

KMS PURPLE PAGES

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Welcome to a Winter Wonderland!



X-treme Skiers

By Jasmine Brady

There were 38 members of the ski team at KMS, and the team has been around for over 20 years. They had a number of coaches like Mr. Carson, Mrs. Boonstra, and Mr. Boonstra. I myself have had the pleasure of being on the KMS ski team for a while. I never thought that I would ever ski, but when my parents needed a way to keep me at school I decided to join the team, and it has been one of the best experiences of my life. We have a diversity of trails and almost every Friday we go to a race and get to leave school early. We also go to the Tsalteshi trails every Wednesday and ski around for about two hours and it's so much fun! (continued on page 2)

X-treme Skiing

By Tyler Van Sky

What are the differences between classic and skate skiing? What do skiers do when it is time for practice? What are the meets like? What do some of the skiers think about it? Keep reading to find out!

Classic vs. Skate Skiing

What are the differences between classic and skate skiing? With classic skiing you can buy classic skis or you can buy combi skis, which are just skis you can use for both classic and skate skiing. When you go classic skiing you need to put kick wax in the area right under your foot, so you can push off your foot and glide forward. (continued on page 3)

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X-treme Skiers

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Indiana Jones has been skiing for two years and decided to join the KMS ski team because he didn't want to be on swim team anymore. His favorite part of skiing is hanging out with friends. He likes the road trips because he can play truth or dare with his friends. Indie's favorite ski trail is Seward because of the big hills. He likes to have the races every Friday so skiers can have more trips. He likes skate skiing more because he likes going fast. Indie says to stretch whenever you can because skiing really strains your muscles.

Indie's favorite race was the Homer race because of the downhills and especially because he beat Macalen Marion. He likes the skate skis with kick wax because he has never tried classic skis with scales and because you can glide more. Before the race he thinks about where to slow down and speed up and afterward he thinks about snacks.

Tania Boonstra has been skiing since she was little. She decided to join skiing because she thought it would be fun. Her favorite part of skiing is hanging out with friends and the skiing part. Her favorite part of the road trips was stopping for snacks but because of COVID she likes the skiing more now. Tania really likes the Tsalteshi trails because there are hills but not too many hills. She says that before she races she is super nervous but afterward she feels happy. She prefers skate skiing because she goes faster.

Tania's favorite race was the Homer race because of the hills. She prefers classic skis with scales because she doesn't have to find the right wax and she doesn't even have to wax. She does say that going downhill in classic skis is slower.

Carter Felchle has been skiing for three or four months. He decided to join because his friend Eli Smith showed him and he really liked it. His favorite part of skiing is being in the snow and being with his friends. His favorite part of the road trips is talking to friends. He really likes the Tsalteshi trails because of the diversity in the trails. He prefers skate skiing because he goes fast.

Carter's favorite race was the Homer race because of the downhills, but he doesn't like the uphills. He feels nervous and shaky before the races, and when he is racing and sees the finish line he says to himself, "let's get this over with." Carter thinks that classic skis



with scales are better than skate skis with kick wax because classic skis are for classic skiing and skate skis are for skating.

This is Katie Van Sky's first year of competitive skiing. She decided to join the KMS ski team because she and her mom like to ski, she thought it was fun, and her brother Tyler Van Sky skis as well. Her favorite part of skiing is the races and the road trips. She really likes the road trips because of the random conversations that pop up. Her favorite trail is the Ohlson Mountain trails because they're hard. Katie likes the intervals so people don't run over each other's skis. She loves skate skiing because she goes faster and she thinks it's easier.

Katie Van Sky's favorite race was the Homer race because it was super action packed, very hilly, and funny that everyone was falling over. She prefers skate skis with kick wax because scales are slower. She thinks classic skis are slower but you don't have to sit there for five minutes putting on layers of wax. She feels nervous before the race and happy afterward.

The KMS ski team has so many kind people, and it has been an amazing experience. It has been a great learning experience and helped me learn some responsibility. I would definitely recommend skiing to anyone who would like to step out of their comfort zone and try something new. It will change you physically and mentally in very good ways. Join the ski team next year and it will change your life forever.



X-treme Skiing

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Example of
classic skiing

When you go skate skiing you need to use glide wax and when you ski you have to step out and glide then step the other way like in the pictures below:



What do skiers do during practices and meets? After school ends, the skiers walk downstairs to put on their gear and head down to the wax room. In the wax room there is a whiteboard where the coach writes down what we are working on for that day. Some days we do free ski, where we just ski around the golf course. Other days we do sprints or work on technique and form. On Thursdays we are placed into three groups and then each group will meet at the ski room at different times to wax their skis. While one group waxes their skis, the other groups will be free skiing around on the golf course.

Fridays are normally race days. On Fridays we are released from school early so we can gather all of our gear, then get on the bus to drive to where we are racing. We ski through the course as a warm up, then we go to the starting spot and start the race. We would normally do mass starts where we all start at once, but because of COVID we all have to start 15-30 seconds apart.

Elliot Hanson has been skiing for four years. His parents are forcing him to go skiing. His favorite part about skiing is going down hills because he says that it is way better than going up them. Elliot's favorite part about the road trips is eating food while people try to steal it and trading food for other foods. His favorite course is Seward because he feels that it is an easier course.

Austin Thompson has been skiing for around three years. Austin said, "I would join any ski team that the school does because it is fun to ski with friends and go to the meets." His favorite part about skiing is going on the bus and playing games like truth or dare. His favorite ski trail is Tsalteshi because there are so many different trails to try there. He feels that the meets aren't as competitive as they used to be because they are starting 15-30 seconds apart. He prefers skate skiing because he feels more comfortable with it and he thinks that it is easier to balance while skate skiing.

Now you know some differences between classic and skate skiing. You also know what we do during practices and you know what some of the skiers like about it. If this sounds fun, come join the ski team next year!



X-cellent Skiers



Borough Meet Results

KMS Girls – Top 20

- 1- Tania Boonstra
- 3- Ruby Davis
- 6- Leanne Gordon
- 7- Keira Larson
- 9- Lucia Carson

KMS Boys – Top 20

- 2- Chase Laker
- 4- Parker Richards
- 11- Vail Coots
- 12- Mason Butler
- 13- Eli Smith
- 15- Carter Felchle
- 16- Austin Thompson
- 19- Elliot Hanson

KMS Ski Team Members

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| Ollie Boersma | Chase Laker |
| Tania Boonstra | Keira Larson |
| Jasmine Brady | Mac Marion |
| Mason Butler | Audrey McDonald |
| Lucia Carson | Blake Morris |
| Luke Cole | Joel Moss |
| Vail Coots | Mikey Nutter |
| Ruby Davis | Parker Richards |
| Jackson Douthit | Otto Rodrigues |
| Aislyn Downum | Eli Settemeyer |
| James Duffield | Eli Smith |
| Carter Felchle | Sophia Sorrell |
| Leanne Gordon | Monica St. John |
| Alan Hack | Levi Strong |
| Kerensa Henderson | Cooper Tallent-Darling |
| Elliot Hanson | Sailor Tallent |
| Jacob Joanis | Lexi Taylor |
| Indie Jones | Austin Thompson |
| Titan Jones | Katie Van Sky |
| Will Klein | Tyler Van Sky |

Ice Fishing X-travaganza

By Keegan Roumell

Hello, ladies and gentlemen, I will be taking you on an adventurous journey to learn about ice fishing. Let's begin!

KMS has an annual 7th grade ice fishing trip including this year by a slim chance because of COVID. They will go out to Island Lake in Nikiski this year. They are going ice fishing on March 19th. Bring your warmest gear to the lake because it gets chilly (I know from personal experience). Chaperones are needed for sure on this trip. They help you with a lot, including helping with bait, scooping the ice out of the holes, and drilling holes with augers.

If you don't like ice fishing, you can play with your friends and talk to them. You need to have caution about the slush, since you can sink in, or even worse go through the ice. You don't want to be cold and miserable and wet. It's not going to be fun then. You could bring a football, frisbee, or board game, something like that. But most important, enjoy this trip with your friends.

There will be two beverages, hot chocolate and apple cider. There will also be hotdogs and chips for lunch, but I would suggest bringing some granola bars.

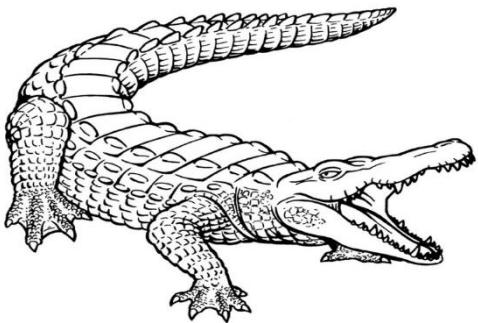
Here are some of the 2020 winners:

- First fish caught- Kaya Lanman
- Largest fish- Elijah Cooper
- 2nd largest fish- Ella Schlachter
- 3rd largest fish- Hannah Gage
- Smallest fish- Hayden Hughes
- Runner up for smallest fish- Aleaha Searl
- Most dedicated boy anglers- Marcus Wong and Keegan Roumell
- Most dedicated girl anglers- Avia Miller and Jalyn Yeoman

Most of the awards are sweatshirts, tee shirts, hats, and fishing poles, and a gift card for the biggest fish. Local businesses donate food, supplies, and help with the gift cards, like Country Foods, Safeway, Three Bears, Trustworthy Hardware, Alaska West Air, and Beemuns.

Here's some gear you should bring to keep warm. Neck gaiters keep your neck warm and make sure freezing air cannot go down your neck (love these). **GOOD NECK GAITER ➔**





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Long underwear is a definite piece of clothing to wear in the cold; it's a stretchy material that sucks to you and keeps your body heat in. Snow pants are a must to keep the snow off and to trap heat in. Boots are needed if you don't want to be standing in the slush with running shoes or Crocs. Jackets or windbreakers are a sure thing to bring ice fishing, since it gets windy on the ice out there. Hats, extra gloves, and extra socks are more essentials to not being cold and miserable.

Eighth grader Aiden Koenig is an outdoor fanatic about ice fishing. He fishes with his parents and siblings and also his friends including me, Branch Keller, and Jaden Garner. We go to Sport Lake and fish off the shore.

Aiden uses an Ugly Stick rod with a Shakespeare reel with 5-7 pound test for his line, and eyeball jigs are his preferred jig. They usually bring 2-3 rods for ice fishing just in case they hook a big one and break one.

Some of the fun things they do while ice fishing are four wheeler sledding, throwing smoke bombs at each other, and shooting flares from 300 yards at his parents like a war. He ice fishes in an Eskimo 3-man ice fishing hut and likes to joke around while ice fishing. They have a tradition of ice fishing every New Year's and lighting off fireworks, smoke bombs, and flares. They also bring lots of food and light a bonfire.

Ice fishing is definitely a fun experience. I hope you learned a rod from this (bad joke). Don't forget your gear so you won't be miserable. If you have the chance to explore more take it, you never know what can

make your life different.
But most importantly enjoy this trip with your friends. You never know what will happen next!



The Trustworthy Hardware Ice Fishing Derby has been going on for 24 consecutive years. Here are some of the rules they have for this derby.

1. All participants must sign up at Soldotna Trustworthy Hardware & Fishing before going ice fishing.
2. All fish must be caught by rod and reel, tip up, or handline.
3. All fish entered must be caught from a Kenai Peninsula fresh water/frozen lake.
4. All fish entered must be caught through drilled or chopped holes in solid ice.
5. All fishermen must follow all current Fish & Game regulations, and adults make sure you have a signed 2021 fishing license that you can purchase at Trustworthy or online.
6. Once fish are caught, they must be brought into Soldotna Trustworthy to be weighed within one day.
7. All fish will be weighed on a scale provided by Soldotna Trustworthy Hardware & Fishing. The same scale will be used on all fish to insure a set standard.
8. No fish shall be altered in any way to attempt to increase weight.
9. Soldotna Trustworthy will make any and all decisions concerning eligibility of any fish entries.

Here are some suggested lakes for any of you planning to go ice fishing.

- Nikiski – Island Lake, Stormy Lake, Daniels Lake
- Soldotna – Spirit Lake, Sport Lake
- Sterling – Hidden Lake, Watson Lake, Kelly Lake, Longmere Lake, Swanson Lakes chain, Dolly Varden Lake, Nest Lake



Troublesome Travel

By Riley Cronin



tips that you might want to know.

In order to travel across the Canadian border into Alaska you must have a valid reason, which could be one of the following: either the fact that you have a house here, or you have a job here.

Even though the Alaskan rules have changed a bit, the FAA rules will stay the same at the moment which means it is still mandatory to wear a mask in the airport. Every state is different depending on their rules so you might want to check the specific travel restrictions for that area or city.

If you are an Alaskan resident planning on traveling out of state you won't need to take a test, if you are going on a trip shorter than 72 hours. If your case is not that exactly, you will need a test before re-entering. And after getting back to home sweet home you will have to stay there for 14 days. Now to review, if you are traveling back into state you will quarantine for 14 days or get tested three days before coming back into the borders of Alaska.

If you are one of the people that have a job on The Slope, then you better consider yourself unlucky because of the rules. I say that like it's a bad thing, but it's only because of the rules, and here they are. In Alaska you better hope that you work four weeks on four weeks off because you must be in the state 14 days before going back to work, and obviously when you go home you have to quarantine once again before going back to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton were on vacation in Hawaii over spring break and informed me about their trip. They got tested at the Capstone Clinic in Hawaii as it is indeed a verified vendor, as they only do tests at certain clinics. At the drive through clinic they were at, the guy came out and stuck the swab up her nostrils a little bit too far to handle, and it made her tear up as if it was tickling her brain. In the end she was relieved though because her son didn't have to take the test due to the fact that children under five don't have to get tested.

Here are a few more things to know for traveling:

- It is recommended to get the vaccine.
- You have between 6 and 14 days for a free Covid test after arrival back into the state.
- 72 hours prior to leaving Alaska you have to get tested to prevent the spread to other states.

What's on the Roof?

By Kayani Whicker

Have you ever wondered what is on the KMS roof? Or what it's like up there? Well, I was always curious, so I went and found out. I went to Mr. Tilly and asked him some questions, and after that, we went up to the roof. It was so cool!

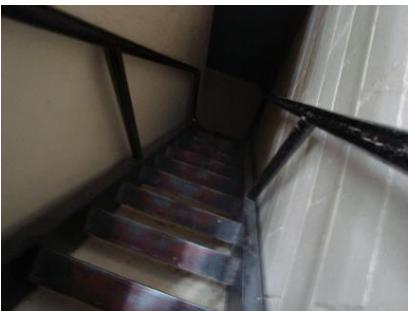
Did you know that there is only one way up there? The stairs are super steep, almost like a ladder! Things up there are huge, like the vent system and the gigantic fans. There is a storage room and another door that leads outside to the real roof.

Did you know that there are five levels of the roof? One roof is the gym, the 2nd is the commons, the 3rd is the air handling room, the 4th is the 6th and 7th grade hallway, and the 5th is for the Band and Choir rooms.

The only times Mr. Tilly goes up there is to retrieve things that get stuck up there and to make repairs. He has gone on the roof many times and each time he has found normal things like volleyballs, basketballs, baseballs, and kickballs but he has seen other things like tennis shoes, bottle rockets and a lot of other weird things.

Ms. Laurie, one of the lunch ladies, told me that her son was so excited for the last day of school that he threw his backpack on the roof and the janitor had to go get it off the roof.

Top Secret, but did you know there was a pool in the original plans for the building? Well, now you do! Mr. Tilly showed me the building plans, and the outside basketball court was supposed to be the pool.



Follow the Leadership

By Elijah Cooper & Elliot Hanson

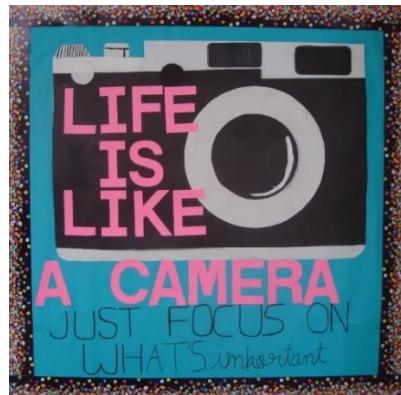
Students in Leadership, a class led by Mrs. Johnson, assist teachers around the school. To get into Leadership you have to be an 8th grader with good grades and a good attitude. In Leadership we help set up events like activity nights and sports games. We help out with programs like Sources of Strength. Along with these things, Leadership does tasks to better the school.

Leadership helped put up the different bulletin boards around the school such as the 8th grade "Problem" board, 6th grade "Camera" board, and the 7th grade "Flower" board. The people who created these boards are Stella, Ellee, Enrique, Dresden, Madison, Caitlyn, Kaya, Carson, and Isabella. Leadership also helped make the skiing and volleyball boards in the Commons; they were made by Elliot, Elijah, Stella, Ellee, and Caitlyn.

Leadership also helps teachers and staff around the school. Students such as Avia, Dresden, Enrique, and Stella helped grade assignments. Elliot, Elijah, Ty, and Stella helped shred paper for Mrs. Cruikshank. We also put up locker posters and notices around the school for events and activities; these were posted by Carson, Isabella, Elijah, Ellee, Elliot, Ty, and Tyler.

Most Leadership students shoveled snow off the sidewalk and stairs for Mr. Tilly, and chipped ice off the sidewalk, sadly saving children from falling to their deaths. During the volleyball season students would help Mr. Tilly set up the nets. Avia, Tait, Carson, and more people helped sort through new clothing items for the Kossack Korner.

In conclusion, Leadership is a fun class where you help out around the school.



Leadership Students

Isabella Bond
Elijah Cooper
Tait Cooper
Caitlyn Crapps
Carson Grimm
Elliot Hanson
Kaya Lanman
Madison Malone
Enrique Mercado
Avia Miller
Ty Morris
Ellee Pancoast
Dresden Reith
Stella Selanoff
Tyler Van Sky

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Nuclear Winter

By Eliseo Castro



Imagine, you're just sitting on your couch on a weekend, enjoying a bottle of tea, when suddenly the lights go out and all electronic devices are out of charge. You walk outside to see what's happening and gape at the mushroom cloud of death. Eventually you find a spare pair of batteries nearby for the radio you bought in case of emergencies. You turn on the radio and tune into your local radio station. "We kzzr confirmed reports kzzr nuclear detonation kzzr."

Now, you were lucky that you didn't get caught in the blast, unlike some people, because even being remotely near the blast would be horrific! In fact, you don't even need to think about how hellish it would be because I'm going to tell you about five rings of "Fun" in a nuclear blast zone. Dumb down, these rings are:

- Severe Damage Zone- you will die but in the unlikely chance that you do survive the cancer will get you soon
- Moderate Damage Zone- you are more likely to survive and won't have that much cancer but you may lose a limb
- Light Damage Zone- you could survive in this zone with only a scratch with the help of some luck
- Dangerous Fallout Zone- unless you have a hazmat suit, you might be subjected to inhaling nuclear fallout, aka cancer + organ failure maker
- Hot Zone- same as Dangerous Fallout Zone but not as bad

Unfortunately, blast or no blast, there is still a looming problem on the horizon. Could you survive nuclear winter?

No no no no no of course not! The radiation maybe, but the storm, ha, good luck! You may think you can just tough it out, but no; if you want to know why, you can't just grab a shotgun and shoot your way through the wasteland. We have to talk about how nuclear winter is formed. For all explanations, I will be using Anchorage as the detonation site and Kenai as your current location pertaining to the bomb dropping.

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Nuclear winter is formed from soot, believe it or not, caused by all the trees set on fire from the bomb (JL-2 in this case); the soot is then injected into the stratosphere where it will block out the sun, causing a winter-like phenomenon, hence the name "Nuclear Winter." The temperature would be anything from 20 to 40 degrees Fahrenheit; now that might not seem that bad, so imagine that, but for **10 YEARS**.

The effects of nuclear winter would set in quickly after the bomb dropped. So unless you have a radio, 171.09375 gallons of enhanced store-bought milk with creatine and heme iron mixed in it, a hazmat suit, a shelter that survived the blast with 1.3 feet of lead coating, an entire enclosed self-sustaining farm plus tons of fertilizer, HEPA air filters, a reverse osmosis water purifier, on-hand medical personnel, and mechanics that can do emergency repairs . . . if you don't have those, due to the below-freezing temperature for a decade, plus the radiation, you will surely be dead.

Source: Radiation Emergency

Medical Management

<https://www.remm.nlm.gov/index.html>

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Wow, do you need something to cheer you up after reading that article? Well, how about some **Corny Dad Jokes**, courtesy of Riley Cronin . . .

Why did the bike fall over?

It was two tired

Did you hear about the kidnapping at school? It was fine he woke up

Why can't a nose be 12 inches long?
Because then it would be a foot

What do you call a bee brushing its hair?
A honeycomb

What kind of shoes do ninjas wear?
Sneakers

I'm on a see food diet . . .
I see food then I eat it

Maximum Math

By McKenzie Koliba

MathCounts is a math competition for all students around the United States from 6th-8th grade. Millions of students participate in their three math programs: MathCounts Competition Series, The National Math Club, and Math Video Challenge

The Kenai Middle School team has four members: Elijah Cooper, Grace Kahn, Xinlan Tanner, and Xiling Tanner. Three are 8th graders and one is a 6th grader, and the Tanners are homeschooled. Their coach is Mr. David Thomas, who has been coaching MathCounts for about ten years.

Every Thursday and Saturday they meet to practice. When they are not meeting they have packets with around 25 questions, and when they do meet they go over the packets and discuss questions they might have. The packets contain all different types of math, and the questions are mostly word problems.

Here is how the competitions work:

- First, there is the sprint round, 30 problems in 40 minutes.
- The second round is called the target round, four sets of two problems and six minutes for each set.
- Then the third round is the team round. The official team of four work together on ten problems in 20 minutes.
- Finally, there is a countdown round with the top 16 students. Two players go against each other and best two out of three questions wins.

The top four teams earn a trophy, and the top three or four competitors also win a trophy. There are four main competition levels: Chapter, Chapter Invitationals, State, and Nationals.

Due to COVID, this year has been very different. Usually, for their competitions, the team would drive up to Anchorage for three days and compete, but due to COVID they have to do it all online. Grace, one of the KMS team members, really doesn't like to compete online. She said, "I like going up there and hanging out and going swimming and going to fancy banquets."

Since this year is crazy, they really don't know much about what will happen. The exciting news is that Nationals are coming up in May in Washington D.C.!

MathCounts Team



Left to right- Xiling Tanner, Grace Kahn, Xinlan Tanner, Elijah Cooper, Mr. David Thomas

MathCounts Club



Left to right- back row- Alex Gist, Grace Kahn, Xinlan Tanner, Elijah Cooper, Jackson Taliesin, Mr. David Thomas, front row- Xiling Tanner, Justice Adcox, Otto Rodrigues, Neil King

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#KMSHashtags

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| #lifeboring | #that'sunholly |
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| #Lit | #chibipokémon |
| #AAAAAA | #Dude |
| #stab | #2021>COVID |
| #wanda | |
| #Joseph | |
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| #yeet | |
| #domybun | |
| #mentalbreakdown | |
| #that'sfunny | |
| #that'snotfunny | |
| #LionKing | |
| #ottorodriguesforpresident | |
| #katiecan'tdopushups | |



Coachellas!

By Aminah Azlan



This year KMS has three volleyball teams, and they each have their own coach. Mrs. Vann coached the B-Team, Mrs. Stotz-Mason coached the 7th grade A-Team, and Mrs. Beck coached the 8th grade A-Team.

Mrs. Vann has been coaching volleyball for 12 years and started playing when she was in middle school. She continued to play throughout middle and high school, and then a year when she was in college. She started playing because she played other sports, but volleyball was a new sport and she wanted to try something different. The thing she enjoys the most about coaching is being able to get to know the players and watching the improvement from day one to the end of the season.

Mrs. Stotz-Mason, the 7th grade A-Team coach, really loves volleyball. She played when she was in school and has been coaching for at least eight years. Mrs. Stotz-Mason wanted to play volleyball because where she was from, all of the best basketball players had played volleyball before, and she wanted to be just like them. What she likes most about being able to coach volleyball is, when an athlete is working hard to achieve something, being able to see them get better.

Mrs. Beck has been coaching for nine years. She played in school, and in college, with the position of an outside hitter. She decided to play volleyball because she loved to play on sports teams in general, with all the games and competitions, and wanted to play on teams when offered. What she enjoys most about coaching is seeing the growth with the players, not just with volleyball, but character-wise as well. She also enjoys all the connections she makes with the team.

Thank you to all of our KMS coaches for helping the players improve and pushing them to the best of their abilities!

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for team rosters →

“Surround
yourself
with people
who are only
going to lift
you higher.”

Volleyball Teams

8th A-Team

Elisa Andrew
Sarah Baisden
Tait Cooper
Caitlyn Crapps
Isabella Kroto
Madison Malone
Lola McEwen
Avia Miller
Ellee Pancoast
Claire Pellegrrom
Stella Selanoff
Seanna Swanson
Isabel Thomas

7th A-Team

Madeline Barrett
Evelyn Cooper
Sophia Ensley
Courtney Galloway
Cara Graves
Katie Johnson
Sylvia McGraw
Ellsi Miller
Madeline Miller
Daisy Samples
Abigail Sorrell
McKenzie Spence
Sophia Tapley
Kayani Whicker

B-Team

Sabre Christofferson
Aurora Cronk
Olivia Koppes
Treu Lloyd
Riley Mosquito
Hannah Percival
Lyna Percival
Abigail Perry
Lylah Smith
Taya Swick Lind
Mylee Yeoman

B-ball at the Rec

By Grace Kahn



As you may know, the KMS basketball season was canceled. This tragic news was heartbreaking for some players, including myself, who had been looking forward to the season. Many of the players are too old for Boys and Girls Club basketball, so they have lost their chance to play competitively this year. In November, however, Ms. Beeson, who teaches girls' and advanced PE, found a wondrous new opportunity.

She introduced us to Coach Amber, a lovely woman who works at the Kenai Boys and Girls Club as a ref. She has been playing basketball since a very young age and aspires to be a good influence for kids through sports. Many of you may have already met her while playing various sports through Boys and Girls Club. Amber and her assistant, Coach David, gave us the opportunity to scrimmage and learn new skills every Monday and Wednesday at the Kenai Rec Center. She understood how devastating the season being cancelled was for us, and she took it upon herself to give us a chance.

Some of the best basketball players at our school participated in this three-month-long opportunity. We learned new plays, drills, and teamwork skills as we had fun playing with friends. Sierra Hershberger, an eighth grader, and Josiah Holloway, a seventh grader, have both been playing from a young age. They began playing around age six and their parents had a big impact in this passion. Sierra really enjoys the exercise, teamwork, and sportsmanship aspects of the sport,

whereas Josiah said he finds basketball very fun and a way to connect with his dad.

This opportunity was perfect for us, and we are so grateful for the chance. Even though it ended on February 10th through Boys and Girls Club, Coach David is still leading practice every Monday and Wednesday from 6 to 7 pm at the Kenai Rec Center. If you like basketball and would normally play competitively at school, you should join us at the Rec; we would be glad to welcome you!



More Corny Dad Jokes

By Riley Cronin

If a child refuses to nap, do you know what that's considered?

Resisting a rest

Have you ever made a pencil with two erasers? I hope not because it would be pointless

I have a great joke about construction
... but I'm still working on it

I used to hate facial hair . . .
But it grew on me

Funtastic Activities

By Grace Kahn

If some of your favorite sports and activities have either been cancelled or shortened due to COVID-19 this year, we here at the KMS Purple Pages understand. Many of you lost your favorite parts of school due to the pandemic. To help fill that hole we worked with Ms. Beeson, who teaches girls' and advanced PE, to create a list of some wondrous opportunities within the community we thought you might be interested in to help stay active.

Apps

- Down Dog App
- Les Mills on Demand

Fitness Centers

- CrossFit Kainos
- Kenai Rec Center
- Nikiski Pool
 - Racquetball/Wallyball courts
 - Fitness room
 - Deep-water exercise
 - Lap swim
 - Family swim
- North Peninsula Recreation Service Area
 - Skate Skiing
 - Skating
 - Disc golf
 - Hiking and walking trails
- Anytime Fitness
- The Fitness Place

Note: Most of these places require a signed COVID-19 waiver before entering, so make sure to visit their website beforehand.

Seattle Kraken

By Colby Sturman

Believe it or not, the Seattle Kraken are actually the second hockey team that Seattle has ever had. The Seattle Totems played in the Western Hockey League (WHL) before the NHL was formed, from 1944 to 1975. They did play in the 1976 -1977 season but then merged with a Denver team called the Denver Spurs when the NHL was created. Later the team was out due to bankruptcy because they had to pay the Vancouver Canucks \$600,000 over a lawsuit.



Jerry Bruckheimer and David Bonderman made the new team a reality with a lot of money. On July 18, 2019, Seattle announced that it had hired former Carolina Hurricanes general manager Ron Francis as the team's first general manager. On July 23, 2020 the Seattle Kraken was born. The manager said, "Release the Kraken!!" The banner fell from the top of the arena and released the colors of the team's jerseys and their team name, the Kraken.

If you have seen *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest* you know what a kraken looks like. If you haven't, if you took a squid and an octopus and mashed them together and made it 10,000 times bigger, that is a kraken.

The Seattle Kraken team that you see below are all free agents who moved from other teams to the Seattle Kraken. A free agent is a person who wants to be transferred to a different team, either for more money or because they want a new team. But you can also be a free agent if the owner of the team kicks you off of their team.

Forwards

- Nicolas Aube-Kubel – Philadelphia Flyers
Colin Blackwell – New York Rangers
Brenden Dillon – Washington Capitals
Martin Frk - Los Angeles Kings
Jonsen Harkins - Winnipeg Jets
Matthew Highmore – Chicago Blackhawks
Kasperi Kapanen – Pittsburgh Penguins
Joel Kellman - San Jose Sharks
Leo Komarov – New York Islanders
Johan Larsson – Arizona Coyotes
Curtis Lazar - Buffalo Sabres
Tyler Motte – Vancouver Canucks
Valeri Nicushkin – Colorado Avalanche
William Nylander – Toronto Maple Leaves
Jesse Puljujarvi – Edmonton Oilers
Derek Ryan - Calgary Flames
Mitchell Stephens – Tampa Bay Lightning
Austin Watson – Ottawa Senators
Travis Zajac – New Jersey Devils

Defensemen

- Mark Borowiecki – Nashville Predators
Brenden Dillon – Washington Capitals
Matt Dumba - Minnesota Wild
Josh Manson - Anaheim Ducks
John Moore - Boston Bruins
Colton Parayko – St. Louis Blues
Brett Pesce – Carolina Hurricanes
Marc Staal - Detroit Red Wings
MacKenzie Weegar – Florida Panthers

Goalies

- Jake Allen – Montreal Canadiens
Ben Bishop - Dallas Stars
Joonas Korpisalo – Columbus Blue Jackets

Opinion-8-ed

By Roman Mosquito



Which is better, the NFL or NHL? Which team is your favorite?

Sawyer Vann- "I like them both equally because I play both and they are fun. My favorite team is the Green Bay Packers for football and for hockey it is the Montreal Canadiens. They are my favorite because they were really the first teams that I started watching."

Ely Campbell- "They're both pretty equal, they are both a physical sport and you need a good game plan to win. My favorite teams are the Dallas Cowboys for football and the Brown Bears for hockey. I like both teams because I have been to one of their games before."

Isabel Thomas- "I think the NFL is better because it's more fun and athletic. My favorite team is the Kansas City Chiefs."

Stella Selanoff- "NFL because I don't know a bunch about NHL. I don't have a favorite NFL team."

Ben Harris- "NFL because nobody watches the NHL."

Elliot Hanson- "NFL because it's a really good sport. My favorite team is the Green Bay Packers because they like cheese."

Hayden Hughes- "I think the NFL is better because the tackling and fighting is better. My favorite football team is the Seattle Seahawks."

Jayden Whipple- "NFL because I like watching the Super Bowl."

Tony Perez- "NFL because I don't watch NHL."

Kenna Miller- "NFL because it's more interesting than NHL."

Tamia Barnes- "NFL because I hate hockey."

Brooklyn Stewart- "NHL because there are more fights and it makes it better and more exciting."

NFL Super Bowl LV

By Preston Lawrence

Super Bowl Team Facts

The quarterbacks in the Super Bowl were Patrick Mahomes for the Kansas City Chiefs, and Tom Brady for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Both of them are great quarterbacks but Tom Brady and his team did much better in that game. The Buccaneers did a great job stopping the Chiefs' dangerous receivers and tight ends. The Buccaneers' defense held the Chiefs to only 9 points. The Buccaneers were also superior on offense, scoring 31 points.

Last Super Bowl Appearance

The Buccaneers won a Super Bowl for the first time since the 2003-2004 season. They made it in for the first time since the 2007-2008 season after they picked up Tom Brady. Coincidence...I THINK NOT! He is also known as the G.O.A.T. (Greatest Of All Time). He is called this because he has the most Super Bowl wins by a single quarterback in the history of the NFL. Tom Brady is a hated quarterback because of how successful he has been in his career.

Super Bowl Financial Facts

- It costs companies **\$5.6 million** for a thirty second ad in the Super Bowl.
- That's **\$183,333** per second.
- The cheapest ticket to the 2020-2021 Chiefs vs. Bucs Super Bowl game was **\$5,000**.
- The most expensive single seat ticket was **\$24,747**.
- The average cost of a ticket was **\$9,133**.

Super Bowl Champions

- When you win the Super Bowl your team gets the Lombardi Trophy.
- Then each player gets a ring that is worth somewhere between **\$30,000-50,000**.
- Fun Fact: Tom Brady is the only quarterback in the history of the NFL with seven Super Bowl wins.

Check out Brady and Mahomes on the next page, along with lots of football jokes!

Football Jokes

By Roman Mosquito & Preston Lawrence



Q: What did the receiver say to the football?

A: Catch you later.

Q: Why was Cinderella such a poor football player?

A: Her coach was a pumpkin.

Q: What happens to football players who go blind?

A: They become referees.

Q: Where do football players go when they need a new uniform?

A: New Jersey.

Q: When should football players wear armor?

A: When they play knight games.

Q: Where do hungry football players play?

A: In the Supper Bowl.

Q: What do you call a lineman's kid?

A: A chip off the old blocker.

Q: What did the football say to the punter?

A: I get a kick out of you.

Q: Which insect doesn't play well in football?

A: The fumble bee.

Q: Which football game do cats like to watch?

A: The Goldfish Bowl.

Q: What do centers wear on their feet?

A: Hiking shoes.

Q: What do football players wear on Halloween?

A: Face masks!

Q: How do football players stay cool?

A: By standing close to the fans.

Q: Which state should the Buccaneers move to?

A: Arrrrrrrkansas

January SOM's

Congratulations to these Students of the Month for being such awesome students in their classes!



Grace Kahn



Destin Trickel



Tania Boonstra



Mason Butler



Willow Graham



Lacie Sorhus



Ruby Davis



Lily Langham



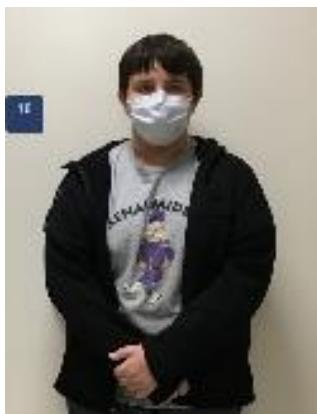
Lincoln Merchant



Brett Sturman

Kreative Kobi

By Lola McEwen



Kobi Rodgers-Whipple is a 6th grader here at KMS. He loves the arts and even wants to make a career out of it. In fact, the two future careers that he's thinking about are being an artist and a musician, which is fitting given the two electives he is currently taking!

Kobi currently has Art and Band as his electives, and they are two of his favorite classes. The other class that he enjoys the most is Science because they get to do tons of labs (and I can add that there will be a LOT of those in his future middle school career). Band is an activity he enjoys doing at school and at home as a percussionist. Kobi loves playing the snare drums and xylophone, but if he had to choose a different instrument he would choose to play the saxophone. If he pursued this as a career, he would definitely explore other instruments and everything that has to do with music!

Home-Ec is an elective he is looking forward to taking in 7th grade. He has experience in baking cakes and cookies, but he wants to learn more about cooking. When I took Home-Ec in 7th grade it was one of the best classes I have ever had the pleasure of taking, and I believe that taking Home-Ec is a *very* smart move. Even though you *can* go wrong in cooking, it's all for fun anyways. A bonus is that you even get to eat your creation afterwards! You can't do that with any other class... at least I hope you don't!

Home-Ec isn't the only elective he's looking forward to having in 7th grade; Art is another elective he enjoys. Even though he is currently taking Art, he would love to take it again. It takes a special type of person to have the patience to draw, and he's definitely one of them. He sketches in his spare time and says it is calming to him. Kobi enjoys painting too, even though he does prefer sketching.

Keeping your grades up is definitely something that you want to do. That's Kobi's goal for 7th grade, and it's definitely a good one. He also wants to take French in high school, and hopefully he will learn a lot from that class. I believe that having those two objectives is going to help him an enormous amount with his future career choices, especially as a musician and/or an artist. He would love to draw for people and work in animation as an artist; on the other hand, he would also enjoy being around music all the time.

Enjoying things that are challenging may seem strange to some people, but to other people it is more like their favorite hobby. Building Legos can be challenging, and that's exactly why Kobi loves it. He also loves the challenge of video games such as Minecraft, Call of Duty, and Roblox. Kobi is the type to make a hobby of it, along with his dream of having a pet monkey in the future. Even though he probably won't have his pet monkey with him, if you see him in the hallway, make sure to say hello!

Lovely Lylah

By McKenzie Koliba



Lylah Smith is a very nice and kind girl. She just started 7th grade here in 2020 after moving here from Turkey. Lylah and her family lived there for eight years.

She said that she misses her friends and some of the food, specifically Simit, a circular bread encrusted with sesame seeds or sometimes other seeds. The only difference from our school to her old school is that 5th grade was part of middle school and her school was much smaller. Also the language is different too, so she knows a lot of Turkish.

Doing crafts and listening to music are some of her hobbies. She loves to paint nature, like sunsets and trees. She has painted the four seasons too. Lylah doesn't really have a favorite music genre, so she kind of listens to everything, country and pop.

Lylah is a very active person. She was on the 7th grade B-team volleyball. She really enjoyed volleyball. She said, "I think volleyball is hard to learn but once you learn it is fun." This year was her first year doing volleyball and being on a volleyball team. Lylah will definitely be playing it next year in 8th grade. Sadly, due to COVID, she could not participate in soccer and basketball.

I asked her what electives she wants next year in 8th grade, and she responded with yearbook, since there are lots of things to do in yearbook. For a fun topic, if she could travel anywhere for a vacation, she really doesn't know where she would go, so she said anywhere with famous landmarks.

Energetic Ellee

By Aminah Azlan



Ellee Pancoast is an 8th grader here at KMS. She has four siblings and many friends. Some things Ellee likes to do are work out and play sports.

Her favorite sport to play is volleyball, and she plays as a setter. She was also on the KMS 8th grade A-team and has played on the soccer A-team and the basketball team at school. The first team she played on was a soccer team when she was seven years old. She says she would like to play sports when she is in college as well.

Winter activities like skiing and snow machining are also some of the things that Ellee likes to do with her friends. Her favorite season is summer because it is warm and sunny. In the summer she likes to go paddle boarding, kayaking, and fishing for salmon. She received her Hunters Ed card last year and says she really wants to go hunting.

Ellee loves to travel. She has been to 44 states and 42 national parks. Her favorite states are Alaska, California, Florida, Texas, Arizona, Utah, Montana, and Wyoming. She was originally from Michigan and grew up there for nine years, then moved to California. She says that it was really fun living in California because she traveled so much. She went to school in Michigan, but in California she was homeschooled.

She is the oldest of the kids in her family; she has two brothers and two sisters. Last year she went to Skyview, and then later moved to KMS, though she says that she likes it better at KMS in general.

He's Acutie Pi!



Little Eero decided to help the Rininger family celebrate the new year by arriving on January 1, 2021! He joins his parents and three older siblings – Elliet, Henry, and Sage. Mrs. Rininger, who has a long-term sub for her 8th grade math and art classes, will be staying at home with all of her children until early May. She said that Eero (btw, it's pronounced arrow) keeps very busy eating, smiling, and sleeping through most of the night. Welcome to the world, Eero – we know that there's a high probability that you will bring a greater degree of positive value to our exponentially odd, radical, irrational, and variable KMS family!

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The Dixie Chicks!



Qrazy Quarantine Hair

Music Through the Ages

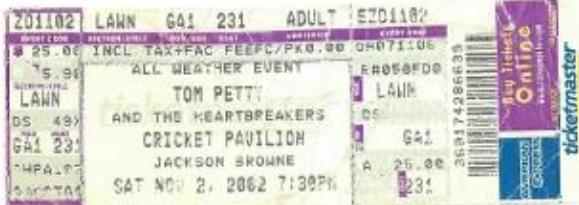
By Grace Kahn

Music is a constant in the majority of people's lives. Different songs and artists can bring different memories to mind. Through those experiences we create connections to and preferences for certain bands, artists, and genres. Some people love new music, whilst others have deep roots with the older stuff.

Music builds up over time; each new level is a new style, all based on the previous greats. The foundation for much of our music now started construction around the 1960s. This was the age of the British invasion and Motown. To help clarify, the British invasion is the sudden explosion of popular British artists and bands around the world, such as The Rolling Stones, The Who, and The Beatles. Motown is soul music out of Detroit, such as Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, Michael Jackson, and The Supremes.

When I interviewed Mr. T, an intervention teacher, he said his favorite song of all time is probably "Get Back" by the Beatles. When asked why, he said because of the mention of his hometown of Tucson, Arizona in the song. He told me the story of why a little town in Arizona was mentioned in a song by four British artists. Linda McCartney (Paul McCartney's late wife) spent much of her life in and around Tucson and fell in love with the small desert town. She and Paul spent much of their marriage a few miles outside Tucson where they lived happily until her death in 1998. Her love for the town spread to Paul and henceforth to us in "Get Back." The Beatles have remained one of the most influential and popular bands in the world since their birth in 1957.

Music is constantly evolving and changing. Many of you might not know who some of these artists are, but that's okay. You can explore new genres and artists as you find your specific music tastes. You must know the past to really understand and appreciate the future. Future issues of the Purple Pages this school year will have in-depth articles about certain time periods in music history.



Malum A-XIX Covid Monitum

By Eliseo Castro

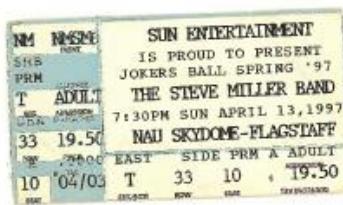


A new Covid-19 statement has been announced for the Kenai Peninsula. The mayor warns that gatherings over zero people are required to wear a mask but only on Wednesdays and every other day. In addition, gatherings exceeding 50 people are not allowed, unless it's in a pub, in which case it's also not allowed unless it's Sunday, when it's super not not disallowed.

Always remember the 2232.2+32·46/25-2285.08 foot rule that dictates the exact distance in order to not get infected; this is done by increasing the distance between one human to another by said distance. This rule is required for any citizen of Kenai in any public setting and punishable by quarantine.

Remember to put H₂O on your grabbing apparatus and to add R-COO-Na on your grabbing apparatus afterward, then continually rub said grabbing apparatus together until soapy spheres form. Next, remove these spheres by turning the faucet and placing your grabbing apparatus underneath the spout and hold them there until all remains of the soap are completely invisible. Finally, take your grabbing apparatus and grab a sheet of fabric that is nearby and rub your grabbing apparatus with said sheet of fabric but only if you fall into one of these categories: *Torus*, *Citrus sinensis*, *Pinus*, *Camellia sinensis*, *Oryza sativa*, *Solanum tuberosum*, *Canis lupus familiaris*, and *Homo sapiens*. Anybody who violates that rule is at risk of being infected by the deadly disease known as *Orthocoronavirinae*.

Note: Apparatus has two plural forms, apparatus and apparatuses.



Trending TV

By Rainy Henderson

Here are some trending shows in 2021! In this article you will find shows and their descriptions, what other students and I think of the show, and recommendations for other shows!

Fate: The Winx Saga is a Netflix original show. In



this show, fairies attend a magical boarding school in the Otherworld. The fairies must learn to use their powers correctly while navigating dangers outside the barrier.

I personally thought this show was going to be a waste of time, but I couldn't look away from it! If you have watched this show and enjoyed it, then I would recommend checking out these shows: *The Chilling Adventures of Sabrina*, *Stranger Things*, and *The Vampire Diaries*.



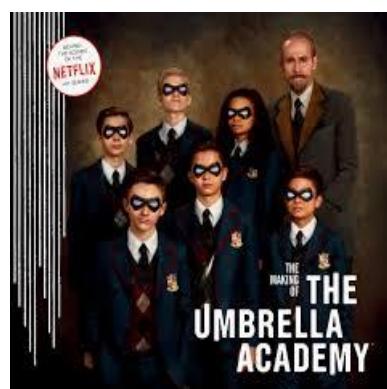
WandaVision is a Disney+ original series, located on Disney+. *WandaVision* takes place after the events of the movie *Avengers: Endgame*. This show blends the style of classic sitcoms with the Marvel Cinematic Universe in which Wanda and Vision, two very powerful beings, are living their ideal suburban life. But not everything is what it seems. This show has a very interesting perspective and is somewhat confusing, but I believe that anyone who

**"All our dreams
can come true,
if we have
the courage
to pursue them."**
- Walt Disney

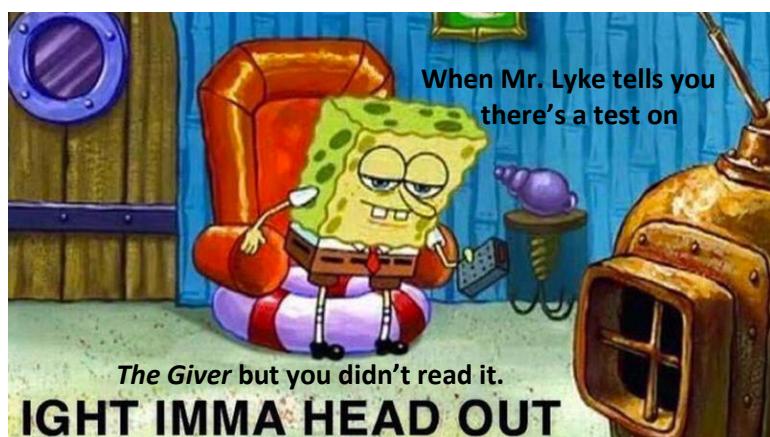
loves Marvel will love this show. If you enjoy this show then I would recommend watching *Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.*, *Marvel's Agent Carter*, and *Marvel's the Inhumans*.

The 100 is found on Netflix and can be watched on YouTube TV. *The 100* is set 97 years after a nuclear war has wiped out all civilization, when a spaceship housing humanity's lone survivors sends one hundred juvenile delinquents back to Earth in hopes of possibly repopulating the planet. I haven't watched this show yet, but it looks interesting and I think people who like mystery and sci-fi will enjoy this show. Chase Johnson, a 7th grader, said, "I like this show. It is gory and a survival show." If you do watch this show, then I would recommend *Falling Skies*, *The Originals*, and *Timeless*.

The Umbrella Academy



revolves around a dysfunctional family of adopted sibling superheroes who reunite to solve the mystery behind their father's death and the threat of an impending apocalypse. I haven't watched this show yet, but it seems like it is very entertaining. Sylvia McGraw, a 7th grader, likes the "supernatural abilities, cool sci-fi, time travel, and bending the space-time continuum." If you have watched *The Umbrella Academy* then you might enjoy *Stranger Things*, *Titans*, and *Heroes*.



Anonymous Confessions

By Anonymous Otaku & Mr. Juan



"How do you keep your pants up on stage, it's incredible!?" "Belt."

- Belt

If you don't own a belt you can just use Belt from the Croods.

- Anonymous Otaku

"I have copied Minecraft builds."

- Storm Weaver

I thought I was the only one, I'm no longer alone. But let's keep it a secret because we might be arrested for plagiarism.

- Anonymous Otaku

"I drink water and have no friends."

- Bob Bobby John Bob Bob Bob

If you drink a lot of water then maybe your "friends" have a problem with you spending so much time in the bathroom.

- Anonymous Otaku



"We should reject human and revert to monkey"

- Monke

Why monkey, why not anything else like a turtle or a toucan!?

- Anonymous Otaku

"I will not eat ice cream if a fat guy with a beard is eating ice cream right next to me."

- Bob Bobby John Bob Bob Bob

Why does it matter that the guy has a beard? What did beards ever do to you? Doesn't Mr. Dosko have a beard?

- Anonymous Otaku

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*"Winners are not people
who never fail,
but people who never quit."*

"I admit, sometimes when people pull down their masks and I get a glimpse of their faces, it's like I don't recognize them. I think I imagine the bottom half of their face looking differently than it actually does! I'm afraid that when we no longer have to wear masks, I'm going to have to meet everyone all over again."

- Eyes without a face

I'll be there for you when the masks go away and help you meet everybody again.

- Anonymous Otaku



"I like Avatar: Legend of Korra more than Avatar: The Last Airbender."

- Anonymous

Is it just me or did anyone else think of Korra being blue with the long arrow down her head?

- Anonymous Otaku

"I make too many JoJo references."

- Intelligent Otaku

They are so delicious with chicken strips and ranch dressing!

- Anonymous Otaku



"I like eating the lawn mower grass."

- Chaotic Cabbage

You have to eat lawnmower grass because you have no income because you got fired by the Purple Pages and replaced by me.

- Anonymous Otaku

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"Some of us think holding on makes us strong, but sometimes it is letting go."

- Hermann Hesse

Overheard

By Lola McEwen

"Those are some very magical beans, Johnny Appleseed."

"If you smell like motor oil you have to go to the nurse."

"The problem is that all the funny jokes aren't school appropriate."

"Basketballs don't parachute."

"I can't have it over my nose or I can't see."

Student 1: "I am a cracker."

Student 2: "Cracker Barrel is a good restaurant. They have a really good breakfast."

"Do you know what your initials would be if your first name was S?"

"It's a cyclops with a bunch of dimples!"

"This is the only time we get to wear hoodies. We're just a bunch of hoodlums."

"The cheese isn't done."

"How do you get back in on single eliminations in warball?"

"Don't snort the fun dip powder."

"Excuse me 911 my language arts teacher is a bank robber."

"You might want to google it. I'm not a dictionary."

"I have a chromebook in my brain. May I return it to the lunch room?"

"I know lots of things that I don't know anything about."

"Your ear is not an organ."

"Can we do what the Quest kids are doing instead of learning?"

"An eyelash fell in my eye and it passed away and I named it Fred."

"I'm the person who goes to a sports game to boo both teams."

"There is a Christian brand of macaroni called Cheesus."

"Cuz if you stab someone excuse me just doesn't work."

Student 1: "We're going to choir?"

Student 2: "Fire?"

"I'm stuck in a locker and it smells like sandwiches."

"I am not a white asparagus."

"Helen Keller did not drive a plane."

"Dairy and broccoli don't mix, that's a sin."

"When I sneeze my throat vibrates like a sprinkler."



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Student 1: "I took a personality quiz and got IFP."

Student 2: "Ooohhh, what's your zodiac sign?"

Student 1: "Capricorn."

Student 2: "Ahhhhh, that makes total sense."

"Why would you put a banana on your dog's forehead?"

Student 1: "Never have I ever dated..."

Student 2: "WAIT. I can't answer this one... You said "have" and "dated." I... am dating someone. GRAMMAR."

"Why is my lunch box more famous than me?"

"Everything's edible, but not everything is edible twice."

"Why are we hugging food?"

"Bueno banana."

"Screw the environment, more fancy packaging."



"That kinda looks like a pimped out moose."

"Can you help me peel my skin?"

"Who wants to peel the back of my hand off?"

"I just realized that Grendel is an anthropomorphic wolf kangaroo monster."

Student 1: "What do you like to do?"

Student 2: "Stalk people . . . what do you like to do?"

Student 1: "Swimming at the pool."

Student 2: "I know."

"I ripped off King Kong's arm."

"I just spelled covid with a K."

"I'm older than both of my friends."

"You want to be professional so you steal a clipboard?"

Student 1: "What is my name in Elvish?"

Student 2: "Privyet."

"I wish my knees had hands on them."

Student 1: "You have disabled my exuberance!"

Student 2: "I've heard that a lot."

"Did you get a discount on those jeans? Well, you should have, 'cuz there's like 30% missing."

"I'm mad at my locker and he's mad at me."

"Oh my goodness! It's a flat pancake!"



January Birthdays

By Roman Mosquito



01 Alphonse Hoffman
01 Lochlyn Roney
02 Presley Smith
03 Leighton Wilshusen
07 Grace Kahn
08 Ty Morris
09 Daniel Burtram
14 Bernard Brown
14 Dianna Wright
15 Sophia Ensley
16 Mrs. Sullens
16 Samuel Brighton
24 Olivia McDonald
24 Brooklyn Larsen
24 Kayani Whicker
25 Jeesiann Johnston
25 Romeo Prieto
26 Alex Colett
27 Landon Dedrick
28 Medalyn Jennings
28 Isaiah Dirks
29 Sophia Barajas
30 Sye Stacey

February Birthdays

By Roman Mosquito



01 Sabre Christoffersen
01 Kendal Loggins
02 Jaiden Weidman
03 Miguel Castrellon
03 Gracie Moore
04 Mrs. Diorec
06 Alexander Patkotak
09 Ryland Purcell
10 Kimber Moore
11 Bobby Hayes
11 Kainoa Taylor
12 Aminah Azlan
12 Sage Morgan
14 Stephanie Huffer
16 Caitlyn Eskelin
17 Allison Stuart
17 Corey Shurtliff
20 Ellsi Miller
21 Shaye Stone
21 Ms. Johnson
22 Hannah Percival
22 Tony Perez
22 Kaya Lanman
22 Lorriene Reid
24 Jacob Prieto
25 Beauden Sandahl
28 Mark-Anthony Landford
28 Ben Harris
28 Ximena Gonzalez

March Birthdays

By Jasmine Brady



02 Courtney Galloway
02 Ms. Hayes
03 Cailee Percival
05 Lyna Percival
06 Aiden Mills
06 Jasmine Brady
07 Zoe Nelson
07 Jacob Lopez
08 Cooper Tallent-Darling
08 Mr. Wolf
10 Quinn Dodson
10 Isla Crouse
10 Alex Gist
11 Daegan Mullin
12 Indie Jones
14 Ms. Beeson
15 Mr. Tilly
16 Jamel Barnes
17 Mason Butler
17 Justice Adcox
18 Hayden Hughes
18 Collin Cabana
19 Kaylauna Gump
19 Luke Cole
22 Riel Castillo
23 Katalla Tomrdle
24 Natalie James
24 Sailor Tallent
29 Ethan Geffe
29 Lia Arness
29 Mr. Beck



When Mr. Summer ruins your childhood memories with true history facts.

Sparkly Icy Chilly Frosty Snowy Wintery Winter Wonderland

Word Search

By McKenzie Koliba

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T	U	F	I	G	D	H	O	P	E	V	T	K	L	M	H	I	J	L	S	DOGSLED
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Tasty Tunes

“Up on the Roof”
The Drifters

“Cold as Ice”
Foreigner

“Get Back”
The Beatles

“Another One Bites the Dust”
“We Are the Champions”
Queen



When Ms. Beeson tells advanced PE class that it's weight lifting day.

Masks of the Month

Can you figure out who is behind these marvelous masks? Showing off their unique style, in alphabetical order by last name, are Karina Brence, Clayton Brown, Riley Galloway, Ms. Johnson, Ty Morris, Mrs. Neill, Lorrie Reid, Jackson Taliesin, and Katie Van Sky.



"I wish every day could be Halloween, we could all wear masks all the time. Then we could walk around and get to know each other before we go see what we look like under the mask."
-from *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio