

# KMS PURPLE PAGES

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## Reeling in the 7th Graders!

By Talia Tepp & Marina Crabb



The fishing trip was a whole day spent chilling at Island Lake. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders played games of four-way tug-of-war and stacked themselves into human pyramids. We enjoyed tons of donated food and supplies from Trustworthy Hardware, Three Bears, Safeway, Alaska Airlines, and Walmart. A gigantic thank you to Mr. Verkuilen for taking us on the best field trip ever!

Mr. Verkuilen was inspired to start the awesome 7<sup>th</sup> grade tradition of ice fishing from being a fishing guide for 25 years. He has been taking KMS students ice fishing for 20 years! Mr. V grew up in Minnesota and Wisconsin, where ice fishing was a common winter activity. His favorite part about taking the 7<sup>th</sup> grade ice fishing is seeing kids being active and having fun at the lake instead of cooped up inside playing on their phones.

Jason Herman was awarded with the 'Most Helpful' award. Jason said, "I just wanted to help, it made me feel like a good person." Jason told us that helping

people makes him happier, as well as making everyone around him happy. He is excited to have won his award. His favorite part of the ice fishing trip was building his fire. Jason's fire went out at one point, so he had to blow air onto it until the fire restarted. Unfortunately, while restarting it, Jason accidentally burned some of his eyebrow off! Jason's advice is, "Try hard and never give up, keep going at it!"

TJ Anderson won the 'Most Dedicated' award for the boys. His favorite part of the trip was fishing while watching everyone else "fail at tug-of-war." He thought it was funny when Cooper Bernard freaked out when a fish ate the Snickers bar that he was using as bait.

Other award winners are Hannah Crabtree (most helpful girl), Kori Moore (most dedicated girl), and Rey Perez and Rylie Sparks (runner up for most dedicated). There was also an award of a Hershey's chocolate bar for the tug-of-war champions!

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## Ice Fishing Field Trip

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And last, but certainly not least, the awards for: 'First Fish, Largest Fish, Smallest Fish, and Most Fish' go to Kevin Chaffee and Jason Koenig, who caught the only fish out of 150 7<sup>th</sup> graders! Kevin's favorite parts of the trip were playing with his friends, eating donuts, fishing, and making a fire.



Man, you would not believe what some people caught! Genesis Trevino caught a 12-inch license plate – looks like someone won't be driving for a while. Jaylynn Witt caught an 11-inch Barbie doll (I have a feeling Mr. Gustkey had something to do with that one). Jaden Garner hooked a 3-inch rotten fish tail – sounds stinky!

Some advice for future 7<sup>th</sup> graders from the champions is to have lots of patience and to be quiet so you don't scare the fish away. Also, layer up so you don't get cold!



## Rock Solid 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

By Taer Nelson



The week after spring break, every 8<sup>th</sup> grader had an opportunity to go on a field trip to Solid Rock Camp for a day of fun and relaxation! We did a whole variety of different events that were awesome to participate in!

We had six stations that we rotated through. One was the game room, where we played Foosball and Ping Pong. Nothing special there. Then there was Broomball (where there legit wasn't a broom in sight, because logic) and I almost broke someone's finger. Next up was one of my personal favorites, the Tubing Hill. We slid down on inner-tubes, and then used a rope lift to slide back up. Have you ever known what it feels like to fall *uphill*? Another station was the Bungee Run. You had a bungee cord strapped to you, and you had to run as far as possible and use a Velcro marker to mark how far you went. Lunch was fun as well, as we ate hot dogs and chips around a campfire. There was also Disc Golf, in which we tried to land a Frisbee in a goal. The last station my group went to was making S'mores and hot chocolate and stuff.

Some memorable things made this trip locked into my mind for years to come. One was the giant rock for which the camp was named. It was so huge and layered that you could actually go inside it. Naturally, people had to get stuck. Multiple people were stuck in there, and it was pretty funny. Another thing was lunch. About 20 or 30 of us literally started scooping icy chunks out of the lake and lobbing them at each other. Layne Todd said that it "felt like the Revolutionary War." Another group was doing Disc Golf and they had a throw named the Denali Throw because instead of throwing the Frisbee like a Frisbee they threw it overhand like a ball. It is named after the person who came up with it, Denali Bernard. Another memory was Hermoine Lanfear getting a fork stuck in her boot for half the day.

Overall, much like the Ice Fishing trip last year, for many of us this was an awesome and memorable trip we will remember for years to come. Thanks to all the staff at KMS who worked so hard to make such a great day!

# Mission to Mars!



KMS 6<sup>th</sup> graders recently traveled far, far away on a mission – a Mission to Mars! Actually, they walked over to the Challenger Center with their science teachers on five separate field trips, but students did get to experience some of the technology and challenges faced by NASA scientists as they explore outer space. Check out pictures of the field trips on the KMS Facebook page! If you want to take a tour around our own solar system, start inside the exit doors in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade area, follow the signs posted by Ms. Lucas' students, and be ready to take several laps around the building as you travel away from the sun on your search for all the planets.

## During this unit I learned . . .

Mars is red.  
Mars could support life and there is water on Mars.  
Teamwork is very important.  
Science is fun!  
How it feels to be a part of Mission Control.  
The weather team is an important role on Mars.  
That science isn't always mind-numbingly boring.  
How much work NASA has to do to launch a spacecraft.  
Get miles away from a meteor crash in case of bacteria or radioactive stuff.  
There are many duties in a ship or mission control.  
How to take blood pressure and how to put together circuits.  
In NASA there is a lot of teamwork and math.  
There are many storms on Mars.  
In order to build a rover and program it you have to communicate.  
There are ice plates on Mars.  
There are rovers bigger than people on Mars.  
It is important to pay attention to what you're doing and it is very hard to be a part of NASA.  
I wasn't really that interested in space when we first started but now I love learning about it and its history.  
The great red spot is as big as three Earths.  
How to identify rocks.  
About extremophiles, planets, and galaxies.  
Mars only has 0.13% oxygen and Earth has 75% oxygen, so if we were to send life to Mars we would have to have something like an oxygen tank wherever we went.  
Stars go through a life cycle like plants, animals, and humans do so someday since the sun is a star it can expand and the Earth will come to an end.  
A navigator on a ship has to do the landing.  
It is important to have communication during a mission. If you don't communicate the mission could go down.  
How to read a weather map and work as a team.  
It takes so many jobs to make a mission go well.  
This was a great experience and I would love to go again!

## My favorite memory is . . .

Walking in the snow to get there.  
Feeling like it was real.  
Mission success!  
The meteor hitting Mars.  
When our ROV made it to Mars.  
Making direct communication to the base.  
The testing I did as a Med.  
Playing with the robot arms. That was lit!  
Using the cool robot arm to study rock types.  
When I launched the Mars transport vehicle.  
Going into the Mars space station.  
Working with both of my best friends.  
I had fun in mission control being communication.  
Putting together a giant foam atom.  
Having fun with space doing my best at my job.  
Watching a Stephen Hawking video and he pretended to throw a party.  
I got to be a medic and I got to do all this cool stuff on people.  
We figured out the math problems to put the shuttle into its correct location because my job was navigation.  
Seeing my partner on the camera and watching him speed through everything while I got help from the commander.  
Getting to lift up water bottles with a robot arm.  
When we got to use the robot to uncover the rocks that had sand on them.

**“A ship is always safe at shore but that is not what it's built for.”**

**-Albert Einstein**

# A-Cross the Country

By Hermoine Lanfear



Luke Cross is an 8th grader here at KMS. He is a quiet student but is quite interesting. He was born in Murray, Kentucky, and just moved here last summer.

His favorite class is History with Mr. Summer, because he thinks Mr. Summer is funny and sarcastic. His favorite time in class was Valentine's Day with the video of open heart surgery.

Luke is also in Band. He plays percussion. His favorite part in percussion, since there are multiple instruments, is the snare drum.

He was involved in the sport skiing and really liked it. He loved going fast and said that it was a good workout. He loves the snow and how many new friends he made. This was his first time skiing, since down in Kentucky they get snow, but not enough for skiing. He said that down in Kentucky they get on average only eight inches of snow! Can you believe that? He stated that he also likes it up here better because he doesn't like the heat.

Luke is an only child. I asked him if he wanted siblings or liked being an only child. He said, "I like being an only child, but sometimes I wish I had a younger brother, but people tell me about sharing things with a younger sibling then I don't want one anymore." He enjoys spending time with his parents by going to the beach  
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# The One with Talent

By Rylie Sparks



Ayla Tallent is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader here at KMS. In her free time, she hangs out with friends and family, or plays sports.

Ayla has four siblings: two brothers and two sisters. Every other year she goes to Oklahoma for Christmas with her family. She watches TV, skis, and goes on vacation with her family.

The sports she plays are soccer, volleyball, dance, track and field, and skiing; she was actually on the B-Team during this volleyball season. Ayla was a forward during soccer, she likes to run 5ks, and she does two events in track: long jump and short dashes.

Her favorite class was a hard pick, but it is science because Mr. Verkuilen is a great teacher.

She really likes the shows *Stranger Things* and *Gravity Falls*. Ayla prefers being outdoors more than indoors. If she could go anywhere in the world she would go to India because that's where her grandma lives.

Some things she wants to do in the future are be an athlete and work at a hospital. Her life goals are to have all As and be a professional athlete.

# Princess Leia

By Malena Grieme



Leia Parkki is a sixth grader here at KMS. She is a great student with many interesting traits and hobbies.

Leia enjoys playing the trumpet and playing soccer. Leia loves the trumpet because of the sound it makes and likes making music. She enjoys soccer because she likes using her feet and not her hands.

Leia also enjoys watching YouTube, and her favorite YouTuber is What's Inside because she finds the channel interesting.

Leia's favorite class is Wood Shop because she doesn't have to do math, and she finds it fun to cut wood and do wood work. Leia says that a couple study or homework hacks she uses are doing homework during her free time and at lunch.

After asking her some basic questions, I asked her a couple random ones too. I found out that she has a VERY strong opinion on Kim Kardashian and definitely does not like her.

I also asked her if she could travel anywhere right now where would she go and why? She said, "on a cruise in the Caribbean because it's warm" (which is super relatable because it's winter and we live in Alaska).

In conclusion, Leia is a super nice student with good grades, strong opinions, and interesting hobbies, and Kenai Middle School is lucky to have her!

## Luke Cross

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and walking, or to a hockey game. Most of the time, he said, they just hang out at home and talk. Some of his hobbies are playing his Xbox1 or playing chess, which he said he hasn't played recently.

When he grows up he wants to be an inventor and entrepreneur. He said he wanted to invent different things and then sell them to the public. I asked him if he won the lottery what he would do with the money; his response was, "I would buy a lifetime supply of coffee."

Luke is a very nice, interesting person. When you walk down the hallway just say "Hi" and you might make a new friend.

## How Do You Spell Success?



KMS 8<sup>th</sup> grader Shannon Murphy traveled to Anchorage for the Alaska State Spelling Bee on March 29<sup>th</sup>. He didn't do as well as he hoped to, and he was frustrated that the pronouncer wasn't very good. According to comments on the spelling bee's Facebook page, many people watching the live-stream felt the same way. Shannon got out on the word praline, which the pronouncer said as praw-ling instead of pray-leen. Overall, though, he said, "It was fun, minus the nerves."

## January Students of the Month

By Gavin Langham



6<sup>th</sup> grade- Leia Parkki, Zane Pellegrom, Robert Carson, and Samantha Avery



7<sup>th</sup> grade- McKenize Coray, Malerie Nunn, Nekoda Cooper, and Ky Calvert



8<sup>th</sup> grade- Rucca Gray, Luke Cross, and Summer Foster

## February Students of the Month

By Gavin Langham



6<sup>th</sup> grade- Emilee Wilson, Jacobee Longan-Chapman, Landon Dubber, and Wyatt Cole



7<sup>th</sup> grade- Andrew Gaethle, Rey Perez, and Lillian Miller



8<sup>th</sup> grade- Samuel Roberts, Jenna Tureman, and Delaney Duck

# Emotional Support Animals

By Marina Crabb

# Opinion-8-ed

By Hermoine Lanfear

What are emotional support animals? Emotional support animals (ESA) are animals that a medical professional prescribes to someone who has a disability. Emotional support animals don't have to go through specialized training, but owners do have to register them. They are usually cats or dogs, but they can be any animal as long as you can prove that they assist with at least one disability. ESA are exempt from "No Pets Allowed" restrictions in living spaces. However, business owners are allowed to deny access to emotional support animals if they are being disruptive.

Service animals and emotional support animals are extremely different. While any animal can be an ESA, only dogs and miniature horses are recognized nationally as service animals. Service animals go through rigorous training to serve individuals for a specialized need. For example, they help people with visual disabilities like blindness. They also alert people who are deaf or hard of hearing to sounds and people. Service animals do rescue work and pull wheelchairs. They can help someone while they have a seizure. Service animals also detect allergens in foods. They give physical support for those who have mobility issues. They can also assist people with neurological and/or psychiatric disabilities by

interrupting or preventing destructive or impulsive behaviors. As you can clearly see, service animals do far more than provide emotional support for people.

Many people claim that they need an emotional support animal to 'keep them calm during a flight' but many times this has ended in disaster for themselves, those around them, and sometimes even the pets themselves. Apparently, a college student attempted to bring his pet hamster aboard his flight but once his animal was not allowed to board, he flushed it down the airport toilet! Another crazy in-flight event was when a woman tried to bring her pet peacock aboard. More ridiculous emotional support animals include, but aren't limited to, a duck wearing vivid red booties, a turkey, and a dog whose teeth scraped a child's head.

According to the Kenai Community Library, the staff follow the guidelines set by the state, but since the laws aren't incredibly particular about emotional support animals, neither are they. However, according to a representative at Walmart, they aren't supposed to disclose information on the subject.

Overall, emotional support animals are great companions if you need them. Also, you should DEFINITELY not lie and say you need your "emotional support sloth" to get through the day!

This month's question for Opinion-8-ed was, "How do you feel when you hear Mr. Summer's opinions about cats and small dogs?" Here is what some 8th grade students said:

Audrey Larson: "I agree about the dogs and about some cats. It depends on the cat."

David Martin: "He is honest."

Tina Uta: "It's his opinion about it honestly."

Corvin Bookey: "I agree 300%! I think little rat dogs are gross!"

Nevaeh Olsen: "I feel like he's a bit harsh because not all small dogs are bad."

Brooke Ashley: "I feel strongly offended. I own two small dogs."

Daemon Duniphin: "Meh."

Macy Stanley: "I think he is right."

Milena Doyle: "I think Mr.

Summer should keep his opinions to himself and teach history."

Summer Foster: "I agree with his opinion. Dogs all the way."

Taylor Lanfear: "I agree about the cats. They are disgusting."

Katie Atchley: "Small dogs are kinda gross but cats are oookayyyyyyy!"

Ellen Huett: "My cat has fleas right now so like when she jumps on my bed like I get angry and push her off then like she keeps jumping up and then I push her off again then we get mad at each other."

Samiel Wilson: "I think that it's funny."



# Teachers' Pets

By Patrick Kramer

No, not the students, but the *actual* pets that teachers have! These six teachers have unique pets: Ms. Vann, Ms. Jones, Ms. Winslow, Ms. Borko, Mr. Beck, and Mr. Verkuilen.



Ms. Vann has a Leopard Gecko (Cool Beans) and a Teddy Bear Hamster (Cruiser). She has had Cool Beans for six years and Cruiser for two years.

Cool Beans eats crickets and meal worms and has calcium powdered worms as a treat. Cruiser eats hamster mix and vegetables. Cool Beans like to do stare-offs with her students. Cruiser is the trouble maker; he's stinky, poops a lot, and once he got out of his cage but the next morning he was in his cage all cozy.

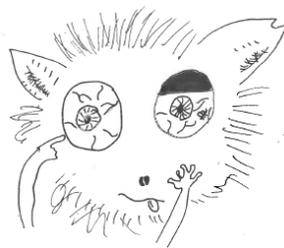
Ms. Jones has a therapy dog named Tulip who is a lab mix. She has had her for six and a half years and she loves tennis balls. Since she is a therapy dog, she has a job. Her job is to take people's minds off their mental state, whether it's depression or sadness, but she also brings the newspaper in the morning. She has to keep calm behavior around people. Ms. Jones says Tulip is nice, good around all ages of people and dogs, and she gravitates towards people that need her.



Ms. Winslow has two bearded dragons named Megatron and Toothless Trixie. She has had Megatron for eight years and Trixie for one year. Megatron doesn't live in a cage and she sleeps with Ms. Winslow's cats and dogs. Trixie doesn't get to be free since she's newer and she might get in fights with Megatron. Ms. Winslow says they are easy to take care of, they don't pee, poop not that much, and when they bite it feels like a butter knife rubbing against her skin.

Ms. Borko has a rescue cat named Sundae who is a cranky 13-year-old tortie. She got Sundae when her mom died, and now she lives with Ms. Borko. Mr. Beck has a collection of fish, and he even has some of his fish in his office and in Mr. Verkuilen's room. Speaking of Mr. V, he also has little salmon and goldfish in his classroom. You can visit Cool Beans, Cruiser, and all the fishies right here at KMS!

## What if you could pick any emotional support animal?



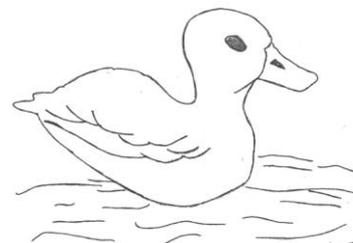
Alea is happy that her emotional support bush baby always keeps an eye on her!

Talia's emotional support animal says, "Llama take good care of you!"



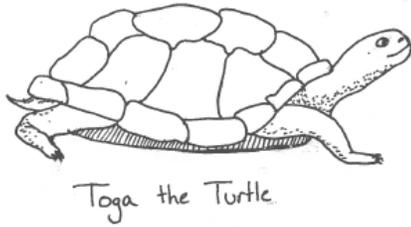
Malena's emotional support animal has all the necessary koala-fications!

Patrick loves hanging out with his emotional support sloth!

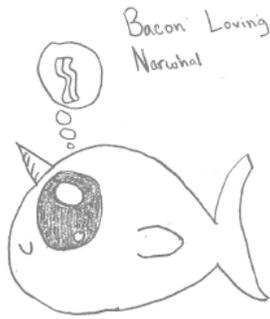


Gavin's emotional support duck sometimes wakes him up at the quack of dawn!

Marina loves to shellebrate with Toga, her emotional support turtle!



Ella loves cooking bacon over the campfire with her emotional support narwhal!



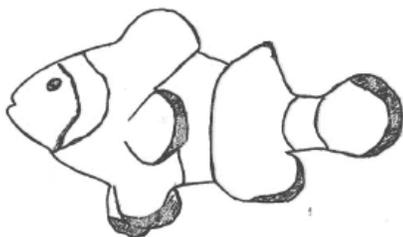
Kaden's emotional support eagle often takes him under his wing!



If Kevin gets into trouble, he can say his emotional support devil unicorn made him do it!



Liam like to hang out at school with Merlin, his emotional support fish!



## Just Some Jokes

By William Vaudrin

Q: Why do cows go to New York?

A: To see the moosicals!

Q: Where did the sheep go on vacation?

A: The baaaahamas

Q: Where do killer whales hear music?

A: Orca-stras!

Rylie's emotional support raccoon might whisker off to a safe place!



McKenize does not always find her emotional support animal so amooosing!



## Leadership

By Logan Satathite & Valerie Villegas

As some of you may know, Leadership is an 8th grade elective that is held during 9th hour. These students help all around the school and have to have good grades and attitude to continue in this class. Every activity and dance that you have attended is set up by your leadership students. We also make the bulletin boards you walk by every day. Leadership is here to help and support Kenai Middle School!

During the home game activities, we host the Snack Shack to raise money for our school. The Snack Shack has pretzels, Hot Pockets, chips, candy, Otter Pops, and don't forget the drinks like soda, water, and Powerade. Kenny the Kossack helps support and cheer on our teams competing in games and races. The money you spend on the snacks and dances are profits to fund other activities held at our school. So whenever the Snack Shack is open, come on by and get a sweet treat!

Leadership works on bulletin boards and the themes for activities and dances. The upcoming dance theme on April 19th will be HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL!!!! The bulletin boards that you see are to remind you about any events our school is planning, like the 8th grade graduation that is happening on May 18th. Any spirit days that are coming up soon will be listed in the 7th grade cross hallway. Right now we're finishing up on splat the rat and balloon pop for activities. Also donut killa, which is jumping vertically to catch a donut with only your mouth. Hope to see you there!

## Battle to the Bitter End

The KMS 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Battle of the Books team earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the district competition on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Team members Betsy Moffett, Caitlin Crabb, Jayna Boonstra, and Gwendylan Case fought to the end and placed just behind Homer Middle School on a sudden death question in overtime! Supporters Gabbie Tews and Samuel Roberts cheered them on from the sidelines. The unofficial reading lists for 2019 are available now, if you want to be on next year's team; check with Ms. Gann or Mrs. Nabholz.



## Where in the World?

Tyler Hippchen will represent KMS at the Alaska State Geography Bee in Anchorage on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Tyler also represented KMS at the state meet two years ago when he was a 6<sup>th</sup> grader; he stated that he studied more then, because he didn't know what to expect. He feels like it is harder to retain a lot of the new information that he has been studying recently, but he knows that he is still absorbing it.

Tyler regularly visits the National Geographic website, where he practices with Kahoot questions and takes the daily quiz. He also reads the CIA World Fact Book, a huge book filled with details about every country. He hopes this will help, since "The bee



questions are random things about the world, not just geography but also culture and music."

Juneau, we'll Haifa wait and Sea if his skill Israel and if he is Hungary enough for a victory. We sure hope Thai-lands a spot at the top and is able to Finnish in first!

## Quest to the Film Fest



Sixth graders in Quest Explorations class traveled to Seward on March 22<sup>nd</sup> for the Quest District Film Festival. They joined students from across the district for an exhibition of 36 short films, including comedies, dramas, and stop-motion features. The four films created by KMS students looked and sounded awesome on the big screen, including "Portal," "Dum Dum and Dumberest," "School Fails," and "Wyatt Is Scared of the Paparazzi."

The students had a lot of fun participating in the other activities during the day as well, like the photo booth and on-stage challenges, such as Wyatt in the feather-blowing race, Elliot doing push-ups, and Ashlyn stacking cookies on her forehead to turn herself into a chocolate unicorn!

According to the students, some of the highlights of the day were on the bus ride and road trip itself, like playing games on their phones and tablets and Hangman on paper, listening to music, making "baby footprints" in the frosty windows, and eating junk food (at least up until a student from Mt. View threw up on the drive home). Two students learned that magnetic chess works pretty well, except when the bus hits a huge pothole and sends the pieces flying. Even BroHam, the neon-yellow plastic pig who starred in one of the movies, loved the road trip!



# The Best P.E. Teacher

By Kaden Quimby



Who is the best P.E. teacher ever? Well it is Mr. LeClair, our awesome new gym teacher. As a few of us know, our old gym teacher was Mr. Roser, and Mr. LeClair replaced him.

Mr. LeClair likes KMS because all of the staff members that he works with, the school leadership like the principals, and the student leadership.

Mr. LeClair decided to teach because he was a teacher's aide in high school. He also used to be a teacher's aide at elementary schools. After that he became a P.E. teacher.

He has been teaching in Alaska for 15 years including schools in Barrow, Dillingham, and Unalaska. Barrow is at the top of Alaska, Dillingham is near Togiak National Wildlife Refuge, and Unalaska is the fourth biggest island, toward Japan.

Mr. LeClair's favorite sport is wrestling, and he also coaches wrestling. He said his favorite type of student is one who has a good attitude and participates.

In his free time Mr. LeClair likes to coach, hunt, and fish, but what is the fun in doing it without your family? He has a wife, five daughters, and one son!

# April Birthdays

By Chloe Goldsby



- Sydney Johnson – 1<sup>st</sup>
- Dylan Landry – 1<sup>st</sup>
- Katie Stockton – 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Mrs. Newton – 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Zoe Mason – 4<sup>th</sup>
- Zeke Yragui – 6<sup>th</sup>
- Nathan Haga – 6<sup>th</sup>
- Sean Raften – 8<sup>th</sup>
- Hermoine Lanfear – 9<sup>th</sup>
- Nathan Teates – 11<sup>th</sup>
- Keagen Medina – 11<sup>th</sup>
- Julia Floyd – 12<sup>th</sup>
- Buddy Ward – 12<sup>th</sup>
- Jake Phillips – 13<sup>th</sup>
- Mrs. Miranda – 13<sup>th</sup>
- Marina Crabb – 15<sup>th</sup>
- Mrs. Hulien – 15<sup>th</sup>
- Ellen Atchley – 15<sup>th</sup>
- Mrs. Tews – 15<sup>th</sup>
- Genesis Trevino – 16<sup>th</sup>
- Hayes Howard – 16<sup>th</sup>
- Victor Santana – 16<sup>th</sup>
- Jason Koenig – 18<sup>th</sup>
- Lizzy Grzybowski – 20<sup>th</sup>
- Mrs. Adair – 20<sup>th</sup>
- Kaden Blake – 21<sup>st</sup>
- Jackson Purcell – 21<sup>st</sup>
- Reagan Graves – 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Robert Carson – 26<sup>th</sup>
- Emma Beck – 27<sup>th</sup>
- Taer Nelson – 27<sup>th</sup>
- Joe Hamilton – 28<sup>th</sup>
- Amelia Mueller – 28<sup>th</sup>

# Robotics Club

By Ms. Lucas



Check out more photos in the online paper!

Six KMS students recently spent two weeks in after-school Robotics Club with Ms. Lucas, including 6<sup>th</sup> graders Levin Hendrickson, Leia Parkki, Julia Farewell, Emaline Cruickshank, and Javous Followell, and 7<sup>th</sup> grader Hailey Followell.

They built and coded working robots using Lego EV3 Mindstorm kits. Working with partners, they spent the first week building their choice of robot, carefully following about 100 pages of detailed online directions. They spent the second week learning to code their robots to do different tasks and go through a course.

They had lots of trial and error as they learned to program their robots to go forward, turn, and ascend and descend a ramp without toppling over. Their main goal was to have fun, and they definitely achieved that goal!

## Jokes & Doodles

By Alea Faulkner

Why is the longest nose 11 inches?

Because if it were 12 inches it would be a foot!



# Fantastic Forensics



Two KMS 6<sup>th</sup> graders recently spent the day assisting with autopsies . . . oh, sorry, wrong kind of forensics! Actually, Owen Smith and Isabel McClure participated in the KPBSD Elementary Forensics competition at Tustumena Elementary on February 24<sup>th</sup>, where they showed off their public speaking talents. Owen presented a dramatic reading of his original poem “A Hunting Trip,” which he wrote in the mixed-up style of Shel Silverstein’s *Runny Babbit* poems. Isabel memorized and presented her original poem called “Great Grandpa Ray’s Fantastic Story.” She wrote the poem based on a family story that happened many years ago, when her great-grandpa had to get a bit creative with how to scare away a bear that had chased him up a tree! Owen earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place in his category, and Isabel earned 4<sup>th</sup> place in her category, and they both showed off their KMS pride!

# You Can Wear My Sweatshirt

By Chloe Goldsby

You can wear her sweatshirt. No seriously, you can *actually* wear her sweatshirt. Since most of you know about the NYO (Native Youth Olympics) and the events that happen, you should also know that Denali Bernard has won the NYO sweatshirt/T-shirt competition hosted by the Cook Inlet Tribal Council!

The competition was about creating a design for the NYO shirts, so people all the way from the northern tip of Alaska to the southern end will be wearing her design. Denali said that she found out about the competition from her dad and is not quite sure where he got the information, but she was eager to get started.

Denali’s design is a girl in midair Two Foot High Kick. She got the idea from one of her really good friends who participates in the Two Foot High Kick in the NYO; she took a picture of her in that same position as the design and went from there.

While Denali was working on her art she said she felt, “Calm and good, I guess. I felt good because I was confident and was drawing.” After she won the competition she said that she was very happy and felt awesome and famous! Fantastic job, Denali! We hope to see more of your art!



# Volleyball Intramurals



These athletic 6<sup>th</sup> graders participated in the two-week intramural volleyball session led by Coach Beck, assisted by several 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

# Basketball Intramurals



These energetic 6<sup>th</sup> graders participated in the intramural basketball practices led by Coach Gustkey, with several 8<sup>th</sup> graders as assistant coaches.

# Arctic Winter Games

By Gavin Langham

The Arctic Winter Games is a winter sports competition for northern athletes. All of the athletes are Alaskan, Canadian, Greenlandic, Russian, or Sami (Norway, Finland, and Sweden). The Arctic Winter Games are mostly held in Alaska and Canada but sometimes in Greenland. This year they were held in Hay River and Fort Smith, Northwest Territories, Canada from March 18-24.

Some of the everyday sports are basketball, soccer, wrestling, volleyball, and gymnastics. Some of the northern sports are hockey, speed skating, and figure skating. Some of the traditional northern sports are dog-mushing, snowshoeing, and Arctic sports like NYO.

Some high schoolers from KCHS participated in three sports. In volleyball there were three participants that included Kukoa Diorec, Hunter Beck, Roman Custodio, and the coach was Mr. Diorec. In hockey the players were Brenna Eubank and Brianna Stanton. For basketball, there was Brooke Satathite.



Three Kenai students were competing in snowshoeing: Riana Boonstra, Greg Fallon, and Leah Fallon. Riana is a senior at KCHS and she raced in the junior age group. She won 1<sup>st</sup> place in all of her races

and her team won gold in their relay. Some of the races that she competed in were the 100 meter, 400 meter, and 1 mile. She trained a lot on snowshoes in order to get one of the fastest times to qualify for the AWG.

Leah Fallon is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at KMS who raced in the juvenile division. She also competed in snowshoe events in the AWG, and she felt good about how she placed. She competed in the 2.5K and got 2<sup>nd</sup>; competed in the snowshoe track day in the 100, 400, 800 and got 4<sup>th</sup>; she also competed in the 5K and got 2<sup>nd</sup> again. In the 4 x 400 relay with her brother, they won 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Leah got started in 6<sup>th</sup> grade when she was 11 when the Boonstras asked her if she wanted to compete and she liked doing it. She has traveled to two different places for AWG, Greenland and Canada.

Greg Fallon is a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at KMS and also raced in the juvenile age group, but this was his first time competing in the AWG. Greg competed in the 2.5K and the 5K, and he feels that his best solo event was the 5K. They also had a snowshoe track day in which



he competed in the 100, 400, 800 and the 4 x 400 relay event. Greg said, "You make so many new friends there and interact with people from other countries."

## Winter Wrap-Up

By Marina Crabb

X-Country skiing has come to a close. The final race at Seward went well for the KMS skiers who participated! The final results for the girls are Jayna Boonstra with 1<sup>st</sup>, Summer Foster with 3<sup>rd</sup>, Ellen Atchley with 5<sup>th</sup>, and Gabby Tews with 7<sup>th</sup>. The top KMS boy skiers included Tyler Hippchen with 1<sup>st</sup>, Samuel Roberts with 4<sup>th</sup>, Johann Carranza got 6<sup>th</sup>, Jacob Begich with 8<sup>th</sup>, Jack Laker came in at 9<sup>th</sup>, and Nathan Haga skied his way to 10<sup>th</sup> place.

**12** Congratulations for a fantastic skiing season!



# Refuse to Lose!

By McKenize Coray

Have you ever wondered what goes on at the end of the volleyball season? Coaches are collecting uniforms, and the teams are celebrating their seasons. Congratulations! The 8<sup>th</sup> grade A-team was undefeated and won boroughs. The teams also celebrated the end of the season with a pizza party.

Here are some replies from team players:

## What did you like most about the end of the season?

Julianna Hamilton said, “We were able to know/fix what we did wrong, and also it was like having a whole other family.”

Hannah Crabtree also said, “It was great we won our last game, so we ended it on a good term!”

## How was the end of the season vs. the beginning?

Kimberly Chanley commented, “We made a lot of improvement, felt like we knew how to fix our mistakes better than the beginning.”

Melanie Hopkins said, “It was better than the beginning, and we knew how to work together better, and we made a lot of improvement.”

## What was your favorite part of the end of the season?

Kimberly Chanley replied, “I liked getting to know my team, and if felt good winning games.”

Logan Satathite said, “Overall it was boroughs and the celebration.”

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“Throw me to the wolves and I will return leading the pack.” -Unknown



## Wrestling Wrap-Up

By Kevin Chaffee

The KMS wrestlers had an awesome season! After school we practiced intense training for two months before the borough tournament. At the tournament, the team got warmed up then we were ready to start wrestling. When our team starts to wrestle we will be ready to face the intensity of our opponents.

Patrick Kramer likes being able to hang out with people who have the same passion as him. Andrew Gaethle likes how his teammates improved around him and how he improved, and he loves to wrestle.

Congratulations to the KMS wrestling team for earning second place as a team in boroughs and scoring 342 team points.

(Check out the team photo in the online paper!)

Top wrestlers at the borough meet:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place James Sparks
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Trenton Wight, Owen Whicker, Jaden Garner, Brayden Clark, Colton Dunham, James Maynard, Ethan Keller
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Nova Ziegler, Gabriel Segura, Talon Whicker, Tanner Clyde, Zoti Active
- 4<sup>th</sup> place Kevin Chaffee, Karsten Isham, Andrew Gaethle, Zachary Halstead
- 5<sup>th</sup> place Thomas Mathis, Patrick Kramer, Daemon Duniphin, Kai Clark, Dawson Lockwood
- 6<sup>th</sup> place Rey Perez, Bridger Beck, Tommy Baker, Jason Koenig

# Nature Photography Contest

By Patrick Kramer

Nature is a beautiful thing that you can find almost anywhere, especially in Alaska. You and I have probably stopped somewhere outside and pulled out our phones to take a picture of nature. Everyone in this contest did the same and you are going to be able to see some of the beautiful pictures they took. Photos were submitted by these KMS students: Brooklynn Reed, Malena Grieme, Hazel True, Bianca Hansen, Esther Joseph, Rucca Gray, Elsie Fleming, and Malerie Nunn.

**Best Close-Up Photo & Patrick's Judge's Choice Award – Rucca Gray**



**Most Unique Photo – Malerie Nunn**



**Best Animal Photo – Esther Joseph**



**Best Scenic Photo – Brooklynn Reed**



**Honorable Mention – Bianca Hansen**



**Mrs. N's Judge's Choice Award – Esther Joseph**





# ☆☆ COTTON CANDY POKE CAKE ☆☆

By Talia Tepp & Hermoine Lanfear



This recipe is sure to satisfy your sweet tooth. It's a great dessert for any occasion. We hope you enjoy making this scrumptious treat!

## Ingredients:

- 1 box white cake mix
- 1/4 tsp cotton candy flavoring
- 2 boxes white chocolate or vanilla instant pudding mix
- 1 box food coloring
- 1 large container Cool Whip
- 4 packages of cotton candy (can be found at Safeway)
- Mixing bowls and pan
- An oven (wow, surprising)



Bake the cake according to the box, adding the cotton candy flavoring. We couldn't find any, so as a substitute, we used one bag of cotton candy in the cake mix. Just be sure you let it dissolve. Prepare pudding according to the box (don't forget, this is where you add the food coloring). After the cake cools, poke holes in the cake, making sure you poke the holes all the way down

in the cake. After you pour the pudding over the cake, then let it cool for 1 hour. When you are done letting it cool add the Cool Whip on top, and spread it evenly. Then it's fun time! Add the cotton candy on top, just placed around the cake evenly. Now enjoy and take Instagram worthy pictures of your cake!

# Mr. Verkuilen's Art Tips

By Rylie Sparks

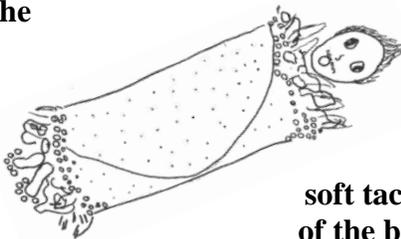
Mr. Verkuilen is one of the KMS art teachers. He is an amazing artist and has some tips for you!

- Don't be afraid; if you're bad it's okay.
- A good artist is observant; they look at their work for improvements.
- People want to look at real things.
- Art is a reflection on you.
- Don't use just one pencil; use different shades and charcoals.
- Practice makes you better.
- Be an artist, not a fartist!



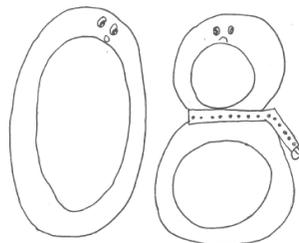
## Jokes & Doodles by Alea Faulkner

People in sleeping bags are the



soft tacos of the bear world!

What did the zero say to the eight?  
Looks like your belt is too tight!



What makes a man mean?  
An E!



# Otaku Nyūsu!

## オタクニュース

By Taer Nelson

Hello, and welcome back to Otaku Nyusu! By the way, that means Otaku News. We're bringing you the biggest Anime and Manga News, our personal favorite shows and OPs, and some new opportunities to find new interests!

### The amazing art of AMVs!

Here I'm going to explain one of my favorite things that anime fans have made: Anime Music Videos. AMVs are videos where fans take clips from different animes and put them to music. For instance, I made an AMV with a fight scene from Sword Art Online, and then I rearranged it to so each sword strike times up with a part from the song "Hall of Fame."

### How to make an AMV

AMVs are really easy to make! I've made two here at KMS during just free periods. All you have to do is find an editing software that lets you cut and edit clips of video. I used Vegas Movie Studio, which is installed on the Purple Lab computers. Windows Movie Maker will work too. Now, you want to pick an anime and song. In order to choose, first pick what type of AMV you want. If you're doing an epic battle scene, you obviously don't want to use a song about a breakup. On the contrary, please don't use dubstep for a romance AMV.

Once you've made your selections, it's time to start getting your clips. Either download them from YouTube or from mp4 file host sites. Make sure to credit the original anime studio as well as the person or site providing the file. After that, use the video editing program to cut up the video into clips. If you're doing a fight scene, for instance, I'd separate each attack. Then, listen to your song and put each clip in a different part of the song so that the video syncs up with the music. Also, you'll want to start playing with effects, speed, timing, transitions, and other cool things as you learn the software. Once you've put every clip in place, just watch your AMV three or four times to make sure you're satisfied, and export it! You can then post it to YouTube or an AMV website!

### Sword Art Online: Fatal Bullet - Worth \$60?

The short answer is yes! This game is awesome from the first moment you step into Gun Gale Online, the game's setting! It boasts awesome graphics, fun



combat gameplay, and a pretty decent story that both fans and newcomers can appreciate. I'm going to rate it on three categories: Gameplay, Graphics/Audio, and Story.

### Gameplay

SAO:FB has pretty fun gameplay. Overall, I give gameplay an 8. The basis is that it's a third person shooter mixed with an RPG. You go around fighting monsters and gaining experience points, and then you can level up to learn skills and increase your stats. For instance, if you want to be a sniper with good aim, you'd increase dexterity. A character based on using swords should have high agility to get close to enemies. Speaking of weapon classes, this game has seven weapon styles that allow you to deeply customize your character and play-style. Each of these has different skills and stats that make them strong. For example, lightsaber-- er, I mean "Photon Swords"-- have skills that make you faster or let you unleash a flurry of slashes. However, this game lost 2 points in gameplay for getting dull and repetitive after you've gotten about halfway through the game.

### Graphics/Audio

Fatal Bullet is beautiful. It gets a 10 in graphics and audio, and not without good reason. Characters look amazing and you can create your own, an improvement over most shooters. Each detail, the eyes, the nose, the hair, is all organic looking yet doesn't lose its anime feel, and keeps a perfect balance between anime and realism. On the other hand, the weapons look super cool, the environment very accurately portrays the GGO we see in the anime, and every single detail is realized.

The games sound engine is just as great. Each and every line spoken in the dialogue and battles is voiced in Japanese by the original voice actors, you can hear every single laser and sword swing, and the soundtrack

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is amazing, if not a bit tiring after a five-hour grinding session. (which I have experienced, because I have no life.) Also, the opening theme “Thrill, Risk, Heartless” by LiSA is so amazing that I listened to it until I could sing the Japanese lyrics by heart.

## Story

The story is where this game isn't quite that impressive. I give it a 7.5. The story was enjoyable enough, but the tutorial sequence was literally three hours worth of gameplay. Also, about halfway through, it starts getting really lazy. They have you beat a boss and move on to the next area, only to find a door that's locked. You go back and ask around, and the game tells you that all the bosses you've beat already now drop card keys, and they're harder this time, so you have to basically redo everything you just did. And then, surprise, you open the door at last to find.... more bosses. And then more bosses. You basically spend half the game fighting bosses, and the rest grinding to get strong enough to beat the next boss. However, for the parts with real dialogue and story, the game is really enjoyable and has decent enough plot.

## Overall

I love this game and I will probably be playing it for the remainder of spring or longer. Overall, Sword Art Online: Fatal Bullet deserves a solid 8.8 out of 10.



## The Best Anime Openings/Endings of All Time

Right here, I'm going to go over my all-time favorite anime openings. However, I'm limiting it to three per series. These are in order of good to amazing. The ratings are based on music and animation.

10. Gimme! Revolution! - Ore Twintails, Ni Narimasu OP
9. Aozora No Rhapsody - Miss Koyabashi's Dragon Maid OP
8. Bon Appetit - Blend S OP
7. Twintail Dreamer - Ore Twintails, Ni Narimasu ED
6. Chase the World - Accel World OP1
5. Burst the Gravity - Accel World OP2
4. This Will Be the Day - RWBY OP1
3. Soul World - Accel World Vs SAO OP
2. Thrill! Risk! Heartless! - SAO Fatal Bullet OP
1. Courage - Sword Art Online 2

## Purple Pages Reporters

Yes, we proudly call ourselves the PP Reporters! The KMS *Purple Pages* is brought to you by reporters Kevin Chaffee, McKenize Coray, Marina Crabb, Alea Faulkner, Chloe Goldsby, Malena Grieme, Patrick Kramer, Hermoine Lanfear, Gavin Langham, Taer Nelson, Kaden Quimby, Rylie Sparks, Talia Tepp, William Vaudrin, and Ella Yragui, with support from journalism advisor, Mrs. Nabholz. Thanks also to our leadership guest reporters for this issue, Logan Satathite and Valerie Villegas, and to all the students, parents, teachers, and staff members who provided photos and input!



Nurse Dixie hanging out with Lexa, Milena, and Hermoine!

# DIY Junky Fish Art

By Alzea Faulkner



Recently I made my own Junky Fish Art. I love it so much, and it reminds me a lot of Homer, plus it gave me something to do. If you want to read about more things to do, visit my other article “to-do’s for your blues.”

The first step to this project is my favorite; all you have to do is collect a bunch of pieces of wood, rocks, buttons and whatever you want to make your fish out of. I made my fish out of natural things like sea glass, and I also made it out of pretty things like buttons, beads, and charms. I decided to add my own flare and glue on some old recycled bottle caps, can tabs, and different lids. Next time I’ll probably add more recycled treasures.

The next step to making this junky fish is to buy a piece of wood. I decided that I would sand mine, and I think it was a good decision. You can find sandpaper at Home Depot.

Once it is sanded and cut to the size of your preference, then you’re going to want to start adding your recycled things or buttons to the piece of wood in the shape of a fish. To hold all of the pieces down I suggest hot glue, but if you don’t have hot glue, then super glue or Elmer’s glue will work, it will just take longer to dry.

A cool idea that I chose to do with mine is use can tabs as fins. I like this idea because it somewhat symbolizes pollution. On this step you can pretty much just be creative and let your artistic side flow. If you have smaller beads you can use them as scales, which gives it good texture.

When you’re done with decorating, you can use some *Sharpie* and color in the background. This makes the fish shape bolder and makes it stand out. You can also draw details on the tail or body on the fish.

At the end of your project you’re probably going to want to hang it up, but not want to spend \$1,000,000,000,000.52 to do so. One cheap way to hang up your beautiful art piece is to simply hot glue a piece of wire to the back of the wood, put a tack on the wall and hang it on the wall. This is one way I recently experimented and it worked. All you have to do is find a few tacks and hot glue them to the back of your wood and stick it in the wall. But this idea I don’t suggest as much as the other one just because it leaves a bunch of holes in your walls.

Congratulations, now you have a stunning piece of artwork!!! This gives you something to do and honestly, it’s pretty easy, so why not? I made this for my BFF Renie Pimpkin, who always takes me fishing. I think it would also be a great gift for a family member.

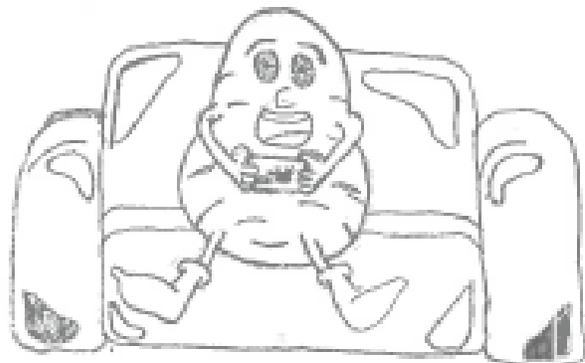
If you choose to give your Junky Fish Art to someone but they hate fish more than life, then you could also make this art piece with a different animal or shape.

Now sit back after all your work, eat some potato chips, and enjoy your Junky Fish Art!



## Couch Potato: Lazy YouTuber

By Rylie Sparks



# To-Do's for Your Blues

By Aleea Faulkner

Are you sitting at home watching the faucet drip? I am. That's why I have looked up and thought of clever things to do when you are absolutely bored out of your mind. I believe that there's always something to do, whether it's making a root beer float, giving your dog a bath, or volunteering at our local animal or homeless shelter.

One of the ideas that I really like states that you could go camping in your back yard! This is a great idea if you love the outdoors or want to be adventurous. If you don't like the outdoors quite as much some people do, then you can also build an indoor fort! If you want to learn more about making forts, then you should check out the article "DIY Farts" by Ella Yragui. If you like the outdoors but don't want to go camping, I also suggest running around in the sprinklers, gardening, or painting rocks.

One thing that I like to do when I'm bored is arts and crafts, because there are so many ways to be crafty! There are also so many different types of art, like alcohol inks, water colors, and recycled art, which is Mrs. Nabholz's and my favorite type of craft.

If you have nothing to do after school and want to show your creative side, I highly suggest the PSYCH Art Club which is held Wednesdays from 2:45-4:00 in the art room. If you have any questions about this visit Hadessah Parkki or Mrs. Nabholz.

Speaking of art, I came across this cool idea of tie-dyeing white clothes with KOOL-AID! All you do is mix a Kool-Aid pack with one ounce of vinegar, rubber band a white piece of clothing, then dye to your heart's content. I also heard you can dye your hair with Kool-Aid.



**BORED OF BEING  
BORED BECAUSE  
BEING BORED IS  
BORING**

If you're the kind of person who loves to help out, I believe volunteering at the local animal shelter like I mentioned before is a great way to help out, especially if you love animals.

Another amazing thing you can do to help out is to bead bracelets and sell them for charity. I bet you will get a lot of sales and feel pretty good about yourself later when you can donate that money to someone who needs it. This sounds like a great way to try something new and show your true colors!

Reading or video games are fun too. Audrey Larson says reading is one of her favorite things to do when she is bored. She also loves playing video games with her brother.

If you're a competitive person, I suggest joining sports. One of our sports here at the school coming up is track. Track is cool because it has different things you can do, like relays, running, high jumping, and so many more. If this is not your sport, I suggest making your own team of whatever sport you like, or even talk to Mr. Beck or Mr. Dosko about creating a club after school.

It's nice to sometimes sit down and relax to read a book, and sometimes it's fun to get your competitive side out and play a game. Have a picnic, start watching a series, or go thrift shopping. There are so many things to do, we have such a big world, embrace it!

## Inspirational Quotes

By Chloe Goldsby

*"People will hate you, rate you, shake you, and break you.  
But how strong you stand is what makes you."*

**"Just because my path is different doesn't mean I'm lost."**

**"The best views come after the hardest climb."**

**"Judging a person does not define who they are. It defines who YOU are."**

# DIY Farts

By Ella Yragui

Have you ever wanted to make an amazing fort? Well you can make an air fort, a chair fort, and a couch fort! So now's the chance, here are some amazing forts.

## The Air Fort

### SUPPLIES:

- 1 bed sheet
- Square shaped fan
- 3 or more couch cushions
- (optional) blankets
- (optional) pillows



### HOW TO BUILD:

- Lay down your sheet on the ground or your bed
- Put the fan on the edge of the sheet, facing away from the sheet
- Pull the other end of the sheet up and over and wrap it all the way around the fan so no air can get out
- Secure the sheet to the fan by tying the sheet to the fan
- Crawl inside and turn on the fan

## The Chair Fort

### SUPPLIES:

- 1 bed sheet
- 4 chairs

### HOW TO BUILD

- Put two chairs on the carpet and the other two chairs a few feet away, facing out
- Drape the sheet over the chairs, making sure it covers up the sides but not the front



## The Couch Fort

### SUPPLIES:

- A couch with at least 3 cushions
- 1 sheet or blanket

### HOW TO BUILD:

- Take the cushions off the couch and stand them up on the front edge of the couch
- Put the sheet over the top of the couch and the cushions
- Get inside

Some suggestions for when you finish are to crawl inside to read, take a nap, play games, and watch movies!

## Just Some Jokes

By William Vaudrin

You would think that taking off a snail's shell would make it move faster . . . but it actually just makes it more sluggish.

My boyfriend told me to stop acting like a flamingo, so I had to put my foot down.

Q: What is black, white, and red all over?

A: A sunburnt penguin!

Q: What did the girl cat say to the boy cat on Valentine's Day?

A: You're purrr-fect for me.

## Inspirational Quotes

By Chloe Goldsby

*"The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing."* -Walt Disney

*"Either you run the day, or the day runs you."* -Jim Rohn

*"When it rains, look for rainbows. When it's dark, look for stars."* -Unknown

*"Life begins at the end of your comfort zone."* -Art Roy Renny

# Purple Pages Challenge

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, the reporters are proud to announce that this is the first-ever PP Challenge! This contest is open to all KMS students except reporters in journalism. Read through this month's issue of the Purple Pages to find the answers to all of the following questions. Fill in your answers, write your name and grade level, cut off this page, and turn it in to Mrs. Nabholz in Room #13 by the office. Entries with the most correct answers will be entered in a drawing for some tasty prizes. Entries are due by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

1. What science agency did 6<sup>th</sup> graders learn about during their space unit? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who caught a rotten fish tail on the 7<sup>th</sup> grade ice fishing field trip? \_\_\_\_\_
3. In addition to dogs, which animal is approved to be a certified service animal? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is the name of the leopard gecko that lives in Mrs. Vann's classroom? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Which musical instrument does Leia Parkki play? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Which teacher has a birthday on April 2<sup>nd</sup>? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What is the theme for the upcoming dance on April 18<sup>th</sup>? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Which company makes the kits used by the robotics club? \_\_\_\_\_
9. What is the name of the plastic pig that starred in one of the Quest movies? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Who won first place for his weight class in the borough wrestling tournament? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Which brother and sister at KMS recently competed in snowshoe racing events in the Arctic Winter Games in Canada? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Which NYO event is shown in Denali Bernard's winning sweatshirt design? \_\_\_\_\_
13. What is the name of the social media app reviewed by Taer in his column? \_\_\_\_\_
14. What sweet treat is on top of the cake for this month's recipe? \_\_\_\_\_
15. Which town does Alea think of when she looks at her junky fish art? \_\_\_\_\_

What do librarians bring for bait when they go fishing?

Bookworms!



How does the man in the moon cut his hair? Eclipse it!



Q: What kind of key can open a banana?

A: A monkey!



# It's Raining Cats and Dogs

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

For this contest, which is open to all KMS students (including PP reporters), you will need to be a bit of a “retriever” to have a “purr-fect” score! Check with different teachers and staff to find out the correct answers, circle or highlight your answers, write your name and grade level, cut off this page, and turn it in to Mrs. Nabholz in Room #13 by the office. Entries with the most correct answers will be entered in a drawing for some tasty prizes. Entries are due by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.



1. Who has four chickens named Pumpkin, Shepherd, Henrietta, and Dash as pets?
  - A. Mrs. Smith
  - B. Mrs. Neill
  - C. Ms. Gann
  - D. Ms. Brown
2. Who has a super-wrinkly Chinese Shar Pei dog?
  - A. Mrs. Adair
  - B. Mrs. Navarre
  - C. Ms. True
  - D. Mrs. Diorec
3. Which type of dog does Mrs. Rininger own?
  - A. A pure-bred greyhound named Houser
  - B. A mutt dog named Bowser
  - C. A Welsh Corgi named Trousers
  - D. A mutt dog named Mouser
4. Who owns two standard poodles and one black lab?
  - A. Mrs. Tews
  - B. Mrs. Bressler
  - C. Mrs. Nabholz
  - D. Mrs. Navarre
5. How does Mrs. Vann think the dog her family adopted from the pound got his name?
  - A. Oreo, because he has black and white stripes
  - B. Cookie, because he has black spots like chocolate chips
  - C. Brownie, because he is a rich chocolate brown color
  - D. Sno-cone, because he is white and fluffy
6. Whose family has a licensed service dog that works at Heritage Place?
  - A. Ms. Johnson
  - B. Ms. Stotz
  - C. Mr. Dosko
  - D. Mr. Felchle
7. Which science teacher had their dog's DNA tested?
  - A. Mrs. Rolph
  - B. Ms. Lucas
  - C. Mr. Verkuilen
  - D. Ms. Stotz
8. Who has a Yorkie-Chihuahua mix named Booger?
  - A. Nurse Dixie
  - B. Mr. Beck
  - C. Mrs. Holmes
  - D. Mrs. Zorbas
9. Which type of retriever does Mrs. Newton own?
  - A. Black lab
  - B. Chocolate lab
  - C. Science lab
  - D. Yellow lab
10. Who owns a tortoiseshell cat with six toes on each foot?
  - A. Mr. LeClair
  - B. Mr. Schlung
  - C. Mr. Tilly
  - D. Mr. Schoessler
11. Which dog breed is absolutely Mr. Summer's favorite?
  - A. Chihuahua
  - B. Shi-tzu
  - C. Pomeranian
  - D. Welsh Corgi



# Overheard

By William Vaudrin

Person 1: "Yeah, he's really weird."  
Person 2: "Like Mr. Gustkey weird?"

Person 1: "I slept in math class today."  
Person 2: "You smoked in math class?"



"I think my pig has been eating toilet paper."  
"People cut down trees to give birth."  
"Am I not a peoples?"  
"I was untying her shoe because she stuck her foot in my pocket."  
"I can fit in a trash can."



Person 1: "Can we eavesdrop outside of school?"  
Person 2: "No, my family will fill up that column."

Person 1: "I wonder how burned chicken nuggets taste like?"  
Person 2: "Umm, go away!"

Person 1: "I need to draw a potato."  
Person 2: "Just draw my face."



"Why y'all ain't got no shoes on?!"  
"I turned it in, thank you, you're welcome."  
"I'm going to eat your hair like spaghetti."  
"You have too much dramaticness."  
"And his name is Daddy McStuffiness."  
"Sup, I'm a homie."  
"Have you seen my baby?!"  
"I asked my mom if she can pick me up, and she said,  
"Umm... No, I don't want to, you're too ugly."  
"Her name is Goo Goo."  
"This computer has some mental problems."  
"I would probably marry a dog or llama."  
"I would like to marry corn beef."  
"I love corn beef...beef...beef."  
"And I ate the whole tub of Kool-Aid."  
"You can hear my nails, they're so loud."  
"I've done testing, please stop."

# Anonymous Confessions

By Malena Grieme



*I ate a Tide pod! –Your Friend Billy*  
Your Friend Billy,  
I licked a Tide to-go Stick.  
– TheSpinachInYourTeeth

*I like pineapples. –Mr. Slimy Pineapples*  
Mr. Slimy Pineapples,  
I like pickles. – TheSpinachInYourTeeth

*Is the Apocalypse coming? –YourDoom*  
Your Doom,  
Is Vine coming back? –TheSpinachInYourTeeth

*I still watch R.I.P. Vine compilations. –Your Wife*  
Your Wife,  
YOU'RE NOT ALONE! –TheSpinachInYourTeeth

*I've licked my toe before. –Toe Licker*  
Toe Licker,  
I've licked my shoe before. –  
TheSpinachInYourTeeth

*I don't like Malena's MK slides. –Anonymous*  
Anonymous,  
I DON'T LIKE YOU, MEANIE! –  
TheSpinachInYourTeeth

*During the summer, I secretly turn the thermostat up 3 degrees F every 10 min, until someone notices. MUHAHAHAHA!*  
–Hottie

Hottie,  
This was a lot to type, I'm too tired to reply. –TheSpinachInYourTeeth

*Sorry to say, \*sigh\* I'm ugly. –Anonymous*  
Anonymous,  
THAT'S MY JOB! –TheSpinachInYourTeeth

I like... SYKE! no one. –Anonymous  
Anonymous,  
Tehehehehe, I like myself. – TheSpinachInYourTeeth

I ate my dead hamster. – Anonymous  
Anonymous,  
Ummmm... is that a crime? –  
TheSpinachInYourTeeth



## More 7<sup>th</sup> grade Ice Fishing pictures!



## More Robotics Club pictures!



Julia Farewell and Emaline Cruickshank built and coded R3PTAR.



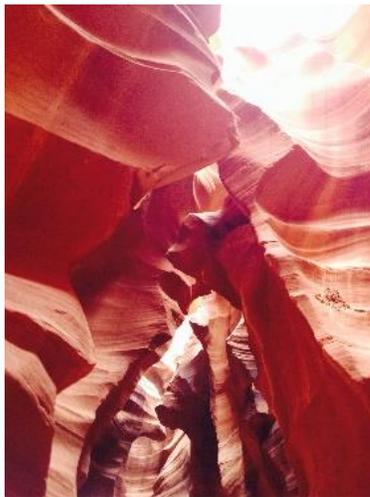
Javous Followell and Hailey Followell built and coded EV3RSTORM.



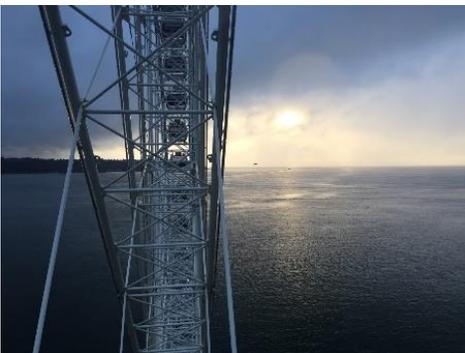
Levin Hendrickson and Leia Parkki  
built and coded SPIK3R.

## **More entries from the Nature Photography Contest!**

### **Brooklynn Reed**



### **Malena Grieme**



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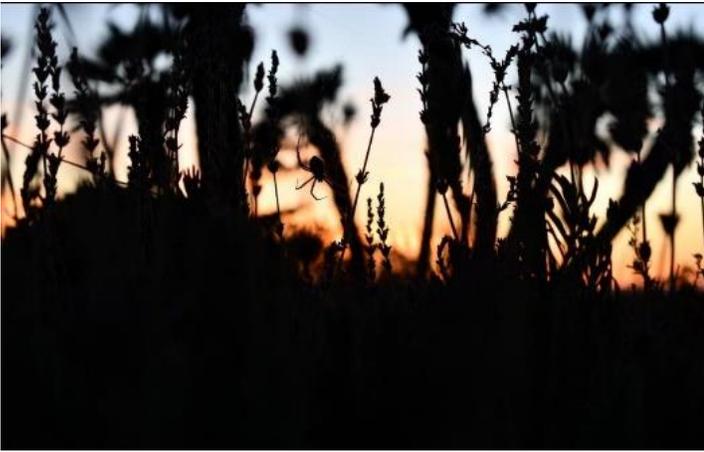
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