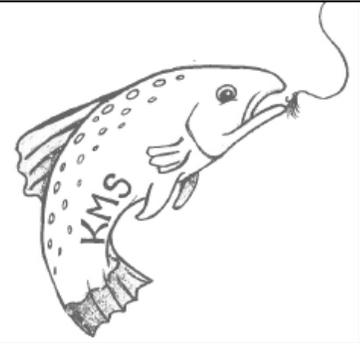


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Fenomenal Frigid Fishing

By Nik Bezdecny & Piper Anglebrandt



Awesome Awards

By Nik Bezdecny

The person who caught the first fish was Samantha Thompson. Sawyer Elliott caught the smallest fish. Samantha Thompson caught the 3rd biggest fish at 14.75 inches, Kenji Swearingen caught the 2nd biggest fish that was 16 inches, and Jace Mizera caught the biggest one with a 19.5 inch fish! The students who won the most dedicated award were Desmond Thomas, Bridger Begich, Madyson Martin, and Ava Spurgeon. Trevor Swanson won the most helpful award. Sampson Nickerson-Healy and Jackson Taliesin won the auger race. Mr. Lewis's advisory class won the tug of war game. The students who also caught fish but did not earn awards were Alex Patkotak, Nessa Deese, Riley Galloway, Sampson Nickerson-Healy, and Leighton Wilshusen.

Fighting Faculty

By Piper Anglebrandt

During the games, many people were competitive, but most people weren't as competitive as the 7th grade history and math teachers, Mr. Rose and Mrs. Newton. During the second game, which was a tug of war with the advisory classes against each other, people were yelling, and there was a four-way tug of war, including advisories for Rose, Newton, Lewis, and Gustkey.

Now Mr. Rose is very competitive and wanted his advisory class to win, so he grabbed the rope and started to pull and help his students. But Mrs. Newton saw Mr. Rose was cheating at the game and decided to stop him. She walked over to Mr. Rose and grabbed his leg and dragged him to the ground. Mr. Rose was lying on the ground in denial and defeat. I guess that just shows what happens when you cheat and Mrs. Newton is around!

Turn to pages 2 and 3 for some more amazing ice fishing stories!

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Jace shows off his huge fish!



Sam caught the first fish!



Nessa with her little fishie!



Perfect Planning

By Nik Bezdecny

The ice fishing trip, like every other single trip, had a plan. It was fairly easy for staff to plan the trip since it has been a tradition for many years, and teachers know how the trip is going to play out. Mr. Verkuilen was the person who originally helped plan the trip, so all that staff mostly had to do was to put the plan into action. They needed to organize food, ice fishing gear, buses, permission slips, toilets, and other stuff. They started to plan the trip at the beginning of the third quarter, and a few days before the trip they drilled ice fishing holes and used a snow-blower to clear areas for gear and tables.

The trip went well, with very nice weather. All the students behaved well and were excited for the trip, and nobody had any discipline issues. Mr. Lewis said, "It went much better than I thought it would go." Along with the plan going well, there were many fun surprises, like the charcoal on people's faces. The biggest challenge of planning the trip was the weather. Luckily, the weather was cooperative because if there was bad weather then we would need extra equipment and have the problem of people being cold and miserable.

The trip had many sponsors. Sponsors that gave us food were Safeway, IGA, and Mrs. Holmes, who has a family hookup with Frito-Lays. Another sponsor was Alaska West Air who provided some prizes. Thanks a lot to all of them!

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Seriously, even more fishy stories on the next page!



Students pulling hard in tug of war!



Mrs. Newton attacks the cheater...



...and quickly topples Mr. Rose!



What are you *doing*, Mr. Felchle?

The Rise of Civilizations

By Nik Bezdecny



Many civilizations arose on the ice fishing trip, but one civilization that stood out was the Monkey Clan Civilization created by Kobi Rodgers-Whipple. The Monkey Clan focused mostly on fishing and feeding their population of almost 20 people. The Monkey Clan was located far away and secluded from everybody. The civilization was centered around the fire that they were the first to create. The civilization had no laws, but everyone had everybody else's back. The Monkey Clan was developed because a couple students wanted to have some fun, which then quickly grew into a working community. A distinct feature of most of the civilization members was that many had patterns on their faces; they grabbed some charcoal from their fire and used it as face paint!

Fishy Business

By Nik Bezdecny

The activity that most people did on the ice fishing trip was obviously ice fishing. Many students who decided to fish actually caught fish. Once we reached the lake, everyone could start fishing right away. All they had to do was grab an ice fishing pole, an ice scooper, and some bait. They brought all their gear to some fishing holes, most of which were in groups of four so they could fish with all their friends and chat. After a while, someone with an auger came up to different ice fishing spots to see if anybody wanted more holes drilled, so they would be able to fish with even more of their friends.

Why are fish so smart? Because they swim in schools!

*What music should I listen to when fishing?
I don't know, something catchy!*

*Did you hear about the fight at the seafood restaurant?
Two fish got battered!*

Where do fish store their money? A riverbank!

Not-So-Happy Accidents

By Nik Bezdecny



During the field trip many people hurt themselves on the ice. Some of those injuries were due to people just not listening to warnings, some injuries couldn't be prevented, and all the injuries were relatively small injuries. One notable injury was Chad Hernandez who sprained his tailbone when he was part of the human pyramid. He was in the bottom row of the human pyramid and the pyramid fell on top of him multiple times. This injury left him having trouble moving for most of his spring break and a couple days after. Another injury most people knew about was that Miles Metteer was playing football and running sideways, and his leg slipped into an ice hole. He ended up with a swollen shin but recovered after a couple of days.

Fruity Food

By Piper Anglebrandt

When you're out on a lake for about five to six hours, you are going to need some good food. Out at Island Lake there was a lot of food. And I mean a lot. Some people brought their own food or snacks. Someone even had a picnic! At about 11:30, the chaperones and teachers had lunch ready. There were hot dogs, which were the main course, chips, cookies, and candy. You could also choose which chips, cookies, and candy you wanted, like Twix, Kit Kats, Reese's, and Snickers. They also had hot chocolate out on the lake!



Opinion-8-Ed

By Levi Strong

Who is your favorite singer, band, or artist?
Why do you like them?

Keagan Stanley- "Grant Macdonald, because his song Ram Ranch sounds good."

Preston Lawrence- "Eminem, he's actually understandable, no mumbling and has been around for awhile."

Owen Koroll- "Imagine Dragons because my favorite song is Enemy and their music sounds so good and I could listen to it for hours."

Cooper Tallent-Darling- "Sarah and the Sundays, because they are good."

Brynnen Hanson- "I listen to almost every type of music. I don't have a favorite because there's such a big variety but I like Mac Miller and J. Cole."



Chase Flecha- "Morgan Wallen, I like his music."

Kainoa Taylor- "SZA, because I listen to a ton of her music."

Kayani Whicker- "I like Becky G, she has some good songs."

Aurora Cronk- "South Eastern

University (SEU) Worship. Me and my friends met them in person. It was amazing!"

Josiah Holloway- "I don't really have one, I really listen to what I feel like."

Vail Coats- "My favorite band is AJR. Their music is upbeat and they have interesting and unique sounds in their music. They also have very cool art on their album covers."



James Duffield- "John Denver, he's cool."

Daisy Samples- "My favorite would definitely have to be Billie Eilish. I love every one of her songs, especially Billie Bossa Nova from her album Happier Than Ever."

Madeline Barrett- "My favorite artist would be the Weeknd. But I don't really have a favorite, I listen to a bunch equally."

Caitlyn Eskelin- "My favorite singer is Angelica Hale, because she is a kind teenager who sang on America's Got Talent and won the golden buzzer two times. My favorite song from her is this song called Overcome, and another song called Unpredictable. Most of her songs are songs from other singers but about three of them are written by her."

Mrs. Nabholz- "My favorite genres are probably classic rock and anything with an acoustic guitar, but I listen to lots of different music, like pop, bluegrass, and blues. Some of my favorite musicians and songwriters are Neil Young, Paul Simon, and the Eagles."

Mr. Lyke- "The Talking Heads have an energy that has never been matched. They make me want to dance, anytime, anywhere."



What a "Mean" Teacher!

Did you actually think you were finished reading about ice fishing? Nope! Mrs. Newton loves fishing so much that she had her math classes use the data for all the fish caught on the field trip to create posters showing the mean, median, mode, and range!

The mean fish length was 12.07 inches.

Gracee and Sage show off their glittery math poster!

Summer the Stalker

By Brynne Hanson

Historically, the 8th grade class always went on a field trip to Solid Rock. As 6th and 7th graders, we would watch the 8th graders go on this fun field trip, so of course we were looking forward to it. Originally, the 8th grade class field trip was intended to be at Solid Rock, so we planned on going sledding and having fun activity stations.

About a week before, we learned Solid Rock was canceled due to weather and icy conditions. After loads of disappointment, we finally had new plans to take a bus to the movies. We got to choose between the movie *Dog* or the movie *Uncharted*. Teachers had already bought loads of hotdogs and snacks for Solid Rock, so we used them for lunch before the movies. Because we each paid \$20 for Solid Rock, they used the rest of that money to pay for our drink and popcorn at the movies. We also had the choice to bring extra money for extra snacks.

In the morning, we went to our advisory room, and worked on our “Class of 2026” time capsules. After what seemed more like an hour or two, we switched to rotations that included games in the commons, Fort Knox in the gym, and war ball downstairs in the mat room. A few students felt disappointed they weren’t in a group with their friends. Others mentioned how ping pong in the commons was the best activity.

During the movies, there were a few funny things going on. Mr. Lyke tried to stretch his hat over the light in the entry because it was too bright. One highlight was when Mr. Summer was stalking the aisles with a flashlight and shining it in everyone’s eyes to make sure nobody was on their phones. In the ads before the movie there was a mime, so Mr. Summer was cringing and disappointed.



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The Amazing Amelia Adams

By Ray Hale



Amelia Adams is in 6th grade, she is 12, and her birthday is March 30. Amelia has three dogs and also three siblings (ages 5, 6, and 13), so she is the oldest middle child. Her favorite thing to do with her family is game night when they play board games.

Here are a few more things about her! She likes pencils over pens, probably because you can erase your mistakes. She likes regular pencils rather than mechanical pencils simply because she likes them better, maybe it's the feeling? Amelia also loves math and she is really good at it too! Amelia doesn't really like to draw and instead likes to read. Even though Amelia loves books, she does also like to play video games sometimes, mostly Minecraft.

Amelia loves reading and she says it's just easy to get caught in another world when reading, and it's an easy way to escape reality. Amelia also likes to write; although she has only written and typed one story, she enjoys making them.

Amelia's hobby is riding horses; she absolutely loves riding them and has been riding them all her life. After she gets home from school, if it's not icy, she will ride her horse, but if it is icy then she will just read a book. A skill she wants to learn is jumping on her horse. Her favorite season is summer because she says it's perfect for horse riding . . . and that is some of the life of The Amazing Amelia Adams!

Jazzy Justice

By Katie Van Sky

Justice Adcox is a 7th grader who absolutely loves math and he's very good at it. He is even in Mr. Songer's algebra class. His birthday is actually March 17th, the day he went to Anchorage to compete in the state MathCounts competition, and that is what he chose to do for his birthday! He also said, "Even though my birthday is on St. Patrick's Day, I always forget to wear green!"

Justice was born in Wisconsin, and during spring break his family traveled there and to Minnesota to visit family. He said, "I had the best milk ever!" and also played a lot of ping pong while he was there.

Justice loves the outdoors, hiking, and apparently, "I really like digging holes." When he grows up he wants to be either a farmer or a mountain man because it's just him and nature. Also, "There's no need to know how to use a microwave."

Justice also loves apples! He eats about three medium apples a day. Apples are his favorite food, followed up by plain white rice with nothing on it, and potato soup.

Justice is super close with his family, especially his brother, Archer, who is in 6th grade. They do "everything" together. They don't really fight and they get along great and love hanging out with each other. He started swimming with the Peninsula Piranhas in February with his brother. But his favorite thing to do with his brother is to build with Legos, normally historical events about World War II.

With their dad, they collect



Marvel figures and pink M.U.S.C.L.E. collectables. He also loves watching movies with his dad too. Justice loves Bob Ross and his dad is an artist too. He thinks art is soothing and relaxing. "Bob Ross is great!" Justice stated. He shares his dog, Trina, with his family, and she sleeps with him every night. Justice also likes 80's music because he feels like it connects him to his dad even more. He has listened to 80's music from a very young age. His favorite song is "Feel So Good" by Chuck Mangione.

Justice's favorite thing is math. He says he likes math so much because he loves rules and in math everything just clicks. It makes sense because in every situation there is a rule you need to follow in order to come to the one right answer. "I like the journey that it takes me to get the right answer," he said. The thing is, none of his family likes math like him.

Overall, Justice is a great person. He is very passionate about the things he loves and smart and interesting. He has some quirky traits that make him different from everyone else. You should get to know him more and maybe you will just click!

Joyously James

By Dianna Wright



James Duffield is an 8th grader here at KMS who was born on July 31st in Anchorage, Alaska, and has lived in Kenai all his life. James is a pretty cool guy who is very adventurous. He is quiet around people he does not know too well, but once you get to know him he is an all-out funny guy! James likes snow-machining with friends, dirt biking, fishing, hunting, and timber work, “but most of all eating, if that’s a hobby.”

James’s closest friends are Chase, Michael, Charlie, and Indiana, “but mainly my dog.” James has two dogs, Octomus and Barrett, and a cat that his sister Michelle calls Petty Bones. He gets along with his sister, who is 15, but they do have a typical brother and sister relationship.

James’s favorite subjects are history and math because they are fun and easy. He doesn’t really have a dream job, but he wants to be the CEO of a business, possibly of a timber wood company. James plays multiple sports but right now he does swimming, which he doesn’t enjoy as much as football and basketball. His favorite movie is *Princess Bride*, and his favorite music artist is AC/DC.

Overall, James is a pretty wild and cool dude, and I would recommend getting to know him and possibly snow-machining with him too!

Kids in the Hall

Would you rather?

By Jasmine Brady

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 listen to one song for the rest of your life or never be allowed to listen to the same song twice?

“I would rather never be able to listen to the same song twice because you are still able to listen to music.” -Mylee Yeoman, 8th grader



WYR have everyone you know be able to read your thoughts or for everyone you know to have access to your Internet history?

“I would rather have everyone I know have access to my Internet history cause I have a very interesting head.”

-Keziah Simons, 7th grader



WYR swim in a pool full of Nutella or a pool full of maple syrup?

“I would rather swim in a pool of maple syrup because it tastes good.”

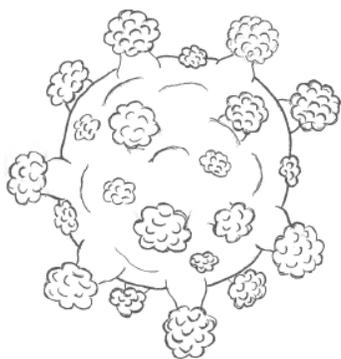
-Alijah Stanton, 6th grader

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*In the end, people will judge you anyway,
so don't live your life impressing others.
Live your life impressing yourself.*

Covid Culture

By Levi Strong



It was just over two years ago when Alaska had its first case of Covid-19. Covid drastically changed the way the world worked. When Covid hit, Americans had to wear masks everywhere they went. Jobs were lost, stores closed, schools went remote, and almost everything changed when

Covid hit the United States.

Covid has changed the way we live; now when a family member gets sick they can't go to work. At school it's the same; if a student has a symptom of Covid they have to go home and do school online. When Covid hit Alaska, all students had to go remote, and the school was empty.

Some students had anxiety about returning, and some liked being home, so it was hard for those students to come back. When school opened up, students had to wear masks. Nurse Dixie stated that some students struggled with the lack of togetherness.

Some of the students' parents were affected by Covid financially, so school lunches became free. In the beginning of Covid hitting Alaska, the school's number of students was lower but now schools have full buildings. Now students don't have to wear masks anymore.

Traveling has changed as well. In the airports and on planes, people would have to wear masks, and some countries weren't allowing people to enter the country. When entering stores, people were told to wear masks and store workers would tell you to pull your mask above your nose if it was below, or to put one on if you didn't have one on. In restaurants, people would have to put up their masks every time they stopped eating, and they would have to sit an entire table away from other people.

Most people have had family members affected by Covid and this has given some family members anxieties. It may have affected them in a way that they would not want to go into certain areas such as a store where there are lots of people.

Covid has changed the world in many ways, and some of those changes will stay, like when you're on a plane and someone is sick, people will most likely put their mask on.



Slam Poetry Night

By Dianna Wright



The Slam Poetry night started at 6 pm on March 24th in the KMS library. Parents and students gathered in a dimly lit area of the library. After everyone was seated, Mr. Gustkey announced how the night of poem reading was going to work; everyone there had volunteered to read and the audience should snap their fingers instead of clapping after each poem.

Mr. Gustkey then turned over the microphone to Ava Kasdorf and Dianna Wright, the hosts. They immediately announced the first reader of eight poets who read wonderful poems: Kimber Moore, Jace Mizera, Miley Baze, Lia Arness, Ashauntea Kaiser, Leighton Wilshusen, Bridger Begich, and Samantha Thompson. After each poem was read, the audience snapped for the poet and the hosts said a compliment to each poet about their poem.

The last poet was Samantha, who read Melatonin, and it was a hit! After the hosts thanked everyone for coming, Mr. Gustkey announced that the poets who had read their poems had chosen to be there and that Samantha, the last poet, had received the top score on her poem, as voted on by other students. It was a great night and it was the first, of hopefully many more, Slam Poetry Nights.

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Before the pandemic, my mom always said I wouldn't accomplish anything lying in bed all day . . . but look at me now, I've been saving the world for the past two years!

Day 14 of quarantine and the dog was like, "See, this is why I chew the furniture."

Fantastic Fine Arts Concert

By Shauna Lynn Koch



Some consider our school more STEM than Arts, but after watching the spring concert on March 1st, their minds may have been turned! Normally the music classes are each given their own concert, but this year things were mixed up a little. So strap in and start reading about this latest concert, from the angelic voices of our choir to the dramatic acting from the drama class.

The first performance of the night was our wonderful 7th and 8th grade choir. They sang *Sing for Joy, Fill Your Life, Follow the River*, and *Tumekujah Kuimba*. Ms. Vollom, the choir director, is very proud of how it turned out. Even though they all were amazing, the 7th and 8th graders only practiced together three times!

Dianna Wright and Jenica Anderson both agreed that *Follow the River* was the best song. Dianna says that she thought that *Follow the River* went great, and the way our voices blended together was amazing, so she can't wait for the next concert.

The 6th grade Music class has been going great. They all agreed that out of all their songs, *The Erie Canal* was the best. I'll be honest, I had no idea what they do in their class. They do a lot of stuff including music theory, music history, singing, and even taking notes in a singing journal! After listening to Ms. Vollom tell me about what goes on in there, even I, the journalist who does nothing, was intrigued. Ms. Vollom says, "They may be small but they fought like an army." I one hundred percent agree!

The KMS Drama class performed a segment of their upcoming play *Moana*. I was in a trance right away when

they started to dance. Jaeden Randal, Chief Tui, says that he thought that the play went awesome. He was extremely terrified when it came to going onstage, but once he got on the stage it was simple. On the other hand, Annemarie Lacy, the Ocean, says that it did go good but some of the kids missed their steps and rehearsals went better.

The last performance of the night was Band. The band class played the songs *Cyclone, Loch Lomond*, and *Byzantine Dances*. Almost everyone agreed that *Byzantine Dance* went the best. Lexi Somers, a clarinet player, said that she loves the song *Loch Lomond*. Mr. Stephanos said that it may have taken a while but they really pulled through in the end. While all of the Concert Band played, only a few people in the Intermediate Band played. No matter how the musicians say they messed up, all I heard after the concert was positive and astounded comments from the audience.

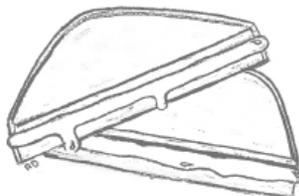
After listening to the majestic voices of our choir, the progress of our beautiful music class, the dramatic acting of our drama cast, and last but certainly not least, the astounding music of our concert band, after listening to all of this, never have I ever been so proud of our amazing school. Students in the Arts programs are honored to be a part of this remarkable school!

Hilarious Holidays

By Emma Castimore
& Everett Poulin

- Apr 01- Walk to Work Day
- Apr 03- World Party Day
- Apr 04- Tell a Lie Day
- Apr 05- Read a Road Map Day

- Apr 10- Siblings Day
- Apr 11 - Barbershop Quartet Day
- Apr 12- Grilled Cheese Day



- Apr 13- Scrabble Day
- Apr 14- International Moment of Laughter Day
- Apr 16- Wear Pajamas to Work Day
- Apr 17- Haiku Poetry Day
- Apr 22- Jelly Bean Day
- Apr 23- Impossible Astronaut Day

Volleyball Boroughs

By Brynne Hanson



The first round of the Volleyball Borough Tournament took place on Tuesday, February 22nd. The 8-A team won our game against Homer, which brought us to the Finals of the Borough Tournament at Nikiski on Saturday, February 26th. We showed up with smiles and confidence, but after a hard game against Skyview, with tears, we brought home the 2nd place trophy.

Sophie Tapley, our team's setter, said the most memorable part of this season was our first game against Skyview because it got really loud and fun. We played well, and even though we lost, it was still exciting and we had a lot of fun. McKenzie Spence, one of our team's outside hitters, said the most memorable part of this season was when we had early practice from 6-7:30 am and Mrs. Beck brought us muffins, bananas, and juice for breakfast.



Sophie Tapley mentioned we could have used our brains and worked as a team differently to win boroughs. And McKenzie also said we could have talked more and had more faith and confidence together as a team.

Spiking Sixth Graders

By Katie Van Sky

Intramural volleyball for 6th graders is a great experience for a new sport that you might love and you don't even know it! Intramurals lasted for seven days after school, mostly with Mrs. Beck, but due to a family emergency, Mrs. Vann offered to step up for the rest of the time. During intramural volleyball you properly learn how to do each skill. It also gives you something to do during the off-season if you are planning to do 7th grade volleyball next year.

Kaia Dale-Johnson and Ainura Holmes both chose to try intramural volleyball. They both said that they want to play volleyball as 7th graders and that intramural volleyball gave a peek at what future volleyball might look like. Kaia learned more about how to serve better and a lot about hitting and approach. Ainura also learned how to serve better and how to pass the ball as well.

Kaia chose to try intramurals because her cousin is captain on the KCHS varsity volleyball team. Ainura tried volleyball because many of her friends were also participating in volleyball, and she found out that volleyball brings her peace and happiness. Their favorite part was watching the boys try and play. Ainura loved learning how to hit. Kaia's favorite thing was a hitting game called "Last One Standing," which is when you do your approach and hit the ball, you have to make it over the net and not let your feet slide under; if you hit it out or don't make it over the net, you are out. Kaia was the last 6th grader standing!

Kaia and Ainura both would recommend intramural volleyball to future 6th graders because they both learned a lot from this experience, like practicing proper technique. Mrs. Vann thinks that every 6th grader should try volleyball; she says it gives a great introduction to volleyball even if you think you won't like it. Intramural volleyball gives you something to practice in the off-season and helps you to be ready for try-outs when you're a 7th grader!



XC-Ski Boroughs

By Ruby Davis

XC-Ski season wrapped up at the end of February, ending with the borough meet. Unlike the other ski races, boroughs were held on a Saturday. Some skiers took the bus from Kenai to Seward, while others traveled there with their parents. The weather was pretty warm, so skiers were unsure how the trail conditions would be. Luckily, after arriving and skiing around a bit, the conditions were speedy, but not icy or wet.

In the girls, boys, and beginners races, Kenai took first place, with many other Kenai skiers placing high. KMS definitely had an awesome ski season!

Borough Results

Girls Top 20

1. Tania Boonstra
2. Ruby Davis
4. Isla Crouse
8. Emily Taylor
9. Teresa Fallon
11. Lucia Carson
15. Hallie Songer
17. Selah Coots

Boys Top 20

1. Chase Laker
3. Parker Richards
5. Eli Richards
6. Vail Coots
12. William Klein
14. Eli Smith
19. Jacob Joanis
20. Elijah Pancoast

Beginners Race

1. Esther Kalibera
5. Makayla Real



Scrimmaging Sixth Graders

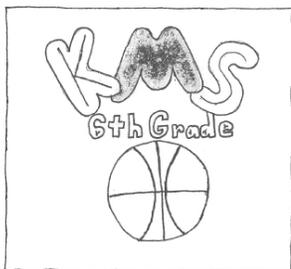
By Kyron Gonzalez



With 6th grade basketball practice starting March 17th, sports sign-ups have gone off the charts. Kids in 6th grade have been having an amazing time the last week and a half doing basketball intramurals!

Mr. Songer, having the duty of coaching all these kids, thinks many of them have great potential, but just need to put in the time. He loves seeing kids enhance their ability to play in a short amount of time. Mr. Songer says, "I hope to see some of them next year in basketball intramurals... Don't say that to them though!"

Most kids really enjoy the scrimmages, but believe they should have more. Iverson Miller says basketball with Mr. Songer is extremely fun. He also states that learning different skills, playing poison, shooting, and making new friends has really been a time to be alive.



Over forty 6th graders joining basketball is quite the inspiration. Kids have joined for many reasons. Some have the hope to become an

NBA player and some plan to be a plumber. No matter the future of these kids, they all now have amazing times and memorable moments of their childhood playing basketball.

Kool Kandi

By Piper Anglebrandt



Have you ever made beaded bracelets? Some people have, but lots of people actually don't know what I'm talking about. I'm talking about kandi! Kandi is really anything made out of beads and string. Some people make charms, chokers, cuffs, necklaces, and normal bracelets, which are also called singles.

Many people make kandi, even students at KMS. Like Presley Novak, who makes a lot of kandi. "I started making kandi in 6th grade, but between 6th and 7th grade I got invested," she said.

Presley has made about 30 to 40 kandi projects. She makes chokers, singles, necklaces, and cuffs. Her favorite project she has made so far is a big rotating cuff that is yellow and orange.

Now you would think that the kandi community is big and many people are in it, but it's actually the opposite. The kandi community is surprisingly small. There is only one rule in the kandi community, PLUR, which means Peace, Love, Unity, and Respect. There are even raves, where you can trade kandi.

There are many places to buy beads and string, both online websites and many stores. Usually there are some beads and string at places like Walmart, Joann Fabrics, and any craft stores. Amazon and a website called beadtin have them too. I usually buy my beads at Joann's or Walmart. There are also tutorials on YouTube and TikTok on how to make cuffs, charms, and other projects.

Kandi is really fun to make, but it takes time to get good at it. I'm even trying too! I hope more people start making kandi, because it's a good hobby, and the community is amazing. Maybe you should try making kandi too!



In-Famous Footwear

By Jackson Taliesin



We have all worn shoes before, whether they are cheap or expensive, new or used. I bet if I think really hard about it, I could even remember my first pair of shoes. You've probably seen all sorts of weird or unique shoes, but some of the popular shoes these days are quite interesting!



One of the most trendy shoes are Crocs. Sandal Crocs, sneaker Crocs, winter Crocs, stiletto Crocs – someone even made a Crocs pastry – they are for all kinds of occasions! There are even Jibbitz™ charms you can put on your Crocs to decorate them. “I like that they are decoratable and fancy,” voiced Kimber Moore. You can easily find Crocs at your local Walmart, or at the official Crocs website, crocs.com. “Crocs supremacy!” said Lexi Somers.



Converse are another popular shoe brand, although a little more pricey. Converse doesn't make as many types of shoes as Crocs, but they make all the regular kinds of shoes, really awesome feeling ones, too. “They feel really nice, and while other shoes can be tight, Converse are loose and comfy,” stated Shauna Koch. These shoes can be found at many shoe stores, such as Payless or Famous Footwear, or you can even go to Fred Meyer. If you head over to the Converse website, converse.com, you can even design your own custom shoes!



Some shoe brands are incredibly pricey. Yeezy's is one of the most expensive shoe brands, but they're quite fine looking and have a great feeling! “Very, very comfortable,” said Riel Castillo. Air Jordans are another brand just as popular, almost as spendy, and just as good looking as Yeezy's. You'll know when you see kids with these shoes walking down the hall.



You don't need fancy or expensive shoes in order to look good. Some people color and decorate plain old shoes they get from a thrift store or Walmart. Jasmine Brady made some amazing “mushoes” with Walmart shoes and Sharpies. She drew all sorts of different mushrooms and grass on some plain white shoes.

Shoes offer so many possibilities. With all the different brands, shoe stores, and prices, sometimes it can be a bit overwhelming. And to think, all of these unique and expensive shoes started with the idea thousands of years ago of leather covers for your feet!



*How come Winnie the Pooh doesn't wear shoes?
Because he has bear feet.*

*What's a water bird's favorite shoes?
Duck Martins*

*What kind of shoes do artists wear?
Sketchers*

Phrustrating Phone Pockets

By Raisa Breff

As some of you know, KMS recently has a new phone rule. Originally, the KMS handbook states, “Students are allowed to utilize cell phones and personal music devices until the first bell of the day rings and after the last bell of the day. These devices are to remain off and stored during the academic day. Students found using these devices during the school day will have their devices confiscated. An infraction of this policy will result in disciplinary action.”

However, it is very difficult to enforce this in students' brains. Our wonderful assistant principal Mr. Felchle has given me the privilege of saying in this article that the phone pockets are working wonderfully. If you want to know where he got this idea, just ask Mrs. Stotz-Mason.



Mrs. Stotz-Mason originally had phone pockets in her class. Her rule was, put your phones in the jail or they will be taken away and sent to the office. Mr. Felchle saw this one day when dropping into her classroom. He thought that it was

a great idea and decided to try it out. In the end, he was right; it has been working swimmingly.

Only some of the students have refused, but most of them have been leaving their phones in their lockers. Other than that, it has been an amazing improvement. Not that many teachers have been complaining, but some students are disagreeing.

Here are some of the teachers' and students' opinions about the phone pockets. The students have requested to stay anonymous, though I think that they should stick to the Anonymous Confessions (buh dum pssssssshhhhh).

Teachers are very happy that the phone pockets have been working fantastically. Some teachers have said that the phone pockets have been a great improvement since last quarter. Last quarter some classes were allowed to have their phones out to do research, use calculators, or listen to music.

For example, Mrs. Nabholz lets us listen to music when we write our journalism articles. Mr. Newton would let students have their phones out with permission and would also let them have their phones out while playing games on a free day or when playing Kahoot.

But now having their phones hoarded in the phone pockets will allow students to concentrate more and help them focus without being distracted by their phone in their pants pocket or hoodie pocket.

One student said “phone pockets were forced upon us” and “we didn't get a choice.” Another student said “we don't need to have the phone pockets”

and “They should be discarded and you could just power your phone off and bon apple tiet! You're done.” A third student said, “Horrible, horrible things they are... horrible.” One specific commenter from home (who should not be mistaken with my older sister Hope) stated, “Phones should be confiscated once the student enters the school in the morning, and then be handed back at the end of the day.”

So if you like Hot Pockets, then make sure you put your phone in the right pockets!



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Did you know that Nurse Dixie is exactly 5'6" tall?

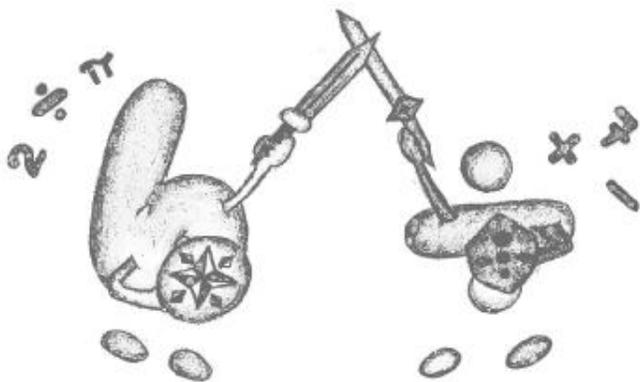
Math Really Counts

By Isla Crouse

Isaac Newton, Archimedes, Pythagoras, Carl Friedrich Gauss . . . all mathematicians with skills beyond the imaginable. And following in their footsteps are four students with an eye for math. Justice Adcox, Alex Kahn, Elijah Pancoast, and Xiling Tanner all have minds capable of greatness in mathematical competition, and they are certainly solving their way into the top teams of Alaska.

In 1983, the MathCounts program started up to banish the fear of math from students' minds as well as build problem solving skills and positive attitudes about math and everything that comes with it, so students can "embrace challenges and expand their academic and career opportunities in the future" (MathCounts website). This program has not only accomplished the goals that it began with, but also has helped make math for students fun, instead of something that some people would call torture.

These four students have taken on the challenges of this program's competitions head on, battling their hardest with numbers and symbols instead of swords and shields, on a battlefield filled with patterns, probability, algebra, and geometry.



"Sometimes we get off topic and start talking about enigma machines and radiation, but only sometimes," 7th grader Justice admits, explaining what they do in MathCounts, "but we do math."

Alex, also a 7th grader, describes a little more in depth: "In school, you test on things you've just recently learned, in MathCounts, you test on a variety of topics."

Elijah, a 6th grader, said that they do lots of "fun math" during the MathCounts practices.

Xiling, another 7th grader, says they do a lot of math, make friends, and compete in many competitions.



Justice enlightens us once again with another very to-the-point answer. When asked why he joined the MathCounts team, he simply says, "I like math." Alex, on the other hand, says that he joined to "help expand my knowledge" and, quite honestly, for something to do after school. Elijah and Xiling joined for reasons similar to Justice, agreeing that they really enjoy math and decided to join a team that exercises the topic.

These four students clearly have specific interest in the world of numbers. "I enjoy calculus, trigonometry, and geometry the most," Xiling answers.

Justice states, "I like everything about math except for addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. I like more complicated stuff." This is kind of hilarious considering a lot of math *is* arithmetic.

Alex's take is a little more deep and personal. He believes, "No matter how complex, there is always one logical way to solve something, and math is figuring out how to do it." This, he says, is why he likes math so much.

Elijah says he likes *all* math topics, no matter how daunting they might look. He tackles them all.

As a whole, how well does their team work together? Justice's opinion is that they do whatever problems they want, and what they *can* do, and then let Xiling do "his thing" and double-check his answers. Alex's opinion differs, saying that the team works together well, and covers many different things in math so they have a wide "horizon" in the math world. Elijah's view is slightly different, stating, "We all do the problems then we check each others' answers." Xiling, describing a different part of their team, informs us that they meet every Thursday afternoon to practice.

Though all four team members are extraordinarily talented in math, each has their own "specialty." Or, as Justice says, "Everyone has to be good at everything." Elijah also speaks along the same lines

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that Xiling is good at everything, while the rest of the team helps him when they are able to. Alex has high opinions of his team: "We're all pretty well rounded when it comes down to it." Xiling agrees, saying, "We all try to train in all the areas of mathematics, so I don't think any of us has a special 'strength' in math."

This incredible MathCounts team is coached by yet another talented mathematician, Coach David Thomas. Justice thinks that he is a great teacher, and really knows how to get the point across. However, he admits that Coach Thomas *can* get off topic. Alex agrees, saying that Coach Thomas teaches extremely complex concepts so that students understand them more. "He explains things really well," Elijah agrees. Xiling also thinks that Mr. Thomas "is a great coach and teaches problem solving as well as math."

Before the State meet, held in Anchorage at UAA on the 19th of March, their anticipation was growing. Justice honestly admits the place he thought he would have to get into the State competition. "Individually? Last. As a team, probably first, second, or third."

Elijah's emotions are similar to those of Justice. He agreed that as an individual, he's surprised that he made it to State, but as a team? Surprise wasn't something that he felt. He also says that he is expecting top four in the team competition.

Xiling shares similar confidence levels, saying that he was pretty sure they would make it to State, but also says that he thought he would do well in the Individual (he scored *first*), but not as well at the Team competition.

Alex's outlook is drastically different. "Honestly?" he said. "I didn't think we had a chance because some people have big math experience. And in the competition, we'll do okay, but we probably won't make it to Nationals." Though somewhat realistic, Alex doesn't have as much confidence in their team as the others, which in the long run may fuel him to do his best in the competition, trying to prove his own thoughts wrong.

Different emotions are calling these competitors' hearts home. Justice and Elijah are really excited, and while Alex and Xiling *are* excited, they are definitely nervous.

All traces of doubt were washed from the members' minds as they heard their place. This year's KMS MathCounts team scored the slot in state they had hoped for: Second. This is an incredible feat to pull off, but they did it!

This team has reached far into the clutches of the MathCounts world, and they are still 6th and 7th graders. Just think about how high their abilities will reach next year as 7th and 8th graders, because all of them agree that, yes, they will most certainly join MathCounts next year.

Though math is not everybody's superpower, all team members agree on one thing: If you like challenging math and enjoy expanding your knowledge of concepts you otherwise will not learn for a while, you might like to join the MathCounts club, and if you are capable, even the team that uses their minds to compete for victory!

Mathematical Mischief

What's a swimmer's favorite kind of math? *Dive-vision*

What are ten things you can always count on?
Your fingers

There are three kinds of people in this world. People who can count and people who can't.

How do you make seven an even number?
Remove the S

I saw my math teacher yesterday with a piece of graph paper.
He must be plotting something!

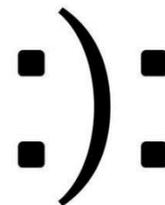
What did the triangle say to the circle?
You're pointless!

Parallel lines have so much in common.
It's a shame they'll never meet.

What do mathematicians do after a snowstorm?
Make snow angles!

Did you know that my math teacher has 12 children?
She really knows how to multiply!

Why didn't the quarter roll down the hill with the nickel?
Because it has more cents!



you decide

Kossack Chromebooks

By Ruby Davis



Did you hear about what's happening next school year with the Chromebooks? Every student at KMS is going to have one Chromebook to keep all year. "This is happening because every three years KMS gets the opportunity for a computer update," Mr. Dosko explained. "Every student having their own device is really important in this day and age."

Access to technology is nothing new at KMS. We currently have 11 carts of computers at school, with 10 of them being Chromebook carts, for a grand total of about 300 Chromebooks. Plus, students also have access to desktop computers in the library. However, even with all these computers, there are still not always enough available for students when needed.

According to the KMS librarian Ms. Gann, once every student has their own Chromebook, there will still be some computers and Chromebooks in the school, some desktops in the library, and possibly one Chromebook cart, if needed.

Everyone has their own opinion about this happening, but here's what some teachers and staff said. "I'm really excited this is happening. I think it is a step in the right direction, but it's a lot of responsibility for students," Mrs. Smith stated. "I am excited because there will be no more fighting and barking for computers, but I am concerned that some kids won't take care of them," Mrs. Newton commented.

Even though teachers' opinions are important, students' voices are important too. Here's what Lucia Carson thinks. "I think it's a good idea, but I'm worried that some people might take advantage of this, and forget about their computers."

In conclusion, most people think that every student having their own computer is beneficial for KMS, but even Mr. Dosko has some concerns. "This is going to need a lot of energy put into it, and students will need to care about their Chromebooks, and be organized."

You might also be wondering about these questions:

Reporter: "What if I lose or break my computer?"

Mr. Dosko: "It depends on the situation, but it will be like if you lost or damaged a textbook."

Reporter: "Will I have a case for my Chromebook?"

Mr. Dosko: "Possibly. At some point we may order some from Amazon."

Nirvana

By Jasmine Brady

The definition of Nirvana is a state of perfect happiness; an ideal or idyllic place. Nirvana is also an alternative rock group from Aberdeen, Washington. Nirvana's head musician, Kurt Cobain, was born in 1967. Cobain was an American singer, songwriter, artist, and musician. He was the frontman of the band, serving as their guitarist, lead vocalist, and primary songwriter.

Cobain was often recognized as a spokesman of Generation X and is considered to be one of the most influential musicians in the history of alternative rock. Cobain did not likely know how much influence he had on other musicians and the public. His ability for creating simple but engaging melodies and heart-breaking lyrics will always be commended, even 28 years after his death.

Nirvana has 27 albums; their first album was *Live On Air* (1987). Others include *Nevermind* (1991), *Bleach* (1989), and *In Utero* (1993). Nirvana's greatest hit song is Smells Like Teen Spirit; some of their other songs are In Bloom, Lithium, and Come As You Are. The song Smells Like Teen Spirit was named because Cobain and his girlfriend were hanging out and Cobain's deodorant was called Teen Spirit.

Anyone who listens to Nirvana or knows them well likely knows that Cobain ended his own life on April 15, 1994 at the age of 27. As well as suffering from depression, Cobain had bipolar disorder, though he did not seek treatment. Even though he was suffering, he made music to help cope with that. And even today, 28 years after his death, he helps people cope with their own problems. I know that when I'm upset it definitely helps me to listen to their songs.



Signs in the Sky

By Jasmine Brady

The division of the zodiac signs originated in Babylonian astronomy. The zodiac draws on stars in earlier Babylonian star catalogs, which were compiled around 1000 BC. One catalog has 71 stars and constellations of the "Three Ways" tradition. The star names are listed with the associated deity and often some other brief title. (Go to Britannica.com if you would like to learn more.)

Zodiac signs are in a belt of the sky within about 8° either side of the ecliptic, which is a great circle on the celestial sphere representing the sun's apparent path during the year. Because lunar and solar eclipses can occur only when the moon crosses the ecliptic, it includes all apparent positions of the sun, moon, and most familiar planets.

According to calculations by modern astrophysics, the zodiac was introduced around the year 400 BC. Each sign contained 30° of celestial longitude, thus creating the first known celestial coordinate system. It is divided into twelve equal divisions or signs:

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20)

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22)

Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22)

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

The date that fixes a star sign corresponds to the position of the



sun relative to constellations of stars appearing behind the sun on your birth date. Zodiac signs were originally determined by which constellation the sun was 'in' on the day someone was born.

There are four separations of signs:

Fire signs: Aries, Leo, Sagittarius

Water signs: Pisces, Cancer, Scorpio

Earth Signs: Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn

Air Signs: Gemini, Libra, Aquarius

Astrologers use elements to classify and describe zodiac signs. The elements work together to balance each other out, and they distribute their strengths and weaknesses evenly throughout the zodiac, which creates a beautiful cosmic web of interconnection.

According to Zodiacfire.com, the zodiac may affect a personality based on the month of birth and also the sign of the planet aligning with the sun at the time. Fire signs have an enormous passion for life, and their personalities can seem larger-than-life at times. Water signs are observant, but their racing minds and intense emotions can overcome them like a tidal wave. Earth signs are grounded, loyal, patient, and practical and appreciate the finer things in life. Air signs are typically extremely intelligent, but elusive and hard to read; they are considered to be the "communicators" of the zodiac.

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Start where you are.
Use what you have.
Do what you can.

-Arthur Ashe

April Birthdays

By Megan Hutchings

02 Mrs. Newton

03 Sampson Nickerson-Healey

03 Blake Gillis

04 Korbyn Phillips

06 Shelby Wong

06 Kobi Rodgers-Whipple

07 Emery Dubber

07 Ainura Holmes

08 Chad Hernandez

11 Aurora Cronk

12 Brynna Hanson

12 Xena Bearup

14 Heather Newcomb-Hammer

15 Chase Laker

15 Mrs. Tews

16 Oscar Marcou

16 Bishop Andruss

17 Annemarie Lacy

18 Ashauntea Kaiser

19 Luke Larsen

20 Mrs. Adair

21 Eli Settlemyer

21 Alijah Stanton

22 Carter Felchle

23 Presley Novak

24 Dominick Smalling

26 Savannah Sparks

27 Gracee Every

27 Haedyn Smart

28 Gerald Wong

29 Juliahna Powell

30 Kori Washington

30 Izze Selanoff



Need advice?



Dear Dianna,

By Dianna Wright

I'm Dianna, just a typical teen girl trying to give advice to people who are looking for it. So here are some questions from your fellow classmates, with my extraordinary advice.

Dear Dianna,

In my gym class I hear girls talk about how they have vapes in their lockers. Even though this concerns me, I shall not mention who the girls are for privacy.

-Sincerely, Dolores Madrigal

Dolores Madrigal,

I completely understand your concern, a situation like this is not very fun to deal with. The way to deal with something like this is to pretend like you do not care what these girls in your gym class are doing. Pretend like you don't even notice. Then you should absolutely tell an adult that works in KMS. I hope this helps, please do what is right, not what you think would help the people causing the situation.

Dear Dianna,

So I feel like my friends are mad at me and IDK what to do. I've tried talking to them and they just ignored me and walked away. How do I fix things?

-Sincerely, Anonymous

Anonymous,

I'm so sorry you're going through this. It hurts when your friends are ignoring you like that. With something like this you have to try your best to ignore the fact that they are ignoring you. This will definitely get to them because the reason they're doing this is because they're trying to get a reaction out of you. Another way is to write a note to them, saying that you don't understand why they're doing this and you want to talk. I wish you the best and that your friends will realize what they have been doing and how it is making you feel.

Anonymous Confessions

By Three's a Crowd

"You are rude." -Pencil Shavings

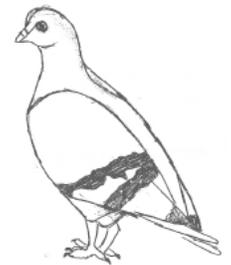
If I'm rude, does that make you rude for calling me rude for being rude to someone rude like you who calls rude people rude? P.S. If you didn't understand that then I am the rude one, but you are the dumb one.

-Apple Juice, the speaker of truth

"I will take you to where the Pigeons are someday." -Pigeon person

I like to sit at the park and feed the birds, so I would like to go. Pigeons are quite enjoyable to listen to. You really should try listening to the birds while sleepy, it's so soothing. (Also, you misspelled pigeons, unless you meant pig-ons.)

-Sleepy Weatherman



"My children's names are Dijon Mustard, Elon's Musk, and Google" -Universal Midget

Well... that's...interesting... umm why.... You know what, Dijon Mustard is probably too sweet for their own good, Elon's Musk is probably bland, and Google is probably as dumb as a rock. -Tubbo the Bee Boy

More Anonymous Confessions on the insert page!

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School times may end
but memories will last forever.

Overheard

By Ruby Davis & Jackson Taliesin



“Mmmm, we get rubber corn.”
“My sister is a carnivore.”
“Do M+M’s follow natural selection?”
“Mine’s just a hairy cannonball... I mean a bowling ball.”
Student #1: “Wanna hear a joke?”
Student #2: “No thanks, I’m already looking at one.”
“Hangnails are the death of me.”



“All I see is me kissing Barack Obama and his ear halfway cut off.”
“She’s lemonier than a lime, so that’s why she is a perfect tostada.”
“Aren’t they all trick questions? It’s algebra.”

Student #1: *messes with Student 2*
Student #2: “Do you want to die?”
Student #1: “Yes.”
“Am I to assume that you like Skittles?”
“He’s too small braineded.”

Student #1: “They were white when they were new.”
Student #2: “That’s what my mom said about me.”
“Stop it! I’m trying to write a murder scene.”



Teacher: “Why are whales so big?”
Student: “Because the oceans are big, they need animals to fill them.”

Student #1: “Hey Siri, how do you spell geometry? Dang, it’s not working.”
Student #1 to Student #2: “Hey Ellsi, how do *you* spell geometry?”



“My eyes didn’t work back there, I couldn’t hear you.”
“So you’re her bodyguard *and* proofreader?”
“Don’t eat flowers. I got sick from eating flowers.”

“Are Germans from Germany?”
“You can’t forge my signature to steal my soul.”



“That reminds me of that door Mrs. Rolph has on her sign.”
“I’m infecting pigeons!”
“Mushrooms are fungus. I don’t want them to grow inside me.”



“Uh oh! We’re bringing out the white board!”
“Can’t chickens float like seagulls do?”
Teacher: “Where’s your name card?”
Student: “In the bathroom.”
Teacher: “Why?”



Student: “Someone flushed it.”
“I breathed in right when he sneezed.”
Student #1: “Someone just called Coach Songer a furry.” Student #2: “He growled at me!”
“I left the Soviet Onion. They’re crazy.”
“He’s the giggles, I’m the chuckles.”



“Did you know that beans reduce depression?”

Teacher: “That group is very big and very dysfunctional.”

Student: “Just like me... except I’m not big.”

“They’re not scary for me because they’re scared *of* me.”

“Do you wanna donate some gibberish?”

“He’s not easily traumatized. He eats trauma for dinner.”

“Mmmggmfmfgmm... this is so juicy!” *student at the drinking fountain*

Teacher: “Andrew, did you know your name means manly?” Andrew: “Trust me, that’s not accurate.”

“I’m not a Seuss or becoming a Seuss.”

“Your tensils and silving wear.”

“Can my fish speak Gaelic?”

“Mr. Summer is so old he probably has a signed Bible.”

“May I go to my tablet to get to my locker?”



“Slap everything with the fish.”
Teacher: “Your backpack looks...” Student: “Extinct.”

totally ripped T-Rex pack

“Well, my toilet, you don’t need to use it.”

“I actually have some in my pocklet.”

“I had a Dora haircut for a solid three years and I’m proud of it.”

“Is it the lunch sack of Notre Dame?”

“My heart is not a wet phone.”

“Did you say your pronouns are omniscient and omnipotent?”



Anonymous Confessions

By Three's a Crowd

"In third grade, I cheated on my history exam. In fourth grade, I stole my uncle Max's toupee and I glued it on my face when I was Moses in my Hebrew School play. In fifth grade, I knocked my sister Edie down the stairs and I blamed it on the dog... when my mom sent me to the summer camp for fat kids and then they served lunch I got nuts and I pigged out and they kicked me out! But the worst thing I ever done: I mixed up all this fake puke at home and then I went to this movie theater, hid the puke in my jacket, climbed up to the balcony and then, t-t-then, I made a noise like this: hua-hua-hua-huaaaaaaa - and then I dumped it over the side, all over the people in the audience. And then, this was horrible, all the people started getting sick and throwing up all over each other. And I never felt so bad in my entire life."

-Anonymous

And then, in middle school, you apparently decided to plagiarize a Goonies quote. The other stuff is forgivable, but this... you utter scumbag.

-Sleepy Weatherman



"When I was younger I thought I was allergic to dogs cause I didn't like them."

-Bruce Springsteen

How dare you lie about an allergy; some people are *actually* allergic to dogs. AND dogs are absolutely amazing!

-Tubbo the Bee Boy

"I ate blue takis yesterday and my poop was blue and green this morning"

-Blue Heat

1. You're an idiot
2. This is *your* poop problem
3. Cheetos are better
4. I don't get paid enough
5. You need a therapist so ya'll will stop dumping all your problems on ME!!!

-Apple Juice, the depressed

Arachnid-Guy: The Spider Sides Eyes

By Anonymous Narrator

Arachnid-Guy, now being accused of a crime, lays low in the shadows of the school. With his rare appearances in the building, a new super hero going by the name of Yee-Man takes the role as our new school superhero.

Arachnid-Guy, with his suspicion towards this new hero, chooses to check him out. Walking up to Yee-Man, his face covered in shocking emotion, Arachnid-Guy discovers that Yee-Man is Zeeko.

Zeeko, his elementary bully, is the new hero in the KMS halls. Arachnid-Guy, seeing this unbelievable sight, swings with the speed of wonder and questions.

Yee-Man hears the running and says, "Don't worry, I'll save..."

"What are you doing here?" Arachnid-Guy asks, "You don't belong in this line of duty."

"I'm just helping the halls," Yee-Man says with an evil smirk.

Arachnid-Guy swoops to a safe hiding spot and plans to discover the evil scheme of Yee-Man.

BAM. The door to his hiding spot flies off, and standing in the scared flying pieces of wood, towers Yee-Man, who fills the room with an unpleasant feeling. "Don't interfere with my work here at KMS," he states, "you might get hurt."

Yee-Man flees the scene, but leaves behind a box. Arachnid-Guy opens it, and finds a map...

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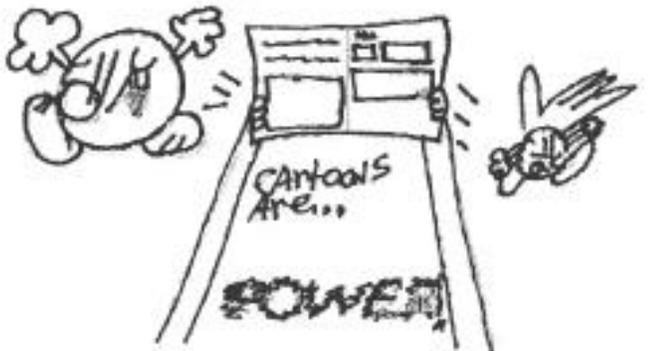
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CARTOONS UNLEASHED!



From the mind of cartoonist Chris Freeman!



Sometimes silence is the best way to let someone know they did wrong.

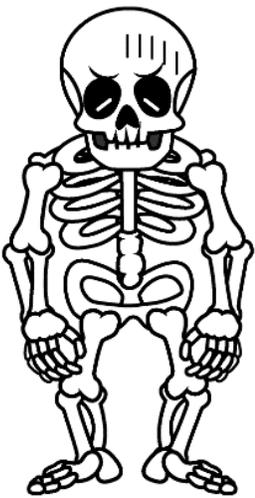
Love yourself as much as you want to be loved.

Seriously, go ice fishing!!!

"It's okay to struggle. It's not okay to give up."

-Gabe Grunewald

Judging a person does not define who they are; it defines who you are.

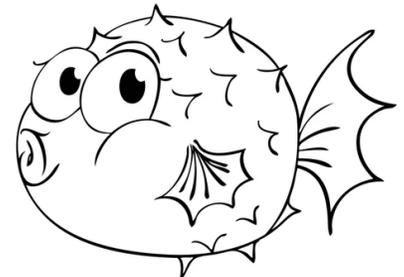


Waiting in line for the drinking fountain behind a kid filling a huge water bottle



POV: you ate too many pancakes before testing

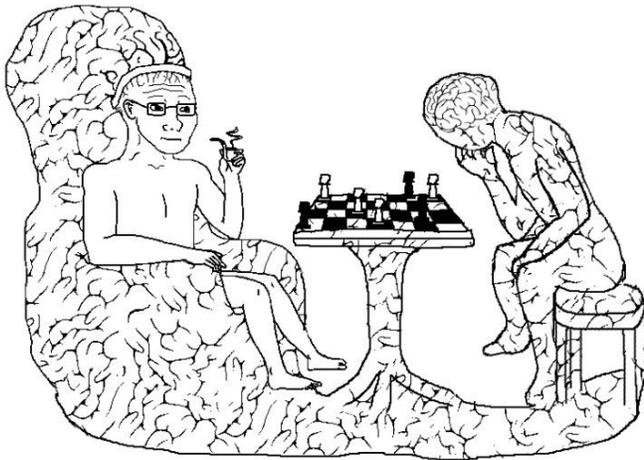
Get your future-famous friends' signatures in the tiny space below!



When you just finished drinking your enormous water bottle

and discovered that Mr. Tilly locked the cross-hallway bathrooms

Check out the half-page insert if you want to enter Mr. T's T-Shirt Challenge!



Before testing



During testing



Emerald Elliot and John-John the Leprechaun show off their Irish pride and spirit on St. Patrick's Day!

Mr. T's T-Shirt Challenge

Turn in your completed form to Mrs. Nabholz by April 8th.

1. Who caught the first fish on the ice fishing trip? _____
2. During which game did Mr. Rose get toppled? _____
3. What did Blue Heat eat that caused a problem? _____
4. What was the 4th song performed by the 7-8 choir in their concert?

5. What is the name of Justice Adcox's dog? _____
6. What deodorant inspired Kurt Cobain to write a song? _____
7. Who was the setter for the 8-A volleyball team? _____
8. For what business would James Duffield like to be CEO? _____
9. Which band makes Mr. Lyke want to dance? _____
10. If your birthday is May 1, what's your zodiac sign? _____

Name _____ Grade Level _____