. All in all, coronavirus is very scary, but if you take all the necessary precautions there is a slim chance you will get the virus.



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made by any mammal's white blood cells, and it plays an important role in the immune system by killing pathogens through oxidation and chlorination.



So how on earth do you make something like that? Simple, the same way we make a lot of other things: machinery. And by that I just mean it's made in a small pitcher-looking device, which then uses electrolysis to basically rewrite the molecular structure of the ingredients and make

Hypochlorous acid. The ingredients are only water, kosher salt, and vinegar, so I mean, realistically, you could consume it if you wanted, but honestly I really don't recommend it.

Hypochlorous acid is used in tons of other places too, not just schools. Locations like hospitals, airplanes, pools, grocery stores and supermarkets, hotels, and even places like fish processing sites all use it as well.

Hypochlorous acid is a COVID killer, so it's sprayed on all high-touch areas like doorknobs, desks, and tables. I won't go too into detail for everything about it, but if you wanted to read more on the science behind it all, you could go to the EcoloxTech website. They're the brand who makes the little machines that produce this, and it's actually pretty interesting to read up on it all. I recommend giving it a look.

Mr. Tilly also said it's mostly just trying to change the culture of what we're used to. If we spend all day everyday with all of this in our faces, eventually we're going to learn it one way or another. And so far he thinks it's been really great, actually. He said it's been a big success, with the kids all complying surprisingly well and following all the rules and regulations. It's teamwork, really. With the staff here to show responsibility, and the kids to follow, it's been working out really well so far. So do keep following the rules. Please don't make Mr. Tilly disappointed.

Overall, the school has been handling this COVID situation surprisingly well. People have been wearing their masks, and *mostly* everyone is following the lunchroom rules, so far so good! Please keep it up so we hopefully don't have to return to online school.

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# In-Person vs. Online Learning

By Trapper Cottrell

There are 342 kids enrolled at KMS and around 60 kids can be online every week, either medical or needing to be online for another reason. With a possible chance of having to go online at any time for any amount of time, it gets annoying and sometimes stressful for students and staff, but everyone has their own opinion and here are some of them.



Angelina Bond, a 6th grader, says that she enjoys in-person school more than online because in-person is more organized and easier to learn than having to find the work in her email or on Google Classroom. Then there's the Zoom meetings, which she feels are annoying, and in her opinion, "The teachers don't explain assignments very well online."

An unnamed 7th grader says that he enjoys online more because of the ease of getting up in the morning and being able to have all of school right there in front of him, and the perk of not having to wake up as early. One of the only downsides that he has found is that the teachers don't explain as well and exclude the online students.

Samuel Brighton, an 8th grader, says he prefers being in school because he wants to be able to talk to "other human beings." He also would like to know what and how to do the assignments that he is given, other than just getting it and being told to do it.



Ava Gruber, an 8th grader, says that she would prefer to be at school and feels like online school is harder since all the assignments are online. She stated, "I have all the overlapping classes. It's much easier to fall behind online."



## #KMShashtags

- #2020isNOTperfectvision
- #don't\_sip\_the\_sanitizer
- #papercutfinder
- #nosegoes
- #inyourmask
- #washyourhandsplease
- #covidseason
- #stickynotevirus
- #crazycovid
- #sprayers
- #wipers
- #bedhead
- #zoomzoomzoom
- #ur\_on\_mute
- #nopantsonzoom
- #zoomdoggos
- #zoomkitties
- #cryinginside
- #strangerthings
- #spookyseason



## Zoomer Humor!

Students from KMS were on a Zoom call with students from all over Europe, including France, Spain, and the Netherlands. The teacher hosting the call wanted to make sure that everyone could see her as she presented, so she asked, "Can you see me?" Here's how the students answered:

- "Yes."
- "Oui."
- "Si."
- "Ja."



# Teacher Feature: Couples Edition!

By Katie Johnson



The Newton family!



The Adair family!

Many of you may know that two new teachers, Mr. Newton (who teaches 6th grade science, math, and gym) and Mr. Adair (who teaches 7th grade science) are finally working at KMS. Mrs. Adair has worked as a special education teacher for the 7th graders, and she has been here for nine years, and Mrs. Newton has worked here as a 7th grade math teacher for seven years.

A friend introduced the Newtons at a musical event in college, and they ended up getting married in 2012. I know they look 12, but they aren't! They have two children, Sam 3 ½ and Levi 1 ½.

Before Mr. Newton worked as a teacher, he worked as a hunting and fishing guide. Then he became a 6th grade teacher at K-Beach Elementary.

Mrs. Newton loves that Mr. Newton works at the school because he heats up her lunch. What a good husband. Do you own a plane? Well, Mr. Newton said if he ever got arrested, it would be for flying a plane without a license. So BE CAREFUL everyone!

The Adairs met in college too. Who knew that both couples met at college? That's crazy. The Adairs ended up getting married in 2007. They have two children, James 5 and Ellie 3. The Adair family loves to go camping, go fishing, and really do anything outside.

Before they were teachers, Mr. Adair did construction work. Mrs. Adair trained service dogs. In my opinion that is an awesome job. Mr. Adair worked at Skyview Middle School and KCHS.

He loves working at the same school as his wife because they get to see each other throughout the day and have more family time since they don't have to travel really far to work.

The weirdest thing Mrs. Adair has been asked is "What would you do if a Twix attacked you?" If I'm being completely honest, I would probably scream and run!

If Mr. Adair was arrested with no explanation, Mrs. Adair would be very confused about why. But if Mrs. Adair was arrested, he would probably think that she was speeding or just very confused. So unlike Mr. Newton, Mr. and Mrs. Adair are not going to fly a "borrowed" plane. What a relief!



"Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom."

-Marcel Proust



# Bressler-Newton Teaching Team

By Kenna Miller



Mrs. Bressler and Mr. Newton are one of the new 6th grade teaching teams. Last year Mr. Newton worked at Kalifornsky Beach Elementary as a math teacher, and now he works at KMS as a science, math, and gym teacher.

Mr. Newton has been teaching for five years, plus one year of student teaching at KMS before that. His favorite subjects to teach are science and math. He stays organized with an Outlook calendar and post-it notes. The most weird thing about teaching with Mrs. Bressler is sharing a soft wall; if one of them is watching a movie or documentary for class, and they put it on a high volume, for the other teacher and students it could be really annoying. For Mr. Newton it feels amazing to be back at this school.

Mrs. Bressler has been working as a teacher for 25 years, and she has known Mr. Newton for about five years. Mrs. Bressler teaches language arts, reading, geography, and art. The most weird thing for Mrs. Bressler is that she is old enough to be Mr. Newton's mother! She loves working with a male teacher as her teaching partner. What helps her stay organized during all of this is more effort and more time.

## More Zoomer Humor!

Did you know that PE teachers are teaching their classes twice a week on Zoom?

Unfortunately, some students don't join, so it doesn't always work out . . .

# Tews-Carson Teaching Team

By Rylee Drake



This year at KMS there are three 6th grade teaching teams, and two of them are new. Mrs. Tews and Mr. Carson are one of the new teams.

Mr. Carson is really happy about working with Mrs. Tews. He actually already knew her before he came to KMS to teach. Mrs. Tews taught his son Robert three years ago. He teaches math, science, and home ec. Mr. Carson worked at a lot of schools before he worked at KMS. He worked in Minnesota, Nunivak, Soldotna, and Skyview Middle School. He has been teaching for a long time.

Mrs. Tews loves working with Mr. Carson. She says that their teaching styles are very alike. Mrs. Tews has been a teacher for 21 years. She knew Mr. Carson before they became a team. Their sons were good friends and Mrs. Tews became friends with his wife. Mr. Carson was a ski coach and he coached Mrs. Tews's son and daughter. Mrs. Tews taught in Bethel before she taught here. This year she teaches reading, language arts, and geography.

In conclusion, they love working with each other. That's what Mrs. Tews and Mr. Carson think of their new team together!

Student: Teacher, *may* I borrow a pencil?

Teacher: I don't know, *can* you?

Student: What? Last time I asked, you told me to say "May I." That's so unfair!

Teacher: Quit messing around, you know you can't borrow a pencil over Zoom!

# Girls A Team Soccer

By Sylvia McGraw



What a great soccer season this year! KMS had a girls A team, boys A team, and two co-ed B teams. However, this article will focus on the girls A team, but the articles for the other teams are in this issue as well.

This year we had Mrs. Smith and Mr. Verkuilen as coaches. Mr. Verkuilen has been coaching soccer for over 30 years, and this was Mrs. Smith's first year coaching girls soccer. They did amazing leading the team, composed of 18 seventh and eighth grade girls, to a second consecutive borough championship!

## Team Members

Sarah Baisden	Sylvia McGraw
Evy Cooper	Avia Miller
Tait Cooper	Elle Pancoast
Cara Graves	Alicia Perez
Brynnen Hanson	McKenzie Spence
Makenzie Harden	Seanna Swanson
Sierra Hershberger	Kate Wisnewski
Katie Johnson	Jalyn Yeoman
Maddie Malone	Jenna Yeoman



Coach Smith and Coach Verkuilen with the first place girls team in the borough!

# Boys A Team Soccer

By Katie Johnson

If you are looking to be on the KMS soccer team next year, you should know this, the last 17 years have been successful! Carson Grimm said, "The Boys A team soccer team is successful because most of the people have experience." The boys won boroughs again this year!

Over the years the team has represented the school in a good way. Coach Felchle also gets really frustrated when an athlete doesn't try their best or doesn't work hard. He loves the quote "Hard work beats talent most of the time."

Mr. Felchle is the coach for this very reason. When he was in school he had a good relationship with his coaches. He wants to have the same relationship with the KMS soccer athletes. He wants to build a positive relationship that will last a lifetime.

According to Coach Felchle, sports are very important. They teach you how to be a better person, how to work hard, how to work hard together, and how to overcome adversity.

Carson Grimm was on the A team this year. He loves soccer, and he has played soccer for a long time. His favorite part of playing soccer at KMS is that he gets to leave school early, it's fun, and he gets to travel.

I know you're thinking, "How did they play with COVID always getting in the way?" Well, that's not the weirdest thing that happened. A dog kept joining them for practice. It would come up to them and harass them!

## Team Members

Jace Appelhans	Matthew Krol
Ely Campell	Cole Langham
Ryker Dykema	Enrique Mercado
Silas Freeman	Trae Pitsch
Carson Grimm	Colby Sturman
Noah Hallam	Tyler Van Sky
Ben Harris	Sawyer Vann
Josiah Halloway	Dakota Wisnewski
Makai Johansen	Andon Wolverton



Coach Felchle and Coach Pitsch with the first place boys team in the borough!

# Soccer Is Life

By Lyna Percival

This fall Mrs. Diorec's B team had a great season of soccer. The coach and the players were all happy to be part of the team.



## Coach Diorec's Soccer Life

In her whole life, Coach Diorec has been coaching soccer for ten years and it has been a blast. She started coaching because her kids needed a coach when they were playing, and now she is my brother's coach. One of her biggest worries is that she has so many players and not enough time to teach all of them. But boy, she is a great teacher! She is very proud of her soccer team and hopes that they play in high school.

Her favorite sport is football because it is very physical and it is fun to be a fan. She has also taught track hurdles. What coaching means to her is that she gets to work as a teammate and a coach. Coach Diorec's coaching philosophy is "Work hard, be coachable, and have fun."



## Monica St. John's Soccer Life

Monica is a sweet 6th grader. She is the team captain, she likes to kick stuff, and she likes to compete. Practices and games are fun, and sometimes her team gets to lead the other team during practice. She loves soccer because she gets to meet new friends and have fun. She also said that her team won 2-3 games, lost 1-2 games, and tied 1. Wow, Monica is such a sweet person, I hope that you might meet her!



## Quinn Dodson's Soccer Life

For those who have met Quinn, you would know that she is a sweet 6th grader and very kind. She joined soccer so that she could hang out with her friends. She thinks soccer is okay. Her favorite thing in soccer is kicking the ball away from the other team. If she were to play one on one with someone, it would be Alan Hack, another player on her team.

# Coach Stotz-Mason's B Team Soccer

By Chase Johnson

This year KMS had two B teams playing soccer. One of the B teams was coached by Mrs. Stotz-Mason, and they had a great season.

Coach Stotz-Mason is also the 8th grade science teacher. She said that she likes to watch soccer because she has an opportunity to watch people improve and pull off cool moves, then let them try new positions. But she also says coaching can be hard because her voice doesn't carry. She likes to travel with the team because she is able to see everyone in a new light. She also likes traveling because she has the opportunity to see the Safeway trips, but she knows that she can count on everyone because "they are good kids."



Luke Cole plays defense, and he said that soccer is a fun sport. He likes it because he is able to play on a team and it's a lot less pressure than other sports such as cross country. Luke says the season could've been better because of how many games they won and lost. He likes to play defense because it's a lot less running and because he gets to steal the ball.

Natalie James, on offense, said that she likes soccer because she gets to learn new skills. She likes to play offense because she gets to run and not just stand around. She said that for her it was a good season because it was her first sport. She also likes traveling because it's a lot of fun on the bus.



**Team Members**

Mason Butler  
Miguel Castellon  
Quinn Dodson  
James Duffield  
Agent Fannon  
Elias Fulk  
Elijah Fulk  
Alan Hack  
Cody Holmes  
Macalen Marion

Madyson Martin  
Gracie Martin  
Presley Novak  
Allen Percival  
Aryana Perkins  
Everett Poulin  
Eli Settlemyer  
Monica St. John  
Elliot Stockton  
Katherine Van Sky  
Kayani Whicker

**Team Members**

Bishop Andruss  
Avery Atwood  
Miley Baze  
Bridger Begich  
Luke Cole  
Gracee Every  
Carter Felchle  
Chase Flecha  
John Guerra  
Savannah Hershberger

Rusty Holmes  
Natalie James  
Chase Johnson  
Miles Metteer  
Winter Morris  
Otto Rodrigues  
Keziah Simons  
Pressley Smith  
Eli Smith  
Brett Sturman  
Mason Tunseth



# Cross-Country Running

By Elijah Cooper

It's been an interesting Cross Country season for the KMS team: there was half the time there normally would be, meets were cancelled, and the team was much smaller than normal. Even with all of these complications, the team worked hard and did amazing this year.

Ms. Gann and Mrs. Newton were the amazing coaches for XC, which they have been coaching here for three years. Ms. Gann says that her favorite part of coaching the team is "being outside and introducing people to running," and Mrs. Newton likes getting to know students that she doesn't get to teach and 6th graders that she will teach next year. They say that XC is a great way to make friends and that running is for everyone, and they love seeing people with lots of positivity and leadership skills in XC. Ms. Gann says, "The best way to become a better runner is to practice a lot and listen to your body."

The coaches say that although there was great weather throughout the season and at meets, and the team got some more great athletes on the team this



year, we also lost a lot of runners this year. Due to Covid-19 there were a lot less runners on the team, boroughs were canceled and had to be rescheduled for a different time and place, making it harder to do warm ups and running at a safe distance, and they weren't able to do all of the same activities as last year.

Elliot Hanson is an 8th grader here at KMS who did Cross Country Running in 6th grade and this year. Elliot says his favorite thing about XC is "running with my friends." He enjoyed XC the most in 6th grade

## Borough Top Finishers

### Girls

3rd- Tania Boonstra  
31st- Ruby Davis  
35th- Stella Selanoff  
41st- Lily Langham  
45th- Lucia Carson

### Boys

16th- Vail Coots  
23rd- Dayne Focose  
24th- Cooper Tallent-  
Darling  
30th- Justice Adcox  
33rd- Jason Johnson

### Team Members

Justice Adcox  
Lia Arness  
Oliver Boersma  
Angelina Bond  
Tania Boonstra  
Lucia Carson  
Vail Coots  
Ruby Davis  
Jackson Douthit  
Dayne Focose  
Willow Graham  
Elliot Hanson  
Jason Johnson  
Titan Jones  
Indiana Jones  
Lily Langham  
Claire Pellegrom  
Stella Selanoff  
Cooper Tallent-Darling  
James Wardlow  
Justin Wardlow  
Sage Wilson  
Mylee Yeoman



## **Cross Country Running**

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because “we went to Safeway that year.” He also liked doing the McDonalds run to get ice cream that year; his favorite part was he and his friends played tag in the play place tubes.

Elliot’s favorite trail is Tsalteshi because it’s fun, but his favorite bus rides are Seward and Homer because they are the longest trips. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, they weren’t able to do some of the things Elliot enjoyed about XC, such as going to Safeway, and the McDonalds run (though they still got ice cream). He also disliked having to warm up inside due to it being so wet outside.

Willow Graham is a 7th grader who runs in XC. She also participated in XC as a 6th grader too, and she liked it in 6th grade better because “We couldn’t get disqualified for not wearing a mask.” She started doing XC because her friends in Nebraska said she should. Willow likes the Homer trail because “We pass through streams,” but she likes the Seward bus ride most because it’s the longest. Her favorite thing about XC is running on the trails because she doesn’t like running on cement. Willow’s favorite memory from XC is “When I was on the last race and found a frog, that made me run faster so I could show my Dad I had a frog.”



# Speedy Sisters

By Mrs. Nabholz

Tania and Jayna Boonstra are two members of a very athletic family who all love to be outdoors and exercise together as a family. They watched their older sister Riana compete as a cross-country runner in high school and really enjoyed running around and cheering for her.



Their parents, who are both PE teachers for the school district, have also inspired them as athletes, as both of them have competed at the international level in Nordic skiing. Their dad competed in the Olympics three times, and their mom competed in the World University Games in Spain.

Tania is a 7th grader at KMS who is a member of the XC teams for both running and skiing. She loves being outdoors, and she always looks forward to practice after school. Even though she gets very nervous before each of her races, she loves competing in meets, and she always feels great after a race. She said, “Running makes me feel happy and I love to use my extra energy to run!”

Jayna is a 10th grader at KCHS who is also a member of the XC teams for both running and skiing. For Jayna, the most challenging part of running is just getting out the door. Once she gets the motivation to go for a run and heads outside, she feels, “I’m always so glad I did. The hard part is just getting out and doing it.” What she enjoys the most about running is pushing herself; she loves going out for a run and testing her limits to see how far she can go. She also loves seeing all the new places around her; for example, “Being surrounded by fall leaves can feel pretty magical.”

Physically, running makes Jayna feel strong. She loves the feeling of finishing a hard workout and thinking, “Wow! I can do that!” Mentally, running helps her relieve a lot of stress and other worries because she can relax and have fun. Emotionally, running makes her feel happy, and the “runner’s high” she gets after a race makes her “feel like I’m on top of the world.”

Tania most often trains with her family and finds it very motivational to train with her older sisters

because she wants to keep up with them. She likes training in Ninilchik at the farm where their grandparents live. Beach runs are her favorites, as well as the run to Deep Creek where their dogs like to take a swim. Her favorite place to race is Nikiski because she likes all the hills.

Jayna usually runs with her family and friends because she finds training to be a lot more enjoyable with other people. She enjoys running on dirt roads, at the beach, and at Tsalteshi Trails. Her favorite places to race are Bartlett High School and Kincaid Park in Anchorage and the course in Palmer.

In addition to running, the sisters enjoy lots of other physical activities, like biking, x-country skiing, and swimming outdoors in lakes and rivers in the summer. Jayna mixes in some strength training to make workouts more fun, and Tania likes to ride her scooter, go hiking in the mountains, and play soccer with their family.

Running has brought many exciting adventures and experiences into their lives. Jayna related, “One memory that I have is when my cousin and I went for a long run together and at the end, we went for a swim in the Kenai River. Brrrr!” A favorite memory for Tania is that, “One time my family and I were running to the river behind the farm and it was really hot out. When we got to the river, me and my mom and all three dogs went for a swim. It was cold but fun and refreshing!”

Many years of running, training, and competing have helped the sisters to be successful racers. This fall, Tania placed 3rd at the KPBSD borough meet, and Jayna won first place for Division 2 high schools at the state meet! They are both looking forward to continuing their running careers throughout high school and college.

These speedy sisters have some advice for other athletes. Tania points out that training makes a big difference, and that you have to find the motivation to train and know that it will pay off. She believes that you should make it fun, invite friends to run with you, find new places to train, and just get out there and do your best.

Jayna’s advice would just be to get out there and do it! She recommends that you get some friends together, play some music as you run, and find whatever works best to make the experience enjoyable. She feels that running is a great sport and an activity that you can continue to do for the rest of your life.

# Kenai Pride!



Jayna



Tania



The Kenai Fire Department and Kenai Police Department escort the KCHS Cross-Country runners as they pass cheering KMS students and staff as part of their celebratory send-off on their way to the state competition!

## Leadership

By Beverly Roney

A day in Leadership starts with the ten of us meeting in Mrs. Beck's room to get assigned a job by the school counselor, Ms. Johnson. There are only ten people in this semester's group due to Covid, but we all make a pretty good team. The students in Leadership right now include:

- Sarah Baisden
- Tait Cooper
- Hannah Gage
- Sierra Hershberger
- Jason Johnson
- Cole Langham
- Maddie Malone
- Beverly Roney
- Seanna Swanson
- Bella Tomrdle

So far, we have put up bulletin boards (though they're not all finished yet) for soccer and cross country. Bulletin boards are a lot of hard work. To prepare for putting them up, we started by pulling out every staple. One. By. One. There must have been hundreds of staples just on one board. It was crazy, but we can blame that on the previous years' groups.

We have also made and put up locker posters for choir, band, cross country, and soccer. Each poster has the participant's name and activity, along with clip art relating to the activity. We wanted the clip art we chose to be gender neutral and dare I say... not hideous. (No shade to previous Leadership classes.)

For choir posters I chose a sweet and simple set of music notes. For soccer I chose a soccer ball flying through the air. Somehow, we had a bit of a slipup with the soccer posters and missed an entire team! Our kind office ladies, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Holmes, put up their soccer posters. For band Bella Tomrdle chose band instruments marching along. Finally, for cross country, Jason Johnson chose a simple clip art that says "Cross Country Real Athletes Run Miles Not Yards." (continued below on page 16)



# SEPTEMBER

## Birthdays

By Kenna Miller

- 2nd- Dustin Woodard
- 3rd- Ms. Jones
- 5th- Winter Morris
- 6th- Mr. Stephanos
- 7th- Mr. Adair
- 7th- Lily Langham
- 8th- Sierra Chapman
- 9th- Braydon Imergan
- 10th- Mrs. Nabholz
- 11th- Mr. Summer
- 11th- Tait Cooper
- 11th- Elysia Williams
- 12th- Kyrie Watson
- 12th- Tyler Cruickshank
- 12th- Kyron Gonzalez
- 14th- Cara Graves
- 18th- Miley Baze
- 18th- Daniella Bennett
- 18th- Miles Metteer
- 19th- Arianna Hensley
- 20th- Tyler Van Sky
- 21st- Avia Miller
- 23rd- Nurse Dixie
- 23rd- Kenna Miller
- 23rd- Lucia Carson
- 24th- Ava Gruber
- 24th- Dakota Lacey
- 27th- Faith Guthrie
- 28th- Rylee Novak
- 28th- Otto Rodrigues
- 30th- Katherine Van Sky

# October

## Birthdays

By Sophia Ensley

- 1st- Mr. Newton
- 1st- Taylor Pyfer
- 4th- Alyssa Berg-Anderson
- 4th- Mr. Felchle
- 4th- Jason Johnson
- 5th- Ciana Curren
- 5th- Mrs. Neill
- 7th- Aiden Cothren
- 8th- Chase Flecha
- 9th- Seanna Swanson
- 10th- Maddie Malone
- 13th- Pepper Noel
- 14th- Eliseo Castro
- 16th- Preston Lawrence
- 17th- Dale Bryant
- 17th- Elijah Fulk
- 17th- Eli Smith
- 18th- Ethan Agayar
- 21st- Owen Swaby
- 23rd- Roman Dunham
- 23rd- Mrs. Beck
- 25th- Cyrus Kean
- 26th- Bella Tomrde
- 28th- Keegan Roumell
- 28th- Kaelynn Hensley
- 28th- Mr. Rudy
- 29th- Mr. Teran



## Autumn Antics!

What is gravity's favorite season?  
Fall!

What did the leaf say to his girlfriend?  
I'm falling for you!

Why do birds fly south in the fall?  
Because it's too far to walk!

How do you know Humpty Dumpty loved autumn?

Because Humpty Dumpty had a great fall!

What did the tree say when autumn arrived?  
Leaf me alone!

## Leadership

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We have also gone down to the Kossack Korner a few times to help unpack and sort through clothes that have been donated to our school. We can't keep any clothes that are stained, against dress code, or that we don't think anyone here would wear. So we didn't keep very much. So keep in mind, if you ever need a change of clothes, there are plenty down there. Our gracious nurse, Nurse Dixie, also makes clothes available for students who are in need of them.

We also helped Mr. Tilly with moving all the furniture out of the commons area. It looked a ton better after we got it all out. We were given this task because, due to Covid-19, our teachers needed to make room in the classrooms to spread desks apart, which is why we had extra furniture in the commons.

I got a few leaders' opinions on Leadership, and here's what they said:

Sarah Baisden: "I think Leadership is extremely fun and gives you a lot of responsibilities."

Tait Cooper: "I like Ms. Johnson, she's super super hilarious. I love doing stuff around the school, all the kids make it fun. There's not much at all that I don't like about it."

Jason Johnson: "In Leadership there are pros and cons, like doing dishes or making a fun bulletin board. I like making locker posters with friends or painting bulletin boards, but Corona school made it so we do nothing and there's no activity nights or celebrations. :("

Thank you to Sarah, Tait, and Jason for their contributions to this article!



**"There is nothing better than a friend, unless it is a friend with chocolate."**

**-Linda Grayson**

# KMS Has Class!

**Mr. Gustkey:** Students in home ec class picked lowbush cranberries in the wooded area on school property and mixed up muffin batter on October 13th, then school went 100% remote the next day. Mr. Gustkey rescued all the batches of batter and baked mini muffins to feed to the staff, so instead of the batter going to waste, all the muffins will go to teachers' waists!



Ms. Stone shows the last of the muffins in the staff lounge.



Mr. Adair demonstrates improper lab safety rules while enjoying a tasty muffin.



**Mrs. Sullens:** A student had the idea to put positive notes on the Rice Krispies Treats in the vending machine. The notes say things like "Be Kind" and "Stay Positive."



**Mr. Newton:** This quarter in Earth Science, 6<sup>th</sup> graders learned about weathering, erosion, and deposition, the forces of nature that break down land in some locations and build it up in others. The Sedimentary Tub Project teaches students how to connect the water cycle to the rock cycle. Water (in the form of rain and rivers) erodes rock (sediments) and carries them toward the ocean, where it is deposited, creating a river delta (new land). This lesson not only teaches these important land and water processes, but teaches students how to make a syphon and what diatomaceous earth is! Here are some pictures of the students hard at work being scientists:



**Mrs. Nabholz:** As part of the Cricket Wicket Challenge, 6<sup>th</sup> graders in Quest Explorations have been working on their engineering skills by designing and testing devices that will precisely launch a ping pong ball with enough power to knock down an eraser balanced atop two vertical pencils in a clay base, a challenge similar to hitting the wicket when playing cricket!



**Mr. Adair:** Fungus Field Trip was a fun exploration right here on school grounds to discover the incredible diversity of our fungi friends. Students were able to collect some of these decomposers, study them, and get an up-close look at the specimens with our dissection microscopes. A tip of the mushroom cap to all those that participated, and to Mr. Adair for being such a fun-guy!



**Mr. Adair:** On October 22nd, 7<sup>th</sup> graders had a great opportunity to connect with real-life folks doing science for a career when they had a special Zoom session with MPG ranch in Western Montana. There were so many wonderful questions and discussions, and the ranch biologists shared their research of the mountain lions that live on the property. Students “pounced” on the chance to interact live with the staff at MPG Ranch!

**Mrs. Stotz-Mason:** During this activity, students gained some hands-on lab equipment experience reading triple beam balances and using beakers, graduated cylinders, and more! They enjoyed the chance to practice skills that they will use this year and in high school.

For the friction lab students measured the number of Newtons (amount of force) it takes to drag a block across different surfaces, including sand paper, wax paper, and carpet.



**Mr. Felchle:** Within our 7<sup>th</sup> grade mini-election unit, students learned about the history of who could vote within our country and how that has changed over time. We learned about primary and general elections and about how the electoral college is unique to the presidential election. We previewed the 2020 elections, candidates running for office, and the major differences between political parties. Finally, students voted by completing a Google Form that Mr. Felchle created within each Google Classroom. We then reviewed the results and will compare them to the actual election to take place on November 3rd.



**Mrs. Stotz-Mason:** The moldy bread experiment was one that I had been wanting to try for a long time. When we went to remote learning for the first two weeks of the year, I decided that was the perfect time to start it, considering that a germ had caused us to be out of school. Deciding on clean hands, dirty hands, cell phone, and singing at the bread with a mask and with no mask, along with a mystery condition, this experiment was intended to show the difference between independent (the above conditions) and dependent variables (how much mold grew on the bread).



With help from Mrs. Navarre and Mr. Felchle, we gathered some samples and set up the experiment to see if washing hands does any good. Turns out, it sure does! Also, a huge source of germs was definitely the cell phone. We were not surprised by that, but we were a bit grossed out!

# Halloween Costumes

By Olivia Koppes

Welcome to this article about Halloween costumes, where I will go over my favorite basic, cute, and unique costumes, along with student and staff suggestions for costume ideas.



Creds: CloeCouture

The first costume is in the cute category: Sullivan from Monsters Inc! For this costume, first find a blue shirt and purple paper and cut medium circles and tape or glue them to the shirt. Step two is to find brown or just white paper and a plain headband, cut some horns and glue onto the headband.

The second costume is a basic costume, a cat. Yes, it seems simple, and you are right, but all you need is black clothing and a pair of cat ears. For extra, you can add face paint, white for whiskers and black for a nose.



The third costume is a cute one, a jellyfish. All you need is a clear umbrella and streamers. Attach the streamers to the umbrella and boom, done! Now just hold the umbrella, that's all.

Next is a bunch of ideas from the lovely Ms. Johnson, our school counselor. She likes Halloween because it's the kickoff to the holiday season,

Thanksgiving comes shortly after, Christmas music is playing, and not long after Christmas is New Years. She likes dressing up for Halloween, because she can pretend to be something different and not what she normally wears daily.

Her costume ideas for Pop Culture are:

- ~ Superheroes
- ~ Harry Potter
- ~ Video game characters
- ~ Star Wars
- ~ and Onesies!



Seventh grade student Pyper Kartchner's costume ideas are:

- ~ Raven Queen
- ~ Zombie Cheerleader
- ~ Grinch
- ~ and Mad Scientist!

Even though classes and meetings were held on Zoom, lots of students and staff dressed up in their Halloween costumes on October 28th. The teachers and staff at school dressed as many different characters from the Toy Story movies!





# Halloween Name Game



By Olivia Koppes

For this name game, you are going to get a special Halloween nickname! For your first name, find the adjective that matches the first letter of your first name. For your last name, find the noun that matches the month you were born.

### First Names

- A- Stinky
- B- Trembling
- C- Bloody
- D- Quiet
- E- Ghostly
- F- Strange
- G- Creepy
- H- Eerie
- I- Rotting
- J- Phantom
- K- Cursed
- L- Icy
- M- Possessed
- N- Haunted
- O- Pretty
- P- Cold
- Q- Petrified
- R- Crawling
- S- Deadly
- T- Broken
- U- Savage
- V- Slimy
- W- Gloomy
- X- Lurking
- Y- Dark
- Z- Weird

### Last Names

- January- Candy
- February- Pumpkin
- March- Bat
- April- Ghost
- May- Night
- June- Skeleton
- July- Leaf
- August- Cat
- September- Candle
- October- Spider
- November- Penguin
- December- Child



## CRISS-CROSS CANDIES

Find 50 tasty treats!

H L N S L M R E P E M T E H K O P Z H R U S X A R  
 S J A A R S I M A I I L F W G O A E K I R T M T E  
 C T A F I E Z L K I B O N F E N R I A E N I G O G  
 S F R E F X H E K B U U X E W S X X V K T S K M N  
 R R Q A I Y A C U D S D I K H C T A P R U O S I I  
 E H E W T N T B N N U W P E M F S M G I N R W C F  
 K I T P D T E A P A W D Y C E E O Q G B E C E F R  
 A O Y I P L E B F L R S S V F A L P I L S A D I E  
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 W D R E E S E S P I E C E S O W P H L N C C F A B  
 A V W L J E E H G C X N I N T J K E F D I O I L A  
 J F F J C S M S R A E B E I M M U G Z S N R S L C  
 R A S T A R B U R S T Y V S J J T P H S N H S B  
 S Q L R E E S E S P E A N U T B U T T E R C U P S  
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 P X I E S U F Z Y O U M D O T S Y R M C N C M C N  
 C M P I D F Z B Q B T B X V U Z W S E I T R A M S  
 Z I G C J D A P O P R O C K S I O T A K T I K P F  
 X F M X Y B D C C O A M E X P F R Z S T J V K D W  
 L E M O N H E A D S P Q Z W G V M S K I T T L E S  
 C R O B I Q Z E A M X J Y U D M S G U N I Y J Z K

- AIRHEADS
- ALMOND JOY
- ATOMIC FIREBALLS
- BABY RUTH
- BIT O HONEY
- BLOW POPS
- BUTTERFINGER
- CANDY CORN
- CHOCOLATE
- DOTS
- DUBBLE BUBBLE
- DUM DUMS
- GUMBALLS
- GUMMIE BEARS
- GUMMY WORMS
- HERSHEYS KISSES
- JAWBREAKERS
- JELLY BEANS
- JOLLY RANCHERS
- JUNIOR MINTS
- KIT KAT
- LAFFY TAFFY
- LEMONHEADS
- LIFE SAVERS
- MENTOS
- MIKE AND IKE
- MILK DUDS
- MILKY WAY
- MOUNDS
- MR GOODBAR
- NERDS
- NESTLE CRUNCH
- PAYDAY
- PEZ
- POP ROCKS
- REESES PEANUT BUTTER CUPS
- REESES PIECES
- SKITTLES
- SMARTIES
- SNICKERS
- SOUR PATCH KIDS
- STARBURST
- SWEDISH FISH
- SWEET TARTS
- THREE MUSKETEERS
- TOBLERONE
- TOOTSIE POPS
- TWIX
- TWIZZLERS
- WHOPPERS

# Horrible Halloween Humor!

## GHOSTLY GAGS!

Where does a ghost go on vacation?

Mali-boo!

Where do ghosts buy their Halloween candy?

At the ghost-ery store!

What type of pants do ghosts wear to trick or treat?

Boo jeans!

What kind of fruit do ghosts love?

Boo-berries!

What position does a ghost play in soccer?

Ghoul-keeper!

## SKELETON SHENANIGANS!

Why didn't the skeleton cross the road?

He didn't have the guts!

What do skeleton sailors say when they leave port?

Bone-voyage!

What instrument does the skeleton student play in band?

The trom-bone!

What type of art do skeletons like?

Skullptures!

Why do skeletons hate Alaskan winters?

Because the cold goes right through them!

## MUMMY MAYHEM!

Why don't mummies have very many friends?

Because they're too wrapped up in themselves!

What is a mummy's favorite kind of coffee?

De-coffin-ated!

What kind of underwear does a mummy wear?

Fruit of the Tomb!

Why don't mummies take vacations?

They're afraid to relax and unwind!

How does the mummy plan to destroy Superman?

He's going to lure him into the crypt tonight!

## ZOMBIE ZONE!

Have you ever heard of a dyslexic zombie?

They only eat Brians!

What does a vegetarian zombie say?

Grains, feed me grains!

Why do zombies make great stand-up comics?

They're either dying up there or killing it!

Why can't you arrest zombies?

Because you'll never take them alive!

How do zombies wash their dishes?

They use Dawn of the Dead!

## VIRAL VAMPIRES!

Why do vampires like to read the Purple Pages?

Because it has such great circulation!

What did the vampire say when he was leaving the party?

Fangs for the memories!

Why do vampires brush their teeth so often?

To prevent bat breath!

Why are vampires so impulsive?

Because they never reflect on anything!

## PUNNY PUMPKINS!

Who helps the little pumpkins safely cross the street to school?

The crossing gourd!

What did the pumpkin say to the human?

Hey, cut it out!

What did the pumpkin say before he threw up?

I don't feel so gourd!

What happens if a pumpkin falls on your head?

You get squashed!

What happens if you eat too much pumpkin pie?

You might get autumn-y ache!

## LEFTOVER LAUGHS!

What is a witch's favorite subject in school?

Spelling!

What kind of monster is the best dancer?

The boogie man!

What do you call a bat that plays baseball?

Duh, a baseball bat!

What is a scarecrow's favorite fruit?

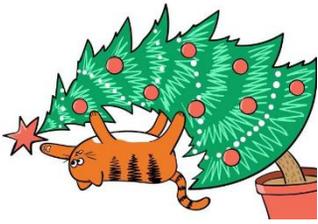
Straw-berries!

Why did the headless horseman start a business?

He wanted to get a head in life.

# Anonymous Confessions

By Chaotic Cabbage



"I eat the pines off the Christmas tree with my cat."  
-Ramen Noodle

"I think fake pine needles taste better and have

amazing nutritional value. You should consider selling the pine needles. Together you and your cat could gain a monopoly on selling pine needles, making millions in the next two years, until your empire stretches across the globe concerning the world in the name of pine needles."

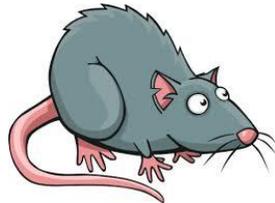
-Chaotic Cabbage

"I eat toenails at 3:00 AM for a nice snack."

-Hot Rat

"Hot Rat, you've got it all wrong, they taste much better at 4:00 AM."

-Chaotic Cabbage



"Thank you, I love this school."

-Hannah Gage

"This is the most Anonymous thing I've ever seen."

-Chaotic Cabbage

"I use they/them pronouns, and I don't know how to tell any of my friends or my parents (my sister knows and has been respecting them which I appreciate). Any advice?"

-Midnight

"I'm not very educated on the subject, but I talked to someone who is. Their advice was "Make sure you are safe when telling your friends/family, At first don't tell people who will hurt/shame you for who you are. The best way to tell someone is to just say 'I use they/them as pronouns, please respect that.'" The best I can say is if they are real friends they will accept and support you, if they don't then they aren't true friends."

-Chaotic Cabbage

(oh yeah, there's more, keep reading)

# Overheard

By Olivia Koppes

"Can I go clean fish cage?"

"I don't know what this is but I like it."

Student 1: "Please, I do not wish to see your toe."

Student 2: "That's my pinky."

"Why is that light so loud?"

"Oh dear, he's going to die to his death and become bacon."

"That's not milk, it's cereal juice!"



Student: "What is *fecha*?"

Teacher: "It means date."

Student: "I know what it is, but like *what is it*?"

"It would be funny to hear 'Sweet Home Alabama' in Mandarin!"

"Are those your legs or are you sitting on a beanbag?"

"How many times do I have to watch Coco to get an A+?"

"Kids are like pets. The more you exercise them, the better they behave."



"My brain has feet."

"Shrek is my senpai."

Student: "What's up, Mr. Felchle?"

Mr. Felchle: "Not my height."

"What if somebody sewed their feet?"

"Somebody forgot to put the baby away."

"Did you say your 9-year-old boyfriend?"

Student 1: "Who's in your family?"

Student 2: "My dog, my mom, and my dad."

Student 3: "Oh that's why you're like that."

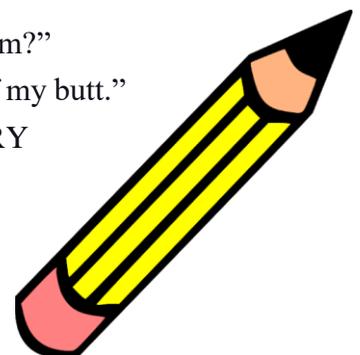
"Is H2O oxygen?"

"Are you USB-ing your arm?"

"I've been coughing out of my butt."

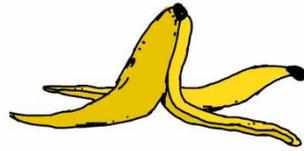
"IS THAT A LEGENDARY YELLOW PENCIL?"

"I'm the cool kid's best friend, give me gum."



“I can’t stop laughing in class. The reason is because I am thinking about the time when my friends tried to open a banana by grabbing it at the top and throwing it at the ground. The banana came off with a thud.”

-Sugar-tun

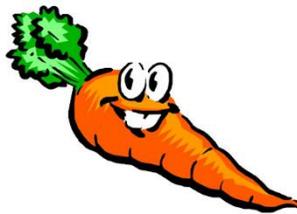


“There is actually a competition every year in New Hampshire to see who can open the most bananas that way in an hour. It’s real, look it up.”

-Chaotic Cabbage

“When I’m alone, I dress in all orange clothes and a green hat. I then roll in my yard pretending to be a carrot.”

-Sans the Skeleton



“I’ve found dozens of YouTube videos of you doing this, so you should check if you’re actually alone next time.”

-Chaotic Cabbage

“I once barfed on the Fred Meyer floor while running to the bathroom.”

-Dat Barfy Boi

“Thanks, this is what you should do every time, as it’s much easier to mop the floor than to clean a toilet.”

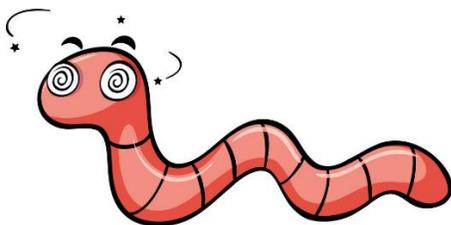
-Chaotic Cabbage

“I broke a wishbone and my wish was to fly so I jumped off the couch and sprained my ankle.”

-Oof God

“Serves you right for breaking the poor animal’s bone. Do you have any idea how long that will take to heal?”

-Chaotic Cabbage



Student 1: “Mmmmm.”

Student 2: “Ugh, how many times do I have to tell you to stop eating staplers?”

“Does this mean we are married?”

“Don’t worry I’m more messed up now than then.”

Teacher: “...don’t just go over there and say “hey baby” trust me that doesn’t work.”

“I’m not scared to go to jail again.”

“It’s your baby.”

“She said she saw me digging in a ditch and she did.”

“It’s not backwards, it’s just Russian.”

“They’re not toes, they’re nail nubs.”

Student 1: “The only thing on my Tik Tok for you page is Malfoy Draco stuff.”

Student 2: “. . . Malfoy Draco?”

Student 1: “OH WAIT NO IT’S DRACO MALFOY . . . oopsy.”

Student 2: “HOW DARE YOU DISRESPECT DRACO MALFOY LIKE THAT!”

“I am a genetically modified turtle.”

“I ate the leprechaun’s blood.”

“At least you didn’t burn your foot on an enchilada.”

“Otto can speak Portugal really good.”

“You don’t just have a bone growing out of your ankle for nothing!”



“We should do this for a lab. We should cut open a guacamole thing.”

“Padre is dad, madre is mom, ebola is grandma.”

“My hand is already turning green.”

“If I don’t wear American Eagle they’ll kill my mom.”

“I’ll willingly go in a locker.”

“The beheaded pig was on the electrical pole?”

Teacher: “Is there a brand of chips that ends in -ito?”

Student: “Ruffles?”



(seriously, there’s still more)

“I used to eat worms after I saw the book cover of  
“How to eat fried worms” in first grade.”

-Ostrich Oddity

“Why would you ever stop eating them? I like them  
microwaved best, but they're okay fried.”

-Chaotic Cabbage

“Bunji gum has the propertys of both ruber and  
gum!”

-Creepy Clown Man

“When do you plan to market this new product? Will  
Bunji Gum’s mascot be a Clown?”

-Chaotic Cabbage

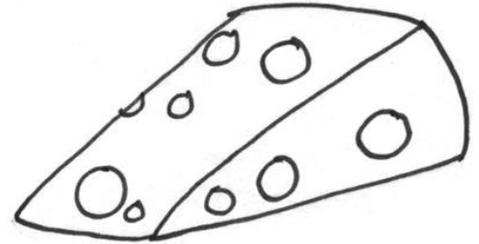
“It smells like chicken nuggets, and not the bad kind  
of chicken nuggets.”

Student 1: “I’m having a brain fart right now.”

Student 2: “I’m glad it doesn’t stink.”

“I’m looking for that thing that’s hard on the outside  
and floppy on the inside . . . oh, my algebra book.”

“When the fire alarm went off, I was drawing  
cheese.”



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properties of both  
rubber and gum!**

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A hand-drawn illustration of a character called 'Creppy Clown Man'. He has a white face, a black top hat, and large, bright red lips with a wide, toothy grin showing many teeth. He is wearing a white shirt with a black collar. A red squiggly line points to his forehead.

## Gname the Gnome!

Hey, 7th graders, don’t forget that a very important election is coming up soon, and it’s not the one that Mr. Felchle has been talking about. That’s right, it’s time to vote for your favorite name for the solitary and possibly nocturnal *Homo sapiens gnomalensis* that has taken up residence in Mr. Adair’s classroom. Check out all the name nominations in the Google Doc that Mr. Adair shared with you, and be sure to join Zoom science class next week for more information!





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