

KMS PURPLE PAGES

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For the Future

By Keziah Simons

The last time KCHS had a marching band was 1996, over 25 years ago! But now, Mr. Stephanos has decided to start it up again, and it includes many KMS students. Mr. Stephanos decided to allow 8th graders and some select 7th graders to participate in marching band to give them a head start and help them grow their level of music.

Marching band practiced 2-3 times a week for two hours. Our first performance at the homecoming game didn't go horribly, but it could have been a little better. Almost everyone was nervous and we were all kind of caught by surprise when Mr. Stephanos told us to play the first stand tune. We all started on different beats and it didn't really work, but it got better after that.

Songs we played were the "Offense Cheer," "Night on Bald Mountain," the "ESPN Theme," "High Hopes," "Sweet Caroline," "Welcome to the Jungle," "My House," and the "KCHS Fight Song" for the first two halves. Then it was half time, and for our show we played "My House" by Flo Rida and then "American

Medley" in remembrance of the 20th anniversary of 9/11. We thankfully had a 3rd quarter break to get food, and then we were back in the 4th quarter to finish the game. After the game, we marched in the homecoming parade along the streets by the school.

I spoke to some of the marching band members to learn more about their views. Since the marching band has expanded from drumline, "It is not limited to percussion, and it provides opportunities for musicians that aren't percussion," said Azilyn Hall.

Of course we don't know how it will last in the long run. "Swapping to marching band has its pros and cons, we'll have to wait and see, it's only the first year," Charles Trickel said. As for the progress, "We have our days," Azilyn said. Overall, the season went well for the KCHS/KMS marching band, and everyone was having a fun time! This year, in honor of the first year of marching band and what we hope to come, the marching band has developed the motto "For the Future."

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Marching Band Members

Seniors in Italics



Director-**Christian Stephanos**
Drum Major-Juliana Hamilton

Colorguard- **Charles Trickel**
Colorguard- Joyce Trenton
Colorguard- **Sierra Chapman**
Colorguard- **Dale Bryant**

Mellophone- **Antonio Shearer**
Mellophone- **Azilyn Hall**
Baritone- **Destin Trickel**
Tuba- Shannon Murphy
Trumpet- **Silas Thibodeau**
Trumpet- **Macalen Marion**
Trumpet- Andrea Cordero
Trumpet- **Dakota Wisnewski**

Flute- **Kaya Lanman**
Saxophone- **Alan Hack**
Saxophone- **Madeline Barrett**
Clarinet- **Arianna Hensley**
Clarinet- **Aiden Mills**
Clarinet- **Serenity Hickman**
Clarinet- Audrey Larson
Clarinet- **Aicha Kisena**

Tenor Drum- **Jake Phillips**
Snare Drum- **Joel Moss**
Snare Drum- Tyler Hippchen
Bass Drum- **Makenzie Fann**
Bass Drum- **Keziah Simons**
Bass Drum- **Vance Johnston**
Bass Drum- **Eliza Morris**

Fabulous Felchle

By Avery Atwood

Mr. Felchle is now the KMS vice principal, after teaching history for more than 25 years. Recently he interviewed to be the vice principal because he felt it would be an opportunity for him to grow in his educational career. He thought it would be a bigger area for him to support the teachers in this school. Although he likes his new job, he also misses being in the presence of students all day, and he misses teaching how history is relevant in the world today.



We all know (well, most of us know) that he enjoys SpongeBob. Some people wonder where all his SpongeBob pictures went. He said that he saved every picture in totes in case he ever teaches history again. His favorite SpongeBob episode is “Balloon Day” because it’s funny when Patrick thinks SpongeBob stole his chocolate bar, when really he had just eaten it and forgot!

Mr. Felchle is learning many new things about his job. He feels that he has a long way to go in becoming as good a vice principal as he was a teacher. Most importantly, he wants KMS students to know that he wants to have positive relationships and not just discipline interactions.

Cheerful Chantel

By Keziah Simons



Did you know that we have a new secretary at the office? Her name is Ms. Chantel. She is enjoying seeing all the new faces and being on the same schedule as her daughter Emily, who is a 7th grader. One thing Ms. Chantel is not fond of is having to wake up so early, but “the treats in the staff lounge make up for it!”

Another thing that Ms. Chantel said is nice is working with older kids. Before she came to work at KMS, she worked at Kaleidoscope School of Arts and Science, as an aide and substitute teacher. Ms. Chantel has worked in schools for eight years and she is looking forward to more great years at KMS. Welcome to the Kossack family!

Logical Lewis

By Ava Kasdorf

This year our new 7th grade science teacher is Mr. Lewis. He moved back to Alaska from Japan, where his wife was teaching art, because he missed Kenai and wanted to continue living here.

Now he is teaching 7th grade science at KMS. He loves hands-on experiments and is fascinated by the many activities related to science. He is mostly motivated by wanting to explore anything scientific the world has to offer. However, there is one thing that is hard, teaching kids study skills and how to use class time.



Aside from that, he feels the best things about teaching in science are engineering experiments and helping students to learn to improve. He says that a class is easy to teach for him when the class is on task and has good behavior.

Surprisingly, he has had many other jobs besides teaching. He wrote a book on the history of the Kenai Peninsula College and worked as a reporter for the Peninsula Clarion. Mr. Lewis also volunteered for activities at Skyview such as organizing a talent show, after school programs, and clubs.

Other than teaching, Mr. Lewis participates in a lot of sports in his free time. Though he mostly fishes or goes hiking and any other outdoor activities, he is also into swimming and coaching soccer. Now, he is happy to be back in Kenai and teaching kids!

Rambunctious Rose

By Lily Buffington

Mr. Rose, our new seventh grade history teacher, was born in 1983 in Tacoma, Washington but grew up in Alaska. His dream job growing up was to play basketball or to be a professional golfer.



He went to Oregon State for his bachelor's degree and UAF for his master's degree. He has lived in California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, and Alaska. For many years he was employed at Edward Jones and at many golf courses, and he was a competitive golfer.

Mr. Rose has a daughter named Kalea who is five years old; Kalea means "beautiful girl" in Hawaiian. He co-parents a collie lab mix who is nine years old, named Togiak.

Fun facts: his favorite color is red, his favorite football team is the Seattle Seahawks, his favorite type of shoes are Jordans, and his last name was originally Roosa until European settlers in his family "wanted something more American."

Mr. Rose was a student teacher in 2020 at Skyview, and this is his first year actually teaching. He is a very interesting person, and you might not have known he is the best history teacher on the Kenai Peninsula!

Shawna Shines

By Presley Novak

Did you know that we got a new afternoon custodian? Her name is Ms. Shawna, and she works in the "top half" of the school. She cleans from Mr. Rose's room all the way to the gym: "We clean a lot more than before the pandemic. Before we spot cleaned, cleaning off stains and the visual things. Now we clean every door knob, every desk, and even the locker locks."

She even attended this school as a kid! "Not many things are different from when I was here. The 8th grade hallway was all tile, not carpeted like now, and the lockers were different colors," said Ms. Shawna.

Ms. Shawna said she was always a kid who enjoyed cleaning, and now she can do it as an adult too! "I can just put in my headphones and zone out. I like seeing the transformation from dirty to clean. It's kinda therapeutic in a way," she explained.

Welcome back to the Kossack family!



Mrs. Rodriguez's Wedding

By Makenzie Harden

Did you notice that Ms. Beeson no longer works at KMS? Well, actually she does, she's just Mrs. Rodriguez now. As many of you know, Ms. Beeson was married this summer and is now referred to as Mrs. Rodriguez. I have been wondering for a while now what her wedding was like, and if you have been too then you should keep reading!



Mrs. Rodriguez was married to Silas Rodriguez this summer on July 14th at the AK Diamond J Ranch in Homer, Alaska. Her favorite thing about her dress was the train. Her hair was wavy and down and went into a braid. She says around 150 people attended their wedding, including lots of friends and family from around the peninsula.

Mr. Felchle was even able to attend! He is very close with her and her dad, and being able to attend the wedding was very important to him. He says that when she was a little girl her dad used to always call her "peanut." He loved being able to see all of the people he has known for years come together to celebrate the ceremony.



She and Silas have known each other since high school, where they both played basketball. Mr. Felchle was even Silas's coach! They both love being outdoors and they often hike and fish together. It's quite weird saying Mrs. Rodriguez instead of Ms. Beeson, but hopefully we will get

used to it. All the best wishes and congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Rodriguez!

Bella the Service Dog

By Caroline Karpik

Many of you probably already know who Bella the service dog is, but some students have no idea who I'm talking about. Bella is the poodle who is sometimes seen walking around KMS, especially in the 7th grade hallway.

She was born on January 9th, 2012 in Wyoming and was adopted by Mrs. Navarre eight weeks later on March 9th. Bella's breeder picked her out especially to be a service dog because she was the calmest puppy in the litter. Bella was trained at home a lot and then was trained with other dogs and trainers for one year. She knows lots of commands, like play dead, sit, and come.



Bella has had four litters with a total of 42 puppies: Mrs. Navarre and her family own six of them. Bella and Bjorn live with Mrs. Navarre. Mackena, Keva, Bean, and Frankie live with other family members. Nurse Dixie even has two of them, Remmy and Charlie. Frankie, Bean, and Mackena are two, Charlie is three, Keva, Remmy, and Bjorn are five, and Bella is 10. The father of all of Bella's puppies is very fluffy and is a show dog!

Bella loves beef ball treats, salmon treats, salmon, and salmon skin. She also has an egg on her food every day. Her favorite activities are taking walks and hiking. She is a very outdoorsy dog and goes on a ton of hikes with Mrs. Navarre. Bella enjoys playing with dog toys, especially her pink elephant.

She lets Mrs. Navarre dress her up in clothes and costumes. One year she was a pink Power Ranger for Halloween. Bella even owns a purple and gold KMS jacket. Talk about school spirit! Now you'll know who Bella is when you see her in the halls, but don't always expect her to be wearing a costume!



Opinion-8-ed

By Makenzie Harden

“Who is your favorite TikToker?”



Bishop Andruss- “Me, because I’m me.
(@bishop.andruss)”

Jace Appelhans- “@isaac.potton.12 because he’s my friend
and he’s so cool.”

Sophia Barajas- “@callmekris because she is very funny.”

Madeline Barrett- “@sarajamss a TikToker who is into
AOT (Attack on Titan) and loves to cosplay. They’re 24
years old and I love how warm-hearted they are and how
they cosplay their characters.”

Scarlett Case- “@bruised_soup is my favorite TikToker
because he is very funny and one of my favorite actors.”

Evelyn Cooper- “@addisonre because she is a good dancer
and super pretty.”

Riley Cronin- “@loganpaul because he is Jake Paul’s
brother.”

Kacey Cunningham- “@edsheeran because he’s my twin.”

Ciana Curren- “@dixiedamelio because I don’t like
Charli.”

Isaiah Dirks- “@charlidamelio because she’s a good
dancer.”

Noah Hallam- “My favorite TikToker is @itsdanielmac
because he shows how people get cars, houses and other
things like that by asking what they do for a living.”

Brynnen Hanson- “@makenzie.harden because she doesn’t
post.”

Madison Holcombe- “@sza is my favorite because I love
her music and she is super pretty.”

Allie Hutchins- “@taylorswift because her videos are
entertaining and I really like her music.”

Ryder Lageson- “@addisonre because she is super good at
dancing.”



McKenzie Spence- “@victoryuh3.0 is my
favorite TikToker because I love the way she
talks and her videos always make me laugh.”

Marissa Moffis- “@jamescharles because I love
his makeup looks.”

Alicia Perez- “My favorite TikToker is
@shoelover99 because she isn’t afraid of what
other people think about her. She is confident in
what she does and she isn’t afraid to put herself
out there, she also has a good personality.”

Trae Pitsch- “@joaofelix79 because he is a
soccer player and I like soccer.”

Isaac Potton- “@shaq because he is funny and
an ex NBA player.”

Claira Pyfer- “@taylorswift because she is my
favorite music artist and I love her and her
songs so much.”

Gabe Rison- “@spicekingcam because he is
funny and does crazy challenges with spicy
food.”

Daisy Samples- “@annabananaxdddd because
she is super pretty.”

Heidi-Kay Steele- “@taylorswift because she
posts about her cats 24/7.”

Sophia Tapley- “@lilhuddy because I like his
style.”

Saylor Tomrdle- “Me, because I’m funny.
(@seybae08)”

Sylvia McGraw- “@ABBA because Mamma
Mia! is probably my favorite movie ever and I
love their music.”

Fantastic Franchesca

By Isaiah Dirks



Franchesca Wingster is an 8th grader at Kenai Middle School and is thirteen years old. She wasn't here last year in person as she did online classes. Franchesca's opinion on this year so far is that she enjoys it and some of the classes are easy.

She has one sister named Shakina who is nine years old. Franchesca's dad works at the prison, and her mom is an aide here at KMS. She does have some pets, including two dogs and one horse.

Franchesca's hobbies are horseback riding, barrel races, and training horses. She says she likes to do horseback riding because it is good physical activity and it's something she finds fun. Before horseback riding, she did dance. For most of her life she was at Diamond Dance. Sadly she had to stop because of COVID-19. She also played soccer for a bit. She didn't play for long, but she liked it while it lasted. Franchesca has not played any sports here at KMS and has only played outside of school. Another hobby she does while she has free time is reading.

I am not really good friends with Franchesca, but I would love to get to know her better!

Ecstatic Elliot

By Juliette Leonard



Elliot Stockton is a 7th grader here at Kenai Middle School. She has lived in Alaska all of her life. She was born in Soldotna but moved to Kenai when she was still little.

She has an older brother, Evan, and an older sister, Katie. Her parents are Heather and John. They have four cats: Ollie, Mac, Redblue, and Latte. They also have 22 chickens because "My mom really likes them," Elliot says. Sadly, two of the chickens died; one of them was her favorite, and its name was George.

Her parents got her name from the show "Scrubs." Elliot is played by Sarah Chalke, and the show is about the lives of doctors who work at a teaching hospital.

Elliot played soccer this fall. Her favorite sport to watch is basketball, but it is not her favorite to play. So far Elliot says that her favorite place to play in basketball is defense. She is looking forward to playing volleyball later in the year.

Terrific Tanner

By Lily Buffington



Tanner Gregory, a unique sixth grader with blonde hair and blue eyes, was born on February 28th in Soldotna, Alaska. He has lived in Alaska his whole life. He likes living here but when he's older he thinks he will move out of state.

Tanner has vacationed many places, but his all time favorite was when he went to California. He said, "It was extremely fun, not just because of the activities we got to do, but also because my family was there and I got to spend time with them."

He has eight siblings, four out of eight are girls. Tanner has one step sister, three half sisters, three half brothers, and one full brother. He said, "Sometimes I wish I was an only child."

He enjoys playing baseball and hanging out with his best friend, Clayton Cooper. He has nothing but good things to say about hanging out with Clayton.

Tanner says he doesn't know for sure what he wants to do when he gets older but he sometimes dreams of being a major league baseball player. As you can tell, Tanner Gregory is a fantastic sixth grader who is loved by many, and has great plans for his future!

KMS Leadership

By Vail Coots

Hello, KMS students and staff! It has been a great quarter, with all the sports, activity night, and so much more! You may not know this, but much of the behind-the-scenes work that helped make these activities possible is thanks to the Leadership class.

Leadership is an eighth grade elective that is overseen by Ms. Johnson, our fabulous school counselor! The Leadership class acts as a sort of 'helping hand' for the school. We design and put up the bulletin boards around the school, help plan activities, and help out wherever we can.

The bulletin boards serve a variety of roles. Some of them are for sports, which are made to advertise the sport, celebrate those who have joined the sport, and encourage more kids to participate. Some of the boards, however, have fun, cheery motivational sayings that will leave a smile on your face!



Leadership was also instrumental in bringing about the recent Activity Night. We had a wonderful night with the 250 or so of you that attended. There were awesome activities, like dodgeball, and tasty treats from the Snack Shack and cakewalk! Leadership worked throughout the afternoon to help prepare for the fantastic evening. We meticulously cut and laid out the desserts for the cake walk, helped set up the Snack Shack (most likely without eating any of the snacks...), and more!

In addition to the Activity Night and bulletin boards, the KMS Leadership class also helps organize sports paperwork, hangs locker posters up, and helps teachers and the office staff with any extra tasks they may need done.

In short, the KMS Leadership class members are the workhorses and elbow greasers who are willing to put in a little more time to help keep the school running and the fun coming. The home of the Kossacks is in good hands!



Back row, left to right: Vail Coots, Miguel Castellon, Daisy Samples, Ellsi Miller, Mark Landford, Sailor Tallent, Middle row: Owen Koroll, Evelyn Cooper, Kacey Cunningham, Caitlyn Eskelin, Lacie Sorhus, Front row: Pyper Kartchner, Inn Saeteia, and Chase Johnson

Family & Consumer Science

By Ava Kasdorf



Family and consumer science, also known as Home Economics, is a 9th hour class taught by Mr. Carson. He teaches about life skills such as sewing, cooking, and baking.

The least exciting part of the class is when we are in Mr. Carson's room. When we are, we watch videos and do assignments and tests. The most exciting part is when we get to make all kinds of yummy sweet treats, like coffee cake and monkey bread. We also make salty foods like cheese quesadillas, tater tots with gravy, and mac'n cheese.

Before we cook ANYTHING, Mr. Carson shows a demo with all the steps of the recipes. After the demonstration, we start cooking the next day. He also goes over safety procedures, then he hands us a recipe. We have partners to help make sure that we get everything right. After cooking, obviously we get to eat the food, and sometimes we rate whose food was the best.

In conclusion, Home Economics is a social and fun class to be in. Maybe in the future you should consider taking it as one of your electives.

XCellent Runners

By Presley Novak

XC Running took off with a bang! They had their first meet of the season on September 3rd at Nikiski, and the final borough meet on October 1st at Skyview. In every race, KMS has done really well. Go Kossacks!

Mrs. Newton, Mrs. Rodriguez, and Ms. Gann are the coaches. Mrs. Newton is the 7th grade math teacher, Mrs. Rodriguez is the 7th and 8th grade girls' gym teacher, and Ms. Gann is the librarian. "I love being a coach," said Mrs. Rodriguez, "everyone has improved so much."

The XC running team rides a bus to meets, and they leave during school hours. "The girls' races are usually from 3:00 to 4:00, then the boys start after. Then after the boys' race we do rewards. During the races they usually have horns or guns to start off the race. There



are always spray painted arrows so the runners know where to go. Most races are 1.5 miles, Skyview's is 1.6. At the finish line there are cones and you have to run through them to finish," explained Piper Anglebrandt, who is a XC team member.

For boroughs, Kenai did really well! The girls' top finishers were Tania Boonstra in 1st and Ruby Davis in 5th. The boys' top finishers were Chase Laker in 1st, Vail Coots in 8th, Otto Rodriguez in 11th, and Cooper Tallent-Darling in 15th place.

Mrs. Rodriguez made some awards for the runners. Piper was really nervous about the borough meet, but she actually received Rookie of the Year, and Cooper Tallent-Darling earned Most Improved 8th grader for the boys. Overall, we did extremely well, good job Kossacks!

Piper Anglebrandt
Sophia Barajas
Kaden Bee
Joshua Bolling
Tania Boonstra
Jasmine Brady
Shane Carroll
Lucia Carson
Brock Cooper
Selah Coots
Vail Coots
Corbin Crisp
Ruby Davis
Jackson Douthit
Corbin Grimm
Kerensa Henderson
Kemper Ihde



Chase Johnson
Indiana Jones
Ezra Jusmable
Alexander Kahn
Ashauntea Kaiser
Chase Laker
Olivia McDonald
Jaeden Randal
Otto Rodrigues
Hallie Songer
Cooper Tallent-Darling
James Wardlow
Mylee Yeoman
Elisha Young
William Young

"Success is not final; failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."

-Winston Churchill

A-Team Soccer

By Savannah Hershberger

This year's soccer A teams had a great season. We played against Seward, and Kenai won on both teams; we next played Skyview, and the girls lost 6 to 1, the guys also lost 3 to 1. Next we had a game against Nikiski and the girls A team and the boys A team won both games, by a lot! The next and last game before boroughs, the Homer game went okay, but Kenai lost on both teams.

The girls A team has one coach, Mr. Lewis. Mr. Lewis is the 7th grade science teacher and is new at KMS this year. Mrs. Smith has come to a few practices and she works as head secretary in the front office. On the boys team, the head coach is Mr. Felchle, who is the new assistant principal. The boys A team also has an assistant coach, Mr. Pitsch, who is Trae Pitsch's dad.

In the middle school soccer season we only played Skyview, Homer, Seward, and Nikiski as A team members. Then we went straight to boroughs this year. This year's boroughs were very competitive and Kenai did well. Boys came in 3rd place and girls came in 1st for the third year in a row! In the end, both teams did great! Now the soccer season is over and we are moving on to basketball.

A-Team Girls

Evelyn Cooper
Sierra Chapman
Gracee Every
Cara Graves
Brynnen Hanson
Makenzie Harden
Savannah Hershberger
Natalie James
Katie Johnson
Lily Langham
Sylvia McGraw
Gracelyn Moore
Kimber Moore
Lacey Nye
Alicia Perez
Keziah Simons
Lylah Smith
Lacie Sorhus
Mckenzie Spence
Elliot Stockton
Seylor Tomrde
Katie Van Sky

A-Team Boys

Jace Applehans
Bridger Begich
Mason Butler
Miguel Castellon
Carter Felchle
Noah Hallam
Josiah Holloway
Owen Huff
Aidan Jackman
Tyler Jackman
Richard Lindahl
Miles Metteer
Trae Pitsch
Everett Poulin
Eli Settlemyer
Eli Smith
Levi Strong
Brett Sturman
Kainoa Taylor
Mason Tunseth
Andon Wolverton
Jaxson Young



Soccer Jokes

By Klairah Ross

- Q. What lights up at a soccer stadium?
A. A soccer match
- Q. How do we know if soccer referees are happy?
A. They whistle while they work
- Q. What kind of tea do soccer players drink?
A. Penal-tea
- Q. What is it called when a T-Rex makes a goal?
A. A dino-score
- Q. Where is the best place to buy a new soccer uniform?
A. New Jersey

B-Team Soccer

By Reid Titus

Kenai Middle School had two co-ed soccer B-teams, and their coaches were Mrs. Tews and Ms. Hays. The teams had a combined record of 7-3.

Ms. Hays said her favorite game was against the other KMS B-team because it was the best matchup. The thing she wants people to get from playing soccer is teamwork and positivity. Mrs. Tews agreed that the KMS B-team game was evenly matched, including the penalty kicks.

Practice included running backwards without a ball and running around the field with the ball. The main drill we practiced was three players kicking the ball back and forth in kind of a weaving pattern toward the goal, and then we shot at the goal. Then we would play scrimmages. At the end of the practice we did one of our team cheers, like “Go Kossacks!”

During the season we played Skyview, Homer, Chapman twice, and Kenai. The Homer game was really rainy, windy, and cold, but we still won.

After the season ended we had a pizza party and handed out everyone’s awards. Lots of the awards were for funny reasons, like being “boy crazy.”

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| Levi Battiest | Lincoln Merchant |
| Eli Bemis | Iversen Miller |
| Elena Berestoff | Max Modigh |
| Layla Berg-Anderson | Avery Munter |
| Jordin Berzanske | Cecil Newcomb- |
| James Cafego | Hammer |
| Roman Campanella | Heather Newcomb- |
| Oliver Coburn | Hammer |
| Luke Cole | Pepper Noel |
| Clayton Cooper | Eli Pancoast |
| James Duffield | Isaac Potton |
| Devalynn Duniphin | Delilah Roberts |
| Tenley Fabian | Ella Siemers |
| Jaciyah Foglia | Ellore Smith |
| Zalen Fulgencio | Riley Smith |
| Brett Goldsby | Keagan Stanley |
| Sawyer Graham | Monica St. John |
| Ethan Herrmann | Lucas Swanson |
| Chase Johnson | Olivia Tews |
| Luke Karpik | Reid Titus |
| Luke Larsen | Mason Vermette |
| Oscar Marcou | Quentin Wolverton |
| Mac Marion | Gerald Wong |
| Autumn McCaughey | Braylynn Young |



“Nothing is impossible. The word itself says ‘I’M POSSIBLE!’ ”
-Audrey Hepburn

“Life is like a bicycle; to keep your balance you must keep moving.”
-Albert Einstein

“When you get tired, learn to rest, not quit.”
-Banksy

The Disney Adventures

By Olivia/Erin Koppes

Hey! Welcome to my article about my favorite Disneyland and Disney World attractions by speed, what it's based on, what kind of attraction it is, and how much I rate it out of 10 on how much I enjoy it. I last went to Disney in 2019, so I gathered some of my favorite rides (plus one I have never been on.)

Big Thunder Mountain Railroad



Thunder Mountain Railroad is a mine train roller coaster at both Disneyland (Disneyland Park, Frontierland) and in Magic Kingdom in Disney World. Thunder Mountain's max speed is 36 miles per hour. According to Google, Thunder Mountain is based on Bryce Canyon National Park in Utah. My overall rating is 8/10, considering I really love cart rides, small drops, and all that.

Millennium Falcon: Smugglers Run



Though I have never gone on this ride because last time I went it wasn't open, the Millennium Falcon: Smugglers Run ride is an interactive motion simulator based on the famous George Lucas Star Wars franchise, where you get to fly the Millennium Falcon. The attraction is in both Disneyland Hollywood Studios and in Disneyland Park. I have not been on it before, but I'm gonna rate it 7/10, because I really like Star Wars, and the Millennium Falcon is really cool to me.

The Haunted Mansion



The Haunted Mansion is a ghost train attraction located at Disneyland Park and Magic Kingdom. Riders go through a haunted mansion filled with "999 Happy Haunts.." *Behind the Attraction* show on Disney+ reveals that the ride portion of the attraction is actually not inside the Mansion; rather, the ride is underground. The stretching room is actually an elevator to go underground, which leads to the ride. Haunted Mansion is by far one of my favorite attractions; I absolutely love dark slow rides, so I rate it a 9/10.

Splash Mountain

Splash Mountain is a log flume ride in Disney World's Magic Kingdom, and Disneyland Park, where "You ride past over 100 talking, singing, storytelling Audio-Animatronics critters who inhabit Splash Mountain and offer up their own slice of down-home culture." The duration of the ride is about 10 minutes, and at the end of the ride the flume speeds down a 5-story splashdown. I was always afraid of the ride, until I went on it when I was 10, and now that I am going to Disney World, I'm gonna go on it again. Overall, I love the ride, 8/10.



Disney Jokes

By Klairah Ross



Q. What happened when Mickey and Minnie first met?

A. It was glove at first site

Q. Why is Peter Pan always flying?

A. Because he Neverlands

Q. What does Daisy Duck say when she buys lipstick?

A. Put it on my bill

Q. Why does Goofy wear two pairs of golf pants?

A. He might get a hole in one

Q. Why did Mickey become an astronaut?

A. So he could visit Pluto

Q. Why is Quasimodo so good at solving crimes?

A. He always has a hunch

Q. Who is Thor's favorite rapper?

A. MC Hammer

Q. Is BB hungry?

A. No, BB-8

Q. What did Cinderella's dolphin wear to the ball?

A. Her glass flipper

Q. What did Snow White call her chicken?

A. Egg white

Q. How do you ask Scar to stop being so mean?

A. Please be a little more simbathetic

Q. Why is Gaston the most peaceful Disney villain?

A. Because he won the No-Belle prize

Q. Why does Alice ask so many questions?

A. Because she is in Wonderland

Q. How does Mickey feel when Minnie is mad at him?

A. Mouserable

COVID Travel

By Mason Vermette

“Fasten your seat belts. It’s going to be a bumpy ride.” The captain of the plane wasn’t referring to turbulence when he said bumpy ride. He meant the federal COVID rules for flying. I recently flew back East, and if you thought flying was uncomfortable before, then get ready.



For over 21 hours from taking off in Anchorage to landing in Atlanta, I had a mask on. If I fell asleep the flight attendant would not hesitate to nudge me on the shoulder and gently remind me to wear my mask correctly. Also, for anyone who needs to sneeze or cough, everyone looks at you and automatically assumes you’re sick with COVID. You can no longer have allergies or a smoker’s cough without getting a dirty look from other people.



I find it ironic that it is recommended to stand six feet apart, but the airlines fill every seat and rush the boarding process so you are forced to bump into everyone. In Atlanta, when I had to take the tram from one terminal to the next, train cars were so crowded it was shoulder to shoulder with people.

Instead I should be wishing for bigger bathrooms and more legroom. The airlines from Alaska do not give out food anymore, so you better pick up some food for the flight beforehand or your stomach will be growling!

Susitna Flats Duck Hunting

By Bridger Begich

I love duck hunting! It's a lot of fun but it can be sad when you take a duck or goose's life, so my family has to eat the duck or we consider it poaching. We take a big float plane out to the Susitna Duck Club cabins. The cabins are named by color and duck, so there is green duck, red duck, silver duck, blue duck, and yellow duck.

We stayed at green duck, which has a lot of water around it. That was my third time going there. I shot one pintail and my dad shot five mallards, four pintails, and one wigeon. My brother shot two pintails and my mom shot **zero** ducks. While you're out there it is muddy the whole time, and I mean like quicksand and dangerously muddy.



My dog Tug is a golden retriever, and he is good at retrieving ducks, but sometimes he is stubborn and is not the best with retrieving. We sometimes do jump shooting, which is where if you're not getting any ducks in your blind then you walk around ponds and shoot at ducks trying to fly away.

After three days of hunting we got picked up by the same plane but sometimes a different pilot. We loaded all of our gear up, my dad took the boat back to shore, pushed it up on the deck, unlatched the stairs, and put it on the deck, which is very hard.

Then my dad climbs into the plane and we take off. It's always awesome to be out there. My dad really enjoys duck hunting and so does my family, especially my dog!



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#rickandmorty
#teletubbies
#megamind
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#babiesinthebathroom
#findthebabies



Russian Tourism Facts

By Alex Parks



Russia had about 28 million international tourists in 2014, and Russia is still allowing tourism now. Due to the pandemic, Russia requires you to wear a mask in crowded public areas, whether on public transportation or not. Non-compliance may result in a fine, but the restrictions vary widely between regions.

There is so much to see in Russia! If you get married in Russia, it's a common tradition to tour a city to celebrate. Russians are taught not to smile in school, so even though you may be greeted with a scowl, they may be fairly nice to you.

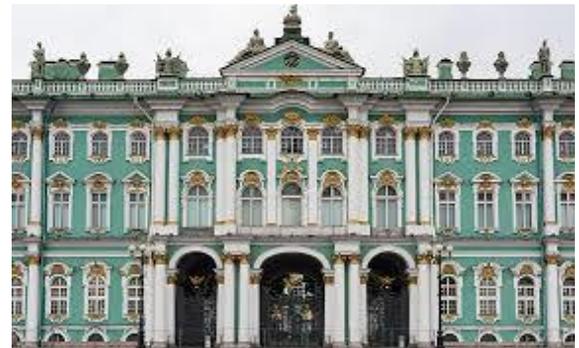
If you worry about transportation throughout Russia, don't worry, Russia has 13 metro systems between cities. If you don't know what I mean when I say metro, it's an underground train without entertainment cars, and mostly focused on transportation over sightseeing, unlike a train, so basically a subway. Moscow's metro system is the third largest in the world behind Tokyo and Seoul. There is a metro running through each of these cities: Kazan, Moscow, Nizhny Novgorod, Novosibirsk, St. Petersburg, Samara, Volgograd, and Yekaterinburg.

For someone who likes trains, the Trans-Siberian Railway would be something you should look into. The Trans-Siberian Railway is part of the longest railway system in the world, running all the way from Moscow to Vladivostok; it runs a total of 9,288 miles. The Trans-Siberian Railway runs through over 80 cities and towns, and crosses 16 rivers.

If you like bridges, St. Petersburg has exactly 342 bridges, and 22 of these bridges are drawbridges. St. Petersburg has canals instead of streets, so citizens travel either in a boat or on bridges. St. Petersburg has many bridges so citizens can travel through most of the city without having to use a boat to cross a canal. If you put all the bridges together they would be approximately 1.6 kilometers long.



The Hermitage used to be the home for the royal family of Tsars for 200 years. After being the home for Tsars, it finally became a public museum, and now it gets around 3 million visitors a year. Hermitage derives from French "hermit" or Latin *eremita*, meaning "people who live alone." Back in 1764, the Hermitage used to be just a private collection of 200 pieces of art from Berlin collected by agents of Catherine the Great. The Hermitage also has two churches within it. If you took two minutes to take in each individual exhibit in the Hermitage, it would take you six years to see it all!



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Anonymous Confessions

By the Teletubbies

“I’m never gonna give you up” -Nevre

Dear Nevre, I hope “Nevre” is your name and you didn’t make a mistake on spelling never. I will try my hardest to never give up on helping you with your spelling. -Tinky Winky



“I eat fried cockroaches for snack” -Cockroach eater

Dear Cockroach Eater, I don’t understand how you are managing to eat cockroaches for a snack when cockroaches don’t even live in Alaska.

-Laa Laa

“My great grandpa passed away. I’m sad.” -Sad

Dear Sad, I’m so sorry. I hope you feel better soon. Just know that it’s perfectly ok to feel sad about that. Your teachers and friends are good people to turn to when you’re sad. One tip I have for you is to focus on doing things you enjoy doing. -Laa Laa

“Let’s just say, that, for the sake of the arguement that. You’re my sussy baka” -Milk Jug

Dear Milk Jug, your grammar, spelling, and comma usage are absolutely horrendous. It makes me want to barf on you. ARGUMENT IS SPELLED A-R-G-U-M-E-N-T, NOT A-R-G-U-E-M-E-N-T!!!!!!! Also, I’m my own person and I don’t belong to you, so leave me alone. -Laa Laa

“One time when I was little I pooped on my mom’s lap trying to fart!” -Mr Boba

Dear Mr Boba, I thought my day was going crappy... but *that* is a *crappy* situation. -Tinky Winky



“I eat toes out of jars” -Pig

Dear Pig, I think toes are rather salty, so I prefer knee caps. Knee caps have a tangy taste but are still sweet. Mhhh, just thinking about them makes me hungry.

-Tinky Winky

“I am super worried that I won’t be on the honor roll this year. Even though I have all A’s and A+’s in all my classes. I don’t want to fail myself.”

-Worried

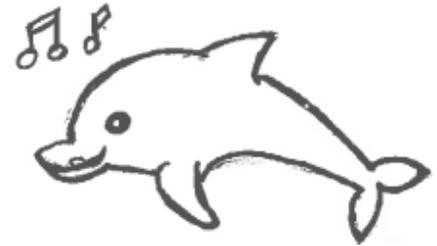
Dear Worried, I wouldn’t stress too much about getting perfect grades, but I can tell you are very passionate about getting on the honor roll. Just keep up the good work in school and check your grades regularly. -Laa Laa

“I’m an amazing dolphin dancer.”

-dadolphin

Dear dadolphin, do you dance with dolphins or is dolphin

dancing a certain type of dance that I am unaware of? And if you dance with dolphins, then what type of dancing is it? Oh, I think you were trying to say that you dolphin dance with dolphins! Right? -Laa Laa



“When I was little I would sleep in my brother’s room with him and in the middle of the night I would accidentally pee my pants and make a giant pee spot on my brother’s bed. I would wake up after I peed and waddle to my bed and go to sleep.” -Anonymous

Dear Anonymous, okay you were a very clever strategist! When I was young all I could think of was blaming it on the dog. My dad made me feel smart by saying “bad dog.” Or maybe he wasn’t very smart himself... -Tinky Winky



“I wish I had chickens and I wold name it McKenzie.”

-Babbel

Dear Babbel, you shouldn’t be worried about getting chickens when your grammar is... uh, let’s just say tearable. -Tinky Winky

Overheard

By Avery Atwood

"You look like a highlighter."

"I am mentally."

Student #1: "What is an emo?"

Student #2: "A Biden supporter."

"Don't marry in middle school."

"My dad starts brushing my teeth."

"In Canada they put bags in milk."

"Stop sniffing the towel."

Student: "I got covid a few days ago."

Teacher: "Do you mean the vaccine?"

Student: "Yeah."

"My dad was late to his own wedding."

Student #1: "Did you hear any overheard today?"

Student #2: "No."

Student #1: "Racist."

"I don't think I could love anyone in this class."

"My longest relationship was 38 minutes."

"That sounds like a personal problem,
not a Purple Pages problem."



"Dyslexia is a toe."

"These memes are racists
against trumpets."

"If lasers aren't toys then why do
cats love them so much?"

"I like the highlighter that smells
like it's making me high."

"Romance? Like the smoochie smoochie type?"

"I'm giving my monkey a shower."

"That's not water, that's
cheeeese!"

"If someone was bullying me and
called me ugly, could I say
support that with evidence?"

"We don't shove papers in the
locker, we shove people!"

"Coughing is sooo out now!"

Teacher: "We just figured out who
our columnists are."

Student: "Did you say communists?"

"You're built like that tractor."

"You do not deserve handsanamatation."



"You're my favorite conjoined twin."

"Eyebrow juice."

Student #1: "What's a crescent?"

Student #2: "Banana."

Teacher: "What's 7+10?"

Student: "Fourteen."

"Do birds pee?"

"Do you have a foot fetish?"

"I sleep in socks all the time."

"Do moose lay eggs?"



"That trash can is hot."

"You're the god of chopsticks."

"She wears hoodies like it's part of
her religion."

"What's your guys' school
mascot? The Catholics?"

"I'm the hot duckling everyone
always wanted to be."

"You should glue your hair back on."

"I'm in 8th grade and I haven't even hit puberty yet."

"If you get a tiny cast on your pinky, I'm signing it."

"My life is complete, I just pet a box."

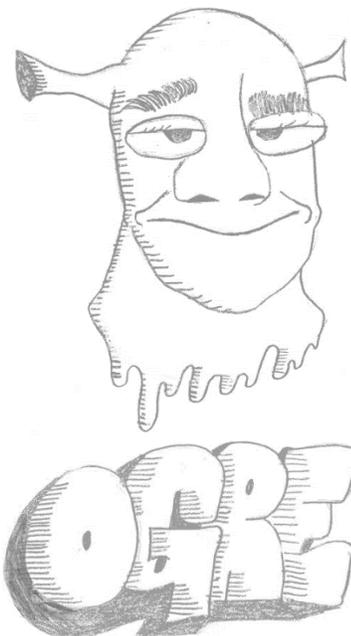
"Did I just apologize to an expo marker?!"

"Why are you creeping on your mom?"

Student #1: "I'm lactose intolerant."

Student #2: "Lack toes?"

"I can't work in a quiet room, it's too loud."



"You can't spell progress without ogre!"

September Birthdays

By Bridger Begich

02 Wyatt Hansen
03 Jordan Kedem
04 Annabelle Jennings
05 Winter Morris
07 Riley Smith
07 Lily Langham
07 Ashana Ivanoff
08 Shane Carroll
08 William Young
08 Sierra Chapman
09 Braydon Imergan
09 Starlynn Powell
10 Brock Cooper
10 Mrs. Nabholz
11 Mr. Summer
11 Elysia Williams
11 Corbin Grimm
12 Kyron Gonzalez
12 Tyler Cruickshank
13 Elijah Davenport
14 Cara Graves
14 Keith Reed
15 Eli Bemis
18 Miles Metteer
18 Daniella Bennett
18 Miley Baze
20 Sophia Tapley
20 Thaddeus Lingenfelter
23 Lucia Carson
23 Dakota Hyatt
23 Nurse Dixie
24 Destiny Cansino
24 Joshua Bolling
24 Dakota Lacey
24 Hallie Songer
27 Faith Guthrie
28 Otto Rodrigues
30 Katie Van Sky
30 Madison Davenport



October Birthdays

By Reid Titus



01 Mr. Newton
01 Alidia Crabb
01 Raymond Wilkie
02 Chaska Smith
03 Charlie Naranjo
04 Mr. Felchle
05 Mrs. Neill
05 Ciana Curren
06 Travis George
07 Brian Lowther
08 Chase Flecha
12 Chayton Todd
13 Pepper Noel
13 Davis Tanner
16 Preston Lawrence
16 Reid Titus
17 Eli Smith
18 Ethan Agayar
19 Kemper Ihde
20 Kanyon Scott
21 Owen Swaby
22 Brett Goldsby
22 Scarlett Case
23 Mrs. Beck
23 Richard Green
23 Jordin Berzanske
24 Liliana Abraham
25 Cyrus Kean
25 Teresa Fallon
27 Payton Ricks
28 Kaelynn Hensley
28 Killan McClure
31 Kevin Dobkins

*“Talk to yourself
like you would to
someone you love.”
-Brené Brown*



When school switches to remote learning right before your birthday.



What it felt like in school during first quarter.



When Mrs. McCown stares at you.

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I was playing Among Us and someone accused me of being the impostor . . .
I just need to vent about it for a bit!

Halloween Jokes

By Klairah Ross

Q. What do you use to mend a jack-o-lantern?

A. A pumpkin patch

Q. Who won the skeleton beauty contest?

A. No body

Q. Why is Dracula so easy to fool?

A. Because he's a sucker

Q. What does a skeleton order for dinner?

A. Spare ribs

Q. What is a ghost's favorite dessert?

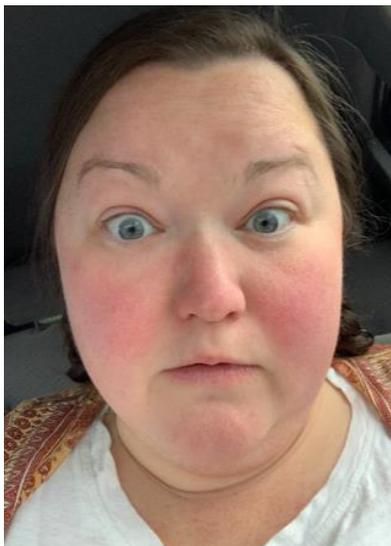
A. Ice scream

Q. How do monsters tell their future?

A. They read their horoscope



POV: you're a language arts teacher



Nurse Dixie will be sooooo surprised to see your Halloween costume!!!



When you arrive at Mr. Gustkey's classroom right after the door closes.

Win a T-shirt with Mr. T!!! Find the T-answers to all of these questions in this issue of the Purple Pages and turn in your responses to Mrs. Nabholz in Room #31 (7th grade hallway). One lucky winner will win a T-shirt!

1. What does Ms. Chantel like to find in the staff lounge? _____
2. Which part of the school does Ms. Shawna clean? _____
3. Which social media is in the Opinion-8-ed column? _____
4. What is the name of the railroad in the Russia article? _____
5. In addition to Ms. Hays, who coached B-team soccer? _____
6. What is the name of Mr. Rose's pet collie-lab mix? _____
7. What instrument does Mac Marion play in marching band? _____
8. Which girl won 1st place at the borough XC running meet? _____
9. What is the name of Bridger Begich's golden retriever? _____



