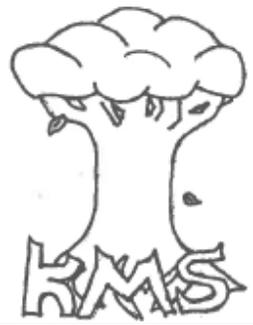


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Holiday Cheer Is Here!



KMS students, staff, and families are getting into the holiday spirit, with everything from the annual 6th grade swag-making fundraiser going on from November 22-24, to the school-wide door decorating contest, with judging coming up soon on December 1st. The Purple Pages wishes everyone a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season!

Opinion-8-ed

By Makenzie Harden



“What traditions does your family have for Thanksgiving?”

Destiny Cansino - “We usually go to my grandparents’ house for dinner and we all watch football.”

Mr. Felchle - “We watch the parades on TV in the morning and watch the Dallas Cowboys usually lose in football. We have family and friends come over and we all eat dinner and play lots of games, and if it’s a clear night we go out to town and watch the fireworks.”

Owen Koroll - “We invite a lot of friends and family over and we all have a big dinner, and afterwards we all just mess around and have a campfire.”

Luke Cole - “We go to our church and have dinner with all of our friends.”

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Opinion-8-ed

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Cara Graves - "My family and I go to my grandparents' house and all of the adults watch football while the kids watch movies and play downstairs. During this time my grandma makes dinner, and when she's done we all eat."

Sabrina McGraw - "We get together with a bunch of family and I cook all day and we all watch football. When we eat dinner we all write what we are thankful for on a table cloth which is very old. Every once in a while when there is snow we go outside and play."

Sylvia McGraw - "My family trades off every year with who gets to host, then we each bring a dish, and I have to babysit my little cousins."

Macalen Marion - "My family usually invites a lot of people over and we go downhill skiing and we all eat a big feast."

Ellsi Miller - "Most of the time my family and I go to Anchorage with my cousins and go to my aunt's house. We watch a lot of football and play board games while my aunt and mom cook all of the food. We all eat at a big wooden table and have a lot of laughs."

Mrs. Stotz-Mason - "My family always eats a huge dinner together at around 3-4 pm and afterwards when we are all stuffed, we sit down and watch a Christmas movie."

Daisy Samples - "Usually my family stays home and we eat a lot of turkey, but this year we are going to Utah to visit friends."

Mr. Songer - "We visit family and friends in Palmer and we all eat a big dinner and go four wheeling or snowmachining and sledding if there is snow."

McKenzie Spence - "My family and a bunch of friends go to a lake in Wasilla and we all eat dinner together and afterwards we go swimming."

Sixers Got Swag



How was your swag-making experience?

Selah Coats: "It's painful but easy, and also very enjoyable to help make swags to help people have a Merry Christmas. It feels good to do something for people."

Ryder Curtiss: "It's pretty cool, and I guess I'm pretty good at it. This was the first time I ever made one, but we watched the video with Mrs. Tews and I just did what it showed. I made about seven or eight of them. One was like a big mustache!"

Hallie Songer: "I really liked having friends all together making stuff for other people. It was kinda scary when I had to call people. One lady was super tired and we had to repeat the information like ten times. And we accidentally hung up on one person. After we had left so many voicemails, we forgot we were talking to a real person!"

James Cafego: "It was a good experience and nice knowing that we're raising money to go to 6th grade camp. It's nice making things for other people. I kind of feel like an elf!"

Wow! With help from their teachers and family members, the 6th graders made about 340 swags! Most of them were pre-sold, but a few lucky local families may still be able to snag one of these beautiful swags by contacting the school office.

Wed Wibbon Week

By Alex Parks

Red Ribbon Week prepares many kids to be drug-free! It is a multi-day school celebration of being drug-free and making kids more aware of the dangers of drugs. Red Ribbon Week at KMS took place from October 25 to October 27.

Monday's theme was "Be-RED-y to live a drug-free life!" On Monday students and staff wore as much red clothing as possible. The theme was red because the week is called Red Ribbon Week, and the red ribbons are visual symbols showing people united against drug use. At KMS, if you wore red on this day, you could participate in Red Dodgeball at lunch!

Tuesday's theme was "Celebrate the Earth by living tobacco and vape free!" On Tuesday people wore as much blue and green clothing as possible. The theme was blue and green because you are celebrating the Earth, which symbolizes eco friendliness and a drug free world. At KMS, if you wore blue and green, you could participate in the TATU frisbee activities during lunch.

Wednesday's theme was "Drugs are scary!!!" On Wednesday you could have worn your Halloween costume to scare the drugs more than they scare you. Drugs are scary, and on this day, you were too! In KMS this day was on an activity schedule to allow for the Halloween party at the end of the day. If you wore your costume, you could participate in the costume contest during lunch.



The winner of the 6th grade costume contest was Hallie Songer, who was dressed as Napoleon Dynamite. The winner of the 7th grade costume contest was Dominick Smalling, who was dressed as Mr. Gustkey. The winner of the 8th grade costume contest was Isiah Dirks, who was dressed as hand sanitizer.

Approximately 80 million Americans participate in Red Ribbon Week every year during the last week of October. The Red Ribbon Campaign was introduced in 1985 in memory of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration agent named Enrique Camarena, who was tortured and murdered by drug traffickers. Red Ribbon Week was recognized by



Red Ribbon Week

Drug-Free America

angered parents and youth in communities across the United States. They started to wear red ribbons to raise awareness of the killing and destruction caused by drugs. In 1988, the NFP (Nation Family Partnership, an insurance company) sponsored the first annual National Red Ribbon Celebration.

Just because certain drugs are legal to buy for adults, it doesn't mean that they are safe to use. Drugs and alcohol are much more of a danger to youth, as their effects are greater on children and teenagers. Prescription drug abuse is also common, and teenagers and adults commonly overuse drugs such as painkillers, sedatives, and stimulants, or many other prescribed drugs. Drugs like these are to be used under a doctor's supervision, for the person they were prescribed to only.

Chewing tobacco and nicotine packets can ruin and destroy your teeth, cause gum disease, and even cause mouth, jaw, throat, and stomach cancer. Heroin, fentanyl, and other opioid drugs are incredibly addictive and also cause unfixable damage to your brain and body.

Alcohol consumption immediately affects your brain. It slows down the part of your brain that helps you make good decisions and judgments. Alcohol can lead to diseases such as cancer and heart disease. Alcohol is the most common addictive substance used in the United States.

Red Ribbon Week is an important nationwide celebration. Drugs are incredibly unhealthy and can lead to death or imprisonment in many cases. Remember to live drug free!

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"Start each day
with a positive thought
and a grateful heart."

– Roy T. Bennett



Choir Concert

By Caroline Karpik

The 7th and 8th grade choir performed a concert on October 12 in the KCHS auditorium. This was the first choir concert that the KMS choir had performed in two years! So as you can imagine, everyone was super excited, especially Ms. Vollom-Matturro, the choir teacher.

Before walking on stage, the choir did warm-ups in the high school music room so their voices would flow smoothly on stage. They sang "Boatmen's Stomp," "Amavolovolo," and "I Choose Love." "Boatmen's Stomp" is a sea shanty written by Michael Gray and arranged by Emily Crocker. "Amavolovolo" is a Traditional Zulu gathering song that is sung in South Africa. "I Choose Love" is written by Mark A. Miller, with text by Lindy Thompson.

About a week before the concert, Mr. Gustkey came into the choir room and said that the students better do a good job in the concert because a lot of them had to miss his class that day to practice our songs. The day after the choir concert, Mr. Gustkey walked into the choir room scowling. All of the choir students were confused because they thought we did a good job in the concert, but then Mr. Gustkey said that he really enjoyed the concert and the students performed amazingly. Some of the students were shocked, but others saw it coming!

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One of the highlights of the show was the crescendo in "I Choose Love." Multiple people, including Mr. Gustkey, said that it was one of the best parts of the show. Another really awesome part of the show was the stomping in the "Amavolovolo" dance. The whole stage was vibrating!

Mrs. Megan from the office said that she loved the rainbow t-shirts that the choir wore instead of the usual choir robes. She said that they were great for the songs that we sang and brought energy to the stage.

The collaboration with the middle school and high school choirs was also something that was brought up as a highlight. The acapella performance by the high school choir gave a message of hope and joy to the audience.

It is exciting to think about the years to come for these growing KMS choir students and their amazing love for singing. Just think, they are the future high school choir and maybe some of them will even go on to be professional singers or songwriters!

Band Concert

By Bridger Begich

Both the KMS concert band and intermediate band concert took place on October 14 at the Renee C. Henderson Auditorium at KCHS. Band has been available to KMS students for many years. Students can play in the beginner, intermediate, or concert band.

The songs from the performance consisted of "New World Breakdown" by Ed Keifer, "The Dragon Lord" by Randall Standridge, and "Zombie Attack" by Jason Taurins.

People who are out and about at KMS had thought much about the performance. KMS principal Mr. Dosko said the concert was phenomenal, and it was awesome to see KMS students play and see people that he had not been able to see because of the Covid pandemic. He also said he is very happy that KMS does concerts, since some of the other middle schools such as Skyview do not.

I also caught up with the KMS band director, Mr. Stephanos. He said he was very excited for the concert because they were practicing these pieces or songs for such a long time.

I also had the opportunity to talk with one of the concert band members, saxophone player Alan Hack. Alan said that the concert was fun and they have gotten better since their last concert. He also said that the trumpet section has grown more confident, and they improved since the last time they played.

In conclusion, the first band concert of the school year was a great success. And many, many people enjoyed it, including students and staff!

The Big Reveal

By Presley Novak

Currently, KMS has three custodians, Ms. Shawna, Mr. Tilly, and Ms. Snead. You would think they all are just custodians, but two of them have a secret. Ms. Shawna used to attend this school as a kid, and it turns out that Ms. Shawna and Mr. Tilly are related! Ms. Shawna is actually Mr. Tilly's daughter, what a surprise!



The first few weeks they were always talking, laughing, and standing together. "Some kid asked if we were dating and I was like, no! He's my dad. The student was really embarrassed." said Ms. Shawna.

"I didn't really hide it, it just never came up. I wanted her to be her own person, and not just Mr. Tilly's daughter," said Mr. Tilly. As a child, Ms. Shawna was a tomboy, and they did a lot of fishing and hunting together. She still does a lot of outdoorsy stuff now. She once spent three summers fish counting, and she had to carry around a shotgun to protect herself from bears.

Mr. Tilly and Ms. Shawna often do stuff together, like dipnetting and camping. They also try to spend holidays together, like this Thanksgiving. Sadly, their work shifts don't usually overlap, but on occasion they will and they usually work together.

Mr. Tilly does some cleaning, but mostly maintenance. If a lightbulb breaks, he fixes it, if someone needs a vacuum, he'll grab it. Mr. Tilly actually worked at the Kenai Fire Department before this job, and spent 25 years on the force, including as the fire chief for nine years. He likes to compare solving problems at school to stomping out fires.

Ms. Shawna cleans a lot of the 7th and 8th grade hallway, music hall, and gym locker room. She individually cleans each classroom. She does a lot more thorough cleaning and makes sure everything is clean.

Challenger Center Field Trip

By Juliette Leonard

On October 20th, exactly 90 students from the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades took a field trip after school to the Challenger Center, hosted by the science teachers, Mr. Lewis, Ms. Hays, and Mr. Newton. Before we walked to the Challenger Center, each grade headed to their science classroom and watched videos about the James Webb telescope and ate snacks.

Mr. Felchle visited each science classroom and told a story about Mrs. Martin, who was a teacher at KCHS. One day Mr. Felchle and his wife invited Mrs. Martin and her husband to dinner and while they were eating, she announced that she wanted to be an astronaut. Then she told them all of the training she had to do to become an astronaut and get into a NASA mission program. Mrs. Martin ended up doing all the things she needed to do, but while she was still completing these things the program was set aside, though she did go on to become an Air Force fighter pilot!

After that we all headed outside and Mr. Lewis took a picture of the group, then we walked over to the Challenger Center. Once we arrived, the teachers separated us into lines by grade and slowly let us inside. When we finally made it inside, we placed our stuff down, and the teachers let us explore.

At the Challenger Center you could create your own galaxy with planets, go to the star lab, go on a tour of Spacecraft and Mission, and create nebula spin art, and orbiting objects, and star formations. We got to explore for an hour, then all of us gathered together for the Zoom meeting with Dr. U, who is an observational extragalactic astronomer and researcher at the University of California Irvine. During the interview, Dr. U told us about black holes and merging galaxies, then it was time to ask questions about the James Webb telescope and Dr. U's research on merging galaxies; we also got to hear about black holes.

For the final thirty minutes, we had more free time to explore the Challenger Center. Then most kids' parents started to show up to pick them up. The Challenger Center field trip was a fun experience. Dianna Wright said, "It was fun. I learned a lot about the James Webb telescope."



Chopped Challenge

By Madison Davenport

Fourth hour Home Ec has been an exciting and busy place this semester as we have tackled numerous projects and cooking challenges. Some of these challenges have been making stone soup, picking enough cranberries to make muffins, and making noodles by hand! Through these tasks we have learned a lot, including how to work well in our groups. Our class is divided into five groups who all have their own stations, which makes organizing everything easier. The groups don't change often, so it's easy to assign roles when we make our plan of attack.

The most exciting thing we have done, however, is our Chopped Challenge! The challenge was similar to the show *Chopped*, but unlike the contestants on the show, we had three days and a few partners. The contest had three judges: Mrs. Gustkey, Ms. Johnson, and Mrs. Smith. The judges scored four categories, each scored from 1-4 points: using all the ingredients required, presentation, taste, and overall impression.

The time limit was about two class periods of cooking time and one and a half periods of research time. We definitely needed the time with the ingredients we were given. In our basket, which was really just a paper bag, were two cans of Vienna Sausage and meat broth, two Thai eggplants, a bag of about five gummy worms, and half a cup of popcorn kernels. These were the required ingredients, and probably the most confusing combination of food we had ever seen.

The first two days we just did a lot of research on what we could and couldn't do with the ingredients, and we also used the dishes we had made in the past to improve our cooking and the quality of the dish.

When it came to the actual cooking, every group immediately started working in the kitchen, preparing everything. Getting straight to work is one thing we have learned in Home Ec. The cooking took two days to complete, and everyone was pretty busy.

On the first day some groups were prepping vegetables or potatoes, some were making noodles and sauce, and one group even made rice! It was all about getting everything ready for the next day so we could get straight to work.

The day of the competition was rather hectic, as everyone was trying to get it all together in time for the judges. There was frying, stirring, laughing, and a



Group 2 - the winners!!!
Katalla Tomrde, Leighton Wilshusen,
Angelina Bond, and Winter Morris

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lot of hard work going on in the kitchen. When one group finished up, they would head to the judges as a group, present their dishes, and then clean up. It was pretty fun going up to the judges with what we made, and to see everyone else's dishes!

The winners were announced the next day, with comments from the judges on things they liked and didn't like. Now the time we have all been waiting for, the winners!

In fifth place was Group 1, with spaghetti and gummy/caramelized popcorn! Fourth place went to Group 5, with potato salad with a side of "dirt crushed Oreo Chex mix." In third place was Group 3, with sausage breaded with popcorn and served with stir-fried vegetables. Second place went to Group 4 with mac and cheese and kettle corn. In first place was Group 2, who made fried rice and popcorn balls! All in all, we had a bunch of fun and learned a lot about what we should and shouldn't do when making the same dishes again!

Just Some Turkey Jokes!

Q: Why did the farmer have to separate the chicken and the turkey?

A: He sensed fowl play.

Q: What key has legs and can't open a door?

A: A turkey.

Q: Why did they let the turkey join the band?

A: Because he had his own drumsticks.

Q: What happened to the turkey that got in a fight?

A: He got the stuffing knocked out of him!

You know you overdid it at Thanksgiving when you thought the serving size for turkey was one!

Awesome Alphonse

By Lily Buffington



Alphonse Hoffman was born on New Year's Day 2008 in Anchorage. Then he moved to Tununak, a village in western Alaska, and later moved to Kenai in 2020. He lives with his mom, older brother Dennis, younger brother Landen, and younger sister Adrienne. He has never gone on vacation out of Alaska!

Alphonse was named after his great-great grandfather who was from a European country. His Yup'ik name is Iquyuilnguq, which means "The person who doesn't fall down." His favorite food is akutaq, which is Eskimo ice cream.

He idolizes his grandfather, Victor, "He was always respectful and knew what to do and was pretty good at everything."

He plays basketball and is very good at it. He likes sports, but he doesn't like baseball or volleyball because he thinks he is not good at them. He is currently on the boys basketball A team and is crushing the competition.

His favorite subject is math; he says he likes it because it's easy, and his least favorite subject is science. His best friends are Thaddeus, Joseph, and Andon. Hopefully you can tell how cool KMS 8th grader Alphonse Iquyuilnguq Hoffman really is!

Delightful Dianna

By Ava Kasdorf



Dianna Wright is a shy but social 7th grader at KMS. She was born on January 12th in Midland, Texas and lived in Duluth, Minnesota before she moved to Kenai, Alaska. She came to KMS for 6th grade last year, and so far she loves it.

She has three brothers – John, George, and James – who she is very close to. She also has two half brothers – Ben and Ryan – and of course her mom Melissa and her dad Ben. They have a dog named Bandit who has black fur and one blue eye and one brown eye. Also they have an orange tabby cat named KitKat.

Dianna enjoys school, especially choir, because she likes to sing. When everyone sings together, it makes her joyful and she loves performing at concerts. Surprisingly, Dianna likes math, because when you first meet her she seems more like a language arts person.

Her favorite activities are hanging out with friends, working out, running on the treadmill, and enjoying family company. Dianna's hobbies are ice skating and dance because they both make her happy. Her favorite colors are beige and periwinkle because she says they are underrated. Her favorite movie is *Despicable Me*, specifically the third one.

Dianna Wright is an amazing friend; hopefully you are looking forward to meeting her and getting to know her better!

Energetic Emma

Klairah Ross



Emma is a very interesting girl with a lot of hobbies. Her hobbies include swimming, drawing, and playing saxophone.

She has one sister named Mattie, who is two years younger than Emma. Emma's friend group includes Arianna, Ava, and Amelia. A must be a popular letter! They love to talk and play games. Emma has a cat named Max who looks like a fluffy tiger, and according to Emma, "He's a rag doll."

Her least favorite subject is P.E. Her favorite subject is math because she thinks it's fun to solve problems. She is in intermediate band and plays the saxophone. Her favorite teachers are Mrs. Rolph, Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Tews, Mr. Stephanos, and Mrs. Nabholz.

Emma has been to Hawaii, Minnesota, California, and Florida. She likes the pools in Hawaii, The Mall of America in Minnesota, Disneyland in California, and Disney World in Florida.

Emma's favorite animal is a sloth, which is ironic because she doesn't seem to be a lazy person!

Basketball Intramurals

By Savannah Hershberger



This year a ton of students went out for basketball intramurals; 43 boys and 36 girls played. That's a lot of kids! Intramurals went from October 4-22. Mrs. Rodriguez was the girls coach, and Mr. Songer was the boys coach. I really enjoyed playing and a lot of other people did as well; it was a great experience!

Intramurals was only for 7th and 8th graders, so the teams were mixed. To share the gym, boys and girls alternated between weeks, so girls practiced from 2:30-4:00 and boys would stay in study hall and then have their practice from 4:00-5:30. Then they would switch the next week.

I asked some students how they thought intramurals went and this is what they said:

Heidi Steele: "It was fun but too many people talked, so we had to run a lot, but it was still fun. It was a bad idea."

Carter Felchle: "I thought it was fun but also we had to do a lot of pushups and running, which is okay. But I would love to do it again!"

Brett Sturman: "It was fun, besides all the pushups and running. But he [Mr. Songer] was trying to not be bad and be good. I will probably do it again."

McKenzie Spence: "I loved it, loved how she pushed us to do our best, we learned skills we didn't know and I would do it again. We played fun games and they were fun!"

Just Some B-Ball Jokes

By Bridger Begich

Q: Why did the basketball team join the craft club?
A: Because they wanted to learn how to make baskets

Q: How do basketball players stay cool during a game?
A: They stand by their fans

Katie Van Sky: "I would do it again, it was really fun especially since my friends did it and the games were also fun."

Allie Hutchins: "It was cool. I liked bump."

Daisy Samples: "So so so so much fun, but I would not do it again. But it depends who's there."

Riel Castillo: "It taught me a lot, and helps with pushups, that's for sure. It pushes you to your limits. I learned new drills in practice that I'll use in games."

Isaac Potton: "I think it's a good experience for all players, and I like the fact that it lasted for a few weeks. It helps players get a feel for basketball in general, and I also like the coaching style of Mr. Songer. Intramurals were great and I'm glad I got to participate in them."

Coach Rodriguez: "We had a huge group of girls, and it went really well. The best part was when all the girls were on task and willing to learn. We probably just needed more help from other adults or people because it was such a huge group of girls. Something that made me look forward to the season and the practices is because basketball is my favorite sport, and it was so fun to see that we were able to play and be with a group of girls serious about the game. I've never seen so much improvement in the time we had and how many girls were intrigued in this sport. It was so fun and everyone did great."

Q: Why are basketball players not allowed to go on vacation?
A: Because they can't travel

Q: Why did the fish refuse to play basketball?
A: He was afraid of the net

Q: What's the difference between basketball players and soccer players?
A: Basketball players get actual injuries

Jumpin' Jamboree

By Reid Titus

Do you know how a basketball jamboree works? A whole bunch of teams participate in short scrimmages against each other. For the jamboree on October 30th the teams were Kenai, Nikiski, Seward, Homer, Skyview 7th, and Skyview 8th. Every team played every other team once.

For the first two minutes we had to warm up, so we did layups and jump-shots. Games were 12 minutes long with a running clock. Usually the team that is wearing light jerseys is the home team, but it was different for every team depending on the matchup.



Skyview (the enemy) has two teams, a 7th grade team and an 8th grade team. We played their 7th grade team first. Most of the players that went in were 7th graders for our team, because 7th graders on 7th graders makes more sense than 8th graders vs. 7th graders. For our first time playing, we did very well. We ran plays like cut away, cut two, and zone.

Metals Shop

By Taighen Tsosie



Some people haven't been to the KMS Shop before and that's crazy! The shop is fantastic, even if you have never done it before, you might like to work with metal or wood. There is also Small Engines class, I've never seen Small Engines, nor heard of it, but it sounds awesome by the name. Metals is a great class, this is my third week in Metals and I enjoy it.

The first thing you must know about Metals Class, you need to be safe. The first project deals with sheet metal. You have to know how to use a ruler so Mr. Schoessler gives you an assignment about reading a ruler. So far we are learning how to use an Oxy and an Arc welder. It may take a while



until you do the actual projects but it's worth the wait.

As I said before, most people haven't been in the Shop Class. I'm going to describe what it looks like from my eyes. As you walk into the Metals Shop, you can smell some sort of burnt metal. Wood desks and one wooden table are on one side of the Shop. There is the teacher's L-shaped desk, and inside that L is weird-looking machinery that looks like it holds the metal in place, like a clamp. Behind all of that, there are these huge vacuum-looking machines on a wall pointing at a table under it.

As you look right, there are these cubicle-looking things made out of metal. Inside the metal cubicle, there are stools, big yellow helmets, and weird-looking rods. The room looks like a double-roomed garage, and you will see all the Wood Shop items on the other side.

I haven't seen many finished projects yet in Shop, but what they have made so far is a pencil box and right now they are making a toolbox. It looks cool when they use the machines to bend, cut, and measure the big pieces of metal that they use to create their projects.

*"Today is your day.
Your mountain is waiting,
so get on your way.
- "Dr. Seuss*

Baby Julia's Birthday

By Mrs. Nabholz



Julia Hope Mason surprised her parents and arrived a bit early on July 11, 2021. She weighed 6 lbs, 11 oz, and she looks more and more like her daddy every day! Mr. Stotz-Mason was able to stay home with their daughter for several months; she just returned to teaching 8th grade science on November 1st.

According to Mrs. Stotz-Mason, Julia is named after her Grandma Julie. Julia and her mommy and daddy were able to travel to South Dakota to visit more family members, and while they were there, she helped her Great-Grandma Ruby celebrate her 90th birthday!

Here's Julia posing for a four-generation family photo with her mommy, Grandpa Tom, and Great-Grandma Ruby:



As a family, they are adjusting to getting less sleep, but Julia has been growing quickly! She is smiling, cooing, and reaching for toys. She loves water fountains, the faucet, and bath time. It seems that she is stronger every single day; she can roll both ways and even rolls all the way across the room. She has recently discovered her voice and is testing it out, often sounding like a pterodactyl!

Welcome to the KMS family, tiny Julia Hope!

November Birthdays

By Makenzie Harden

- 01 Klairah Ross
- 01 Sylvia McGraw
- 02 Christopher Jelle
- 02 Mr. Lyke
- 03 Lucas Loggins
- 04 Adelin Sparks
- 05 James Cafego
- 05 Elliot Stockton
- 06 Ms. Rose Marie
- 07 Jessie Johnson
- 07 Devalynn Duniphin
- 08 Mr. Carson
- 08 Chase E. Johnson
- 09 Selah Coots
- 09 Isaac Potton
- 09 Indego Erikson
- 10 Kaia Dale-Johnson
- 10 Bella Roberts
- 11 Jackson Taliesin
- 11 Syber Miller
- 11 Jaciyah Foglia
- 12 Ben Brighton
- 12 Owen Koroll
- 13 Amira Bailey
- 15 Bennet Smith
- 16 Ella Siemers
- 17 Charlie Vermette
- 19 Vail Coots
- 20 Katie Johnson
- 20 Hailee McKinney
- 21 Delila Roberts
- 21 Cecil Newcomb-Hammer
- 22 Mr. Dahlman
- 25 Jameson Curren
- 26 Aiden Abraham
- 26 Trae Pitsch
- 27 Jace Appelhans
- 27 Ms. Vollom-Matturro
- 28 Juliette Leonard

December Birthdays

By Avery Atwood

- 01 Bryce Jolicoeur
- 01 Keziah Simons
- 02 McKenzie Spence
- 04 Taylor Crista
- 04 Noah Hallam
- 07 Logan Myers
- 07 Ms. Brown
- 08 Bridger Begich
- 08 Patience Toepel
- 08 Angelina Bond
- 12 Damien Rodriguez
- 12 Andon Wolverton
- 12 Micheal Nutter
- 12 Mateo Menah
- 13 Jaeden Randal
- 14 Giselle Penalver
- 15 Mady Martin
- 16 Zoe Becker
- 17 Sage Wilson
- 17 Kevin Smith
- 17 Christopher Lloyd
- 18 Chloe Miller
- 18 Lala Trenton
- 18 Mrs. Meyers
- 19 Nik Bezdecny
- 20 River Covey
- 20 Avery Atwood
- 20 Thomas Krol
- 21 Riley Galloway
- 26 Gage Engle
- 27 Josslyn Olson
- 28 Evelyn Cooper
- 29 Franchesca Wingster
- 29 Madeline Barrett
- 30 Alexander Kahn
- 30 Roman Campanella
- 30 Kendra Swearingen
- 31 Rylee Barnett



Disney Adventures: Hollywood Tower of Terror

By Olivia/Erin Koppes

Welcome back to another article where I talk about my favorite Disney World rides!

Recently, in late October, I went to Disney World for almost two weeks. Coincidentally, after I finished my last article, this time I was able to go on rides I had never been on before, and I ended up loving the ride I was most terrified of, so of course I have to write about it!



Picture Credit: Me

The *Twilight Zone* Tower of Terror is a drop ride at Disney World, Hollywood Studios. The name was inspired by the TV program *The Twilight Zone*. It stands at 200 feet tall, with a drop speed of up to 39 miles per hour.

At Disneyland California Adventure, there is a drop ride that used to be Tower of Terror, but is now *Guardians of the Galaxy: Mission Breakout*.

First, you enter a haunted hotel called “The Hollywood Tower.” This is what the entrance looks like:



Picture Credit: me

After you walk through the line a little more, you and a large group of people gather into a room for what they call a “pre-show,” according to Walt Disney World News.



Picture Credit: WDW News

After everyone enters the room, the power goes out and thunder strikes. When you look at the windows, they flash every strike. You watch a pre-show with a man on a black and white TV screen explaining what happened at the Hollywood Tower, and why it is called the Tower of Terror.

After the pre-show, the door opens to what looks like a boiler room accompanied by another waiting line. Once you reach the end of the wait, you are given a number by a cast member, which tells you where your spot is on the service elevator.

As you sit in your spot at the start, you go up slightly in the elevator and a door opens to what seems like a hotel room as you see a family suddenly get struck by lightning and vanish into air.

The elevator goes up more, another door opens, and your ride vehicle goes through “The Twilight Zone.” You hear the *Twilight Zone* music playing while you slowly go through a dark abyss of the unknown where all you see is stars that slowly start fading.

You stop briefly in pitch black when, suddenly, your elevator goes up, and a door opens out to the park before free-falling 131 feet. Depending on the ride style, you go through a series of elevators up and back down. Now, of course, on a drop ride, you would put your hands up, but I was too busy trying to do the right pose for the picture. Here's two of the best pictures of me from the ride:



I think the best part of Tower of Terror is the free falling 100 feet; not knowing what will happen next adds to the thrill! Also, the ride is different every time; one ride you might drop less, another you might drop more, so you don't necessarily expect the same thing every time, which makes it all the more fun!

“Light tomorrow
with today.”

—Elizabeth

Barrett Browning 11

Rattus Factus

By Avery Atwood



Recently in Mr. Summer's class he talked about rats spreading the black plague, so I decided you need to know these facts too, plus many more!

Rat Family Facts

- A male rat is a buck
- A female is a doe
- A baby is a kitten
- Rats are prolific breeders
- Rats can reproduce every three weeks
- Two rats can have 6,000 babies in their whole lives

Rat Body Facts

- Rat teeth never stop growing
- Rats can't see very well
- They live 2-3 years and grow 9-11 inches
- Their tails keep them cool
- They smell like grape candy
- A rat can fall 50 feet and survive

Rat Varieties

- There are 56 known rat species
- The brown rat is also known as the common rat, street rat, sewer rat, wharf rat, Hanover rat, Norway rat, Norwegian rat, and Parisian rat
- There is a type of rat called a giggling rat
- The Sumatra Bamboo rat can weigh up to 8.8 pounds

Rat Food Facts

- Rats are allergic to cheese
- Rats can eat chocolate
- They can chew through metal and glass
- Rats want your blood
- Rats will eat you if you are dead



Rat Behavior

- Rats can swim and certain types can swim over a mile
- Some rats can even swim for three days
- Rats can swim up through your toilet
- Rats are social creatures
- Rats can spread plagues

Rat Emotions

- Some cultures worship rats
- Rats loved to be rubbed behind their ears
- A rat has feelings for you when they no longer feel threatened by you
- Rats show affection like dogs so don't panic when they lick you
- Rats are afraid of peppermint oil and Mr. Felchle



Rattus Jokus

By Radlei Curtiss

What do you call a spiritual rat?
A Buddha-Pest!

Where do rats go to replace their tails?
A re-tail store!

What is a rat's favorite game?
Hide and squeak!

What is a rat's favorite breakfast cereal?
Mice Krispies!

What was the name of the rat Roman emperor?
Julius Cheeser!

What is a rat's favorite movie?
The Fast and the Furriest!

Who is the rodent star of Harry Potter?
Daniel Rat-cliffe!

What's the name of the famous rat philosopher?
Soc-rat-es!

How do rats keep fit?
By practicing ka-rat-e!

Did you hear about the skateboarding rat?
He was totally rat-ical, dude!



Marvelous Mobs

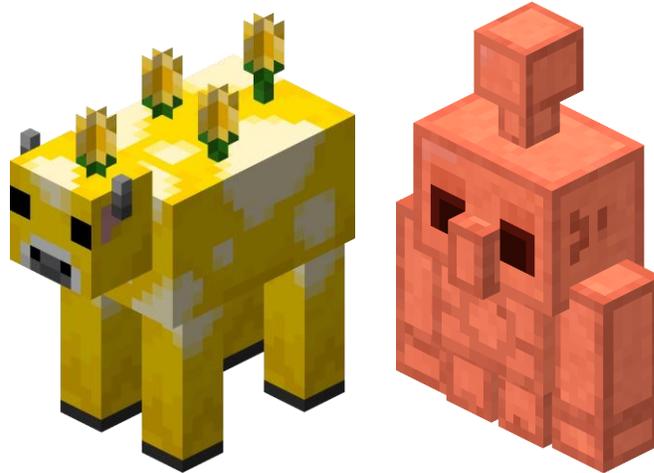
By Presley Novak

Minecraft, released in 2011, is a virtual sandbox game where you can build, fight, play with friends, and have adventures! It's available on phones, tablets, computers, and many other platforms. Minecraft is the best-selling game of all time, selling over 200 million copies, and is priced around 20 dollars.

Mobs in Minecraft are categorized two ways, hostile and peaceful. Hostile mobs like zombies, skeletons, and creepers attack you when they see you, while peaceful mobs, such as sheep, cows, or pigs, don't attack, even if you start hitting them.

Starting last year, Minecraft held a mob vote. They released three different mobs. Fans voted on Twitter on which mob they wanted to win. The mob with the most votes won, but the losing mob never made it into the game. Sadly, I did not participate in any of the votes.

Students at KMS have strong opinions about the vote and which mob should have won. Both 7th and 8th graders believe Moobloom should have won last year's vote instead of the Glow Squid. Rightfully so, the Glow Squid is an awful mob with no use, and it's ugly! The Moobloom is a yellow cow with mushrooms on its back. When it walks it leaves a trail of flowers, mostly sunflowers, while the Glow Squid is a squid that glows and drops glow ink sacs instead of normal ink sacs. The *obvious* choice was the Moobloom, but then the Glow Squid won last year's vote.



Both 8th and 7th agree again on this year's mob vote, both thinking Copper Golem should have won instead of the Allay. Again, rightfully so, have you seen a picture of the Copper Golem?! It's adorable, plus it would have added new mechanics for all my redstone fans out there. The Copper Golem is a copper golem, who would have guessed?! It's attracted to copper buttons and will press them. It also oxidizes as time goes by, and after long enough it will stop moving. Luckily, you can use an axe to free them! The Allay is a ghost-looking mob that floats, and when you give it an item that's in the area, it will pick it up for you. The obvious choice would have been Copper Golem, but people just don't seem to understand . . .

I'm so proud that kids at our school have the right opinions! Obviously, the Moobloom and Copper Golem should have won the mob votes, but alas, they didn't. All we can do now is cry and wish that others would understand.

#KMShashtags

#eddie
#stanedsheeran
#johnnydepp
#communication
#yellowisbad
#chuckecheese
#kpop
#stan
#ghost
#spookyseason
#toes
#harrystyles
#shakingmyhead
#tastetherainbow
#itsaboutdriveitsaboutpower
#discountfreshmen

#minecraft
#moobloom
#coppergolemsupremacy
#hashtag
#tostitos
#patrick
#popcorn
#sunbaby
#mcdonalds
#cherryisthebestflavor
#noitsnotuheathen
#gaslight
#gatekeep
#girlboss
#doors
#wetsocks
#kahoot
#pb&jsaregross

#bridgerneedsamullet
#freshhaircut
#smurf
#minions
#music
#lovejoy
#paramore
#greenday
#korn
#cavetown
#deviltownsupremacy
#teletubbies
#teletubbiesarecanceled
#lilnasx
#mychemicalromance
#raytoroiscrusty
#lovejoys
#mcrstan

#melaniemartinez
#TheBigCheese
#dirting
#littleED



Adam Sandler Bio

By Mason Vermette

We all know Adam Sandler as one of the funniest and most-liked actors. His net worth was estimated at \$420 million in 2020, and he signed a further four-movie deal with Netflix worth over \$250 million. In my opinion, he is a top three actor. He has been in over 70 movies! My favorite movie from him is *Happy Gilmore* because it was extremely funny and he had to win the golf tournaments to pay for his grandma's house.

Adam Richard Sandler was born on September 9, 1966 in New York City. Adam became famous when he was on *Saturday Night Live* from 1990-1995, before going on to Hollywood films. His most famous movie is *Punk Drunk Love*, which is about a psychologically troubled man who is nudged towards a romance with an English woman.



Adam Sandler does have a family along with all his fame. His wife's name is Jackie Sandler and his two daughters are Sadie and Sunny Sandler. He says he has a lot of favorite sports, such as basketball and hockey, but he has been spotted playing pick-up basketball a lot.



Others who frequently appear in Sandler films include David Spade, Kevin James, Steve Buscemi, Chris Rock, John Turturro, Peter Dante, Allen Covert, Jonathan Loughran, and Jon Lovitz.

Luke Larsen says *Grownups* is the best Adam Sandler movie by a longshot, because it was a very funny movie and he thinks Adam's wife in the movie is hot. He says the best scene in the movie is when Steve Buscemi goes off the zipline on his knees attempting to land in the pool but hits the building behind the pool.

Mr. Felchle's favorite Adam Sandler movie is *Grownups* as well. He says it was a good movie because he laughed a lot and it reminds him of his college friends, because he had a similar friend group to the movie *Grownups*.

In conclusion, Adam Sandler is a great actor who has amazing films, whether they are comedy or action. I guarantee if you watch some of his movies he will be one of your favorite actors!



When you're having a bad day, but you remember it's popcorn chicken for lunch.



What some kids in PE are thinking when the teacher says, "Let's run the mile!"

Anonymous Confessions

By The Teletubbies

“I ate your hairy toe, Laa Laa” -Bigfoot

Dear Bigfoot,
Ouch that hurt! But the real question is, why did you feel the need to eat my hairy toe? Was it good? Because I made a big sacrifice, now I can't play this little piggy! -Laa Laa

“Teletubbies, what happened to the rest of the family?” -Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,
Are you dumb? You don't ask a 7-foot-tall Teletubby what happened to their family. The police haven't found them yet . . . luckily. -Tinky Winky



“I have no friends, I can't draw, and I always wear swim caps and goggles.” -Ben Dover

Dear Ben Dover,
Now that you have told me your secret, let me tell you mine. Underneath my yellow fur and smiling face, I have a dark side. I know who you are. I know where you live. I know that your fish are named Jack and Jim and you got them for your birthday two years ago. Or maybe not, what would I know? -Laa Laa

“I dislike school, you do too.”

-Watcher of Teletubbies

Dear Watcher of Teletubbies,
Your name is incorrect. The truth is I am the watcher of the Watcher of Teletubbies, meaning I see you all day and all night, and I know that you're not the Watcher of Teletubbies like you say you are. In fact you have never watched a Teletubby in your whole pathetic life. Also, I enjoy school very much, thank you, which means you're wrong. -Laa Laa

“Baby yoda is ugly.”

-Darth Vader

Dear Darth Vader,
Baby Yoda might be ugly, but you're uglier.

-Laa Laa



“You may of stolen my job for now. But I may take it back in the near future.... Beware”

-Anonymous Otaku

Dear Anonymous Otaku,
I seriously doubt you're going to try and take the job of singing frightening songs and scaring millions of weird looking kids. Wait... is this my brother?? DIPSY!?!? -Tinky Winky

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When drama class has to redo the same scene for the 10th time.

Overheard

By Olivia/Erin Koppes

“I used to have a crush on One Direction.”
“Did you just call a monkey a pickle?”
“Why are they mopping the lockers?”
“I almost broke my eyes.”
“I eat butter straight out of the package.”
“Are candy corn and corn nuts the same?”
“It’s an emo candy cane.”
Student 1: “Let me get this straight.”
Student 2: “You’re not straight.”
“I’m blind because I don’t see.”
“That’s not Google that’s Goofle.”
“You communist.”
“If he was that one guy from One Direction I’d be in love with him.”
“If you take Among Us and add a few letters then take away a few letters you get depression.”
“You can’t spell hot without ogre.”
“Yellow could be Donald Trump.”
“I like fresh human cheese.”
“It’s a meme but it’s real.”
“I am not going through menopause.”
“You’re scaring the kids.”



“I kin the Onceler from the Lorax.”
“I don’t eat galaxies.”
“I’m not a Democrat.”
“Where’d I put your mom?”
Student 1: “Is that the bible?”
Student 2: “If this is the bible I’m concerned for humanity.” *holds up Stephen King's book IT*
“You should reject my sarcasticness.”
“The hair is coming out of my eyeholes.”

“Saying el doesn't make something Spanish.”
“I don't wanna get a gas station kazoo.”
“At the end of the school year we should have a plastic baby fight.”
“If I drew a rat I would draw my brother.”
“I am filled with trees.”



“Sometimes I watch Mickey Mouse Clubhouse just to feel something.”



“This microscope is worth more than you.”
“Worry about social hierarchy before I have to gaslight you.”
“At least I’m not like my mom where I sneeze out ten boogers at once.”
“You’re the reason there’s instructions on shampoo bottles.”
“Gorge Washington.”
“You’re really hairy.”
“There’s a boot in my snake.”
“If you don't stop winking at me I will tear your eyebrows off.”
“When is December 1st?”
Student 1: “These rulers are so long.”
Student 2: “That’s because they’re yardsticks.”



“Two out of three of my boyfriends are here.”
“I stalk people I don't even know if their location is on.”

Student 1: “Look, it’s John Cena.”
Student 2: “He looks like he’s about to sign the Declaration of Independence.”
“I am a de-motivational speaker.”
Student 1: “They spelled algebra algebra!”
Student 2: “A leg bruh!”
“I am the artsy fartsy crap master!”

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