

# KMS PURPLE PAGES

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## Awesome Activity Night

By Blu Christensen & Saylor Huntsman-Norman



Activity night on October 7<sup>th</sup> was a celebration of all the hard work everyone did and for enjoyment at the end of the first quarter. There were lots of activities to do, although the 6th graders were NOT allowed in the dance! There were about 250 kids that attended, way more than the staff thought there would be.

Almost everyone joined in on the “Cha-Cha Slide” at the dance. Some of the songs were I’m a Barbie Girl, It’s Tricky, Party in the USA, and more. At the karaoke there would be a song of your choice on the board you could sing along to. Open gym and lower gym war ball was run by Mr. Lewis, Mr. Rose, Mr. Newton, Jackson Marion, and Owen Smith. You could play volleyball or basketball in the gym.

Face paintings and tattoos had options in stencils, or you could DIY. For the cake walk you walked around on the numbers taped to the ground in a big

circle, stopping when the music did. If they picked the number you were standing on, you won a piece of cake.

For ring toss, you would toss a ring onto the soda and if you made it onto the rim of the bottle, you won the bottle. Belly bouncers and jousting run by Amber and Kirstin Every, Sarah Castimore, and Nurse Dixie were pretty popular. For jousting you would stand on a beam with a foam bat and try to knock your opponent off. For belly bouncers you wore a donut-shaped float around your middle and again, tried knocking your opponent over.

The movie room was run by Mrs. Newton, who was playing the famous Halloween movie *Hocus Pocus 2*. The button maker and the game room was run by Mrs. Nabholz and Gavin Hunt. You could have either

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drawn a design or cut a picture out of one of the books in the room to make a button.



The photo booth was run by the lovely Mr. and Mrs. Gustkey, who would take your picture, with your friends or by yourself, like Eli Davenport did. There were even accessories to wear if you wanted to. October 26<sup>th</sup> there will be another fun celebration, similar to activity night. Hope to see you all there!



# Opinion-8-ed

By Emily Taylor

## What is your favorite Halloween memory or costume?

Caroline Karpik- "I got lost in my own neighborhood when I was 8. My parents let me trick or treat with some of my friends and I couldn't figure out which way to go."

Lucia Carson- "A bunch of my friends and I had a scavenger hunt at a campground. Then after, we just kinda ran around the beach having a snowball fight all night."

Mr. Songer- "In Cordova the Coast Guard has a big ship. When I was a kid they got the whole crew and made a 'Spooky Alley' for the community. They would go all out with the blood and gore, and chainsaws! So scary!"

Teresa Fallon- "I was Safeway."

Brandon Blake- "Willie from Duck Dynasty."

Lily Langham- "I was dressed as Princess Leia."

Shauna Koch- "I dressed up as a girl version of Robin Hood."

Josh Bolling- "When I was like 8 or something, I dressed up as an army man and strapped an empty gun holster to my uniform."

Gracee Every- "I had a Halloween party and my parents secretly put together a big scare in the woods when we were on a scavenger hunt."

Mr. Rose- "Dressing up as Donatello from the Ninja Turtles in 3rd grade, and walking through scary houses but never being scared because they're fake."

Tyler Cruickshank- "My favorite Halloween costume is the blow up T-rex."

Angelina Bond- "Every year I always look forward to seeing the one person that wears the inflatable T-rex costume. There's always that one person."

Mrs. Rininger- "When I was in 8th grade, my two best friends and I were a three headed monster. We sewed our own costumes. We entered a costume contest at Kmart and won 1st place. I won a Coca-Cola phone! This started my love for home-made costumes."

Mr. Gustkey- "We would take the kids (two to three families) trick-or-treating then come home to hot cocoa. I would tax the kids and they'd pay me in some of their candy. I would dress as Count Pumpcula."



# Haunted Halloween!

By Payton Ricks

Lately, everyone has been stressed out because they don't know what they are going to be for Halloween. Well, I'm going to help you with your costume, and even if you aren't dressing up you should show your friends so they can dress up! Some favorites so far are Hocus Pocus, vampires, Monsters Inc., and pirates. Whichever one you choose, you will look AWESOME! Also, you can find all of your supplies at Walmart, Fred Meyer, and any thrift store.



Girls, if you are planning a three person costume, Hocus Pocus is perfect for you and your friends. First up for the Sanderson sisters we have Winifred; you will need a green dress, a dark green cape (darker than the dress), red lipstick, a ginger wig, a pair of black (heel) boots, and a broom. Next we have Sarah; for her you need a purple dress, purple cape (darker than the dress), red lipstick, a pair of black (heel) boots, a blonde wig, and a mop. Lastly we have Mary; you need a red dress, a red cape (darker than the dress), red lipstick, a pair of black (heel) boots, a black wig, and a vacuum. Instead of a wig, you can curl your hair and use gel to make it look similar.



Now for the boys I asked a couple of guys and the most votes were vampires and one other that I will get to later on. Anyways, back to the vampires, you will need to gather a white long-sleeve shirt, a red vest with a V-neck, black pants, black shoes, a cape with velvet red on the inside, some really pale makeup, and hair gel. \*BONUS\* If you can read this you found a bonus for this costume, a home-made paper bat! Just watch this video! [Paper Bat Airplane | How To Make Paper Plan That Fly like A Bat | Cool Design Origami Bat Plane](#)



For both boys and girls, one of my favorite Disney movies is Monsters Inc. For Mike Wazowski you will need a light/bright green shirt, black pants, small horns, and a tutu (optional). For Sully you

need a blue shirt, black pants, medium horns, a tutu (optional), and purple cloth to cut out different shapes and super glue them to the blue shirt. Lastly we have Boo; first get an XL pink shirt, purple leggings, and a black wig, then give your wig ponytails, and add white shoes and white socks.

This last costume is for the boys. A lot of people loved this idea and I hope you love it too! Pirates are one of the most common costumes, and they are really easy to make from scratch. All you need is a white T-shirt, black jeans, a leather belt, a red bandana, an eye patch, and a sword.



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**Why are vampires bad at Ms. Silva's art assignments?**

They are only able to draw blood!

**Why did the vampire read the Purple Pages?**

He heard it had great circulation!

**How do vampires get around on Halloween?**

On blood vessels!

**What do you get when you cross a vampire and a snowman?**

Frostbite!

**What's a vampire's favorite fruit?**

Neck-tarines!

**What kind of medicine do witches use on their warts?**

I don't know, but it's not working!



# Día de los Muertos

(Day of the Dead)

By Mady Martin

The first Day of the Dead was celebrated roughly 3000 years ago, among the Aztec, Toltec, and Mayan cultures. Dying for them was seen as a natural part of life that should be honored and celebrated instead of mourned. Most people think that the Day of the Dead occurs on October 31, but it actually is on November 1-2. Some people also think that the Day of the Dead is like a birthday party for the dead, but it's actually celebrating the lives they lived.

Traditions for this wonderful day include gathering at cemeteries to enjoy traditional foods like *pan de muertos* (bread of the dead) and *calaveras* (sugar skulls). Other traditions include dressing up in beautiful costumes and assembling colorful floral decorations, which often include symbolic marigolds.



“This tradition is rooted in the native Mexican belief that life on earth is a preparation for the next world and of the importance of maintaining a strong relationship with the dead,” Juan Aguirre, Executive Director of the Mexican culture non-profit *Mano a Mano* tells *Oprah Daily*.

“It’s not a funeral. It’s not morbid, and it’s not about being spooky. It’s about joy and color and flavor and celebration, all the mixed emotions,” award-winning chef Pati Jinich adds. “It’s a very Mexican thing to have extreme sadness with extreme joy at the same time.”

During the ancient Mexican holiday, it is believed that spirits of the dead momentarily return to the land of the living, for a brief reunion. The community looks at death as an opportunity for renewed life. Day of the Dead is celebrated with parades, festivals, and more across Mexico.



Though these traditions are universal, various regions across the country also have their own unique ways to honor the dead. Mexico City has held a boisterous parade since 2016, complete with entertainers in bold costumes, music and dance, and floats. *National Geographic* identifies Michoacán as the place to go for foodies. The people of La Huasteca Potosina indulge in day-long parties, while Aguascalientes’ festival of skulls has celebrations that include their annual skeleton parade, *Legends of Mexico*. And at the University of Guanajuato, students create an altar that honors deceased scholars.

I hope that if you didn’t know much about Dia de los Muertos, you learned something interesting to you. If you found this boring, just watch the movie *Coco* to learn a little. For the kids whose families celebrate Dia de los Muertos, I hope you found more interest in this wonderful holiday that you get to celebrate!

# Lively Lily

By Delila Roberts



Lily Langham is an 8th grader at KMS. She is 14 years old and she loves her dogs. Lily’s dogs are named Mookie and Tug. Her favorite class is history because “Mr. Summer is really funny.” She thinks that 8th grade is better than 7th because they are the oldest in the school.

Lily’s favorite sport is hockey, because it’s fun to skate and play with friends. She plays for the Ice Hawks and Knights, and she has been playing hockey for seven years. Lily’s favorite position in hockey is defense. Her favorite team is the Knights, who also went to Michigan recently. She also likes soccer and was on the girls A-team for KMS. Her favorite position is midfield because she can play defense and offense.

Lily likes Halloween more than Christmas because she doesn’t like Christmas music. Lily is going to be a bubble guppy for Halloween this year with some of her friends. She wants to be a diagnostic radiologist when she is older because she thinks it would be cool to look at people’s brains.

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**What kind of bread do zombies like?**

Whole brain!

# Joyful Juliahna

By Blu Christensen



Juliahna Powell, an 8th grader who has lived in Alaska for most of her life, also lived in Idaho for a few years.

Her favorite food is tacos and she wants you all to know, “Tacos are my jam!”

Juliahna lives with her dad and her grandma and their two dogs. She has four brothers and three sisters, with her two older sisters being her favorite siblings. According to her, she doesn’t get along well with some of them.

In her free time, Juliahna likes to longboard and play with her dogs Pepper and Sassy. She has a black lab/Irish setter and a black lab/Irish setter/golden retriever/Doberman. She also enjoys hanging out with her friends and her cousins on the weekends. What she likes most about her friends is their humor. She also says that they are a good influence on her and they make her really happy.

Juliahna’s favorite class is band, because almost everyone there has a good sense of humor. Juliahna plays soccer and soon she will play volleyball too. She is looking forward to volleyball tryouts later in the school year. She is also excited for Christmas break since she will be going to Anchorage to see one of her older sisters for the holiday.

# Marvelous Momo

By Emily Taylor

Nyomi “Momo” Hunt is a new 7th grade student at KMS. She was born in Alaska and has one brother, Gavin. Her parents are Lance and Lisa Hunt, and their family has seven pets: three cats, two dogs, one fish, and one water dragon. Mr. Kitty, Vamp, and Knives are the cats, Torbin and Dexter are the dogs, the fish is Melvin, and the water dragon is Peanut. She has lots of pets to care for!



In her spare time, Momo likes to play games and read. Her favorite book is *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George. “I don’t have a favorite game,” she stated, “but I like to play games with my cousin.” Her cousin’s name is Ellie and she is 14, one year older than Momo. Momo’s favorite thing to do in the summer is to watch random shows and play video games with Gavin and Ellie. With her friends, her favorite thing to do is just to talk to them, since she loves to chill and relax when she’s not in school.

At school Momo loves to go biking in Gym class, and her favorite subjects are History and Math because she enjoys Mr. Rose and Mrs. Newton. Her electives are Home Ec with Mr. Carson and Choir with Ms. Vollom. In Home Ec they’re in their cooking section of the semester, but they are moving towards the finance unit soon. In Choir, they were preparing for their concert. Two of the songs they sang are “Homeward Bound” and “Tongo.” Momo is an interesting girl who has a lot to bring to KMS!

# Magnificent Molli

By Amelia Adams

Molli Sansotta is a 6th grader who loves drawing, writing, and hiking. Drawing is something she likes to do because it’s one of the few things she can focus on. She likes hiking because she gets to do it with her family, and she likes writing because she can go to her own world, and her handwriting is getting better.

This fall, Molli ran on the KMS XC team, and currently she swims for the Peninsula Piranhas, at the KCHS swimming pool. Swimming is her favorite sport, because she has a couple friends in it. When Molli grows up, she wants to be a swimmer, and, if you ask her, she will say, “I like how it pushes me.” She’s also really good at it and thinks it’s amazing. She has been swimming since she was in first grade.



Her favorite subject is math. She is really good at it and likes her teacher, Mrs. Newton. Molli’s favorite animal is “starfish because they puke their stomachs out

when they eat.” She and her family own a couple of animals themselves, including a golden doodle named Rubi, a beta fish named Pebbles, and Molli’s little sister, Luci! She also has three siblings: her little sister, and two little brothers, Gavin and Baylor.

“I like to be kind of loud and laugh,” is what she likes to do with her friends Sydney, Brooklyn, Grace, Amelia, Emma, Kennedy, Riley, and Shay. She also likes having sleepovers with them. I hope you enjoyed reading about magnificent Molli, who is a great person and an amazing friend!

# Choir Concert

By Isla Crouse

The choir students of this semester are a group to be reckoned with! With their fabulous instructor Ms. Vollom and accompanist Mrs. Bird, they have mastered the art of singing. On the 11th of October, they showed their true voices with a stellar performance. The concert included many songs performed by the combined 7th and 8th grade choirs, as well as a few that the 6th grade music class performed.

## 7th and 8th Grade Choirs

Setting the night off with a nice start, the 7th and 8th grade choirs sang the French-Canadian folk song *J'etends Le Moulin*. This song is from the province of Quebec, where they used windmills to grind corn and wheat. The French words sung as “*tique, tique, taque*” represent the sound the sails make on an old windmill when the wind blows through. It was a lively song, and the French added an enjoyable twist from a normal school choir concert.

Next came a song representing music from the baroque era, *Fa Una Canzona* (Sing With Me), followed by *Homeward Bound*, written by Marta Keen and arranged by Jay Althouse, with three soloists, Olyve Croom, Kevin Dobkins, and Elisha Young. All three of these soloists sang remarkably. Both of these songs were beautiful, and *Homeward Bound* left a quiet, almost peaceful rhythm in listeners' ears.

After the 6th grade choir sang a few of their songs, and the soloists stole the audience's attention with their exceptional performances, the 7th and 8th graders took the stage again. Singing the lively, upbeat song *Tongo*, a Polynesian folk song, they were accompanied by Sierra Chapman, Kent Peterson, and Mr. Stephanos on percussion. The song's name means 'mangrove,' and it tells the story of people communicating from one canoe to another as they travel between different islands. The song itself is almost completely non-translatable, but that doesn't hinder its capability for joy.

*Walk in Jerusalem*, an African American spiritual song combined with gospel traditions, came next, wrapping up the fall concert with an exciting finish. Overall, the 7th and 8th grade choirs blew the concert out of the water, showcasing their amazing voices for so many people to hear.



## 6th Grade Music Class

Even though many of the participants hadn't done a ton of singing before enrolling in Ms. Vollom's music elective class, the 6th graders didn't fail to impress the crowd.

The first song they sang was *The Captain's Mate*, which kicked off their part of the concert with a bang. Next came *If I Could See the Wind*, which was soft and sweet, letting the high, beautiful notes hang in the air. This song was accompanied by Lucia Carson on the flute, adding a nice musical touch.

*Mañana*, meaning “tomorrow” in Spanish, originally by Peggy Lee and Dave Barbour, was the final song in the 6th graders' bouquet of music. It was certainly the most lively, enthusiastic number of them all. Three soloists, Riley McGahan, Chloe Sturm, and Lily Taliesin, all sang incredibly well, really showcasing their vocal talents. Each one of the participants shared their voice with the audience in this amazing finale to their concert.

## Superb Soloists

Andrew Stein really wowed the audience with a show-stopping *Consider Yourself* (*From Oliver!*). Not only is the song exciting in itself, but Andrew sang it with conviction and confidence. Moving around the stage, tipping his hat, and acting as though he was really a boy from the early 1900's, he truly captured the sensation of life on the city streets.

Next came Shauna Koch with *La Vie en Rose*. Her voice was absolutely incredible, and she never missed a note or fell flat. Shauna took every audience members' breath away as she sang like she had performed her entire life. Not only did she sing in English like a professional, she also sang in *French* like she was fluent in the language already. As a whole, Shauna has an amazing voice that pleases every ear that hears her songs.

Originally by Merle Travis, *Sixteen Tons* was sung by Everett Poulin. Everett has a naturally deep voice, so when he performed, the result was spectacular. Hitting every low note, Everett recreated Merle Travis' song incredibly well.

Overall, the 7th and 8th grade choirs, the 6th grade music class, and all the soloists together created a concert that won't soon be forgotten!

# Sam Hunt Concert

By Keira Forstner



In September I went to a Sam Hunt concert in Spokane with my mom, dad, and brother. I also saw my best friend for the first time in a year. Sam Hunt is a famous country singer who has been singing for years and years, and he's a really great singer.

I love Sam Hunt because his country music is really awesome. He doesn't just sing, he also plays the guitar. I have been listening to him for years. A lot of his music is about relationships. My favorite song is "Body like a Backroad."

It was my birthday in June when I found out we were going to Spokane. We went from September 15 to the 17. It took us 15 hours to get there. We drove to Anchorage and got to the airport at about 1:00 a.m. then our first flight didn't leave until 4:00 a.m. We arrived at the Seattle airport at 8:00 a.m. Then we had a five hour layover and our next flight didn't leave until 1:00 p.m., so we got to Spokane at about 3:00 p.m.

The concert was held at a casino but it was outside. The lights were really bright and they kept shining in my eyes, but the music was amazing. The crowd was okay, but women kept hitting on my older brother. My family had a really good time there, but it went by so fast! It felt really nice being in a state that I had never been to before, and it also felt really nice being able to see my best friend after so long of not seeing each other. Spokane is a really beautiful place and I wish we could have been there longer.

At the concert, it wasn't just Sam Hunt playing his music, other music artists were also playing. When we went to the airport to fly back to Alaska, Sam Hunt was sitting right in front of us so we got to meet him and get a picture! Going to Spokane, seeing my best friend, meeting one of my favorite music artists, and going to a concert was the best!

# Shop with Schoessler

By River Kruzick

## MR. SCHOESSLER

Mr. Schoessler has been teaching shop at KMS for 10 years, and he used to teach at KCHS for 6 years. Mr. Schoessler wanted to teach shop because it would be a fun opportunity for him and he wanted to watch kids grow as students in his class. He likes to teach all of his classes, but he thinks that the metals shop is his favorite shop class to teach.

## WOOD SHOP

Caroline Karpik, Lucia Carson, and Sampson Nickerson-Healy are all in wood shop. They said they are going to learn how to use both hand and power tools. The students are working on band saw boxes and puzzles now, and they are going to make chairs and cutting boards later this year. The wood shop is during second and third period classes.



## SMALL ENGINES

I am in the small engines class, and we are working on our carburetors in small engines. Later in the semester, we are going to take apart and put back together small engines. The small engines class is during fifth period.

## METALS SHOP

Kyron Gonzalez is in metals shop. He said they are going to work on Acetylene welding soon, and after that they are going to make tool boxes out of sheet metal. He said he is excited to start welding. The metals classes are during fourth and eighth period.

## 6TH GRADE SHOP

Dalton Wik is one of the students in 6th grade shop. The shop class is a quarter-long class that introduces shop to the 6th graders. The students are also going to work on wooden letters later in the quarter. The 6th grade shop class is during 9th period.

# Advice? Absolutely!

By Kaia Dale-Johnson



In this article I have decided to turn to Nurse Dixie and our counselor, Ms. Johnson, to talk about some serious topics including substance abuse, mental health, suicidal thoughts, homelessness, and more.

Sadly, substance abuse is a very real issue, even at KMS. Luckily, Nurse Dixie can help, as she runs a substance use program called NOT to help kids stop using tobacco. If you are having substance abuse problems, talk to a trusted adult. There might be consequences, but overall everyone just wants you to be healthy and live a long life.

Things are hard sometimes, so if you are feeling sad, worried, or anxious, go talk to Nurse Dixie. She can help you have a talk with your parents or guardians and connect them with resources to help you. And if a friend is having some issues like suicidal thoughts, or if they are causing danger to themselves or others, talk to an adult who will know how to help.

With inflation and gas prices, some parents cannot afford a place to live, which leads to couch surfing, sleeping in family members' houses, and many more things. But as you can imagine, that would lead to not getting enough sleep, and that doesn't lead to healthy learning. To help ease the transition, there is a program called Students in Transition. The program helps provide things you would need like school supplies, toothbrushes, clothes etc. If you are worried about how you will get food over the weekend, go have a talk with Nurse Dixie about getting a supply of food.

For our 8th grade students who will be going into high school next fall, Ms. Johnson is trying to make a better middle school to high school transition program. In the next issue of the Purple Pages, I will have more resources to help with many of the issues in this article.

**Nothing shocks Nurse Dixie or Ms. Johnson and nothing is too personal to talk to them about.**

# Killing Cancer on the Kenai

By Amelia Adams

Killing Cancer on the Kenai was a recent fundraiser for two local families, the Earlls and the Dahlmans. This event started about six or seven years ago, and this year it was held on October 4th at KCHS.

Outside of the gym was a silent auction with all sorts of goody baskets and art. The fundraiser started at 3:30 pm and closed about 6:30 pm. All of the volleyball players donated gift baskets, and a few other people did too, including my aunt, Misty Hamilton, who works at KCHS. The silent auction had all sorts of cool things, including monster cookies, artwork, gift card baskets, reading baskets, movie baskets, hair product baskets, and many more. Every donation was a little bit different, but they were all very cool!



Like during most volleyball games at KCHS, the snack shack was open, and the food was delicious. They had a few different types of freeze-dried candy, other candy, and snacks like pretzels and nachos. In the cafeteria there was also a BBQ dinner fundraiser.



The volleyball game was amazing to watch, and made it so nobody wanted to leave. The players worked super hard and it definitely showed. The Kenai Cardinals were in the lead the majority of the time, which was no surprise. The game was Kenai against SoHi, and Kenai won!

Mrs. Beck, who coaches the varsity volleyball team, thought it was amazing to see the two teams getting together. Some of the Dahلمان family members attend SoHi. All together the event raised a whopping \$17,400! The game was amazing and fun and I'm glad I went. I hope to see you there next year!



# Intramural Basketball

By Adalic Hernandez

Mrs. Rodriguez is the girls' basketball coach, and Mr. Songer is the boys' basketball coach. Mrs. Megan helped out with the girls' intramurals, and Mr. Felchle helped out with the boys' intramurals. This year at KMS about 57 boys and about 37 girls signed up for basketball intramurals.

Savannah Hershberger decided to sign up for basketball intramurals because she has been playing for a long time. She has been on the KMS basketball team, so she did think she was going to make the team. She said she has been playing since she could remember. Her favorite thing to do in intramurals was to shoot baskets.

Nang Bell signed up for intramural basketball because she thought it would be a fun sport. She has never been on a basketball team before. She has been playing basketball for two weeks, so she didn't know if she was going to make the team. Her favorite thing to do in intramurals was to shoot baskets.

Andrew Stein said he decided to sign up for intramurals because of his grandfather. He said he doesn't think he has ever been on a basketball team before. He decided he didn't want to play basketball anymore. He has been playing basketball since he was about four years old. His favorite thing to do in intramurals was practice passing drills.

Jameson Curren decided to sign up for basketball because he thought it would be fun. He said he was on a basketball team when he was younger. He did not think he was going to make the team. He said he has been playing for about a year. His favorite thing to do in intramurals was full court passing.

# XC Boroughs

By Isla Crouse



The Kenai Kossack runners pushed through yet another cross-country season! Running is certainly a draining sport, but these students pushed themselves past that empty bucket feeling and finished the most important race of the season: Boroughs.

Whether their finishing times were under ten minutes, or over twenty, each athlete worked extremely hard to achieve the goal of getting both feet across the finish line. The Kenai XC running team certainly had a successful season, and for some, these few months aren't going to be the last time they hit the trails in their running careers.

Athletes shared some opinions as well as favorite memories on how the season went as a whole. Brock Cooper, one of the athletes claiming top-ten finishes, says, "My favorite parts were the races because I like running around on the trails. I like the middle of the race the best because you are in the trees and you can admire them. I got in the top ten twice!"

Alex Kahn, on the other hand, wasn't too focused on his place during the meets, but more on the fun he had during the time spent with the team. "I feel like we did good. We had many top finishers, and had a good time with the team. The pizza party at the end was definitely my favorite part . . . I didn't get in the top ten any times, but it was a good season. I got third in the first race and then last the rest. Wait, no, third to *last* at the first race," Alex states, laughing several times.

When asked about his favorite part of the running season, Corbin Grimm simply answered, "Probably to get to talk to my friends and hang out with them. The season went pretty good, but not as good as last year though. Overall, it was fun."

"I think the season went really well. My favorite part was the drive back from Homer. We got to go to Safeway, which was very fun," Uriah Smith, one of the newer runners on the team, explains. "We all did really well and we all tried our best."

This 2022 running season was Kailey Crouse's first, but it will

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# XC Boroughs

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most likely not be her last! “I think the season actually went pretty well. I learned to love running more than I had before, and I met people who share that similar liking. I am excited to be on the team next year!”

Ruby Davis is still wrapping her mind around the fact that the season has ended already: “The season went super fast, I can’t believe it’s over already.” Ruby is a high-placed racer, full of commitment and dedication. It was her final KMS XC running season, but she totally wrapped it up with a bang!

## Boys’ Borough Results

13 – Brock Cooper - 10:35.99  
15 – Elisha Young - 10:41.86  
16 – Uriah Smith - 10:52.28  
21 – Corbyn Crisp - 11:25.17  
22 – Jackson Hibberd - 11:29.68  
25 – Jay Songer - 11:45.27  
30 – Amare Williams - 12:06.49  
31 – Tolson Hall - 12:08.14  
35 – Dawson Yeoman - 12:35.45  
36 – Bennett Martin - 12:37.91  
39 – Corbin Grimm - 12:42.00  
40 – Gabriel Dravis - 12:44.29  
48 – Landen Hoffman - 13:56.42  
49 – Teddy Dodge - 13:58.17  
51 – Gage Sturman - 14:00.67  
52 – Noah Cole - 14:09.88  
56 – Greyson Whicker - 14:47.04  
61 – Alex Kahn - 18:34.14

## Girls’ Borough Results

06 – Ruby Davis - 11:06.01  
15 – Selah Coots - 11:45.62  
16 – Riley Cramer - 11:50.39  
17 – Kailey Crouse - 11:54.54  
18 – Teresa Fallon - 11:56.10  
20 – Molli Sansotta - 12:14.36  
29 – Emily Taylor - 13:12.53  
31 – Lucia Carson - 13:22.85  
39 – Monica St. John - 15:01.09  
42 – Addie Sparks - 15:22.55  
45 – Piper Anglebrandt - 15:32.93  
47 – Maggie Bemis - 15:48.48  
53 – Maricela Beckman - 19:24.10  
54 – Nang Bell - 19:34.14  
55 – Hailee Painter - 19:44.80  
56 – Samantha Thompson - 20:49.33  
57 – Ashauntea Kaiser - 21:10.88  
58 – Pepper Noel - 26:05.59

# B-Team Soccer

By Oscar Marcou



At the beginning of the school year, after-school soccer started. Coach Tews and Coach Hayes both coached B-teams. To practice, the B-teams did drills and scrimmages. The Hayes and Tews B-teams had several games, including one to Chapman and multiple games here at KMS. For their final game, they faced off against each other. This year, Coach Tews' team won the game!

To bring an end to the season, they had a celebration. They ate pizza and the coaches handed out paper plate awards. For example, “The Intimidator,” “Longest Whistle,” and “Best Effort” were a couple of the awards.

Now that soccer is over, I interviewed a few of the players about their favorite memory from the season. Easton Chilla said his favorite part of the season was when his team won against Coach Hayes’ team. LeRoy Tomrdle’s favorite memory was when Clayton Cooper ran a bunch. Emma Karron said her favorite part was when she went to Chapman. Ezra Jusmable’s favorite memory from the season was when someone kicked the ball in the air and he jumped up and it hit his throat. Overall, B-team soccer had a great season, and from the interviews, a lot of fun!

# A-Team Soccer

A-team soccer players wrapped up their season with awesome performances in the borough tournament on October 1<sup>st</sup> in Seward. The KMS boys battled to first place in boroughs!

**What was your favorite memory from this season?**

Everett Poulin- “When we won boroughs!”

Eli Pancoast- “Winning boroughs!”

Roman Campanella- “Actually learning how to kick a ball, other than just toe punting.”

Bridger Begich- “The team dinners were fun, but practice was a lot of fun, depending on what drills we did.”



Elloree Smith- “Walking around in Seward with our teammates cheering on the boys’ team, we really bonded.”

Avery Munter- “Practicing with my BFF Elloree.”

Sierra Chapman- “Our third place game.”

Brooklyn Phillips- “When we were coming back from boroughs and I spilled mayonnaise on my jersey. It was super funny!”



*“Sometimes you never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory.”*

# KIDS IN THE HALL

By LeRoy Tomrdle



WYR have Mr. Gustkey or Mr. Summer as a dad?

Kevin Dobkins, 8th grade: “Mr. Gustkey. He seems more interesting because he collects a lot of interesting stuff, and I think he could teach me good life lessons.”



WYR live in a hobbit house or in a cupboard under the stairs?

Tyler Morris, 7th grade: “Cupboard. I'm a small man that likes small things.”



WYR wear dead fish or moldy gym socks for shoes?

Chance Purcell, 6th grade: “Socks because I'm a spooky ghost.”  
\*starts singing Spooky Scary Skeletons\*

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# September Students of the Month

By Isla Crouse



## 6th Grade



Marley Mesa



Gage Sturman



Grace Wik

*“Sometimes you need to step outside, get some air, and remind yourself of who you are and who you want to be.”*

## 7th Grade



Indego Erikson



Kyle Foster



Momo Hunt



Elisha Young

## 8th Grade



Jamel Barnes



Lovë Carter-Hendricks



Colhin Hensley



Katie Van Sky

## November

### Birthdays

By Adalic Hernandez

- 01 Adalic Hernandez
- 02 Christopher Jelle
- 03 Lucas Loggins
- 04 Addie Sparks
- 05 Elliot Stockton
- 05 Brooklyn Coleman
- 05 Angel Johnson
- 06 Maci Miller
- 06 Elizabeth Theron
- 06 Nyomi Hunt
- 06 Ms. Meza
- 07 Devalynn Duniphin
- 07 Jessie Johnson
- 08 Mr. Carson
- 09 Indego Erikson
- 09 Selah Coats
- 09 Alyeska Cronk
- 10 Bella Roberts
- 10 Kaia Dale-Johnson
- 11 Jackson Taliesin
- 11 Gideon Mason
- 11 Syber Miller
- 12 Glenna Strongheart
- 12 Ben Brighton
- 14 Ceaton Grimm
- 16 Nathan Fowler
- 16 Ella Siemers
- 16 Andrew Fowler
- 20 Hailee McKinney
- 20 Anna Timpke
- 21 Cecil Newcomb-Hammer
- 21 Delila Roberts
- 22 Mr. Dahlman
- 25 Jameson Curren
- 26 Tristian Clark
- 26 Maricela Beckman
- 27 Greyson Whicker
- 27 Ms. Vollom

# アニメレビュー

(Anime Review)

By Mady Martin



*Skip Beat!*. This anime takes place in Tokyo and revolves around a 16-year-old named Kyoko Mogami. Kyoko was originally born in Kyoto, Japan but moved to Tokyo for her childhood friend, Sho Fuwa, so he can become a top idol in Japan.

In the first episode, we see Kyoko working at a fast food chain restaurant. She is relieved when her shift is switched to by another girl, who was late. Kyoko runs to the locker room worried because since she had to cover for the other girl, she is now going to be late for her next job.

But in the locker room, some of the other girls are talking about male idols, and one produces two giant life-size posters of a certain Sho. She says she got them when she bought the first press edition of his new single. Kyoko was in line for the whole night before the release, was the first customer, bought two copies, and got no posters at all.

The other girls take pity on her and tell her that perhaps if she goes back to the shop and shows the receipts and explains what happened, they will give her the posters. Faster than her own shadow, Kyoko is out of the room, on her bike, and pedaling like crazy.

Kyoko arrives at the store with her bicycle and “asks” for her posters from the terrorized salespersons. They explain that because she was so early, they had no time to explain about the poster campaign. They only have left the one they used for the store. After that she heads to her next job.

After work, Kyoko returns home and suddenly notices that the lights from her apartment are on. She runs inside. There she finds Sho. Kyoko is very happy to see him and wonders if he is leaving already because he is grabbing some clothes.



He says he just came for some of his stuff, and

complains that there is no beer left in the fridge, even though Kyoko tells him that she didn't buy any because she doesn't drink it and lately she never knows when he will be home. Kyoko thinks that

because they have been friends since they were little, she is the only one who really knows how to make him happy.

While Sho and Kyoko watch TV, she tells him about the excitement from her co-workers, one of which changed from being a Ren fan to being his fan, which makes him way too happy. On the TV there is a program, and Sho's supposed rival, Ren Tsuruga is introduced, to the obvious delight of the audience. It turns out that he is the #1 favorite for girls. In anger, Sho leaves.



Next day, on a break from her fast food restaurant job, Kyoko tries to call Sho's cell phone, but it's on message mode. She says she is sorry about the evening before and that even if other women think differently, he is still number one for her. Kyoko then decides to bring him some food, as she remembered that today Sho is working in a nearby place.

When she arrives there, she is surprised that there are many people waiting for him, but she manages to sneak in. Once inside, she overhears him repeating the message she just left. Kyoko stares in shock. Sho is talking with a pretty older woman, his manager. To her surprise, their conversation consists of why Sho brought Kyoko with him to Tokyo.

I would rate this show 12 and up because there are a few cuss words. If you are younger than 12 please get parent permission. The anime can be found on Netflix or Funimation. If you want to read some of the manga before the anime, you can find books 1-15 in the KMS library.

In the next issue, I will be reviewing the anime *My Hero Academia* because I've seen a lot of people wearing those kinds of shirts. Plus one of our Anonymous Confessions characters is from that show! That person actually scares me sometimes.

終わり (The End)

*“We stopped checking for the monsters under the bed after we realized they were inside us.”*

*“I don't live in darkness, darkness lives in me.”*

# Snickerdoodles

By LeRoy Tomrdle

Snickerdoodles make a great fall and Halloween treat, and they are one of my favorite things to make. I found this recipe online while looking for something without cocoa powder and peanut butter. It makes them ten times better than your average cookie and I've been using it ever since because of their nice chewy softness. They're so good, Oscar and Keira dumped them down their shirts!

"They taste like a rainbow."

-Keira Forstner

"I accidentally dumped it down my shirt."

-Oscar Marcou

"Yummylicious!"

-Blu Christensen



## Ingredients

- 1 cup unsalted butter
- 1 ½ cups sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 2 ¾ cups flour
- 1 ½ teaspoons cream of tartar
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt

## Cinnamon mixture

- 1 cup sugar
- 6 teaspoons cinnamon

## Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit
2. Cream butter and sugar together in a large mixing bowl or standing mixer until light and fluffy (4-5 minutes)
3. Stir in eggs and vanilla (1-2 minutes)
4. Stir in flour, cream of tartar, baking soda, and salt just until combined
5. In a smaller bowl, mix sugar and cinnamon
6. If able to, allow dough to cool in fridge for 20-30 minutes
7. Roll dough into two-tablespoon balls while rolling in cinnamon sugar mixture with a spoon
8. Lay parchment paper on a cookie sheet and put cookies on, 5-9 on each pan (for flatter cookies, push down on center of cookie)
9. Bake for 10-12 minutes, checking in between
10. Pull cookies off pan and sprinkle some cinnamon sugar mixture on top of the cookies
11. Let cool and enjoy!

# Cranberry Creations

By Mrs. Nabholz

Last week, Mr. Gustkey's home ec class picked lowbush cranberries in the wooded area on the KMS school grounds, then they researched recipes and turned them into many delicious dishes!

Hallie, Kadence, and Ari prepared cranberry sauce and served it with crackers and cream cheese. Kadence enjoyed picking the berries and cooking with them. Hallie wasn't too happy about being out in the cold, but she loved picking the berries because it was a new experience. Ari was surprised that the recipe called for orange juice.

Jamie, Elisha, and Ben baked a delicious loaf of cranberry bread, while Landon, Schyler, Carson, and

Aiden made cranberry cookies. According to Schyler, "I would eat the cookies all day!" Landon's favorite part was actually not the cookie but the orange icing, while Aiden stated that they were the best cookies he had ever eaten!

Carmen, Saylor, Kira, and Lorriene baked cranberry muffins, with Lorriene pointing out that they needed to bake them longer than the recipe suggested. Kira said they were tasty but could have used more berries, and apparently baking the muffins was traumatic for Carmen, as she described the batter like a "1980s slasher film."

Adalic, Lily, and Savannah prepared pancakes from scratch and served them with cranberry syrup. Although the pancakes were a bit burnt, they were super fluffy and delicious. Lily summed up the experience by saying, "You won't know how good it tastes until you make it from scratch!"

# Anonymous Confessions

By Cookie Monster & Himiko Toga



“Steve”  
-Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,  
I don't know how to *craft* an answer for this.  
Am I supposed to read your *mine*?  
-Himiko Toga



## #KMShashtags

#furries  
#papaoscar  
#no  
#activitynight  
#pear  
#idontknow  
#iwantmyjacketbackleroy  
#chromebooks  
#negativenumbers  
#hydroflask  
#lockercombination  
#bob  
#yes  
#cats  
#shopclass  
#hehehe  
#nevergettingyourjacketback  
#sniff  
#iphone  
#basketball  
#halloween  
#sus  
#2022  
#itititititititit  
#recessinthegym  
#thegiantmoose  
#iwillkaratekickyouintheribs  
#<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQw4w9WgXcQ>  
#hashtag  
#fakecrocs  
#nobodywillnoticethe  
rickrollabove  
#43x  
#bluepowerade  
#halloween  
#bluepoweradeisthebest  
#um  
#indenialegyptpackets  
#oscarsglasses  
#getgriddy  
#centertableyourebeingtooloud  
#7isnotacolor  
#redribbonweek  
#celebration  
#playthecluegame  
#longweekend

“Mamma Mia! My shuttle driver's name was Mario and when we were putting our luggage into the car I said “Mama Mia” and he was behind me... I didn't know.....” -Mama Mia!

Dear Mama Mia!,  
That sounds like a real predicament, but if he was Mario couldn't you just grab a mushroom and hit him with it? Then you wouldn't have a problem.  
-Himiko Toga



“One time I accidentally tipped over a trash can during lunch and trash went everywhere but I ran away before anybody knew. I felt really bad.”  
-Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,  
How dare you injure an innocent trash can! Oscar could have been in it! -Cookie Monster

“The librarian got mad at me for turning in my book during picture retakes.”  
-Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,  
If I was you, I would only read ebooks after this (while eating cookies).  
-Cookie Monster

“Who would win if Himiko Toga and Cookie Monster had a fight?”  
-Fight Starter

Answer #1  
Dear Fight Starter,  
I think I would definitely win. I have knives and needles while Cookie Monster only has... Well, cookies. But on the other hand he doesn't have blood and I don't think he's even alive, so it may be hard to defeat him with knives. Maybe I could poison his cookies.  
-Himiko Toga

Answer #2  
Dear Fight Starter,  
I, Cookie Monster, would obviously win because I have the power of cookies on my side. Nobody can defeat cookies!  
-Cookie Monster (who would win while eating cookies)

# Overheard

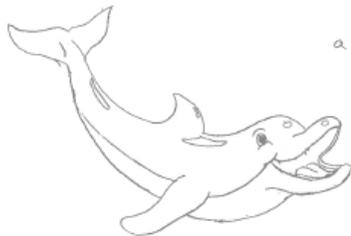
By Saylor Huntsman-Norman

“I couldn’t find my water bottle so I’m using a drawer.”  
“Is it possible to marry math?”  
“It like coats your mouth with unhappiness.”  
“Don’t leave your kitchen appliances everywhere.”  
“Anyone who plays the clarinet is the devil.”  
“Did you go on the hot pepper thingy?”  
“I’ve got arm sleeves!”  
“Are tardies actually racist, yes or no?”  
“Someone told me I’m bad at carrying cardboard.”  
“You’re almost stronger than my grandma!”  
“Gustkey is an automaton.”



Student #1: “The cake I made be really good.”  
Student #2: “Why?”  
Student #1 “Because my cat tried eating the entire thing.”  
“Is it odd how I know the whole medical procedure?”  
“Wait, Chewbacca is being elected?”

“The Mona Lisa face is falling apart.”  
“Put your eyelids down.”  
“I don’t want my concrete carpet teddy bear.”  
“My dog sniffed me like crazy . . .”  
“That’s why you had a dolphin in your locker last year . . .”  
Student #1: “I have cat hair on my foot.”  
Student #2: “Are you sure that’s not your foot hair?”  
“The gender goblin took me away to the gender cave.”



“Oh, I dropped my beard!”  
“I thought another word for single was being sober.”  
Student #1: “She was being mean to me.”  
Student #2: “YOU LITERALLY STAB ME WITH A FORK!”  
“The only hug I want is from Mr. Gustkey.”

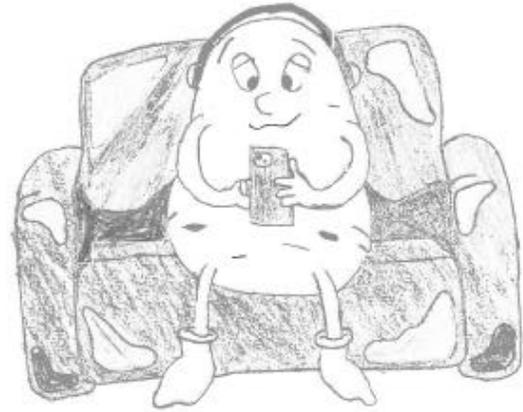


“I kinda knew you were married to a Muppet.”  
“If he calls on me, I’m going to bite that old man.”  
“My mom dyed her hair four times and she’s not bald.”  
“I’m not spying, I’m just gathering information.”  
“I want to be held back so I can do the swim unit again.”  
“I love me some cannibalism.”  
“I’ll snatch your dog if you don’t give me the photos.”  
“I’m gonna figure out who wrote who.”  
“Don’t worry, I didn’t pee myself.”  
Student #1: “Oh, one of your beanies is drying in Mr. Tilly’s office.”  
Student #2: “Um, it’s a long story.”  
Student #3: “He got a little moist.”  
“I just friend-zoned my wife.”  
“You’re like Jack the Ripper of oranges.”  
“I’ve been in the boys’ bathroom. It’s full of depression . . . and urinals.”  
“I don’t wanna clean blood out of the new carpet.”  
“My sister likes to hibernate in the bathroom.”  
“Angry hornets are exquisite.”  
Student #1: “Dude! Is it September 9th yet?”  
Student #2: “Turn that in! Dude, it’s already August!”  
“Mhhhh, I love salt down my shirt.”  
“Let’s pick out the 30 beanie babies we’re going to beat up.”  
“If I get plastic surgery my kids are gonna look like bad things.”  
“Would you like me to erase the poop?”  
“My mom already murdered me.”  
“I found my friend’s hair in my pocket.”  
“Toilet cleaner, pipe cleaner, same thing.”



# “U 2 Lzy?” Quiz

By Effie Muster



1. Do you try to finish your homework before you return home?  
Yep = 30  
Nah = 10  
Why should I? = 5  
What homework? = 0
2. Do you participate in sports?  
Yep = 30  
Not at all = 20  
What's sports? = 0  
I'm too strong for sports = 5
3. Do your parents care about what you do?  
Yes = 30  
Free Child = 0  
No more parents = 5  
I take care of myself = 10
4. Are you a teacher's pet?  
Yes = 30  
Unfortunately, yes = 30  
No = 20  
What's a teacher's pet? = 5
5. Why do you come to school?  
To learn = 30  
I'm legally required to = 20  
Skipping is cool = 0  
I'm too cool to go to school = 0
6. Do you care about your clothing style?  
I'm overdressed but pretty = 20  
Barely styled = 20  
I like baggy coats and pants = 10  
I don't care, why should I? = 15

20 - 50    55 - 85    90 - 120    125 - 155    160 - 170  
Sickly Lazy    Lazy    Average    Energetic    I AM GOD

Carmen Olson, a sickly lazy 7th grader, took this quiz and came out as lazy. Sickly Lazy, as said, to be precise. That goes to show that energetic people may not actually be that way. Her answers were . . . not that good either. But still a good job to her.

If you don't know how to take it, here are the instructions. There are numbers next to the answers. Every time you answer a question you get the amount of points next to your answer. And then add them all up and the place where your number fits is what you are. It's pretty simple.

I, Effie Muster, created this quiz. Not a lot of work was put into this, and you can obviously make one too. I originally had a different quiz in mind, and the original quiz only had 4 questions. I then realized it would be awkward to walk up to people and be like: "Take this quiz!" I then switched to being lazy because it was an easier topic to use and make answers for. I've never made a quiz before, and I hope you like it!

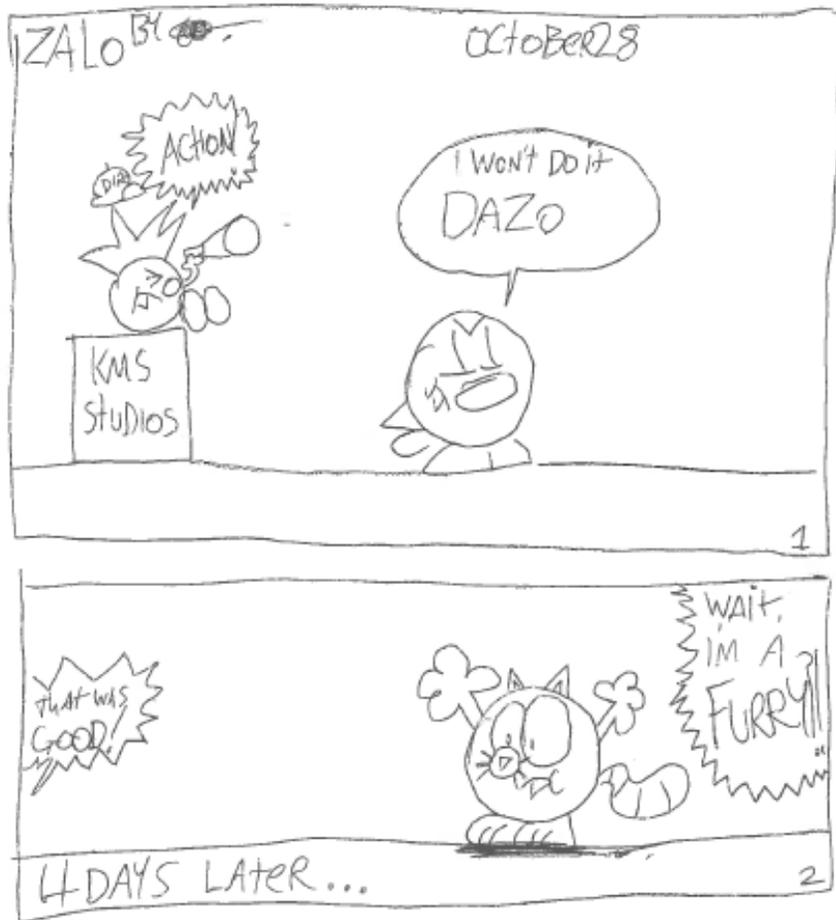
*"I don't always have time to study,  
but when I do, I still don't."*

## Mind-A-Mazes Mania

By Mrs. Nabholz



Four KMS teams participated in the Quest Mind-A-Mazes competition held at Skyview Middle School on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The three 6<sup>th</sup> grade teams, including The Smarties (Kaylee, Elle, Noah, and Benny), The Milk Duds (Molly, Isaak, Leif, and Kailey), and The Jolly Ranchers (Maci, Molli, Megan, and Brennan), were nervous and excited. Even though they didn't win, they had tons of fun and enjoyed the problem-solving and challenges! Team Eli Pancoast, made up of 7<sup>th</sup> graders Brock, Dylan, Oscar, and of course Eli, won first place in the grades 7-12 division. Their wind-powered vehicle traveled more than half the length of the gym! Oscar was excited to win first, Eli was thrilled to beat the high school teams, Brock enjoyed seeing all the other teams' cars, and Dylan stated, "I was a big FAN of Mind-A-Mazes."



## “I Dunno”

By Kaia Dale-Johnson



How can everything come from nothing when nothing has something that has nothing to do with anything?

Grace Wik, 6th grade: “I dunno”



If you are you and I am me, then why are you not me and me not you?

Eli Bemis, 7th grade: “I dunno”



Do you live or die when you live and die?

Luke Larsen, 7th grade: “I dunno”



When do horses leave and you laugh for no reason?

Katie Van Sky, 8th grade: “I dunno”



What color is a mirror?

Lucas Swanson, 7th grade: “I dunno”

## Mr. T’s T-Shirt Challenge

Want to win a custom T-shirt from the KMS Spirit Shop?

Answer these questions & turn in this entry form to Mrs. Nabholz in Room 31 **by 3:00 pm on Friday, Nov. 4, 2022.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

- In ancient Mesoamerica, the Aztec, Mayan, and \_\_\_\_\_ cultures celebrated Día de los Muertos.
- Snickerdoodles require 1 ½ \_\_\_\_\_ of cream of \_\_\_\_\_.
- What sound did the windmills make in the song performed by the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade choirs? \_\_\_\_\_
- Which 7<sup>th</sup> grader would like to live in a cupboard under the stairs? \_\_\_\_\_
- Who is Sho’s rival in *Skip Beat!*? \_\_\_\_\_
- Momo Hunt’s dogs are named \_\_\_\_\_ and Dexter.
- Overheard: \_\_\_\_\_, pipe cleaner, same thing!
- The school district has a support program for students who are homeless called Students in \_\_\_\_\_.
- Who dressed as Safeway for Halloween? \_\_\_\_\_
- Lily Langham’s dogs are named Mookie and \_\_\_\_\_.

# HA-HA-HAPPY HA-HA-HALLOWEEN!!!

**Why couldn't the mummy pass Mr. Gustkey's language arts class while the witch could?**  
He couldn't spell like she could.

**Why don't mummies take time off?** They're afraid to unwind.

**Where does a ghost go on vacation?** Mali-boo.

**Why did the ghost starch his sheets?** He wanted everyone scared stiff.

**What does a panda ghost eat?** Bam-BOO!

**Why did the ghost quit studying?** Because he was too ghoulish for school.

**What kind of horse do demons ride?** A night-mare.

**Why did the headless horseman go into business?** He wanted to get a-head in life.

**Why are skeletons so calm?** Because nothing gets under their skin.

**What do you call a custodian skeleton?** The grim sweeper.

**What do skeletons order at a restaurant?** Spare ribs.

**Why didn't the skeleton go to the scary movie?** He didn't have the guts.

**What kind of food would you find on a haunted beach?** A sand-witch!

**Why was Cinderella bad at football?** Because she had a pumpkin for a coach.

**Why was the gourd so gossipy?** To give 'em pumpkin to talk about.

**What is a zombie's favorite cheese?** Zom-brie.

**Why aren't zombies ever arrested?** They can't be captured alive.

