

KMS PURPLE PAGES

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ICONIC INTRAMURALS



Intramural Girls

By Brooklyn Coleman & Ava Haugstad

What a great three weeks of intramurals! A total of 33 girls played. Coach Rose is the new girls' A-team coach. If you didn't know, Mr. Rose is the 7th grade history teacher, and he also teaches living skills. He has been coaching basketball for 12 years, and he has coached varsity for 8 years. If you didn't know, Mrs. Rodriguez is currently pregnant, so she is choosing not to coach, but we are pumped to have Coach Rose!

For a normal practice, Coach Rose starts with some ball handling and moves into layups. Coach also likes to have the players focus on passing. He also wants to involve some fun in practice, so we play some games at the end of practice. He likes to involve a lot of running in the practices because it is good conditioning, and the girls need to be able to run because that is how a normal game is, a lot of running!

Later in the season Coach Rose wants to see progress in all the girls from beginning to end, SO BE WARNED! No seriously, Coach Rose is going to be working hard alongside all the players to get in tip-top shape for games.

Intramural Boys

By Lucas Loggins

What a fantastic group of boys came out for intramurals this year! Mr. Songer has been the A-team coach for the boys for nine years now and will coach the boys once again. A total of 54 boys came out for intramural basketball for the 2023-24 season. They started their practice with shoot around and lay up lines and some evens every once in a while, which is conditioning. We did drills like Mikans and 3v3 games. Tryouts were October 19th and teams were announced on the 20th. Unfortunately, with only 12 spots on each team, 30 people had to be cut from making a team. Compared to the girls, it was triple the number of people going to get cut. With Songer's coaching skills and the excitement of getting to play basketball, I can speak on behalf of everyone that intramural basketball was a great learning experience and opportunity!

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-Halloween History-

By Blu Christensen

Way before our time, about 2,000 years ago, Halloween was merely a celebration marking the end of the harvest season. Halloween originated where present-day Ireland, the United Kingdom, and Northern France are now located. They celebrated their new year on November 1st. This holiday was originally an ancient Celtic spiritual tradition.

Spiritual Beliefs

- Pagan people announced it as the end of summer celebration, and they wore costumes and lit bonfires to ward off ghosts.
- Celts believed that on the night before the new year, the boundary between the living and the dead became blurred.

Different Celebrations

- People in Mexico and other areas celebrate Día de los Muertos, the Day of the Dead.
- In countries such as Ireland, Canada, and the United States, people do activities like trick-or-treating, wearing costumes, and playing pranks and games.

Haunted Houses

- During the Great Depression in the 1930s, haunted houses became popular to distract kids from doing pranks, harassment, and vandalism.
- In the early 1900s, many buildings from the 1800s were falling apart and weren't safe, so adults said they were haunted. This increased the popularity of haunted houses.

Opinion-8-ed

By Blu Christensen

What's your favorite or most memorable Halloween costume?

Zoe Cole- "Idk I hate all of my Halloween costumes."

Kira Inman- "A pwittie pwittie pwincess because it slayed."

Emma Castimore- "My favorite costume this year is Princess Peach."

Momo Hunt- "I was Luigi disguised as Princess Peach."

Andrew Stein- "Banana, when I was a baby, I banana."

2 Mr. Prusak- "I might be the ghost of history."



Carving Pumpkins

- Carving pumpkins originated in Ireland, where people carved scary faces in turnips or other vegetable to scare away "Jack's wandering spirit."
- People started carving pumpkins because they are larger and easier to carve.

Costumes

- People originally wore costumes to ward off ghosts.
- They dressed up as the spirits that came around on Halloween for the food and drinks that people had left out.

Candy

- Candy companies needed an excuse to sell more products in the fall, so they told people to start handing it out on Halloween. Adults were happy about this because they didn't have to make Halloween treats.
- By about 1970, wrapped candy produced in a factory was safer to hand out than homemade treats.

Holiday Food

- Pumpkin pie, pumpkin bread, caramel apples, apple bread, caramel corn, and candy are popular.
- People thought that leaving food out for the spirits would appease their souls.

Carmen Olson- "I was Queen Amidala when I was like 8 and that was silly."

Nurse Dixie- "I was a frozen rock troll."

Sophia Sturm- "Me and my sister wore a Barney costume. I was the top half and she was the bottom half."

MJ Rogers- "I was Jack Sparrow when I was 4."
Leini Johansen- "I was a ladybug when I was a toddler."

Savannah Prieto- "Among Us with Leini."

Sabella Christoffersen- "I was a fallen angel, it was hot."

Daniel Agayar- "This year I'm being Joker, so I'm a clown."

13-31 Contest

Reporters for the Purple Pages decided to have a creative writing contest in October. The theme was inspired by both Friday the 13th and the date for Halloween on the 31st. Reporters voted for the following award winners:

Best Jump Scare

Alone in the mirror, I blinked.
My reflection didn't.
Horror gripped my soul.
-Luey Focose, 7th grade

Most Creative

Waking to a tickle in my throat,
Gathering my spit,
Eight legged nightmares.
-Mrs. Smith

Best Plot Twist

Fog surrounded the rickety mansion. It sent shivers down her spine... The teen grabbed her phone and shrieked so loud you could hear it on Mars. For there was... no Wi-Fi...
-Amelia Adams, 8th grade

Editor's Choice

There's a house of blood.
Inside it lurks evil that whispers ancient curses to those who dare enter. Full moons make nightmares reality. Beware before you're the next innocent soul claimed.
-Sophia Bilger, 6th grade

And some more entries for your reading enjoyment...

When night has risen
Shadows dance on bloody floors
A scream, then stillness
-Emma Castimore, 8th grade

Down in the sea, I was scuba diving. I turned and screamed, "Plankton, spare me!"
-Luey Focose, 7th grade

The eight eyed creature peeking through. The sounds of screeching coming from outside.
-Jacob Barrett, 8th grade

In a haunted mansion
dark and eerie
Where ghosts and monsters
lurk with great aplenty
Where witches brew
and zombies roam
And ghosts of past, present,
and future seem to glow
-Iversen Miller, 8th grade

Three ghastly looking witches stood in front of their cauldron waiting to see creepy things crawl out of tuna fish sandwiches. These gruesome witches were idiotic and wanted to sound romantic.
-Melody Pfile, 7th grade

Home alone.
When mom goes out for groceries.
It's always quiet.
But not always.
I hear the little noises...
Like the leaves
falling to the ground.
A knock.
"Who is it?"
-Jacob Barrett, 8th grade

Kids in the Hall!

By Lucas Loggins



Would you rather eat a spider or lick the bottom of someone's shoe after they go trick-or-treating?

"Lick the shoe because I don't want to start a new covid."
-Quinn Taylor, 6th grade



Would you rather be friends with a zombie or a mummy?

"Mummy because I love me some mummies."
-Eddy Cook, 7th grade



Would you rather eat a blood-filled Twix or a moldy Snickers?

"A blood-filled Twix, don't ask questions." (I left asap.)
-Aiden Nerby, 8th grade

"When witches go riding, and black cats are seen, the moon laughs and whispers, 'tis near Halloween."
-from *Halloweentown*

"JUST BECAUSE I CANNOT SEE IT, DOESN'T MEAN I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!"

-Jack Skellington, *Nightmare Before Christmas*

Jovial Jackson

By Kelsie Bliss



Mr. Jackson is the new science teacher for 8th grade. He's a really easy-going teacher, and he is really nice. He decided to come to Kenai Middle School

in order to live on the Kenai Peninsula. Here are some interesting things to know about him.

Before he moved here, he taught at Cambridge High School in Idaho. He taught 8th through 12th grade and that school had about 85 kids in it. What inspired him to become a science teacher? "I had a really good science teacher in high school and he was really fun!"

The thing he likes best so far about this school is working with some of the students. His favorite part of the day is first hour, "because it's a new day so it feels like starting over."

I asked him what he misses from Idaho: "Not much, but I miss some of my family." He said his hobby has been reading ever since he was really young. "I like to read science fiction and fantasy books. My favorites are *Star Wars* and *Lord of the Rings*. Right now I'm reading a book called *Battlefield Earth*," he stated.

His favorite show is *Stargate*, and his favorite movies are *Star Wars*. He replied, "I like Jack O'Neill and Cameron Mitchell the most because they're funny. I like the spaceships in *Star Wars* because they're like airplanes and I've always liked airplanes as well." He especially likes the spaceships in *Star Wars* because "I think how fast they go is pretty cool."

Courageous Calvert

By Molli Sansotta



Mr. Calvert is the new 6th grade teacher; he team-teaches with Mrs. Beck, and he really loves our staff at KMS. He said that he has always loved the school, ever since his kids went

through here. When I asked him how he felt about his new job, he said, "They've got a lot of energy. That's for sure," ironically, in between interruptions by a student.

Mr. Calvert has had a bunch of teaching experience since he taught at KCHS for many years. When it comes to his class, he loves how much help he gets from the other teachers any time he needs it.

Mr. Calvert is a great athlete and an even better coach. Throughout his teaching career, he has been a basketball coach, track and field coach, and an assistant coach for football. I heard from "alternative sources" (a.k.a. Mrs. Nabholz overheard Mr. Felchle talking about it at a staff meeting) that he was a super fast runner and could run almost a FOUR MINUTE MILE in college! No wonder he was a track coach!

Mr. Calvert and his wife love their family a lot. His wife is also a teacher and an amazing runner. She coached the cross-country running team over at KCHS, where she is a history teacher now. He loves doing everything with them, from playing board games at home to going on crazy trips like the one they took for his daughter's graduation present so they could go jet skiing in Whittier!

The thought of his children being away at college makes him miss them more. Since his family is not all living at home right now, he has been going on more walks with his golden retriever and watching more college football.

November Birthdays

By Ava Haugstad

- 02 Mrs. Crouse
- 03 Lucas Loggins
- 05 Nicole Johnson
- 05 Brooklyn Coleman
- 05 Joseph Smagge
- 05 Elizabeth Koroll
- 06 Momo Hunt
- 06 Maci Miller
- 06 Mrs. Meza
- 08 Mr. Carson
- 09 Jaelyn Holguin
- 09 Selah Coots
- 09 Indego Erikson
- 09 Alyeska Cronk
- 10 Kaia Dale-Johnson
- 10 Bella Roberts
- 11 Gideon Mason
- 12 Ben Brighton
- 12 Glenna Strongheart
- 13 Aviana Boyer
- 14 Ceaton Grimm
- 15 Mya Moffett
- 16 Nathan Fowler
- 16 Mila Coleman
- 16 Ella Siemers
- 16 Andrew Fowler
- 20 Khloe Bliss-Love
- 21 Delila Roberts
- 21 Gavin DesOrmeaux
- 21 Brooklynn Wheeler
- 22 Elyse Lundeburg
- 22 Mr. Dahlman
- 22 Bricen Johnson
- 24 Ms. Duke
- 25 Jameson Curren
- 26 Fred Zimin
- 26 Maricela Beckman
- 26 Tristian Clark
- 27 Dayzie Medcoff
- 27 Aurora Reith
- 27 Ms. Vollom
- 27 Greyson Whicker
- 27 Amidus Enders
- 28 Isabella Lopez



Awing Allie

By Sofia Tews



Allie Stonecipher is in 6th grade on the Newton/Bressler team. She likes it because it is fun and pretty easy. Her favorite class is science because they do fun stuff. She really likes being at KMS, but she wishes the passing periods were longer, like five minutes instead of four, but she does like how fun it is here. Allie played soccer this year and she really enjoyed playing on the 6th grade intramural team.

Allie has six siblings! Five brothers and only one sister that she thinks acts like a boy anyways. Allie is the oldest and she likes it because it is easy to get out of chores. The pets she has are chickens; overall she has 32 chickens so that means they get 4.57142857143 chickens each! She shares a room with her sister, and she likes it because she doesn't have to go into another room to hang out with her.

Allie was born in Anchorage, but her family still lived in Washington. Later she moved here when she was still really little, so she doesn't remember anything about her old house or the weather. She is very glad that she has a lot of good friends, including Ava Kozini, Aliya Davenport, and Harley Gillis. She is especially glad that she moved here because of Harley (Harley was there when she said that).

Allie loves to eat pork fried rice and any type of noodles. Her favorite book is the whole Harry Potter series because she likes magical themed books.

MARVELOUS MACHEN

By Nik Sebesta



Machen Iversen is a 7th grader at KMS. His favorite class is a tie between world languages and math. Something that Machen would change about school is add a free period to hang out and talk with friends.

Machen's favorite sport is hockey because he has been playing ever since he was two years old. His family is really nice, they take care of him, and his sisters are really nice. Machen also has nine pets, including two dogs, a chicken, four cats, and three rabbits.

In his free time, Machen plays video games, Legos, and guitar. His favorite games are Minecraft, Call of Duty, and Gang Beasts. Some of his favorite movies are all *Star Wars*. His favorite music is rock music because it is a family favorite.

Here are some random things to know about Machen. A funny joke that Machen knows is "Knock knock! Who's there? Irish stew. Irish stew, who? Irish stew in the name of the law." Machen's top three favorite foods are spaghetti, pizza, and Caesar salad, and his favorite nickname is Brodster.

Rambunctious River

By Dalton Wik



River Kruzick is an 8th grader who plays sports and hangs out with friends in his free time. His family has two little sisters, two cats, and two dogs. Lucas Loggins, River's cousin, says they are "a comfortable group of people to be around."

Some of the activities River enjoys are playing basketball and watching CouRageJD on YouTube. His favorite class is PE "because of basketball and Dalton Wik quote me on that please." I'm getting the idea that he really likes basketball!

Some of the video games he plays are Fortnite, Hill Climb Racers 2, and League of Legends. River says his secret talent is being "actually insane at Plants vs. Zombies."

His favorite Halloween costume last year was Ezra's "Croc" and his favorite candy is Reese's. He wakes up at 5:30, eats a peach yogurt and a banana every morning at 6:00, and then heads to school. River's favorite color is orange.



Superb September Students

By Ava Haugstad

These are the September Students of the Month! They have worked very hard and it paid off, since only a few people are selected from each grade.

6th grade



Hezekiah Curren, Parker Byerly, and Aidan Cole

7th grade



Omaira Sagar, Brooklyn Coleman, Autumn Oettinger, Leif Laker, and James Clack

7th grade



Kailey Crouse

8th grade



Bryce Simper & Momo Hunt

Prego Teacher

By Shayleanne Gonzalez



Mrs. Rodriguez is having a baby around December 17th. She and her husband are very excited to have a baby boy. She said, "We are very excited to have our first baby."

Mrs. Rodriguez feels the baby move all the time. She has had no sickness at all her entire pregnancy. They think the baby is going to have her small nose and her small lips. In the sonogram it also looks like he is growing a mullet!

One of Mrs. Rodriguez's favorite pregnancy cravings have been pretzels and cheese. The weirdest craving she has had is a toasted peanut butter and jelly sandwich with pickles in it.

She has the nursery painted green so it's an outdoorsy theme. She has a nice changing table and a rocking chair.

Mr. Rodriguez is most excited to teach the baby about things he loved as a kid, like football. They have a few names but they are not going to share until the baby is born. Very soon there will be another new member of the Rodriguez family and the KMS family too!

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"I smell a child."

-Mary Sanderson, *Hocus Pocus*



Grace Leigh Newton

Born October 4, 2023
at 6:21 am
7 lbs. 1 oz – 20 inches long

Everyone is so excited about Grace finally arriving to join the Newton family!

Mr. Newton: “Grace is such a sweet baby! She is well loved by her two big brothers who want to hold her and help her whenever they can. We are all adjusting nicely to Grace joining our family. It almost feels like she has always been with us. Grace spends most of her time sleeping and eating, but when she is awake, she is a pretty happy baby.”



Mrs. Newton: “Her brothers are so in love with her. They love to hold her and give Mom a break. When Sam plays soccer in the living room, he will gently bring the ball to Grace’s head to pretend she’s heading the ball. Levi calls her Miss Grace and Sam calls her Gracie.”

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pretend she’s heading the ball. Levi calls her Miss Grace and Sam calls her Gracie.”

FANTASTIC FELCHLE



Mr. Felchle recently was honored as the Region III Assistant Principal of the year!

Here’s what some of his colleagues shared about working with him here at Kenai Middle School:

Mrs. Smith: “Mr. Felchle is the hardest working person I know. He is ALL in for the students, for the staff, and for Kenai Middle School. He will help anyone at any time with anything. If Mr. Dosko is the brains of this operation, Mr. Felchle is the heart. He is so deserving of recognition for all the time and effort he puts into our school.”

Mr. Dosko: “Ken is a relationship guy. Everyone likes Felchle. He gives hugs! No truly, it’s because he can honestly make a relationship with anyone.”

Mr. Newton: “I don’t know if I’ve met anyone more dedicated to our school than Ken Felchle. He really does so much for Kenai Middle and expects nothing in return. He has such a great energy about him and definitely sets the pace for getting around the school! (I mean, he walks fast...)”

Dumb Dad Jokes for Mr. Felchle By Kelsie Bliss

- I went to buy a pair of camouflage pants... but I couldn’t find any!
- Why did the cracker go to the doctor? It felt crummy!
- I don’t trust those trees over there. Why? They look a little shady!
- Did you hear about the dull pencil? It was pointless!
- Why did the student eat his homework? Because his teacher told him it was gonna be a piece of cake!
- Why did the banana go to the doctor? Because it wasn’t peeling well!
- Knock knock. Who’s there? Cows go. Cows go who? No, cows go moo!
- Knock knock. Who’s there? Ben. Ben who? Ben knocking for 10 minutes!
- Where do horses go when they’re sick? The horsepital!
- What is a cat’s favorite color? Purrr-ple!



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Brilliant Barbie Movie

By Brooklyn Coleman

Have you seen the new *Barbie* movie? Don't worry, I won't spoil it! In the movie, Barbie and Ken are having the time of their lives in the colorful and seemingly perfect world of Barbie Land. However, when they get a chance to go to the real world, they soon discover the joys of living among humans. You may think this is a typical romantic Barbie and Ken movie, but it's not what you think... The Barbie world is known for pink, plastic and perfect barbies, but is that how the real world is?

I personally think that the movie kept on getting better from the start. I really enjoyed how the movie was very humorous and how Barbie realized not everything is perfect in the real world. I also thought the costumes were awesome (and pink!).

The *Barbie* movie had some great songs. One of the biggest hits was "Barbie World" from the artists Ice Spice and Nicki Minaj. Another great song was "Dance the Night" by Dua Lipa.

Mrs. Castimore is the sub for Mrs. Newton while she is gone. Her favorite part of the movie was when Barbie was in the car singing the song "Closer to Fine." She said that her favorite character was the weird Barbie because it's easier to be yourself and weird Barbie is happy!

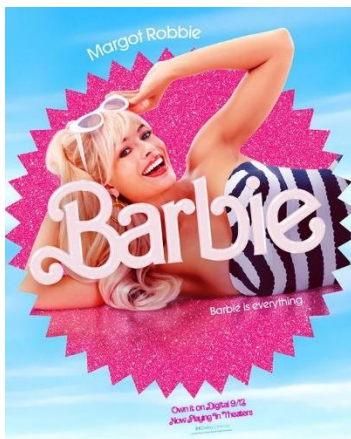
Barbie

Ceaton Grimm is a 7th grader at KMS. Ceaton said that he would change some of the sad parts in the movie because he thinks that the movie should be very happy! His favorite part was when all of the "Kens" were fighting with each other.

Aurora Reith is a 6th grader at KMS. Aurora said that her favorite part of the movie was when the mom would have flashbacks of playing with Barbies when she was a kid. If she had to pick a favorite character, it would be Barbie because she is super fashionable.

Dayzie Medcoff is a 6th grader at KMS. Dayzie's favorite part of the movie is when Barbie turns into a business woman with "Birkenstocks." One of my questions was if she had to change something in the movie, what would she change? She said that she wished there was more drama in the movie.

If you have a chance to get cozy, eat some popcorn, and watch the movie, you should! The movie is available to watch on Prime Video and Apple TV, but unfortunately you will have to pay :(



Barbie Movie Ratings

- Sofia Tews: 10/10
- Shay Gonzalez: 6/10
- Dalton Wik: 10/10
- Lucas Loggins: 8/10
- Taeja Stephens: 10/10
- Sydney Hershberger: 10/10
- Brooklyn Coleman: 9/10
- Kennedy Wortham: 10/10
- Olivia Tews: 10/10
- Ceaton Grimm: 5/10
- Aurora Reith: 10/10



KMS Ken and the Barbies with their Malibu Dream Boat!



**The Barbie Movie is
STRESSING THEM OUT!**



EXCELLENT XC SEASON

By Molli Sansotta & Sofia Tews

Overall, the running season was AMAZING. We had some people get PRs (personal records) for the last race. We had a couple top ten finishers this year and we are very proud of them all. Surprisingly, the weather didn't suck (mostly)!



Our very first race was the day that the bonfire was supposed to be held the first time, before it was canceled because of the wind, and that was terrible. Especially because it was at Skyview and full of hills that were the literal worst things ever, unless you were good at running up hills through insanely rough wind. Other than that, we got pretty lucky and didn't get caught in any bad rainstorms or anything.



The borough race was hosted at our home course and we did amazing! Marley Mesa and Bryce Simper both got top ten! Kailey Crouse was a STRONG runner up, just barely in 11th after being in 10th almost the whole race. Sofia Tews was right behind her in 12th, and Kailey was literally an inch away from top ten, and she got passed right at the final stretch. Marley beat everyone but one person, ending in second place for our girls race!



We are also proud of the effort the boys put in; there are a lot of them, but we would like to put a spotlight on Bryce Simper, Brock Cooper, and Uriah Smith, who did so awesome. It's unbelievable that Bryce was the only one who got top ten, but Uriah and Brock were close behind. We are so proud of everyone's last race, even if they didn't get their best score.

We had our end of the season party on October 3rd, and Coach Calvert made an awesome video with random clips of the team throughout the season. Personally, I think it was the best video I have ever watched! Plus she made us a whole collage just for the video interviews she did. We all received unique bookmark awards (like paper plate awards but on a bookmark). They were so thoughtful and sweet; everyone loved their awards and were super excited to get them. Some of them were:

- "4-Wheel Drive" for Greyson Whicker, because he would always "kick it into 4-wheel drive" when he needed to.
- "Dynamic Duo" for Molli Sansotta and Sofia Tews because we did everything together including skipping to walk around the track because our ankles hurt.
- "Thumbs Up" for Riley Cramer because Coach Hesse told everyone to put their thumbs up when they ran, and after that she made sure to tell everyone to put their thumbs up.
- "Humble Beast" for Marley Mesa because she did so well in every race and still congratulated everyone and never bragged about how much butt she kicked.
- "Best Impressions" for Kailey Crouse with a beautifully colored minion that Coach Hesse and Coach Calvert drew. She earned it because her minion impressions were so amazing, especially her King Bob impression.



Spectacular Soccer Season!

By Kennedy Wortham & Brooklyn Coleman

What a great season the girls A-team had! The team started off boroughs with a game against Homer, to see who played for 1st and 2nd place in the championships or who played a consolation for 3rd and 4th place.

The Homer game started off strong, with a good fight and some amazing saves by Hallie Songer. About 17 minutes into the game, Homer scored. Shortly after, Homer scored again, making the score 2-0. The A-team girls put up a good fight for the rest of the game. Unfortunately, Kenai lost 2-0 against Homer, putting us into the consolation game against Seward, playing for 3rd place.

The game versus Seward was a very different game, with a much smaller field and net. Kennah Gregory scored, making it 1-0. Seward scored again, tying the game up. At the start of the second half, Seward scored again, putting them in the lead. Before the game ended, Brooklyn Coleman scored off of Kennedy Wortham's corner kick, scoring an amazing goal! That made the score tied. We went into 10 minutes of overtime. The game was still tied, 2-2, which meant we had to go into a shootout.

It was very intense for everyone taking the shots, people on the bench, coaches, and especially the goalie. First shot was for Kenai with an unfortunate save by the Seward goalie. Then Seward missed. Second shot for Kenai with another unfortunate miss. Then Seward also missed. Third shot for Kenai, scored with an amazing shot! But then Seward scored. Fourth shot and unfortunately Kenai's shot was saved. But so was Seward's shot. (Go Hallie!)



The last shot, if Kenai made it, we would either win or go into sudden death. Mia Settlemyer stepped up to the ball, took her time, and took the shot. She scored!! But so did Seward, which meant that now we had to go into a sudden death. The sudden death started off with Kenai with a miss, same with Seward. Maci Miller stepped up to the ball knowing that if she scored this Kenai would win 3rd.

Anxiously Maci stepped up to the line to take the shot, the whistle was blown, she stepped back, took a breath and aimed, and kicked. And in slow motion the ball spun until it spun into the back of the net. The three whistles blew, and the referee acknowledged that Kenai won! We all crowded around each other, cheering and celebrating our 3rd place win.

Kennah Gregory said that she felt as though the team improved a lot since the beginning, especially in passing, communication, and shooting. She said that she had a lot of playing time as forward, which she really enjoyed. Her favorite part was on the bus rides and singing "Party in the USA" through the speakers.

Mia Settlemyer played A-team girls soccer because she did comp in the summer, so to stay in shape for summer soccer she wanted to do middle school soccer. She has been playing soccer since she was four in Boys and Girls Club and started doing Kenai Comp soccer in 2019, which she still does. Mia felt that the soccer games were super fun, the practices were intense, and she plans on doing middle school soccer next year for 8th grade.

This season was a blast! We won some, we lost some. Through it all we had so much fun no matter what the scores of the games were. We made amazing memories while we demolished Seward at boroughs (and through the rest of the season).

Silva's B-team players



Isaak Browning
Addi Calderwood
Shane Carroll
Easton Chilla
Oliver Coburn
Hezekiah Curren

Stella Drobnick
Zalen Fulgencio
Sienna Graham
Ryan Hueri
Sierra Hunt
Machen Iverson

Alex Lehmborg
Lucas Loggins
Dominic Machado
Maddox Malone
Killian McClure
Dayzie Medcalf

Tyler Morris
Landen Pietz
Teeson Serrano
Landon Stanley
Dawson Yeoman
Elisha Young

Scooby's Soccer Wrap-Up

By Dalton Wik



Coach Evan's B-team had a pizza party on October 4th. The team wrapped up the season, talked about how well our team did, and everybody went home with an award.



Evan's B-team players

Landon Baze
Caitlyn Cramer
Maci Daniel
Sawyer Graham
Brayden Gregory
Ethan Hermann
Ryan Huerta
Bricen Johnson
Chase Johnson
Ezra Jusmable
Dominic Machado

Brayden Martin
Dezmond
McCaughey
Iversen Miller
Lily Miller
Max Modigh
Rory Rang
Nik Sebesta
Lily Taliesin
Dalton Wik
Fred Zimin

Silva's

Supreme Team

All about B-team Silva
NOT B-TEAM EVAN!

By Lucas Loggins

Coach Silva is a soccer coach but she's also the art teacher here at KMS. Here's an interview with her:

What is a drill that really improves your players? *The 2v2 passing drill really helps them.*

Did you think the team was ready for the first game? *Yes, we practiced all the basic skills we needed to play a good match.*

Did you play soccer? *Yes, I played 5th through 12th grade and was the captain of my varsity team.*

How do you think the team performed in the game versus Chapman?

Very good, the defense was amazing but we need to work on throw-ins.

Do you like coaching more than teaching? *That's a hard question, but it's pretty equally great.*



Coach Silva's practice starts off intense with a quick lap and handling drills. Then she moves on to striking and 2v1, but then she makes it even harder with the 2v2 drill, which is the hardest of them all. If we do well all practice, she will have us scrimmage against Evan's B-team (we are better).

Silva's B-team played their first game on September 7th and lost 1-0 against Chapman, but they would strike back on September 12 with a 9-0 win over Skyview, September 14 with a 7-1 win over Nikiski, and another win over Skyview 6-1. They traveled to Chapman and won 3-1, and finally they tied a game 1-1 against the other KMS B-team.

The team took road trips to Nikiski, Skyview, and Homer. On most road trips players listen to music, play games, or just sleep the whole time. They can get a little crazy, but everybody gets quiet after we get food from Safeway.

Killian McClure is an 8th grader who has been playing soccer for seven years. He joined the team because he's "built different." Killian is a Sweeper because he doesn't want to run much. Soccer is the only sport he plays, and he does not eat before games.

Maddox Malone is a 6th grader who has been playing soccer for two years. He joined the soccer team because he likes soccer. He's a Left Striker and loves it. His pre-game snack is candy because it gets him hyped.

Stellar Soccer Season!

By Elijah Pancoast

The KMS Boys A-team went to Homer this year on September 30 to compete for the borough title. The team was seeded #2, meaning we went up against the #3 seed, Skyview.

We knew it wasn't going to be an easy game. Against Skyview, it was fairly close until we scored a goal. Not long after we scored our first goal, we scored our second, and the third wasn't too far behind that. After our second goal, the win was ours, but the third goal was the cherry on top! We were excited that we beat Skyview, and especially that we beat them to the degree that we did.

We still had our toughest game ahead of us; that game was against Homer Middle School.



We had lost to them earlier in the season 2-1. The game was tight for the first half; the score was 0-0. In the middle of the second half, the first goal was scored. The goal was Homer's, but Kenai wasn't done yet. A couple of shots looked promising, but we didn't achieve any goals. Homer scored another and that was the clincher; the game ended 2-0.

The team was disappointed that we lost, but we finished strong. We all would have loved to win boroughs, but we ended in second place, which is still a great success!

Red Ribbon Week: Be Kind to Your Mind!

KMS celebrated Red Ribbon Week from October 23-25, with daily dress-up themes, lunch activities, and fun prizes, all to raise awareness of the importance of living a healthy, drug-free life. Check out all the crazy hats and crazy hair seen around school on Wednesday!



Magnificent Marchers

By Ben Brighton, Emma Castimore,
Zoe Cole & Joel Moss



On September 22nd, the Kenai Central Marching Band traveled to Colony High School for a competition. We performed our show “Maverick” with these songs: “Danger Zone,” “Fly to Paradise,” and “Great Balls of Fire.” The high schools that participated were Wasilla, East Anchorage, Palmer, Colony, and of course, Kenai.

Ben Brighton – 8th Grade – Percussion

I enjoyed the trip quite a bit, but the bus ride was long and exhausting, 4 hours there, 4 hours back. Marching band went from 10:30 to 2:00 am that day. The whole percussion section sat together, which would include me, but I didn’t because the middle schoolers and high schoolers were separated on the bus, as well as boys and girls separated, but that part didn’t bother me. When we got there, at first a lot of the bands didn’t expect much from us, and one of the Colony kids made a rude comment towards one of our brass players, but after we performed, we were showered with compliments and cheering. My least favorite part was when I got home and promptly threw up about four times not even an hour after getting home.

Emma Castimore – 8th grade – Saxophone

I enjoyed the trip. It was very fun and I liked that we didn’t have to sit by the high schoolers. It was about 9 hours of driving in total and one pitstop in Girdwood where we were allowed to get (reasonable) snacks. We arrived back home at about 1:00 in the morning. The bus ride back was boring because a lot of the people that were on the bus before left with their parents. It was funny because Mr. Stephanos told the middle schoolers to be quiet and the high schoolers were the ones causing trouble. When we went on the trip to Service, it felt like we were driving for a year ☹️. It is very exciting that we can maybe go to the Macy’s Day parade in a few years! It would be very cool if we got to be on live TV!

(check out more pics on page 14)



Zoe Cole – 8th Grade – Saxophone

Everyone got little goodie bags, and in those goodie bags there was a pink lemonade powder packet. You put it in your water and it turns into pink lemonade, right? Yeah, well, I ate it straight from the packet, even after Mr. Stephanos told me not to. It was sour, had a *very* long-lasting after taste, I could taste the packet when I breathed, and whenever I drank water, I could feel it turn into pink lemonade inside of my stomach. I do *not* recommend trying that. Besides that, the ride up was pretty fun. Being up *at* Colony was a different story. It was a little chilly up there, but not cold enough for me to shiver my timbers, and the view when we were leaving was gorgeous. It was perplexing to realize that the kids in Colony get to see that every day.

Joel Moss – Sophomore – Percussion

It was a pleasure to go on this trip that we’ve been trying to attend for 3 years in a row. The trip was really a one-of-a-kind experience that I’m never going to forget. The drive up to Colony was an experience of its own, because we saw some amazing sights on the road like double rainbows and outstanding views. I would say it was worth the 9-hour round-trip on the bus, because I made some good memories there, especially with the speaker playing show music at 1 am. Girdwood was always there to supply us with food for the journey.

The Service trip was also a trip to remember, as we got to drive up to Anchorage again and cheer our football team to victory at state. We ended up winning state for Division III football for the first time in 12 years! The bus ride may have only been 6 hours that time, but there were still plenty of things happening over the course of the trip. It was an honor to lead the percussion section to success this season. Events like these are the reason I tell people to join the Kenai Marching Band, because having more members opens more doors for the program. What the band can do with more support is an interesting prospect to look at for the future of the program.



Upbeat KMS marching band students enjoying themselves despite the rainy weather and the long bus rides!

Pendulum Problems

By Elijah Pancoast

Mind-A-Mazes is a problem-solving competition. Teams work for weeks to design a solution to a “Long Term Problem” and are asked to solve a “Spontaneous Problem” on the day of the competition. Mind-A-Mazes is open to all grades 4-12. There are two divisions, Junior 4-6 and Intermediate/Senior 7-12.

Mr. Bailey is the Quest teacher in Nikiski and he has done Mind-A-Mazes for about 15 years; he creates the long-term competition by researching online for engineering challenges that require the teams to design a creative way to complete a task. He changes the challenge to suit the school district competition. The spontaneous challenge was created by Mrs. Morrow, who is the Quest teacher at Mt. View Elementary.

This year’s Mind-A-Mazes competition was called “As the Pendulum Swings.” Each team aimed to build a free-standing pendulum to complete specific tasks. There were five different tasks to complete to score points: puncturing an inflated non-latex glove, ringing a bell, creating a drawing, picking up an object, and knocking over an object. The initial completion of each task earned 10 points, every time you repeated a task was 2 points, and for completion of tasks in separate planes, you earned 5 more points. Teams had two minutes for their pendulum to complete all tasks.

KMS had five teams coached by Mrs. Nabholz, of which four competed in the meet. Two of the teams in the junior division were made up of 6th graders, The Martians and The HILS (all the first letters in their name). The other two teams were in the intermediate division, Papa Everett and Return of the Pancakes, named after the team that won first place last year. The fifth team was Cave Woman, with only one member.

14 Since you need 3-4 on a team, Cave Woman



(aka Lily Guest) couldn’t officially compete.

The teams gathered in Mrs. Nabholz’s room to work and brainstorm on their builds. She said that she likes to coach them by

reminding kids of the guidelines and encouraging creative ideas and lots of trial and error.

Aidan Cole is part of The Martians, and he said he thinks Mind-A-Mazes is a fun activity using his outside-the-box thinking and engineering skills to figure out how his team should complete the tasks. He thought that his team would perform decently well because they had already figured out how to complete two of the tasks.

Oscar Marcou is part of team Papa Everett, and he says his favorite part of Mind-A-Mazes is when Mrs. Nabholz gives him candy. Oscar thought his team would do well but wouldn’t win.

The spontaneous challenge was to make bowling pins and bowl them over. It was 10 points for every pin you made over 12 inches and 2 points for every inch on the tallest pin. Each team also scored points on how many pins they knocked over on the first, second, and third rolls. They scored 15 points for every pin knocked over on the first roll, 10 points for every pin knocked over on the second roll, and 5 points for every point scored on the third roll.

The competition turned out to be a great success for KMS as The HILS finished 1st overall in the Junior division for the spontaneous challenge, and Return of the Pancakes finished 2nd overall in the Intermediate division for the long-term challenge.

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Mind-A-Mazes Teams



Return of the Pancakes

Elijah Pancoast, Brock Cooper, Sawyer Graham, Dylan Fry



Papa Everett

Benny Martin, Everett Poulin, Oscar Marcou, Andrew Stein



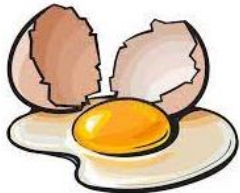
The Martians

Rosie Dura, Mattie Castimore, Aidan Cole, Aliya Davenport



The HILS

Henry Tunseth, Ike Davis, Liam Mesa, Samuel Macias



What's a fun memory from Mind-A-Mazes this year?

Mattie Castimore: "How we felt the first time the pendulum popped the balloon like it was supposed to."

Aidan Cole: "We beat my teammate's sibling's team in the spontaneous challenge."

Aliya Davenport: "Spending time and building the project with my team."

Ike Davis: "Winning the spontaneous challenge!"

Rosie Dura: "Doing the bowling part of the spontaneous challenge."

Samuel Macias: "We sucked at the beginning, but we won at the end."

Liam Mesa: "Ike is a tape addict."

Henry Tunseth: "Ike is good at bowling."

Egg-celent Experiment

By Eli Pancoast

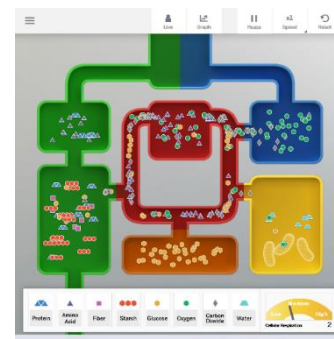
The 8th grade science class is doing an egg drop challenge in class for their Forces unit. The challenge is supposed to model delivering packages to people in disaster zones who don't have access to the needed supplies; the egg is the supplies that need to be delivered. The egg drop model had to be made out of basic materials like packing peanuts, tape, paper, plastic cups, straws, etc. The 8th graders had about 15 minutes to build their design. We dropped the eggs from the top of the high school bleachers. Most of the eggs survived but plenty still broke. The 8th graders had a great time trying this experiment!

Amplifying Science

By Truman Dodson

Seventh grade science this year has started a new curriculum, Amplify. So far, the classes have completed the microbiome unit and are now on the metabolism unit. The 7th grade science teacher, Mr. Lewis, says he likes Amplify because it poses a question at the beginning of every unit, which the students have to figure out throughout the unit.

The students have done various work in their classes. Some of the time they work in their notebooks, but they also do many other things. Sometimes they



experiment with the metabolism simulation, which is an online computer program made by Amplify that

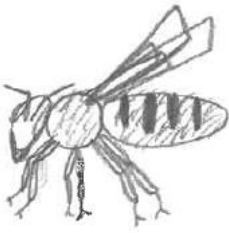
shows how molecules are transported around the body. They also did an activity that involved moving around pipe cleaners that represented starch, glucose, protein, amino acids, and oxygen.

The metabolism unit has taught students how cells get the molecules they need and what they do with them. When starch and protein go through the digestive system, they are broken down into glucose (from starch) and amino acids (from protein). They then travel into the circulatory system, which transports them to cells. Oxygen molecules go through the respiratory system and into the circulatory system, and red blood cells take them to cells.

I myself think that Amplify is a good curriculum. It has a variety of topics that are very interesting and are easy to understand. I am looking forward to learning more about science with Amplify this year.

The Western Honey Bee

By Truman Dodson



The Western Honey Bee (*Apis mellifera*) is one of the most familiar insects. It is widely kept for honey, wax, and pollination services in many places.

However, people sometimes have misconceptions about them and many other bees; people sometimes apply what they know about honey bees to other species.

A. mellifera is not native to North America; it was introduced from Europe. Now they can be found almost everywhere across the continent. They are commonly seen busily flying from flower to flower, completely occupied with foraging for nectar and pollen. If you look at one closely, you can see masses of pollen on the back legs.

Unlike most other bees, *A. mellifera* is social. Each colony of *A. mellifera* has a queen, male drones, and female workers. The ones we commonly see on flowers are workers. When they first hatch, they perform jobs around the nest. Later they perform jobs like guarding the hive entrance and foraging.



Like all insects who grow through complete metamorphosis, *A. mellifera* starts out as an egg laid by the queen, then a larva, then a pupa, and then an adult. Each bee grows in an individual wax cell in the hive, alongside food gathered from flowers in other cells arranged in a specific pattern.

A. mellifera usually nests in enclosed places, and, of course, we also see managed honey bees in artificial hives. Honey bees periodically swarm, meaning the queen flies away with half of the workers to start a new colony.

People often think of beekeeping when they think of honey bees. This is a very important industry in many places, including the Kenai Peninsula. One can also easily walk into almost any grocery store and find a shelf with bottles of honey arranged on it. Some local

businesses that sell local honey include Cad-Re Feeds and Kenai Feed and Supply.

Beekeepers can harvest honey from a special part of the artificial hive called the supers, which lie above the brood box (the part of the hive that the queen lays eggs in). Between the supers and the brood box is a device called the queen excluder; this prevents the queen from laying eggs in the supers. The beekeeper can then collect the supers when they are ready and harvest the honey. I have also read about a device called a flow hive, which can extract honey and pour it out through an opening.

Remember that there are native bees that are very different from *A. mellifera*. Read the next article to learn about them.

I would like to thank USGS for additional information.

It's Not Just Honey Bees in North America

By Truman Dodson

Although honey bees may be one of the most well known bees, many other bees exist in North America. And unlike honey bees, the vast majority of North American bees have not been introduced from elsewhere. These bees live in quite different ways than *Apis mellifera*. Unfortunately, they are not very well known.

Except for a few groups, such as bumble bees, most North American bees are solitary. They make their own nest only to make a place for their young to develop. Most bees nest in underground tunnels they dig, but they also nest in hollow plant stems and other places.

These bees forage at flowers like honey bees - but not always. Many genera in some families sneak into the nests of others. Once inside, they lay an egg. When the egg hatches, it kills the host's larva and eats the pollen loaf that was intended for it. These bees are known as kleptoparasites.



Nomada, a kleptoparasite.

Some of these bees are managed by people for pollination services. I have read that in Touchet, Washington, the alkali bee (*Nomia melanderi*) is an important pollinator of alfalfa.

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It's Not Just Honey Bees

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Farmers make artificial nesting areas in the ground for the bees to use.

Nomia melanderi



You can easily make a home for bees on your property. Anyone can hang up a bee box (make sure to replace the nesting material every few years) and plant some bee-friendly flowers.



LasioGLOSSUM seillean,
recently found in Alaska.

L. seillean

Special thanks to biologist
Matt Bowser from the
Kenai National Wildlife Refuge.



Find my candy!

By Nik Sebesta

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Hershey Kisses
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Hot Tamales
Jolly Rancher
Kit Kats
Laffy Taffy
Left Twix
M and M's
Milk Duds
Mounds
Nerds

Nerds Clusters
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Peppermint
Reese's Pieces
Reese's Peanut
Butter Cups
Right Twix
Skittles
Smarties
Snickers
Sour Patch Kids
Starburst
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Three Musketeers
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Whoppers

See if you can
find the secret
buried treasures!



Nurse Dixie enjoying a sweet sunset!

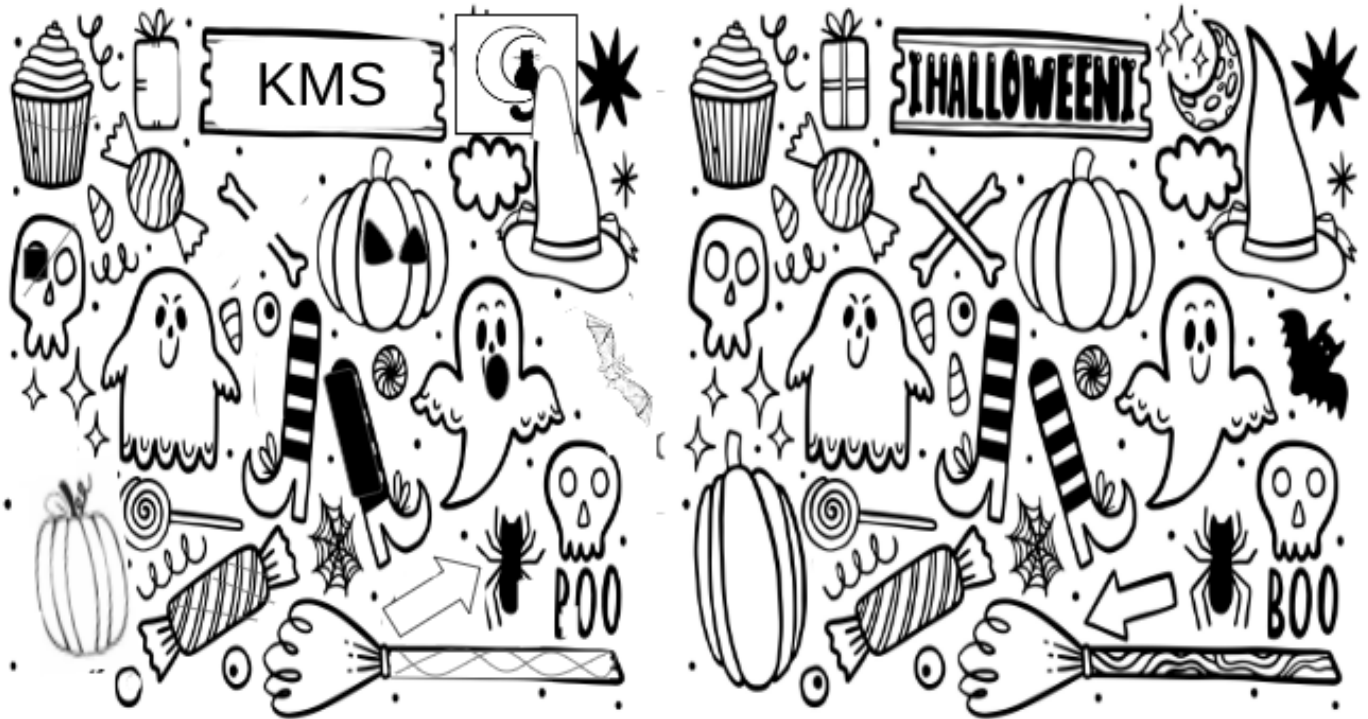


Last week she attended the annual training in Anchorage for the Tobacco Prevention and Control Program sponsored by the State of Alaska Department of Health & Division of Public Health.

"It's just a bunch of hocus pocus!"
-Max, *Hocus Pocus*

Spot the Difference

By Nik Sebesta



20 differences - can you spot them all?

Halloween Humor

By Kelsie Bliss



What do you call a witch who lives at the beach? A **SAND WITCH!**

What did the ghost teacher say to her class? "*Watch the board and I'll go through it again!*"



What do you call a fat pumpkin?
A **plumpkin!**

What room do ghosts not need? A **living room!**

Why didn't the skeleton cross the road? *Because it had no guts!*

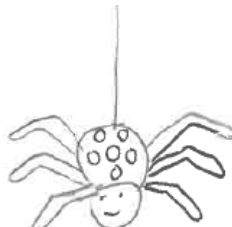
What monster makes light?
A lampire!



Why is Dracula so unpopular?
Because he's a pain in the neck!

Why are graveyards noisy? Because of all the coffin!

Knock knock. Who's there? Bee!
Bee who? Bee-ware, there's a full moon this Halloween!



#KMShtags

#Brilliantband
#Activitynight
#TrevorIsCool
#Code.org
#BteamBandit
#hashtag
#(GoneWrong)
#Size3Cros
#TrumanDodson
#TewAnnoying
#MnM
#A-team
#B-team
#Advisory
#PurpleLocker
#AmongUs
#Halloween
#Amplify
#RedRibbonWeek
#LunchTime
#Room27

Anonymous Confessions

By Sticker the Stickman & NBA Youngboy



Dear Anonamous Connfesions,
“I was very hurt lately. Someone
offended my STANLY! I need
help to make justice!”

-Miss ovenge my stanly Gowrl

First off, spending \$50 on a cup is insane, and
secondly, do you blame them!?! -NBA Youngboy

Dear Anonomy, Confessions,

“I Did somthing Bad, I offended someones stanley
and I don’t know how to make up to it. Pls send
help.” -Anonymous

You need to go to jail, that poor Stanley must feel so
self-conscious now. -Sticker the Stickman

“Yesterday I farted in my hand and smelled it (It
smelled good)” -fart machine

Maybe you, and just consider this, need better
hygiene? -Sticker the Stickman

“Bees eat flowers. flowers are alive Dus that mean
bee eat living thing like humans.” -Anonymous

Bees collect pollen. Pollen is puked into honey. Bees
feed off honey, therefore, bees do not eat living
things. -Sticker the Stickman

“Halloween is a good excuse for the witches to come
out” -witch women

We have a witch in room 31 all year long.
-NBA Youngboy

“I like playing fortnite mobile in the school restroom
while i watch Skibbity toilet ohio montage”
-RivKing14

River, we talked about this, no more skippity toilet
Ohio montages! -NBA Youngboy

“I Once when I was little I Was curious what glue
tasted like so I put a fat glob on my finger and ate it
p.s. Don’t try it” -Weirdo



No wonder your name is Weirdo!
Don't worry, I wasn't going to try
it. -NBA Youngboy

Mr. Rose, you need to keep
these reading guides under
control. -NBA Youngboy

More Overheard

“My pencil is laggy.”

“Can we have Free Friday on Monday?”

“Ew, my music turned off.”

“The FBI knows what I does.”

“Where’s the smacking stick?”

“I just want to blow her up!”

“He just walked by us like an old man.”

“I want beans.”

“Toes, toes, toes!”

“They mummified the baby.”

“Un-cle Sam! Un-cle Sam!” *chanting*

Student 1: “You should poop.”

Student 2: “I’d be concerned if you didn’t.”

gasp “We’re not even in 2055!”

“I took all the nail polish off of my nails and put it in
my pocket. See? Pocket nails!”

“I have an obese owl.”

“I’m sorry for discriminating against your kidney.”

“Your pterodactyl sound touched my heart.”

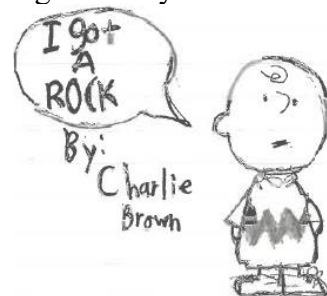
“I do my seagull impression outside.”

“Stop hitting each other, lovebirds.”

“Until the very end when it lopsided on me.”

“I would rather pull out all my teeth and eat them
than be on a team.”

What did you get when you went trick-or-treating?



It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown

Overheard

“My brother asks me for my pant holes.”
“You got any nom noms for me?”
“You tightened my water bottle too big!”
“Paper is just dead oxygen givers.”



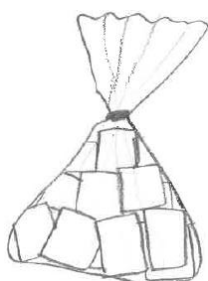
“The grass is crunchy!”
“Where are my feet?!”
“Why does my cat look like an ape?”
Student 1: “He wears Lululemon boxers.”
Student 2: “Nuh-uh, not anymore.”
“I’m sorry, death and backflips are really close.”
“That sounds like a constipated baby elephant.”
“I’m gonna hot glue the tape down.”

“MY WORDS ARE MELTING TOGETHER!”

Student 1: “Are you a pretty princess?”
Student 2: “I am **THE** pretty princess.”
“Don’t touch my stick, I wanna be a ninja.”
“Don’t touch my stick like that.”
“My head is not a utensil, thank you.”
“Is Antarctica really just frozen ketchup stains?”
“Starch has to be in your heart, you have to live!”



“I’m gonna tell you the story of squirrel poop island.”
“Are thy thighs bigger-eth than the table-eth?”
“My right shoulder’s little cousin is hurting.”
“I’m going to invade your home like a little rat and make noises in your walls.”
“My ears are leaking water.”
“It’s like a thumb sock.”
“It’s not magnetiting.”



“It makes my fillings hurt.”
“Why is the stapler speaking Spanish?”
“I found a highlighter in my hoodie!”
“Even if you die, the nurse’s ice will bring you back to life.”

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“Is this what youngun’s call swag?”
“Yo estoy... something.”
Teacher: “What’s fecha?”
Student: “Milk.”
“Green Groblin.”
“Stop putting your big banana on my face.”
“Do you want me to do that with my **BEDAZZLED** handcuffs?”



“But I’m Oxygen Man!”
“Going to jail, hashtag slay!”
“I wanna give you a verbal hug.”
“There’s pig heads in Walmart.”
“Only in ohio skibbity toilet sigma gyat rizz grimace shake.”
Student 1: “Aggressive witch noises.”
Student 2: “I’ll aggressively shove that book in your head.”
“You’re mentally smart but you’re not intellectually smart.”
“If you go to Mexico, dogs will eat your toes.”
“Why is he so zest all of a sudden?”
“We be genius peoples.”
“I’m borrowing it permanently.”
“I applaud your growth.”
“I have a tiny backpack on my jeans.”
“Math is not mathing for me.”
“Asian uncle coming through.”
“She has a really spittable mouth.”
“Always say please and then take it from them forcibly.”
Teacher: “What’s another -ology word?”
Student: “Geography.”
“You’re too little to be barking up this tree!”
Student 1: “I read this book and this book and this book...”
Student 2: “Stop flexing.”
“It’s like a marshmallow that’s like Spongebob’s ex-girlfriend.”
“Hey! Watch your fudge!”



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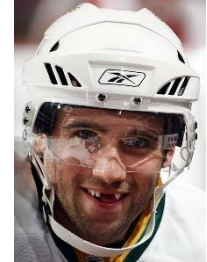
Qwazy Kossack Kostume Quiz

Name _____ Grade _____

In the box next to each Halloween costume description, write the name of the person who wore it back in the day, in the 70's, 80's, 90's, or 2000's! You will use all the names listed on the back. Yes, it's fine to ask them!!!

Turn in your completed quiz to the front office or to Mrs. Nabholz by 3:00 pm on Tuesday, October 31st.
Three names will be drawn at random from all the entries to win a tasty prize!

NAME	COSTUME DESCRIPTION
	I was the Easter Bunny when I was 2. We went trick-or-treating with my cousins and traded candy when we got back home. My favorite part of Halloween was passing out candy and seeing all the costumes.
	When I was about 4, I dressed up as Strawberry Shortcake. I loved Strawberry Shortcake so much and had many of the dolls, plus I thought watching that cartoon on Saturdays was the BEST. Looking back, those costumes were pretty weird with the plastic masks, but I thought it was pretty great.
	I was Rainbow Brite for several consecutive years, from 5-7 years old.
	I dressed up as a firefighter when I was 6. I went trick-or-treating with my older brother Zach and his friend Justin, who is Mrs. Rininger's brother!
	My mom always sewed my costumes for me. I was all kinds of scary things like a devil, a clown, a rabbit... and I was Little Bo Peep for like four years in a row.
	During grade school I always dressed as a hobo, with raggedy clothes, a scruffy beard, and a plastic cigar.
	When I was about 8, I was a ghost, just a sheet with eye holes cut out and blood spatters around the neck.
	When I was about 8 or 9 years old, I was Donatello from Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, and my costume is exactly what you'd think. I had a super cool turtle shell made out of cardboard.
	My most memorable costume would have to be the time I fully dressed up as a piece of cheese in 4 th grade, face paint, hair dye, everything. Don't ask me why; I found out I was lactose intolerant sometime later that year.
	My favorite costume was a toothless hockey player when I was 11. I've always loved hockey and back then I thought the best hockey players were missing teeth. Turns out, they were just the players who couldn't keep their head up...
	My favorite Halloween memory was when I was in 6 th grade. My two best friends and I made a 3-headed monster costume that we wore to school, and then later we won the costume contest at K-MART! We won 1 st prize and we each won a Coca Cola landline phone!
	In 7 th grade, I dressed up as a "picnic." I had the full picnic blanket (and a board to keep it sturdy), with cups, sandwiches, bananas, plates, and napkins all attached to it. The hardest part of the costume was making it fit in the school desks during the day. I ended up having to stand in the back of every class!
	I was Fred Flintstone when I was about 12 or 13, and my friend was Barney Rubble.
	My favorite costume was a tube of toothpaste. Aquafresh. I rocked it in middle school - totally tubular!
	When I was about 18 or 19, my best friend and I dressed up as Raggedy Ann & Andy.



**Teacher Names for
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- Mrs. Adair
- Ms. Chantel
- Ms. Christie
- Mr. Dosko
- Ms. Johnson
- Mrs. Laker
- Mr. Neet
- Mr. Newton
- Mr. Prusak
- Mrs. Rininger
- Mrs. Rodriguez
- Mr. Rose
- Mrs. Smith
- Mrs. Tews
- Mr. Tilly

MEMES!!!

By Lucas Loggins

POV: When Mr. Rose says
we are playing Kahoot...



...but it's for a quiz review.



POV: Scooby Don't

When you walk into class on Halloween and your teacher is wearing the scariest costume you've ever seen so you ask her about it and she says, "What costume?"

