

# Kossack Kable



November 2017

## Principal's Message

I want to take this opportunity to thank parents for coming to October's parent-teacher conferences. The conferences were well attended both days and we appreciated all your input and support. Taking time from your busy schedule to meet with your child's teachers sends your child a clear message that their education is a high priority. Kenai Middle Staff appreciates families who work closely with their children to teach them the value of life-long learning. When you take the time to help your middle school student understand the importance of responsibility, self-discipline, good manners, healthy competition, and cooperation their learning experience is enriched.

KMS is extremely proud of all the students who participated in our fall sports/music/drama/quest programs. We'd like to congratulate the students who represented our school in such positive ways. The large number of students who participated in these events is a real celebration. Kenai Middle students excel in part because of the support and efforts of involved parents and guardians. Thank you for being present in your student's lives.

As winter approaches, please take the time to make sure your child is dressed appropriately. Although the school and buses tend to be warm enough for shorts, if there were a reason for students to be in the weather, it could be a hazardous situation. Please contact us if obtaining the proper warm clothing is a hardship. Students are welcome to shop at our "Kossack Korner".

In case of bad weather or roads the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District will update KSRM and the school district website as well as Facebook. Kenai Middle School also posts updates via our Facebook page. To keep up to date you can like us there @ Kenai Middle School.

Our After School Tutoring program will start on November 7<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in having your son or daughter participate in our after school program, please contact the school for the tutorial sign up paperwork. This program fills up fast so please submit your paperwork early.

Our electronics reader board is up and running. We are learning how to operate and create new messages. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, we would love to hear from you.

You could not give our staff a better gift than healthy and well prepared students who are eager to learn! We hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and we look forward to a terrific second quarter.

Sincerely,  
Vaughn Dosko  
Principal, Kenai Middle School

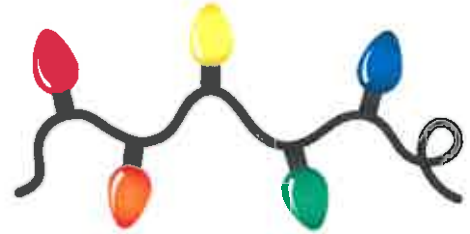


# CHRISTMAS DRIVE

*The holidays are upon us and we want you to know help is available for any of our KMS families who might need a little extra assistance this season.*

*Holiday Christmas Drive applications are available at the KMS office for families in need. Please be mindful of deadline dates.*

*Additionally, we are always looking for families who are able to assist other families in need. If this is you, please consider grabbing an application and turning it in at the office. Application is included in this newsletter.*



Congratulations to our October Students of the Month, Tommy Baker, Jayna Boonstra, Lianna Carranza, Kimberly Chanley, Julianna Hamilton, Vincent Hensley, Kori Moore, Koda Poulin, and Kylee Verkuilen. These students received a pizza for lunch to celebrate their accomplishments!

**This quarter in 7<sup>th</sup> grade Health, we will be discussing Physical Health and Nutrition! We've kicked off the quarter discussing Halloween Candy, and how even though the candies are "Fun Sized" they are NOT fun for health! We also have been working with Jade Mann, our Career Guidance Liaison for the district on our AKICS (Alaska Career Information Systems) Personal Learning and Career Plans (PLCP). The 7<sup>th</sup> grade students are learning about what careers fall into their current interests, what types of educational goals are needed for those careers (or the careers they are interested in), and the average amount a person makes in a specific career field. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders have been learning about how much money it costs to be an independent grown-up, and whether or not their career aspirations will meet how much money they are guessing they will need. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders are also updating their career interests, and seeing if they have changed or are similar to what they were thinking last year as 7<sup>th</sup> graders. It's fun to watch their interests grow and change with time, or remain steadfast! You can view certain aspects of what we do on your Powerschool account. Look at the Navigation Menu on the left-hand side of your screen for the Personal Learning and Career Plan (PLCP) button. Your student can also show you everything we've done on the AKICS portal by logging on at home through their Powerschool account.**



# Expect your child to keep commitments

“His word was as good as his bond.” This old adage, which refers to a person who always does what he says he will, is one of the cornerstones of responsibility.

Tell your child you expect him to keep his promises and commitments. Encourage him to:

- Think before agreeing to do something. It's great to take on new responsibilities, but your child should only do this if he feels he is ready and if he has the time. Whether it's agreeing to tutor a friend in math or helping a neighbor clean up his lawn, your child should make sure he will be able to follow through.
- Avoid making excuses. If your child misses a commitment, he needs to be accountable. He should acknowledge his mistake, apologize and ask if there is anything he can do to make it up to the person.
- Honor the commitments he makes to himself. When your child sets a goal and creates a plan to achieve it, he is making a promise. Living up to that promise will boost his self-confidence, productivity and happiness.



Congratulations to our Box Tops winners for the months of September and October- Abigail Giles and Kylie Verkuilen. These two girls received root beer floats to celebrate! KMS earns extra funds for Box Tops so please remember to cut and save then turn them in at the office. The student who

turns in the most Box Tops for the Month will earn themselves a root beer float. We are currently collecting for the month of November. Good Luck!



The American Mathematics Competition is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>! 100 of Kenai Middle School's advanced math students will participate in this national test. Students from all three grade levels will test their mathematical skill and knowledge! Good luck Kossacks!



We would like to introduce you to PowerSchool. PowerSchool is the best way to remain informed and get up to the minute updates on your KMS student.

With the PowerSchool program, KMS accesses and maintains student, staff, and schedule information. Kenai Middle School uses the Internet to manage student information and parent communication.

The PowerSchool Parent Portal gives parents access to real-time information including attendance, grades, class fees, lunch balances, assignments, school bulletins, and messages from teachers. Everyone stays connected and parents are able to participate in their student's progress.

Once your account is created, you can manage your account information, link multiple students to your account, and modify your notification preferences. If you've forgotten your account sign in information, you can retrieve them by using auto-recovery.

## **Behavior is easier to understand if you know how preteens think**

Parenting a middle schooler today can be challenging. Your child acts like she knows everything, and at times she seems so grown up.

The important word is seems. It doesn't matter how cool your child acts—it will be years before she can think like an adult.

Keep in mind that:

- Emotional thinking usually wins out over rational thinking with middle schoolers. That's why kids this age may lash out if they think they've been treated unfairly. Your child is not ready to stop and think: "I'd better cool it because I might get in trouble." She is more likely to respond with pure emotion.

Together, brainstorm respectful ways your child can respond when she's upset, such as excusing herself and walking away. Counting to 10 before blowing her top can work, too.

- Your child lives in the moment. She may not grasp that her semester grade may drop if she doesn't study tonight for her test. To her, the end of the semester is light-years away. What she does tonight can't possibly affect anything that far away.

Don't force your middle schooler to make a connection she is not ready to make. Instead, set firm rules about studying and stick to them.



KMS is hosting a "penny war" November 6th through the 17th. Proceeds will go towards purchasing Thanksgiving baskets for families in need this holiday season.

The "Penny War" works like this:

Students bring spare change to school and deposit into grade level containers.

**POSITIVE POINTS** are earned for each grade for every penny deposited.

Each grade loses points (**NEGATIVE POINTS**) for any other coin or dollar deposited by another class. ie. a nickel is worth 5 points being deducted from your opponent.

quarters= 25 negative points, one-dollar bill= 100 negative points, etc.

**\*This is a competition between grades. Students who want their grade to win will place pennies into their own buckets and place nickels, dimes, quarters and dollar bills into the buckets of the opposing grades.**

Each student in the winning class will receive one homework pass.



The Washington D.C. trip has been canceled for the Spring of 2018 due to the lack of the applicants. Any 8<sup>th</sup> grader that was interested in attending this year will still have the opportunity at this amazing experience by attending as a high school freshman next Spring. Details will be available Fall 2018.



### HIGHEST HONORS 4.0

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Atchley, Ellen; Baisden, Samuel; Bernard, Denali; Carranza, Johann; Cross, Luke; Duck, Delaney; Easley, Olivia; Galloway, Amanda; Hanson, Hayden; Hippchen, Tyler; Huett, Taylor; Johnson, Sydney; Koppes, Carson; Koziczowski, Erin; Larson, Audrey; Moffett, Elizabeth; Olson, Nevaeh; Poulin, Koda; Roberts, Samuel; Streiff, Jenna; Tews, Gabriella; Thomas, Phoebe; Ticknor, Isaiah; Tureman, Jenna

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Baker, Thomas; Beck, Bridger; Bernard, Cooper; Boersma, Benjamin; Boonstra, Jayna; Broussard, Hope; Calvert, Ky; Case, Gwendolyn; Chanley, Kimberly; Clark, Brayden; Coghill, Kenneth; Cooper, Nekoda; Coray, McKenize; Crabb, Marina; Crabtree, Hannah; Dahlman, Ashley; Faulkner, Aleea; Gaethle, Andrew; Gerow, Ethan; Goldsby, Chloe; Graves, Reagan; Grieme, Malena; Holmes, Calani; Hopkins, Melanie; Hurst, Maryna; Kisenia, Aicha; Kramer, Patrick; Langham, Gavin; Miller, Lillian; Moore, Kori; Phillips, Jorgi; Raften, Sean; Reed, Brooklyn; Sheldon, Daniel; Sorensen, Eva; Sparks, Rylie; Tallent, Ayla; Tepp, Talia; Thibodeau, Silas; Whicker, Owen

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Carranza, Lianna; Carson, Robert; Fitzpatrick, Aaliyah; Gonzalez, Camilla; Grimm, Chloe; Hack, Lynnea; Kernan, Tabitha; McClure, Isabel; Patrick, Willow; Potton, Ashlyn; Roney, Emmalee; Santana, Victor; Smith, Owen; Teates, Nathan; Tews, Zane; Tureman, Lauren; Verkuilen, Kylee; Wilson, Emilee

### HIGH HONORS 3.5

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Andrew, Taylor; Ashley, Brooke; Begich, Jacob; Bowers, Brandie; Crabb, Caitlin; Denison, Joseph; Doyle, Milena; Fallon, Leah; Foster, Summer; Gray, Rucca; Grimm, Cooper; Grzybowski, Elizabeth; Haga, Nathan; Hamilton, Julianna; Henry, Derrick; Lanfear, Hermoine; Nash, Amber; Olsen, Janel; Parazoo, Matthew; Parkki, Hadessah; Satathite, Logan; Shears, Katie; Sparks, James; Stockton, Catherine; Uta, Melatina; Villegas, Valerie; Whicker, Talon; Wilson, Samiel; Wilson, Savanna

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Adkins, Kage; Anglebrandt, Adam; Baughn, Ahslyne; Brewington, Jalyn; Cialek, Landen; Clark, Kai; Dominic, Michael; Garner, Jaden; Giles, Abigail; Good, Cody; Hansen, Bianca; Joseph, Esther; Katzenberger, Isabella; Koenig, Jason; Larsen, Silas; Mallory, Carmen; McDonald, Avry; Morris, Eli; Nash, Mary; Neely, Ciara; Nunn, Malerie; Perez, Reymond; Pierce, Ryan; Ray, Kiarah; Robinson, Dakari; Rogers, Nolan; Russell, Caleb; Trevino, Genesis; Vaudrin, William; Von Haden, Mattie; Witt, Jaylynn; Witt, Jorie; Zendejas, Leopoldo

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Adami, Lexa; Anderson, Koby; Autry, Hannah; Avery, Samantha; Baughn, Ryan; Beck, Emma; Beiser, Grace; Blum, Jacob; Castillo, Jaycie; Cole, Andrew; Cruikshank, Emaline; Dubber, Landon; Edwards, Myla; Fabian, Ava; Fallon, Gregory; Farewell, Julia; Haga, Elliot; Hallam, Grace; Hensley, Vincent; Jamison, Andru; Kisse, Ashton; Kroto, Lillian; Laker, Jack; Malone, Emelia; Marion, Jackson; Martin, Caitlyn; Moffett, Chloe; Pellegrom, Zane; Phillips, Mycka; Reese, Tristen; Roberts, William; Satathite, Jackson; Tree, Ethan; True, Hazel; Vonheeder, Ryan; Wilson, William

### HONOR ROLL 3.0

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Amend, Xander; Avery, Lauryn; Barlow, Alora; Castillo, Maccoy; Dunham, Marcus; Duniphin, Daemon; Duniphin, Dylan; Easling, Kaleb; Gottschalk, Joseph; Gray, Griffin; Hamilton, Joseph; Hanson, Dillon; Lawrence, Ambrosia; Miller, Kaylee; Passe, Joslynn; Pierron, Alexis; Stanley, Macy; Tallepalek, Nyssa; Tickett, Shawna; Todd, Layne;

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade


Anderson, Thomas; Bucho, Blake; Castrellon, Benjamin; Clucas, Rowyn; Dagamos, Frenlee Ann; Harney, Jamison; Hayes, Elizabeth; Hayes, Ransom; Herrman, Jason; Lockwood, Dawson; Mathes, Angel; Medina, Keagan; Moffis, Sierra; Noriega, Kimberly; Solomon, Gavin; Thomas, Alston; VanRaden, Jesse; Wolfe, Fiona; Yragui, Ella

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Adkins, Kai; Booth, Mykah; Brown, Alex; Brown, Joseph; Clyde, Tanner; Curry, Vanessa; Davis, Jerry; Devera, Desiree; Espy, Juniper; Farrington, Elizabeth; Johnson, Abigail; Keller, Kenzie; Longan-Chapman, Jacobee; Medcoff, Gehret; Nash, Ruth; Rodriguez, Isabella; Spinka, Canon; Tuttle, Maeleigh; Wait, Jacob; Yragui, Ezekiel; Ziegler, Nova

# NOVEMBER 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Penny Wars Begin	7 After School Tutoring Begins	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 American Mathematics Competition	15	16	17 A Team Basketball vs. Seward @ KMS  B Team Basketball vs. Seward @ KCHS	18
19	20	21	22 EARLY RELEASE	23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING NO SCHOOL 	24 NO SCHOOL	25
26	27	28 A Team Basketball @ Nikiski  B Team Basketball @ Nikiski	29	30 A Team Basketball vs. Skyview @ KMS		

**Mountain View Elementary**

315 Swires Rd.  
Kenai, AK 99611  
283-8600

**Kenai Middle School**

201 Tinker Lane  
Kenai, AK 99611  
283-1700

November 1, 2017

Dear Parents,

Mountain View Elementary and Kenai Middle Schools are joining forces this year to help families in our community who are facing financial difficulties this holiday season.

If you are “up against it” financially, you can fill out this form and we will do our best to provide a Christmas for your children. Christmas baskets will be distributed on a priority needs basis.

We have had a wonderful response in the past from our school families and from the rest of our community. The purpose of this program is to make sure that no child goes without during this special time of year. Please don't be too proud to apply.

Privacy of receiving families is important. Please put your form in an envelope addressed to **Mr. Dosko**. Kimb Remsen, Christmas Drive Coordinator, and I will be the only ones aware of the family name.

We cannot duplicate service. If you are applying to another service agency for Christmas help, please do not apply for our services.

If you would like to receive help this Christmas, please **turn this form in no later than Wednesday, December 6, 2017. Baskets will be distributed Saturday, December 16.** You will be notified of the time to pick up your “basket”.

Sincerely,

Vaughn Dosko  
Principal, Kenai Middle School



# Christmas Drive 2017

## Due December 6, 2017

AGE of child (up to 18 years old)	SEX	SPECIAL INTERESTS OR GIFT IDEAS	FAVORITE COLOR	CLOTHING SIZES ***	BOOT SIZE	LIST WINTER CLOTHING NEEDED (Only provided if funding is available)

\*\*\* NOTE: please state type of size, ie. boy's, men's, girl's, women's, etc.

PARENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you prefer: \_\_\_\_\_ Groceries to prepare a home-cooked holiday meal \_\_\_\_\_ Gift certificate good for one pre-cooked holiday meal  
(please check one)

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In the past we have had great support from the community in providing the following items for our families in need. This is a list of what we hope to provide for each child. Will you help us by donating **any or all** of the following?

1. **Toys** - Two new toys.
2. **Food** - Christmas dinner complete with all the trimmings.
3. **Warm winter clothing** - Coat, snowpants, boots in new or good used condition, and mittens and hat, if needed.

Please help us make Christmas a little brighter for some of our students. If you would like to help out with this project, please fill out the bottom of this form and return it to Mountain View or Kenai Middle School no later than December 6, 2017. Baskets will be distributed December 16. If you have any questions, please call one of the schools at the phone number listed above.

Thank you for sharing in the spirit of giving!

Merry Christmas,

Christmas Drive Committee  
Mountain View Elementary & Kenai Middle School

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Our family or office will provide:

\_\_\_\_\_ Food

\_\_\_\_\_ Winter Clothing

\_\_\_\_\_ Toys

\_\_\_\_\_ Adopt-a-family: Include preference as to size of family (# of children \_\_\_\_\_) you wish to provide for as well as boys or girls \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ Your cash donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ will be used to purchase items not otherwise provided.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Please provide us with a phone number so that we may contact you with specific information for shopping purposes. Thank you!**