

# Kossack Kable



February 2017

Dear KMS Families,

As we enter the last semester of the school year, I would like to encourage every parent to help keep their children focused on school. Winter seems to get long this time of the year, and students need to be encouraged to stay involved in school activities and homework. Research has shown that students who attend school on time every day perform much better than their peers who have excessive tardies or unexcused absences. Parents and teachers have the same goal - to provide the best education for their children/students. Working together we can maximize the educational opportunities for every child.

Our academic focus this year is to improve student achievement through student engagement. We appreciate anything and everything you can do at home to assist your child in completing homework, studying nightly, getting plenty of sleep, and valuing a quality education. We value your educational partnership! Your child's success is our goal, and we can't reach that without your support and efforts.

Second semester parent/teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 12:00pm – 4:00pm and 5:00pm – 7:00pm. Core teachers will be located in the gym, and exploratory staff members will be in the commons. Please stop by the counselors table in the entrance of the school to pick up your student's progress report. There will be no school for students on Thursday or Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>. You may contact the school if you are unable to attend conferences and would like to make other arrangements for a parent/ teacher conference. KMS teachers are available throughout the school year to meet with parents.

As always, Kenai Middle School offers an After School Program three afternoons a week. If you would like to have your child in the program, please contact the office at 283-1700. After school bus transportation is available to six different locations in the community.

Please take time to visit your child's classroom. Again, we look forward to working with you to provide a meaningful academic experience for your child and we always encourage you to communicate your concerns and comments.

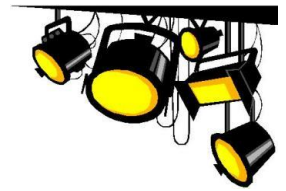
Sincerely,

Vaughn Dosko  
Kenai Middle School



## TALENT SHOW

The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual KMS- Mt. View- Kaleidoscope Talent Show will be held February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7PM at the KCHS Auditorium. With over 20 acts this is sure to be a crowd pleasing event you won't want to miss. With a plethora of entertainment, you will be delighted with vocal performances, dance numbers, and more. We hope to see you there.



Kenai Middle School held their *Geography Bee* last week. Here are the results: 3<sup>rd</sup> place is Liam Whitney 2<sup>nd</sup> place is Jenna Tureman, and the 2017 Kenai Middle School *Geography Bee* Champion is: Sorin Sorenson - 1<sup>st</sup> place. Sorin took a test that will be mailed into National Geographic Society Headquarters in Washington D.C. If he does well on this test, he will be invited to the State *Geography Bee* in Anchorage. Should he win there, he will travel to Washington D.C. to represent Alaska. Again, congratulations Sorin, and good luck!



The competition in last Friday's *Spelling Bee* at KMS was fierce! It seemed as if everyone had studied their words and were ready to win. Because of that, we had to finish our *Spelling Bee* on Monday.

The *Spelling Bee* Finalists were:

- Amelia Mueller
- Ashley Dahlman
- Courtney Ellis
- Dyson Nelson
- Lillian Miller
- Sorin Sorensen

More tough competition occurred Monday! Six spellers went seven more rounds to determine the top places:

1. Courtney Ellis – 1<sup>st</sup> Place
2. Sorin Sorensen – Alternate
3. Dyson Nelson
4. Ashley Dahlman/Amelia Mueller/Lillian Miller

It was great to have all three grades represented by the final six competitors, and they were spelling much harder words than last year, all the way up to the 9<sup>th</sup> grade list. Congratulations!

Special thanks to our honored pronouncer, Mrs. Nabholz, and our three honored judges: Ms. Johnson, Ms. Gann and Mr. Gustkey.

# Students Of The MONTH

We would like to congratulate the following students for being a January Student of the Month: Ellen Atchley, Bridger Beck, Nia Calvert, Kimberly Chanley, Courtney Ellis, Chloe Goldsby, Sydney Johnson, Carson Koppes, and Luca Tunseth. These students will receive a pizza for lunch on Thursday. Great job everyone!

## Tackle mid-year slumps with empathy, goals and activities

A mid-year slump can be bad news for students and their grades. To keep your child from getting bogged down in the middle of the school year:

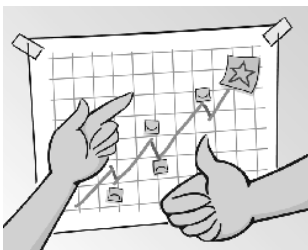
- Watch her language. Does she frequently mention that class is always boring or that she never does well? Call her on it. "It sounds like you're frustrated about school. Let's figure out how we can make things better."
- Shift the focus. Turn her attention to other things--such as extracurricular activities or volunteer work. The novelty of doing something different may help her feel motivated again.
- Suggest goal-setting. Help her set concrete goals and then become her cheerleader as she tries to meet them. Working hard toward something specific may make her feel less like she's merely "plodding along."

## Are you teaching your child to be kind to others?

- Being a "mean girl" or a bully is never the way to succeed in school--or in life. Answer yes or no to the questions below to see if you are promoting kindness in your child:
- \_\_\_1. Do you model kindness by treating your child and all others with kindness and respect?
- \_\_\_2. Do you tell your child that the Golden Rule (treating others as you would like to be treated) is a very important value in your family?
- \_\_\_3. Do you promote empathy in your child? "Remember how you felt when you didn't get invited to Kaitlyn's party?"
- \_\_\_4. Do you praise your child whenever you see her being kind to somebody else?
- \_\_\_5. Do you encourage your child to befriend a wide variety of students?

### How well are you doing?

- The more yes answers you have means you are demonstrating kindness to your child. For no answers, try those ideas from the quiz.



# SCHOOL COUNSELOR CT

## News from Ms. Johnson- KMS School Counselor

Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be participating in the NAEP assessment on February 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a federally-mandated test to assess how education is across the nation. In a sense, it is our national report card for education. We must have 90% of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade participate, please mark your calendars to get your student to school on time that day.

The week of February 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be collecting elective requests for next year's schedule from the current 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders. You will be able to view your student's selections under the "Class Registration" tab on PowerSchool, until March 1<sup>st</sup>. At that point, the requests screen will be deactivated as the build process for next year's master schedule will begin. Students will be able to view their next semester schedules in the fall.

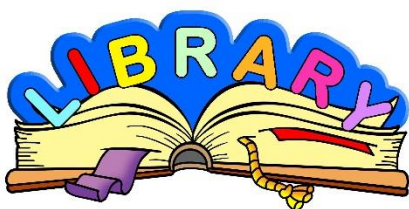
The High School counseling team will be visiting February 22<sup>nd</sup> to accept elective requests from the 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Your 8<sup>th</sup> grade student will be bringing home a paper for you to sign that needs to be returned to the counseling office at KMS.



## March 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### *ARRIVING LATE/ LEAVING EARLY*

Just a reminder- if your student arrives late to school, please make sure your student stops by the office. If you are taking your student early, please make sure you sign them out at the office. In the event of emergency, it is imperative we know who is in the building. Thank you for your attention and cooperation.



## **KMS Library**

Look at what is happening @ your library. Need a new series? We have some of the latest available. What is a banned book? Take a look at the bulletin board in the library. New books are on display! Need some help? Just ask! Is your book overdue? You can renew it now!

## **Remind your child that there is no such thing as online privacy**

Use of social media sites such as Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat is on the rise. Middle and high school students have signed up in droves to share their thoughts, messages, photos and videos on such sites.

To help your middle schooler make the best choices while on social networking sites, you should monitor what she posts.

In addition:

- Talk to your child about her online “friends.” The accounts your child creates can be viewed or followed only by people she allows. Make sure your child allows only people she actually knows in real life to view her posts.
- Remind your child that nothing is ever completely removed from the internet. She should think carefully before posting anything that would damage her reputation or someone else’s friendships.
- Talk about values. Remind your child that if she wouldn’t do or say something in real life, she should avoid doing it and saying it online.
- Stress safety. Your child should never post information that would allow someone to locate her in real life. She should also never arrange to meet anyone she has only met online.

## **Four strategies can reduce your middle schooler’s test anxiety**

Does your middle schooler’s stomach do flip-flops the night before a huge test? Does yours? Relax! Although you can’t take the test for your child, there are lots of ways you can help her get ready.

To help your child prepare:

1. Chat with her. Ask your middle schooler why she’s so nervous about the test. Is the material too hard? Does she not understand it? Sometimes just getting her concerns off her chest can make the test less scary.
2. Help her make a study schedule. If the test is next week, encourage her to set aside study time on each of the days leading up to it. This may keep her from cramming the night before.
3. Create a comfy study spot. Carve out a quiet, well-lit place at home where your middle schooler can study. Make sure she has all the supplies she needs—including a healthy snack—when she sits down to hit the books.
4. Remind her of her strengths. “I know you’re worried about the big science test, but remember how well you did on the last one?” Focus on the positives.

Later, when your child receives her test grade, talk about it. If she did well, celebrate her success. If she didn’t, calmly go over what went wrong and talk about how she can improve next time.



# QUARTER 2 HONOR ROLL

**4.0**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Blum, Erin; Calvert, Nia; Carver, Taylor; Cox, Kaya; Edwards-Dean, Emmarie; Ellis, Courtney; Grzybowski, Matthew; Harden, Karley; Koppes, Connor; Lauritsen, Kaylee; Moffett, Abigail; Morrow, Grace; Pitsch, Rachael; Rolph, Owen; Vann, Tucker; Wolverton, Megan

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Ashley, Brooke; Atchley, Ellen; Baisden, Samuel; Crabb, Caitlin; Doyle, Milena; Duck, Delaney; Easley, Olivia; Fallon, Leah; Foster, Summer; Haga, Nathan; Hanson, Hayden; Herrmann, Kaitlyn; Hippchen, Tyler; Huett, Taylor; Johnson, Sydney; Kinzel, Christian; Koppes, Carson; Koziczkowski, Erin; Larson, Audrey; Moffett, Elizabeth; Nash, Amber; Olson, Nevaeh; Poulin, Koda; Streiff, Jenna; Tews, Gabriella; Thomas, Phoebe; Trenton, Joyce; Tureman, Jenna

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Beck, Bridger; Boonstra, Jayna; Cooper, Nekoda; Dahlman, Ashley; Followell, Hailey; Goldsby, Chloe; Graves, Reagan; Grieme, Malena; Holmes, Calani; Kisena, Aicha; Raften, Sean; Reed, Brooklyn; Shelden, Daniel; Sorensen, Eva; Sparks, Rylie; Tennison, Carter; Whicker, Owen; Witt, Jorie

**3.5**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Baisden, James; Beck, Vanessa; Coon, Lily; Coray, Keegan; Cotler, Seth; Diorec, KuKoa; Dunham, Maison; Every, Abigail; Fields, Caden; Followell, Cloey; Gaul, McCullen; Girves, Aubrey; Graves, Riley; Grieme, Marek; Hamar, Arielle; Hansen, Gabrielle; Hanson, Brayden; Hanson, Cody; Hanson, Julia; Harris, Isabelle; Juliussen, Cheyenne; Katzenberger, Joshua; Koppes, Rachel; Morris, Bethany; Ochea, Herald; Pierce, Taylor; Shaginoff, Maria; Slaughter, Trevor; Sorensen, Sorin; Stelly, Mia; Tiepelman-Sours, Cassius; Tomrdle, River; Tree, Joshua; Tunseth, Lucas; Updike, Riley; Walluk, Haven; Wiznewski, Jacob

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Amend, Xander; Bernard, Denali; Bush, Chevylee; Castillo, Maccoy; Dilucchio, Alisabeth; Dunahm, Marcus; Duniphin, Daemon; Easling, Kaleb; Ellis, Hannah; Freeman, Jonathan; Galloway, Amanda; Grimm, Cooper; Grzybowski, Elizabeth; Jeffries, Sydney; Lawrence, Ambrosia; Olsen, Landon; Parkki, Hadessah; Reed, Liliana; Roberts, Samuel; Satathite, Logan; Shears, Katie; Stockton, Catherine; Ticknor, Isaiah; Villegas, Valerie; Whicker, Talon;

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Anderson, Tre'len; Baughn, Ashlynn; Bernard, Cooper; Boersma, Benjamin; Broussard, Hope; Calvert, Ky; Case, Gwendolyn; Chanley, Kimberly; Coghill, Kenneth; Coray, McKenzie; Crabb, Marina; Easling, Shelby; Fadden, Malcolm; Gaethle, Andrew; Gerow, Ethan; Hurst, Maryna; Joseph, Esther; Kramer, Patrick; Lockwood, Dawson; Miller, Lillian; Morris, Eli; Pierce, Ryan; Robinson, Dakari; Tallent, Ayla; VanRaden, Jesse; Van Haden, Mattie; Ward, William; Witt, Jaylynn

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Aaronson, Jan; Anderson, Khloe; Arness, Aiden; Baker, Sammy; Biamonte, Kalei; Boze, Tuf; Breff, Shae; Evarts, Thomas; Howard, Alivia; Miller, Juzsttiniun; Morrow, Hanna; Pratt, Kara; Reese, Riley; Rice, Kyle; Roumell, Kaitlin; Santana, Dulce; Spotted Eagle-Wong, Rain

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Andrew, Taylor; Begich, Jacob; Bookey, Corvin; Bowers, Brandiee; Crapps, Ryan; Denison, Joseph; Dilucchio, Angelina; Dirks, Michael; Duniphin, Dylan; Erwin, Isaac; Hamilton, Joseph; Kvasnikoff, Jeremiah; Lanfear, Hermoine; Martin, David; Miller, Kaylee; Mueller, Amelia; Murphy, Shannon; Pierren, Alexis; Pontius, Isaac; Stanley, Macy; Todd, Layne; Whitney, Liam

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Adkins, Kage; Anderson, Alexander; Anderson, Angel; Anderson, Thomas; Anglebrandt, Adam; Bucho, Blake; Castrellon, Benjamin; Chaffee, Kevin; Clark, Kai; Dawson, Logan; Dominic, Michael; Ellis, Naomi; Evarts, Myles; Hansen, Bianca; Hopkins, Melanie; Katzenberger, Isabella; Langham, Gavin; Larsen, Silas; Mallory, Carmen; McDonald, Avry; Medina, Keagen; Nash, Mary; Noriega, Kimberly; Nunn, Malerie; Phillips, Jorgi; Purcell, Jackson; Quimby, Kaden; Russell, Caleb; Thibodeau, Silas; Trevino, Genesis; Vaudrin, William; Wolfe, Fiona





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# KMS VOLLEYBALL 2017

## **8<sup>TH</sup> Grade A Team**

Saturday, February 4 <sup>th</sup>	@ Skyview	10:00	Jamboree
Tuesday, February 7 <sup>th</sup>	@ Skyview 7 <sup>th</sup>	3:00	
Tuesday, February 14 <sup>th</sup>	vs. Seward	6:00	
Thursday, February 16 <sup>th</sup>	vs. Skyview 8 <sup>th</sup>	3:00	
Monday, February 20 <sup>th</sup>	vs. Kenai 7 <sup>th</sup>	3:00	
Tuesday, February 21 <sup>st</sup>	@ Homer	6:00	
Thursday, February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	@ Nikiski	4:30	
Tuesday, February 28 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	TBA	1 <sup>st</sup> Round Boroughs
Saturday, March 4 <sup>th</sup>	@ Nikiski	TBA	Borough Finals

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## **B Team**

Tuesday, February 7 <sup>th</sup>	@ Skyview	4:30
Tuesday, February 14 <sup>th</sup>	vs. Seward	4:30
Thursday, February 16 <sup>th</sup>	vs. Skyview	6:00
Tuesday, February 21 <sup>st</sup>	@ Homer	4:45
Thursday, February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	@ Nikiski	3:00

## **C Team**

Thursday, February 14 <sup>th</sup>	vs. Seward	3:00
Tuesday, February 21 <sup>st</sup>	@ Homer	3:30





# FEBRUARY 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <u>CLUBS</u>	2 28 <sup>th</sup> Annual KMS-Mtn. View- Kaleidoscope <b><u>TALENT SHOW</u></b> 7:00 @ KCHS Auditorium	3 XC Ski Meet @ SMS 3:00	4 Wrestling- Nikiski Invitational 10:00 <b>Volleyball Jamboree @ Skyview 10:00</b>
5	6	7 KMS 7 <sup>th</sup> @ SMS 3PM	8 EARLY RELEASE <u>NO CLUBS</u>	9 KMS Conferences 12-4 or 5-7 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	10 <b>No School for Students</b>	11
12 LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY	13	14 Battle of the Books District Competition 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	15 <u>CLUBS</u>	16	17 XC Ski Meet @ Homer 3 PM	18 
19	20 <b>PRESIDENT'S DAY</b> 	21	22 <u>CLUBS</u>	23 Site Council Meeting 4:30 PM	24 XC Ski Meet @ Seward 3PM	25
26 	27	28 <b>VOLLEYBALL 1<sup>ST</sup> Round of Boroughs</b>	1	2	3	4