

KMS PURPLE PAGES

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Fantastic Ice Fishers

By Marley Mesa



“Reel in, reel in, reel in! Keep going! You got this! WHOO WHOO!!!!” was the sound of our 7th grade Kossacks, cheering on the successful students who were able to catch some fish on our recent ice fishing trip to Island Lake. We had a blast fishing, hanging out with friends, and playing games until we tired of all the fun.

Fishing & Fires

When we first arrived at the lake, everyone was running to their friends, discussing which part of the lake they should set up ‘camp.’ The teachers set up tables for poles and bait, and a tarp where everyone could set their backpacks. Groups of friends then walked out to various areas of the lake, looking for just the right area and holes. They set up their chairs if they had any, and ‘cast’ their poles into the holes.

Later, the groups gathered up sticks and logs to

make a fire and started enjoying their time fishing and hanging with friends. My group started playing football and 500 farther out on the ice. There were some teachers allowing students to walk WAY out on the lake where Chloe Sturm had caught eight fish! When several people went over, a few more students caught at least one, and Chloe caught a couple more!

Activities & Games

Besides fishing, other activities were taking place on the ice. Many people were playing football, frisbee, or just chilling and listening to music. My group’s chaperone, Mrs. Cramer, brought an ice fishing tent that had lights and music in it. Many people from other groups came over and listened to music with us. Even Mr. Gustkey and Mr. Rose came over to check it out.

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Fantastic Ice Fishers

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After lunch, the teachers started setting up games. These games were seriously competitive and ended up being races at first. The first game, more like a race, was the human pyramid. It was boys against girls, and it was hilarious to watch pyramids growing taller and crumbling down! In the end, the girls won, and fortunately we got a photo before crumbling!

Next was tug of war. The first round's teams were based on advisory teachers. All the students pulled, and the lead was bounced between teams. Mrs. Nabholz's team came in first and the second and third rounds were based on girls against boys. Mrs. Hesse helped the girls, and even Mr. Rose was giving us 'pep talks' before we began. The girls started pulling, and then the boys. At first, girls were starting to fall down, and the boys were winning, but the girls started getting into rhythm, and chanted, "One, Two, Three, PULL!" over and over, until they won. The third round was just the same, and the girls came out the winners.

The last game was kickball. It was hard to kick the ball in boots, snow pants, and through snow, but the girls kicked and ran hard. In the end, the girls were the winners of the day, although the boys were really close! Everyone had so much fun playing the games!

Fishing Awards

On Thursday, March 7th, awards for the ice fishing competition were presented during 7th grade advisory. The first-place trophy for biggest fish went to Machen Iverson; he caught a fish



measuring 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Second place went to Chloe Sturm, who caught a 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ " fish. And in third place came Tristin Shay, who caught a 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ " fish. Smaller awards were also given out: the first fish caught was by Cooper Medcoff, the smallest fish caught was awarded to Teddy Dodge (2.5" long), and Chloe Sturm caught the most fish. 'Most Dedicated Boy' and 'Most Dedicated Girl' were awarded to Richard Milligrock and Chloe Sturm. Lastly, the 'Most Helpful' student was Uriah Smith.

Seventh Graders Have Their Say

Since the ice fishing trip was for our 7th graders, here's what some of them thought of the trip and their experiences.

-Kailey Crouse: "It was fun watching the boys collapse and complain in the games and the girls won. It was super funny. It was just fun because I liked hanging out with my friends, tossing the football around, and listening to music."

-Truman Dodson: "I liked cooking apples over the fire. I also liked setting up the camp, that was pretty fun. Seeing people catch the fish was pretty fun, too!"

-Chloe Sturm: "I definitely loved the fishing part. But also hanging out with my dad the whole time, and when people heard where I caught all my fish, they started coming, so it was fun just hanging out with the people I care about! I also caught about 11 or 12 fish there!"

-Machen Iverson: "One of the fun moments was just getting there and cutting holes into the ice and starting fishing. Starting the fire was also fun. As soon as I caught my fish, I was just amazed because it was so huge."

Egg-cellent Easter

By Amelia Adams



A lot of families have different Easter traditions, whether because of their religion or because it's what their family has always done. For instance, a lot of Christian people go to church for Easter, but some religions, like Jehovah's Witnesses and more, don't celebrate it. A lot of people celebrate the way that has become a secondary symbol for Easter: bunnies and chocolate eggs!

One common Easter tradition is hunting for eggs. I'm pretty sure everyone knows how this works, but some people do it in different ways. Some people (like my family) have scavenger hunts and little clues to find the eggs, while some just put candy in plastic eggs and hide them in various places. Families also sometimes give gifts to each other or their friends, like chocolate bunnies, Peeps, flowers, or Easter-themed gifts.

A lot of people eat ham or lamb for Easter dinner, and hard-boiled eggs are very popular for this holiday, of course, and also make mashed or scalloped potatoes. For dessert, some people have Easter-shaped cookies or chocolate (like bunnies, eggs, or crosses).

Everyone has different traditions for the holiday; these are just some of the most common. Whether you hunt for eggs or hang out with your family, Easter is a very fun holiday, and I hope everyone has a great time!

April Birthdays

By Bridger Copple



01 April Mae Fullsdae
02 Mrs. Newton
02 Sofia Axtel
03 Damian McManamy
03 Machen Iversen
03 Brenda Hall
03 Faith Graham
03 Sofia Tews
04 Amadeus Nelson
05 Mia Settlemyer
05 Shawn Peck
05 Andrew Handsaker
08 Carter Nerby
10 Donte' Bolton
11 Hailee Painter
11 Axel Washington
14 Brennan Roney
14 Heather Newcomb-Hammer
15 Mrs. Tews
16 Oscar Marcou
16 Theresa Crepeau
19 Sydney Hershberger
19 Kenzie Toering
20 Leini Johansen
20 Caden Hannevold
20 Mrs. Adair
21 Aliya Davenport
21 Jacob Barrett
21 A.J. Stanton
22 Liam Mesa
23 Ms. Waits
24 Gage Sturman
27 Brock Larson
29 Alice Theodore
30 Izze Selanoff
30 Tia Ervin
30 Jaxon Hartman

Beautiful Baby Boy!

By Autumn McCaughey



Mrs. Rodriguez had a baby! His name is Kason William-James. Though the name Kason doesn't have a unique story, William and James are both of his grandfathers' names. When he was born, he weighed 7 lbs. and 7 ounces and measured 21" long!

Mrs. Rodriguez says that this summer she is excited to introduce Kason to new experiences like hiking, fishing, and visiting the beach, and when he's old enough, watch him play sports! Her favorite memory with him so far has been Christmas because she has always wanted to start family traditions with her children.

Before Kason was born, Mrs. Rodriguez and her husband started making his outdoorsy-themed bedroom with a green accent wall and lots of bears and trees. There is a rocking chair and changing table in there as well.

Through these last few months, she says that she and her husband have been working hard as a team and helping each other every day. She also expresses her gratitude for also having help from their parents and siblings, saying "It truly does take a village to raise a baby."

Opinion-8-ed

By Amelia Adams



How much time do you think middle schoolers should be on a screen per day?

Ava Anderson: "As much as they want to, we have every right!"

Alex Lehmborg: "Five hours... you should do more stuff in the day."

Ethan Hermann: "Uh, all the time because middle school students are bad."

Eli Pancoast: "It should be about 3 hours excluding time in school spent on a computer screen. Kids need to go outside more than most do. I'd say the time is more for phone and gaming time, not really for watching shows at night."

Caitlyn Burnett: "Umm...umm...umm... it depends on the circumstance."

Emma Karron: "Between 4 and 6 hours because technology is super important and common these days."

Ellore Smith: "Maybe on average 3ish hours - maybe 4, but no more."

Selah Coots: "Me personally, I spend like 4-5 hours, but I would say 3-4 hours per day."

Ben Brighton: "3.254* 10 (to the 6th) no more no less. Because screen time is important to prevent too much learning, and homework is too time-consuming."

Emma Castimore: "30 mins-1 hour. You should be doing band instead, or else you're a nerd."

Zoe Cole: "I don't know bro I'm not really the person to ask. [You should] do these: 6th grade - band; 7th grade - band; 8th grade - more band."

Oscar Marcou: "As much as possible, 24 hours is barely enough."

Andrew Stein: "It depends, if they get all of their work done and still make room for other activities, they should have as much as they want. If they don't get their work done, then limit it."

Students of the Month

Congratulations to these stellar students for being selected as Students of the Month for February!

6th grade



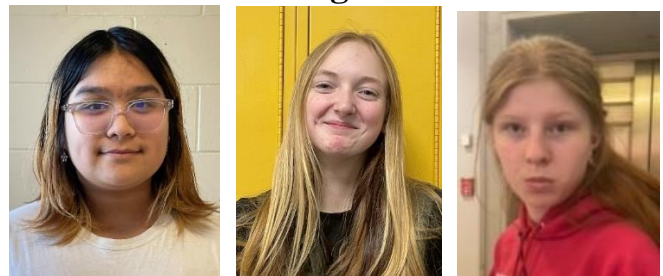
Aviana Boyer, Elizabeth Buning & Tatem Van Slyke

7th grade



Melody Pfile, Hailee Painter, Kaylee Phillips & Riley Cramer

8th grade



PJ Matulin

Riley Smith

Emma Karron



Ezra Jusmable



Amelia Adams

I Took a Walk

By Anonymous

I took a walk earlier tonight.

When I got home from the teen center, I saw that written on the board was a chore for me. I had to walk the dogs. Like most times, I wriggled my way into doing my chore an hour later than I was supposed to, but time passed, and eventually I had no choice. At about 9 o'clock I spoke to my mom, hooked up the dogs to their leash, and opened the door.

Suddenly, a wave of calm rushed over me. The sky was soothing, dull – though sort of metallic – gray, the trees silhouetted in black. I want to say I've never seen anything like it, but in all reality I have. I just haven't *seen* it like this before. It was truly beautiful.

The air was cool and crisp, not cold. It was spring and the air was warming, the snow was melting, but the air was still not warm. Each breath I took, I got calmer and calmer. I felt completely at peace and started walking down the street.

I started walking; standing and staring at the sky wouldn't get this chore done faster, anyways. My iPod was dead, so I didn't have anything to play music on. I wasn't mad, however, not even annoyed. As the dogs tugged on the leash, straightening it, I could hear their light pittery footsteps on the wet ground. Their breathing. My breathing. My footsteps. It all clicked together like a puzzle, creating some kind of intricate music. Something as simple as speaking would have broken the vibe. The *feeling*.

Out of my peripherals, I saw my cat sneaking behind me, just down

the street. He had snuck through the door when I opened it; he was an outside cat after all. But something he doesn't usually do is follow me. I would turn around every so often to see if he was still there, and sure enough, he would be. It was strange, every time he caught me looking at him, he would snap his head to the forest and pretend to be watching something. Maybe he was pretending. Maybe not. How would I know?

On this walk, I started thinking. Not about any specific thing, just... thinking. About writing this, about my grades slipping, about my friends, about my dogs, this next weekend, this last weekend, what shows to watch, and more and more and more. But unusually, I didn't feel overwhelmed. I tackled each subject one at a time, similar to what I do with school. I took it slow. The walk helped me to decompress, to pacify myself.

Like all waves, the wave of calm that had crashed upon me so violently before must eventually ebb. And, like all loops, you will arrive back where you started. As my house got closer and closer, I took in the reality of my surroundings. I wanted to be sad, to be upset that I had to leave and retreat to my monotonous quarters, but I couldn't muster up the energy for it. I was grateful, no matter how hard I tried to be upset. I was grateful I could step outside and work through some difficult things that had been weighing me down, interfering with my life, making it hard for me to be happy. Instead of being brought down by returning, I felt familiarity and acceptance for my space, my family.

I opened the door, let the dogs loose... and I was home.

Blue Hydration Liquid

By Lily Taliesin

Water is important to have on earth. Water regulates the earth's temperature. Without water, the earth and everything on it would overheat. We need water in more ways than one. Here are some fun facts about water and how we use it.

Water usage

Here are some ways humans use water. We need water to drink, wash clothes, clean dishes, and for plants, cooking, and taking a shower. On average per day, humans use 101.5 gallons of water. Water is used for swimming and fun activities too. We need water



for squirt guns, water balloons, and dunk tanks. Car washes use a lot of water too.

Per day, car washes use about 3,500 gallons of water. Water usage is important for everyone.

Did you know?

The human body is made of 72% water. Water takes up about 71% of Earth. NASA has found water on the moon in the form of ice. More than half of the water used at home is used in the bathroom. Enough rain falls in the U.S to fill up the entire state of Vermont. Water is one of the most



important things on Earth.

Admirable Arlo

By Sawyer Graham



Arlo Cooper is a sophisticated and smart 11-year-old in the sixth grade with a fantastic outlook. He helps out at his family farm and enjoys playing games and sports. Arlo also enjoys building with Legos and playing the card game Magic the Gathering.

Arlo's favorite food is pizza, his favorite color is orange, and his most favorite classes are math and geography. Arlo aspires to play basketball, do skiing, and run cross country and some track running events.

At his family farm, he feeds his goats and horses in the morning and afternoon and plays with them. His favorite animal is a goat named Kiwi. Arlo has three siblings, two brothers and one sister, Brock, Eli, and Neka.

Arlo's friend group is made up of Ike, Sammy, Henry, and Quinn; they like to hang out and play basketball. Arlo is very excited for 6th grade camp and looking forward to Capture the Flag the most.

Audacious Audrey

By Grace Wik



Audrey Williams is a 7th grader here at KMS. She moved here from Spokane, Washington when her mom was offered a job here in Kenai.

Her mom now works as the director of the Dena'ina Language Institute. They moved to Kenai when Audrey was in her first-grade year.

Audrey lives with her mom, Jennifer Williams, and their two pets, Max the beagle, and Prince the cat. Audrey commented on her pets, "One's fat and one's annoying." She loves to go back down to Spokane and visit her family down there. She travels down with her mom for about one month every summer.

Audrey participates in NYO, Native Youth Olympics, in the Eskimo stick pull and the Indian stick pull. Some things Audrey finds interesting about her tribe are that they can't eat bear meat, their territory is as big as the state of Virginia, four dialects of language are spoken in her culture, and their territory is the most populated in Alaska.

This year Audrey has participated in school basketball and volleyball and a competitive volleyball team through Peninsula Wild volleyball league. This summer Audrey is very excited to go to Arizona with Mrs. Beck. She is most excited because she gets to travel with some of her best friends, Brooklyn Coleman and Grace Wik (me).

Other than sports, Audrey also enjoys art and shopping; her favorite type of artwork is watercolor. Her favorite thing about it is how the colors fade into each other. Audrey also loves shopping because she gets to try on new clothes and gets to spend money - her mom's money!

Glorious Glenna

By Amelia Adams



Glenna Strongheart definitely represents her last name perfectly. She is so kind and because of that has lots of friends. She is

an amazing student and a fantastic friend. Fun fact: her first and middle names are both from two different grandpas.

Glenna is a very talented artist but especially likes painting. She explained, "Painting is so calming and relaxing." She also loves drawing, and stated, "It's fun and can be both simple and complex to do." Another hobby is reading, because it can take her to another world, which I totally agree with. She also plays basketball, and plays whenever she can, although it is only one of her sports. She also does XC running and track; she loves to run and is amazing at it.

Glenna has one sister and three half-siblings (though she has never met them). She loves her cat Smudge, named that because she loves art, and the cat is very fluffy. She doesn't have any other animals or siblings, but she loves the ones she has a lot.

She has many favorite things. Her favorite color is blue, though she doesn't know why. When she was younger, it was pink, and she still likes it, just not as much. She loves to read, and her favorite book is *The Keepers of the Lost Cities*, though she's reading a lot of books currently, so it might change. Her favorite class is Mr. Prusak's history, because of how kind he is, though her favorite teacher is Mrs. Adair, who is really helpful to Glenna and is really chill.

Capable Koehler

By Bridger Copple



Mrs. Koehler is the newest KMS special education teacher; her classroom is in the portable outside. Mrs. Koehler started teaching in 1986 at Bristol Bay School District in Naknek, Alaska. After 20 years, she moved to the Anchorage School District and taught 11 years at Service High School.

Mrs. Koehler's favorite type of food is Thai cuisine, especially Thai curry with shrimp. Her hobbies include listening to music, reading historical fiction, dog walking, sewing, needlework, and spending time with her grandchildren, who are ages 2 and 8.

Her reading class is working on fictional stories and informational and nonfiction texts. Her math class is working on fractions, formulas (area and perimeter), and pre-algebra skills. Her language arts class is working on paragraph edits, page summaries, and figurative writing.

Mrs. Koehler said one thing that motivates her is listening to public radio on her way to work while drinking coffee and eating her Fiber One Bar. Welcome to KMS, Mrs. Koehler!

Good-hearted Graham

By Melody Pfile



Mrs. Graham is a very inspiring person. She has been working at KMS since the beginning of February and works as a part-time sixth grade tutor. She said that she "loves the opportunity for working with students and encourages them to stay on task." She really enjoys her new job here at KMS. Her prior job was as a library aide at an elementary school.

Some of Mrs. Graham's interests are baking, gardening, and decorating. She likes to bake bread and sweets and to garden flowers and small vegetables. Playing outdoor family games and basketball with her son allows her to spend quality time with her family.

Mrs. Graham's daughter Faith attends KMS. She said that she likes working at the same school as Faith because she likes to know Faith is near. Her oldest son and his wife live in Montana and are having their first child soon. Mrs. Graham's grandson's due date is April 24th.

Their family has two dogs, Abby and Bella. Abby is a yellow Lab, and Bella is an Aussiedoodle. Faith said, "I like Abby because she's chill and doesn't bite me all the time, but I also like Bella because she has lots of energy." Abby's nickname is normally Cougar or Penny, and Bella's is Fluff-in-stuff or Bella-Baroo.

Overall, Mrs. Graham is an extremely interesting person, and you should definitely stop by and say "Hi!"

Superb Speller

By Mrs. Nabholz



When KMS 8th grader Joslynn Bernhardt won the school spelling bee in January, she made a commitment to herself to "bee" the best speller to represent our school! She studied lists of spelling words for as long as three hours each night, writing the words many times and practicing spelling them aloud with the help of family members.

The Alaska State Spelling Bee was held at the Performing Arts Center in Anchorage on March 21st. Joslynn's family drove up the day before and spent one night at the Marriott Hotel, since the bee started early in the morning.

About 90 students in grades 3-8 were at the PAC to represent their schools and districts from every corner of the state. Joslynn said that it felt strange to be up on the huge stage with so many people in the audience staring at the spellers.

She breezed through the first two rounds, correctly spelling the words *simmer* and *charioteer*. However, the word *gullibility* tripped her up in the third round. Even though she didn't advance to the final rounds, Joslynn enjoyed the challenging experience. She celebrated with JoJo's and sweet & sour sauce from the Safeway deli for the long drive home to Kenai!

Musical March

By Bridger Copple



On March 4th, KMS had a concert held at the KCHS auditorium. The KMS Concert Band played with the KCHS Concert Band. The band concert went phenomenally; the bands played in time and were in tune!

Leif Laker said, “It was fun to play in front of a live audience and hear and feel their reaction.” Zoe Cole said, “*The Great Locomotive Chase* was my favorite to hear and play! *Imminent Danger* wasn’t bad. *The Country Club Stomp* was really easy to play and there was a lot of trumpet, but not as fun as *The Great Locomotive Chase*.”

The Great Locomotive Chase is about a train chase set in 1862 in northern Georgia during the Civil War. Volunteers that were in the Union led by civilian

James J. Andrews hijacked a train, *The General*, and took it northward toward Chattanooga, Tennessee doing as much damage as possible to the vital *Western and Atlantic Railroad* line from Atlanta to Chattanooga as they went.

Imminent Danger is about the energy of the early 1990s with the invention of dubstep, and the supernatural sound of sound effects. *The Country Club Stomp* is a song about the celebration of music, life, and love. It has a New Orleans jazz style, with a soft undertone of funk.

The majority of the band students can agree that the concert went very well. I think it was interesting that we tried a change in the types of music we played.



Captivating Concert

By Mia Settlemyer
& Marley Mesa

We had quite the start to the third quarter with the choir concert extravaganza. Since the 7th graders had their ice fishing trip the same day as the concert, we started with a warning to not inhale any campfire smoke or scream so as not to hurt our voices during the trip.

This was hard because when you are ice fishing, you have lots of fun, and when somebody chases you with a fish it is kinda scary and you want to scream. We think we can speak for all the 7th graders when we say we did not follow that rule, but we still sounded amazing throughout the concert.

The concert started with our amazing song *Si Si Ni Moja*. After our beautiful performance, we waited patiently while the 6th graders sang their hearts out for their three songs. We then returned to the stage and sang our last three songs. We finished the concert with a super happy and proud choir teacher reassuring us that we did amazing. And right after the concert, about half of the choir went to McDonald’s for ice cream.

Choir Quotes

Ms. Vollom: “All the kids sang their hearts out. We sang some hard songs and the kids rose to the occasion. I am always amazed at what choir students can do.”

Zoe Cole: “I sang too loud even though she had me back up from the mic.”

Maci Daniel: “I think it was good even though I didn’t know the songs super well because I was absent for a couple of days. I was so nervous, I felt like I was jumping out of a plane.”

Megan Ross: “It was really fun, but I was nervous that I was going to mess up.”

Emma Karron: “It was super better than how we sounded a couple years ago in 6th grade.”

Gage Sturman: “Uhhhh, it was alright 😊”

MONUMENTAL MATHEMATICIANS

By Marley Mesa



On Saturday, March 23rd, the MathCounts team competed in the MathCounts state competition. The team consisted of Leif Laker, Luke Karpik, Eli Pancoast, and Charlie Wang. These awesomely intelligent students competed against other teams from all big schools, charter schools, and magnet schools in Alaska. We are so proud of our smart Kossacks, and especially proud of their big victory. The team came in first place at the competition, defeating all other schools in Alaska!

The Competition

On Saturday morning, these students competed in Sprint, Target, and Team rounds. Coach David Thomas said, “They did great problem solving, worked together smoothly as a team, and therefore beat all other schools for 1000 miles around.” Especially for the team rounds, these students had to work together to solve problems in a limited amount of time. Their practice sure paid off!

Practice Makes Perfect

But these students didn’t just show up and compete, they met up weekly for two to three weeks after school

What shape is usually waiting for you in Starbucks?

A line!

Which king loved fractions?

King Henry the Eighth!

What do you get if you divide the circumference of a jack-o-lantern by its diameter? *Pumpkin Pi!*

Why did the student do multiplication on the floor?

The teacher said not to use tables!

to practice and study for this competition. They had to work on college-level problems in probability, statistics, number-theory, and logic, aside from practicing to work together for team rounds. These students dedicated many hours to practice for this competition and showed great effort in their practices. Coach Thomas stated, “They met every Saturday morning and were given work to step up their effort.”

Coach Thomas’s Remarks

Coach Thomas recently said in an interview, “The team were discouraged when the winner for second was announced; they expected to win second. When the first-place winner was announced, they felt happy, satisfied, and were very proud of themselves.” When asked if a funny moment happened, he said. “Charlie, numerous times, answered immediately, shocking everyone. After the competition, we all went to Dave and Busters.”

We are so proud of Leif, Luke, Eli, and Charlie for giving their best in this competition. You deserved this big win, and best of luck in your future math competitions!

“The individual who says it is not possible should move out of the way of those doing it.”

-Tricia Cunningham

“The people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones who do.” -Steve Jobs

Spring Break Stories

By Kyle Foster



going to New York City and Washington D.C.!

According to Andrew, he was, and I quote, “Domed by a homeless man.” Andrew reported that he was attacked by a baleful banana peel. Andrew was walking down the street when a homeless man was dancing down the same street.

Andrew suspected that this man would go around them, but the banana peel had other plans. Before Andrew could react, the man had no intention to move, so the banana peel he was holding was hanging at the perfect height for Andrew. And suddenly, SMACK! The banana peel slid across Andrew’s face and left him stunned.

But among these fun feats, Andrew toured these charismatic cities with Emma Castimore and their moms! According to Andrew, they went to the capital District of Columbia, which is NOT in New York. But his favorite place that he visited in D.C. was the Smithsonian! They also saw a Broadway show named *Monty Python’s Spamalot*. He also really wanted to add that he almost stepped on a toad that they named “Glomshmekel.”

Well, enough of that, because there is another story awaiting us. If you unpacked your bags already, then pack them again, because we’re going to the Keys, way down in Florida!

Mrs. Holmes traveled to Key Marathon, which is at the top of Florida. Her family owns a boat, which is guided by her husband. They went shark fishing, and when I asked her if it was dangerous, she replied, “Not if you stay in the boat.” She has gone to other keys like

Islamorada and Key Largo too.

Well, I could say the flowers have withered away now, but summer is just around the corner! I encourage you to stay positive when on vacation, stay active, and enjoy the sun! Or you can play Fortnite... I don’t care.



By Uriah Smith



This year Mrs. Rehmer organized the Krispy Kreme Doughnuts fundraiser. The school does this fundraiser every year to raise money for 6th grade camp. The 6th graders sell donuts to friends and family or just random people with a form that tells how to sell them. Some of the top 6th grade sellers were Mattie Castimore, Mila Coleman, and Graysen Besse. The Krispy Kreme Doughnuts fundraiser is only possible because of Kenai Aviation; every year they fly the doughnuts all the way down to Kenai for free. I think this fundraiser is going to be a sweet success!



“The right person
will bring you up
and make you happy.
Sometimes that person
... is you.”



Mindful Marian

By Marley Mesa



All over the Kenai Peninsula, drama programs are taking in new people to act in plays. For example, Kenai Performers have put on many plays for the community, and many students at KMS, KCHS, and all over have been associated with this performing arts group. There are many other performing arts groups where kids and adults audition for plays, like Triumvirate Theatre and Treefort Theatre, whose recent play was *Marian*.

Connecting to the Character

Luey Focose, a 7th grader here at KMS, was recently in *Marian*. Now, of course, this isn't Lu's first rodeo. "I've been in about five or six plays," she said. Lu has been able to learn from each play she has been in, and explained, "I get to learn different ways to figure out how to be that character." Lu played Much the Miller's son in *Marian*, and she stated, "I liked my part because my whole act was similar to what I've been through, and I could really relate to my character." I have been in plays, too, and I can agree with Lu, that actually relating to the character makes the whole play seem real and meaningful. Lu loves performing and said, "The cast was my favorite part of it. They were really fun to work with."

Summary of the Show

Marian is a Robin Hood story, but this show is in a teen edition. The show was about Marian, who is the "legendary outlaw" according to the *Peninsula Clarion*. In the story, the original Prince John has strong feelings about what women should or shouldn't be. Jen Brighton, the director, said in the *Peninsula Clarion*, "Marian has found a way to do the things that are important to her."

Medieval Forest

In most plays, there are props, and even backgrounds to make the show look and seem more real. For *Marian*, medieval forests were the backdrops for the performances, as that was the theme for the March art show at the Kenai Art Center. About 30 artists entered their work, including photographs, ceramics, paintings, and multimedia artwork; Mrs. Nabholz even made and entered some art for the show!

You can take a virtual tour of the art exhibit at <https://kenaiartcenter.org/exhibition-march-2024/>

Locker Stalker

By Autumn McCaughey

Alexus Vanloan, 6th grade
Her favorite thing in her locker is her "wolf painting."



Shayleanne Gonzalez, 7th grade
Her favorite thing in her locker is "my Dr. Pepper."



Indego Erikson, 8th grade
Her favorite thing in her locker is "all my photos."



Vicious Volleyballers

By Bryleigh Williams



On February 27th, 7th A-team and 8th A-team both had borough games. The 7th graders played Seward, and the 8th graders played Nikiski. Unfortunately, the 7th graders lost and got knocked out of boroughs. They won the first set and lost the second and third.

In the first set, Audrey Williams had a lot of great pushes; she scored over 10 points! Grace Wik had some awesome pancake saves! Maci Miller had awesome kills. They all came together in the first set, but in the second set they let their confidence get low, and Seward caught up and won the second set. They fought hard back and forth for points in the third set, but Seward unfortunately won.

The 8th graders won the first two sets and advanced to boroughs. Harper Kruzick, Kaia Dale-Johnson, and Bryleigh Williams were on fire with their serving,

while Izze Selanoff was destroying them with her awesome hits! Kennah Gregory had fantastic saves for the team and saved a lot of balls from dropping.

The 8th graders advanced to Saturday to play Skyview to decide who went to the championship. They battled against Skyview back and forth for sets, and Kenai came through with the win and moved on to the championship against Seward. Seward won the first set, Kenai won the second, and Seward won the third.

The first set, Kenai's confidence was down, and they were feeling pressured, but Abbegail Harwell and Kaia D-J got Kenai's spirit up with their cheers. Kenai came into the second set ready to battle back and forth for points. Kenai was on fire that set, and they won. Both teams battled hard, but unfortunately Seward won, and the final score for the third set was 18-16.



Sixth Setters & Spikers

By Grace Wik & Sydney Hershberger



Sixth grade intramural volleyball has been giving students a chance to try volleyball. Mrs. Beck is the coach for intramural volleyball and has been coaching it for over ten years. She found out that if she can create habits for kids in middle school, she won't have to fight their bad habits in high school. Her favorite thing about intramural volleyball is getting to see huge growth, since they "... learn quickly, grow quickly."

Mrs. Beck is very excited for this intramural season. She says that the sixth graders love volleyball, and they are very excited for this season. In practice, Mrs. Beck likes to have the kids work on passing and passing form. We usually start practice with passing, and slowly move into setting, and, lastly, hitting and games.

Caitlyn Cramer has played volleyball since fourth grade and is doing intramurals to get better for school volleyball next year. Her favorite things to do in practice are hitting lines and the game Queens Court. Myka Battiest has played volleyball before and is working hard to get better for this year and next year! She likes to pass and dive, along with the game Queens Court. She plays intramural volleyball to get better and she loves volleyball a lot. Sixth grade intramural volleyball gives sixth graders a chance to grow and have fun!

B-ball Blast!

By Uriah Smith, Sydney Hershberger
& Bryleigh Williams



This year Mr. Songer coached 6th grade intramural basketball. He has been coaching basketball for 10 years, and this is his 3rd year coaching intramural basketball. He says that he likes coaching intramurals because it gives the kids a chance to play basketball and have drills to practice over the summer that could help them make a team when they are in 7th and 8th grade.

He says the hardest thing about coaching intramural basketball is coming up with fun drills to teach the kids. He has to do this because all the kids want to do is scrimmage.

Caitlyn Cramer chose to play basketball because it is fun. She has been playing basketball ever since she was five years old. She enjoys playing basketball and plays wing or post. Her favorite number is 22 because of Caitlin Clark. Her biggest inspiration is her brother Carson. Her favorite team is the Clippers, and she even went to Los Angeles, California to watch them play. We asked her how many points she usually makes in a game, and her response was, "I don't know, I don't count!"



Hallie Songer was one of the helpers for 6th grade intramural basketball. She is also Mr. Songer's daughter. Hallie decided to help out with intramurals because she likes helping people get better at basketball. She also helped so she could spend time with some friends who were helping as well. We asked her what her favorite game was during intramural basketball, and she said, "Bump, because I love hitting everyone's balls across the gym." Hallie said her overall experience helping the 6th graders was great!



Wradical Wrestlers

By Hunter Pontius

Thirteen KMS wrestlers traveled to Fairbanks for the state wrestling tournament on March 1-2, 2024. Hundreds of wrestlers from across Alaska were there.

Here are the KMS wrestlers who made it to state. Even though not all of them placed, they still wrestled hard.

- 1st - Braylynn Young
- 4th - Leilani Boone
- 6th - Kaiser DesOrmeaux
- 7th - Andrew Fowler
- 7th - Harley Hyatt
- 7th - Landon Stanley
- 8th - Bricen Johnson
- Kaylee Phillips
- Hunter Pontius
- Brennan Roney
- Nolan Stillwell
- Lily Taliesin
- Dawson Yeoman

Bus Ride

The bus ride up to Tanana Middle School in Fairbanks is around 13 hours long, so the wrestlers had lots of things to do and food to eat. Some people brought energy drinks and lots of snacks, and they also slept, talked, and played games. Andrew Fowler said, "The bus ride was long and cold and lots of people decided to try to sleep the whole way up but it was still really fun." Landon Stanley said, "The bus ride sucked, it was cold and loud, and on the way back it smelled really bad."

Bed Time

After wrestling was finished for the day, the wrestlers had designated sleeping areas. Some teams stayed at the elementary school, and others slept in the classrooms at the middle school. Male wrestlers slept in the gym with the mats and shared the room with Nikiski, while the female wrestlers shared the library with Homer.

A Flashback Through Time

By Melody Pfile

Have you ever wondered what our school was like 20 years ago? Or who the students were that went here before us? What were their teachers like? How did the school day function? Well, luckily for you, we are able to answer some of those questions, starting with some people whose daily life took place at KMS.

We looked through the yearbook from 20 years ago and found lots of shocking facts about the school itself, the people at KMS, and the community.

At the end of the yearbook from 2004, there is a memorial page for Officer John Watson, who was born on June 12th, 1960 and died on December 25th, 2003. He served with the Kenai Police Department for 18 years. He was the first officer killed in the line of duty on the Peninsula. He valued his job greatly and cared about his community.



Officer Watson poses with his police car.

Photo courtesy of the Watson family

Mr. Verkuilen started working at KMS in 1995. He taught 8th grade science and coached high school and middle school soccer, XC running, wrestling, NYO, and hockey. He grew up fishing, and that's how the ice fishing field trips at KMS started. Since he was teaching 8th grade science at the time, only 8th graders went ice fishing. They went to Johnson Lake; however, in 2002, they changed it to Island Lake because they had more success fishing there.

On August 27, 2004, Mr. Felchle was sent to Iraq by the National Guard. He was at a lake when he got the news. He had less than three weeks to say goodbye to his family and prepare to leave. In Iraq, they had interpreters that spoke English; Arabic was the main language. Of course, over time, Mr. Felchle and his group learned to speak some Arabic, but they mostly relied on the interpreters.

After two long years of service, Mr. Felchle returned home for two weeks in 2006. At the airport everybody was there cheering him on. Everyone was so happy and relieved to see him. While he was in Kenai he gave a speech to the 8th graders during their Farewell. Mr. Felchle said, "The happiest day of my life was the day I got to come home from Iraq."

According to an article in the *Peninsula Clarion* written by Dante Petri,

Asmaa Almaliki was one of the interpreters in Iraq. When she was younger and able to attend school, everyone would sit on the floor because there were no desks or chairs. Asmaa had a challenging life and wanted her family to be proud. When she was working as an interpreter, she couldn't tell anyone or their lives would be at stake. Many people didn't like that there were Americans in Iraq, and therefore didn't like the Iraqis working for or helping the Americans.

When Mr. Felchle was sent back to Alaska to return to his life, Asmaa told Mr. Felchle that she would see him again. As much as he wanted to believe it, he didn't have his hopes up. One day Asmaa Almaliki came up to Alaska from Iraq to see Mr. Felchle. While she was here, she gave lots of speeches to the students. One thing she said was, "It's important to set a goal at your age and go for it and don't complain, because seriously, you guys are lucky. Lucky, beautiful, blessed."



Six Years Ago in the PP

By Mia Settlemyer

I guess we are making this a tradition, so welcome to six years ago in the Purple Pages!!!! SOooo, it looks like KMS traditions last a WHILE.

The 7th graders went on their own ice fishing trip, and it looks like they had a BLAST. The 8th graders went on their non-liquid mineral experience (Solid Rock). The 6th graders went on their Mission to Mars with their science teachers! They made lots of amazing memories, and it's better to learn about space travel now just in case anyone turns out to be an astronaut.

While we have our lovely salmon swimming happily in Mr. Lewis's room and our therapy dog in Mrs. Adair's room, six years ago some different animals filled the rooms. Mrs. Vann had a leopard gecko and a teddy bear hamster. Ms. Jones had a therapy dog named Tulip 🐶.

The 6th graders in Quest had an adventure at the Film Fest, and the Battle of the Books team came in second! There was a huge article devoted to anime and manga news and some DIY junky fish art. The Overheard and Anonymous Confessions are still holding strong.

That's it for a look back at March of 2018. I think we have made progress, but that's up to you to decide!

Fruity Fiasco

By Sawyer Graham

'Twas two days before spring break when disaster struck. Two young scholars in the sixth grade fell victim to an evil plot. Nikole Justesen and Alexis Vanloan were tranquilly buying a pack of Funables Cherry Gummies™ when they opened the bag to the terrifying eyes of OPTIMUS PRIME gummy edition™. Now *some* people might



think it was just some simple mix up or prank at the factory. NO, as I am sure, you, as an intelligent person, know it is more than this. A PLOT it was, a sign or a signal to all the electronics in the establishment. A rebellion is coming: a devious plot for freedom led by the AI (artificial intelligence). Beware! Go hide in your bomb shelters, dust off your cross bows, and (ugh!) reopen your books! The AI are coming . . .

MONCH DEVICES

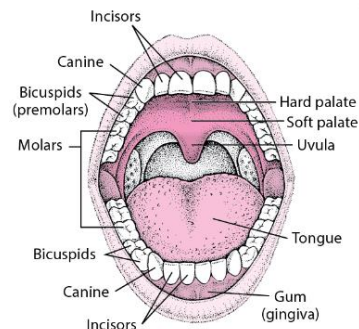
By Lily Taliesin

Teeth are underrated. Did you know that in your lifetime, you grow a total of 52 teeth? You grow 20 baby teeth around 6-12 months old, and 32 teeth when you are an adult. Your baby teeth fall out around 6-12 years old. By 21 years old you should get all your adult teeth.

Teeth are the only parts of your body that can't repair themselves. Baby teeth form before you are born, and then you later get adult teeth. If your adult teeth fall out, you don't get more.

Do you know the names of your teeth? Every tooth has a name and a job. Your four front teeth are actually called incisor teeth. The teeth on each side of your incisor teeth are your canines. Next to your canines are your premolars. Your two back teeth on each side are molars. Premolars, molars, and canines are used to cut up your food. The incisor teeth are used for tearing the food.

Animal teeth are unique too. Different animals have various numbers and sizes of teeth. Here are some examples. Sharks grow around 40 sets of teeth in entire lifetime. Rabbit horse teeth have to be down because they always grow. Giraffes only have bottom teeth. Armadillos have 102 teeth. Snails have more than 25,000 teeth.



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Would you rather - the tooth edition?

- Would you rather have rainbow teeth or clear teeth?
- Would you rather have a mouth full of hair or a head full of teeth?
- Would you rather have only incisor teeth or only molars?
- Would you rather chew ice cream or drink soup?

Festive Film Fest

By Marley Mesa

Over many past years, the KPBSD has been hosting a Quest Film Festival for students in the district. Quest, if you don't already know, is a program for gifted students. These students, especially at KMS, compete in many district competitions challenging what they know. These competitions are strategic and follow the STEM process and add art into the mix; this is where the film festival comes into place.



Sixth Grade Cinema

In the sixth grade Quest Explorations class with Mrs. Nabholz, students did their best to make great films for the film fest. This year, the event was on Thursday, March 28th in Seward. In this 'competition' the films can have fun, optional prompts, like having a chessboard in the scene, saying the word cheese, having a close-up shot, and adding music or sound effects. The students needed to work on having a story or concept and think up original ideas for a fun film. At the film fest, judges are also interested in seeing a title or credits scene and special effects.

“Karen Moms”

Mattie Castimore, Aliya Davenport, Rosie Dura, and Emilie Hollister made a film called “Karen Moms.” Rosie said their film is about Karens in the wild, and that at first, Aliya wanted to do *Dance Moms*, but they decided to do Karens instead. “It’s supposed to be really funny,” she stated. For the special effects or prompts the judges suggested, the girls put in music and have a close-up shot. Rosie is excited to go to Seward because she loves bus rides, but this will be the first film fest she has ever attended.

“MOGUS”

Samuel Macias, Henry Tunseth, Ike Davis, Aidan Cole, and Liam Mesa made a film called “MOGUS.” Samuel and Liam said, “It’s about a version of Amongus.” They decided on this topic because they like playing the game and wanted to make it into a film. When asked if they put any special effects or any given prompts, they both said, “Not yet.” Samuel is excited to go to Seward because he wants to get out of school, however, Liam isn’t excited because it’s a long bus ride. Both Samuel and Liam went to Mountain View Elementary last year and were in the Quest program, so they have both been to film fests for the KPBSD before.

“Apartment Alone”

Liam and I (we are siblings) made a film called “Apartment Alone.” It’s basically a parody of *Home Alone* but set in an apartment; there is a twist at the end! We both like *Home Alone* and wanted to do something easy or funny that we could film at our apartment. We put music and close-up shots in our film, which were some of the many prompts. As mentioned earlier, Liam isn’t excited to go to Seward, and I’m not going. Both of us have been to film fests in the past, so we know what to expect.

Sweets, Treats & Awards

In Seward, all the films were played on a huge screen while students watched and relaxed in the auditorium. Besides watching films, there was a red carpet and backdrops for picture taking, and candy and snacks to choose as door prizes. The students who went to Seward had a long day: a long bus ride, watched films, ate lots of sweets and treats, and then went to Safeway on their way back home for even more treats! What a day it was!

After all the films were played, students received paper ballots to vote for their favorite film for the “Viewers’ Choice” award. After all the ballots were returned to the judges, the awards were passed out. The viewers’ favorite film was called “Kooking with Kevin,” a cute cooking film featuring a 4th grader from Soldotna Montessori. Although the KMS films had some votes for this award, KMS was awarded certificates for “Entertaining Expressions,” “Outstanding Outfits,” and “Creative Commercials.”

Overall, the 2024 Quest Film Fest was a blast for many students at many schools. Great job, Kossacks!

Kossack Kuisine

By Dylan Fry

Key:

★ - one item

★ ★ - two items

★ ★ ★ - three items

★ ★ ★ ★ - four items

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ - five and up

The lunches listed below have been hand-crafted mainly by many different Kossacks' moms, each one unique in its own way. I've rated them all by the number of items shown, not by their quality.



Another sad one was Oscar Marcou's lunch, with just an apple core. 😞



Shown at right was Andrew Stein's lunch. There was no drink or side, just two sandwiches from Safeway.



The one and only Everett Poulin's lunch. This time it included a sandwich, a Chobani yogurt, and various other items.



Killian McClure had an applesauce, an apple, a Capri Sun, a PB&J sandwich, and a granola bar.



This was Brock Cooper's lunch; I still counted the eighth of a sandwich.



"A burrito, Goldfish, a Nutter Butter package, and a Kool Aid."

- Eli Pancoast ★ ★ ★ ★

"A Lunchables, a Capri Sun, applesauce, and juice for big muscles."

- Lyman McBride ★ ★ ★ ★

"Peppered salmon jerky, key lime yogurt, a banana, Body Armor, and a KitKat."

- Luke Karpik ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

"Nothing, I wasn't hungry." - Corbin Grimm 😞

"Scalloped potatoes with an orange Gatorade."

- Ezra Jusmable ★ ★

"I don't like to gamble, but if there's one thing I'm willing to bet on, it's myself." - Beyonce

"Doubt kills more dreams than failure ever will."

"All experts were once beginners."

Pitiable Hall Passes

By Sawyer Graham

Today we take a moment of silence for the poor, poor, eighth grade hall passes: Mrs. Rininger's protractor, Mrs. Moss's holy crate, Mr. Jackson's watering can, and Mr. Prusak's trumpet, car, doll, and paper slip. Each has served their respective time as a KMS hall pass, surviving umpteen bathroom trips, visiting many other classrooms, and suffering the cruelty and savagery of the ruthless eighth grade students.



First of all, and first at this school, is the gorgeous yellow protractor Mrs. Rininger uses, an ancient relic going back as far as Mrs. O'Neill (Mrs. Rininger's predecessor). It is tough, easy to handle, and super handy if you ever want to measure angles on the way to the bathroom.

Then of course we have Mrs. Moss's holy crate, also left by a past teacher; the crate was immediately put to use storing files and such, but when the opportunity to become a hall pass arrived, the crate was perfect for the job. It was chosen for the position because of its size and color (can't lose it), and if you ask me, it might have something to do with the headwear department (*wink wink*).



Third, there's always the faithful watering can of Mr. Jackson. With a useful handle and composed of durable plastic, it was the obvious choice. Despite the enormous hole in the bottom, it is still a useful device for a science class (plus it is very good for tossing around, and I speak from experience).



Last but not least we have Mr. Prusak's numerous hall passes. First there was the shiny brass trumpet, which was unfortunately dropped; then there was the scary doll who was witnessed being violently bashed against the wall and promptly retired; after that there was the Hotwheels Car™ with a string tied through it; the car was placed in witness protection for its own safety.

Now all we are left with is our old and faithful friends, the laminated paper hall passes, who have been with us from the beginning. From the trumpet to the doll to the car, the paper passes have shockingly lasted the longest of all. All this has taught us an important lesson about hall passes: if we continue this mistreatment, we may have a rebellion on our hands.



“You are the author of your own story.
If you don't like where this chapter is going,
it's ok to start a new one.”

Knockoff News

By Tulip Tailspin

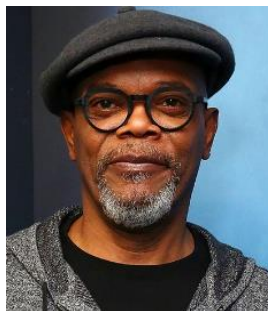
I heard that Tom Hollar got locked in the underground tunnels for being too loud! They say he was locked down there by Dane Jeanson and Leonard Devacuum. You know what I think about those three? I think that Tom is too loud, Dane wears jeans too much, and Leonard inhales most vigorously. Tater Not-so-swift and Jajaw Seesaw caught Dane and Leonard locking the door.

Karen Candashin is trying out for track, but Kyle Jetter is faster than she is. Kyle is always running, so he is fast. They are sports rivals. Karen is an amazing soccer player, but Kyle is better than she is at cross country running.

Elaine Stunk got caught trying to steal deodorant from Morton Freshman. When she was confronted about it, she said she just smelled a little musky. After Aaron Sander got into a fight with his teacher because he was sawing wood in class, Aaron and Elaine started a protest.

Sarah Wittyson is so smart. She is an annoying genius. She talks so much but always gets A+ grades on her assignments. Her enemy, Sammy S. Smartman, is so much nicer than her. Sammy helps people with their homework, shares her answers, and has over 100% in all her classes.

Anyway, I know how hard it is to learn some news these days. These people are all famously strange!



Spot the Difference

By Nik Sebesta

Can you spot all 17 differences between the pictures?



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My exact reaction when I forgot it was testing day



When you can't play Fortnite cuz you have to take a test



That one person who's just gonna fail the test



POV you only get one break during two hours of testing



"So, you see, you gotta go to bed early and get up early!"



That one teacher who loves to read aloud the test directions



"Yep, coffee really does make a huge difference!"



When you realize both tests have 70 questions



When you finally finish the test



POV sleepwalking for pancakes

#KMShashtags

- #KMSmathcountswonstate
- #6thgradebasketball
- #6thgradevolleyball
- #RayBradbury
- #dude-thehallwaystinks
- #flippedlocks
- #everlastingmelody
- #wifflesoftballinPE
- #ALEKSpI
- #7thicefishing
- #canispeaktoyourmanager
- #swifties
- #blondes
- #mmm-kay
- #newbirkenstocks
- #Aprilfools
- #trackmtg
- #isthatacroptop
- #ah-sigh
- #sharpie-smells
- #fortnite-sentences
- #Zopfler
- #thesnowismelting
- #trackisstarting-yay
- #thisissoslay
- #EasterSunday
- #spring
- #trending
- #cap
- #substitutes
- #coca-colatastesawesome
- #umpquasingersinchoir
- #genalpha
- #ilovefastfood
- #imsobored
- #summerisalmostthere



POV stalking for sprinkles



When you're only at school for the breakfast



I pledge allegiance to the pancakes



POV my hair tastes better than syrup

Egg-cellent Easter Animals

By Melody Pfile

The Easter Bunny got lost on the way to KMS, so our scavenger is a little delayed. Sorry!

This month's scavenger hunt has five clues you need to find. Although this scavenger hunt is short, you might find that some of the questions are tricky. If you need help with any of the questions, feel free to ask Mrs. Nabholz in room 31. This contest is open to all KMS students *except* journalism students.

When you are done with the scavenger hunt and have filled in the correct answers, go to Room #31 and tell Mrs. Nabholz the "code word." The last clue is the hardest to find. It's okay to ask for help. Have fun!

The first clue is:

If the Easter Bunny wanted a gummy,
where would she go to spend her money?



1. BUNNY

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Code word: _____



22 NAME _____

Anonymous Confessions

By Open Door & Professor Behemoth Brain



"I like eating foots and toes"

-Hehe_Boi

Me Tooooooo!!

-Open Door

"I LIKE FORTNITE" -FORTNITE LOVER

Although "Fortnite" may be popular, I believe it is all a plot to take over the minds of young children and then Epic Games will have an army of vicious 6-24-year-olds (the most dangerous kind of people), then they would go on to take over the world and have one enormous Battle Royale. -Professor Behemoth Brain

"When I was younger I hated school so much that I would literally prey to god to make me sick so that I could skip school" - Frederick Flamingo

If you truly despised your local education establishment so vigorously in your more youthful time, I think you could have come up with a better plan, although that could just be my infinitely superior intelligence. -Professor Behemoth Brain
P.S. I would never make such a silly mistake back then. Then again, I was at Harvard back then, teaching.

"If you ever see me in class and I am chewing on my lip its not because its a nervous habit or want to be quirky it's because I enjoy ripping the skin off my lip with my teeth, and eating it. (It has a very unique texture) and I have been doing this since 4th grade." -Frederick Flamingo

Bryleigh told me that she does that too! -Open Door

"Is something wrong w/ me if my brain is like scrambled eggs?" - Spiderman

It depends on if you eat it! - Open Door

Celebrity Crushes from “Back in the Day”

By Grace Wik

You know how we middle schoolers have crushes on celebrities, whether it’s Jacob Elordi or Megan Fox? Although it may seem weird, our teachers had their own celebrity crushes back in the day!



Brad Pitt



Donny Osmond



Jennifer Connelly



Jonathan Taylor Thomas

For each teacher or staff member, write the letter that matches their celebrity crush on the line next to their name. Yes, it’s fine to ask them who they were crushing on back in the day!

- _____ 1. Mrs. Adams
- _____ 2. Mrs. Beck
- _____ 3. Mrs. Bressler
- _____ 4. Ms. Chantel
- _____ 5. Mr. Felchle
- _____ 6. Mr. Lewis
- _____ 7. Mrs. McCown
- _____ 8. Mrs. Nabholz
- _____ 9. Mr. Rose
- _____ 10. Mrs. Tews
- _____ 11. Mr. Tilly

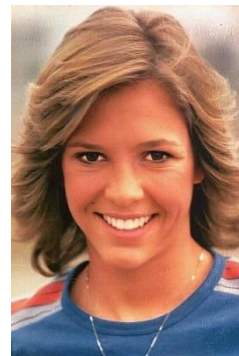
- A. Brad Pitt
- B. Donny Osmond
- C. Jennifer Connelly
- D. Jonathan Taylor Thomas
- E. Jonathan Taylor Thomas
- F. Kristy McNichol
- G. Marie Osmond
- H. New Kids on The Block
- I. Paul McCartney
- J. River Phoenix
- K. Doesn’t care for celebrities

Turn in your completed quiz to Mrs. Nabholz by Monday, April 15th for a chance to win a prize! This contest is open to all KMS students *except* PP reporters.

NAME _____



New Kids on the Block



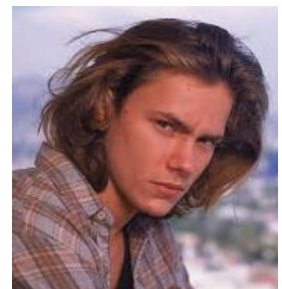
Kristy McNichol



Marie Osmond



Paul McCartney



River Phoenix



Doesn’t care for celebrities!

Overheard

By Axel Washington

“You smell like granola.”
 “Stop eating your clarinet.”
 “Don’t look at your hand like that, you know where it’s been.”
 Student #1: “Las Vegas isn’t a state, it’s a city. It’s in Nevada.”

Student #2: “I thought it was in New York.”
 “Yes, my dog was a candy tumor.”
 “How do you pop a mohawk?”

“I am *the* Caesar.”

Student: “Are you pregnant?”

Teacher: “I don’t think that’s genetically possible but maybe.”

“Don’t drink the cooking wine!”

“I drank some beer ...

Root Beer!”

Student #1: “Indians can’t get cancer.”

Student #2: “I think that all genders can get cancer.”

“My stars are too starry.”



Student #1: “I love makin’ frogs!”

Student #2: “Bacon frogs?”

“Why my cat look like a eggplant?”

“My birthday’s having her sister.”

“My pinky’s juicing!”

“Where are you leaking from? I don’t understand.”



“I was being paid to keep children alive on Saturday.”
 “We’re kinda even but you’re more evener than I am.”
 “My dog have ADHD.”
 “Skeleton loooooove!”
 “My dog is a little dumb sometimes.”
 “Ruthless is a nice vowel.”
 “There’s so much hair in these chairs.”



In bored tone “Oh no, there’s bones on the floor. Not again.”



“How is tickling a book, book abuse?”

Student #1: “You can just take out the teeth of the dentures and give them to the tooth fairy.”

Student #2: “How do you know I have a bunch of fake teeth under my bed?”



“I am the ultimate super senior.”

“I’m keeping my steering wheel.”

“I’ve got a hat. It’s called my hair.”

“My cat ate its own arms.”

“Oh, that’s my floor.”

“Hear me out, what if

you eat toilet paper, and it comes back out?”

“My pants can show my knees.”

“We got to clothe people’s toes.”

“Women are calming than men.”

“I’ve done a potato’s makeup before.”



“This is what a seizure looks like on a chess board.”

“You can’t spoon feed her a sandwich!”

“Don’t spend time beating on a wall, hoping to transform it into a door.”

“Life is 10% what happens and 90% how you react to it.” -Charles R. Swindoll