



Kossack Kable

Spring 2022

A Message from the Principal:

The spring sun has returned as we start the fourth and final quarter of the school year. The winter snow has been spectacular, but we all look forward to it leaving us as quickly as it came. The 8th grade was headed to Solid Rock for some outdoor festivities, but the warm weather before Spring Break had other plans for them. The 7th grade had a great time out on Island Lake at our annual ice-fishing trip. The 6th grade students are fundraising for their annual field trip to 6th grade camp.

There is much to look forward to as we move into the fourth quarter. The 8th grade students have met with the Counselors from KCHS and made their class choices for Freshman year. The 6th and 7th grade students have made their elective choices for the upcoming school year. Be sure to ask your student about their class choices.

Remember, April 15 is our makeup day for the snow day we took in February. So, mark your calendars that we will be having school on April 15. We sincerely hope your student enjoyed their time off over Spring Break and are ready to return to the end of the school year with renewed energy and inspiration.

On March 29, State Testing will begin. The staff will be reviewing test taking skills and strategies to enhance your child's testing abilities. You can play an important role as a parent or guardian, by encouraging your child to do their very best. Here are more suggestions for ways you can support your child during the testing season:

- ❖ Make sure that your child gets enough rest the night before the test.
- ❖ Make sure your child eats breakfast each day before they test.
- ❖ Make sure your child has enough time in the morning to get ready for school without having to rush.
- ❖ Explain to your child the importance of trying his or her best on the tests.
- ❖ Let your child know that he or she will have your support, regardless of how well he or she does on the test.

Important Dates to put on your calendar:

State Testing	- March 29 to April 5
Make up Snow Day	- April 15
8 th Grade Farewell	- May 13
Mini Courses	- May 16 & 17
Last Day of School	- May 18

Sincerely,

Vaughn Dosko
Principal, Kenai Middle School

ALUMINUM CANS



Be prepared! Start saving and crushing your aluminum cans for Mini-courses that occur later in the school year. Bringing in a large trash bag full of crushed aluminum cans gets your students the opportunity to choose mini courses before those students that do not bring cans! Please do not bring cans to school now, we will collect them the week of April 25th!

Early Release

KPBSD has added three Early Release Days to our fourth quarter schedule. They are March 18th, March 25th and April 1st. Our school day ends at 12:57.



February Students of the Month

Congratulations to our February Students of the Month! The following students have demonstrated a commitment to personal growth through education: Amelia Adams, Jordin Berzanske, Lucia Carson, Isla Crouse, Maddie Holcomb, Kadence Holmes, Bryce Jolicoeur, Emerie Mallard, Everett Poulin, Levi Strong, and Isabel Theron. Their efforts, will be rewarded with a pizza lunch.

Intramural Sports

6th graders have enjoyed intramural volleyball, and are in the middle of the intramural basketball season! Intramural basketball began on March 17th and ends on the 25th. All 6th graders are welcome to participate. A completed sports packet must be on file in the office before practicing.



Track Season

Track season is just around the corner. All students are welcome to join the track team. There will be an informational meeting after school on Monday, March 28th.

A completed sports packet must be on file in the office before participating in practices. Pick up a sports packet from the office or print one from our webpage. Practices will take place afterschool until 4pm daily.



CHALLENGER CENTER

KMS 6th graders enjoyed visiting The Challenger Learning Center for a Mission to Mars. This was an amazing opportunity for our students. Please ask your student about their experience.

Students were assigned jobs on mission control and the MVT (spacecraft). Their job was to build a rover and send it from Phobos (Mars' moon) to a specific location on Mars. They were looking for signs of water and life. Thank you Marathon Petroleum for making this possible for our students.

Sixth Grade Camp

Camp: Victory Bible Camp, Chickaloon, AK

Dates: Monday - Wednesday, May 9, 10, 11

Fee: \$130.00 Covers heated cabin with bunks (need sleeping bag), five meals plus a sack lunch for the ride home, bus and glacier fee.

What: Science and outdoor education focus (Matanuska Glacier tour, fossil hike and dig, fire building, first aid, local insect study). In the evening, campfire and capture the flag activities.

Fundraising: Krispy Kreme Donut - Students will be able to presell boxes of donuts for \$15, with a profit of \$6.50 for each box sold. The money earned will be applied directly to the student's camp fee. So if you sell 10 boxes, your camp fee is reduced by \$65. What a deal! If you are interested in the fundraiser, please contact your child's first period teacher.





We desire for every student to participate in the end of year activities of their choosing. In order for this to happen, it is imperative that all fees are paid. Please check PowerSchool to view outstanding fees for your student, or call the office if you have questions, concerns or are experiencing a financial hardship.

TESTING

KMS will be completing our Mandated State Testing, AKSTAR on the dates of March 28, 29, 30 and April 5th. Please make sure your students are getting a solid night's sleep and a hearty breakfast so they can perform their best! We appreciate your help with full attendance on these days.



8TH GRADE FAREWELL

8TH GRADE FAREWELL IS FRIDAY, MAY 13TH AT 8:00AM. THE CELEBRATION WILL BE HELD IN THE KMS GYM. DRESS YOUR BEST! WE WILL SEE YOU THERE!

Volunteers

WE ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND PATIENCE.

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!



Mini-Courses

On May 16th & 17th, Kenai Middle School will offer one and two-day activities called Mini-Courses. The tradition of mini-courses is unique to KMS. Students and staff always look forward to ending the school year with mini-courses. It is the



expectation of our Administrators that every child sign-up for a mini-course. There are many mini-course options to accommodate every student. A list of all the mini-course options will be posted mid-April. Please speak with your child about which mini-course would be best for them. Sign-ups will be held on Thursday, April

29th. Students who donated crushed aluminum cans will choose first and then choice is by grade level. If your student doesn't plan to attend mini-courses, the office will need an excused absence from a parent or legal guardian prior to these dates.

WASHINGTON D.C.

Ms. Johnson, fresh off her trip to Washington D.C. with some amazing 8th graders (and one 9th grader), is ready to start planning next year's trip! This once-in-a-lifetime adventure will allow students to explore some of our nation's most important historical sites, while experiencing incomparable learning moments. This is a trip that your child will be talking about for years to come! The trip is open to current 7th grade students who attend KMS. If you would like more information, please plan to attend our Informational Parent Meeting on Thursday, March 24th at 5:00pm in the KMS Library. If you can't attend the meeting but want more information, please email Ms. Johnson at sjohnson3@kpbsd.k12.ak.us.



KMS TRACK SCHEDULE

Friday, April 8, 2022 4pm
Homer Invite @ Homer

Thursday, April 14, 2022 3pm
Skyview Invite @ SOHI

Friday, April 22, 2022 3pm
Kenai Invite @ Kenai

Friday, April 29, 2022 3pm
Central Peninsula Dual w/ Skyview and Kenai TBD

Tuesday, May 3, 2022
Borough Prelims @ KCHS (Hosted by Nikiski) 3 pm

Saturday, May 7, 2022
Borough Meet Finals @ KCHS (Hosted by Niskiski)
Running Finals begin at 12 pm



**Schedule subject to change without notice*

New to KMS Parent Orientation
Kenai Middle School
Open House
April 7th

5:30pm-6:00pm BBQ

6:00pm-7:30pm: Parent & Student Orientation

Parents bring your child to enjoy activities while you learn more about KMS!

Activities Include:

Dodge Ball, Climbing Wall, Cake Walk, Jousting, Door Prizes and more!

Incoming 6th Grade Orientation

6:00-6:30 Parent Orientation in the Library

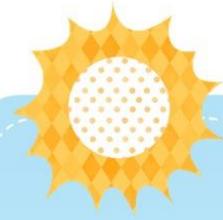
6:30-7:30 Classroom Visitation

Incoming 7th & 8th Grade Orientation

6:00-6:45 Classroom Visitation

6:45-7:15 Parent Orientation in the Library

Come Join The Fun!!



- If your student will be new to our school next year this is a perfect time to come and check us out.
- Come learn what KMS has to offer.
- Sports, Music, Drama, Battle of the Books, Clubs, Mini-Courses, Ice Fishing, Gun Safety, Camping, Rock Climbing, Student Leadership and so much more!



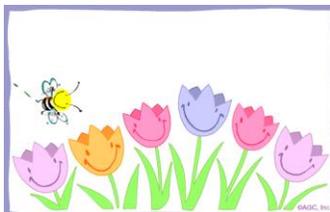
If you know a student that will be new to KMS next year, please let them know about our Open House and BBQ! Questions? Please call 283-1700!

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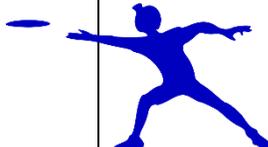
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Fine Arts Concert 7pm	2	3 7 th Grade Ice Fishing Field Trip 8 th grade Solid Rock Trip	4 No School In-service Day	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
 <p>have a good Spring Break!</p>						
13	14	15	16  PICTURE DAY	17 6 th Grade basketball begins 	18 Early Release Day	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Early Release Day	26
27	28 Track Starts Testing Begins	29 Testing Breakfast 	30	31		



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Early Release	2
3	4	5 	6	7 New Student Open House 5:30-7:30	8 Early Release Track Meet in Homer	10
10 	11	12 Mass Choir in Homer	13	14 Track meet at SoHi	15	16
17 Easter 	18	19	20	21	22 Track meet in Kenai	23
24	25 Crushed Cans for mini course due Site Council Meeting 5:00	26 Pops Choir Concert 7:00 	27 Mass Band in Homer	28 Moana Dress rehearsal	29 Mini course sign ups Dual Track Meet Moana dress performance 6pm	30 Moana dress performance shows at 3pm & 6pm 





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 MiniCourse Fees Due	3 Borough Track Prelims	4	5 Band Concert 7:00pm	6 Activity Night 6-8pm	7 Borough Track Meet
<i>Staff Appreciation Week</i>						
8	9 6 th grade Camp 	10	11	12	13 8 th Grade Farewell 8:00am	14
15	16 Mini Courses 	17 Mini Courses	18 Last Day of School	19 	20	21
22	21	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

SUMMER