

KMS PURPLE PAGES

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Fondest Farewells



KMS staff, students, families, and friends wish our fondest farewells to Mrs. Bird, Mr. Roser, Mr. Cowan, Mr. & Mrs. Fischer, and Mrs. Njaa as they say farewell to our school and take on new adventures in life!

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Mrs. Bird's Retirement

By Faith Gattenby & Kaylee Miller

Sadly, Mrs. Bird is retiring this year. She has been working here at KMS since 1988! A lot of her students are sad about her retirement. Many students said she's a person they want to aspire to be, awesome, kind, good at the piano, a super special person, going to be missed, and the dopest of them all.

We interviewed some students and had them answer a few questions about Mrs. Bird's retirement, and many of them said they are sad about her leaving KMS.

Isaac Erwin said, "I respect her decision, even though I don't like it, but I wish her the best of luck."

Gavin Dirks told us, "She's an awesome, kind person and I'm sad she's retiring because I'm in choir."

Elora Jennings said, "She's a special person to me, I love her, and I'm sad she's retiring."

Nathan Brown mentioned, "She's my hero, I love her, and I feel horrible about her retiring bro."

Mr. Dosko has known Mrs. Bird for eleven years total. His favorite memory about Mrs. Bird is the great concerts that she does with the choir. Mr. Dosko is very happy for her and her husband Bob. Although he is happy for her, he is still disappointed.

Mr. Felchle has known Mrs. Bird for 21 years. Some of his favorite memories are how absolutely kindhearted she is, how much she cares about the students here at KMS, and how she treats faculty members. He selfishly feels sad about her retiring, but he is very happy for her and that she can finally focus on herself.

Can you believe that Mrs. Zorbas has known Mrs. Bird for 14 or 15 years? Her favorite memory is watching her in action at the choir concerts. Mrs. Zorbas is "really gonna miss her."

Mr. Verkuilen has known Mrs. Bird since 1993. It saddens him that she is retiring but he is happy for her and hopes that she can enjoy her family. Knowing her as a mother was one of his favorite memories about her. Another one of his other favorite memories is her raising some really nice boys and a lovely girl and knowing her as a grandmother.

When Mrs. Bird was younger, her school had no choir, but she loved band. The person who inspired her to teach was her band teacher. She likes teaching because "each day something new happens and a greater possibility becomes clear." The biggest challenge about teaching is finding the right music, and knowing how to manage a large group. I asked her if there's anything about teaching that she never figured out, or still wonders about. "Well, even now I wonder why I never thought about the simplest things before."

Fischers Retiring

By Jenna Streiff & Kaitlyn Herrmann

Mr. Fischer has been working at KMS as a 6th grade math, science, and reading teacher. Since then he's taught 8th grade math for a couple of years and high school algebra for 15 years. Mr. Fischer has been teaching for 24 years since 1992. He likes all of the subjects equally because each of them offer a different type of thinking. He also loves watching the sixth graders get the basics of math like order of operations and then using them in eighth grade. In science he really likes the units of space and systems of the body.

Mr. Fischer's favorite memory of them all is and always will be sixth grade camp. Especially being "undefeated" in capture the flag for 24 years. He also included that he's going to miss teaching because of the energy and humor that students bring to school every day and that every day is a different day.

When Mr. Fischer retires he hopes to get a job on the oil field. He said that he's always wanted to work on the field but it wouldn't feel good with two weeks on two weeks off. So besides that, since his kids are all grown up, he'd like to be an operator on the slope.

When he's free and retired he's looking forward to building his swimming pool. Along with that a lazy river so that he can take long naps while floating around.

Mrs. Bressler's most memorable memory of Mr. Fischer was when he got to school at 5:00 am and there was a tent in the parking lot in his parking space. He was so distracted by the tent he locked his keys in his car!

Mrs. Fischer has been working here at KMS as the lunch lady for 15 years since 2002. While she has been at KMS Mrs. Fischer has shared many memories with many people. Her favorite memory was when her daughter, Christina, and her best friend, Nadya, helped serve lunch in the kitchen every day for two years. "It was also a time when we served curly fries every day. Everyone loved those curly fries!" says Mrs. Fischer.

I asked Mrs. Fischer what she was going to miss the most about being here. "I am going to miss the students and staff at KMS the most."

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I'm especially going to miss Mrs. Winslow asking me, "What's new today?" and her always reminding me to find something positive in the day," says Mrs. Fischer. She also will miss the school and the fun memorable people that worked here. "I will miss the kindhearted humor that can always be found somewhere at KMS," she says.

After Mrs. Fischer leaves KMS, she plans on doing something related to animals. She will start by volunteering at an animal shelter and will work her way up to fostering animals or starting a doggie daycare. After retirement, Mrs. Fischer looks forward to her husband building her a swimming pool with a lazy river. She also awaits visiting her kids in Florida and Oregon. Mrs. Fischer also wants to get a dog that Mr. Fischer gets to potty train. She also plans to see more of the United States. "I would love my first trek to be to Niagara Falls in the autumn to check out the falls and the changes of seasons at the same time!" she says.

Mr. and Mrs. Fischer are great role models to KMS and anyone around them. We want to thank them for all of their hard work and dedication and for being amazing and inspiring people. We hope you keep going and be what you want to be. Thank you!

Mr. Roser's Retirement

By Madeline Edelen and Riley Updike

I believe we all know a guy around here who we call Mr. Roser, although this is sadly Mr. Roser's last year teaching at KMS. We have interviewed Mr. Roser multiple times and we have a lot to thank for that! Other than Mr. Roser, we have interviewed other teachers who are associated with Mr. Roser. We asked Mr. Dosko a few questions, our first question was, "What do you like the most about Mr. Roser?" His response. "He's calm, cool, and collected." Our next question for him is what is his favorite memory with him, his response was, "Our Kenai Lake campout." Mr. Dosko has worked here at KMS with Mr. Roser for 11 years!

One of our very first questions we asked Mr. Roser was, "How long have you worked at KMS?" He responded, "I have been working here at KMS for about 29 years."

Now for being here at KMS for 29 years he has to have some amazing memories. So, our next question to him was, "What's your favorite memory from here?" His answer to our question was, "Every student I meet." Now with an answer like that there's no way you can go wrong!

But we've also asked him what his retirement plan is. "Go places I haven't been and spend more time with my wife." To follow our question about his retirement plan we asked what he is going to do after he leaves KMS. He said, "I don't have a crystal ball."

After talking about his retirement plan and what he is doing after he leaves KMS, we asked probably one of the most important questions relating to retirement, and that is, "Are you sad to leave?" Mr. Roser has worked here 29 years and his response was, "Yes, I love teaching here."

But being here for a while he must have some people he talks with on break or any favorite things about school. So we asked him what other teachers he's worked with. In response to our question, "All of them, I've been here the longest!" We also asked him what his favorite class period is, he said, "I love them all."

Going on with favorites, we asked him who his favorite boy student was and who his favorite girl student was. We weren't able to get any information out of that question, but his response still answered our question. "I can't answer that." And without that information, we moved on to what his favorite game in gym class was. His answer, "Ruler of the World, because the guys love it!"

Being here for 29 years at KMS, he had to have someone to visit with the most and that was our question. When we asked him he said, "It used to be Mr. Sandahl, but then he retired. Now it's Mr. Gustkey." And if you don't know who Mr. Gustkey is, he's the 7th grade Language Arts teacher. If you don't know Mr. Sandahl and/or what he taught, he taught Language Arts and Digital StoryTelling. Mr. Sandahl worked here for 20 years!

We also asked some of the 8th grade guys their opinions on Mr. Roser leaving. We interviewed Cameron Plagge, asking him what he liked most about Mr. Roser. His response, "He's not Mrs. Zorbas." A follow-up question we asked him is if he was sad to see Mr. Roser leave KMS. "Yes, next year's teacher is going to be a jerk!" Cameron's response might be true, but let's hope not. The

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Mr. Cowan's Retirement

By Julia Hanson & Gabby Hansen

With 20 years in the district and his last four spent at KMS, Mr. Cowan has done so much for this school: all the little things you don't see, the clean floors he swept, the piece of paper you missed when you "shot" at the trash (Mr. Cowan picked it up). All the small and big things for this school, he has taken care of. He also is in the commons during lunch, keeping it clean and helping students. All these things he does are actually a big deal to all of us, so next time you see him, say thank you!

Mr. Cowan is very interesting, and he does a lot around the school. He has been working in the district for over 20 years! He started at Skyview when they were still a high school, and then moved to Tustumena Elementary and worked there for quite a while, and this is now his fourth year here at Kenai Middle School. Mr. Cowan says his favorite thing about working at KMS is the students and the staff. Mr. Cowan says, "It's really important to get along with your peers," so he's very grateful for his coworkers.

His favorite memory of working in the district was when he was on bus duty. It was the last day of school, and this little fifth grade girl ran up to him crying, and said that she didn't want school to be over. He thought it was super cute.

We asked Mr. Cowan who he is closest to in the staff. He said that they all get along so well, but he'd have to say Mr. Roser because they always get here early and get to chat. Mr. Cowan's favorite thing about living in Alaska is fishing.

Mr. Cowan is greatly appreciated by the staff members. Mr. Dosko has known Mr. Cowan since he started working here. Mr. Dosko says, "Mr. Cowan is a great guy and he is very knowledgeable about our school and the district." Mr. Dosko and Mr. Cowan sometimes talk about fishing, but their focus is mainly on school.

All the staff have known Mr. Cowan since he started working here. Mr. Roser and Mr. Cowan get here at 5:30 in the morning every day! They sometimes get to talk, and when they do they usually talk about what needs to be done in the school, politics, and what it will be like when they retire. Mrs. Nabholz knows Mr. Cowan pretty well. "I know his wife from a local food group so I got to know him and his wife. Mr. Cowan is very easy to talk to, he's always really helpful, and he's patient."

Mrs. Teresa is another one of our custodians. She has known him for two years. She knows him just at work, and he makes her job easier if he can. She says, "Mr. Cowan is always nice and available if you have questions. Mr. Cowan does a lot around the school that you might not know. He orders all the cleaning supplies, sends and receives shipments, and is the head custodian. His favorite part of his job is doing the Zamboni scrub; all the boys get crazy jealous how he gets to ride it! We all appreciate the things he does. You might not see the impact it has on the school, but it does. All the clean floors aren't always clean; someone has to clean them, and that someone is Mr. Cowan.

After 20 years in the district and four years at KMS, Mr. Cowan will be retiring. He will be taking a ferry from Whittier to Washington, then driving from there to Nampa, Idaho to be with his wife. He might be retiring from the school district, but he himself is not retiring. He will be working in Nampa for a few more years. But we will all miss him for everything that he has done for the school district for so long!

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Mr. Roser

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last question we asked Cameron was what he liked most about gym. "We do less workouts than the girls." Cameron's response is also very true about this fact!

Another 8th grade student we interviewed is Marek Grieme. We asked the same questions as before with Cameron. His responses are: "The fact that he remembered me all three years, yes he was my favorite teacher, and the games and workouts are evenly distributed." The next person we interviewed was Jeff Uta. His responses to our three questions are: "Good teacher, he is fun, yes he knows him, the game bleacher ball." Last but not least, the last 8th grade student we interviewed is "Aidan" Arness. "His nicknames, he's a good gym teacher, I like the games!"

We believe there's a lot of us who are going to miss him when he leaves. We wish you luck on your retirement! <3

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"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future."

—John F. Kennedy

"All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them." —Walt Disney

Mrs. Njaa's Retirement

By Mrs. Nabholz

Mrs. Njaa started working for the school district in 1999, and she has worked as a tutor for ELL (English Language Learner) students most of that time. She has helped students at two Nikiski schools, plus four Kenai schools, including KMS and KCHS.

Her goals are to help ELL students learn conversational and academic English. She teaches them about language, grammar, and cultural differences, to help them adapt more quickly to living in a very different world.

Mrs. Njaa feels that it's an honor to work with such highly motivated students, and she loves working one on one and with small groups. She often worked with students over many years and even got to know their families. She finds it rewarding to help them become comfortable and successful in school and in life.

Veronika Budyanu moved to Kenai from Russia in 2014 and entered KMS as a 6th grader. She felt really awkward the first day, and she only knew how to say "hello" and "goodbye." The first year, Mrs. Njaa spent several hours a day working with her, using lots of techniques to help her learn English. Veronika said, "She made a fool of herself so I could understand!" She went on to say, "Without her I would not be where I am now. She just helped me so much." They became so close that Veronika and her friends Ning and Marylou eat lunch with Mrs. Njaa at KCHS.

Mr. Dosko has really valued the help that Mrs. Njaa has provided to so many students, and he knows they will miss her support. He feels that she has served as an advocate for them, bridging the gap between the students and their teachers. "She has instilled confidence in those kids," he stated, often by working with experienced teachers to make adjustments for students.

Because her job is so rewarding, she has bittersweet feelings about leaving behind her students and her colleagues. However, she is looking forward to spending more time with her husband and son, spending time outside, gathering wild plants, playing guitar, writing, and reconnecting with friends.

SHORT vs. tall

By Taylor Carver & Tania Cazares

What is the first thing you notice about people? Are they abnormally tall or are others just awkwardly short? Let's learn about genetics together! Just kidding. That's kind of lame. We talked to some of the tallest and shortest kids in the school to understand what it's like to be their height.

Aiden Arness is one of the 8th graders at this school and he's right around 6'. He told me that it's fun being tall because he can see over everyone in the halls, and he can step over all the little people to get to the front of the line. Even though being tall is fun, he said there are some disadvantages to his height. He occasionally hits his head on doorways, and shorter people run into him a lot.

Tania Cazares is the shortest 8th grader at our school. She is 4'8" and she LOVES being short. She said that people always call her cute when she gets angry, and she can crawl through people's legs when they are in the way. Being short does have its disadvantages though. Tania doesn't like that when she sitting in class and there is a tall person sitting in front of her, she can't see the board. Also, when she has a conversation with someone she always has to look up and it's really awkward.

Isaac Erwin is one of the tallest kids in the 7th grade. He's about 5'10". He said it's kind of hard being tall. He's constantly annoyed by slow walkers, his back is hurting constantly, it's hard to get comfortable, and he can't fit into small spaces. However, he does love the fact that he can look over people if he is trying to find something or someone.

Erin Koziczowski is another one of the tallest 7th graders. She is 5'10". She said that meeting new people can be annoying because they always ask how tall she is, and people are always pointing it out. She doesn't like that people automatically assume she's good at basketball, even though she is good at hurdles and long jump in track.

Kordell Flecha is one of the shortest 7th graders. He's 4'10", and he said EVERYONE points out how short he is. He doesn't like how he has to look up to all his friends, but he does enjoy the fact that he can fit into tiny spaces to hide from teachers.

Audrey Larson is another short 7th grader. She doesn't know quite how tall she is but she's just short of 5'. She likes that she doesn't have to duck below obstacles, and she can get through large crowds easy, but she doesn't like the fact that everyone is always pointing out how short she is and they put their arm on her shoulder. She also exclaimed that it's hard for her to play sports because everyone is always a lot taller.

I think it's really cool that I got the inside scoop on what it's like to be short. I've always been one of the tallest kids in my class so it was neat getting their perspective on it. **5**

Opinion-8-ed

By Gabby Hansen

Would you rather be tall or short? Why?

Aiden Arness: "Tall, because I can make fun of short people. You can also see long distances and it's easier to get through the halls."

Patience Kruse: "Short, because short people can trip tall people and they look funny falling. Short people also have the advantage of dodging tall people."

Marek Grieme: "Tall, because tall people are more attractive."

Jeff Uta: "Tall, because I like being tall."

Jackson Duperron: "Tall, so I could dunk a basketball."

Caden Fields: "Tall, so I could look over everyone."

Kyle Rice: "Short, low center of gravity."

Emmarie Edwards-Dean: "Short, because short people are cooler and they can hide in small places. I'm also friends with a bunch of awesome short people."

Mrs. Miranda: "Tall, because in my kitchen I have a step stool and I have to step onto it to reach my cabinets. When I'm at home, I like to be barefoot and at school I wear higher shoes, so it makes me look taller than I really am."

Kylie Cramer: "Short, because if the sky falls the tall people will be killed first."

Maryrose Macabuag: "Short, because it's fun to climb stuff and the shorter you are you can demand things from people. You also get more exercise walking."

Kiara Moses: "Short, because I could say 'Why are you so tall?' to other people and because I like climbing."

Tuf Boze: "Tall, so that I could see over everybody and be better at hurdles. Mainly to be better at hurdles and to beat Jolie at hurdles because I'm better."

Erin Blum: "Tall, because you can reach the top shelf."

Riley Graves: "Short, I'm short."

Aria Fabiano: "Probably short, I don't know."

Kaylee Lauritsen: "I like being tall because I can reach things and I can see things better and yeah I don't know."

Soccer Master #10: "Tall, because I am short, and so I can dunk."

Lucas Tunseth: "I like being tall because it makes me feel superior to others."

Tucker Vann: "Tall, it would help with sports I guess."

Maison Dunham: "Tall, so I can run the fastest."

Joey Freeman: "Tall, so I don't have to ask people to get stuff off the shelf for me, plus I can laugh at people when they ask me to get stuff off the shelf."



Summer Building Construction

By Julia Hanson



This summer KMS is going to have a little bit of construction, from the commons all the way to the locker rooms. Workers will be doing pretty much what they did last summer, which was removing all the asbestos, and outside all the old metal on the roof will match the new metal. They are doing this because the asbestos in the school causes cancer, and doing this will also help the school become a cleaner and safer place. Mr. Dosko and Mr. Beck are both excited about the construction because it has been long overdue, and the school will be a more adequate learning facility. They will be starting the building construction on May 25th and working all the way through the summer.

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Spring Band Concert

Olivia Easley

On April 25th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the KCHS auditorium, the KMS concert, intermediate and beginning bands directed by Deborah Sounart with Delbrian Parfitt and Eli Heinrich as emcees, had a fun, upbeat concert. The KMS and KCHS jazz band also made an appearance playing *Jammin' with Charlie*, *My Dinner with Ronald*, *A Little Minor Blues*, and *Mr. Super Hip*, with Cole Watkins on tenor saxophone, Jack Will on guitar, and Al Diaz on bass all playing as guests. The KMS concert band played *Lassus Trombone* and *On the Edge of Tomorrow*. The intermediate band played songs called *Cloud Dancing* and *El Toro*. The beginning band played *Dark Towers*, *Way Out West*, *Soft Shoe Saints*, *Under Sonoran Skies*, *Boot Scootin' Barn Dance*, *Bag O' Blues* and *Minor Rock* with Mrs. Sounart accompanying on piano. The fairly short concert consisted of great songs that were fun to listen to and I can't wait to attend another one.



Mass Band

By Alex Martin

Mass Band, a program for middle school band students, took place on May 2nd at 6:00 pm at Homer High School. The schools that played include Kenai Middle, Homer Middle, Skyview, Ninilchik, and Chapman.

Each band received two songs to play on their own, then they practiced the four Mass Band pieces, which are *On the Edge of Tomorrow*, *Jai Ho!*, *Groovee!*, and *Lassus Trombone*.

The conductor for the Mass Band pieces was an Anchorage middle school band director by the name of Dan Whitfield. He conducts 190 energetic and enthusiastic musicians at Goldenview Middle School.

The conductor, in my personal and professional opinion, did very well. I mean, it's no easy feat to conduct hundreds of middle schoolers at the same time and still be able to think! It's because he was so well coordinated and focused that allowed us to play our best. I believe the concert was absolutely fantastic. If you have anybody that you know that went, please, ask them what they thought of it! But don't ask me. I just explained how I felt.

CHOIR

By Kaylee Miller
& Faith-Lynn Gattenby

MASS CHOIR

On April 18th, 2017 the KMS choir went over to SoHi for the day to sing with Skyview, Homer, and Nikiski. There was a guest conductor, Dan Davison. Dan is the choir director at Ballou Junior High in Puyallup, Washington. The choirs spent the day practicing the music as a large group. We broke up into our sections, and were put on the stage tallest to shortest. Dan would choose a student to rate the choir on a one to ten scale.

MASS CONCERT

On April 18th there was the 2017 KPBSD Middle School Mass Choir concert. As a huge group we sang *Exultate Justi*, *Feel Good*, *Rest Not*, *The Lonely Sea*, and *Old Joe Clark*. Each school had a few songs they sung with their teacher. The KMS Choir sang *Salmo 150*, *All That They Had They Gave*, and *Sing for Peace*.

POP CONCERT

On April 27th, 2017 KMS had their last choir concert with Mrs. Bird. Some of the songs sung were *I Lived*, *Dust in The Wind*, *Stand by Me*, *Ain't No Mountain High Enough*, and *What a Wonderful World*. The audience really enjoyed the concert. Most of the choir students went on stage after the concert and hugged Mrs. Bird. Many people cried because they were sad about her leaving.



KMS Track

By Kaitlyn Herrmann

Track is an amazing sport and very fun to try. The fee is \$60.00 but it's very worth it. Track is a useful sport to use as a way to get in shape. It includes events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, hurdles, shot put, discus, sprints, and relays. The KMS team consists of 113 students with 35 sixth graders, 38 seventh graders, and 42 eighth graders. Read the rest of the article for more info!

Mr. Felchle coaches sprinting, long jump, and triple jump. He is the main track coach and is very good at it. He enjoys coaching these events because he has the most experience with the jumping, and he says he can really make a difference in the outcome of the relay races with the baton handoffs. His favorite event is the 400 meter because it's the toughest of the events and the participants strive to finish. When he was just our age he participated in 100m, 200m, long jump, and some sprinting relays.

Throwing is coached by Mr. Roser and this is his last year, sadly. There are two throwing events, shot put and discus. Mr. Roser says he enjoys coaching throwing because it's something that many of the athletes have never done before and it gives him an opportunity to mold them from the start. His favorite event is the 200m because it's a great race to watch. When Mr. Roser was young he participated in sprinting. He claims not to be a fast one, but because he did sprinting that gave him the privilege to call himself a sprinter.

Distance is being coached by Mr. Schlung and includes the 800m and 1600m events. He enjoys coaching these events because in his words, "It's great to help them find that part of them deep down inside that lets them go just a little bit further, run a little longer, fight a little harder to break through the wall that so often holds us back from success and achievement." His favorite event is the 1600 meter and when he was younger he didn't do track, although he did do Cross Country, which is great.

I know I said that Mr. Felchle coaches long jump, but most of the time it is being coached by Ms. Stotz. She works with the girls most of the time and not only does this but helps with every event! She said she likes coaching long jump because it's fun to see the improvement in the athletes and she thinks the sound effects are hilarious. Her favorite event out of all of them would have to be the 400 or the 4x100 relay.



When Ms. Stotz was younger she participated in long jump, 400m, 4x400m, 800m, and sometimes the medley relay. She also did hurdles but later figured that she wasn't coordinated enough to do this event.

Mrs. Harding doesn't only coach middle school but coaches or used to coach high school. She enjoys coaching high jump because it is an exciting event and it's very technical with a lot of parts to learn. She also mentioned that she learned about high jump from the Olympian that invented the Fosbury Flop, Mr. Dick Fosbury. He invented the method of going over the bar "backward". Mrs. Harding enjoys coaching high jump, but loves watching sprinting. When she was our age she was a gymnast and a sprinter.

Track is an amazing and very technical sport but is very enjoyable as you learned above. I really hope that if you are reading this you tried track or are currently in it. Remember, you can't succeed if you don't try!



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"You don't have to have it all figured out to move forward . . . just take the next step."

"You are never too old to set another goal or dream a new dream." –C.S. Lewis

Track Results

By Gabby Hansen & Julia Hanson

The boys team placed second overall, and the girls team got third place overall. In the 1600 for boys, Maison Dunham won first place. In the girls 1600, Logan Satathite won first place. In the 100-meter hurdle, Sorin Sorenson won fifth place. In shot put, Tuf Boze won second place. In the long jump for boys, Seth Cotler won fourth place. In the long jump for girls, Vanessa Beck won third, and Bethany Morris won fifth place. In the 400-meter relay, Kenai placed third for the boys. In discus, Joshua Tree won second place. In high jump, Maison Dunham placed first, and Lucas Tunseth placed fourth. Bethany Morris placed third for the girls. In the triple jump, Kukoa Diorec placed third and Sammy Baker got fifth place. In the 100 meter, Vanessa Beck won second place. In the 200 meter, Vanessa Beck won third place. In the 800 meter, Logan Satathite placed second.

Congratulations to all the track athletes for doing so well at the borough meet!

Track Playlist

By Kaitlyn Herrmann



- “Jump” by Van Halen
- “Running Up that Hill” by Kate Bush
- “Runnin’ Down a Dream” by Tom Petty
- “Running on Sunshine” by Jesus Jackson
- “Run Away” by Linkin Park
- “Ready, Steady, Go” by The Meices
- “Going the Distance” by Cake
- “Jump in the Line” by Harry Belafonte
- “Jump then Fall” by Taylor Swift
- “One Jump Ahead” by Brad Kane
- “Born to Run” by Bruce Springsteen
- “I Don’t Wanna Stop” by Ozzy Osbourne
- “Long May You Run” by Neil Young
- “Run for Your Life” by The Fray
- “Running Knees” by Days of the New

Midnight Sun Volleyball

By Julia Hanson

Midnight Sun is our local competitive girls volleyball team. They go to tournaments in Anchorage once or twice a month. Try-outs were held in the beginning of December for all the age groups. The season was put on hold for winter break, but after we came back in January the practices picked up.

The team is a total of 11, but only seven girls go to our school. Abby Every, Bethany Morris, Dulce Santana, Kaylee Lauritsen, Kaitlyn Walsh, and Maria Shaginoff are on the U-14 team. Kaylee Lauritsen and Bethany Morris play along with Andie Galloway on the U-16 team as well; Andie is the youngest on the U-16 team and this is Andie’s only team.

Considering this is a competitive volleyball team, tryouts would be a little different than KMS. If the coaches don’t think you are up to the task, you would be cut, almost like an A or Varsity team, no B, C, or JV. If you were to work on your skill you could always come back the next year.

Most people said they tried out for the Midnight Sun volleyball team because they wanted more experience and practice. They love volleyball and want more practices to tie into their volleyball years and KCHS. During practice they usually serve, set, bump, and serve receive.

“At the end of practice we all have like three tubs of slime and play with it,” Maria happily said at the end of our interview.



Sierrah Lanahan

By Taylor Carver

Sierrah Lanahan is an awesome 8th grader at our school. She is 14 years old, and her birthday is on January 26th. She has one sister and one brother. Her best friends are JZ, JD, Jaylynn, and Riley.

Sierrah's favorite class is art because she loves to do everything that involves paint, colors, drawing, etc. Her favorite color is blue because it can express two colors at the same time- happy and sad. She loves listening to Dolly Parton. Her favorite movie is *Twilight*, and her favorite book is *Mal's Heart*.

When she grows up, she wants to be a designer or do anything that has to do with sewing. I asked her where she sees herself in five years, and she said that she wants to be bugging her sister with a stick. Lol. Her dream vacation is going to Hawaii (without her sister) because it's beautiful there. If she was stranded on a deserted island, and she could take three items with her, she would take a katana, a fire starter, and a sleeping mat (smart girl).

I had so much fun talking to Sierrah and if you see her around school be sure to say "Hi!"



Erin Koziczkowski

By Ambrosia Lawrence

Erin Koziczkowski is a 7th grader here at KMS. I bet you won't notice her in the halls, considering she is only 5'10".

Erin enjoys playing volleyball. Since her sister plays volleyball, Erin decided to try it and ended up enjoying it. She also did basketball this year; the reasoning behind that is Mr. Gustkey wanted Erin to try it. She finds hurdles fun too, so she decided to join track this year.

Erin's favorite subject in school is math, simply because she likes math. Erin's favorite teacher is either Mrs. Rininger or Mr. Verkuilen. She likes Mrs. Rininger because of how she teaches in class, and Mr. Verkuilen because he is laid back and fun.

She loves dogs, including her very own. He is a golden retriever named Koby, and he's very loveable and soft. Erin has one brother in college, and one sister in high school, soon to be in college.

Erin is pretty excited to be the only child left in the house, because she will get some of Emily's things, including her cool sound system.

On the weekend, or when Erin is not in school, she enjoys running at the beach, the park, and the neighborhood, and she finds running a fun exercise to do. She also enjoys watching Netflix, and some of her favorite shows are *Haven*, *Prison Break*, and *The 100*. Finally, she likes hanging out with friends.



Desiree Devera

By Jenna Streiff

Desiree Devera is a 6th grader here at KMS. Desiree adores reading and it is her favorite



subject in school. She reads random genres by random authors. Desiree's favorite book is *Frozen Charlotte* by Alex Bell.

Desiree enjoys drawing. She likes to draw dogs, cats, and horses, realistic or animated. Desiree also draws scenic pictures of beaches and forests. Desiree usually likes to sketch. She draws from memory, but she also likes to look at things and draw them.

Desiree loves to be with her friends and family. Some of her friends are Melanie, Sara, and Elizabeth. When she is with her friends she likes to talk and hang out with them. Sometimes when Desiree is with her friends, they like to watch scary movies.

Desiree has five family members including herself. She is the oldest out of three kids. Desiree has a younger sister, Dorothy, and a younger brother, Donovan. Desiree also has a family pet guinea pig named Snowball. When Desiree is with her family she likes to play board games. Sometimes she and her family like to go outside and play tag or hide and seek.

Desiree seems like a terrific person to get to know. If you pass her in the hallway, make sure to say hi.

March Students of the Month

By Destiny Jas

On this nice breezy spring day here at Kenai Middle School we have students of the month. When the students get picked for the student of the month they get pizza for a treat. Isabelle said, "Good job me." River said his mom would be happy. They both said they like pizza so they were happy.



Isabelle Harris
8th grader



Kaitlyn Herrmann
7th grader



Eli Morris
6th grader



Megan Wolverton
8th grader



Audrey Larson
7th grader



Cooper Bernard
6th grader



River Tomrde
8th grader



Melanie Hopkins
6th grader



Carter Tennison
6th grader

April Students of the Month

By Ambrosia Lawrence

Congratulations to these eight people for winning students of the month! Thank you for your hard work, participation, responsibility, etc. Here are the 8th, 7th, and 6th grade students of the month for April.

8th grade

- Jacob Brewington
- Connor Koppes
- Maryrose Macabaug

7th grade

- Kaleb Easling
- Ambrosia Lawrence

6th grade

- Gavin Langham
- Brooklyn Reed
- Malena Grieme



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“Be the change that you wish to see in the world.”
—Mahatma Gandhi



Can February March?



No, but April May.

8th Grade History Projects

By Gabby Hansen & Taylor Carver

We have been slowly progressing on Mr. Summer's 8th grade history projects. In quarter 1, we started to plan out the projects that we knew were going to last the whole year. We picked our own groups and found topics. Groups could be one to four people. In quarter 2, we wrote our individual research projects; each person wrote an essay that contributed to the main topic. In quarter 3, groups worked together and wrote their scripts. We had to include props and started to plan out the movie. Finally, this quarter, we are filming our movies.

A couple of groups have some wild ideas. Maryrose Macabuag, Kiara Moses, Rain Wong, and Sophie Karl did their reports on the Battle of Mactan. Personally, I hadn't heard about that until Mr. Summer's class. Mactan is an island in the Philippines where Ferdinand Magellan was killed. Magellan went to Mactan to try to make everyone Catholic. The Visayan weren't religious, so they got into a battle and the chief, Lapu Lapu, killed Magellan. Maryrose and her group have some pretty fun ideas. One of their favorite scenes is when Magellan talks to the king and queen and Magellan was being sassy. For their costumes, they are using cloth and paint. For the weapons, they are using cardboard and then painting them silver. Sounds like fun!

Emmarie Edwards-Dean's group also has some crazy ideas. Emmarie, Kylie Cramer, and Patience Kruse did their reports on the Treaty of Paris 1783, when representatives from the United States and Britain went to Paris to sign a document about recognizing the United States as a country. One of her favorite scenes is after they mention Thomas Jefferson couldn't make it, the screen fuzzes out and Kylie, dressed as Thomas Jefferson, turns around in a swivel chair with mac and cheese and says, "What did I miss?" (If you didn't know, they are obsessed with the musical *Hamilton*, and that was a pun.) Emmarie is playing John Adams, Patience is playing Benjamin Franklin, and Kylie is playing Henry Laurens.

Tuf Boze, Aubrey Girves, and Megan Wolverton are doing their movie on a more familiar topic. They are documenting the Boston Tea Party. If you don't know what the Boston Tea Party is, it was a rebellion of taxes. They are pretty excited for their movie, because they are each going to be riding horses, and filming at Tuf's lake. Tuf's favorite scene is when he



dies and falls out of the boat into the lake. That sounds really cold, but fun!

There are a lot of different topics people chose. Rocky Sherbahn and Shay Smith are doing their movie on James Madison and Marbury. Nia Calvert, Cloey Followell, and Gabby Hansen wrote theirs on the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Taylor Carver and Kyle Rice are filming their movie on King Henry VIII. There are many more topics, and these are just a few.

Overall, I really like the history movies. They are super fun to film and dress up into crazy costumes. It was interesting learning more about the topics we chose. Everyone can't wait to actually watch all the movies. It's going to be entertaining to see what Mr. Summer has to say about them too! If you're not in eighth grade, you definitely have something to look forward to!

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Existential Conundrums

By Taylor Carver

- If you see a bald eagle at the zoo, you are seeing the American symbol for freedom in captivity.
- You will be the last person to die in your lifetime.
- Everyone actually has three voices: the one in your head, the one you hear when you talk, and the one that everyone else hears.
- Once you have a PhD, every meeting you go to becomes a doctor's appointment.



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Poetry Reading

Students in Mrs. Miranda's and Mrs. Nabholz's first hour classes held a poetry reading in the library on May 16th. While everyone enjoyed hot cocoa and fresh Moose Is Loose donuts, students took turns reading poems and singing songs for their classmates. Here are some samples of their awesome poems!

Gum

By Zaharah Wilshusen

For some people
the word "Love" is
more gum than food.

They love the way it tastes,
the way it feels,
behind the teeth,
the way it burrows into
the tongue and sits there,
the way it fills the mouth
with flavor that has
no intention of staying.

They can spit it out,
leave it where it lands
and proceed without a flinch.
They can even swallow it,
but it won't end good for them.

We stretch it,
or roll it around,
even blow bubbles.
It can pop in your face,
then you're sticky.
All it is, is Gum!
Nothing really special,
but it tears a piece out of you.

More Existential Conundrums

- If you punch yourself in the face, are you weak or strong?
- Mars is populated entirely by robots.
- Colors are just the pigment of your imagination.
- Your stomach thinks all potatoes are mashed.
- You have never seen your own face, only reflections and pictures.
- You will never feel something the exact same way someone else does.
- The only time the word incorrectly isn't spelled incorrectly, is when it's spelled incorrectly.

Your Voice

By Abby Every

It's an automatic thing our brain does,
Our mind directly goes to a familiar voice.
My mind chose you . . .
Your voice is where I found myself at home.
Why did my mind choose you?
It chose you to be my home, my safe place,
Even my safe haven.
But then it all took a turn for the worst . . .
Maybe things would have been different
If I didn't come home that day?
Maybe, just maybe, my mind would still think of your voice
As my home and safe place instead of a dark scary place
Where some of my best memories
Have turned into heartbroken regrets.
Maybe, just maybe?
I wouldn't hate you as much and love you as much
As I do if things would have gone differently.

Death by Fire

By Donovan Wynn

One of the things that scares me is being burned alive.
I wouldn't mind falling off a cliff and dying on impact.
I'm okay with drowning.
But being burned is like being erased from the world.
First smoke invades your lungs,
The smell of burning flesh like a swarm of bugs.
Then all of your organs melt, leaving your brain for last,
So you can still feel all the pain.
But even after you die the fire proceeds
To erase your existence from the world.
Blackened bones, ashes, and emptiness,
That is what the fire left you with,
That is what you are.





Trimathlon

On May 4th, three teams of KMS 6th graders rode bikes over to Mt. View for the Elementary Trimathlon competition. They participated in chess, prime factoring, and word problems, as well as a team lightning round.

What about next year?

By Madeline Edelen & Riley Updike

We have interviewed a lot of 8th graders and the ones you see down below are the top answers to the question “What are you looking forward to in high school?” We hope you enjoy reading this and let’s get on with it!

- Aiden Arness: “Drafting class, and dating girls.”
- Kyle Rice: “I can drive.”
- Kasey Kaiser: “The sport options.”
- Robby Gibson: “Nothing.”
- Kiara Moses: “Lawyer classes.”
- Koa Diorec: “Football.”
- Seth Cotler: “Sport options.”
- Courtney Ellis: “I’m going to Nikiski. Hopefully there’s no jerks.”
- Alivia Howard: “Volleyball and more opportunities.”
- Cassius Tiepelman-Sours: “Drafting.”
- Jacob Wisnewski: “My license and a new computer.”
- Jacob Dodson: “Woodshop, drama class, and swimming.”
- Gabby Hansen: “Meeting new teachers and my friends and leaving to go to college and all the activities and volleyball.”
- Marek Grieme: “New school.”
- Blake Baker: “Less detentions.”
- Kaitlynn Walsh: “Homecoming!”
- Tuf Boze: “More sports!”
- Cameron Plagge: “Nothing.”
- Cheyenne Juliussen: “Getting to know more people.”

We hope you enjoyed reading this article and think about this... what do you look forward to in high school?



“Thee Intermediate Owls” team of Ben Boersma, Eli Morris, and Sean Raften won the 2nd place team award. They also won

1st place in the lightning round, and Sean won 3rd place for prime factors.



The “Perhaps Pi” team of Gavin Langham, Rylie Sparks, Esther Joseph, and Hope

Broussard won the 3rd place team award. Gavin won 1st place for chess, and Hope won 3rd place for word problems.



The “Reverse Smarties” team of Malerie Nunn, Bridger Beck, Ashley Dahlman, and Carter

Tennison won 2nd place for the lightning round.

Even More Existential Conundrums

- Toasters are tanning beds for toast.
- If two people on opposite sides of the world each drop a piece of bread, the earth briefly becomes a sandwich.
- We eat pizza from the inside out.
- Fettuccini alfredo is mac and cheese for adults.
- If a 99-pound person eats 1-pound of nachos, are they 1% nacho?
- Apple sauce is just baby food that is socially acceptable for everyone to eat.
- Beef jerky is just meat raisins.
- A spoon is a small bowl on a stick used to eat from a larger bowl.

Community Problem Solving Trip to Cordova

By Taylor Carver



The trip to Cordova was a lot of fun! Five eighth graders – Connor Koppes, Grace Morrow, Isabelle Harris, Taylor Carver, and Rain Wong – and four seventh graders – Tyler Hippchen, Hayden Hanson, Caitlin Crabb, and Katie Stockton – went to Cordova from April 23-26 for a Community

Middle School Math Meet



Math isn't a "piece of cake" but it might be a "peace of pi"!

Problem Solving competition.

Although we didn't officially compete this year, we all had a blast presenting our projects to everyone. There were five groups who went: Hayden and Tyler did H&H Paper Recycling, Caitlin and Katie did 4F: Food for Feathered Friends, Isabelle and Connor did FAMM: Fine Arts Mini Museum, Grace did Damsels of Defense, and Taylor and Rain did their BE-you-TIFUL project.

It took 12 hours to get there. We had to drive to Whittier, which only took a couple hours. Then, we had to wait for the ferry, which took quite some time, then the ferry ride itself took seven hours. When we finally got to Cordova it was 12:15 in the morning so we went straight to the school to get some sleep. Thankfully we didn't compete until the next day, so we had a nice day to relax and settle in and finish our displays.

The competitions were all held at the Little Chapel and the new Cordova Center. The Presentation of Action Plan competition was amazing! A lot of teams had hilarious skits that made everyone in the auditorium crack up. Even though we didn't do the FPS booklet competition, everyone from Kenai Middle School combined our projects to make one skit. It went great even though the other teams didn't understand any of our inside jokes. Also, Mrs. Nabholz "swiftly tailored" a Taylor Swift song, changing the lyrics to match all of our projects, and Rain performed the song while Grace played her guitar at the award ceremony.

The trip back was exhausting for everyone. We were all tired and were ready to get home and sleep in our own beds. Quite a few people slept the entire way back on the ferry. When we got to Whittier, Mrs. Harris's carpool made it through the 12:00 tunnel opening, but Mrs. Nabholz's carpool were two minutes too late and had to wait for the 1:00 tunnel opening.

Overall, it was a super fun trip, and we all had a blast discovering Cordova, Alaska.

On May 11th, 19 KMS students traveled to Homer for the Middle School Math Meet. Individual students competed in the sprint round and target round. This was followed by the team round, with each team made up of students from different schools.

The top 12 individual scorers moved on to the fast-paced lightning round, where students competed head to head, with no calculators and only 45 seconds per question. KMS students made up seven of the top 12 finalists! Here are the results for our school:

- Hayden Hanson, 1st place overall, 2nd place sprint round, 1st place target round, member of 1st place team, 1st place lightning round
- Samuel Roberts, 3rd place overall, 4th place target round, lightning round finalist
- Sean Raften, 4th place overall, 3rd place lightning round
- Abigail Moffett, 1st place sprint round, 2nd place lightning round
- Emma Mullet, 4th place sprint round, member of 2nd place team, 4th place lightning round
- Phoebe Thomas, 2nd place target round, lightning round finalist
- Caitlin Crabb, member of 3rd place team
- Sydney Johnson, member of 4th place team
- Tyler Hippchen, lightning round finalist

OOPS

By Alex Martin

Habits. Embarrassing habits, to be exact. These are annoying, if I do say so myself. Something you want to stop but never do. Like the example last issue where I obsessed over my habit of locking the door behind me, all of these will be weird and/or stupid, but that's what I'm here for. You want to share something weird, come to me.

Kage Adkins, a 6th grade friend of mine, tends to be weird. So of course, he'll be on here with his strange contribution to the issue. You see, whenever Kage sees a donut box, he immediately thinks it's for him! He then opens it and starts eating! I can imagine the problems that can cause.

7th grader Lauryn Avery is a very strange person if you get to know her. She's almost as weird as me! Her weird habit is not as strange as Kage's, but it's still kinda interesting. She always, if she has the ability to, shuts the windows. Whether it's 100 degrees out or 20 below, she will shut the window if you allow her to. "I just don't like them open," she told me. I hope her house has AC or else her house must be really warm during the summer.

I recently interviewed 8th grader Fiona Becker to find out if she has a weird habit like those whom I've already talked to, and boy, is it weird! She explained to me, "I tend to go to the nurse. A lot. I don't know why. I just do." She told me that she has been to the nurse 64 times this quarter. I later encountered her in the hallway. Turns out, she went to the nurse. Again. So, that would make it that she has been to the nurse 65 times now. That's a lot!

I believe that is all for this year. Please don't forget to have a great summer vacation. One more thing: Don't be afraid to be weird! It's all right to mess with things every now and then. After all, we'd all be slaves to the usual without the unusual. Have a great break from the classes, school, and teachers!



That's the Spirit!

By Gabby Hansen & Julia Hanson

Sixth graders are headed to camp from May 15th through the 17th. We interviewed some sixth graders about their thoughts about going to camp.

What are you looking forward to for sixth grade camp?

Myles Evarts: "Capture the flag because I wanna whoop Fischer's butt."

Ky Calvert: "Capture the flag to beat Mrs. Beck's class."

Jorie Witt: "Campfires and the glacier walk because I think it's gonna be fun."

Rylie Sparks: "Capture the flag and the glacier walk, to beat Fischer, and have fun."

Branch Keller: "Hiking to see fossils because I've never been."

Landon Cialek: "Capture the flag and the glacier walk because it's gonna be fun."

Kevin Chaffee: "Capture the flag because it's super fun and you get to move around."

Alex Anderson: "I want to eat the food."

Brayden Clark: "Capture the flag because it sounds fun."

Jackson Purcell: "Walking on the glacier because it sounds fun."

Rhyn Pierce: "Hanging out with friends because I get to know them better."

Sierra Moffis: "Going hiking and hanging out with friends because over the past years I haven't had as much fun as I think I'll have on this trip."

Gwendylan Case: "I'm looking forward to hike and the glacier walk, and I really hope I find a fossil."

Bianca Hansen: "The glacier walk because glaciers give you the opportunity to see something that's been there for so long."

Hope Broussard: "Capture the flag because I heard it was really fun."

Chloe Goldsby: "Capture the flag because I know it's gonna be really fun."

Malena Grieme: "Sleeping because I like to sleep."

Ben Boersma: "Capture the flag because it seems really fun and I get to play against and with my friends."

Ayla Tallent: "Hiking on the glacier and fossil hunt because I'm into fossil hunting and I've never walked on a glacier."

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Sixth Grade Camp

Jesse Vanraden: “Glacier hike because I want to see all the silt that is by the glacier.”

Ashlynn Baughn: “Capture the flag because it’s really athletic and I get to hang out with my friends.”

Breanna Trahan: “Having fun playing all the games and running around in the woods and trying to catch everyone. I think it will just be really fun.”

Donovan Miles: “Capture the flag because I’m really used to playing capture the flag and it will bring back memories.”

Gavin Solomon: “Cabins because I’ve never been in one.”

Jaden Garner: “Drive up because I can see wildlife and scenery.”

Elisabeth Hayes: “Going there because of the scenery.”

Bearl Bayne: “Spending time outside because I’m not out very often.”

Lilian Korto: “Glacier walk because I like to look at glaciers.”

Fiona Wolfe: “Camping because it’s fun.”

Maryna Hurst: “Glacier walk because I’ve never been on a glacier.”

Jenessa Marsdan: “Capture the flag because our teacher made it sound super fun.”

Owen Whicker: “Capture the flag because I want to either steal the flag or save people.”

Kenneth Coghill: “Hiking because I like hiking.”

Esther Joseph: “Hikes because I get to see bugs.”

William Vaudrin: “Fun with friends and just everything.”

Bridger Beck: “Capture the flag because it’s fun.”

Logan Dawson: “Capture because it has a higher amount of people.”

Kaden Quimby: “Capture the flag because I have my best friend Carter on my team.”

Andrew Gaethle: “Capture the flag to capture the flag.”

Ransom Hayes: “Hiking because I love hiking.”

Shane Taylor: “Hiking because it’s fun.”

Ben Castellon: “Hiking and looking for fossils.”

Daniel Sheldon: “Hiking and the glacier walk because it seems like a lot of fun and good exercise.”

Caleb Russell: “Capture the flag because it’s fun.”



May Birthdays

By Jenna Streiff

Aicha Kisena 1st
 Raelynn Passe 2nd
 Jaden Garner 2nd
 Maccoy Castillo 4th
 Cooper Bernard 4th
 Ryan Crapps 5th
 Fiona Becker 6th
 Sammy Baker 6th
 Brandiee Bowers 12th
 Leah Fallon 13th
 Jeremiah Kvasnikoff 13th
 Taylor Carver 13th
 Cyanna Lindquist 14th
 Nick Wehrstein 15th
 Delaney Storms 15th
 Amber Nash 15th
 Riley Updike 15th
 Brooke Ashley 16th
 Cloey Followell 17th
 Ambrosia Lawrence 19th
 Daemon Duniphin 21st
 Rocky Sherbahn 21st
 Dylan Duniphin 21st
 Michael Schmidt 22nd
 Khloe Anderson 22nd
 Hope Broussard 22nd
 Rayce Powell 22nd
 TJ Anderson 23rd
 Taylor Pierce 24th
 Sierra Moffis 25th
 Nolan Rogers 27th
 Mattie Von Haden 27th
 Mrs. Navarre 28th
 Owen Rolph 28th
 Mr. Gustkey 29th
 Kelly Trefon 30th
 Kaden Quimby 31st



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“It takes courage to let go of the familiar and embrace the new.”

Spring Confetti Bars

By Julia Hanson



Ingredients:

- ½ cup butter at room temperature
- ½ cup white sugar
- ¼ cup plus one tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 large egg at room temperature
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 ½ cups white flour
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon cornstarch
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 ¼ cups of white chocolate chips, separated
- 3 cups miniature marshmallows
- ¾ cup spring M&M's
- 3 tablespoons sprinkles (spring colored)

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
2. Combine the room temperature butter with the white and brown sugar in a medium sized bowl.
3. Mix the butter and sugars together with hand beaters or in a stand mixer until creamy and fluffy. Mix in the egg and vanilla and beat until just incorporated.
4. In a separate bowl, combine flour, baking soda, baking powder, cornstarch, and salt. Stir together and slowly add the dry ingredients to wet ingredients.
5. Mix until combined.
6. With a wooden spoon, stir in one cup of the white chocolate chips. Press the cookie dough into a 9x13 pan that has been sprayed with nonstick spray.
7. Bake the cookie dough for 10-13 minutes or until the edges are lightly browned.
8. Remove and immediately top with the miniature marshmallows and M&M's. Return to the oven for 1-2 minutes or until the marshmallows become puffy.
9. Remove and sprinkle the remaining ¼ cup white chocolate chips and sprinkles over the bars.
10. Let cool completely and cut with a wet knife.

Servings: 20 *Recipe taken from Pinterest.com

TRACK WORD SEARCH

BY JENNA STREIFF

N E R Y E X T D P Y V G Y B K W A H V V
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COACH FELCHLE	FIELD	LONG JUMP	STARTER PISTOL
COACH HARDING	HIGH JUMP	MANAGER	TRACK
COACH ROSE	HURDLES	MEET	TRIPLE JUMP
COACH SCHLUNG	JOGGING	PERSONAL RECORD	
COACH STOTZ	LANES	RUNNING	



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“Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world.”

—Malala Yousafzai

Purple Pages Reporters

By Mrs. Nabholz

This semester, 14 students worked together to produce each issue of the *KMS Purple Pages*. They did a fantastic job of helping each other with revising and editing the many drafts of their articles, and they created both impressive quantity and quality of writing.

Alex Martin was very happy to learn that he wasn't the *only* boy in class. He enjoyed writing unique stories for his "OOPS!" column, and he feels, "We are slaves to the usual without the unusual."

Ambrosia Lawrence enjoys both drawing and writing, so she was "write" at home working as a reporter and illustrator. She improved her grammar and editing skills and loved writing about her friend Erin and creating "Mo'cabulary."

Destiny Jas loved journalism class because it allowed her to meet new people and try something she had never done before. Her favorite article was searching for inspirational quotes.

Faith-Lynn Gattenby enjoys both reading and writing, and she really appreciated the randomness in class. Her favorite article to write was about Lady Gaga's Super Bowl half-time show.

Gabby Hansen feels that journalism class helped her to become more social. She loved interviewing people, including Mr. Cowan, the 8th graders about their history projects, and all the 6th grade boys in Mr. Roser's PE class about how excited they were to go to camp.

Jenna Streiff left everyone in class with an unforgettable memory of her truly unique way of wearing a hoodie on her legs! She learned about all the editing symbols and jargon used by journalists, and her favorite articles to write were about volleyball and her "Disney Dream."

Julia Hanson enjoyed working on interviews with Gabby, and journalism class helped her to learn patience. Writing about the 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. was her favorite article.

Kaitlyn Herrmann likes turtles! Her favorite part of class was finding jokes to fit each issue's theme. She learned that "there is way more to writing than just words."

Kaylee Miller noticed that some very interesting ideas are put forth in journalism class! This may be related to the chicken with a sombrero, perhaps? She loves art, music, and singing and enjoyed writing the article about Mrs. Bird's retirement.

Maddie Edelen learned a lot about Mr. Roser when she and Riley wrote the article about his retirement. She also learned that assignment due dates are closer than you think. She will remember folding papers the first time and getting dum-dums in class.

Olivia Easley believes "It is a miracle people like us get anything done. Ever." She will remember making Taylor contemplate how dry soup is just cereal. She enjoyed creating "Mo'cabulary" and is a fan of drawing, sarcasm, and not dying.

Riley Updike's favorite article was interviewing and writing about the YouTubers at KMS, and he feels that journalism class helped him to improve his writing.

Tania Cazares had fun listening to other students' conversations and writing the "Overheard" column. She learned to communicate better and to not be as shy. She hopes to become a professional photographer in the future.

Taylor Carver learned that typing articles was a lot more fun than she thought it would be. She enjoyed writing "Existential Conundrums" and a favorite memory will be sitting on the floor shaking while Ambrosia and Olivia read them aloud.

Jokes

By Kaitlyn Herrmann

Q: What did the flute player say to the tight rope walker?

A: You better C sharp or you'll B flat!

Q: What did the janitor say when he jumped out of the closet?

A: Supplies!

Q: What do you call a computer that sings with powerful emotion?

A: A-Dell!

Q: Why were the teacher's eyes crossed?

A: She couldn't control her pupils!

Q: Why did the teacher write on the window?

A: She wanted the lesson to be very clear!

June Birthdays

By Riley Updike

Kaylee Mistecka- 2nd
Owen Smith- 2nd
Memphis Lyon- 4th
Sarah Witt- 4th
Audrey Larson- 5th
Emma Mullet- 6th
Gwendylan Case- 7th
Tucker Vann- 12th
Shelby Easling- 13th
Tuf Boze- 14th
Daniel Shelden- 14th
Owen Plumridge- 14th
Isaac Erwin- 16th
Aria Fabiano- 20th
Courtney Ellis- 21st
Summer Foster- 21st
Fiona Wolfe- 21st
Taylor Huett- 21st
Jacob Begich- 22nd
Mrs. Rininger- 22nd
Haven Walluk- 23rd
McCullen Gaul- 23rd
Mr. Cowan- 25th
Cheyenne Juliussen- 28th
Aiden Arness- 28th
Jake Roush- 29th
Keegan Coray- 30th
Logan Dawson- 30th



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"Just because you're trash doesn't mean you can't do great things. It's called garbage can, not garbage cannot."
-Taylor Carver

Teacher's Retirement Motto:

"I used to teach, but now I have no class."

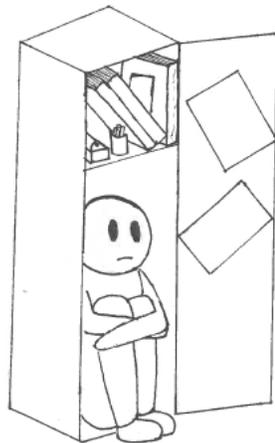
Overheard

By Olivia Easley

“Where are my body parts?”
 “Sheep don’t look any different when they’re shaved.”
 “I just put that in my armpit!”
 “My birthday was last year!”
 “It’s poopoo toopoo not PPTP.”
 “No! I don’t want to take my rainbow spaghetti to lunch!”

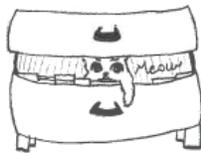


“I’m going to go hide in my locker for the rest of the day.”
 “I mispronounced enunciate.”
 “Dry soup is just cereal.”
 “He’s not supposed to have a beard; he’s supposed to be Jim Carey.”
 “There’s too many teachers in the room, I can feel the tension.”

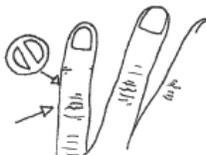


Person 1: “This door smells weird.”
 Person 2: “Why were you smelling the door?”
 Person 1: “I don’t know but it smells like sweaty door.”
 “Tom Cruise is totally charming. And that’s coming from a guy.”
 “You’re drinking it like a weird bird dog.”
 “Dabaroni and cheese.”
 “Don’t shank me, little boy.”
 “Excelente! Let’s do some harassing.”
 “Dead people can’t clap.”
 “I can’t not speak French without smiling.”

“My cat slept in my dresser again!”
 “Whoa? Why isn’t his head shiny?”
 “I smiled today when the demons summoned me.”
 “I rolled my leg up.”
 “Everything is a bad idea if you think about it long enough.”
 “I don’t like that the water is connected to the toilets.”



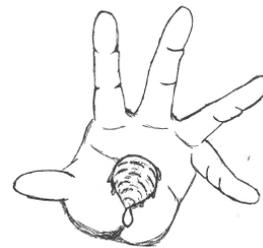
“I have a newfound hate for pinkies.”
 “This stretches my intestines.”
 “Creepy elevators are a thing of the future.”



Mo’cabulary

By Ambrivia

Scain- a stain on your scab
 Potar- a potato guitar
 Couth- when your couch eats you
 Bloup- breakfast soup a.k.a. cereal
 Hurb- when you’re so happy you burp
 Criffle- when your cat is so fat it ruffles
 Suppoga- when you’re supposedly a beluga
 Hye- when you want them to leave, but they already said hi
 Chugget- two chicken nuggets mashed together
 Snoy- when you’re annoyed because there is snow in May
 Waterish- when your tap water has fish in it
 McGlop- McDonald’s mystery meat
 Stabrrot- when you get stabbed with a sharp carrot
 Pananana- when you get an off-brand phone that’s not Apple
 Squape- when your grapes are squishy and you want them crispy
 Gumped- when you step in gum and you’re stumped as to how to get it off



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Jokes

By Kaitlyn Herrmann

Q: Why do midgets get mad so easily?
 A: Because they have a short temper!

Q: What do you call a party with short people?
 A: A little get together!

Q: What does a tall person do when they see an airplane?
 A: Duck!

Q: What’s a tall person’s worst fear?
 A: A ceiling fan!

Q: How do you fix a tuba?
 A: With a tuba glue!



