

KMS PURPLE PAGES

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Alaskan Adventures

By Isla Crouse



Have you ever gone hunting with your friends and family and enjoyed the feeling of hiking through the wilderness and the sensation of excitement bubbling up inside you when you see the moose in front of you? Katie Van Sky, the Songer family, and Ms. Gann all have had this opportunity recently.

Hunting moose is very common in Alaska, and many out-of-state visitors travel here to experience this exciting event. The season usually lasts from around September 1st through the 25th, but the dates will vary slightly depending on which “zone,” or area, in Alaska you are hunting in, such as the cow season down in Homer, which stretches into October. There are regulations about which bull you can shoot; the antlers must be at least 50 inches wide or have four or

more brow tines. If you don’t follow these regulations, there can be mild to serious consequences depending on how badly you broke the rules.

Katie Van Sky and her mom and brother weren’t going to waste a season. Jumping on an opportunity before it slipped out from underneath them, they headed to the Ninilchik area in search of a moose to fill their freezer. If they come across an animal that is legal, usually her brother takes the shot. If he misses, though, they always have a backup shooter, someone to get the job done before it is too late.

“It’s peaceful,” Katie explains, reliving the trip. “You get an adrenaline rush, and then you pull the trigger.” Her favorite part is definitely the sense of victory after the animal is down, and you have

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succeeded in your hunt.

The Songer family headed out to fill their freezer as well. Venturing to Cordova, Mr. Songer and his son Jay set out to bring down a sizable bull. The rest of the family went as well to hang out with their grandparents.

They found a moose, and Jay took the shot, bringing down his first ever bull, the antlers stretching 62 inches.

Hallie and their grandfather helped pack it onto an airboat, which motored back to where they were staying, to bring the meat back without a horrible load on their backs for very long. Bringing the antlers back with them, the Songers made it back to their house with many pounds of delicious meat.

“I like every part of hunting,” Mr. Songer explains. “But this was my favorite moose ever because Jay was there to help.” Jay says that canoeing down the river and seeing the beavers and river otters was one of his favorite parts. The Songer family certainly had a satisfying hunting trip, and on top of just having an amazing experience, the work paid off.

Off the Denali Highway along Butte Creek, Ms. Gann and some of her family scanned the area for any antlers sticking above the brush. When no forks appeared during the whole trip, they had to come back empty-handed, but not empty-minded. Instead of filling the monstrous trucks, buggies, and side-by-sides with meat, they filled them with memories.

With two nephews and a niece, her husband Joe, and Ms. Gann herself, both adventurous and hilarious activities occurred. They got trucks stuck in deep mud holes, drove across rivers, and fed trail mix to ground squirrels.

One of Ms. Gann’s nephews threw a stick at a moose because it wasn’t big enough to shoot, and he was only standing about 30 feet away. As a result, the bull got agitated and pounded the bushes around him like they were poking him with needles. The nephews also decided that chasing bears was a great way to pass the time, until they realized that chasing bears *probably* isn’t the best idea, and the bear was too far away up on a mountain, with a deep swamp in the way, for them to reach it.

On top of all that, they befriended a caribou, caught grayling and ate them for dinner, gazed at rainbows and stars, and shared many stories around the campfire. Overall, they had an amazing adventure, even with the rain pounding down on them most of the time. Ms. Gann sums it up pretty well: Until next year!

Whether you are out with your family, out with your friends, or just out by yourself, going hunting in the woods with just the animals and trees as your chorus in the background is definitely something worth considering as an adventure!





Stupendous State Fair



Rides & Races!

By Mady Martin

The first Alaska State Fair was held September 4-7, 1936 in Anchorage. It was organized by members of the Northland Pioneer Grange. The fair originally consisted of food stands, petting zoos, and other stands. The first time the fair introduced carnival rides was 1950, and an air show was added in 1951.



The original rides were just some small roller coaster rides. The most popular roller coaster then was a small up and down track with different animals as the cars to ride in. It was nothing like the rides that are there right now!

The rides that we have now are quite exhilarating. My personal favorite ride is G-Force. It makes you feel like you're sideways even though you're still facing the same way before the ride starts. It proves just how powerful gravity and force can be.



They may hate it too sometimes.

The most popular ride at the Alaska State Fair is the Mega Drop. The Mega Drop is two stories high and gives you a great thrill. I personally haven't gone on it myself, for personal reasons, but it seems to make people scream with delight. By scream, I mean they really *scream*. I think

Usually there's a pig race somewhere close to where the markets are, but this year I found something better. I found a rat race, with real rats to bet on. It's not the usual rats in a maze kind of race, but a race where they put a rat in the middle of a colorful pinwheel. Then the person running the rat race would spin the wheel, and if the rat went into the hole you bet on, you would win the betting money. My personal favorite rat was Cheese.



The fair sometimes has some downfalls when you visit. For example, sometimes it rains on the day you are supposed to go, or the things you purchase from the markets don't last as long as they say. To me, those are the only bad things that have happened when I go to the fair, so if you go to the fair you should definitely be aware that some of the products in the markets are fake.

Fair Food!

By Payton Ricks

There are many foods at the state fair. One of the most common foods at fairs are french fries, and to make the french fries more interesting, it is spiraled on a stick!

They have a special cutter that makes the potato spiral, then they put different types of seasonings on it such as seasoning salt, garlic, BBQ



seasoning, and caramel. One of the staff said, "I've been making these for years and it's one of my biggest attractions! Sometimes people like them enough to buy a whole plate of them."

There is also a very big variety of popcorn, such as Oreo, caramel, kettle, chili, rainbow Skittles, BBQ, peanut butter, chocolate, white chocolate, and lots more! Some other favorites at the fair are donuts, churros, corn fritters, cardiac arrest (baked potatoes), handmade ice cream, licorice strips, smoked salmon, and pork chop on a stick.



Fuzzy Farm Friends!

By Payton Ricks

All the animals in the farm area of the fair are somewhat cute and they love attention, especially the goats. Most of the goats at the fair are meat goats for 4H; the other goats are Pygmy goats and they're for showing.

The pigs are very messy and big but these little piglets haven't gotten fat yet. The bunny photo was especially taken for Mr. Gustkey because we all know how much he loves the little bunnies at the fair.

Most of the reptiles at the fair were lizards and snakes but one of the most extraordinary animals there was the crocodile. There were also some creepy spiders, tarantulas, wolf spiders, and cockroaches. I don't know why they keep them in jars, but it's pretty cool!



What is your favorite animal at the fair? Hallie Songer- "I like the turkeys because one of my friends sells them and they gobble."

Kanyon Scott- "I like the bunnies just like Mr. Gustkey because they are soft and cute."

Fairly Fun Interviews!

By Payton Ricks

Why do you like the fair?

Bryleigh Williams- "I love the food because it tastes amazing, especially the sweets."

What is your favorite ride at the fair?

Olivia Tews- "The Zipper is one of my favorites because it spins really fast and it's really fun."

LeRoy Tomrdle- "I love all the rides but my favorite is the Apollo."

How long have you been going to the fair? Noah Anding- "I go every year except for this year because one of my relatives was in town."

What's your favorite food/dessert at the fair? Ava Haugstad- "I like the Dip-In-Dots because they taste amazing and they make perfect little balls of ice cream."

How much money do you spend at the fair? Oliver Coburn- "Around four thousand dollars because my brother does a lot of the things there."

What is your favorite stand? Why?

Eli Davenport- "The licorice stand is really good because I like the different flavors."

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Marvelous Moss

By Adalic Hernandez



Mrs. Moss is the new 8th grade language arts teacher. She taught for one full semester, but this year will be her first full year of teaching. Mrs. Moss started teaching because she likes working with teenagers. Her biggest rule is give it your best effort!

Mrs. Moss has been married for 20 years, and she has three kids. Her kids have a pet rabbit but she takes care of it too. Mrs. Moss likes cross country skiing, biking, and spending time with her family.

Mrs. Moss traveled to Russia when she was 11 years old on a foreign exchange program. She traveled to Mexico and Jamaica with her husband when she was a young adult. She liked all the different foods she got to taste, and being able to travel somewhere different.

Welcome to KMS, Mrs. Moss!

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*“You can find magic
wherever you look.
Sit back and relax,
all you need is a book.”*
-Dr. Seuss

Remarkable Rehmer

By Oscar Marcou



Ms. Rehmer is our new 6th grade special education teacher. She was raised in Kodiak and taught there and in Cordova before coming to Kenai Middle. This is her fifth year teaching.

Ms. Rehmer says she became a teacher because she enjoys teaching and watching kids grow up. She says that if she had to work at a different school, she wouldn't, because she likes it here so much. So far, she loves KMS and thinks the students here are great.

Ms. Rehmer's favorite foods are meatloaf and mashed potatoes. She has one sister and two nephews. If she could go anywhere on a vacation, she would travel to the islands of Greece because they look beautiful. Her favorite sport is football, and her favorite team is the Seattle Seahawks.

She has two dogs: 14-year-old Parry and 1-year-old Theo. In her free time, Ms. Rehmer said that she enjoys taking Parry and Theo outside, reading, and knitting shawls.

Skillful Silva

By Effie Muster



Ms. Silva loves her new job here at KMS, and she thinks the teachers are nice and the students are “lively” and “fun to work with.” She came here especially to teach art. She was tired of being a billing specialist, she wanted a job she wouldn't have to move for, and she just thought, “Why not?”

She appreciates when students are happy with art, but she knows that's not always the case. She tries to supply students with basic art so it's easy for them to do well. If a student doesn't like art, but sees they're good, then they start to like it, and feel more confident. She thinks every student does great. “It doesn't matter about their skills. I try to remind students that they might not have been born with it, but it's a skill they learn.”

She's also fine with weirder styles of art, and feels that as long as it's weird, it's good, “Just like Salvador Dali, and his surrealism.” It's supposed to start a conversation, and that's what good art does.

Ms. Silva doesn't like copying, although she does allow kids to get inspiration from others' art. Art is something she has always been passionate about, but it all started so young, she can't remember when she got “drawn” to art. Her favorite style is “color realism,” which is realistic with bright popping colors.

Ms. Silva is one of the best art teachers for KMS, and I'm not just saying that because I like art!

Dazzling David

By Kaia Dale-Johnson



David Michael Kamea I'O Makamae Kala-De la Cruz is a 6th grader at KMS. As you can see, he has quite a long name, and it has a pretty cool meaning. It means "Truly precious one." He was born on August 13th, 2009 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Some of David's friends are Khayden Jurdi, Cache Pyfer, Bella Michlitsch, Ceaton Grimm, Zayden McGlassen, and Parker Metteer. David likes hanging out with them because "They're nice and cooler than most people I know."

David is on the Carson/Tews team. His favorite class is Keyboarding, and he says "school is decent." His favorite grade was fourth because "I got Jell-O" and "We got buddies on field trips."

He also likes sports. Some of them include soccer and hockey; his favorite position is left wing in hockey. He played comp soccer for one year and he is on Coach Hays B team soccer. He has also been on the Ice Hawks hockey team for six years. His hobbies also include reading, writing, and math.

Some interesting things David would like to tell people about are "I sleep with socks on sometimes," "I love noodles," and "Last night I had Cheez-Its for dinner." He also absolutely loves french fries! David's favorite songs are Toes, Baby Shark, The Cocomelon Intro, and Rob Me Maybe. David also enjoys listening to Rihanna and Miley Cyrus.

So let's give David Kala- De la Cruz a warm KMS welcome!

Nice Nolen

By LeRoy Tomrdle



Nolen James is a really nice person. He used to live in Russian Mission, which is a city in northern Alaska, with his three sisters, Natalie, Amber, and Amy, as well as one dog named Teddy. After living there, they lived in Fairbanks, then Kenai. He said he likes living in Kenai rather than Fairbanks and Russian Mission.

Nolen likes to play basketball, because he thinks it's easy. He got into the sport from his dad, who played basketball in high school. He is very funny and has a good sense of humor. His favorite classes are PE with Mr. Songer and science with Mr. Lewis. Science is one of his favorite classes because he thinks it is simple and easy, and he likes PE because of the exercise and warball.

He spends his free time building Lego Star Wars sets, his favorite of which is the Super Star Destroyer. His favorite character is the popular Darth Vader. He also enjoys collecting action figures from the brand Hot Toys, and his favorites are his \$500 Thor figure and his Wolverine figure.

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Editor's Note: Due to an extended absence, a reporter did not complete the 8th grade student feature article in time for the publishing deadline. In the October issue, we will introduce you to two 8th graders. Lily Langham, thanks for your patience and understanding!

Wonderful Weirdness

By Emily Taylor

As you walk down the hall to Mr. Gustkey's room, on the left wall are some pictures of books he recommends. He has gifts from students hanging on the wall around and on his door. Before you go in, beware of all the flamingos and creepy dolls! It is rumored that he has over 263 flamingos in his room. Mr. Gustkey decorates his entire room with a bunch of odd things.



On the left there is a quote wall covered in silly things that people have said. It is really funny to read them! Next are the student of the week pictures; if he likes your story, he will pick you for the student of the week, take your picture, and hang it on the wall for the whole year.

In the back left corner of the room, he has some bookshelves and filing cabinets, which are covered in Barbie dolls and flamingos, mainly all gifts from students.



He has a stuffed animal flamingo that the student of the month luckily gets to hold to take the picture; it was a gift from a former student.

On the back wall he has posters and student art hanging up. There is a red tool chest in the back right of the room full of all the normal class supplies (scissors, glue, rulers, markers, colored pencils). The staplers and the tape are sitting on the tool chest. If he takes your phone, it will go in one of the drawers, and he won't allow you to have it back until the end of the day.

On the wall with the windows, Mr. Gustkey has the steps to writing stories. Next to that he hangs up his rough drafts and organizing page so students can look at them and get ideas, and to show the format he wants the stories to be in or look like. For most of the stories, he has students decide what to write about,

but they have to follow a certain format.

On the right side of the windows is his desk. It is normally covered in a bunch of papers, projects, and little trinkets. He has pictures of his family and friends up on the wall in front of him (probably the most normal part of his room!).



He also has a pickle jar full of babies, little plastic babies that a student gave him as a gift. It's a purple jar and if you shake it you can see them floating in there, like a snow globe.

On the wall right above his desk he has a white board covered in former students' names and drawings. Right below that he has a shopping cart full of stuffed animals. He also has a cane

named "Big Bertha" that he will slap on your desk if you fall asleep. While you're working on your writings, Mr. Gustkey always has music playing and he wanders around looking for how much you accomplish. Sometimes his music is a little hard to work with. Mr. Gustkey sometimes plays heavy metal songs, all the way to quiet songs. He has the desks positioned at weird angles (not facing the front) so he can see if you're playing a game on your computer.

In Mr. Gustkey's class, if you do all the work and turn it in on time, his class is really simple. He gives extra credit every month that can help raise your grade if you were to get a bad grade. All you have to do is write down the books you read during that month, and send it to him and you'll earn extra credit. As you can see, Mr. Gustkey has a very interesting room and style!



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*"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild,
to pick up a book and read to a child."*

-Dr. Seuss

Opinion-8-ed

By Dalanie Keef

**If someone gave you an elephant,
what would you do with it?**



Kimber Moore- "I'd let it go upstairs to watch the stairs break. I would also tell him all the tea about school."

Piper Anglebrandt- "I would make a restaurant and make the elephant the head chef."

Lily Buffington- "I would talk to it when I got angry at my friends. I would also train it to be a ninja and help me with my problems, if you know what I mean."

Presley Novak- "Why do you have an elephant? I guess I'd abandon it, I don't like elephants."

Katalla Tomrdle- "I could eat it!"

Ruby Davis- "Probably use it to get places, I don't know."

Eli Settlemyer- "I would ride it."

Mrs. Stotz-Mason- "I'd quit my job and join the circus. We'd tour the warmer parts of the world and donate profits to endangered wildlife. I imagine the different routine – along with travel and meeting new people – would be awesome."

Bridger Begich- "Make a small zoo, and make money by teaching the elephant tricks. When I get enough money, I'll expand the zoo."

Kristiana Velie- "Take the elephant to McDonalds or the park."

Ms. Vollom- "I would make him my best friend! And he would be my therapy animal."

Josh Bolling- "I'd let people ride it then return the elephant."

Brooklyn Phillips- "If someone gave me an elephant, I would take it to the lake to swim. I would let it play around and let others play with him/her too. I would then give it to the Alaska Zoo."

Eli Smith- "Eat it."

Carter Felchle- "Ride it and take it to school."

Miles Metteer- "Put it in the fridge."

Jackson Taliesin- "I would turn it into a war elephant, leather battle armor would be installed, and it would be rode into war against my enemies. Chaos and bloodshed would reign supreme."

Mrs. Moss- "Obviously I'd travel with it and return it home, who doesn't want to go somewhere warm? I'd also become known as the Jane Goodall of pachyderms because when I was four I rode an elephant through a parade and it was so hot the elephant sprayed itself down and I rode most of the parade drenched in elephant snot. I have a way with elephants."

"No one is forcing you to read anything this summer and that's the best reason to do it!
You'll get to enjoy some great books, plus it will send an important message to the adults
in your life – always expect the unexpected!"

-Gordon Korman

"His intense joy – so much to read! Surely everything he could wish for
had to be in here, all the answers to his questions..."

-Tui T. Sutherland

KMS QUEST CSI

By Megan Ross & Noah Pancoast

Local Leaders

By Emily Taylor

On Thursday, August 25, 2022 Mrs. Nabholz's seventh period Quest class went outside to observe things. They went on a trail and what they found was shocking! They found a bench with a bunch of junk on it, including tomato sauce, tiny elf shoes, deodorant, hair gel, fake money, and much more.



The students in class created an evidence wall with uniquely labeled evidence bags. They made a wanted poster, an evidence report, a news report, a police report, a crime scene diagram, and the perpetrator's personal playlist, with songs like

“Wanted Dead or Alive” by Bon Jovi.

Officer Smith visited their class on September 14, 2022. He told them how to analyze a crime scene and showed them evidence tape, evidence labels, evidence markers and other cool police supplies. They also got to use a blue light flashlight and look through special glasses to view stains on the walls and on their hands.



Mrs. Nabholz stated that she didn't expect to find anything. She was shocked to find all the gross evidence. Her plan was to go to the woods and talk about how to be a good observer. Her theories are that someone left their stuff out there on the bench or that someone stole the stuff from a friend or something.

Bennet Martin thought an elf infiltrated Kenai. His theory is that since there is dirt and mold on the evidence, it is probably nine hundred years old. Bennet thought Officer Smith coming in was interesting because of “the detective things and stuff.”

Leif Laker said the stuff on the bench was delicately surprising. His theory is that a rabid dog stole stuff from town and put it on the bench. He enjoyed Officer Smith coming in because it was a unique experience.

Overall, the students learned a lot about making observations and had fun with the “Curiosity Scene Investigation.”

Leadership is an elective for 8th graders. Ms. Johnson, our school counselor, is the teacher of this class. In leadership we help teachers, make bulletin boards, clean up trash, set up for activity nights, and some days have a study hall or movie day. We also sometimes help set up for home sports.

Leadership is mainly independent, so you have no teachers watching you the whole time. You have more freedom, but it is a pass or fail class. If you do anything irresponsible you will be kicked out.

This year in leadership we have helped set up and take down Welcoming All Kids (WAK) and the Back to School Barbeque. In WAK we got to show all the new kids around, and helped them with their lockers and schedule. We have remade most of the bulletin boards and made new sports locker posters. We helped some of the teachers and cleaned up trash for Mr. Tilly. Most of the days we have been busy, but some of the days we got to have study hall and movies.

This class is really fun and easy! If you love helping the teachers and the school, this is a great elective.

Leadership Students

Angelina Bond
Alidia Crabb
Ruby Davis
Teresa Fallon
Carter Felchle
Madyson Martin
Miles Metteer
Blake Morris
Presley Novak
Eli Smith
Elliot Stockton
Emily Taylor
Sage Wilson

Soccer Success

By Saylor Huntsman-Norman

Girls A team is coached by Mr. Lewis, the 7th grade science teacher. They lost games to Seward, Homer, and Skyview and won two games against Nikiski so far. The road trips have been loud but fun!

Mr. Lewis has been coaching soccer for almost 33 years. His biggest goal for the team is to get better. He thinks, "You can't control where you start, you can control where you finish." At a normal practice he will have the players practice skill work, dribbling, and passing. Then they play games and have little competitions.

Juliahna Powell is on the girls A soccer team. She plays right defense. This is her first year on the middle school team but she played when she was younger. She likes that she can be active and on a team but she had to beg her dad to play.

Olivia Tews has been playing soccer for five years, three years when she was younger and two year at KMS. She plays right or left defense. She likes that she can be on a team. She joined to be with her friends and to join a sport again.

The girls A soccer team will play in the borough tournament finals on Saturday, October 1st in Seward. Good luck, players!

Amazing A-Team

By Adalic Hernandez

The boys A team has 22 boys on the team, and their coach is Mr. Felchle. They have won two games against Nikiski and Seward, tied a game with Skyview, and lost against Homer.

The boys A soccer team coach, Mr. Felchle, has been teaching for about 24 years. Coach Felchle was asked to help with coaching because there were a lot of players and not enough coaches. He said he loves being a soccer coach because it's one of the first sports to start the school year. Coach Felchle said the hardest thing about being a coach is that it takes time and there's a lot of kids to make happy. For him the most important thing for his players to learn is to become a better player, work hard, and have teamwork.

Everett Poulin decided to play soccer because he has been playing for most of his life. Everett plays defense. What he likes most about soccer is the teamwork skills. He said the best game they have played so far is against Homer. Everett likes the road trips because he gets to spend time talking with people he usually doesn't.

Eli Bemis started playing soccer for KMS this year because he has been playing it for most of his life. Eli's position is right midfielder. He says their best game so far was against Nikiski. Eli likes the road trips because they're fun and they can talk on the way.

Miles Metteer decided to play soccer because it's a fun sport. Miles plays center midfielder. What Miles likes most about soccer is the good conditioning. He thinks he's an alright player. Miles says their best game so far was against Nikiski. He likes the road trips because they are entertaining.

Carter Felchle decided to play soccer because it's his favorite sport and some of his friends play. Carter plays center midfielder. What he likes most about soccer is the competition and the skill. He says their best game so far was against Skyview. Carter thinks that he's a good player, and he likes the road trips.

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Girls A-Team

Dani Bennett	Brooklyn Phillips
Sierra Chapman	Kennedy Pierce
Gracee Every	Juliahna Powell
Savannah Hershberger	Delila Roberts
Caroline Karpik	Ella Siemers
Ava Kasdorf	Elloree Smith
Lily Langham	Elliot Stockton
Autumn McCaughey	Olivia Tews
Gracelyn Moore	Anna Timpke
Kimber Moore	Katie Van Sky
Avery Munter	Dianna Wright



Boys A-Team

Bridger Begich	Miles Metteer
Eli Bemis	Eli Pancoast
Roman Campanella	Everett Poulin
Riel Castillo	Eli Settlemyer
Carter Felchle	Eli Smith
Brett Goldsby	Brett Sturman
Diego Huerta	Lucas Swanson
Owen Huff	Reid Titus
Aidan Jackman	Mason Tunseth
Tyler Jackman	Mason Vermette
Luke Larsen	Quentin Wolverton

Hardworking Hays' Team

By Keira Forstner

There are 26 kids on Coach Hays' B team. They won four games but lost their last game against Coach Tews' team.

Braylynn Young likes playing soccer and she played last year. She plays defense because the coach made her. The road trips are interesting because she gets to see all her friends.

Hallie Songer likes soccer because the coaches are nice and she has a really good team. Hallie plays left midfielder because she's a runner. The road trips are fun because Hallie can hang out with her friends. She wanted to play soccer so she could try something new.

Noah Anding likes soccer because it's soccer. He plays striker because it's fun and he's really good at it. Noah has been playing soccer for six years and says the road trips are very fun and interesting.

For Coach Hays, this is her second season coaching soccer at KMS. She grew up playing soccer, and she enjoys playing it. She said, "It's really fun coaching the middle school kids after working at the high school all day." The kids start with warmups and they run a couple drills and scrimmage with Coach Tews' team. She said the road trips have been fun. They went to Chapman for their first game, and they have fun going to other schools and seeing other places in the Peninsula.



Hays' B-Team

Noah Anding
Levi Battiest
Kenzie Chives
Oliver Coburn
Brooklyn Coleman
Clayton Cooper
Olyve Croom
Zalen Fulgencio
Ceaton Grimm
Kira Inman
Chase Johnson
Khayden Jurdi
David Kala-De La Cruz
Emma Karron
Shimi Masson
Zaiden McGlasson
Iverson Miller
Jase Munter
Kaylee Phillips
Addison Pierce
Landon Pietz
Rory Rang
Oden Sallison
Hallie Songer
Lily Taliesin
Braylynn Young

Tews' B-Team

Lia Arness
Kelsie Bliss
Josh Bolling
Shane Carroll
Easton Chilla
Austin Gardner
Sawyer Graham
Wyatt Hanson
Sydney Hershberger
Machen Iverson
Ezra Jasmable
Leif Laker
Dezmond McCaughey
Killian McClure
Parker Metteer
Bella Michlitsch
Macy Miller
Noah Pancoast
Tyler Pillars
Kanyon Scott
Mia Settlemyer
Sofia Tews
LeRoy Tomrdle
Dalton Wik
Kennedy Wortham

Terrific Tews' Team

By River Kruzick

Coach Tews is one of the B-team soccer coaches at KMS. She has been coaching soccer for two years now. Coach Tews used to coach for the Boys and Girls Club before she coached KMS soccer. She used to play soccer when she was in high school and she even went to state!

Sofia Tews is on Coach Tews B-team soccer. Sofia plays outside mid in soccer, and she just started playing this year. She likes to run in soccer, and she also likes to go on road trips. She thinks that having her mom as a coach is cool.

Killian McClure plays for Coach Tews' B-team soccer. Killian wanted to play soccer because he was bored, and he had nothing better to do. He has been playing soccer for about five years now, and he used to play Boys and Girls Club soccer. Killian likes riding the bus on road trips and watching videos on the way.

Dezmond McCaughey also plays soccer for Coach Tews. Dezmond plays right center mid. He wanted to play soccer because he has been playing for around five years and he really likes to play. He also really likes that he can run during soccer. He likes road trips most of the time, but it depends on where they go.

Noah Pancoast plays B-team soccer for Coach Tews. He plays center mid. He used to play soccer when he was younger and he just got back into it this year. Noah likes that it's a team sport and that he gets to play against other teams.

Coach Tews' team beat Coach Hays' team when they played each other on September 27th!



Rambunctious Runners

By Isla Crouse

Your feet pound the ground in a consistent rhythm, your heart thumps in your chest, in your ears. It is all you hear. Your legs burn in protest, but you push past the pain, because it is what you love, what you want to do. You are running. You are free.

“I really enjoy running. It’s a tough sport, but it’s also super gratifying if you work hard,” says Ruby Davis, an advanced, experienced runner. Cross-Country (XC) running is not just a sport supported and coached by the school, it is a hobby or activity that many runners enjoy participating in after school.

Training for the meets, including building muscle and upping stamina, is not something competitive runners take for granted. Once the final bell rings, participants practice from 2:30 to 4:00, running around the fields, along the roads, and sometimes, on rare occasions, even to McDonalds. In addition, cardio exercises, including squats, lunges, ab workouts, upper-body training, and small technique drills, take up some practices, especially when the weather is not cooperating.

It isn’t easy. Athletes return from running all red and sweaty, a hard workout for sure. “I feel like it is a little harder than track,” admits Emily Taylor, a participant in the sport, “because it is *all* about running. In track you have other ‘sports’ and practices you can go to, so you aren’t just focused on running. Things like throwing, jumping, and others. Every practice we run at least a mile, almost every day. Some days we play games if it is just absolutely pouring, but like Mrs. Rodriguez says, ‘Rain or shine, we’re going outside.’”

The head coach, a fantastic runner herself, is Mrs. Rodriguez, with Mrs. Newton and Ms. Gann as secondary coaches. They teach and critique different aspects of long distance running, whether it be how to keep your speed up while climbing a hill, how to pace yourself throughout the race, or small things, like how far to keep your arms from your body and what kind of shoes to wear to almost guarantee a good, painless race. “In my opinion, the coaches are really nice, and when it comes to meets, they are very encouraging. They also understand how to help you improve your running and ability to have a great race,” notes Kailey Crouse, a sixth grader venturing into the realm of cross country.



Some say that the best part of being on the XC team are the road trips. All piling into a bus, the team travels together to any non-home meets.

This includes Homer, Seward, Soldotna, and others. Things can definitely get crazy! Road trips are both a time to relax and get your pre-race jitters out, as well as an opportunity to connect and have fun with your team.

Meets are the heart and soul of XC running. They are the reason you train for the entire season. They are 30 to 45 minute chunks of time dedicated only to letting the competitors show what they really can do, a time to show that the strenuous training really was worth it. KMS attended their first meet at Skyview Middle School, on the 1st of September. The Borough race will be in Homer on Ohlson Mountain; this race is one of the most important competitions, and it takes place on September 30th.

Running isn’t just unrelenting brutality; sometimes there are small incidents that just make people laugh. For example, one runner, while training, tripped, fell, and scarred the ground with their face, completely taking a header into the trail. The participant wasn’t hurt, and for everyone else, it was hilarious to watch. Another incident not only included the running team, but featured the A-Team boys soccer team exclusively. While the XC team was running by, they watched the soccer team practice making goals. Most of them went relatively well, but when one person came up, he kicked the soccer ball, sending it right over the fence that separates the road and the fields . . . and completely nailed the side of a passing car. The vehicle wasn’t harmed, and the driver was only startled. It’s certainly not every day that you get hit by a flying soccer ball!

Running may not be for everyone, but Lucia Carson says that anyone who loves to get their fitness up, and kind of enjoys more of a personalized, individual sport, just competing to best former times and do the best they can, may like XC running.

Some people join the XC team because they absolutely love to run, and if they don’t, they want to find out what it’s all about. Others join because they were forced by their parents, or because their friends run and they don’t want to be left out. Whatever the case, by the end of the season, more times than not, participants will have learned to like the sport, or at least find the joy in some aspects of the activity.

XC Runners

6th Graders

Maricela Beckman
Maggie Bemis
Shelby Cartwright
Noah Cole
Riley Cramer
Kailey Crouse
Teddie Dodge
Gabriel Dravis
Jackson Hibberd
Landon Hoffman
Bennett Martin
Hailee Painter
Molli Sansotta
Uriah Smith
Jay Songer
Gage Sturman
Matthew Wardlow
Amare Williams
Greyson Whicker
Dawson Yeoman

7th Graders

Nang Bell
Brock Cooper
Selah Coots
Corbyn Crisp
Dylan Fry
Corbin Grimm
Tolson Hall
Elisha Young

8th Graders

Piper Anglebrandt
Lucia Carson
Ruby Davis
Teresa Fallon
Alex Kahn
Ashauntea Kaiser
Pepper Noel
Addie Sparks
Monica St. John
Emily Taylor
Sam Thompson
Justin Wardlow

Sixth Grade Swimming

By Kailey Crouse, Marley Mesa & Maci Miller

For the last few weeks, the 6th graders have been doing their swimming unit in P.E., at the KCHS swimming pool. Each day there is an on and off system for the 8th and 9th hour P.E. classes. They have been learning how to swim if they don't already know how to, learning more strokes, and learning survival skills for safety.

We have interviewed some 6th graders and their P.E. teachers on their opinions about swimming and have included some things about them below, plus some more information you need to know about the swimming unit.

Molli Sansotta loves swimming, her favorite stroke is the breaststroke, and her least favorite is the backstroke. She also is on the Peninsula Piranhas swim team. She is very glad that they are doing a swim unit and especially loves doing it with her friends.

Bennet Martin's favorite stroke is butterfly. "It gives me a nice challenge," he says. His least favorite stroke is the breaststroke. While in the swimming unit, he also learned how to do the elementary backstroke. He also likes having a little bit of extra swimming time because of the swimming unit.

Uriah Smith loves freestyle swimming, and his least favorite stroke is breaststroke, which he has just recently learned. He is very glad that they have done the swim unit, and his favorite thing to do in the swim unit was to learn how to dive. While in the process of learning how to dive, he accidentally did a front flip that to this day has made a great memory for him.

Kaylee Phillips' favorite stroke is backstroke because she thinks it's really cool and relaxing and she claims that you can just float in the water and move yourself while on your back. Her least favorite stroke is the butterfly because it gets tiring. She has learned how to get a good rhythm in freestyle and in breathing from the swimming unit.



Mrs. Beck, P.E. teacher for the girls, loves watching all of the kids that she teaches show progress in swimming and start to feel comfortable in the water. Her favorite thing to teach in the water is diving. Even though some kids are scared to dive, she loves seeing them overcome their fear and do it. She wants to make sure that everybody knows how to swim, because we live in Alaska, and we are surrounded by water.

Mr. Newton, P.E. teacher for the boys, also likes to see them be more comfortable in the water, because you never know what might happen in Alaska. His favorite thing to teach is freestyle, because he loves teaching kids the breathing patterns and how to get a good rhythm in the movement of their arms and legs.

With all of the water around Alaska, you never know what might happen. Hopefully all 6th graders, boys and girls, have benefited from swimming for the past three weeks, and have had a lot of fun. Marley Mesa says, "I wish it was still occurring, it was so much fun!"



Courageous Color Run

By Blu Christensen

Last month on Saturday, August 27th the Sources of Strength hosted the first annual color run at KMS. Hundreds of students and family members gathered to draw attention to suicide prevention.

Founded in March 2011, as an event to promote healthiness and happiness, the world had its first color run. The color run was held in Phoenix, Arizona and was created by Travis Snyder, a Utah native and event producer. His idea was that the color run would encourage locals and professionals to have fun together. Over 6,000 people attended the first color run.

Annual color runs usually would be 5 kilometers but the one KMS held was only 2.1 kilometers. It started at KMS and went along the Kenai Spur Highway, passing Walmart and going all the way to Walker Lane, then turning left twice onto Lawton, and finally taking another left to arrive at school once again.

Sources of Strength was first founded in North Dakota by Mark LoMurray in 1998. In 2002-2004, the program trained about 7,500 teens and young adults. In 2005 the American Association of Public Health awarded the Sources of Strength project their national Public Health Practice Award. Their mission is to provide the highest evidence-based prevention for suicide, violence, bullying, and substance abuse. Sources of Strength seeks to increase people finding help and ultimately stop bullying and substance abuse.

Before anyone showed up to the color run, Nurse Dixie, the office staff, and the Sources of Strength members were busy getting ready for the big event. They recruited lots of volunteers to help with registration, spraying colored powder on people, grilling hot dogs and hamburgers, and lots of other jobs. Nurse Dixie wrote letters asking for donations and picked up all the prizes as well. Sources of Strength built and painted the huge colorful signs for the race route. Nurse Dixie and the students also got help from Change 4 the Kenai and other groups.

If you missed all the fun and excitement of this year's color run, hopefully you can join in next year!



Fantastic Food Festival

By Amelia G. Adams

The Harvest Moon Local Food Festival is a family fun food festival full of family fun and of course, food! It is a mix of the Soldotna Wednesday Market and farmers markets and is sponsored and organized by Kenai Local Food Connection. This year, the festival was held on September 10, 2022, from 10 am to 5 pm, at Soldotna Creek Park. Did you know that there was a full moon the night before?

Music

There is always live music at the festival, and musicians played the whole day. This year Sue Biggs and Jack Will played bluegrass, and Mike Morgan sang Americana. Denise and Jim played hammered dulcimer and guitar, and Pavil Mena played guitar and sang folk music. Ben Jammin' and the Jammin' band played classic rock to end the day.

Food Trucks

Some fun food trucks at the festival were the Honey Bee Cafe, Promethean Cuisine, Wok N' Roll, Hot Dog a la Carte, who has really good *and* big hotdogs, and The Reindeer Hut who won "Most Local Food Truck" award.

The Pie Contest

One of the main events is the pie contest, which has three sections: Youth (ages 15 and under), Adult (16-64), and Homesteader (65+). The winners for this year were Allison Evins, Arthur Flores, and Susan Gill. One of the winners, Arthur Flores, also presented in the chef's tent, along with Bobbi Stelljes, Stephan Kronlage, Trey Eastman, and Kelsey Shields.



Produce Stands

One of the biggest produce stands is the Grace Acres Farm's stand. They had all sorts of fruit and veggies there, including cabbage, kale, and much much more. A few more produce stands are Arnold Family Farm, Cool Cache Farms, Sarah's Alaska Honey, and Lancashire Farms, who recently won the Alaska Farm Family of the year award!

Another farmers stand is Don's Zucchini Relish, or the Garden Specialist, which happens to be run by my grandpa. A lot of people say he has the best relish in the country. He has original and spicy relish, and, like he always says, "It's finger licking good." Relish isn't his only specialty though. He also sells salsa, dilled pickles, bread and butter pickles, anaheim peppers, and more. This year, I got the pleasure of helping him at his booth!

Kids Area

One of the favorite activities for the kids is usually the face painting. You could get anything from a fox to a butterfly; my little sister got a purple butterfly on her cheek. Another thing that the kids liked was the chicken handprint painting. The kids got to choose a color for their hand paint, and write their name by it and decorate it, to make it into a banner. More of the kids' activities were the photo booth, science tent, edible veggie necklaces, bean bag toss, and "veg out" read and rest tents.

People at KMS who helped were Isla and Kailey Crouse, Annemarie Lacy, Caroline Karpik, Ruby Davis, Emma and Sarah Castimore, Mrs. Cruickshank, Ms. Silva, Azilyn and Tolson Hall, and Mrs. Nabholz.

Don't forget to plan ahead for next year's Harvest Moon Festival!

Hope to see you there!

アニメレビュー

(Anime Review)

By Mady Martin

The Promised Neverland. This anime takes place in an orphanage called The Grace Field House. We meet our main characters right at the beginning of the first episode; Emma, Norman, and Ray are all 12 years old at the beginning of the anime.

In the Grace Field House, all the children have black numbers tattooed on their necks. The numbers are a standard identification system for all the kids. The numbers are always a five-digit number and always on the left side of the neck. This is kind of like what they do with livestock on farms. If you've already seen this anime, you know what I mean.

Ray is basically the emo character in the group. His hair is black and he always has hair covering his left eye. When outside, he can usually be found reading next to a tree. He occasionally is the timer for the games of tag. He is very close to both Norman and Emma due to how they're literally the same age.



Emma is basically the opposite of Ray. Emma has short red curly hair that's usually



a mess. She wakes up all the children in the morning and is friends with everybody. She's always in a happy mood but her other emotions are just as strong as when she's happy. For example, when they find out what the orphanage really is, she cries and wails like a banshee. Other than that, Emma worries about all the children there and cares for them like a mother.

Norman is basically a mix of both Emma and Ray. Norman has short white hair and he seems to always keep his cool in terrible situations. He's also very cunning for being only 12 years old. For example, whenever he is "it" for a game of tag he usually finds all the kids in less than 30 minutes.



In the first episode we meet Emma, Norman, and Ray when they seem to be four years old. After that it fast forwards to the day that a six-year-old named Connie is leaving the orphanage to live with a family. It

starts out like any day, with breakfast, testing, and then a game of tag. After that it fast forwards again to the end of the day when Connie is leaving the orphanage. After Connie leaves with Mom, the caretaker of the children, Emma cleans the dining room where she finds Connie's stuffed rabbit. Emma decides to take the rabbit to Connie before she leaves, and Norman decides to go with her to help.

Once they get to the gate Connie is nowhere to be found. Emma decides to leave the rabbit in the back of the truck. When Emma opens the tarp that covers the back of the truck she gasps and drops the rabbit. Norman goes over to see what Emma is looking at and what he sees makes him gasp as well.

I would rate this show 13 and up because this show has some topics that may startle others. If you're younger than 13, please get parent permission before watching this. *The Promised Neverland* can be found on Netflix. In the next article I'll be reviewing the anime series *Skip Beat!*



終わり (The End)

“Books are the plane. And the train. And the road.
They are the destination. And the journey. They are the home.”

-Anna Quindlen

Him

By Luna Moth

Hey! Where is your *Him*? You know what I am talking about! You guys are literally inseparable at times! You really don't know what I am talking about...? I guess, I'll have to explain who I mean...



Him.

The reason you stay up half the night smiling at your phone screen, knowing you have school in the morning, but you won't regret it. The one you say "He is just a friend" when someone asks you why you guys are always together. The boy you just want to be with when you're not feeling your best. The one you can't stop staring at or thinking of in one of your boring class periods. The one you write secret love letters to when you just want to express how you feel but you can't speak about it to anyone because you don't want them to tell him. The one you talk to yourself about because you need to tell someone or you're afraid you're going to burst! The reason you get up in the morning even if you feel like you don't want to try anymore. The reason you are smiling and happy through a rough period in your life. The one you hold back on telling about when a friend asks you how you're doing or if anything exciting has happened lately. The boy who knows how to cheer you up when you're sad. The boy that gives you butterflies just by looking at him.

Yes, I'm talking about *Him*.

Who is your *Him*?:)

Her

By Luna Moth

Hey! Where did your *Her* go? I know you know who I am referring to! Alright, I guess, I'm going to have to explain...



Her.

The one you have cheesy inside jokes with. The one you would go to the ends of the world just to be with if you had to! The one you know loves you with all her heart but shows it in her own way. The girl that can easily give you butterflies when she smiles or laughs at one of your corny jokes. The one your friends tease you about. The one you wish you could be with when you're having an off day, knowing she would understand. The girl you wait to receive a text from first because you don't want to come off as clingy. The one you know secretly adores you but you want to see how long it will take for her to tell you. The one you thought would never love you back like you do her. The one who says you're like a brother to her but deep down you know she is just saying that because she doesn't know how you feel. The girl who can take one look at you and know you're not having the best time or day. The one you make sure knows that you're there for her whenever she needs you. The one you are thinking of right now, at this very moment.

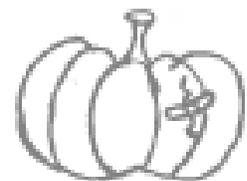
Yeah, you know who I mean:)

Yes, I'm talking about *Her*.

Who is your *Her*?:)



How do you fix a broken pumpkin?
With a pumpkin patch!



Anonymous Confessions

By Cookie Monster & Himiko Toga



“These XC shorts are like a pair of underwear”
-Anonymous



From what I know, there is no difference between PE shorts and XC shorts, so I presume you are wearing underwear?
-Cookie Monster

“I just found out someone likes me. Who!! don’t tell him that I know. His friend told me.” -Anonymous

I know you just left this on the floor, but we thought it would make good content. I would very much like to know who likes you. I’m very intrigued by this paper! -Himiko Toga

“I aksidentally akshually ate a Converse ayund it taysted like A bloo bunanuh” -Orunge Appole

I aksuddentally stalk you all day ayund all knight while eating cookies (chocolate of course).
-Cookie Monster

“My friend once got leeches on her toes and my dad had to touch her toes. <3”
-Tommy Toe Creature

Dear Tommy Toe Creature,
If anything, I have great experience with leeches. Except I’m the one who drinks their blood. Also I think you may have a foot fetish. -Himiko Toga



“Fun...Silly Chicken Farter...Funny Banana.” -Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,
By the way you tore the paper and shoved it into the envelope, it was easy to tell that all of these random words were from the same person. Also, why couldn’t it be a funny pomegranate? I love pomegranates. Mostly because the juice in them looks like blood. -Himiko Toga

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September B-Days!

By Effie Muster



- 02 Wyatt Hansen
- 03 Jordan Kedem
- 04 Allison Stephens
- 04 Anabelle Jennings
- 05 Cooper Medcoff
- 05 Winter Morris
- 06 Mr. Stephanos
- 07 Riley Smith
- 07 Lily Langham
- 08 Ms. Tilly
- 08 Shane Carroll
- 08 Olivia Harris
- 08 Sierra Chapman
- 10 Mrs. Nabholz
- 10 Brock Cooper
- 10 Eddy Cook Caballero
- 11 Mr. Summer
- 11 Corbin Grimm
- 11 Elysia Williams
- 12 Tyler Cruickshank
- 12 Kyron Gonzalez
- 13 Mollie Sansotta
- 13 Eli Davenport
- 13 Emma Karron
- 15 Eli Bemis
- 18 Miley Baze
- 18 Dani Bennett
- 18 Miles Metteer
- 18 Sonya Ivanoff
- 19 Dezmond McCaughey
- 22 Arista Van Sickle
- 23 Nurse Dixie
- 23 Lucia Carson
- 23 Dakota Hyatt
- 24 Hallie Songer
- 24 Joshua Bolling
- 26 Lily Teates
- 26 Kyamarie Hernandez
- 29 Chance Purcell
- 29 Wyatt Alvord
- 30 Katie Van Sky

October B-Days!

By Amelia Adams

- 01 Alidia Crabb
- 01 Mr. Newton
- 02 Michelle Vanlandingham
- 02 Chaska Smith
- 02 Charlee Sullivan
- 03 Charlie Naranjo
- 03 Ms. Rehmer
- 04 Elle Lacy
- 04 Mr. Felchle
- 05 Jacob King
- 05 Dylan Fry
- 05 Dalton Wik
- 05 Mrs. Neill
- 06 Travis George
- 07 Brian Lowther
- 07 Aiden Cothren
- 07 Marah Ivy
- 08 Mr. Lewis
- 09 Mrs. McGraw
- 12 Haily Carrol
- 12 Chayton Todd
- 13 Pepper Noel
- 16 Reid Titus
- 17 Eli Smith
- 19 Bennett Martin
- 19 Kemper Ihde
- 20 Kanyon Scott
- 20 Elijah Kahle
- 21 Makalani Nicholas-Silvira
- 21 Shelby Cartwright
- 22 Brett Goldsby
- 23 Keyahna Quimby
- 23 Richard Green
- 23 Mrs. Beck
- 24 Lily Abraham
- 24 Harper Kruzick
- 25 Teresa Fallon
- 25 Noah Anding
- 27 Payton Ricks
- 28 Killian McClure
- 28 Colhin Hensley
- 29 Kaden Herrmann
- 29 Ezra Schmidt
- 29 Mr. Teran
- 31 Kevin Dobkins
- 31 Ms. Mosquito

Boredom Barn: EM!

10 Peice Chicken Nugget



Don't FALL for these JOKES!

Why does Humpty Dumpty love autumn so much?
Because he had a great fall.

What do farmers wear under their shirts when they're cold?
A har-vest.

How do trees get on the Internet?
They just log on.

What can a whole apple do that half an apple can't do?
It can look 'round.

Why did the scarecrow win a Nobel Prize?
He was outstanding in his field.

What's the biggest fall phenomenon in Australia?
The Great Barrier Leaf.

What's an elephant's favorite vegetable?
Squash.

What month does every tree dread?
Sept-timberrrrrr!

Why do trees hate going to school in the fall?
Because they're easily stumped!



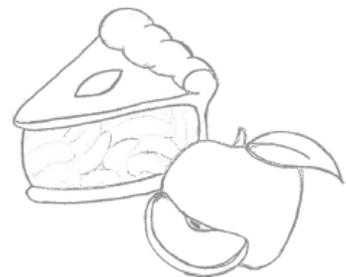
What's the ratio of a pumpkin's circumference to its diameter?
Pumpkin Pi.

What do the leaves say before they hibernate?
Rake me up when September ends.

What do squirrels watch on TV?
Nut-flix!

Why did the tree laugh?
It heard acorn-y joke!

Why did the apple pie cry?
Its peelings were hurt!



Perfect Pumpkin Cookies

By Emily Taylor

If you're looking for a great fall treat, these cookies will be just right for your family and friends. They're full of fall flavors, and they have the perfect pumpkin, frosting combination. The frosting has a rich flavor with a creamy texture. I made these and served them to some of my friends, and I also brought them in for our Journalism class, and they all loved the cookies!

Kaia Dale-Johnson: "I don't even like pumpkin and I loved the cookies!"

Mrs. Smith: "There is nothing bad about them, and they are really good with coffee."

Isla Crouse: "They were very moist and flavorful, with the perfect balance of sweet and pumpkin-y taste."

Kailey Crouse: "The frosting is really creamy and it melts in your mouth, and the cookie part of it is moist."

Stacy Crouse: "It is a nice combination of cookie and cake, and that rich cream cheese frosting is really light."

John Crouse: "Can I have more please?"

Ingredients

For the Cookies:

- ½ cup butter (melted and cooled down)
- 1 cup pumpkin puree (add more if you like more pumpkin flavor)
- ½ cup dark brown sugar
- ⅔ cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg (at room temperature)
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1 ½ tsp pumpkin pie spice
- ¼ tsp ginger
- ½ tsp cinnamon
- ¼ tsp salt
- Mini chocolate chips (optional for decoration)

For the Frosting:

- 4 oz cream cheese (softened)
- 3 Tbsp butter (softened)
- ¾ cup powdered sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract



Pumpkin Cookie Base

1. Preheat the oven to 350F/180C then line a baking sheet with parchment paper or a silicone mat and set it aside.
2. In a large bowl, whisk the melted butter, pumpkin puree, brown sugar, granulated sugar, egg, and vanilla until smooth.
3. Gently fold in the flour, baking powder, pumpkin pie spice, ginger, cinnamon, and salt until the dry mixture is well blended.
4. Using a large cookie scooper, scoop out 12 equally sized cookie dough balls and place them on the prepared baking sheet. Gently spray the back of a spoon or your hands with nonstick cooking spray and flatten the cookies a little to about ⅓ inch in thickness. Bake in the oven for 15-16 minutes, then let cool down on the baking sheet before transferring to a cooling rack.

Cream Cheese Frosting

1. In a stand mixer, cream the softened cream cheese and butter until smooth. Add in the vanilla and powdered sugar and continue whipping for 4-6 minutes until the frosting is light and fluffy.
2. Place the frosting in a piping bag with a round piping tip and pipe the frosting on top of the cooled down cookies. Decorate each cookie with mini chocolate chips and enjoy!





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, October 7, 2022.**

Name _____ Grade Level _____

1. Who invented the first-ever color run? _____
2. Which coach's team won the KMS B-team game on Sept. 27th? _____
3. Whose favorite ride at the fair is the Zipper? _____
4. How much vanilla do you need for the pumpkin cookies? _____
5. What is the name of Ms. Rehmer's 1-year-old dog? _____
6. Who is Professor Plum in the KMS Clue game? _____
7. Which staff member has a birthday on October 29th? _____
8. What is Hallie Songer's favorite animal at the fair? _____
9. Whose friend once got leeches on her toes? _____
10. Who did the leadership students help by cleaning up trash? _____

One grand-prize winner will be chosen from all entries with correct answers.
Other entrants will be eligible to receive small participation prizes.



KMS Halloween Clue Game!!!

By Chantel Taylor & Megan Smith

Have you ever played the board game Clue? Well, the KMS office staff are bringing the game to our school in real life. That's right, a real-life murder mystery in our school!

It will be up to you to put all the clues together to solve this mystery. There will be clues in the announcements, clues on the map that will lead you around

the building, and maybe even some office rumors to help you solve this mystery. Only the best detectives will prevail and will be named as the winners of this chilling mystery game.

You will need a clue card sheet to play, and you can start gathering clues the week before Halloween. Continue reading to meet our characters....

Mr. Boddy



Mr. Dosko

Mr. Boddy is an eccentric principal hosting his Annual Halloween Bash. After inviting his closest friends to his home for an evening, Mr. Boddy ends up dead, presumably at the hands of one of the people in attendance.

KMS Clue character personas . . . see which one you think committed the crime!

Colonel Mustard



Ms. Johnson

Colonel Mustard is your typical adventurer with a military background. She practices archery and war ball for sport. She's dashing, with a proud demeanor. She loves to challenge people to a duel if they cross her, and she isn't afraid to speak her mind. She's a tough lady to accuse, so you had better be right if you do.

Mrs. White



Mrs. Holmes

Mrs. White is KMS Manor's secretary and isn't exempt from any accusations. There are rumors she will do anything to retire, but would anything include murder? She takes her administrative duties very seriously. If something is out of place, she had better not know about it, or else you'll incur her stern wrath.

Professor Plum



Mrs. Taylor

Professor Plum would be the smartest man on the planet if he wasn't so scatterbrained. He can't remember where he's been for the last five minutes of any part of any day, so how could he remember if he murdered Mr. Boddy or not? He's a simple, intelligent man and good-natured at heart, but he likes to steal his own things. That's because he's just absent-minded enough to do so!

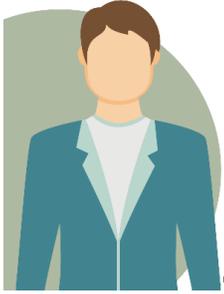
Mrs. Peacock



Nurse Dixie

Mrs. Peacock is a widow who dresses all in blue. Her late husband's estate is almost dried up because of her attempts to maintain an extravagant lifestyle. She's proper and has excellent manners, but are these manners just a tool to disguise her past? What are her connections to Mr. Boddy, and could he be her fifth victim?

Mr. Green



Mr. Felchle

Mr. Ken Gordon Green is a smooth talker. His dad is a lowdown thief, and his mom tells fortunes wherever and whenever she can. Mr. Green asks people to donate money for the less fortunate. However, just like his criminal parents, he intends to keep all the money for himself. During his travels, "Reverend" Green met and had certain dealings with Mr. Boddy, but did Mr. Boddy have something on the Reverend that could prompt him to take him out?

Ms. Scarlet



Mrs. Smith

Ms. Scarlet is a shrewd business woman who uses people to her advantage. At a young age, she excelled at Math Counts and Future Problem Solving. She received all sorts of attention from the teachers in her life, resulting in a dangerously jealous brother. She jumps from one business deal to the next without a thought, hoping her brains and charm will carry her through to the next deal. Could Mr. Boddy be a past business affair gone wrong?

Clue Score Sheet			
Who?			
Green			
Mustard			
Peacock			
Plum			
Scarlet			
White			
What?			
Candlestick			
Lead Pipe			
Stethoscope			
Stapler			
Wrench			
Dodge Ball			
Where?			
Gym			
Girls Locker Room			
Boys Locker Room			
Shop			
Art Room			
Office			
Library			
Band Room			
Music Room			
Cafeteria			
Home Ec.			
6th Grade			
7th Grade			
8th Grade			

Overheard

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Student #1: "Have these ever been used?"
 Student #2: "Not for puking."
 Student #1: "Oh, ok. I'M THE ULTIMATE BUCKET!"
 "That room is full of people that actually know what they're doing."
 "I'm not going to 8th grade. 8th grade too scary!"
 "I'm a millionaire... in pencils."
 "Do not caress the chocolate!">:(
 "Is that a mushroom or a donut on a stick?"
 "I was cutting out a pair of scissors."
 "I sneeze like my dad."
 "Why are you wearing green bacon?"
 "I have all A+'s... except the D and C."
 "Where's your backup pencil for Bob's class?"
 "If it's a life or death situation and I have a hammer, then I'll be fine."
 "Everyone's back is super shiny except for mine."
 "The love of my life is the same age as my daddy."
 "My computer's going to die... it's at 80%."
 "It's between Egypt and Egypt."
 "You're as stealthy as a drunk gorilla in a china shop."
 "If I was in line for the throne, I would kill all my family so I could rule."
 "Bro you literally broke my girlfriend."
 "Warm delicious chocolate language."
 Student #1: "Did you go to Starbucks this weekend? Saturday?"
 Student #2: "Uh . . . no?"
 Student #1: *clutching his head in his hands* "Ah! Ah! I'm dying! I'm dying!" *proceeds to walk off*



Overheard

By Amelia Adams

“Your Crocs make you look like you have frog toes.”

“Can I take your kneecaps?”

“Go suck on your mommy’s foot!”

“Your planner looks like a croissant.”

“Don’t goof off or Mr. Gustkey’s going to eat you.”

“I watched someone give birth to a basketball, and, um, yeah, now I’m trying to figure out who the father is.”

Student #1: “These crazy people are gonna eat me! They think I’m a donut!”

Student #2: *Licks her lips*

“Sweaty mayonnaise.”

“Mayonnaise kneecaps!”

“You need a mayonnaise bed sheet, mayonnaise pillow, and mayonnaise blanket.”

“Just cuz you’re an 8th grader doesn’t mean I won’t smack you.”

“This is the mess called my life right now.”

Student #1: “You smell good.”

Student #2: “It was the hot lunch.”

“Is this a skirt? I’m so confused on what article of clothing this is.”

“I always have things on my butt. It’s becoming a problem.”

“It’s kind of in the Middle East cuz it’s in Europe.”

“Grendel’s mom is kinda scary. She needs to put some clothes on.”

“I feel like trail mix is just a scavenger hunt for M&Ms, kind of like salad is just a scavenger hunt for bacon bits.”

“I suffer from bad art disease.”

“Hold on, I need to take everything out of my pocket and tear up all the evidence.”

“I licked your hair.”

Student #1: “China is based off of Mulan.”

Student #2: “Yeah.”

Student #3: “No, Japanese is based off of Mulan!”

Student #2: “I think I know my geography better than you, China is definitely based off of Mulan.”

“Where should I put my blood?”

“Doing Overheard makes you scared for human sanity.”

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“Doesn’t the bell sound like a belching goat?”

“I ship Ms. Beck and Mr. Newton.”

“I’m very fluent in gibberish.”

“We should have sushi in our Spanish unit.”

“Dude! You shouldn’t be a sweaty mom!”

“Can you kill an inanimate object, though?”

“The cat’s on fire?!”

“Someone gave me the doggie eyes.”

“Ooh, ooh, ooh... corner!”

“I’m taking the twig man with me.”

“Knowing Mrs. Nabholz, it’s probably a really big metaphor.”

Student #1: “Is it in Spanish?”

Student #2: “Is it in spanish?”

Student #3: “Is it in spinach?”

“It’s shedding its glitter.”

“Me and my girlfriend Barbie!”

“Me, Andy, Jessie, and Barbie are going to the mall later, bro.”

“Ben is a skill issue.”

“My mom listens to murder podcasts to fall asleep.”

“Did you know turtles fart through their mouth?”

“I am the queen of napping.”

“My hair was as fluffy as my dog’s butt yesterday.”

“Especially when you put hot sauce in a cup with fudge,” *Italian hand kiss.* “Delicious.”

“Elijah’s going to wear a pink maid dress!”

“Beowulf reminds me of Mr. Summer.”

“I just saw him bloody on the floor.”

“Your ankle is showing . . . in Victorian times that would be *interesting*.”

“What’s the definition of definition?”

“Can you yell at me in Spanish?”

“Selena Gomez is in half the books that I read.”

Student #1: “Boats are way safer.”

Student #2: “Tell that to the Titanic!”



