

KENAI MIDDLE NEWSLETTER

Fourth Quarter | 2024

A Message from the Principal:

The spring sun has returned, as we move into the fourth and final quarter of the school year. The winter snow has been spectacular, but we all look forward to it leaving us as quickly as it came. Our 8th grade had a great day of outdoor team building activities at Solid Rock. The 7th grade had a great time out on Island Lake at our annual ice-fishing trip. Our 6th grade students are planning and preparing for 6th grade camp. The Krispy Kreme fund raiser was a huge hit. Thank you to everyone who was able to help with purchasing some donuts.

There is much to look forward to as we move deeper into the fourth quarter. The 8th grade students have met with the Counselors from KCHS and made their class choices for their freshman year. The 6th and 7th grade students have made their elective choices for the upcoming school year. Be sure to ask your student about their class choices.

Last week, we took two days out of our schoolwork week and did our state testing. To spice it up a little and get kids excited to do their best on their tests, we had two days of pancake breakfast and assemblies. Fun was had by all. Be sure to ask your middle schooler what their favorite game during the assembly was. I want to personally thank all the extra work for our school staff and all the parent volunteers who helped pull off two big days of testing.

In a couple of weeks, we will be having 5th and 6th graders from our feeder schools visit of our school. If you know of someone who is homeschooling or a neighbor who is undecided where to send their middle schooler to school, please have them contact us. We can get them a tour and answer any questions they may have. We will be having an open house for new students and parents on April 25th.

On April 18th, we will be taking a break from academia. We will be having a day of mental wellness. Our Sources of Strength program will be working with the community to provide seven important topics to promote student mental wellness. Students will attend seven sessions through out the day learning about healthy coping skills, practicing soothing techniques, participating in physical activities and games and discussing the importance of healthy choices. There will be a flyer sent out parents with further information.

Important Dates to put on your calendar:

- Early Release - April 12
- 6th Grade Camp - May 8,9,10
- 8th Grade Farewell - May 13
- Mini Courses - May 14 & 15
- Last Day of School - May 16

Sincerely,

Vaughn Dosko
Principal, Kenai Middle School

[KMS PURPLE PAGES LINK - MARCH APRIL](#)



CHALLENGER CENTER FIELD TRIP

KMS 6th graders enjoyed visiting The Challenger Learning Center for a Mission to Mars. This was an amazing opportunity for our students. Please ask your student about their experience.

Students were assigned jobs on mission control and the MVT (spacecraft). Their job was to build a rover and send it from Phobos (Mars' moon) to a specific location on Mars. They were looking for signs of water and life.

Thank you, Marathon Petroleum, for making this possible for our students.

SCHOOL FEES

We desire for every student to participate in the end of year activities of their choosing. In order for this to happen, it is imperative that all fees are paid.

Please check PowerSchool to view outstanding fees for your student, or call the office if you have questions, concerns, or are experiencing a financial hardship.

BOROUGH MUSIC FESTIVALS

- Middle School Mass Choir Festival – Tuesday, April 16th, 2024 @ Homer
- Middle School Mass Band Festival – Tuesday, April 30th, 2024 @ KCHS

SOURCES OF STRENGTH MENTAL WELLNESS DAY

April 18th Students will learn and practice their sources of strength and healthy coping skills while collecting stamps for opportunities to win some cool prizes.

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SIXTH GRADE CAMP

- **Camp:** Victory Bible Camp, Sutton, AK
- **Dates:** Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, May 8, 9, 10
- **Fee:** \$150.00 Covers heated cabin with bunks (need sleeping bag), five meals plus a sack lunch for the ride home, bus and glacier fee.
- **What:** Science and outdoor education focus (Matanuska Glacier tour, fossil hike and dig, fire building, first aid, local insect study). In the evening, campfire and capture the flag activities.
- **Fundraising:** Krispy Kreme Donuts – Students were able to presell boxes of donuts for \$20, with a profit of \$9.50 for each box sold. The money earned was applied directly to the student's camp fee.

What a deal!

Thank you to parents, staff, students and sponsors for making this fundraiser a success!

TRACK

Track season officially started on Monday, April 1st. All students are welcome to join the track team. A completed sports packet must be on file in the office before participating in practices. Practices will take place afterschool until 4pm daily.

EARLY RELEASE

Friday, April 12th

NEW STUDENT OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, April 25th

ALUMINUM CANS

Be prepared! Start saving your aluminum cans for Mini Courses. They are held at the end of the school year.

Bringing in a large trash bag full of crushed cans gets your students the opportunity to choose mini courses before those students that do not bring cans! Please do not bring cans to school now, we will collect them April 22nd – April 24th!

6th GRADE INTRAMURAL SPORTS

6th graders have enjoyed two full weeks of intramural basketball and two weeks of intramural volleyball!

All KMS students are welcome to participate in our upcoming Track season. It is a full traveling sport, the fee is \$60. A completed sports packet must be on file in the office before practicing.

MINICOURSES

On **May 14th and May 15th**, Kenai Middle School will offer one and two-day activities called Mini-Courses.

The tradition of mini courses is unique to KMS. Students and staff always look forward to ending the school year with mini-courses. It is the expectation of our Administrators that every child sign-up for a mini course.

There are many mini-course options to accommodate every student. A list of all the mini-course options will be posted mid-April. Please speak with your child about which mini course would be best for them. Sign-ups will be held on Friday, April 26th.

Students who donated crushed aluminum cans will choose mini courses first and then choice is by grade level.

If your student doesn't plan to attend mini courses, the office will need that absence excused from a parent or legal guardian prior to these dates.

IMPORTANT

DATES

IN MAY

5/8-5/10

6th Grade

Camp

5/13

8th

Grade

Farewell

5/14 -

5/15

Mini

Courses

5/16

Last Day

of School

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

November: Maricela Beckman, Truman Dodson, Teddy Dodge, Rosie Dura, Sienna Graham, Kennah Gregory, Nolen James, Riley McGahan, Megan Ross, Jay Songer, Andrew Stein, Gage Sturman, Lilly Taliesin, Fred Zimin

January: Alora Martin, Reagan Reed, Elyse Lundeberg, Noah Pancoast, Alyeska Cronk, Grace Wik, Eli Pancoast, Arianna Thompson, Lyman McBride, Zoe Cole, Tasha Bell

February: Amelia Adams, Aviana Boyer, Elizabeth Buning, Riley Cramer, Ezra Jusmable, Emma Karron, PJ Matulin, Hailee Painter, Melody Pfile, Kaylee Phillips, Charles Roberts, Riley Smith, Tatem Van Slyke

March: Sophia Bilger, Emilie Hollister, Elle Lacy, Autumn McCaughey, Mia Settlemeier, Uriah Smith, Alexis Vanloan

TESTING

KMS completed our AK STAR Testing Wednesday and Thursday, April 3rd and 4th. Students started both days with a schoolwide pancake breakfast and testing assembly! Thank you to all our staff and parent volunteers that made these events possible! Thank you to students who gave it their all! Way to go Kossacks!!

8th GRADE FAREWELL

**8th grade farewell is Monday, May 13th at 8:00am.
The celebration will be held in the KMS gym. Dress your best!
We will see you there!**

VOLUNTEERS

We are extremely grateful for your support!

Thank you for your time and patience.

We love our volunteers!

KMS TRACK SCHEDULE

- Friday, April 19th, 3pm
Homer Invite @ Homer
- Tuesday, April 23rd, 3pm
Kenai – Skyview Dual @ Kenai
- Friday, April 26th, 3pm
Skyview Invite @ SOHI
- Friday, May 3rd, 3pm
Kenai Invite @ Kenai
- Tuesday, May 9, 2023
Borough Prelims @ SOHI, Noon
- Saturday, May 13, 2023
Borough Meet Finals @ SOHI
Running Finals begin at Noon

**Schedule subject to change without notice*



April 2024

Highlights for April

April 12	Early Release	April 30	Mass Band
April 16	Mass Choir		
April 25	KMS Open House		

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1 Track starts!	2	3 AK Star testing & pancake breakfast	4 AK Star testing & pancake breakfast	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Football Meeting for 8 th Graders	12 Early Release	13	14
15	16 Mass Choir in Homer	17 Bus Evacuation Drills	18 Sources of Strength Day	19 Track Meet in Homer 3pm	20	21
22 Mini Course Can Collection 6 th Grade Visitation	23 Mini Course Can Collection Track Meet Dual @ Kenai 3pm 6 th Grade Visitation	24 Mini Course Can Collection 6 th Grade Visitation	25 KMS Spring Open House	26 Mini Course Sign ups Track Meet @ SoHi 3pm	27	28
29 Staff Appreiation Week	30 Mass Band @ KCHS					

May 2024

Highlights for May

May 2	POPS Concert	May 8-10	6 th Grade Camp
May 3	SOS Dance	May 13	8 th Grade Farwell
May 7	Band Concert	May 14-15	Mini Course

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	Staff Appreciation Week!	1	2 Pops Concert	3 Track Meet @ Kenai SOS Dance 7-9	4	5
6 Mini Course Fees Due Site Council Meeting 5PM	7 Track Prelims @ SoHi 12PM Band Concert	8 6 th Grade Camp	9	10	11 Track Boroughs @ Nikiski 12pm	12
13 8 th Grade Farewell 8am	14 Mini Courses	15	16 Last Day of School!	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

TELL YOUR FRIENDS: NEW STUDENT BBQ

NEW TO KMS PARENT ORIENTATION

KENAI MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE APRIL 25TH

5:30PM- 6:00PM BBQ

6:00-7:00PM: PARENT & STUDENT ORIENTATION

Parents, bring your child to enjoy activities
while you learn more about KMS!

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: DODGE BALL, CLIMBING WALL, JOUSTING,
RING TOSS, GAMES AND MORE!**

INCOMING 6TH GRADE ORIENTATION

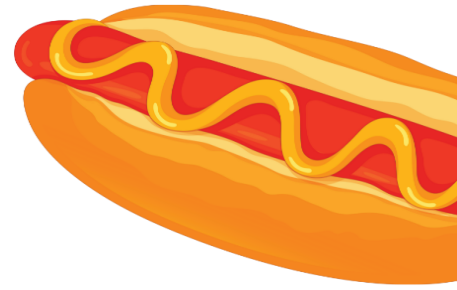
6:00- 6:30 PARENT ORIENTATION IN THE LIBRARY

6:30-7:00 CLASSROOM VISITATION

INCOMING 7/8TH GRADE ORIENTATION

6:00- 6:30 CLASSROOM VISITATION

6:30-7:00 PARENT ORIENTATION IN THE LIBRARY



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