

KMS PURPLE PAGES

*Kenai Middle School
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Magical Memories

By Brynne Hanson

What are some of your favorite middle school memories?

Ellsi Miller- "Playing basketball against the boys at lunch, and walking out bloody, sweaty, and broken every single day."

Owen Koroll- "Luke being an idiot at mini courses."

Cara Graves- "Ellsi non-stop coughing in our tent during mini courses in 7th grade and we all thought she died."

Aiden Mills- "As if I liked middle school." *sigh*

Peyton Malmquist- "Going into my locker for 30 minutes."

Peighton Curren- "Going to watch Uncharted with friends."

Olivia McDonald- "Sailor Tallent proposed to Mr. Summer during 5th hour."

Allie Hutchins- "Making A Team for basketball."

Madeline Barrett- "Ice fishing trip and meeting new friends."

Sye Stacey- "When we go outside for lunch time."

Jasmine Brady- "Watching the Moana play."

Macalen Marion- "Fuller Lake trip."

Cooper Tallent-Darling- "Mikey getting put in a trash can."

Indiana Jones- "Riding with the boys."

Andon Wolverton- "The hay maze."

Mckenzie Spence- "When Mrs. Beeson caught me not paying attention at a basketball game and grabbed me and our faces were so close that she was spitting in my mouth."

Mike Nutter- "That one thing that happened that one time." (continued on page 2)

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What are some of your favorite middle school memories?

Riley Cronin-
 "Gym class."
 Sophia Ensley-
 "Activity nights."
 Treu Lloyd-



"Falling on my face in gym in front of everyone."
 Mark Landford- "Throwing the balls as hard as I can when playing co-ed dodgeball in gym."
 Avery Atwood- "Getting married, having popcorn babies."
 Mason Butler- "Chase saying bad words."
 Conner Cook- "With the boys chillin if yk."
 Bennet Smith- "Walking out of the school."
 Alex Hickman- "Band, band kids are great."
 Aurora Cronk- "Anytime Mr. Felchle did the Felchle kick."
 Mylee Yeoman- "When I call Mrs. Newton hot."
 Levi Strong- "B Team basketball, playing warball in gym, and advisory class."
 Gabe Rison- "Getting over 100 detentions in middle school."
 Landon Dedrick- "The day I brought my VR to school."
 Aiden Abraham- "Playing basketball on my basketball team."
 Ethan Landry- "The last day of school, walking around with a speaker."
 Raymond Wilkie- "Getting my tortoise."
 Josiah Levshakoff- "Playing with my friends."
 Brayden Imergan- "Mr. Litke's room and Starburst!"
 Ethan Geffe- "End of each school year because of the summer."

Ryder Lageson- "Friends and hanging out."
 Davis Deese- "Hanging out with Gerald Wong."
 Sailor Tallent- "B Team basketball."
 Clair Pyfer- "Going ice fishing."
 Trae Pitsch- "Winning the soccer tournament."

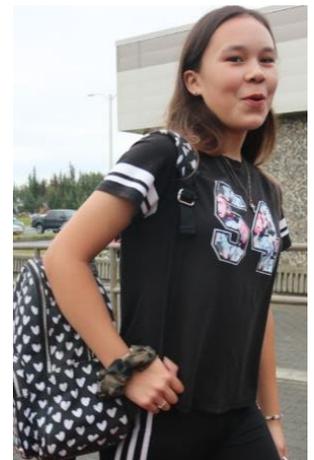


Alex Harrison- "The first day of school and coming to a new school."
 Isaac Potton- "Having fun in choir, soccer, and leadership, and making the best of my electives."
 Aminah Azlan- "Passing notes in Mr. Litke's class."
 Nathan Russell- "Screaming in the hallway."
 Damien Rodriguez- "Picking out a mini course."
 Makenzie Harden- "2021 Halloween, 7th grade ice fishing trip, 7th grade mini-courses, and lunch time with my friends."



Iris Hale- "Just being in Mr. Litke's class in general."
 Patience Toepel- "Picking flowers with my friends."
 Inn Saeteia- "Helping with activity night in student leadership."
 James Duffield- "Someone put my hat in the toilet."
 Lacie Sorhus- "I loved working on Lion King last year. It was so fun!"
 Alphonse Hoffman- "Making the game winning shot against Homer in basketball."
 McKayla Real- "Drinking an apple with a straw."
 Azilyn Hall- "Being part of the cast for Moana Jr. and storming Dairy Queen after our closing show."
 Courtney Galloway- "Going in the dumpster with yearbook."

Sophia Barajas- "Acting weird with my friends."
 Shelby Wong- "Just walking into this school!"
 Marissa Moffis- "Staying after school and watching sports."
 Riley Mosquito- "Activity nights, volleyball, and mini courses."
 Madison Holcombe- "The ice fishing trip, Halloween, and the Christmas assembly."



What is your favorite quote or catchphrase?

Megan Hutchings- “We’re all pretty bizarre, some of us are just better at hiding it, that’s all.” -John Hughes

Madison Holcombe- “Era”

Daisy Samples- “There’s no need to repeat yourself, I ignored you just fine the first time.”

Madison Davenport- “Congratulations.”

Caitlyn Eskelin- “Ugh, why did I call on him.” -Mr. Summer

Chase Johnson- “Bang bang skit skit.”

Lylah Smith- “Fake it till you make it.”

Patience Toepel- “Someone ought to put you in a mental hospital.” -Gramma from SpongeBob

Alex Parks- “You’re killin’ me smalls.”

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

Alicia Perez- “With great power, comes great responsibility.”

Kori Washington- “What the sus.”

Taighen Tsosie- “Michael Jackson is hee-heeing in his grave right now.”

Odin Swearingen- “Cap.”

Pyper Kartchner- “Another day, another slay.”

Saylor Tomrdle- “That’s absolutely foul.”

Kai Freeman- “Your mommy is hot.”

Azilyn Hall- “The world awaits.”



Emma Ensey- “Live, laugh, love.”

Sophia Barajas- “I like pickles.”

McKayla Real- “Snazzy.”

Sophia Tapley- “Cool beans.”

Kaden Bee- “Get out of here Bee!”

Willow Graham- “Overthinking kills your happiness.”

Josiah Holloway- “If you’re absent during my struggle, don’t expect to be present during my success.”

Miguel Castellon- “Noodle, don’t noodle.”

Alphonse Hoffman- “Zhishi bi ni hao.”

Charlie Vermette- “Sup buad.”



Chase Laker- “A big BUNDA!”

Noah Hallam- “You miss 100% of the shots you don’t take.” -Wayne Gretzky

Vail Coots- “If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away.” -Henry David Thoreau

Peyton Cole- “Cool story.”

Evelyn Cooper- “Trae’s hair.”

Abigail Perry- “You’re never promised tomorrow.”

Faith Vanlandingham- “THAT’S IT.” *inside joke*

Riley Mosquito- “You would smell nice if you weren’t mean.”

Kenneth White- “Always respect the golden rule.”

Luke Cole- “Catch phrase.” -Ryan Reynolds

Xavier Naranjo- “ ”

Thaddeus Lingenfelter- “If you’re good at something, never do it for free.”

Franchesca

Wingster-

“Person 1: ‘That was the softest water I’ve ever felt.’ Person 2:

‘Yeah, it’s our water softener.’”

Brynnen Hanson-

“Expect

disappointment,

and you won’t be

disappointed.”

Arrow Flood-

“If you have to pee, then pee, but if

you don’t, then don’t.”

Alex Hickman- “It’s not rocket surgery.”

Aurora Cronk- “Whenever life knocks you down,

there’s only one way to look.” -Jim Cronk

Jasmine Brady- “It’s better to keep your mouth shut

and have people think you’re dumb than to open your

mouth and prove them right.”

Gavin Lehmborg- “Your lack of faith disturbs me.”

-from Star Wars

Davis Deese- “I was just joking.”

Alex Harrison- “Hello!” *to everybody*

Ellsi Miller- “OMG, you’re so flibbertigibbety.”

Tania Boonstra- “Them: You can’t run away from all

your problems. Me: I will run fast – very, very fast.”

Sylvia McGraw- “Cara?! Is this how the world’s

going to end?”



What advice do you have for younger students?



Tania Boonstra- “Knock really loud when trying to get into Mr. Summer’s room.”

Blake Gillis- “Always have a pencil.”

Otto Rodrigues- “Prioritize your mental health.”

Bridget Kameroff- “Be careful, there may be drama.”

Keith Reed- “Don’t do drugs.”

Preston Lawrence- “Stay away from the trouble kids.”

Shelby Wong- “Don’t fail, pay attention.”

Natalie James- “Stay out of drama that people start. Think before you speak.”

Kacey Cunningham- “Find people who will accept you for who you are.”

Inn Saeteia- “Don’t be afraid to ask questions in class. It’ll build up your confidence next year and later.”

Rylee Drake- “Don’t be emo.”

Destiny Cansino- “Have friends.”

Jordin Berzanske- “Head up, stay strong.”

Courtney Galloway- “Get on Mr. Summer’s good side or become friends with Mr. Tilly.”

Jaeden Randal- “Try everything and work smarter, not harder.”

Isaiah Dirks- “Hide your feet in the bathroom stalls.”

Heidi Steele- “Be normal, don’t be a furry or emo.”

Cyrus Kean- “Make the most of it, have as much fun as you can.”

James Duffield- “Don’t let people take your hat.”

Ashana Ivanoff- “Don’t push back your homework.”

Madison Davenport- “Get good sleep, and do not wait until the night before to study for an essay test.”

Megan Hutchings- “Have little snacks in your locker so you’re not thinking about food in your classes.”

Daisy Samples- “Mr. Summer’s a fun teacher, just bring a pencil and a good sense of humor.”

Caitlyn Eskelin- “Don’t be weird in Mr. Summer’s class. It won’t be pretty.” (Not that I was weird!)

Vail Coots- “Use your time wisely and stay on top of your work.”

Olivia McDonald- “Organize your locker.”

Lacie Sorhus- “Be organized and make the best of a bad situation.”

Jace Appelhans- “Do your work right and on time.”

Bryce Jolicoeur- “Don’t be predictable, be better.”

Juliette Leonard- “Get over your fear of talking in front of the class.”

Gavin Lehmborg- “Try not to draw attention to yourself too much, it’s just annoying to other people.”

Katie Johnson- “Don’t be so serious.”

London Christoffers- “Be you, do not focus on other people, and find a friend to stick with.”

Olivia Koppes- “Don’t let homework keep you up all night.”

Kayani Whicker- “Respect your teachers and others, and always do your homework.”

Xena Bearup- “Try your best not to get involved in drama, it will help a lot.”

Keagan Stanley- “Do your homework.”

Sylvia McGraw- “Write down the funny things you and your friends say so you can look back on it.”

Marissa Moffis- “Be friends with Mr. Tilly.”

Iris Hale- “Don’t be a jerk.”

Kainoa Taylor- “Watch out for Mr. Gustkey and Mrs. Stotz.”

Peyton Cole- “Keep your grades up and try a sport.”

Abigail Perry- “Don’t backtalk, be on time, and always be ready for class.”

Madeline Barrett- “Don’t be too scared of Mr. Summer, he’s not that frightening!”

Aminah Azlan- “Always call Mr. Songer ‘Bro’ ☺.”

Pyper Kartchner- “Live life to the fullest.”

Taighen Tsosie- “Be yourself, avoid troublemakers, and no matter how hard it is, remember people can and will help.”

Saylor Tomrdle- “Don’t cause drama.”

Madison Holcombe- “Work hard and respect the teachers.”

McKayla Real- “Keep your good friends close and don’t worry about popularity.”

Allie Hutchins- “Finish your homework on time.”



Marina Moana

By Keziah Simons

Did you get to see Kenai Middle's drama class performance of *Moana* that took place April 29th and 30th at the KCHS auditorium? If not, I'll sum it up for you quickly. A girl named Moana (Mylee Yeoman) is not happy stuck on her island, but her father Chief Tui (Jaeden Randal) and her mother Sina (Emerie Mallard) do not want her to leave. Eventually Gramma Tala (Azilyn Hall) convinces Moana to sail past the reef and restore Te Fiti's (Annemarie Lacy) heart, which was stolen by Maui (Cooper Tallent-Darling), and save her island.

According to the cast of *Moana*, "The performance went well but could have been better," said Kayani Whicker. The cast also thought there were a few challenges, like "learning foreign words for some of the song lyrics," said Zoe Nelson, and Annemarie agreed. Some cast members thought "We Know the Way" went the best of all the songs.

The cast of *Moana* spent the past four months learning this performance. You could see them working hard the past 3-4 months out in the commons every day during 4th hour. The drama class had to memorize a 113-page script and learn all the dances. To do this, the last two weeks of April the drama class was practicing either at KMS or in the KCHS auditorium for two or three hours each day. Then on April 29th for opening night, the cast arrived at 4:30 and was there until 7:30. The day after, on April 30th, the drama class was there from 1:30 until 8:00 and then went to celebrate with cast members at Dairy Queen until 9:15. When asked, some cast members said that was the best part!

The cast did face bigger challenges. On the final day of performances, one of the actors was out due to a fever. However, the cast did a fantastic job of covering her absence by making a few small changes. It was also a challenge to get props from one side of the stage to the other. For example, we had three wooden blocks that we didn't always remember to place on the stage.

To help put this stunning performance together we had some fabulous adults to help us. Mr. Lyke was the overall director, and Ms. Vollom helped us with the music. Some other adults that helped us were Mrs. Sorhus as our choreographer, and Mrs. Tallent-Darling with costumes.

One thing Emma Ensey liked was scaring the audience during "Shiny" when the monsters came through the aisles. When asked, many cast members said "Shiny" was their favorite part, and that Tamatoa (Alex Kahn) and his claws (Madison Davenport and Keziah Simons) did an amazing job.

Overall, it was a fantastic performance and drama students put in a lot of work, so you should definitely tell them they did a great job!



Classy Officers

By Ray Hale

During advisory on May 6th, all the KMS eighth graders crowded in the library to hear students give speeches for freshman officers. Kayani Whicker had the most eye-catching campaign out of all the candidates; her whole theme was Rick Astley and she even rickrolled everyone in the library. After we heard everyone's speeches we went back to our advisory classes and voted on slips of paper with all the candidates' names. Because of a tie, there was a run-off for Treasurer on May 9th.

Here are the freshman class officers for next year:
President- Vail Coots
Vice President- Heidi Steele
Secretary- Cara Graves
Treasurer- McKenzie Spence



Up, Up and Away!

By Isla Crouse

The sixth graders were **up** to something . . . bottle rockets! Blasting from the ground in a watery debut, the science classes tested their abilities of engineering, creativity, and a little bit of luck as they launched their homemade rockets sky-high.

Not only were the sixth graders solidifying strengths such as teamwork and cooperation, they were acquiring skills they can use later in life, like how to manage a budget and write out checks. They had one million “dollars” designated to building rockets, so the students had to make sure they only used what was needed, not wasting any money that could be used later to pay for a great test.

Filling the bottles just under half-full, the sixth graders launched their rockets off with some serious pressure built up. Those whose rockets were built sturdy enough to survive the beginning blast-off still had to survive flying through the air, which did pose threatening challenges – Were the fins strong enough? Were the center of pressure and center of gravity correct? Would it go sideways? Students found out pretty quickly if their rockets made the cut!

A mere 4.72 seconds may not seem like a long time, but for a bottle rocket? That’s actually pretty good! Carson Cramer’s rocket recorded this time and claimed the “longest time in the air” award of his class, although it had a tendency to drift ever so slightly to the left. Of course, even the most successful rockets aren’t perfect, and Carson’s projectile’s wings were a little too thin. After getting wet, they didn’t fly straight, instead taking detours to the side. However, even with the small setbacks, Carson’s rocket had some great tests!

Building a rocket *does* take some thought, and if your calculations are just a little off, the whole thing can come tumbling down. One student ran into this problem, where their center of gravity was reversed and their rocket, on the first launch, went backwards and onto the shed roof. That’s going to be a fun one to get down! It may seem like a silly thing, having your rocket fly backwards, but it’s honestly not that hard to do; if you have even a little more weight in the front end of your rocket, it will most likely go the wrong way.

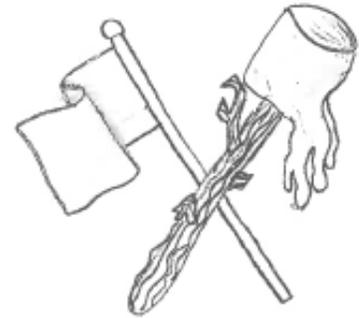
Having symmetrical fins is pretty critical, and Mrs. Rolph’s rocket proved that. Her rocket jumped the fence and landed on the football field, and so did Team X-Box’s, earning the “farthest distance” award. Their rockets were certainly built well!

Some rockets flew straight, some rockets didn’t, but all were built with thought and creativity, and all were built by sixth graders hoping to send their masterpieces chasing clouds!



Happy Campers

By Emma Castimore



KMS 6th graders are very excited about heading to camp from May 9-11. Here’s how some of them are feeling about camp:

Andrew Stein: I’m looking forward to staying up late and playing games with my cabin mates.

Ella Siemers: I’m excited to play competitive capture the flag because I’m very competitive.

Delila Roberts: I am excited to be with my friends and to camp!

Dylan Fry: I am most excited to gamble (using candy not money).

Arianna Imlay: I am excited to go on the fossil hunt because I love dinosaurs!

Ellore Smith: I am most excited to go on all the hikes!

Kaia Dale-Johnson: I am excited to hang out with my friends and go to Chickaloon!

Amelia Adams: I am most excited to stay up late with Emma and eat s’mores.

Chaska Smith: I am most excited to play capture the flag.

Ainura Holmes: I am most excited to be around Kaia.

We Crushed It!

By Katie Van Sky



As you should have known, our school has been collecting aluminum cans. This is one of our school traditions that we have had for a long time now. Originally, this was used to cut costs for mini-courses for students and also to try and organize all the kids and to make it fair for choosing mini-courses.

Collecting cans is a way to motivate students. For one they get first choice for their mini-courses, and it might show them that recycling is not as hard as it seems, and it helps the environment significantly as well. It helps extend the life of the local community, like the landfill, according to Mr. Tilly. It can only hold a certain amount of trash and by recycling the cans there is less trash at the landfill. Recycling cans is easier on the community since the cans are not biodegradable.

We think about a third of the students here at Kenai Middle participated in this process, which collected about half a ton in cans. Thanks to Mr. Tilly and Mr. Schoessler, they were able to get a big trailer to haul the bags of cans to the Peninsula Scrap and Salvage facility on K-Beach. They have these big crushers that crush cars into little cubes. They also take bikes, cable wires, car batteries, and any other pieces of scrap metal and they pay you 20 cents per pound of aluminum.

Together our school collected 1006 lbs of cans. That is about 7.69 lbs per student. For all of our cans we raised \$201.20 to put toward mini courses. In the first trailer we had 516 lbs of cans, but then we had to come back to get the rest because it couldn't all fit in one load! The second trip was about 490 lbs of cans.

Mr. Tilly thinks that this is a great way to start practicing stewardship. He thinks it might become a trend to recycle. It also has huge benefits to our local community. Collecting cans is easy and is a way to encourage environmental practices.

In the next year or so, Mr. Tilly is in the process of creating his very own can crusher since some students forget to crush their cans. Then they don't have to crush the cans by hand anymore. Mr. Tilly is having some trouble with picking a name for his can crusher. He has two opinions so far: the *Kossack Crusher* or the *Aluminator*. If you have any more name suggestions, please turn them in to Mrs. Nabholz or Mr. Tilly.

Choccy Milk

By Levi Strong

KMS students have been ecstatic over the return of chocolate milk. Chocolate milk is one of the best drinks ever, unless you're lactose intolerant... In my opinion it tastes pretty good, but the aftermath really wasn't good. My friends think the chocolate milk is great, and one of them says, "It's exquisitely down bad-busting and can't compare to normal milk one bit."

The lunch ladies say that chocolate milk is the most sold drink at every school, in front of juice, and 195 kids out of 200 buy it. However, they don't really know why it came back. Mrs. Newton says chocolate milk is the best and she drinks it every time she has hot lunch.



Some students use their milk to flip it because they get bored, but I've never seen anyone use chocolate milk for that. The same with exploding milk, which seems to be a trend, so it must be that chocolate milk is saved for better uses, like drinking!

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"You make a life
out of what you have,
not what you're missing."



Track & Field Boroughs

By Ruby Davis

100 Meter

Girls:

1. Sophie Tapley
4. Cara Graves

Boys:

1. Aiden Jackman
5. Elijah Fulk

200 Meter

Girls:

5. Sage Wilson
6. Cara Graves
8. Sophie Tapley

Boys:

3. Aiden Jackman
5. Elijah Fulk

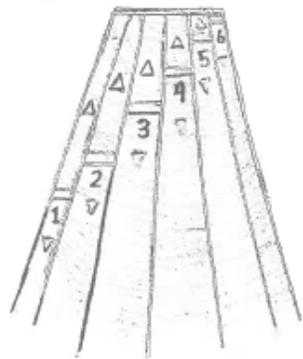
400 Meter

Girls:

1. Sophie Tapley
4. Cara Graves
7. Tania Boonstra

Boys:

2. Ryder Maguire
6. Chase Laker



*“Big journeys
begin with
small steps.”*

800 Meter

Girls:

2. Tania Boonstra
6. Ruby Davis
10. Kimber Moore
11. Emily Taylor
14. Lacie Sorhus
15. Willow Graham

Boys:

1. Ryder Maguire
3. Chase Laker
14. Justice Adcox
15. Vail Coots
19. Cooper Tallent-Darling

1600 Meter

Girls:

1. Tania Boonstra
3. Kimber Moore
6. Ruby Davis
8. Caroline Karpik
11. Seylor Tomrdle

Boys:

1. Chase Laker
2. Ryder Maguire
7. Vail Coots
11. Justice Adcox
15. Carter Felchle
16. Eli Smith

100 Meter Hurdles

Girls:

3. Sage Wilson
7. Juliet Innes
7. Elliot Stockton

Boys:

2. William Klein
3. Cooper Tallent-Darling
4. Josiah Holloway
6. Micheal Nutter
7. Eli Richards

Shot Put

Girls:

1. Natalie James
2. Juliet Innes
4. Willow Graham
9. Makenzie Spence
10. Ellsi Miller
12. Daisy Samples

Boys:

5. Jaeden Randal
6. Isaac Potton
7. Thaddeus Lingenfelter
13. James Duffield
14. Matthew Innes
18. Macalen Marion

Discus

Girls:

1. Juliet Innes
2. Willow Graham
5. Makenzie Spence
6. Ellsi Miller
19. Abigail Bishop
20. Lia Arness

Boys:

3. Isaac Potton
4. Thaddeus Lingenfelter
6. Jaeden Randal
12. Vail Coots
13. Matthew Innes
20. Macalen Marion

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“We grow

through

what we

go through.”

High Jump

Girls:

4. Katie Johnson

Boys:

1. William Klein
9. Jacob Joanis
9. Eli Richards

Long Jump

Girls:

5. Cara Graves
8. Brynнен Hanson
10. Tania Boonstra
13. Seylor Tomrdle
15. Makenzie Spence
20. Caroline Karpik

Boys:

11. Archer Adcox
11. William Klein
13. Carter Felchle
27. Micheal Nutter
29. Noah Anding

Triple Jump

Girls:

2. Brynнен Hanson
4. Lily Langham
7. Katie Van Sky
8. Caroline Karpik
9. Lucia Carson
13. Abigail Bishop

Boys:

3. William Klein
8. Carter Felchle
10. Jacob Joanis
11. Eli Smith
12. Miles Metteer





Relays



4x100 Relay

Girls:

3. Elliot Stockton, Sage Wilson, Lily Langham, Savannah Hershberger
5. Daisy Samples, Evelyn Cooper, Mackenzie Spence, Katie Van Sky

Boys:

3. Mason Butler, Josiah Holloway, Thaddeus Lingenfelter, Indiana Jones
4. Levi Strong, Archer Adcox, Cooper Tallent-Darling, Schyler Johnson

4x200 Relay

Girls:

3. Sage Wilson, Katie Johnson, Brynнен Hanson, Sophie Tapley
4. Evelyn Cooper, Savannah Hershberger, Destiny Cansino, Katie Van Sky

Boys:

2. Aiden Jackman, Indiana Jones, Josiah Holloway, Parker Richards
3. Levi Strong, Schyler Johnson, Mason Butler, Micheal Nutter

4x400 Relay

Girls:

3. Ruby Davis, Juliet Innes, Kimber Moore, Emily Taylor
4. Keira Forstner, Destiny Cansino, Selah Coots, Ellore Smith

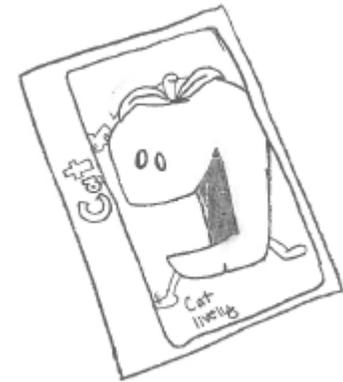
Boys:

2. Eli Richards, Ryder Maguire, Parker Richards, Vail Coats
3. Eli Smith, Carter Felchle, Justice Adcox, Levi Strong

Awesome Activities

By Piper Anglebrandt

On May 6th, KMS held the last Activity Night of the school year. From 6-8 p.m. students who were eligible paid three dollars to get in. Then they could hang out with their friends and have fun doing activities, such as volleyball, basketball, face painting, tattoos, and ping pong.



If a student wanted to have a dance party with their friends, they could go to the library where music was playing and people were of course, dancing! Students had a fun dance party with their friends and maybe even sang along to songs. My friend and I even slow danced!

There was also warball downstairs with Mr. Newton. If a student wanted a fun, competitive, and chaotic game, they would go downstairs in the mat room to play warball, and hopefully not get hurt.

There were also other less competitive activities such as jousting run by Mrs. Castimore and corn hole run by Mrs. Stotz-Mason.

If you wanted a more quiet place to hang out with your friends and play games, you could go either to Mr. Litke's room to play spoons or other card games, or to color, play chess and more board games, or make buttons, you could go to the Home Ec room with Mrs. Nabholz.

I went to activity night and I had a crazy but also chill time! My favorite activities were the dance and playing Apples to Apples in the home ec room. This last activity night of the year was by far my favorite activity night.

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"As we work

to create light for others,

we naturally light our own way."

This issue of the *KMS Purple Pages* . . .

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Mrs. Vann Is Hitting the Road!



After working for 27 years as a special education teacher, Mrs. Vann has decided to retire!

How and when did you decide to become a special education teacher?

When I graduated from high school, I still didn't have a good idea of what type of degree I wanted to pursue. I received a scholarship offer to play volleyball at Montana State University-Billings. I researched the college and found out that it was well known for being an excellent Teacher College.

When I read that, it gave me the first notion that I would be interested in the field of education, so I accepted the volleyball scholarship and decided to go for a double major in Special Education K-12 and Elementary Education. I enjoyed my classes, and we spent a lot of time conducting reading clinics and working in classrooms in the community. I loved each of the experiences and knew I was in the right profession.

Which schools did you teach at & with which grades?

I started teaching in Fort Yukon, Alaska. I taught there for two years, working with Pre-School through 12th grade Special Education students. I had about 40 students each year with varying needs, I was even able to work with Speech and Language students, and I coached basketball.

Then I moved down here to the Kenai Peninsula and worked at Soldotna High School for four years, teaching in the Intensive Needs program and coaching volleyball.

A job at Nikiski Elementary opened up, which is actually just a few miles from where I live, so I jumped at the chance to be closer to home. I worked with students in the Behavior Program. A couple years later, the District decided to close down Nikiski Elementary. The teachers and students from Nikiski El were moved to Nikiski North Star Elementary, which is even closer to my house. I continued to teach students with behavioral needs and then switched over to working in the Resource Program.

I worked in the Nikiski schools for 13 years.

Finally, my older son was going to start 6th grade at Kenai Middle. There just happened to be a job opening at the same time that Mrs. Adair told me about, so I applied and interviewed, and thankfully, I was hired to work as the 6th grade Resource Teacher for the past eight years. I was able to coach volleyball at KMS as well.

What are some of your favorite teaching memories?

One great memory was taking the Intensive Needs students at Soldotna High School to ski at Challenge Alaska every winter. I had one student with Cerebral Palsy that was such a rock star he could out-ski all of us. He would head straight to the top of the mountain and ski down like a pro.

Another great trip is when I would take the students I worked with in Nikiski to Clam Gulch and go clamming and have a campfire. That was always a muddy, fun time.

I was talking to a parent the other day about her son that I worked with in Nikiski. Someone had given me some African clawed water frogs when they were babies. This student had to have one, so I sent it home with him at the end of the year, with parent permission of course. The frog went home with them at least 12 years ago and the frog is STILL alive.

I have many more great memories, because as you know, there are great things happening every day.

What are some of your favorite KMS memories?

Well for one, every 6th grade camp, of course. Also, I have never seen staff and students dress up for the holidays and spirit weeks like we do here. I laugh thinking about Verkuilen and Felchle dressing up as Lucha Libra wrestlers, I can never un-see Mr. Schoessler as Uncle Fester from the Addams family, and Mrs. Rininger and the office staff coming up with a costume for EVERY theme is truly impressive.

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Mrs. Vann

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This school is a family, and I hope that you all appreciate the activities that this school offers you, like mini courses, clubs, activity nights, Math Counts, Robotics, Celebration, drama, Journalism, sports, Battle of the Books, and it just keeps going on. KMS is like no other school!

How do you feel about retiring?

I honestly feel odd about it. I have dedicated my adult life to teaching, and I love what I do, so it will be a big change for me.

What are you planning to do next?

My plans are open at this time. I have always worked for our family's excavation company, so I will continue to do that. I plan on hopefully being able to travel Outside and watch my older son play football, and I will love to have the ability to travel to my younger son's activities without worrying about subs and taking time off. My mom is also getting older, so I want to spend some time with her and be there for her when she needs me.

What advice would you like to offer to students for their futures?

Always believe in yourself. Do not tell yourself that you can't do something, because then you won't. Also, have a great work ethic, be positive, and treat others well. Those three characteristics will take you far.

We Really Lyke You!

We're saying farewell to another KMS teacher as well – Mr. Lyke and his wife and daughters are moving to Anchorage to be closer to family. Best wishes for your future, and we hope your family Lykes it up there!

What are you planning to do next?

My wife and kids and I are moving to Anchorage. It's where I grew up. I have more family there, and I need all the help I can get to raise my two daughters. I will be teaching somewhere, and happy to see any former students who come that way.

How and when did you decide to become a teacher?

My dad was a teacher but I avoided the profession as long as I could. We all have a way of becoming our parents, though. I decided to become a teacher after I volunteered to be a chaperone on an environmental advocacy teen summit. It was inspiring to be around the energy and the passion. I wanted a job where I could help young people meet their goals.

How long have you been a teacher?

I have been a teacher for four years. It took me a long time to become a teacher. I was in school for five years, longer than it takes most people. But while I studied, I lived in three states, got married, and had a kid. So there was a lot of life to distract me!

Which schools have you taught at and with which grades?

I have taught grades 5/6 at Soldotna Elementary, and 8th grade language arts at Kenai Middle School.

What are some of your favorite teaching memories?

My favorite teaching memories have all been surrounding drama and performance art. The movies and live plays that we produced have been so important to me and to my students. I think about the first poetry slam during my student teaching, the student-written play we produced at SoEl, the play *Box* or the movie *Lion King*. *Moana* and *Scenes from a Quarantine* were a lot of fun to put together too.

What are some of your favorite KMS memories?

Probably all the comradery and food in the teacher lounge, or the friends I've made along the way.

What advice would you like to offer to students for their futures?

You never know where life will take you, or which people will help you to get there. Be kind, treat people well, and pay attention to as much as you can. Resolve to make a good impression on everyone you meet.

Fantastic Mini-Course Previews

Fantastic Films

By Dianna Wright

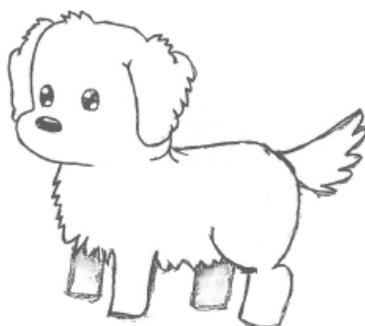


Movies, fun, and games is a spectacular mini-course for everybody in each grade to choose. It is run by Mrs Beck. We do multiple things in this mini-course. The first thing we do is walk to the movies; the staff will choose between three movies for us: *Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore*, *Bad Guys*, and *Dr. Strange*. After the movie, teachers make sure we didn't lose anyone, and especially make sure no one fell asleep during the movie and was just left in there.

Then we all walk back to the middle school where we sit down and visit while eating pizza and drinking Capri Sun. After all that, we get to play a game of kickball but instead of bases we use kiddie pools. Some people do not like getting wet, especially wearing their everyday clothes, so remember to bring towels! Then if you are done playing, you can just chill outside on your towel! I highly recommend this club for everyone, you won't regret it.

Fantastic Furbabies

By Jasmine Brady



The Dog Trainer for a Day mini-course is led by Mrs. Stotz-Mason and Mrs. Neill. In the mini-course we go to Blue Moose Bed and Biscuit, and before you get to play with dogs you are told that you're not allowed to use your phones until the end, when you are able to take pictures of the dogs. You are also told about the dogs who are there and to not scratch right in front of the dog's tail because some dogs are sensitive there, so the staff tell you not to for safety. After the staff tell you all the rules, they ask you to walk through the facility so you know your way around and so the dogs can get used to you.

After you hang out with the dogs for a while, the staff will ask a group of people to pick a dog to walk and once you pick your dog you're given a leash to walk the dogs to a nearby coffee shop where they give you a treat for the dog. Then when you get back you're given these platforms to make a climbing area for the dogs. After that you play with the dogs some more, eat lunch, and play games like darts and pool. At the end you can take pictures of the dogs before you go home. This is a really fun mini-course and I hope this mini-course is still going on for many years.

Fantastically Fast

By Piper Anglebrandt



There are a lot of mini-courses this year, but one of the most popular ones is the trip to Skateland! With this mini-course, students take a day trip up to Anchorage and go to Skateland, where they can obviously skate, but also play laser tag, and bumper cars.

Surprisingly, this is the first time for the Skateland mini-course. Mr. Litke, who is chaperoning this new mini-course, wanted to start it because his kids really love Skateland and had the time of their lives there. "My family always has this joke when we go to Anchorage. Someone asks, 'Do you guys want to go to Skateland?'" Mr. Litke thought it would be fun to bring a group of students to Skateland so then they could have fun with their friends.

I'm excited to go to Skateland! I can't wait to skate with my friends and probably fall down a lot too. Hopefully Sam won't sprain her finger like she did while rollerblading!

"Follow your heart but take your brain with you."

Fantastically Fishy

By Jackson Taliesin



One of the many fun and exciting Mini-Courses that the teachers here at KMS offer is Beach Side Fun and Fishing, with Mr. Gustkey and Mr. Schoessler. I took this course last year and I'm here to tell you all about it!

After I walked to school in the morning, I was told to head to Mr. Gustkey's room, where he and Mr. Schoessler talked for a bit about the game plan for getting to the beach, and what to do and what not to do when we were there. Shortly thereafter we loaded up all the equipment not needed for the walk into a truck, which would be there when we arrived at the beach.

We then began the long trek to our destination. I walked slowly and was at the back the whole time. We passed Holiday, then Louie's, and after a little bit more walking we reached the beach. I grabbed my fishing gear off of the truck, set up where the beach meets the water, and started fishing.

It was getting to be later in the morning, so I pulled out my lunch as well as my Nintendo Switch. It wasn't long before I decided to check my bait and recast. While my line was out, I decided to see what the other attendees were doing. I saw people playing football, some people sitting around a fire, and more people fishing like me.

I checked back to recast, and realized I had something on my line! I reeled in fast as lightning, and found that a flounder had swallowed my hook! Mr. Schoessler fileted it for me. I went to cast again, but I was out of bait. I packed up my fishing gear, pulled out my Switch again, and played *Super Smash Bros Ultimate* with a couple friends that went on that trip with me until it was time to leave. The walk back was the same, just a little cooler in temperature. After we returned to the school, we sat in Mr. Gustkey's class, waited for the bell to ring, and that was the end of the Beach Side Mini-Course!

Perfect Pops Concert

By Nikolas Bezdecny

The 6th grade music class and the 7th and 8th grade choir had a concert on April 26th. The concert's theme was 1980s pop music. This concert was also the last concert of the year.

The beginning of the concert started with the 6th grade music class performing "Side by Side" and "When You're Smiling."

After the 6th graders finished singing their songs, people who signed up to do a solo came up. The people who performed a solo are the following:



- Cecil Newcomb-Hammer and Everett Poulin sang "Misty Mountain"
- Gracelyn Moore and Juliaha Powell sang "All Is Found"
- Emma Karron sang "Firework"
- Vail Coats played the piano and sang "Sounds of Silence"
- Sophia Barajas sang "I Can't Help Falling in Love with You"
- Mason Butler, Isaac Potton, and Kainoa Taylor sang "What's New Scooby Doo"
- Shauna Koch sang "Hallelujah"

After the solos, the 7th and 8th grade choir performed "Give Us Hope," "Walking on Sunshine," "Seasons of Love," "A Million Dreams," and "Ain't No Mountain High Enough." The first song, "Give Us Hope," was originally performed during mass choir in Homer. "Walking on Sunshine" is a song that is very energetic. "A Million Dreams" is a song that is supposed to be inspirational and to encourage you to put your dreams into action.



Nurse Dixie with Monica, Mady, and Ashauntea! **13**

Magical Mass Music

By Shauna Lynn Koch

If you ever wonder to yourself what goes on in the depths of band field trips such as Mass Band, all of your questions shall be answered here. Join me for a delightful retelling of the Adventures of Mass Band!

To all of you who are reading this and are like, “What the bananas!?” do not worry, I shall help you understand Mass Band. Multiple bands were given four to five pieces of music about two or three weeks before we all met. After learning the music to the best of our ability, KMS and other middle school bands all met at Homer High School. We played together for about six hours then performed a concert together.

We arrived at school at the normal time of the school day and left at 7:50. We rode with the Nikiski band since there were only five of them. All of the instruments were stored under the bus and we kept our music with us. The drive down to Homer was about an hour and a half. The drive consisted of boys getting their hair done into pigtails, and even karaoke parties. It was honestly a blast!

When we arrived at Homer High, we headed straight to the auditorium to warm up. All of the other bands were already there playing so we went straight up to the stage. Looking around, I saw how many instruments were there, and it was amazing! There were at least three of every instrument, even for the less common ones like French Horn and Bass Clarinet.

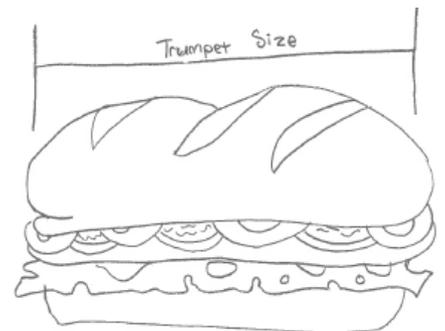
The person running the show was Mrs. DeBauche. She plays many instruments but majors in clarinet (yes, I know, like Squidward). The one thing about having a teacher that is a woodwind player is that she likes to help woodwind players....A LOT!

Mrs. DeBauche had picked out all of the music we ended up playing, so she gave us about a 20 minute speech about the songs’ back stories. They were all love stories; if you know middle schoolers then you know that love stories don't go well with most of them. We played *March to Castle Rock*, *Lullaby to the Moon*, *Celtic Air and Dance*, and *Groovy*. One song that was removed from the show was *Ancient Voices*. Everybody hated it! We had also been given a warm up sheet for home practicing too.



You may be wondering how we were able to play for so long. Here is how.... WE DIDN'T! Well, with a band of that size, breaks were mandatory. So every half an hour we took a ten minute break. At 12:30 we took our lunch break for thirty minutes and at 3:00 we took our dinner break. For lunch, we could either bring our own or hop in the very long Homer High lunch line. Good thing the high schoolers weren't there!

For dinner we brought our own money and headed to Safeway. On the bus ride to Safeway Mr. Stephanos made sure to remind us that our concert was in a few hours. So he told us no energy drinks, but since he wasn't playing he proceeded to have one himself 😊!! Almost everything in Safeway could be seen on the bus ride back to the high school. One kid got a two liter of soda and started chugging it on the bus. Another kid got a \$20 sandwich that was the size of a trumpet!



Minus what some modest band students may say, the concert was phenomenal! All of the parts were amazing together. Almost everyone agreed that *March to Castle Rock* was the best. We are all very proud of ourselves after that concert. In the short amount of time everyone had to work on that music, we all pulled it into a beautiful recital!

“How come the dove gets to be the peace symbol? How about the pillow? It has more feathers than the dove, and it doesn't have that dangerous beak.”

—Jack Handey

Lovely Lovejoy

By Raisa Breff

HELLO TO THE LOVELY PEOPLE READING THIS LOVELY ARTICLE! See what I did there, a lovely pun for the loveliest band (*cough cough* in my opinion *cough cough*). Some of you might have heard of this lovely band. I've said lovely way too much; I'm gonna keep gushing over them, though!

Lovejoy has four band members: Will Gold better known as Wilbur Soot, Joe Goldsmith, Ash Kabosu, and last but not least, Mark Boardman. (He's board, budum psssh.) They are a British band that you might listen to on a rainy or sunny day. I listen to them all day, every day.

Wilbur is the lead singer and lead guitarist, Joe is the second guitarist, Ash is the bassist, and Mr. Boardman is the drummer. (He might not be as board now.)

I started listening to Lovejoy when my sister introduced me to them (the sister that would like to stay anonymous after my last article). Well, at first I wasn't too interested in them, but that was before I started to listen to their songs with my friends.

They have three albums from what I have researched: Are You Alright?, Pebble Brain, and Knee Deep at ATP. Some of my favorite songs are "Perfume" from Pebble Brain, "The Fall" from Pebble Brain, and "One Day" from Are You Alright?

Here's what some people have to say about the band (people that would like to stay anonymous for



obvious reasons). First off, one specific commenter from home states, "Well, I found out about Lovejoy through a friend of mine who listened to Wilbur's song and recommended them to me. We both happened to like the same online streamers too, so that helped my friend recommend it to me." Brendan Doyale (who actually wanted to be mentioned) states, "I was watching Wilbur Soot streams and he talked about a song coming out called 'One Day' and when it came out it was on Lovejoy's channel not Wilbur's, that's how I found out about Lovejoy." Some of his favorite songs are 'One Day' and 'Perfume'. (I would very much recommend it.) My favorite lyric from One Day is "Why'd you have to kill my cat!" One last person states they found Lovejoy from "Wilbur Soot."

That concludes this lovely article; make sure you listen to at least one of their songs (*cough cough* Perfume from Pebble Brain *cough cough*). Oh jeez, sorry I got something stuck in my throat. Bye, lovely people!

Kids in the Hall – Would You Rather?

By Kyron Gonzalez



WYR go on a date with your best friend or go on a date with your crush?

Luke Cole, 8th grader-
Go on a date with his crush.
"Because I like my crush more than I like my friend . . . women rule over men."



WYR live in the worst house, but in a really good neighborhood, or live in the best house, in a really bad neighborhood?

John Thomas, 7th grader-
Live in the best house in a really bad neighborhood. "Living in the worst neighborhood could possibly be unsafe or have much commotion."



WYR have it be summer year round or have normal seasons throughout the year?

Iverson Miller, 6th grader-
Summer year round. "Summers are extremely fun, and are full of camping." Camping is one of his favorite things to do in the summer!



Dear Dianna,

By Dianna Wright

I am Dianna, writing to give advice to people in search of some nicely spoken words that may help with unpleasant situations, so sit back and listen to the best advice given by me.

Dear Dianna, I'm cramping so bad, what do I do?

I'm so glad you feel comfortable with this topic. So many girls have this and unfortunately feel uncomfortable talking about this. There are multiple ways to deal with this, such as yoga for your abdomen. Bring a water bottle everywhere and drink from it each hour. Also make sure to get plenty of proteins and vitamins. Here is a good tip, if you don't have a heat pad, get a sock and put rice in it and put it in the microwave. Heat helps cramps a lot. I hope these suggestions help!

Sincerely, Dianna

Dear Dianna, my grandma went to the hospital last night and she's really sick and it's really hard on my mom. My mom thinks that I'm not on her side and that I do not care about her. What should I do to help and show that she means the world to me and she is the best?

I am so sorry about this. It does seem terrible to go through this and see your mom upset about something as hard as this. I think there is a high chance that she does know you care, but at the moment it may be hard for your mom to talk about something like this. So just continue to show your love and support throughout this whole thing. Being there for your mom is very important too. You could even make a care basket for your grandmother, I bet she would love that. She definitely just wants to see you happy every day, just remember that.

Sincerely, Dianna

#KMShashtags

- #bye8thgrade
- #don'tforgeteethepotatoes
- #I'mastarnowbyeeee
- #ERA
- #sorryIaintgotnomoney
- #wecanfinallyleave
- #FreddieMercuryistheGOAT
- #bingusourbeloved
- #byebye
- #touchgrass
- #NOFLUTEPLAYERS
- #byschool
- #MiloOUT!
- #byemapstesting
- #KingRichard
- #byemrwose
- #spicyinspicyout
- #minicoursemania
- #kickball
- #kahoot
- #commonsense

Phreaky Phobias

By Jasmine Brady

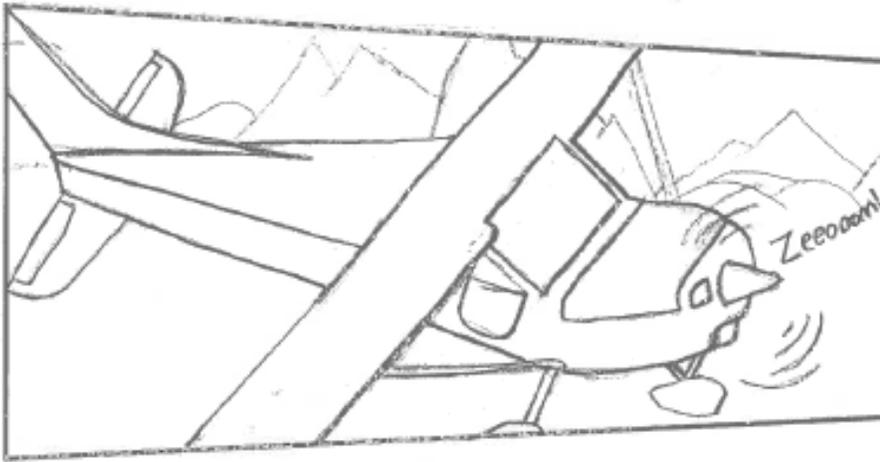
You may have heard of phobias like Arachnophobia, the fear of spiders *shivers*. Or Ophidiophobia, the fear of snakes, but I have come up with a list of the strangest phobias I could find. Let's see if you have any of these phreaky phobias:

- Ergophobia- Fear of the workplace
- Somniphobia/Hypnophobia- Fear of falling asleep
- Chaetophobia- Fear of loose or detached hair
- Oikophobia- Fear of being in houses
- Panphobia- Fear of everything
- Ablutophobia- Fear of bathing
- Arachibutyrophobia- Fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of your mouth

(Foreheads 1B-2D-3B-4A)

- Arithmophobia- Fear of numbers
- Plutophobia- Fear of money
- Astraphobia- Fear of thunder and lightning
- Eisoptrophobia- Fear of mirrors
- Chorophobia- Fear of dancing
- Geliophobia- Fear of laughter
- Heliophobia- Fear of sunlight
- Neophobia- Fear of something new
- Syngenesophobia- Fear of relatives
- Geniophobia- Fear of chins
- Vestiphobia- Fear of clothing
- Phobophobia- Fear of phobias
- Octophobia- Fear of the number 8
- Optophobia- Fear of opening your eyes
- Globophobia- Fear of balloons
- Ephophobia- Fear of children
- Omphalophobia- Fear of belly buttons
- Linonophobia- Fear of string
- Pogonophobia- Fear of beards
- Nomophobia- Fear of being without your phone

Hippopotomonstrosesquipedaliophobia- Fear of extremely long words



Arachnid-Guy: Part 4 The Trip

By Anonymous Narrator

Arachnid-Guy tells the officer, “No sir.”

“You were speeding,” the officer mumbles with annoyance, “15 mph over the speed limit. I’m letting you off with a warning for now, but next time it’s 150 on the spot.”

“Thank you sir,” Arachnid-Guy says thankfully, “have a good afternoon.” With pressure laying off his chest, he feels less rushed and calm about the situation.

Setting off on this adventure, he drives at a normal speed and drinks his Red Bull with a slight smile of relief smeared across his face. He ventures towards the mountain blocking his way to the mysterious house Zeeko had told him to seek.

Seeing the mountains getting closer, he swears that the road ends just near the mountain. He thinks his eyes are deceiving him, but he still ventures on, closer and closer. His eyes start to reveal the truth, and the road ends.

At the end of the road, he looks for any nearby places with a plane or an off-road vehicle. With melting snow and heat waves ruining his vision, he spots a private runway in the distance. Running with hope in his eyes, Arachnid-Guy sprints and doesn’t stop. In spite of being pulled over, a feeling that this journey will bring great memories crawls around his mind.

Within yards of the house where he spotted the runway, a woman with a puzzled face glares at him. As he walks up to the house the woman asks, “What brings you around these parts?”

“I’m on a journey beyond these mountains,” Arachnid-Guy answers with a heroic look on his face.

The woman yells, “Well there isn’t anything much past the mountains.”

“I know, but I was wondering if you had a plane madam,” Arachnid-Guy asks.

“I have a plane but it hasn’t been used in years,” she says with embarrassment, “It would need gas, new spark plugs, and even an oil change.”

“I’ll attempt to fix or repair any items if you let me borrow it,” Arachnid-Guy tells her.

“Under one circumstance,” the woman replies, “You must bring me along.”

“If you come along, it will just be to drop me off. Ok?” Arachnid-Guy exclaims.

“Sounds like a plan!” the woman says.

Arachnid-Guy gets to work. He starts by repairing all the spark plugs and repairing one of the door handles. After hours of work he finally finishes with all the tasks.

“Oh yeah. You never gave me your name,” Arachnid-Guy tells her.

“My name is Olivia,” she explains, “My mother gave me this name to remember her grandmother. It helped her mourn her death.”

“It’s a beautiful name,” Arachnid-Guy exclaims, “and thank you for all your help, this trip means so much to me.”

And so they flee. They hop on the plane and witness the beautiful Mount Bona, including much wildlife they have never seen.

Coming near the location of the house, Arachnid-Guy peeks out a window and opens his mouth, “Aah!” There is a beautiful house with testing labs and secret lairs. This is it, this is what Arachnid-Guy has been seeking. He tells Olivia to turn around and come back to this amazing house in eight hours.

Arachnid-Guy tells her to not return till the hour given, because she could seriously get hurt. That being said, he jumps out of the plane with a parachute and slowly falls into the clouds blocking the view. A

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Arachnid-Guy

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yell comes out in the midst, "I forgot to tell you my real name, it's Kobi, Kobi Rodgers-Whipple," Arachnid-Guy yells.

Coming to a landing on a porch located near the front entrance, a voice from the shadows appears. "Watch your back," Zeeko whispers.

BAM! Arachnid-Guy slams to the ground and falls into a trap, imprisoned in a small hole in the ground. Zeeko tells Arachnid-Guy that he plans to destroy the school, and imprison the kids.

Zeeko looks into the cage-shaped trap. "What," Zeeko shouts, "he disappeared!"

"Behind you," Arachnid-Guy whispers. Arachnid-Guy throws a punch that goes through Zeeko's body, as if he were a ghost.

"I've built machines to create holograms all around the building," Zeeko says. POOF! Hundreds of holograms surround Arachnid-Guy. He then starts throwing kunis and throwing knives at all the holograms, causing them to disappear into thin air.

"Ouch," Zeeko screeches.

"I've found you," Arachnid-Guy says with a grin, running towards Zeeko. He bashes into him, sending him flying into a wall. Once Zeeko is injured, all the holograms shut off and clear the room. BANG! Arachnid-Guy starts rolling towards the edge of the porch. He catches himself on the ledge but hangs there about to fall off. He loses his grip... and falls.

ZEEOOOM! A plane catches Arachnid-Guy and swoops him back into action. Without landing the plane, Olivia hops out and prepares to fight. Arachnid-Guy and Olivia look at each other and nod in confidence.

"Let's do this!" Olivia yells.

And that's how Arachnid-Guy and his sidekick begin their story.

Jack Handey's Deep Thoughts

By Jackson Taliesin

"Probably the saddest thing you'll ever see is a mosquito sucking on a mummy. Forget it, little friend."

"Love can sweep you off your feet and carry you along in a way you've never known before. But the ride always ends, and you end up feeling lonely and bitter. Wait, it's not love I'm describing. I'm thinking of a monorail."

"If you ever catch on fire, try to avoid looking in the mirror, because I bet that will really throw you into a panic."

"Explaining to a child that we're mortal and that death is inescapable is probably for me the hardest part of being a party clown."

"It takes a big man to cry, but it takes a bigger man to laugh at that man."

"Before you criticize someone, walk a mile in their shoes. That way, you'll be a mile away from them, and you'll have their shoes."

"Maybe in order to understand mankind, we have to look at the word itself. Basically, it's made up of two separate words - 'mank' and 'ind.' What do these words mean? It's a mystery, and that's why so is mankind."

"When you go in for a job interview, I think a good thing to ask is if they ever press charges."

"Instead of having 'answers' on a math test, they should just call them 'impressions,' and if you get a different 'impression,' so what, can't we all be brothers?"

"If you're robbing a bank, and your pants suddenly fall down, I think it's ok to laugh, and to let the hostages laugh too, because come on, life is funny."

Jack Handey (born February 25, 1949) is an American humorist who worked as a staff writer for Saturday Night Live. He is best known for his "Deep Thoughts by Jack Handey," a collection of surrealistic one-liner jokes, as well as his "Fuzzy Memories" and "My Big Thick Novel" shorts, and for his deadpan delivery.



Raisa and Piper hanging out with their best friends Fernando Hernando Bernando Hernandez Martinez and Gertrude!

Flawless Foreheads

By Dianna Wright

Do your best and try to find which forehead belongs to whom! It may not be that easy considering that a few of these may be less or more fingers than four!



1. Who does this forehead belong to?

- A: Jace Mizera
- B: Jason Mercier
- C: Owen Koroll
- D: Eli Smith

2. Who does this forehead belong to?

- A: Savannah Hershberger
- B: Allison Stewart
- C: Piper Anglebrandt
- D: Jessie Johnson



3. Who does this forehead belong to?

- A: Alidia Crabb
- B: Chloe Miller
- C: Evelyn Cooper
- D: Shauna Koch



4. Who does this forehead belong to?

- A: Kyron Gonzalez
- B: Kevin Dobkins
- C: Josiah Holloway
- D: Gage Ivy

Look on page 16 for the answer key!



Anonymous Confessions

By Three's a Crowd

“Do you have the Fortnite Battle Pass?”

-Prowler

NOOO!!! Fortnite is stupid, Fortnite is so bad that you can get it for free on Switch and Playstation. Only sixth graders play Fortnite... WAIT A MINUTE!!!!????

-Tubbo the Bee Boy

“The Baugetts are taking over.”

-Salty Boi

BREAD 4 LIFE! The Holy Bread Gods will guide us to the wheat fields of solitude, we need only follow their crumbs. We shall not want in the afterlife, for death is merely the beginning! The Baguettes, misspelled as they may have been, are merely messengers in the service of the Gluten Gods!

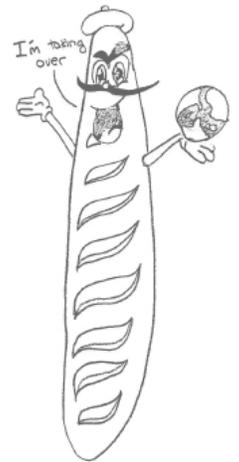
-Sleepy Weatherman, follower of Breadism

“Some people will say their favorite food is pizza or something like that, mine is ketchup.”

-Ketchup Eater

gag *gag* Actually, what the heck is wrong with you? It's basically just smooth sweet tomatoes and that's just... *gag*

-Tubbo the Bee Boy



“I ate my locker.”

-Apple

When I read this, you brought so many things to my attention, and trust me darling, ain't none of 'em good. First of all, what's with the apple? Are you trying to run me out of business!?! Cause if you are, I'll squeeze you so tight that there will only be one Apple Juice (or maybe two? I don't pay attention in math). WE WILL RULE THE EARTH ONE DAY!! And P.S. that locker doesn't sound too healthy. Maybe you should go on a diet?

-Apple Juice, the furious (and the nutrition advisor)

“My baby garlic's name is Christopher.”

-Christopher's Mom

Garlic? That belongs on toast, it is not a toddler. Put the garlic back in the fridge, and I implore you to find reason and cease this tomfoolery. It's not healthy whatsoever.

-Sleepy Weatherman

Overheard

By Megan Hutchings

Student 1: "Psst, do you listen to TED talks in the bath?"

Student 2: "Uhh, no."

Student 1: "GUYS, SHE LISTENS TO TED TALKS IN THE BATH!"

"You can't forge my signature to steal my soul, that's not how it works."

"Where's grandma's death shawl!?" *Panic*

Monsters in the aisles at Moana "FURRY!"

"It's fine, I'll carry the wrinkly babies on stage!"

"I have a sneeze stuck."

"Why do you look like you just got out of Scotland?"

Teacher: "What are you going to work on? Something intellectual and academic?"

Student: "May I use the bathroom?"

"One was a cupcake . . . we don't talk about that."

"Don't make me kiss your knee again!"

"You're dead chopsticks . . . I mean that in the nicest way."

Teacher: "Why aren't you at the math meet?"

Student: "Why are you here?"

"Can I throw your child?"

"Nothing is better than a bell pepper tater tot ranch."

"It looks like you fell into a Picasso painting."

"You said the points would follow, they aren't following, where's the + (plus) by my A then?"

"I don't know what you're talking about, but me and Mr. Schoessler are finger lickin' good."

"You seem like a clarinet kid."

"Are you literally asking me what an elbow is?"

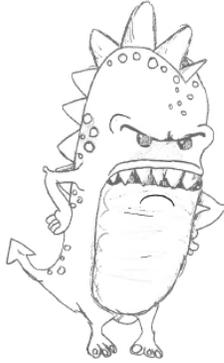
"Isn't Egypt a state?"

"I'm a very deflatable child."

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"Don't just be good to others,
be good to you."

"Focus on the good."



"Do giraffes live on the Kenai Peninsula?"

"The 8th graders are doing politics."

"Betrayal? Oh I thought you said Batrisha."

"That one's broken. Be a better scooter."

Student 1: "I'm so much cooler than basketball."

Student 2: "Sorry, basketball's so much cooler than you."

"Mrs. Vann was right; spicy in, spicy out."

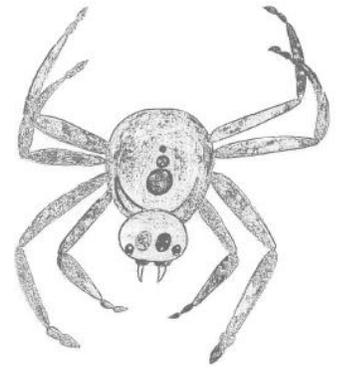
"I have a severe social anxiety disorder. I can only talk to adults and large groups of girls."

"IT'S A HUMAN SPIDER!"

"Her hair has been little-lad-ified."

"Gravy! Oh no! Oh noooooo!!"

"My hair was already disgruntified."



Summer Jokes

By Levi Strong

What does a bee do when it's hot?

Take off its yellow jacket!

Why did the newspaper talk to the ice cream?

It was looking for a scoop!

What did the pig say on a hot summer day?

I'm bacon!

What is the best day to go to the beach?

Sun day!

What game do anglers play over the summer?

Go fish!

What type of tree fits in your hand?

A palm tree!

When do you go at red and stop at green?

Eating a watermelon!

Where do sheep go on summer vacation?

The baahamas!

June Birthdays

By Katie Van Sky



01 Josiah Levshakoff
03 Alan Hack
03 Alex Parks
04 Seylor Tomrdle
04 Neil King
05 Haylee Bush
05 Peyton Cole
10 Clayton Cooper
11 Micheal Fowler
13 Autumn McCaughey
13 Lincoln Merchant
14 Mylee Yeoman
15 Cooper Every
17 Quentin Wolverton
17 Layla Berg-Anderson
17 Sandra Rodriguez
17 Thomas Jardine
19 Eva Elias
21 Treu Lloyd
21 Lacie Sorhus
22 Ava Spurgeon
22 Mrs. Rininger
23 Keira Forstner
23 Schyler Johnson
24 Blake Morris
24 Kayden Galloway
25 Levi Battiest
25 Elijah Pancoast
25 Jaxson Young
26 Wendell Rose
26 Rylee Drake
27 Lylah Smith
28 Mason Vermette
29 Allie Hutchins
29 Oden Sallison



July Birthdays

By Ruby Davis

02 Archer Adcox
02 Zach Talbot
02 John Thomas
03 Cody Holmes
03 Rusty Holmes
03 Olivia Tews
04 Sabella Christoffersen
04 Daisy Samples
04 Mr. Songer
05 Mr. Litke
06 Nessa Deese
06 Justin Wardlow
07 Clair Pyfer
09 Raisa Breff
09 Emma Ensey
10 Savannah Hershberger
10 Faith Vanlandingham
12 Kaden Bee
12 Sawyer Elliot
13 Ellore Smith
14 Lovë Carter-Hendriks
14 Mr. Nyboer
15 Ryder Lageson
15 Elisha Young
15 Connor Cook
16 Mr. Verkuilen
16 Kenneth White
17 Keagan Stanley
17 Luke Karpik
17 Mrs. Vann
18 Lila Drobnick
19 Azilyn Hall
19 Hayden Williams
19 Jadeyn Jacko
21 Gunnar Stanley
21 Mrs. Kurzendoerfer
22 Brett Sturman
22 Ms. Megan
23 Kira Inman
28 Mr. Dosko
28 Tania Boonstra
29 Ms. Christie
30 Riley Cronin
31 James Duffield



August Birthdays

By Isla Crouse

01 Elias Fulk
01 Mrs. Stotz-Mason
04 Keri Lockwood
05 Jaydra Flood
05 Ms. Gann
05 Ms. Laurie
06 Chase Alexander
06 Mrs. Rolph
08 Claire Titus
08 Emma Titus
08 Heidi-Kay Steele
08 Odin Swearingen
09 London Christoffers
09 Francis Dagomos
09 Ezra Jusmable
10 Jackson Douthit
10 Levi Strong
12 Peighton Curren
12 Ethan Landry
12 Alicia Perez
12 Monica St. John
12 Emily Taylor
14 Kacey Cunningham
14 Nathan Russell
14 Samantha Thompson
15 PJ Matulin
16 Abigail Ziegler
18 Karina Brenc
18 Davis Deese
19 Madison Holcombe
19 Arianna Thompson
19 Taighen Tsosie
20 Titan Jones
20 Mrs. McCown
22 Inn Saeteia
22 Mr. Schoessler
23 Jason Mercier
24 Kyle Foster
24 Alex Hickman
24 Iversen Miller
25 Jenica Anderson
25 Mrs. Bressler
25 Makenzie Harden
25 Everett Poulin
26 Iris Hale
26 Emerie Mallard
27 Josiah Holloway
28 Olivia Koppes
28 Zhoie Malone
29 Tenley Fabian
30 Zalen Fulgencio
30 Pyper Kartchner
30 Riley Mosquito
30 Gabe Rison
30 Ms. Theresa

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