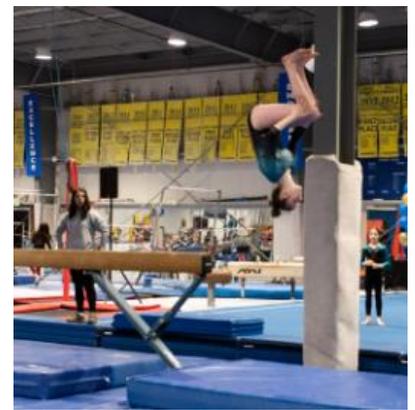


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Gymnastics Greatness

By Isla Crouse

River City Cheer and Gymnastics, a club that trains both girls and boys to do their best in the sports of gymnastics or cheer, is very lucky to have the honor of training two very talented athletes, sixth grader Ella Siemers and eighth grader Marissa Moffis. Both gymnasts competed extremely well in their events at the recent competition in Wasilla.

Ella Siemers

Ella Siemers has twisted and flipped her way to success. Grasping bars, vaulting into the air, tumbling over the ground, and flying across beams, Ella stole the overall first place prize, a victory not everybody has the talent to clutch for their own.

“The levels go from one to five,” Ella explains, describing the different ability ranks, “and after that is the stage ‘Optional,’ which is where you start to make up your own routines.” Like everybody else, Ella

started as a beginner, but she has worked her way up through the ranks.

Everybody has a certain motivation to start a hobby or sport, and Ella is no exception. Hoping to compete in her passion in college, she decided that starting early was the best way to achieve her dream.

It is surprising to say that Ella has only been competing for a year now. Training since age three, she has gained skills and abilities that have helped her greatly in going up against other athletes. Though not having years of competition experience, Ella has certainly shown her name in a good light.

A Level Two? People may be surprised to know that Ella is competing against anyone over the age of eleven in the same Level, and doing very well at it indeed. Asked why she enjoys competing in gymnastics, Ella replied, “I like winning. That’s why

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I do it.” She very much enjoys the thrill of competing in something she loves and being rewarded with a first place prize.

Is gymnastics more of a fun thing to her, or a competitive activity? Ella says that gymnastics used to be sort of a thing she did for fun, but recently it has become a more hard-core, competitive sport.

Usually training at River City Cheer and Gymnastics, Ella sometimes does workouts at her house for strength. She trains mostly with her team and her two coaches, Coach Randy and Coach Valley. Ella trains at a Level Four which includes more acrobatics and tumbling, though she competes, like stated before, at Level Two.

Though she competes very well in all of the events, Ella enjoys competing in Vault the best, with Floor and Beam as her “runners up.”

At a recent competition in Wasilla at Denali Gymnastics, Ella solidified her place as number one. On January 22nd, Ella competed in all of the available options (Bars, Beam, Floor, and Vault) and scored a couple of second places in Bars and Floor, as well as taking home the gold in Vault and Beam. Ella earned the overall first place at the meet, proceeding in claiming the prize she had desired entering the competition.

Sometimes competition can be stressful and nerve wracking, but Ella says that the idea of impressing her coaches drives her to do her best when competing. She also stated, “Getting better and doing good as an athlete drives me to do my best as well.”

Gymnastics may not be everybody’s “thing,” but Ella recommends the sport to any person who is already naturally strong enough to do well in the physical aspect of gymnastics, along with having an interest in dance.

Marissa Moffis

Yet another incredible athlete has claimed the first place spot. Marissa Moffis, a talented gymnast, outdid herself, showing skills and abilities that outranked everyone else’s.

Marissa describes the different levels that define the athletes at River City Cheer and Gymnastics. She says that Level Twos are more-or-less beginners, spending about two years in the level to get more used to competition. After that, you skip right to Level Four which you spend only one year in, and it’s mostly getting ready for Level Five, which is the hardest compulsory level where you have to follow strict premade routines.

Level Six comes next and is the first level of Optional, making up your own routines. The age for this level is about 13 to 14. Marissa currently competes at this level.

After completing Level Six, you move on to Level Seven, which, Marissa says, is extremely hard. But not as hard as what comes next. After Seven, Eight is introduced, where you can go to college with the skills you earn. Levels Nine and Ten are the Elite stages, which is the absolute highest you can achieve.

Marissa didn’t start gymnastics because she had to. She started because she *wanted* to. Doing flips on her trampoline, she realized that she might genuinely enjoy competing in the sport, and once she started gymnastics, she loved it.

“I’ve been competing for about two and a half years,” Marissa says, explaining her history in the sport, “but I’ve been training for three.” Marissa remarks that usually kids start

younger than she did; since she started later, she was pushed a lot harder.

River City’s team goes up against other gymnastics clubs including Arctic, AGA (Anchorage Gymnastics Assoc), Denali, and Excel. Though the competition may be tough, Marissa takes it all in stride, doing what she does best.

Just as skiers like competing in skiing, or swimmers like competing in swimming, Marissa likes competing in gymnastics because, “It’s fun and you’re able to express yourself.” She also says that looking up and seeing her score after a routine feels really good.

Gymnastics is kind of competitive but at the same time a little bit of a fun thing to Marissa. She enjoys “messing around” with the sport, but she does take it seriously.

Like Ella, Marissa trains at the River City building with her team and the same coaches, Coach Randy and Coach Valley, but she also works with the dance instructor Coach Alyssia.

Marissa competed in all four events at Denali Gymnastics in Wasilla on the 22nd of January and took home first place in Bars and Beam, second in Vault, and third in Floor. But that isn’t all. Though she did extremely well in the separate events, Marissa was awarded the first place all-around prize .

Driving Marissa to do her very best when she is competing is her passion to do the sport as well as the desire to win. She also said, “Progress feels really good.” Feeling confident and strong about herself after she is finished with her routine is

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something that Marissa believes drives her as well.

Gymnastics takes dedication and hard work, not traits everyone possesses. Marissa suggests gymnastics to anyone who has lots of energy and isn't scared easily, as gymnastics isn't necessarily for the faint-hearted. She also explains that sometimes the team trains for 20 hours a week at higher levels, so people with tight schedules might have a hard time fitting everything in.

As you can see, these two athletes represented their team extraordinarily well, bringing home the best you can earn . . . Gold.



Opinion-8-ed

By Brynne Hanson

Which school lunch is the best or worst? Why?



Josiah Holloway- "Pizza is the best because it's not gooey."

Cooper Tallent- "Pizza because it's pizza."

Destiny Cansino- "The best is pizza because I don't know, it's good."

Scarlett Case- "Probably the pizza because it's good."

Andon Wolverton- "The best is pizza because it's pizza."

Mckenzie Spence- "I like the cheese sticks because they're kinda cheesy and I like cheese."

Mrs. Nabholz- "I think all the veggies and salad stuff is the best even though I never buy school lunches."

Sophie Tapley- "That's hard but I like cheese sticks, quesadillas, and popcorn chicken. Those are probably my favorites."

Mckayla Real- "The popcorn chicken is the best and the grilled cheese in a bag is the worst because the grilled cheese is soggy."

Levi Strong- "It's the pizza sticks because they are like the best explosions in your mouth and Kyron thinks they're busting cheeks."

Courtney Galloway- "For sure the cheesy garlic bread and the sauce because the flavor is the best like it's not too salty and when it is the sauce balances it out."

Mason Butler- "Those baked burrito things are nasty because it tastes really gross."

Sailor Tallent- "The worst is probably the burritos because they don't taste good and they're gooey."

Evelyn Cooper- "For me it's the French toast and sausage because I like breakfast better than lunch."

Jaeden Randal- "I like the nachos because I've always been a fan of them, for years."

Saylor Tomrdle- "Cheesy garlic bread is the best because everything else is gross."



Ms. Laurie and Ms. Mary with some healthy lunch choices – sandwiches and fresh veggies!



Lively Luke

By Jasmine Brady



Luke Cole is an 8th grader here at KMS who has lived here in Alaska for seven years; he moved here when he was seven. Luke's birthday is also coming up on March 19th. Luke has three siblings: Tayla is 8, Noah is 10, and Wyatt is 16, so there are four of them all together. He also has a miniature schnauzer named Elphie who is 8. His parents are Amber and Brad Cole.

Luke is in CAP (Civil Air Patrol), and is almost a staff sergeant. He is in CAP because he wants to be in the Air Force; he wants to be in the Air Force because it has good pay and he wants to serve his country. His favorite sport though is volleyball because it's the Air Force's official sport.

Luke has several hobbies, including his passion, carpentry, as well as archery because it's fun, soccer because he was goalie, skiing because of the races, basketball because it has teamwork and it's fun, math because he's super smart, and snowboarding because it's challenging and more difficult than skiing. He also enjoys football because his brother and friends played and it's good exercise.

Luke stated, "The school year has been interesting because of Covid and people coming in and out of school constantly and also vaccines." Luke is a very active and kind person, so I would recommend stopping and getting to know him.

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Lovely Lexi

By Shauna Lynn Koch



Lexi Somers is a 7th grader who moved here about a year and a half ago. She has lived in Wyoming, South Dakota, and now Alaska throughout her life. She is exciting, funny, cool, and a little scary, so grab some popcorn and start reading.

Lexi loves to go outside, view wildlife, ride horses, and go hiking. Just talking to her will make you realize how much she loves the great outdoors. When she is bored she likes to read the *Wings of Fire* series. Her favorite character is Queen Thorn. Lexi enjoys playing clarinet in band, and she used to play clarinet for about four years, but when she moved she stopped. Thank goodness she picked it up again because she is a natural. She also plays on our volleyball team and likes to hit the ball around on the beach.

One thing you will find Lexi doing is star gazing. She recently got a telescope and loves to look at her favorite planet, Saturn, and Orion's belt. She hopes to one day work for NASA and maybe even be the first person on Mars. One thing she regrets is not doing more star gazing while she was in Wyoming, where her family owns a farm.

Lexi says that even though she might miss her old school, she loves how friendly we are here at KMS. Lexi is starting to really feel like a true Alaskan!

Charmed Corbin

By Piper Anglebrandt

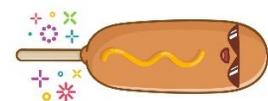


Corbin Grimm is a 6th grader here at KMS, and he was born on September 11th. It is his first year at this school! He has two dogs and four siblings: Cooper, Carson, Chloe, and Ceaton. His dogs' names are Bentley and Peaches.

Corbin likes soccer and basketball. He was even on the KMS XC-Running team from August to October! His favorite subject in school is band, and that's where he plays trombone. He said that the trombone is just fun to play!

He said that one of his hobbies is playing video games, like *Battlefield 1*. That's also what he does over weekends and breaks, as well as eating corn dogs, which are his favorite food, and watching movies with his family, like the *Star Wars* movies, which are his favorite movies.

Corbin Grimm is a very nice, sweet, and fantastic person! I am not really close friends with him, but I hope I get to know him more soon.



Dear Dianna,

By Dianna Wright



Do you ever get stuck? Do you overthink things until your head is exploding? Because sometimes all you need is just the right answer.

Dear Dianna,
Everybody thinks that me and [girl's name] are sisters. I'm assuming that it's because we act like it, or that we look like it. What do I do if it comes up again?
Sincerely, NOT [girl's name] sister

I understand your situation but sometimes you have to be straight up. You have to tell the person who is thinking that you're related to this girl that they're wrong and they'll most likely understand, but try not to let it get to you that much. Sometimes it's a compliment saying that this girl and you are very alike in an upstanding way. So just don't let it get to you. Let the thoughts flow unless it irritates you to the point where you need to let them know that you are not at all related to [girl's name].

Dear Dianna,
I just started going to this school and people are bullying me, calling me a Karen and being rude. I need advice.
Sincerely, New girl

New girl, I understand what you're going through. One way to deal with a situation is to act like it doesn't bother you. Don't let anything they're saying get to you. If anything, when they make a hateful comment, say, "thank you." This will make the bully feel stuck. So remember you are bigger than the moment and no matter what, you can deal with this situation. Especially when they call you a Karen, that doesn't always mean it's bad, because it's just like any other ordinary name. As a new girl, doing these things will make you stand out. You're showing that no one can mess with you, and if they still do that would be pretty foolish of them.

You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.

K-M-S S-p-e-l-l-i-n-g B-e-e



Congratulations to Speller #5, aka Lucia Carson, who will represent KMS in the state spelling bee next month! She will compete in an online format against spellers from across Alaska for a chance to be in the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.



Otto Rodrigues (left) won 2nd place, and Ben Brighton (right) won 3rd place.



All 18 classroom bee winners before the first round of the KMS spelling bee.

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Why did the student have to skip the spelling bee?
He had irritable vowel syndrome!

BREAKING NEWS:
Spelling bee official pronounced dead!
Then she used it in a sentence . . .

Wild War Ball

By Dianna Wright

War ball is a club run by Mr. Rose, where a group of kids go downstairs and play a game with one to two balls and try to eliminate the other players by hitting them with a ball. There are more boys in this club than girls, about a 2-1 ratio. War ball does get VERY competitive. I do personally think that girls are pretty skilled at war ball and can be just as competitive. Kainoa Taylor usually wins, but the most competitive is Otto Rodrigues. There are many basic ways of elimination, but each club day they usually create new ways of elimination, whether they're single, double, or triple. The winner of each game gets "pride and glory," said Mr. Rose.



Find Your Zen

By Isla Crouse

Need to relax, to be calm? Find Your Zen Club does exactly that, finding your inner peace by trying fun DIY projects, meditation, and other calming activities with Mrs. Sullens and Mrs. McGraw. On the first day of clubs, they made homemade face masks, while on the second they took a long break and relaxed the whole time with meditation and warm tea. Making yarn plant holders filled up the third day, and creating little gardens for the plant holders came on the fourth day. In the final time period of clubs, they finished up their yarn gardens, a very calming way to wrap up the end of Find Your Zen. "It's a fun time to relax with your friends and talk," says Tania Boonstra, a participant in the club. "I would do it again. It was the best club I've done so far."



Ellsi, Sylvia, Madison, and Kacey finding their Zen!

Dungeons & Dragons

By Jackson Taliesin

Of all the clubs at KMS, none are more creative and awe-inspiring than the D&D club, which has many members and fills up quite quickly. Dungeons & Dragons is a cult classic fantasy roleplaying game which has gone through many phases of development. D&D is played with dice, rolling numbers to



determine the success or damage for your moves. Whether it means fighting a cow god or rescuing an endangered species, no two adventures are truly the same. This club allows for people to

reach into their imagination and not just control their character, but *become* it.

Kenai Karaoke

By Jasmine Brady



Mr. Tilly and Ms. Vollom are the club leaders of the karaoke club in the choir room. In karaoke club, we ask Mr. Tilly to find our song and then we sing. We can choose whether we want our song with lyrics or the karaoke version. We all have to try a solo, a duet, and a trio. Sometimes we perform a group song as well, but mostly we do songs for the one person only. And don't think that if you join this club, but you don't want to sing, that you'll get off easy, because you will end up singing by the end of the club! It's a really fun club and even if you think you don't sound good, we don't judge here in karaoke club.

Movies & Munchies

By Katie Van Sky

Movie club is a fun and relaxing club. Mrs. Newton plays a movie in the library and so far we have watched *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* and *Matilda*. While you sit down with friends, Mrs. Newton brings fresh popcorn for everyone, and you can bring and share snacks within your table. Mrs. Newton loves doing the movie club because she likes to just come and relax and eat popcorn with everyone, thanks to leadership. She loves watching old movies from her childhood because it's like reliving her younger years. Overall, movie club was a great experience and I would sign up again!



Popcorn and Pringles make the movie much better!

Dare to Draw

By Piper Anglebrandt

Drawing club is about, well, drawing! This was Mrs. Riningers's first year leading the drawing club. "I love art. I love drawing. I also see lots of students drawing on my math assignments, so I was hoping to offer an artistic outlet," Mrs. Rininger said. In the drawing club we had a wall we could draw on, and we were making a creative mural. Some things that people drew on the mural were a dripping eye, some mushrooms, Spiderman, and some South Park characters. There was also a white board in the back of



the room that we could draw on, or we could just draw on paper. We also listened and sang along to music! Drawing club was a very fun, chill, creative, and amazing club! I hope it will be back next year!

Shinny Club

By Kyron Gonzalez

If you didn't already know, the shinny club plays hockey. It includes a punch of fun, and insane scrimmages between the club members. Scoring goals and making memories with friends with the same hobby really brings cheerful Wednesdays to the club. Many club members say Jace Applehans made it more enjoyable because of his great humor and weird ways. Cameron Cowie wishes there were two goalies instead of one, even though it made for easier shots and fun plays. He thinks shinny is a great opportunity and fun time of his school year so far. One funny accident was the one kid who tried skating through people and ended up eating dirt... or should I say snow and ice? Choosing this club helps people do what they love at an extra physical level, making all the other clubs look wimpy... well, besides war ball... but everyone signs up for warball.



Marvel-ous Mania

By Levi Strong

Lego club is an interesting and enjoyable club with quirky people. In the club they play movies while they build with Legos, and create wonders and monstrosities. Some kids in the club recreated the Hulk Buster from Marvel. Lego club wasn't really eventful, except on the last day they had a party with soda and popcorn, but a few students wanted a Lego build-off. Also a student brought 20 apples one day to share. One problem in the club is they had one big bucket that everyone had to share at the same time. Lego club is a club where you can build with people that have the same thoughts as you, which can make building more enjoyable and fun.



Computer Club

By Nik Bezdecny

Computer club is where you can play on computers or your phone, or just talk to your friend. Ms. Gann runs the club in Mr. Carson's room. You are able to play Minecraft, Coolmath Games, and TotallyScience. You're also allowed to bring your own devices to play on. Sometimes you will be able to go into the library as long as you don't disrupt the movie club which is also in the library. You're also able to catch up on school work instead of playing games.



Talkin' Trash

By Ray Hale

Trashcan ball is pretty fun for people who like running and working in teams. The game is set up with two teams and a trashcan on each side of the gym or wherever you're playing. Around that trashcan is tape, which is the goalie box, and you can't go in the goalie box or the game restarts. The game will start off with someone throwing the ball up into the air and having two people try and catch it. You only have three steps per person. You can throw it, but if it touches the ground or if the other team catches it that team loses the ball and the other team gets it. If you throw the ball and it touches the trashcan without you in the goalie box, then that's one point, but if it goes in that's two points. The team who has the most points wins!



Read & Relax

By Raisa Breff

HEY, YOU! YEAH, YOU, THE ONE THAT WAS READING THE OTHER ARTICLES BEFORE ME AND WAS ABOUT TO LEAVE! YEAH! THAT WAS VERY RUDE! I know you're there, come on, read this article. It might be small but it will be interesting. I can tell you that right now. First off, I would like to give credit to the wonderful Ms. Johnson. She is the one who runs this small club. It honestly is one of the best clubs by far, in my opinion (totally not because I'm in that club). She brings us cookies, tea, and hot cocoa. We do wonderful things during that club. Drum roll, please.....WE READ! Yeah, I know, it's amazing, it might seem boring, but it is the best thing in the world. We also listen to music too, which is pretty cool.



Ms. Johnson and her club members LOVE books!

Great Gaming

By Shauna Lynn Koch

When most people hear board games, their mind goes to sleep, but the board game club is pure fun. There are enough people so multiple games are going at once. You can play chess, card games, UNO, charades, and even Twister. Plus there are even snacks! The board games are fun because you get to interact with your fellow classmates. The best part is that the board game club is run by Mrs. Vann. So if you are interested in this club for next year, go talk to her. You won't regret it!



Challenges are what makes life interesting,
and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful.

Climbin' the Walls

By Ray Hale

I don't know much about rock climbing because I wasn't in the club, but I did get to observe a little bit of what they do. The club leaders are Mr. Summer and Mr. Songer, and there were 17 people who joined. It doesn't happen very often, but I did hear some people ring the bell that's at the top of the wall. Ashauntea Kaiser was in the club, and she said she wanted to join the rock climbing club because she wanted to try something new! From what she told me, the harness doesn't seem all that difficult to put on, since it only took her one try. Each person in the club got to climb the wall at least two or three times.



Snow Day Club got dressed in full snow gear and took advantage of the huge snow piles in the parking lot and behind the school to play. Everyone had tons of fun and enjoyed some steaming hot cocoa too!



Drum Making Club

Famous Foods

By Ruby Davis

Have you ever had Philly cheesesteak? Or Poutine? These are some of the foods prepared in the Foods Across America club. Mr. Carson, who teaches the club, makes a new food from a different part of the US for every club. So far, he has made five dishes: New York style pizza, Philly cheesesteaks, Poutine, Chicago style hot dogs, and pork carnitas. All of these foods are very unique and cultured, and have history on where they originated. Isla Crouse stated, "All the different foods were good, but the Philly cheesesteak was very flavorful. Overall, the club is very interesting. I would sign up again!"



Spirit Club members learned a few chants and cheers from some of the KCHS cheerleaders. They also learned positions and jumps and will be able to participate in an upcoming cheer stunt camp!



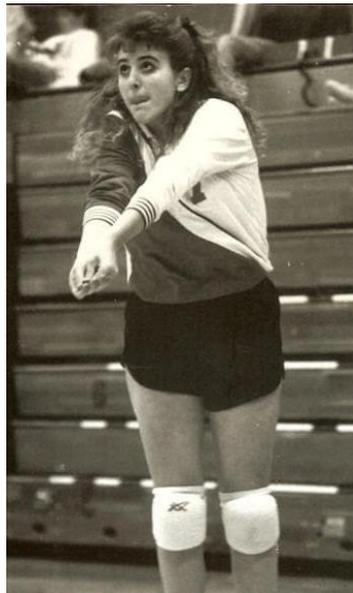
Video Game Club

"Believe you can and you're halfway there." - Theodore Roosevelt

A+ Coach for the A-Team

By Brynнен Hanson

Mrs. Beck started playing volleyball in 6th grade. She loved the competition and played all throughout high school as an outside hitter. Soon before she graduated, she got an offer to play volleyball and basketball at college. Of course, because she had so much love and compassion for volleyball, she chose to play volleyball.



8th grade A-team players

Evelyn Cooper
Kacey Cunningham
Courtney Galloway
Cara Graves
Brynнен Hanson
Juliet Innes
Katie Johnson
Ellsi Miller
Daisy Samples
Mckenzie Spence
Sophia Tapley
Seylor Tomrdle
Kayani Whicker



Mrs. Beck is on the far right in the back row.

When she finished college, small towns near the city asked her to help coach. She then fell in love with it! At the age of 22, she started coaching on her own. She also had great high school coaches that made a big difference in her life. She has coached at KMS for about 10 years now.

Her idea of a successful team is the kids growing in their ability whilst learning life lessons and teaching kids to love lifelong sports. She wants them to know how to pursue something they want.

Each year of coaching, her team's goals have been different. This year's goal was to keep improving and to compete for boroughs. Mrs. Beck's biggest core values as a coach are to be a positive role model and to encourage other girls.

Every day we don't spend competing in matches against other schools, we practice in our school gym. Practice usually looks like as many fundamentals and game-like drills as possible and lasts about 1-1½ hours. We scrimmage along with competition and of course some sprinkles of fun!

NOTE: In the next issue of the Purple Pages, we will include more about the volleyball A-teams and borough results, as well as borough results for the XC ski team and state results for wrestling.

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Just Some Jokes

Why are fish so bad at volleyball?
They are afraid of the net!

Why can't the volleyball player cross the road?
It has too many bumps!

What can you serve but never eat?
A volleyball!

Why is it not good to play volleyball in a court?
Because you might get arrested.



Ready, Set, Spike!

By Katie Van Sky

Volleyball is a great and entertaining sport. Ms. Gann started coaching the 7th A-team because Mrs. Stotz-Mason had a baby recently. After watching all the players at the intramurals, she decided on 12 players for the 7th A-team.

Some of our players never have played before, while on the other hand some of us have been playing for years, like Elliot Stockton, who has been playing for two years in Super Sonic and also did the 6th grade intramurals with Mrs. Beck, as well as Savannah Hershberger, who has been playing for three years.

Each player has their own position before we rotate; Savannah chose setting as her position because that's what she feels she does the best and she always gets a touch. The setter's job is to set the ball high enough so one of the hitters can spike or tip the ball over the net on the third hit, but that doesn't always work the way we want it to.

Presley Novak and Elliot are both hitters, but Elliot is an outside hitter and Presley is a middle hitter. Their jobs are to spike or tip the ball over the net on the third hit and also to block the ball trying to come on our side when the other team is hitting. Our hitters can't touch the net nor can their feet slide under the net, or else the ball gets turned over to the other team.

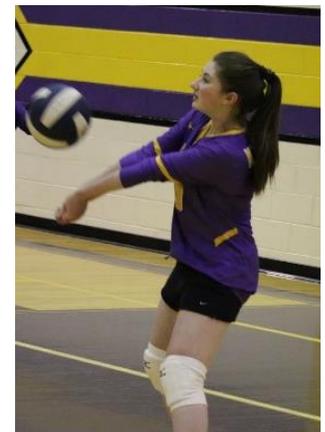
I play in the back row, and the back row is supposed to get the first ball when the other team serves to us, then bump it high in the air so the setter can get under the ball and set the ball to our hitters. The back right is the one who serves over the net to the other side and hopefully doesn't go outside of the lines.

Overall, we did well at the jamboree and in the rest of our games. Some of our favorite things about volleyball are the fun road trips and how the game is set up and played. Volleyball is also an entertaining sport to watch. Don't forget to ask your parents to stay after school to support your local Kossacks!



7th grade A-team players

Miley Baze
Dani Bennett
Lily Buffington
Nessa Deese
Gracee Every
Savannah
Hershberger
Lily Langham
Kimber Moore
Presley Novak
Elliot Stockton
Katie Van Sky
Sage Wilson



C-Team Confidence

By Ray Hale

The C team had 12 players, and we were coached by Trina Samples. We learned a lot from her this season, like how to serve over the net, set, and bump better than we used to.

We had a game scheduled on February 4 in Nikiski but it got canceled. We had another game at home with Nikiski. We lost but had fun! On our last game we were supposed to go to Homer, but it also got canceled because of the road conditions.

I joined volleyball because I thought the concept was pretty cool, and I also just needed something after school to get my

energy out. This was my first time playing volleyball, though I could have joined in seventh grade. At that time I didn't think it would be fun at all, so I didn't pay attention to it. At some point I thought it would be nice, plus I would have more time with my friends. I made C team with some of my friends and it's been fun learning with them. :)

We had our end of the season pizza party on February 23. At our party I interviewed a few people and this is what they had to say about their time playing on C team. A lot of my team said that they really enjoyed playing even though we only got to play one game and lost. Most of the seventh grade players said that they are going to play again next

year. Overall, we had fun playing with each other and learned a lot!

C-team players

River Covey
Rylee Drake
Devalynn Duniphin
Ray Hale
Ashauntea Kaiser
Treu Lloyd
Olivia McDonald
Riley Mosquito
Lexi Somers
Ava Spurgeon
Katalla Tomrldle

Blazing B-Team

By Megan Hutchings

The 7th and 8th grade volleyball B-Team has 10 girls this season, and their coach is Mrs. Vann. To start off the season they played the Jamboree at Skyview. The games they played at home were against Skyview, Seward, Nikiski, and Homer. They also took road trips to play the same schools.

Some of the positions in volleyball are setters, hitters, servers, and blockers. Medalyn Jennings is a setter and blocker and she's thankful for not getting the position of serving because she doesn't like to serve and she says she's not good at it. She says her team is funny and nice and they make a good team. Their coach is Mrs. Vann, and Medalyn says she's thankful for her because she is nice and wants the best for them.

Sophia Ensley plays any position but mostly front row. Sophia's friends played volleyball and wanted Sophia to try it too. She tried it and ended up liking it and continued to play it since she was in 6th grade. Her team made good memories and she's glad she got a team like hers. She says they are all cool and funny.

Peighton Curren likes volleyball and she says it's really fun. She got into volleyball because her mom did it in high school and she has been playing volleyball since elementary. She says her team is the best and very encouraging. When they go on long bus trips they get to bond with their team and get to know each other better. Their teammates say Peighton brings the best snacks!

Lylah Smith says she played last year and she wanted to play again. She says her team is better than last year's team because they're more helpful and funny.

Mylee Yeoman says her mom made her play volleyball. She likes her team and her coach. She takes a lot of pictures on her teammates' phones. She says her teammates are really different and fun and goofy.

Willow Graham says she was forced to play a sport. Her choices were skiing or volleyball, and she picked volleyball. She likes her team but she feels like her team needed more practice time so they could play better.



B-team players

Madeline Barrett
Love Carter-Hendriks
Sophia Ensley
Willow Graham
Medalyn Jennings
Sylvia McGraw
Lylah Smith
Heidi Steele
Taya Swick
Mylee Yeoman



Kenai XC Classical

By Ruby Davis

On January 21, the Cross Country ski team had their first meet. The race was held at the Kenai Golf Course, on a bright, warm Friday. Most people on the ski team competed, and the skiers who did had a great race! The girls' race was first, followed by the boys', and the beginners' race started during the boys' race.

The Kenai ski course is about 1.5 miles long, and it is somewhat flat with a few hills. Some skiers like the course, while others don't. Monica St. John said, "The course is fun. I like the hills."

The teams that competed were Kenai, Homer, and Skyview. There was definitely some competition, but it was a good race. The race went differently for everyone, and Eli Smith said, "The race was good. The conditions weren't great, but they were fine for me."

For some of the racers, this was their first ski race ever, which can be sort of nerve-wracking. Selah Coots, a 6th grader, said, "I was definitely nervous. I was worried I wouldn't do well."

The Kenai Classical Meet went well, with KMS skiers placing highly in all of the races. The KMS ski team sure kicked off the season with a great start!

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Behind the Ball

By Kyron Gonzalez

Volleyball season has been such a ride already. Players have had great failures and tremendous fun, with seventh graders losing their first two games, but coming back with a bang by defeating Skyview. Many creepy and fun events happened in this time, like Lily Buffington’s weird ways of measuring people’s necks with her hands, and arguments over who’s subbing.

The eighth grade A team beat the seventh grade A team in two sets, leaving seventh with just one victory. Although seventh grade lost, everyone still had fun and felt fortunate about this event.

Most of the players think volleyball helps them have good times and feel good about the sport even with the odd things that happen. Setting is a favorite of most on the teams, in a sport where all spots are played by each person, giving them a variety of fun positions to play.

Some spilled tea about the teams includes some hurtful spikes and juicy stories. Like the time one of the players forgot all their money in their shoe but thought they had lost it, leaving them to look for it in the opposing team’s building. They found the money after a while but were “McMad,” said Lily, after wasting her time searching.

Here’s some tasty words that spilled on the bleachers.

Player one, “Much confidence is used throughout our games but that confidence turns into bad luck.”

Player two, “Well at least we don’t flop like a fish.”

Player one, “That’s cap bro we suck bootie.”

Player two, “At least we beat... that was a close game.”

Player one, “Yeah a little too close... JUST LIKE YOUR DANG SERVES.”

Behind the ball, so many fun and interesting things have happened... volleyball truly is the sport of tremendous failures and happy morals. Even though games can get competitive, having a good time is the main goal. Sportsmanship is a huge part of their adventures; everyone’s a friend in the end, and it creates many memories when the ball smacks violently into their arms.

Cross-Country Ski Team Members

8th graders

Kaden Bee
Abigail Bishop
Tania Boonstra
Jasmine Brady
Luke Cole
Vail Coots
Caitlyn Eskelin
Jacob Joanis
Indiana Jones
William Klein
Chase Laker
Joel Moss
Makayla Real
Parker Richards
Levi Strong

7th graders

Josh Bolling
Lucia Carson
Isla Crouse
Ruby Davis
Aislyn Downum
Teresa Fallon
Carter Felchle
Alan Hack
Cody Holmes
Rusty Holmes
Titan Jones
Eli Smith
Monica St. John
Xiling Tanner
Emily Taylor

6th graders

Amelia Adams
Noah Anding
Brock Cooper
Selah Coots
Corbyn Crisp
Sawyer Graham
Ava Haugstad
Ethan Herrmann
Esther Kalibera
Autumn McCaughey
Elijah Pancoast
Eli Richards
Kanyon Scott
Hallie Songer
Olivia Tews
Leroy Tomrdle



Sorry, but I gave up cross-country skiing . . . it’s been downhill ever since.

Wremarkable Wrestlers

By Nik Bezdecny

The KMS wrestling team this year had 28 students led by Coach Steffensen, Coach Navarre, and Coach Newton.

Have you ever thought of joining the KMS wrestling team but didn't know how it works? The KMS wrestling team follows the State of Alaska Middle School Wrestling Rules. Two wrestlers will go face to face and have one foot on a line and shake hands. One way to earn points is to pin your opponent. The team practices after school from 2:30 to 4:30, where they learn various skills such as wrestling with each other, learning new moves, improving on current moves, working out, and playing some tiny games at the end.

There are weight groups depending on how much a wrestler weighs. The weight groups go from 75 pounds to 275 pounds, with most weight groups being separated by five pounds. There are different ways to wrestle, but KMS uses the Schoolboy

wrestling style. Other wrestling styles are Greco-Roman wrestling and Freestyle wrestling, which they use in the Olympics.

If you are in wrestling, you may be able to wrestle in the borough tournament, and if you are a champion your name will be engraved onto a district plaque. In the borough tournament KMS wrestlers earned lots of awards. Davis Deese, Chaska Smith, Ezra Jusmable, and Ellore Smith won third place and bronze medals. Quentin Wolverton, Macalen Marion, Schyler Johnson, and Keagan Stanley brought home silver medals. The wrestlers who went undefeated and claimed the title of borough champion for their weight classes were Hayden Kumfer, Jaxson Young, Gunnar Stanley, Bryce Jolicoeur, and Daniel Steffensen.

Many people join wrestling because it looks really fun, and usually some of their friends are in wrestling. You get to indirectly "fight" people in wrestling, and you might even make new friends. If you join you will go on road trips to different places including Homer, Seward, Soldotna, and Fairbanks. On the road trips you are also able to socialize with all your friends and play games with them.

Wrestling Team Members

Bishop Andruss
Davis Deese
Azilynn Hall
Kaden Herrmann
Chase Johnson
Schyler Johnson
Bryce Jolicoeur
Hayden Kumfer
Macalen Marion
Clayton McDonald
Avery Munter
Cecil Newcomb-Hammer
Alicia Perez
Korbyn Phillips
Gabe Rison
Chaska Smith
Ellore Smith
Gunnar Stanley
Keagan Stanley
Daniel Steffensen
Leighton Wilshusen
Quentin Wolverton
Braylynn Young
Elisha Young
Jaxson Young



Push yourself, because no else is going to do that for you.

Don't be afraid to make mistakes; it means you're trying.

Battle of the Books

By Shauna Lynn Koch

Once again the KMS Battle of the Books teams have impressed us with another success! A few weeks into the second semester the 7th grade Battle of the Books team, also known as the Book Wolves, won third place in the district championship.

There may have been only three on the team but they fought like an army. Keziah Simons, the captain, tells us that even though it was a struggle she loved it and is definitely going to be a part of it next year. She does regret not re-reading the books closer to the battle. Annemarie Lacy has been in the battles since kindergarten. She would love to continue doing them for as long as she can. She misses having lunch with her friends but still enjoys the team. Mady Martin has never done Battle of the Books before now, but if you know her, then you know what a big reader she is.

The Battle of the Books team for sixth grade, the TicTacs, has five members: Ari Imlay, Elloree Smith, Oscar Marcou (or Marker as his friends call him), Amelia Adams, and Jesika Hyatt. They all would love to do it next year! Ari and Elloree have been battling for two years, and Oscar has been doing it for four years. Ari says that if it sounds scary to you, battling with other teams, the battles are done on the phone, so don't stress! Elloree loves to read and was super excited to be a part of the team. She will definitely be participating next year. Oscar, on the other hand, his mom made him do it.

While Battle of the Books has its serious moments, it also has its hilarious moments! Right when the 7th grade battle started, Mrs. Nabholz brought drinks for the team. Mady had asked for chocolate milk, but the only size the store had was a half gallon. So right when they got on the call, Mady started chugging down the milk (the famous milk jug is in the picture). As for sixth grade, they all agreed Amelia playing the Barney theme song and hitting Marker with binders was the highlight of the day.

If you like to read and have friends who also like to, then see Mrs. Nabholz to sign up for B.O.B. (Battle of the Books) next year.



Annemarie, Mady (aka the Milk Chugger), and Keziah with some of their favorite books.

(Editor's note: Some Cuties oranges were sacrificed for the team's success.)



Oscar, Ari, Elloree, Jesika, and Amelia



The 6th graders show off their crazy battle skills in the library!



Sources of Strength and Change 4 the Kenai had informational tables at parent conferences on February 17. Jasmine and Monica, with help from Nurse Dixie, ran a "spin the wheel" activity, passed out lots of SOS swag, and shared some valuable advice about relying on the many sources of strength in your life to stay happy and healthy!

Clever Clans & Cults

By Jackson Taliesin

There are many organizations at KMS, with some of these being student founded. Some of these groups are incredibly shady too. The Monke Clan, The Kool Aid Cult, The Ed Sheeran Cult, and The Mafia are a few examples.



The Monke Clan has been around for about a year now; Kobi Rodgers-Whipple started it back in 6th grade. It has many members and exerts much influence amongst the male students of KMS. This organization also created the Monke Games, their own version of the hit trend “Squid Games.”

The Kool Aid Cult, or KAC, has been around for a few months. It was founded by Joshua Freeman. There are only a few members of KAC, but they are quite recognizable through their iconic Kool Aid Man profile pictures on their gmail.



The Ed Sheeran Cult is one of the weirder groups. The founder, Nikolas Bezdecny, doesn't even consider it a cult or anything. “It's just people who like Ed Sheeran,” he says. It doesn't have many members either.



The Mafia is the one organization that you do *not* want to mess with. The founder, who is unknown, has their informants and agents in every part of this school. The Mafia has many members throughout the students of this school, and they can intervene in almost any situation. “Be very careful where you walk,” says The Don. The Mafia started near the end of the first quarter, and it's now the largest organization in the school.

These are merely a few examples of the many different groups and “gangs” that you can easily find around the school. All you have to do is look closely and listen carefully. So the next time you hear a gaggle of people chattering away in the commons or halls, think about who they might *really* be.

Preparing a Performance

By Levi Strong



The Drama class this year is putting on the play *Moana Jr.* The play is about a girl named Moana whose island is under threat from fish not being caught and food not being grown. Moana's grandmother tells her stories about the people of the island. Moana is inspired by the stories and wants to set out to find the demigod named Maui, from the story her grandmother told her about, to save her island.

The main characters are Moana, played by Mylee Yeoman, and Maui, played by Cooper Tallent-Darling. Other characters are Grandma Talla, played by Azilynn Hall, and Chief Tui, played by Jaeden Randal. Two of the teachers that are a part of the play are Mr. Lyke who is directing the play and Ms. Vollom who does the music for the drama play.

So far the drama class has been practicing some of the songs and the dancing. They started on January 5th and plan to perform the play in late April. They are also playing a sneak peek of the play soon! The *Moana Jr.* play has some challenging songs to sing and great scenes for the actors. The play will be one of the best plays the school drama class will have performed, so make sure to buy your tickets before they sell out!



Radical Robotics

By Raisa Breff



Iverson, Alex, Thomas, Sylvia, and Monica at the state meet!

Hello, random people of the Kenai Peninsula. I'm just a random reporter for the KMS Purple Pages. I hope you can spare some of your lovely time to read my article. For some of you that have absolutely no clue what Lego robotics is, it is a club where you can use your technology and coding skills, speaking skills, and Lego building skills.

The robotics club was full of people in 6th-8th grades. I myself was and am a 7th grader. We had a very short time to get ready for the actual competition. It might have seemed long, but it was a very short time! We had to come up with an innovation project that would help the community. We had to make a core values poster, and we also had to make and code the actual robot. Luckily enough, we got all of that done by the competition!

We had two teams, A and B. I myself was a part of the amazing B team, which included

- Raisa Breff (7th)
- Zoe Cole (6th)
- Elijah Davenport (6th)
- Jadeyn Jacko (6th)
- Chase Johnson (6th)
- Trevor Swanson (7th)

- While A team had
- Alexander Gist (8th)
 - Thomas Krol (7th)
 - Sylvia McGraw (8th)
 - Iverson Miller (6th)
 - Monica St. John (7th)



Kenny the Kossack supporting the team!

The two lovely coaches are Mrs. McCown and Mrs. McGraw. The coaches are amazing, and they have helped us through so much. For example, when we were at our lowest, we needed them, and we couldn't have done it without them. Without them we would and could have failed miserably!

Mrs. McGraw was the head coach of B team, while Mrs. McCown was head of both of the teams. Mrs. McGraw coached the B team because the B team was full of newcomers. The A team had newcomers also, but that team had Sylvia and Alex, who originally were in robotics for two years prior, and this year was their last year. They both will be going to high school next year.

The regional robotics competition was held at KMS on January 8th, 2022. We originally had around 10 competing teams but 5 of them dropped out a week before due to Covid. Which left five remaining teams. Or so we thought... the day before competition the fifth team dropped out, which left four teams remaining.

During competition we have to do two important subjects: the judging and the actual robots competing. The judging took about 30 minutes for each team. During the actual rounds for the robots the first round was team A and team B. Team B had troubles and difficulties in the first round, but they persevered and fixed the robot's coding and won third place. Team A earned second place, while the Aurora Polar Bears took first place.



The team runs their robot on the competition course.

Team A ended up going to the state competition, and so did the Aurora Polar Bears. Thirty teams competed in the state competition. The A team won the core values section of the competition, and second place for robot performance. After all that, A team came home to KMS strong, proud, and exhausted!

KMS Has Class

Mrs. Bressler's and Mrs. Tew's Language Arts classes recently compiled research books to commemorate the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics. Students researched Beijing, the history of the Olympics, eight winter Olympic events, two winter Olympic athletes, and tracked the medal count for four countries. It was a great winter project! Students in Mrs. Bressler's, Mrs. Tew's, and Mrs. Vann's classes created a bulletin board in the sixth grade area tracking the medal counts for ten countries. The top three countries were Norway (37 medals), the ROC (32 medals), and Germany (27 medals).

Mrs. Vann's class is reading the novel *Bud, Not Buddy*, a work of realistic fiction set during the Great Depression. It tells about the adventures of a ten-year-old boy named Bud from Flint, Michigan, whose mom has passed away. He does not know who his father is, so he is an orphan on the lam and using clues that his mother left him to try to locate his dad.

Mr. Songer's algebra classes are currently tackling not just single equations but two equations at the same time. These are called "systems of equations" and always include at least two equations and sometimes more. So the next time you see an algebra student walk by, you should stand in awe!

Mr. Lewis's life science classes are learning about fossils and mass extinctions. Are we currently entering a sixth mass extinction? Ask a seventh grader to get an opinion!

Mrs. Stotz-Mason's science classes had E-Week last week. Engineers from Marathon came to speak about engineering careers right here in Kenai, all over Alaska, and around the world. Students launched known weights with catapults and created a graph. Then they received a mystery weight and had to guess the mass based on how far it flew. The group in each class that was closest to the actual answer got a prize. Many thanks to Marathon for their time, energy, supplies, and gifts!

Mrs. Newton's math classes recently learned about the Mirror Method for indirect measurement to estimate the heights of objects. Be sure to ask a 7th grader how close they came to the actual height during this mat lab!

Arachnid-Guy: Villain or Chillin'?

By Ky Matt Gonzalez

In 2011, a superhero was awakened from a human body, a superhero that goes by the name of Arachnid-Guy.

Megga Mind's child, Zeeko, had stolen his lunchable, and in that sad moment he snatched it back and decided to stop bullying across schools. In 2018, an evil dog owned by Zeeko killed Arachnid-Guy's hog. In his dying last words, Arachnid-Guy's hog said, "Great power comes with great responsibility." He



then was bitten by the radioactive beetle running away from this dog. He fell to the ground glowing green and re-awakened as... Arachnid-Guy.

Arachnid-Guy is now a protector of our school here in 2022. He works here as a helper in the halls keeping everyone drug free and safe from bullying.

Remember this "evangelity" could be anyone, so don't get *too* trusty with him. This so-called "hero" has been reported stuffing kids into his evil locker lair. Make sure to keep your distance in case this intel from the Purple Pages is true.

Arachnid-Guy himself says he has proof he is a good guy, as his title superhero says. A witness, named Aiden Cothren, says he heard students spreading this conspiracy around. If any student finds hard proof that Arachnid-Guy is bad, make sure to tell it to your trustworthy news reporter Ky Matt Gonzalez.

I, Ky Matt Gonzalez, personally think this Arachnid-Guy is a menace. These rumors are too risky to ignore. Our students' safety and wonder must be dealt with immediately. Here at KMS, this "hero" is still going to help our halls stay drug free and bully empty until further notice.

After we gather more evidence, we will stop this "hero" and announce his identity, but if he is proven trustworthy, we will keep him in our halls. For now, he's still a possible crime lord, so stay clear of him, and don't interfere with his "heroic" duties.

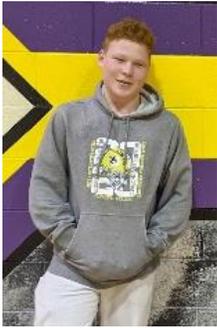


Kids in the Hall

Would You Rather?

By Dianna Wright

Do you like being tested? Being forced to choose between two horrifying or interesting choices? Some do and some don't, but here are some points of views from your fellow students.



WYR be able to talk to animals OR speak all foreign languages?

“Speak to animals because I like animals and it would be so cool to find out what they would talk about.”

-James Duffield

WYR go deaf OR go blind?

“Go deaf because I can still see when playing video games, and hearing is useless.”

-Zachery Talbot

WYR be trapped on an island with your best friend OR sibling?

“My best friend because my brother is mean to me, and I'd like to experience that with my best friend instead.”

-Jessie Johnson



WYR be invisible OR have telekinesis?

“Be invisible because I can be as sneaky as I want.”

-Eli Sha



Nurse Dixie wraps Nessa in a hug!

Anonymous Confessions

By Three's a Crowd

“Give me candy and toys cus i want them.”

-Your Suprme Master

First off, you spelled supreme wrong. Second off, you ain't getting nothing. Third off, there is only one Supreme Master, and his name is DIO.

-Sleepy Weatherman

“I worship a caracal.”

-Anonymous

HOW DARE YOU!!! Everybody knows bees are superior. They're cute, fast, agile, and they can fly. Can your caracal fly?

-Tubbo the Bee Boy

“Join the United Kingdom of Enchilada”

-President

I mean, I would if I wasn't already in the mafia, psych! Why would I join a less superior group than the one I'm in? You better watch your back, because sooner or later we will be coming for you.

BEWARE!!!!

-Tubbo the Bee Boy



“I'm fruity”

-Shrek

Congratulations? What do you want, a medal? And also since you are fruity and I am Apple Juice, you might be my long lost brother. Or maybe you're just a lunatic like everyone else at this school.

-Apple juice

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“If you want the rainbow,
you gotta put up with the rain.”

-Dolly Parton

Overheard

By Isla Crouse



“You look like a depressed strawberry.”
Student #1: “Did you eat my granola bar?”
Student #2: “Yeah, did you want it?”
Student #1: “No, it’s fine.”
Student #2: “Oh. I was going to barf it up for you.”
“What’s a rubber bullet, is it a bullet that’s rubber?”
“Every time I step, I make a building collapse overseas.”
“It’s like your skin is burping?”
“Is that like your off-brand mullet?”
“I’m going to turn myself into the past tense of these words.”



“Everything that starts with K is Kenai, and everything that starts with R is regurgitate.”

Teacher: “She is *not* a non-stick skillet.”

“From now on, your butt has to be touching the table.”

“Here, smell my sweatshirt.”
“Don’t touch my banana.”
“Even certain power-washers can rip the face off your skin.”
“I was trying to be a chair but I fell off and hit my head.”
“You should’ve been a horror artist.”
“I’m not putting on orange peel on my clean hands.”
“Anakin is just a man baby but in the future.”



“Boogers taste so salty.”
“Because I forgot my rhetorical devices in my locker.”
“I actually have quite the watermelon head.”
“What’s Microsoft?”
“You bafflegasted!”

“Mechanical pencils are like wizardry.”
“Don’t fat shame elephants.”
“Who in the world is Niagara Falls?”
“Exquisite, not esophagus.”
“Mummies aren’t scary, they’re just dead people wrapped in bandages.”
Student #1: “It’s open notes!”
Student #2: “Exactly . . . but I don’t have any notes.”



Student #1: “OMG, the tuna was *so* bad.”
Student #2: “Yeah, it tasted like insulation.”
“Does a quesadilla have cheese?”
“You are so much like my sister, it’s not even healthy.”
“Peasants don’t get Pezes.”
“I have grandpa knees. I think if I fell, they’d snap.”
“I just want him to think about who he’s stabbing.”
“Orange is so generic.”
“This is Bert. He’s the love of my life.” *Holds up a Sesame Street picture*
“It’s to stop stupid people because stupid die.”
“Isn’t it Wonderful Oz?”



“I don’t really like this guy’s face.”
Student #1: “Stop talking.”
Student #2: “I’m not afraid of you.”
Student #3: “*I AM AFRAID OF HER!*”

“Why do you like to collect naked babies?”
“Like, what’s the outhouse for?”
“Let’s get a Mercedes and a puppy. Perfection.”
“It’s not like awesome but it’s awesome.”



“I went to stand up and my shoe had a stroke.”
“My head’s too big! No, my cat’s head...”
“Florida is Purgatory.”
“I apologize for not being hooked to my screen.”
“We literally Googled everything! It’s right!”
“In my opinion, I’m cooler but not as buff.”
Teacher: “You have some big scars on your head!”
Student: “Yeah, I ran into a toilet when I was little.”
“I was yelling at my mom’s boyfriend’s dog yesterday in Spanish.”
“I spelled Pennsylvania instead of peninsula.”



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February

Birthdays

By Katie Van Sky

- 03 Miguel Castellon
- 03 Gracelyn Moore
- 06 Royce Mardi
- 06 Alexander Patkotak
- 07 Nolen James
- 08 Carson Cramer
- 09 Ryland Purcell
- 10 Lyman McBride
- 10 Kimber Moore
- 10 Tanner Gregory
- 11 Kainoa Taylor
- 12 Keegan Guthrie
- 12 Sage Morgan
- 12 Lucas Swanson
- 12 Aminah Azlan
- 13 Lily Buffington
- 13 Henry Alexander
- 14 Charlotte Heinrich
- 14 Kolben Lopez
- 15 Marissa Moffis
- 15 Isabel Theron
- 16 Caitlyn Eskelin
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- 17 Allison Stuart
- 20 Ellsi Miller
- 21 Ms. Johnson
- 21 Shaye Stone
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- 24 Jacob Prieto
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- 27 Jace Mizera
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March

Birthdays

By Katie Van Sky



- 01 Andrew Stein
- 02 Courtney Galloway
- 03 Taeja Stephens
- 04 Ava Kasdorf
- 05 James Adams
- 05 Jaedyn Chunn
- 06 Jasmine Brady
- 06 Aiden Mills
- 07 Jacob Lopez
- 07 Lilah-Ann Roehl
- 07 Zoe Nelson
- 08 Cooper Tallent-Darling
- 09 Wyatt Darrow
- 10 Isla Crouse
- 12 Indiana Jones
- 14 Mrs. Rodriguez
- 15 Emma Castimore
- 15 Mr. Tilly
- 16 Jamel Barnes
- 17 Justice Adcox
- 17 Mason Butler
- 18 Abby Perry
- 18 Corbyn Crisp
- 19 Luke Cole
- 19 Kadence Holmes
- 22 Riel Castillo
- 23 Katalla Tomrdle
- 24 Sailor Tallent
- 24 Natalie James
- 26 Lexi Somers
- 29 Lia Arness
- 29 Ethan Geffe
- 30 Amelia Adams
- 30 Daniel Stuart

Horrible Humor



Why won't Dumbo use a computer?
He's afraid of the mouse!

Why won't Mr. Felchle use a computer?
He's afraid of the mouse!

Why did the algebra book ask Mr. Songer if it could go see the counselor? Because it had so many problems.

Why did Ms. Gann take the library book to the hospital?
It had a broken spine!

Did you hear that they put in a new wing at our school?
That's true, but it still won't fly.

Where did the lunch ladies go to learn how to serve ice cream? Sundae school.

Mr. Summer: Can you tell me where they signed the Declaration of Independence?

Stupid 8th grader: Yes, ma'am. At the bottom.

Dad: "What did you learn today in Mrs. Beck's class?"

Stupid 6th grader: "Not enough, she's making me go back tomorrow."

Mom: What did you do in Mrs. Newton's class today?

Stupid 7th grader: We played a guessing game.

Mom: I thought you had a math test.

Stupid 7th grader: Exactly.

Did you hear about the geography student who drowned in Mrs. Bressler's class? His grades were below C-level!

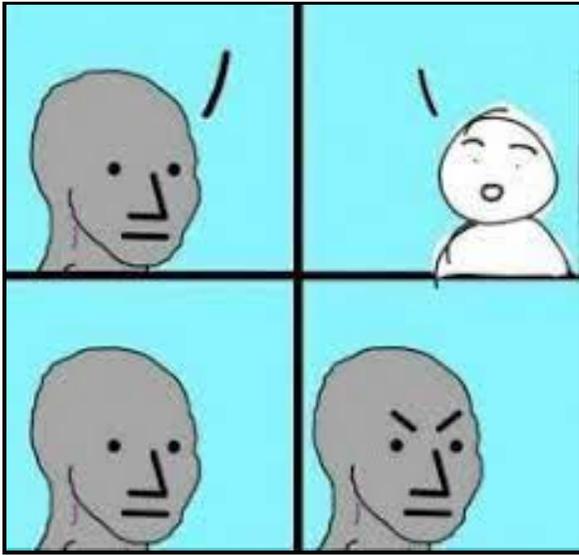
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Emma, Kayani, and Angelina show their KMS pride!

Turn this page over and you will find Mr. T's Challenge for this issue of the Purple Pages! The grand prize winner gets to design their own shirt in the KMS Spirit Shop!

Me: I wish I had good grades . . .
 Mr. Carson: Do your homework???



Mr. T's T-Shirt Challenge

Name _____ Grade Level _____

1. What instrument does Corbin Grimm play in band? _____
2. Who led the karaoke club with Ms. Vollom? _____
3. Who coached C-team volleyball? _____
4. What is Luke Cole's 8-year-old sister's name? _____
5. Which character does Azilyn Hall play in *Moana*? _____
6. What was the name of the 6th grade BOB team? _____
7. How many hours a week does Marissa Moffis train? _____
8. Eli Sha would rather be invisible than have what? _____
9. What spilled in the bleachers in "Behind the Ball"? _____
10. Whose birthday is on March 3rd? _____

Turn in your completed form to Mrs. Nabholz by March 4th.

Button 1: Do my homework for tomorrow

Button 2: Stay up till 3 am watching memes on my phone



#KMShashtags

- #on3pskis
- #armajaskis
- #yeetthepotatoes
- #theweirdturtlething
- #buh
- #Ifailedtheessaytest
- #nocrease
- #nevergonnacrease
- #KC
- #HeyI'mweird
- #flop
- #BigFloppa
- #FloppaGod
- #FloppaGang
- #FloppaBetterThanShrek
- #SocksandSandals
- #SpongeBob
- #boomthecat
- #BobBobbyJohnBobBobBob
- #edsheeran
- #bossbaby
- #jonnyquest
- #chunkyninjamonkeys
- #LAbeatthebengals
- #rosesaregreat
- #nowar
- #nomorePutin
- #Ukraine
- #Mekraine

Mr. Rose: "Has everybody studied for the test?"



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Winter Wisecracks

What do you call it when a snowman has a temper tantrum? A meltdown!

What do you call a snowman that tells tall tales? A snow-fake!

What did the snowman order at Wendy's? A Frosty.

Grandma's been staring through the window ever since it started to snow. If it gets worse I'll have to let her in!

Why did the snowman turn yellow? Ask the dog...

"Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it."
 - Charles Swindoll

