

KMS PURPLE PAGES

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Tremendous Track Team

By Ruby Davis & Katie Van Sky



Track season started a month ago, on March 28, and is totally in full swing. The first track meet in Homer was canceled due to snow, which made it unclear if some throwing and jumping events would even be do-able. After that, the actual first meet was held on April 15 at Soldotna High School, but was called the Skyview Invitational. The second meet, called the Kenai Invitational, was held at KCHS on April 22.

The KMS track team has around 140 student athletes, the highest number ever! Some students from Aurora Borealis Charter School also join the KMS track team. Track practice happens daily Monday through Friday, from 2:30-4:00, with athletes practicing and training for meets.

Track is a very engaging sport for many people, because it has so many different types of events. There are the throwing events: shot put and discus; the jumping events: long jump, triple jump, and high jump; the sprinting events: the 100, 200, 400 meters, and all relays; the long distance events: the 800 and 1600 meters; and the 100 meter hurdles.

Since there are many events, there are many coaches as well, each specializing in certain events. Mrs. Rodriguez is the head coach as well as the long-distance coach, Mr. Songer coaches high jump, Mr. Newton coaches shot put and discus, Mr. Carson coaches long jump and triple jump, and Ms. Gann coaches the hurdles. Along with these coaches,

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Track Team

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Coach Rose, Mr. Felchle, and Mrs. Smith also help during practice.

Track meets are definitely complicated, especially trying to get to your jumping, running, or throwing events on time. Athletes have to adapt and try to be in two places at once. It is very chaotic since the coaches are trying to coach their events while some athletes don't know where to go. The track meets are very busy and spread all over the place, which is challenging for some people.

KMS track athletes work incredibly hard during their season to do well as individuals and as a team, and their work pays off during the meets. In the Skyview Invitational and Kenai Invitational, Kenai earned top places in many of the events. Great job KMS!

Throwing

By Jackson Taliesin

In track and field there are two throwing events, shot put and discus. Both events are coached by Mr. Newton. Throwing events go by very quickly, unlike most running events. These events are ideal for athletes who don't exactly agree with running or jumping.

Shot put is about "throwing" an eight pound ball as far as possible. We may say throwing, but it's more like pushing in an upward angle. There isn't much footwork involved in shot put and it's kind of difficult to get consistent form. Throwers in shot put have a ring with a 7 ft diameter that you throw from. If you drop the shot, don't bring the shot to a proper form, or step out of the front half of the ring, it's a scratch.

The goal of discus is to throw a 1 kg disc as far as you can. With discus, technique is everything. If you don't throw it properly, you could easily lose 20 feet on your throw. In discus athletes get an 8.2 ft diameter circle to throw. When you throw your discus, there are different ways to do footwork. One way is the X-Step, where you take one step behind and then another in front, then throw. Another way to do it is the glide, where you kinda hop backwards, then twist and throw.

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Sprints

By Katie Van Sky

The sprinting events in track are the 100, 200, and 400 meters. Mr. Felchle coaches the sprints normally, but Mr. Rose has stepped in to help since Mr. Felchle recently had knee surgery. They have both been working really hard at trying to get everything ready and find activities for us to do, but the weather has not helped lately with the snow.

The 100 meter is one straight long stretch of the track. The 200 meter is the turn added on to the long straight stretch. The 400 meter is debatably the hardest sprint; it's when you sprint as fast as you can without stopping for one whole lap around the track. This is the one sprint when you need to have a lot of endurance to keep going.

With sprinting, the coaches encourage you to use blocks, when you start. The normal setting is 6 and 15 units depending on which foot you start on, and then 55° or 60°. Mr. Felchle believes if you don't use blocks while sprinting you will not win because you are losing a couple steps by not using them. When you are not using them you tend to "stutter step" as they call it.

After you get your blocks set up and step into them, the announcer says three command words. First they say *runners take your mark*, then *set*. Set is when you raise to the right position from your knees, and lastly *go* and BAM the gun goes off and then you start.

As you are sprinting your distance, make sure you don't step out of your lane or else you will be disqualified. Try to keep from bobbing your head and don't look at the ground. Only look at the ground for the first three steps when coming out of the blocks. Also try to regulate your breathing; do not just hold your breath the whole time. If you are sprinting you want to breathe in and out through your mouth, to get the maximum oxygen your lungs can hold. Make sure to not be tense; keep your hands nice and loose and do not flex your face.

Sprinting is a great event to try. It is nice and easy, and



it finishes quickly depending on the different distances. Sprinting is a friendly, competitive race, and a great choice to try if you are good at short distance running.

Distance

By Ruby Davis



The longest event in track is the 1600 meter, or the four-lap race. For this race, runners don't start in blocks, as it isn't a sprinting event. It is important for any 1600 runner to have strategy, so they know how to set a

brisk pace that they can maintain, while also saving energy for the sprint at the end of the race. The next longest race is the 800 meter, which is two laps around the track. This event is run at a faster pace than the mile, but slower than any of the sprints. These two events are considered the long-distance races in track.

The next longest event is the 400 meter, and it's considered to be the hardest event, even though it is only one lap around the track. This event is sometimes considered a sprint, and sometimes a long-distance event. Runners don't sprint the whole 400 meters, but for most of the race they keep a brisk pace that is hard to maintain for a long time.

Relays

By Ruby Davis

The relay races are the only events where runners have to rely on their teammates to finish the race. There are 100, 200, and 400 meter relays, with four athletes per team. When the starting gun goes off, the first member of the team starts sprinting towards the next team member farther down the track.



At the end of the distance they run (100, 200, or 400 meters), the team member passes off a baton to the next sprinter on their team, who then takes off. The baton gets passed off three times, once for every new runner. If anyone drops the baton during pass-offs or while running, or they take too long to pass the baton to the next person, their team is disqualified.

Long Jumps

By Katie Van Sky

Mr. Carson coaches triple and long jump for track. He started coaching at Soldotna Middle School in the year 2000, so he has been coaching for 22 years as a track coach. He used to be a distance coach; he also was a head coach for a few years.

Long jump is when you sprint to the white line then jump as far as you can into a sand pit. The first place where you hit the sand is where they mark your place. They mark at the back of your heel and then measure. You can scratch if your foot goes over the white line.

For triple jump, you sprint until the white line, and then you jump on your right foot and right foot once again, without letting your left foot touch the ground. Then you take one jump on your left. Lastly bring both feet together and land in the sand pit. In both triple and long jump, if you step over the line you would scratch and your score would not count.

If you are planning to try one of these events, one good trait to have is to be really fast, so if you are a sprinter it would be good to try one of the jumps. If you can jump far that would be ideal because you are trying to launch yourself off the ground into a huge sand pit. Also, if you are tall you might be good at them, but it's not necessary.

About 40 people do long jump, which is way more than triple jump, with only about 10-20 people. Mr. Carson believes that more people do long jump because it is easier, and triple jump is "intimidating," as he describes it, because triple jump is a jump that is not natural with its complex footwork.

Mr. Carson loves to see athletes improve, which is one of the reasons why he coaches. He also likes to encourage kids to stay active. He believes that doing sports makes you a better, well rounded person as long as you are coachable. Mr. Carson would love to see more people show up to try his events, and who knows, it might become your favorite.

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What should slow runners eat before a big race?

Fast food!

How do you get a runner to remember you?

Jog their memory!

What is a runner's favorite school subject?

Jog-raphy!

Hurdles

By Ruby Davis

Hurdles are an interesting event in track, because you jump *and* sprint all in one race! Unlike the other sprinting events, the only distance for hurdles is 100 meters, with 10 barriers (aka hurdles) set up in between the start and finish lines. Hurdles may seem like an easy event from the perspective of the stands, but when you are sprinting towards them, they can be very intimidating, so it takes good form and courage to do hurdles.



Why did the vegetarians quit track?
They didn't like meets!

Why do distance runners always
want to go to college?
Education pays off in the long run!

High Jump

By Katie Van Sky

High jump is an exhilarating event. Mr. Songer is the high jump coach. He has been the coach at KMS for two years now. For high jump, you sprint and then jump vertically upward and bend backwards over the height of the bar, trying not to touch it or knock the bar down. Then you land on a foam mat on your back. High jump sounds like a simple concept, but it is far more complicated than you think.

Mr. Songer was assigned to coach high jump, and he is very happy about that. He thinks it gives an opportunity for more athletes to try track. High jump is an event that people should at least try if they are in track because it is an event where you don't really have to run.

When you first start, Mr. Songer puts on YouTube videos of high jumpers so athletes can see the whole product in action and see what they should look like based on the form. Then, athletes do a run-through without the bar because the bar tends to scare people and makes it look too challenging. After that, they add the bar into the performance. By doing these steps, you work up to putting the bar there because after the athletes get used to the feeling and it feels more routine. The bar doesn't seem as frightening as before.

Only about 17 athletes at KMS do high jump. Mr. Songer believes that people don't try it because it seems intimidating and complex. He recommends this event because you don't have to run and not as many people do high jump as other events. Therefore, there is a bigger chance of placing. Last year the girls won two out of the three borough medals in high jump, and the boys won one out of three.

If you do decide to try high jump some traits would be nice, but not necessary, like being tall and flexible, and having a good vertical and long legs. You have to be comfortable on your back; if you've ever been on a trampoline and didn't like it when you land on your back, this event would probably not be the best fit for you. You have to be ok with wearing a helmet as well, according to Mr. Songer.

There are some rules of high jump. Either all the girls jump first until there is only one left, or all the boys jump first. At each new height, you get three tries to clear the bar. The first rounds take the longest because they have the most people, but then the number gets lower and lower until the final winner. First, the bar starts at 3 ft 8 in and then it raises 2 inches each round until there are two athletes left, then the bar raises 1 inch until one of them fails to make it over the bar.

Mr. Songer believes that high jump gives the athletes a different kind of motivation. Because you see your competition jump the height before (Foreheads- 1C-2A-3D-4C), then you know if you don't make it, they win, unlike long jump, when you just jump the farthest you can and wait to see how you placed.

Overall, high jump is a great event to try. Also, if you don't really like running and you still want to do track, high jump is a great option for you. I'm sure Mr. Songer would love to see some new high jumpers at his event. I would definitely recommend trying high jump because you might just find out how good you are at it even though it looks very intimidating.



KMS Track Athletes



8th Graders

Aminah Azlan
 Sophia Barajas
 Kaden Bee
 Tania Boonstra
 Jasmine Brady
 Mason Butler
 Destiny Cansino
 Scarlett Case
 Peyton Cole
 Evelyn Cooper
 Vail Coots
 Peighton Curren
 Madison Davenport
 Isaiah Dirks
 James Duffield
 Courtney Galloway
 Willow Graham
 Cara Graves
 Azilyn Hall
 Brynna Hanson
 Alphonse Hoffman
 Josiah Holloway
 Ashana Ivanoff
 Natalie James
 Katie Johnson
 Indiana Jones
 Chase Laker
 Thaddeus Lingenfelter
 Jacob Lopez

8th Graders

Macalen Marion
 Ellsi Miller
 Micheal Nutter
 Issac Potton
 Jaeden Randal
 Otto Rodrigues
 Daisy Samples
 Lylah Smith
 Lacie Sorhus
 McKenzie Spence
 Levi Strong
 Sailor Tallent
 Cooper Tallent-Darling
 Sophie Tapley
 Seylor Tomrdle
 Faith Vanlandingham
 Charlie Vermette
 Kayani Whicker
 Jaxson Young

7th Graders

Justice Adcox
 Lia Arness
 Miley Baze
 Dani Bennett
 Josh Bolling-Cornilles
 Lucia Carson
 Sierra Chapman
 Ruby Davis

7th Graders

Jackson Douthit
 Teresa Fallon
 Carter Felche
 Alan Hack
 Savannah Hershberger
 Schyler Johnson
 Ashauntea Kaiser
 Caroline Karpik
 Ava Kasdorf
 Lily Langham
 Mady Martin
 Miles Metteer
 Jace Mizera
 Kimber Moore
 CJ Newcomb-Hammer
 Pepper Noel
 Eli Settlemyer
 Keziah Simons
 Eli Smith
 Lexi Somers
 Adelin Sparks
 Monica St. John
 Elliot Stockton
 Brett Sturman
 Jackson Taliesin
 Emily Taylor
 Katie Van Sky
 Sage Wilson
 Dianna Wright

6th Graders

Archer Adcox
 Noah Anding
 Ben Brighton
 Roman Campanella
 Brock Cooper
 Clayton Cooper
 Selah Coots
 Kaia Dale-Johnson
 Tenley Fabian
 Jaciyah Foglia
 Keira Forstner
 Ainura Holmes
 Chase Johnson
 Luke Karpik
 Emma Karron
 Luke Larsen
 Christopher Lloyd
 Iversen Miller
 Avery Munter
 Effie Muster
 Eli Pancoast
 Izze Selanoff
 Ella Siemers
 Elloree Smith
 Hallie Songer
 Lucas Swanson
 Olivia Tews
 LeRoy Tomrdle
 Braylynn Young

Stories from the Stands

By Kyron Gonzalez

Going to the first track meet was so fun! The funny comments, memories, and even the coldness, all were just in the moment, incredibly fun, you could say. At the meet everyone was either really hyped up or extremely nervous about the lung and leg hurting events. After arriving, athletes took their spots on the far left side of the bleachers.

With 800 meter events happening first, running was not the main thing running through their bodies, complaints were. Wanting to skip, the 800 meter runners stomped and waddled down the bleachers with the intention to quit the race. With runners down on the field warming up for the leg breaking thoughts of the run, people in the stands raised their hands and cheered them on.

Over to the right of the field, the high jump was

taking place. With kids lined up and backs repeatedly hitting the bar, frustration grew on the runners' faces. Some kids who hadn't even signed up for the event were still dragged down to the high jump due to some misunderstandings in their sign-up sheets. If you ask me, that's quite a bozo move.

All the way to the top left of the field, the long jump took place. With the line was so long it wrapped along a quarter of the track, near the end of the event they split the line in half and all the kids who were doing two test jumps were brought to a separate part of the long jump track. Most jumpers waiting in the line just cheered on the runners passing by on the track with their scratchy, cold voices.

The 4x400 relay race ended the day and KMS won most of the races. With such a great ending for the track meet, everybody went home and spent most of their time whining about how their legs ached and Facetimed their friends with complaints.

Comical Cooper

By Levi Strong



Cooper Tallent-Darling is an 8th grader at KMS who is a very energetic, loud, and funny person. He is 14 years old and was born on March 8th, 2008 in Denver, Colorado. He first moved to Alaska when he was one. He has one brother, two sisters, and a dog. His family owned chickens, rabbits, and

ducks when he was younger.

Cooper's favorite thing to do in his free time is to hang out with friends and play video games. Cooper's favorite video games are Call of Duty and Minecraft. When he hangs out with his friends, they go out into the woods and build stuff, such as a ladder so they could get up into a tree.

Cooper participates in several sports, including track, cross country running, and skiing. His favorite sport is running because he likes running with his friends. Cooper's favorite class is PE, because of the games; his favorite game is warball because it's very competitive, and he is also competitive, so warball is a perfect fit for him.

Cooper also enjoys theater. Right now his drama class is working on a play called *Moana Jr.* Cooper plays one of the lead roles as Maui, who is a demigod who helps the main character Moana save her island. He enjoys acting because of the fun games they play and being in the plays, including *Lion King Jr* last year.

In the future, Cooper wants to stay in Alaska when he grows up because there really aren't that many poisonous animals and it's the perfect temperature. When he grows up he wants to be a marine biologist because he likes the water and sharks are his favorite fish.

Lovely Lovë

By Brynne Hanson



Lovë Carter-Hendricks is a 7th grader who came to KMS in 6th grade after being at Mountain View Elementary. She was born on a clear, sunny day in Alaska on July 14, 2009 and she grew up here. Lovë's best features are her thick hair, hazel eyes, and really long eyelashes.

Lovë has three siblings:

Caydence is 18, and two older brothers, so there's four of them all together. Her family has a male silver lab named Copper that they are very close with. She prefers summer over winter; every summer her family takes a vacation to Mexico where she likes to surf and boogie board.

Her favorite school subject is history because Mr. Rose makes learning about the world more fun and interesting. She loves school because she gets to see her friends. One thing Lovë doesn't like about school is the homework. Her goal throughout this school year was to be consistent with her good grades.

Lovë's favorite hobby outside of school is to hang out with her friends. Lovë loves to run and go fishing. In her free time, she plays softball and volleyball because she loves being outside for softball and she just loves volleyball. In softball she plays catcher, and in volleyball she plays back row. Her favorite show is *The Sandlot* because there's baseball in it and she thinks the actors are super hot.

When Lovë is older, she wishes to be an audiologist because she will make good money and she loves helping people. Audiologists are health care professionals who identify, assess, and manage disorders of hearing, balance, and other neural systems. She also wants to run her own business when she is older.

"Happiness is a direction, not a place." -Sydney J. Harris

"Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself." -John Dewey

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

Awesome Ari

By Shauna Lynn Koch



Have you ever met a sixth grader named Ari Imlay? She may only be 11 years old, but she surely is smart and feisty! Read on while I share the juicy secrets of this wonderful, pink-haired genius.

If you know Ari, you know that she has an old soul and loves to make music. Ari plays saxophone in Intermediate Band, even though she says that she wishes to play trumpet. Ari says that her talents lie in the arts, such as music and art!

Another one of Ari's fun classes is Quest with Mrs. Nabholz. Quest is where kids can express themselves through cool, creative projects. Ari recently finished working on a made-up country called the "Donutinican Republic." She created a map, a flag, and even a language! For example, hi is *Hara (hair-a)*, and bye is *Voora (vor-aye)*. If you want to learn more about any of their made-up countries, feel free to ask any of Mrs. Nabholz's Quest students.

When Ari gets home, she normally does chores. One thing Ari says would be in her ideal day would be snuggling her dalmatian puppy Destiny! She recently got her and it was love at first sight. After all of that, Ari plays video games and reads. She is dedicated to reading so much that she was on this year's Battle of the Books Team. Ari likes to mess around with computers and coding, and she is actually in Mrs. McCown's keyboarding class.

After taking such a dive into the fascinating life of the one and only Ari, learning about her hopes, her dreams, and even her everyday life, you are probably hoping to learn even more about her. Sadly, this article cannot go on forever, but Ari's life story sure can!

Opinion-8-Ed

By Ray Hale

What is your favorite workout or game in gym?



Treu Lloyd- "I don't like any workouts but my favorite game is crab soccer because I get to crawl."

Landon Dedrick- "War ball because it's fun to throw balls at people."

Josiah Levshakoff- "War ball is my favorite game because I have been playing it for six years."

Damien Rodriguez- "Triple ball because it's fun!"

Caitlyn Eskelin- "Triple ball because it's always fun to get people out but overall it's just fun."

Riley Mosquito- "I don't like workouts, but my favorite game is trashcan ball because I like the strategy."

Ethan Agayar- "My favorite game is warball because you can go in for two rounds if you get hit. Also, there is only one ball so only one person at a time has the ball and you don't have to focus on so many people."

Bryce Jolicoeur- "I like mat-chess because it's like wrestling."

Jaeden Randal- "I like mat-chess because I like wrecking everyone and then leaving."

Kenneth White- "Warball because you hit people with a ball."

Lacie Sorhus- "I like Mission Impossible because it's fun to work in groups."

Kayani Whicker- "I like Fort Knox because it's a fun competitive game."

Mrs. Rodriguez- "Mission Impossible! Because you have to come together to use your noodles."

Mr. Songer- "Ultimate Frisbee! Because you get to wear a helmet :)."



Marvelous *Moana*

By Isla Crouse

Have you ever seen the movie *Moana*? Ever heard the soundtrack? The Drama class here at KMS is recreating this Disney classic in a musical of their own, full of dancing, singing, and musical talent.

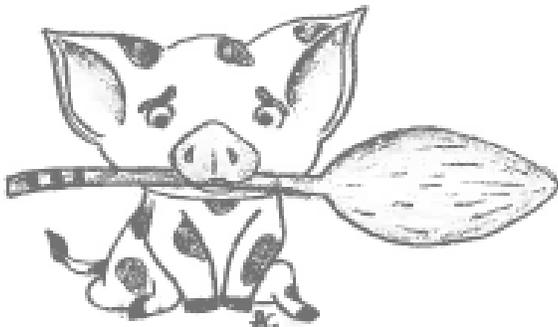
Currently, this class is still working hard on pulling their performance together, but this spectacular production will be presented on April 29th at 6 pm and on the 30th at 3 pm and 6 pm.

Music and dancing will fill the stage, thanks to Drama teacher Mr. Lyke, choir teacher Ms. Vollom, and parent volunteers Mrs. Sorhus and Mrs. Tallent.

“It’s going fairly well,” Annemarie Lacy, a Drama student playing the characters Te Fiti/Te Kā and the ocean, explains, talking about the practices leading up to the show. “Everyone’s working together well. We just need to get a few things done still, which makes it a little stressful.” As for how she thinks the performance is going to turn out, her hopes and expectations are very high. “To be honest, I think it will be a really successful production.”

Tickets are only \$5.00 to watch the show at the KCHS Auditorium, and if you want to buy a DVD with the play recorded on it, that’s \$20.00. However, if you are a KMS student, there will be a special showing of the production on Friday the 29th at 1:00 pm for free!

This *Moana* production is going to be a thrilling, exciting show, a time to sit down with your family and friends and watch a lively and creative performance. I would recommend watching this spectacle – it’s something you won’t want to miss!



Producer & Director: Mr. Lyke
Music Director: Ms. Vollom
Choreographer: Mrs. Sorhus
Costume Designer: Mrs. Tallent

Moana Cast (Main Characters)

Moana - Mylee Yeoman
Maui - Cooper Tallent-Darling
Te Fiti, Te Kā, Ocean - Annemarie Lacy
Tamatoa - Alex Kahn
Chief Tui - Jaeden Randal
Sina - Emerie Mallard
Pua - Lexi Somers
Hei Hei - Aislyn Downum

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How does the ocean say goodbye? *Sea you later!*

Are we lost at sea? *I'm not shore!*

How do you cut an ocean in two? *With a sea-saw!*

How does an ocean say goodbye? *It waves!*

What do you do with a sick boat? *Take it to the dock!*

Why don't clams give to charity? *They're shellfish!*

Why is the beach always so confident? *It's 100% shore!*

Why are some fish at the bottom of the sea?
Because they dropped out of school!

Moana Musical

By Levi Strong

S Z D J L T O K R I H V I P T R S R I L
M R L M B Z N H U Y E N V V X R J I T X
V H O E S R H T I S I D A M O T M G I G
E I D T M Y F J R S H G K T E P Y H F P
E O L K S E V E U M E R S K S O E T E F
A B U L I E T O V V I E A U U B D C T Y
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Chief Ancestors
Moana
Chief Tui
Sina
Pua
Hei Hei
Gramma Tala
Maui
Tamatoa
Te Fiti
Ancestors
Ocean
Left Claw
Right Claw
Te Ka
Dancers
Weavers
Fishers
Monsters
Gate Monster
Villagers
In the Beginning
You're Welcome
We Know the Way
Shiny
Warrior Face

Donut Laugh Too Hard!

Knock Knock.
Who's there?
Donut.
Donut who?
Donut ask,
it's a secret!

Why couldn't the
teddy bear finish
his donut?
He was stuffed!

What's a basketball
player's favorite
donut shop?
Dunkin' Donuts!

What do you call a
cute donut?
A-dough-able!

Why do golfers
love donuts?
*Always a
hole-in-one!*

Perfect Pastries

By Raisa Breff

Let's get this article started! *cool explosions in the background* Most of you know that the 6th graders recently held a Krispy Kreme donut fundraiser, and I have an odd feeling that some of you reading this article bought some. But that's besides the point. This year is their second year doing this fundraiser for 6th grade camp being held in May. Each 6th grader needs to raise \$145 dollars for this camping trip.

Mrs. Vann thought of the idea mostly because she had seen other organizations in Anchorage selling Krispy Kreme for fundraisers, so she decided to look into it.

This year students sold 710 dozen

donuts and 106 gift certificates, and they raised \$5,545. Each student chooses whether they want to sell or not; if they want to sell, then they ask friends and neighbors.

The donuts are flown to Kenai by Ravn Airlines; they have generously shipped them for free, for the past two years. Mrs. Vann picked up the donuts at the airport and brought them to school.

The 6th grader to sell the most donuts was Lyman McBride, who sold exactly 45 dozen donuts and 15 certificates. How amazing is that! If you are wondering how the certificates work, all you have to do is take them directly to a Krispy Kreme store and you will receive a dozen fresh donuts right there and then. So make sure you use them quickly and get your yummy fresh donuts!



Peninsula Piranhas

By Isla Crouse

In our community, swimming is usually overlooked and forgotten, but the world of aquatic athletics is much more complex than many realize. Individual events, relays, cheering, podium places, metals, ribbons . . . swimming has all of it. It's not just a behind-the-scenes sport after all.

TEAM

The Peninsula Piranhas Swim Team (PPST) group of athletes spans from new members just able to keep their heads above the water to 20-second fifty-yard freestyles after coaching and experience.

PPST is coached by two fanatic coaches, Will Hubler and his daughter Anissa, and they do an extraordinary job teaching the athletes everything they need to know. In just a few years they can help kids advance from a dog paddler to an experienced swimmer. Archer Adcox says that Coach Will is nice; Emma Castimore and Everett Poulin agree, saying that he's an extremely good coach and that he is really nice and supportive.

Overall, the team works pretty well as a whole, so well, in fact, that at the last local meet, Area Championships, the Piranhas won the Sportsmanship award, along with the High Point trophy! Archer states that he thinks our team works pretty well together, but honestly admits that he really doesn't pay much attention to the other swimmers. Everett agrees with Archer, that the team consists of a good group of people and that we definitely work together well. He also says that it is hilarious when one teammate is swimming and the *whole* team moves to cheer for them. The Piranhas work together very well, supporting and cheering for each other at every meet and training practice.



TRAINING

Just because swim training is in the water, that doesn't mean that it isn't brutal; sometimes it most certainly is. Workouts fill all of the two hours available for training, some days working on technique, others on stamina, breath control, and strength training, plus practicing starts off the blocks and other important factors to solidify a good race at meets. Swimming takes a lot of practice and technique to pull off a good event, but swimmers do it. And in the end, it's worth it.

There are many different perspectives on swim training, and a lot of it depends on how long you've been on the team and your experience and background in the sport. For Archer, a swimmer who just started with the team, practices can be, "Fun, but sometimes hard. I like it. It is definitely challenging but I've become better as a swimmer."

Hard sets are Emma's enemy, but she also notes that swim practices are very enjoyable. "I like it when we mix the beginners with the more advanced swimmers to get advice for technique," Emma says. She also admits that one time during practice, when she was just starting swimming, she and her friend were trying out circle swimming (swimming to accommodate more than one person in a lane); not doing it very well, they ended up running into each other, causing a head-on collision!

S.K.I.M.P.S. (swim, kick, IM, pull, swim) is Everett's favorite set, but, he has to point out, once they get up to



S.K.I.M.P.S. by 200's (which means you have to swim 200 yards of each exercise). . . they lose their pleasantness.

EVENTS



Swimmers, just like any other individual sport athletes, have their own specialty event. Some are butterflyers, others backstrokers, breaststrokers, or freestylers. There are events for each of these strokes, along with a variety of distances for each as well. There are 25-yard events of each stroke for ages eight and unders, 50-yard events of each stroke for twelve and unders, and both 100-yard and 200-yard events for any age of each stroke, with the exception of the 200 IM (individual medley) which is 50 yards of each stroke in one event. There are also the long-distance races that include the 500, 1000, and 1650 yard freestyles.

Archer says that he doesn't like anything over a hundred yards, especially when compared to the shorter events like the fifties and twenty-fives. Emma states that her best stroke is backstroke, and that the 100-yard backstroke is her favorite event. She admits that she thinks the 200-yard butterfly is definitely the hardest event, with the 25-yard freestyle claiming the easiest spot. Everett's favorite event is the 100 IM, though his preeminent stroke is breaststroke. Some events are much more arduous than others, while some are just sprints, but all matter to someone who calls it their prized race.

Funky Fifth Graders

By Jackson Taliesin

We recently had some special visitors to our humble school. Many 5th graders from Mt. View, Kaleidoscope, Connections Homeschool, Nikiski-North Star, K-Beach, Aurora Borealis, and Soldotna Montessori visited KMS and toured the school. You may have even seen them walk into your classroom and watch for a little bit.

It's important to let the 5th graders see what they can expect for next year, so this trip is vital. Visiting and touring the school can also eliminate the

MEETS

Take your mark, ERRRR! Meets are a big thing in the sport of swimming, a time where swimmers can fully express their abilities, a time to show off what they really can do. There are numerous events and heats, and usually meet days are very long to accommodate all of the races, sometimes lasting from one to four days. Meets are stressful as well as fun opportunities to hang out with your team and swim.

PPST goes up against Homer, Seward, Soldotna, Anchorage, Chugiak, Fairbanks, North Pole, Juneau, and others. "I like meets. They're very fun, and you're really just competing against yourself," explains Emma. "I really like going to the Homer meets because of the cool lights in the pool." She also says that it's fun that she can hang with her friends and chat in between events.

During this time, between events, funny things sometimes happen. At one meet, Emma explains, a girl trying to express her team spirit missed all of her events just because she was busy drawing on the backs of other swimmers. Drawing on team members is a normal occurrence, but it doesn't normally result in missing all of your races! Meets are stressful, hilarious, fun, and so much more, all packed together into a day that won't be leaving the memories of swimmers anytime soon.



shenanigans of brand new 6th graders fumbling around the building trying to get to class on time. In 2020, due to Covid, 5th graders were not able to come to KMS, which caused some confusion when they arrived in the fall.

"It was interesting to see the school I'll be coming to next year. I even got to see 7th grade classes! It's gonna be different to have lockers instead of toting around a backpack, and it's kinda weird that we won't have just one teacher in my opinion, but other than that I'm looking forward to it," stated Mt. View 5th grader Lily Taliesin.

Crazy Celebration

By Piper Anglebrandt



On April 1st, KMS held an in-school celebration. To be eligible for celebration, students had to have good grades from Quarter 3; if not then they went to study hall. There were 26 amazing activities at this celebration, like war ball downstairs with Mr. Newton, Nintendo Switch in the library with Mr. Rose, and Mrs. Nabholz's pin maker!

One popular activity was face painting. It was held by Mrs. Rininger in the commons, and there was a very long line for it. A lot of people got a heart on their face with someone's name above it.

Another popular activity was the tattoo parlor, which was located in the commons and run by Mrs. Rodriguez. There were removable tattoos all over a table and students were able to pick out a tattoo they liked, then cut it out, and either have Mrs. Rodriguez put it on the student, or if they didn't want to wait in line, they could go to the bathroom and put it on there.

There was also the famous cakewalk! It was held near the lunch line, by Mr. Lewis and Mr. Lyke. Students would walk in a circle until the music stopped, then they would call a number, and if the person was standing on that number they won a tasty treat!

I was eligible for celebration and I had fun! My favorite activity was probably the tattoo parlor; me and my friends got LOTS of tattoos. Celebration was really fun, and I can't wait for the next one!

Music to My Ears

By Jasmine Brady

The Mass Choir Concert was held in Homer on the 12th of April. There were four schools: Kenai, Homer, Chapman, and Nikiski. After we arrived we warmed up with two folk songs, and then we went into sectionals. I myself am an alto, so for our first sectional we stayed in the auditorium to practice the song everyone was doing, *Give Us Hope*, and a song only for the altos and sopranos, *Stay*, and the baritone only song, *Rest Not*. The conductor was very persistent in helping us make sure our part didn't get lost in everyone else's part.

We practiced for almost seven hours (which btw hurts a lot!!!!), then took a break to get on the bus and go to Safeway for dinner. Then we got dressed in our robes and sat down in the back of the auditorium and watched as Homer performed their two songs.

Next Kenai sang our three songs *Sing for Joy*, *Follow the River*, and *Tumekuja Kuimba*. "I thought it went very well," said Ms. Vollom, "Kenai performed very well, we came into the mass choir knowing our songs. I was pleased with how the day went with KMS choir students."



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Phrightful Phobias

By Dianna Wright

Phobias are phobias whether they're weird, scary, or different. Some people have uncommon fears like getting peanut butter stuck on the roof of their mouth, Arachibutyrophobia, or common fears like heights, Acrophobia.

Did you know that phobias actually may be passed down in your DNA? Sometimes a traumatic event can cause one, such as nearly falling off a high ledge.

A lot of phobias are obvious in certain people. Let's say your friend saw a little bug and freaked out. Then it's obvious they have some kind of phobia of insects. Some people may surprise you with the phobias they have, like someone may be very brave and act fearless but surprisingly have a phobia of cotton balls, for example.

Biggest phobias of KMS staff:

Mr. Navarre- "I have a fear of having no fears!" In other words he's basically scared of himself because he has no fears whatsoever.

Mrs. Chantel- Athazagoraphobia, the fear of being unprepared. "Being unprepared for a long camping trip is the worst!" That for sure worries her the most.

Mrs. Newton- Arachnophobia, the fear of spiders. "They absolutely terrify me!"

Mrs. Rolph- Entomophobia, the fear of insects. "Especially when it crawls on you, I can't stand it!"

Mr. Summer- Ligyrophobia or Atelophobia, based on how he refuses to open his door when someone knocks. His actions show how much he despises people being too loud and people who are not perfectly perfect.

Biggest phobias of KMS students:

Nick Bezdecny- "I have too many fears!" He has a total of 11 fears! A couple are Coulrophobia, the fear of clowns, and Entomophobia, the fear of bugs. Mostly Aquaphobia, the fear of water. He absolutely despises water, or anything that has to do with it!

Alidia Crabb- Basophobia, the fear of falling. "Anything that has to do with falling scares me!"

Chase E. Johnson- Thalassophobia, the fear of the ocean. "How am I supposed to know what's swimming under me?"

Katalla Tomrdle- Gerascophobia, the fear of getting old. "I don't want to get all old and wrinkled!"

Otto Rodrigues- Anthropophobia, the fear of people. "They are absolutely horrifying."



Nuked Nuggie

By Ella Siemers

There seems to be a "burning food in the microwave" trend! We have had everything from popcorn to dino nuggets bursting into flames. We must give our spectacular Mr. Tilly special thanks for cleaning every single piece of burnt food out of that microwave.

Just a few days ago someone named Tenley ended the life of a T-rex dino nugget. It started with Roman, who rejected his nugget and gave it to Delila. She took one bite and decided she didn't want it either, so she gave it to Tenley, who popped it in the microwave for 30 seconds. I personally think that is plenty of time for a single nugget, but Tenley thought differently. "It was too cold," she said before putting it in the microwave for 1 minute and 30 seconds!

And as we all found out, that does not work well. After the timer was up, Tenley ran over to the microwave and saw a horrific sight. All we could see was smoke rising up from the microwave, and the commons smelled awful! Mr. Tilly quickly approached and immediately

tossed the microwave outside as laughter erupted in the commons. Poor, dead dino nugget!



Arachnid-Guy: Part 3

Vengeful Intentions

By Anonymous Narrator

Arachnid-Guy opens the box, and finds a map which shows a mountain, with the school around 100 miles away from it. The mountain shows a house-looking figure with a faint brown X on it. Arachnid-Guy grabs his hallway slips, detentions, and pencils to prepare for the long journey filled with mountainous ranges and KKIS 96.5 to find the mysterious house on the map.

In search of his invisible car, he stumbles along a scene of Yee-Man stealing a school computer. Arachnid-Guy runs to confront him and prove his evilness. Yee-Man pops on a cloak, a cloak that moves him to a world of shadows. He suddenly becomes invisible.

“Show yourself,” Arachnid-Guy yells. Standing in confusion and vengeful intentions Arachnid-Guy gets soaked with annoyance.

“Meet me with the map,” Yee-Man whispers from the abyss.

“That's it, that's what the map is for,” Arachnid-Guy mutters, “I must leave now.” Running into the street, Arachnid-Guy smacks into his car. His touch turns off the invisibility mode on the car and it lets out a cute *beep beep.*

Arachnid-Guy hops in the car and speeds to the nearest gas station. Grabbing Snickers, Kit-Kats, and Red Bulls, he worries about the dangers in the mysterious house. Leaving the gas station with a full tank and snacks, he races down the highways, anxious to find out what is behind Zeeko's evil plan.

Red lights flickering with the help of blue, and Arachnid-Guy regrets his actions of the past few seconds. After pulling him over, a uniformed man in a blue shirt and black pants approaches his window, “Do you know why I pulled you over today, sir?” the officer says in an annoyed voice.

To Be Continued...



#KMShashtags

#waterbottlerockets
#applejournal
#Y=MX+B
#newtongeometrytest
#blackdeath
#6thgradecamp
#MiddleAges
#MagnaCarta
#softball
#biking
#science
#boyteachers
#a
#banana
#boomthecat
#holycow
#owwie
#toilet
#outsiderecess
#gonger
#presnayorpreslay
#ilovemoney
#edward&sheeran

Twin City Raceway

By Megan Hutchings

History of the Race Track

The track broke ground in 1970 with the first races starting in 1972. The track started life as a 1/2 mile oval with the pits in the middle, but now it is a 3/8 mile semi-banked oval with the pits on the back side.

Memories

In 2021 I went to watch Jason and Phillip (my dad's cousins) race their sprint cars. Phillip flipped his car! My Dad and I went to the pits to see if he was ok; he was but one of the wings on his car got ruined. I've been watching people race ever since I was little, and there were lots of them bumping into each other.

Stock Cars

A stock car is a normal car but turned into a race car, and there's different types of stock cars. The stock car can go 100 mph/160kph on a dirt track. Stock cars were first introduced to America in 1939 by Norm Nelson.



This is my stock car but there are different types.
I get to start racing this summer!

WHAT DO WE WANT?
RACE CAR NOISES!!!

WHEN DO WE WANT THEM?

NNNEEEEEEOOOOOOOOWWWWWW!!!!



Sprint Cars

A sprint car with wings can go 150 mph on dirt, and a wingless sprint car can go 140 mph on dirt. Twin City Raceway said we are the fastest dirt track in Alaska. Mini Stock, A Stock, B Stock, Legends, Late Models, Trucks, and Sprint Cars all race here. Sprint cars were brought to America in 1958 by Jim Cushman.

Capital Speedway

Jason and Phillip Hutchings bought Capital Speedway in Wasilla, Alaska on March 25th, 2022. They are making two more tracks there and will reopen in Spring 2023.

Information You Should Know

You should bring sunglasses so dust doesn't get into your eyes. There is a food court that has food, drinks, and ear plugs, but if you want to bring your own drink make sure that the drink has a cap so dust doesn't get into it. After the races you can meet the drivers. They are really nice and happy to meet their fans!

Pricing

- Adult General Admission: \$10
- Children 7-17 Students/Seniors: \$5
- Children 6 and under: FREE
- Veterans/Active Duty: FREE
- Pit Pass (age 12+): \$20

"You never fail until you stop trying." -Albert Einstein

"Never stop trying, because life never stops teaching." -Kirill Korshikov

"If there is no struggle, there is no progress." -Frederick Douglass

Holy, Holey Jeans: The Story Behind the Sinkhole Sweats

By Shauna Lynn Koch

Have you ever walked down the halls and seen jeans that, you know, are kinda missing the jean part? Trust me when I tell you that I have. Also trust me when I tell you that when I first saw them I saw no appeal. So come along on this adventure with me, the annoying, obnoxious, dumb, lazy (maybe I should stop before this gets personal) reporter who only does this so I can go to a good college, watch me start to understand and even like these holy, holey jeans.

Before we get into the fun part of this article, I might as well tell you a bit about the history behind these disfigured pairs of trousers. People started to wear these pants in the 1970's but that isn't quite when they hit their peak. In the 1980's punk and rock stars started to travel about in these, which of course brought them up the ladder of success, but this still isn't when they started to take over the fashion world.

According to my research, which probably isn't totally valid, they started to be the pothole of the town in the early 2000's. Punk stars, rock stars, pop stars, you name it, everyone was taken by these pairs of saintly slacks. Once someone randomly starts to wear them, they become just a sinkhole of, well you know, holes. At this part of the article you are probably trying to stay awake, but trust me when I say it gets better.

Forever 21, PacSun, American Eagle, Target, these are all places to acquire this new fashion trend. Some students who love this crazy fashion of saintly slacks and some people who are less than thrilled about this strange trend are Aislyn Downum, Emerie Mallard, and Caroline Karpik. Aislyn, who wears sweats on a regular basis, is kinda annoyed with this marvelous creation. Emerie, who has grown up wearing jeans without holes, honestly hates them. Whereas on the other hand, Caroline is okay with wearing them once in a while, but wearing them in winter is just too cold. While some people like to buy these jeans, others like to make them. If you want to know great places to DIY these jeans go to WikiHow, StyleCaster, and more.

Now that we have talked about these pants **A LOT**, let us reflect upon them! They are missing the jean part, they are uncomfortable, they are brand new, and yet they have holes! I LOVE THEM! If you are at this part in the article and you are still awake then congrats! You passed the test! I shall now give you the most rad (yes, I know that you cringed there) thing ever.... A COOKIE!



GOODBYE (Finally)



Cuddly Carpet

By Nik Bezdecny

The 6th grade classrooms and the choir room have new carpet! This is a very exciting thing because...it's *carpet!* The choir teacher, Ms. Vollom, is very excited about the new carpet! She loves how it makes the room look different, and she thinks that the new carpeting is way better than the previous carpeting.

A big reason her room was chosen for new carpet was because the choir room's carpet was very bad. Part of the carpet was missing and there were also some nasty stains. Since the carpet was put in during spring break, when students came back some were confused about what had changed.

Some people even took a couple days to realize that there was new carpet!

Mrs. Bressler is even more excited about the new carpet than Ms. Vollom! She thinks that the carpet makes the rooms look more modern since the carpet had not been changed for decades. The new carpet also helps hide stains, which Mrs. Bressler really appreciates.



An unnamed reporter cuddles with the carpet in the choir room.

Number Two Thumbs Up!



Mr. Felchle was so excited to receive a special new coffee mug created by Ashauntea Kaiser in art class! When she saw how happy he was sitting on the snow toilet during the 7th grade ice fishing field trip, she felt inspired to use her pot-tery skills to make him crack a smile every day. The next time you visit his outhouse office, you will probably find his new porcelain mug resting in its new seat of honor, right next to his old mug that says “Coffee Makes Me Poop.” Way to go, Mr. Felchle!

Carpet Crack-Ups

Picked up my new rug from Ikea!
It's just a sheep and a spinning wheel.

What did the carpet say to the floor?
I've got you covered!

My favorite darts player is called
Dusty Carpet. *Never been beaten!*

A bit odd, but my local dance studio
has both of their halls carpeted.
Waltz to waltz!

I told my carpenter I didn't want carpeted
steps. *He gave me a blank stair.*

What do you call an animal that you keep
in your car? *A car-pet.*

Why does Aladdin travel on a magic
carpet? *He's on the no fly list.*

#KMS hashtags

- #captainobvious
- #leothelion
- #outsideneedto touchgrass
- #GrandpaGustkey
- #miloshappy
- #trackstar
- #eatingicecream
- #roxanne
- #cats
- #sidewayseagle
- #seaofthieves
- #shroudedgoat
- #slitherysnake
- #robot
- #monkey
- #track
- #5thgraders
- #jeans
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- #tired
- #popquiz
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- #phobia
- #coconut
- #sneeze
- #floorsarethebest
- #ElonMusk
- #freddiemercury
- #shrek
- #7thgrademouse
- #vscogirls

Kids in the Hall Would you rather?

By Ray Hale



Eida (Riley) Mosquito, 8th grader

WYR have powerade or whip cream
come out of the water fountain?

“Powerade because they taste really
good, especially the blue one.”



Katalla Tomrdle, 7th grader

WYR have no desks or no chairs?

“No chairs because I like
sitting on the floor.”



Emma Castimore, 6th grader

WYR be at school early in the
morning or stay late at night?

“Early in the morning because
I can hang out with my friends.”

Principal of the Year
 2022 Alaska Region III
 Mr. Vaughn Dosko
 Kenai Middle School



Congratulations, Mr. Dosko!

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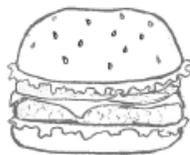
“Do or do not. There is no try.”
 -Yoda, Star Wars

“Do what is right, not what is easy.”
 -Roy T. Bennett

May Holiday May-hem

By Emma Castimore & Everett Poulin

- May 04 Star Wars Day
- May 07 Free Comic Book Day
- May 09 Lost Sock Memorial Day
- May 11 National School Nurse Day
- May 12 Limerick Day
- May 13 Frog Jumping Day
- May 14 Dance like a Chicken Day
- May 15 Chocolate Chip Day



- May 18
- May 19
- May 20
- May 21
- May 24
- May 25
- May 26
- May 27
- May 28
- May 29
- May 31

- No Dirty Dishes Day
- May Ray Day
- Pizza Party Day
- Talk like Yoda Day
- Scavenger Hunt Day
- Sing Out Day
- World Lindy Hop Day
- Sun Screen Day
- Hamburger Day
- Put a Pillow on Your Fridge Day
- Macaroon Day



Dear Dianna,

By Dianna Wright

Struggling with certain issues at school? Need advice? Well send me, Dianna, any of your creeping questions you need advice on.



Dear Dianna,
 I like this boy, how do I talk to him?
 Sincerely, Katty Kat

Katty Kat, I totally see ya! First of all you’ve got a crush on someone who may or may not know you like them. I personally think there are multiple ways to do this, but you actually have to find out what kinda person they are. Are they shy, loud, or friendly? Also, maybe find out what kind of things he likes. Learning these things shows you the best way to possibly do this. If he is shy, maybe slip him a little note saying “hey” or anything you’d like. If you find out a few things that he may enjoy, people always love talking about themselves so this may be the best way to start talking to him. So do what is most comfortable to yourself no matter what. But do not be afraid to step outside the box to do something you’re not used to. Especially if it’s for a crush.

Dear Dianna,
 I LIKE this guy but he has really nas b.o. Sometimes like its really bad!!!! P.S. He’s really cute!

Well well well, we have another crush on the line here. I think a way to deal with this is just to pretend like he doesn’t have any. After all, if you like him enough you should be able to ignore the fact that he has b.o. Some boys do have that, but they eventually learn to have better hygiene, so don’t stress out. At some point he will definitely want to smell decent, especially for a special somebody.

Anonymous Confessions

By Three's a Crowd

"Reality is an illusion, the universe is a hologram, buy gold! BYEEEEEEE!" -Demon Triangle

Well, if reality is an illusion then I'm glad I can't see you, if the universe is a hologram then where are you, and buying gold is useless because due to inflation it's losing its worth, so thanks and I'm the one to say bye!!!!

-Tubbo the Bee Boy

"Number 16 should be a goal for the Greeks! ♥"

-Marquette

You need to elaborate. I have no clue what you are talking about from this one sentence. In Greek there are some words to describe people like you: ανόητος, ηλίθιος, μικροεγκέφαλος, αδαής, ομοίωμα.

-Sleepy Weatherman

"There's this guy...

He is soooo cute! I love his eyes. We're talking. :) But we were not going to date. Because of my taki problems!"

-Blue Heat 🍷



You're probably wanting some great dating advice, so here is mine, **STOP HARASSING ME!!!!** I used to be an apple, but then y'all crushed me with your problems so now I am juice! Y'ALL ARE OBSESSED, WE GET IT! Geez, it's like you need me for your life to work! First, my mom gives me grief for having a 'pigsty' of a room, then her boyfriend for 'being too competitive' with him on game night, then my parole officer for 'punching someone too hard'!! HOW IS THAT EVEN A THING!?

Sorry, I'm back, the crabby apples are gone, so take my advice when I say maybe Taki's are the reasons for your depression. I would honestly quit. I know it seems hard, but you can do it. Just say, "What would Apple Juice do?"

-Apple Juice, the crabby apple

"I accidentally ate the toy that came with my cereal."

-Biggus Foolus

Do you are have stupid? Were you born a fool, or was it a learned behavior? Why on earth would you ever even attempt this kind of idiocy?!? I guess it doesn't matter all too much, as knowing won't stop the toy from advancing in your digestive tract.

-Sleepy Weatherman

Flawless Foreheads

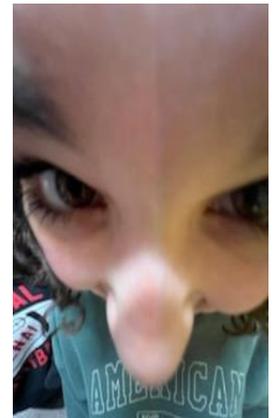
By Dianna Wright

Find some flawless foreheads of your friends! I'm going to test your friendly forehead knowledge by having you guess which forehead belongs to whom. Good luck and remember to have forehead positivity even if it is a 5-head instead. :) (find the answers on page 4)



1. Who does this forehead belong to?

- A: Zach Talbot
- B: Alphonse Hoffman
- C: Riel Castillo
- D: Trevor Swanson



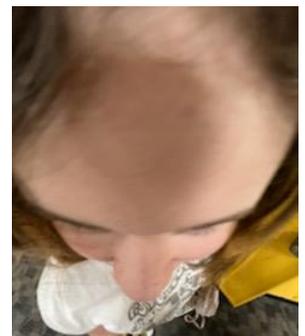
2. Who does this forehead belong to?

- A: Kimber Moore
- B: Chloe Miller
- C: Destiny Cansino
- D: Sophie Tapley



3. Who does this forehead belong to?

- A: Carter Felchle
- B: Tyler Cruickshank
- C: Alan Hack
- D: Nik Bezdecny



4. Who does this forehead belong to?

- A: Katie Van Sky
- B: Heidi Steele
- C: Dianna Wright
- D: Brynнен Hanson

We ran out of room to fit the rest of these cute, tiny, petite foreheads – look for more next month!

Overheard

By Katie Van Sky



“You're a blind cherry tomato.”
“Is watermelon a common Alaskan plant?”
“Creativity is breaking up with me.”
“Do you remember eating his children?”
Student 1: “What do you call New Yorkians?”
Student 2: “Washingtinnners.”
“My father was 16 when he gave birth.”



“Your mother is a toaster.”
Tries Kombucha
“Ewww... it tastes like hotdogs.”
Student 1: “What’s it about?”
Student 2: “MURDER!”
“Mr. Gustkey became a grandpa,
his son gave birth.”

Teacher: “Please don’t get into the washer.”
“I once ate a burger in the Taco Bell drive thru.”
Student 1: “At least I’m faster than Justice.”
Justice: “Who’s fatter than me?”

“This is a really nice stick!”
“I actually have to pee, I can’t teach.”
Student 1: “Do you have a rectangle?”
Student 2: “My rectangle is in my locker.”
Student 1: “I hate rectangles!”
“He reminds me of a pig, not in a
bad way though.”



“Isn’t today the 49th state?”
“You sound like my mom.”
“I’m a New Jersian.”
Student 1: “What’s a Sagittarius?”
Student 2: “Did you say Sacagawea?”
“Have you ever eaten your finger using Nutella?”
“You have Scotch tape on your nostrils.”
Student: “Why is ‘x’ so hot?”

*watching a math video about $y=mx+b$ *
“When did terrorism come into math class?”

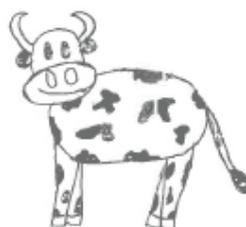


“It’s Mr. Gustkey riding a
unicorn!”
“Flex Tape Jesus.”
“Stop eating the desk!”
“I’m not a little woman.”
“My locker smells like Home
Depot.”
“It smells like Americans in here.”

“I have mold growing in my locker.”
“How do bluteeth make headphones?”
“Sunlight does not have a 3 in it.”
“All pigs are pink except for those brown pigs.”

“My brother ate a Tidepod.”
“Coffee is spicy water.”
Staff: “Someone is barking in
the hallways.”
Student: “I think it’s a sixth
grader.”

actually it was Mr. Gustkey
“My heart is not a wet phone.”
“Someone was telling a poop story during 5th hour.”



“Paper comes from cows.”
Teacher: “What’s different from
here and Hawaii in climate?”
Student: “Different languages.”
“Don’t touch other people’s
cheeses.”
“How do you spell M?”

“Watching bushy going boom boom.”
“You are stupid, but not like really stupid.”
“I’m not naming my child Caesar!”
“What’s with all the Gale slamming?”
“Canada’s basically Alaska, just Canada.”

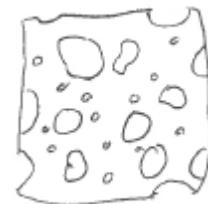
“I’m gonna draw hair balls for
the art gallery.”
“If the baby isn’t smart enough,
it needs to go back to college.”
“Cracking your knuckles is
basic rocket science.”



“You sound like a pumpkin.”
“I want the box for a playdate.”
“I’m always awake, I just don’t hear what people
say.”
“I saw, like, the picture on the thing.”
“I get random notifications even when I don’t have
my phone.”

Student 1: “The 8th grade hasn’t had a dance all
year.” Student 2: “GOOD!”
“I want to go onto a talk show just to make people
uncomfortable.”

“I have it in my locker which is in
my binder.”
Student #1: “You’re like Swiss
cheese.”



Student #2: “Yes, I am holy.”
Student 1: “What are you reaching
for?”
Student 2: “Japan.”
“Stop being a little trumpeting pancake!”
British accent

“I could buy your mom for free.”
“Wait, Mr. Gustkey has a birthday?”
“You’re the Walmart off-brand of stupid.”
“Aren’t there urinals in the girls’ bathrooms?”

May Birthdays

By Megan Hutchings

- 01 Willow Graham
- 03 Xavier Naranjo
- 04 Jesika Hyatt
- 04 Jordyn Sandback
- 05 Megan Hutchings
- 06 Jaxson Leonard
- 07 Macalen Marion
- 07 Shimi Masson
- 08 Makayla Damon
- 09 Alex Harrison
- 11 Max Bianchi
- 11 Kenji Swearingen
- 12 Kiah Bushnell
- 12 Mason Tunseth
- 14 Ruby Davis
- 15 Vesper Lapinsky
- 15 Mrs. Cruickshank
- 17 Jim Bob Wardlow
- 18 Ethan Herrmann
- 19 Blake Knisley
- 19 Braylynn Young
- 19 Ms. Hill
- 20 Mr. Rose
- 21 Kelsie Bliss
- 21 Cameron Cowie
- 24 Caroline Karpik
- 24 Peyton Malmquist
- 25 George Shabolin
- 26 Trevor Swanson
- 27 Gavin Lehmborg
- 28 Elana Berestoff
- 28 Kristiana Velia
- 28 Mrs. Navarre
- 29 Mr. Gustkey
- 29 Oliver Coburn
- 29 Chris Freeman
- 29 Mariah Manker
- 29 Avery Munter
- 30 Shauna Koch



“Expect disappointment, and you won’t be disappointed.”

-MJ, Spiderman: No Way Home

“A picture is worth a thousand words,
but a memory is priceless.”

-Fred R. Barnard

CORPORATE NEEDS YOU
TO FIND THE DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN THIS PICTURE



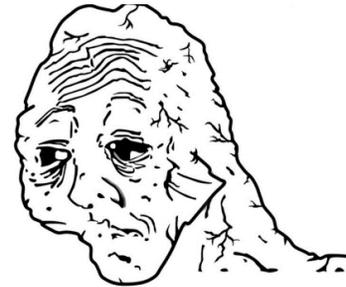
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WHEN YOU MISS A DAY



IN YOUR APPLE JOURNAL



POV: YOU'RE IN THE MIDDLE
OF MAPS TESTING

Mr. T's T-Shirt Challenge

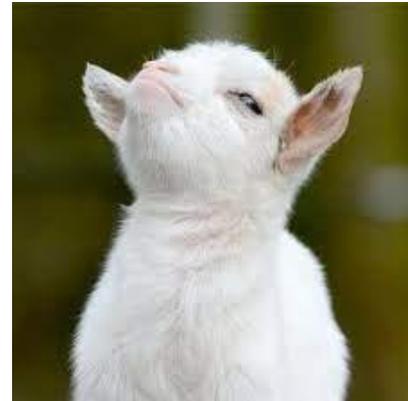
YES, YOU CAN WIN A FREE T-SHIRT!!!

1. What is Riley Mosquito's favorite game to play in gym class? _____
2. What holiday is on May 21? _____
3. How many times do runners pass off the baton in a relay race for track? _____
4. What is our local race car track named? _____
5. Who does Alex Kahn play in *Moana*? _____
6. Which type of long jump in track involves switching your feet several times? _____
7. What is Chase E. Johnson's phobia? _____
8. What activity did Mrs. Rodriguez have at Celebration on April 1? _____
9. Who burned a T-rex dino chicken nugget in the microwave? _____
10. Whose birthday is on May 26? _____

Name _____ Grade _____

Turn in your completed form to Mrs. Nabholz by May 6.

WHEN YOU PLACE FIRST
IN YOUR TRACK EVENT



UPCOMING EVENTS

- *Moana* play - April 29 & 30
- Mini-Course sign-ups - April 29
- Spirit Week dress-up days - May 2-6
- Middle School Math Meet - May 4
- Activity Night - May 6
- 6th Grade Camp - May 9-10-11
- 8th Grade Farewell - May 13
- Mini-Courses - May 16-17

