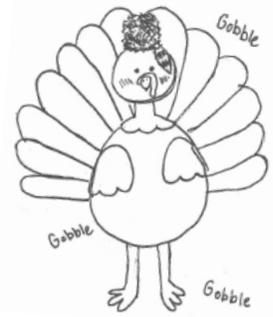


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Farewell, Mr. Lyke!

By TJ Anderson



I would “lyke” to give a HUGE THANKS to Mr. Lyke for all of his hard work and his appreciation for everyone's work in Mr. Gustkey's class as a student teacher this semester.

Now here's some input from your 2017 4th hour Poetry Slam champion, Jorgi Phillips. She said her favorite part of Mr. Lyke's class was the work time. She also thinks his stories are funny and he always cares for the students. And he is all lyke laid back and chill and cool.

Thomas “Tommy” Baker said Mr. Lyke talks loud. He thought the Poetry Slam was amazing, and for his poem “The Day I Fell” Mr. Lyke helped him through the whole poem. Tommy always looked forward to the new comments Mr. Lyke said in class about his poetry. He thinks he lykes to be different in teaching. He also said he looks all serious on the outside but is actually really funny.

One more person with some input on Mr. Lyke is Keegan Medina. He says that (continued on page 3)

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Embarrassment

By Brooklynn Reed



Have you ever wondered why your face turns red when you're embarrassed? This is actually caused by adrenaline making your blood vessels dilate, which brings them closer to the surface of your skin. They do this to improve oxygen delivery and blood flow. Keep on reading for some stories that definitely left some people's faces a bright red hue!

Eva Sorensen was at Safeway in Kenai when her mom told her to put the groceries in their car. Eva went to the car and began unloading the groceries into the back seat. A little bit later two men walked up to the car. They asked what she was doing in *their* car. Eva, embarrassed, got the groceries and walked to *her* car. When she told her mom, they just laughed it out.

One day during World Languages, Tommy Baker drew an...um, "interesting" drawing on his hand—in Sharpie. The teacher asked him to wash it off. He tried, but with it being in Sharpie, it obviously didn't, so he may or may not have hidden it for the rest of the day...

About a year ago Rucca Gray and a friend were playing tag while waiting to get on the bus to go home. They weren't really supposed to be playing tag, but they didn't care. Rucca was being chased when she slipped on the ice and landed on her pinkie finger. At first she was just embarrassed, and just laughed it off, but when she stood up, her finger started throbbing. After a long bus ride, her stepdad picked her up and took her to the hospital, and she realized that she had broken her pinkie growth plate.

When Malena Grieme was at lunch during 1st or 2nd grade the teacher asked the students to be quiet. As soon as everyone was quiet Malena "accidentally" burped—very loudly. Everyone laughed... except for the teacher. She asked who it was, but nobody said anything, and Malena got away with it, even if she was a little bit red faced... *insert swagger glasses*

Amber Alerts

By Ashlynn Baughn

On November 3rd, 2017, there was an Amber Alert. For any of you who don't know what that is, an Amber Alert is a system that allows citizens and law enforcement to locate missing children under the age of 18 and ensure their safety faster. The Amber Alert was broadcast to have the community help find a three year old girl who was kidnapped from her foster home by her father Damon Demond Ward, in Anchorage.

The Amber Alert system was named for Amber Hagerman. In 1996, while she was riding her bike in Arlington, Texas, Amber was abducted and murdered. Amber's younger brother Rickey ran home to tell his family what had happened. At hearing the news Amber's dad called Marc Klaas, whose daughter, Polly, had been abducted and murdered in Petaluma, California, on October 1, 1993.

One of their neighbors witnessed Amber's abduction and reported it to the police, but sadly when the police found her it was too late. Amber was believed to have been kept alive for at least two days by her abductor. Sadly, for Amber's parents they never found out who the killer was.

Amber's parents Donna Morris and Richard Hagerman were determined to find her killer. Since it was too late to save Amber's life, they still wanted to help save other children's life. Richard started getting signatures in Texas for the Amber Hagerman Child Protection Act. In honor of Amber's tragic story, they made a movie for Amber called *Amber's Story*. Amber's incident was tragic, but if it didn't happen many children in the world would still be missing. Because of the tragic incident we now have the Amber Alert system that helps us find children like the little girl in Anchorage. Gladly she was found and was returned to her foster family unharmed.



Farewell, Mr. Lyke!

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Mr. Lyke is always really funny, and he teaches in a different way. He always looked forward to the excitement he brought to class, because Mr. Lyke is always ecstatic. He also wants to be treated the way he treats other people.

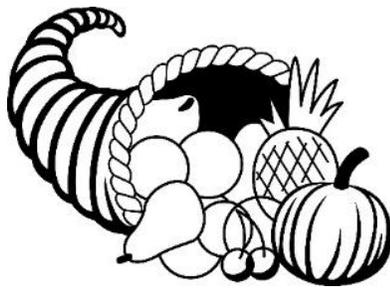
Now some input from the man himself, Mr. Lyke. He said his favorite thing was prepping for six weeks for the Poetry Slam with all the hard work to get there. He always loved reading aloud voiced writers. He also loved introducing people for their turn for the Poetry Slam.



His most exciting moment was when he was coaching cross country, especially at boroughs, when Talon Whicker jumped and almost face planted into the finish line. He said he's always willing to give advice, because he felt lost a lot as a student and didn't know what to do. Overall he says his semester was great and he is looking forward to subbing and teaching.

Opinion-8-ed

By Jenna Tureman



This month's question for Opinion-8-ed was, "What do you like most about Thanksgiving?" Here's what some people said:

Brooke Ashley: "I like Thanksgiving because you can eat a lot of food without

people judging you."

Mrs. Miranda: "I love being able to spend time with our family and close friends. It's always exciting to try new recipes and enjoy all the delicious food! Naps are wonderful too!"

Zoe Mason: "I like Thanksgiving because I get to hang out with friends and family. We really like to play board games on Thanksgiving."

Griffin Grey: "The pumpkin pie. I've been eating pumpkin pie since I was one. I also like to go Black Friday shopping after dinner."

Caitlin Crabb: "Food and hanging out with family."

Logan Satathite: "The food and family, but mostly the food."

Amber Nash: "I like Thanksgiving because there is no school and there's lots of food. Also, you can watch Christmas movies and watch football."

Valerie Villegas: "Food and NFL."

Talon Whicker: "Pumpkin pie and movies. We also get school off."

Isaiah Ticknor: "Getting to know people better and helping people out."

Ryan Crapps: "Getting off of school and having an opportunity to be with family. I also like having a break from school because you don't have to feel pressure about getting things done and you could just relax. I also like the food."

Milena Doyle: "The gravy. I end up screaming at my sister. The stuffing is pretty good too. I also get to see my mom and I like to be at my house."

Ms. Stotz: "Besides the food, what I love most about Thanksgiving is hanging out with loved ones without the pressure of having to get them a present."

!!!EGG-BREAKING NEWS!!!



ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS!!! Over Thanksgiving weekend Lil Nug Nug was going to be butchered at a nearby house for dinner. Thankfully he (or so we thought) escaped and *she* laid 15 paper eggs all over the school. If you find a tiny colored paper egg, please bring it to Mrs. Nabholz for a reward. Four of the prize eggs have a NO MATH HOMEWORK PASS, but all of them have candy! You may only turn in **ONE** egg.

Isaiah Ticknor

By Ransom Hayes



8th grader Isaiah Ticknor is a very interesting and intelligent guy, and here is why.

Isaiah's favorite class is history. He likes history because Mr. Summer makes it fun to learn. He also likes to go to the library in his free time because it has free Wi-Fi and books. He likes to read SciFi fantasy because he likes aliens. He usually looks up Doctor Who on the internet.

Did you know Isaiah raises chickens? He raises chickens because he likes helping the environment, he likes the emotions he feels, and he loves the fresh eggs. He said it is hard to raise chickens in the winter because it is harsh on the chickens and there is a lot of money in the heating bill.

Isaiah wrestle for KMS. Isaiah likes to wrestle because it lets out all the anger in his head. Here is a quote from him, "No matter how strong he looks, don't feel discouraged."

Isaiah wants to be a Navy pilot, because he wants to save the country. He also wants to be in the Navy because he likes boats. He wants to be a pilot because he loves all airborne things... including aliens and chickens!

Anne Marie Pienta

By Jayna Boonstra



Anne Marie Pienta is a 7th grader here at KMS. Anne is a very interesting person who loves dogs as well as band and sports.

During her free time Anne likes to play tug-of-war with her two dogs, Blue and Willie, and hang out with her friends. Anne also has one cat named Mister Bigglesworth; she came up with this amazing name by herself! The last pet that Anne has is a fish named Monster.

Along with her pets, Anne also has one brother who is 18 years old and is currently living with her and her family but is leaving to work for the U.S Army right after Christmas.

Band is Anne's favorite subject in school. She has been in band for three years and likes it because she gets to play her flute, which is turquoise.

Anne's favorite sports are dance and basketball. She likes these sports because she is getting lots and lots of exercise. Anne likes playing with her team during basketball and meeting new people during dance.

When Anne grows up she wants to be a veterinarian, because she likes animals, or a bakery owner, because she likes food and the smell of a bakery. Now, the final thing to say is that Anne LOVES unicorns, because they are sparkly. If you see Anne Marie in the halls, make sure you say hi!

Chloe Moffett

By Nicole Toepel



Chloe Moffett is a pretty cool 6th grader, I'd say. She has a funny, weird, nerdy, athletic, and nice personality. Chloe was born at CPH, is currently 11 turning 12 this December, and also has been living in Kenai since she was a little child.

When she came to KMS she thought it was exciting and scary to meet new people. Chloe likes that there is more freedom and she doesn't have to line up. What she doesn't like about KMS is that gym can be hard because the gym teachers work her to the limit. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Rolph because she's fun, nice, and teaches math.

Her favorite classes are art and gym. She likes art because she gets to sketch things out, like animations and nature. She also enjoys doing activities in gym, like dodgeball and rollerblading, as well as playing with her friends and being on her phone and playing games, like Color Switch or Snapchat. She mostly loves hanging with Aaliyah, her best friend, because she's fun and Chloe has known Aaliyah for a very long time.

Her favorite sport is dance. She's been in dance since she was five. Chloe is in hip hop and her teacher is Mr. Jesse at the Diamond Dance Project. Chloe went on a big trip to Las Vegas to competes with other dancers. She has a big dance group, including other dancers like ballerinas and tap dancers.

Chloe has six pets. Her favorite pet is her cat, Snowflake. She also has one other cat named Boots and a dog named Kavi. She loves the rest of her pets too, which she has had for a long time.

Thank You KMS

By Alora Barlow



This school and this community have been good to me and toughened me for later years. My first year here I was scared about middle school but Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Rolph, and Mrs. Tews got me through it. Mrs. Rolph being the first teacher I saw every day brightened my day! Mrs. Beck got us to read some very sad but great books. I also remember Mrs. Tews helping me with my Language Arts. Mrs. Sounart made me a better musician and made me work hard. Though the best part about 6th grade was camp, staying in cabins every day, eating s'mores, and showering in cold water, ok so not all of it was amazing. My sixth grade year was better than I had expected and I would do it over again if I could.

My 7th grade year was even more terrifying, we had to share a hallway with the 8th graders who were actually really nice to us surprisingly. Mr. Felchle being my homeroom teacher was always funny, also my class was small so it wasn't very loud. Mr. Gustkey made me a better writer, even though all my work was turned in late, he put up with me. Mrs. Newton wasn't there for the whole year because of little Samuel but still, she was so helpful when I had trouble with my homework or quizzes. Lastly I want to thank Mr. Verkuilen, who did great experiments and let me make tea in class.

This year was going great with Mrs. Miranda, Ms. Stotz, Mr. Summer, and Mrs. Rininger. I haven't been here long with them, but I feel like they have taught me so much in this little bit of time. It was nice to be the top dogs of this school. Mrs. Miranda, who I had most of my classes with, was always in a great mood. My drama class is the class I loved to spend most of my time, and I would like to acknowledge the wonderful drama cast who performed No Body to

Murder. The play was so funny and it was amazing to have it be the last thing I did at this school. Ms. Stotz's projects taught us about Newton's laws and encouraged us to try. Mr. Summer's sarcasm, though sometimes he wasn't



joking, it was still great to be in his class learning a lot, but still laughing at the same time. Mrs. Rininger was by far my favorite math teacher and always listened to me complaining about workouts in gym... and dealt with me anyway. And Mrs. Zorbas, who despite me disliking to work out, made it fun with games, rollerblading, and arrow shooting. Mrs. Nabholz for coming up with the idea to have me write this.

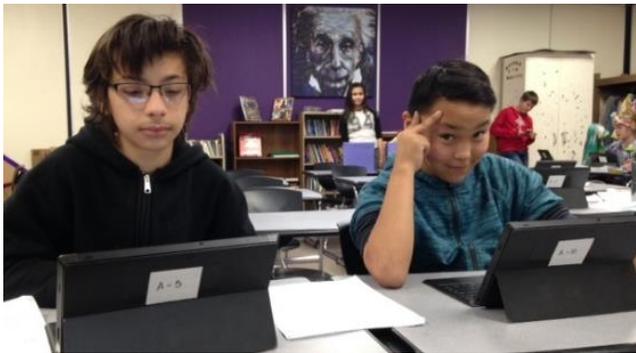
The students that stood by my side, no matter how long, how little, or how far... Faith Braud, who I've known from 4th grade and makes me see the positive in people, Isaiah Coleman, who was always by my side to make sure I was all right and made it better if it wasn't, Joe Denison, who made my 7th grade year worthwhile and never gave up on me, Alisa Dilucchio, who made peace when I could not, Denali Glenzel, who is miles away but still my best friend and got me to know most of these people, Ambrosia Lawrence who has been there through the ups and downs of last year and this one, Macy Stanley, who has made me laugh beyond belief and who thinks I need help... which I probably do. Another great thanks to the people in my drama class and for the audience who showed up and made it worth it. Another thanks can go to my journalism class who has helped me edit, stay on task, and made this a small yet enjoyable class. Thank you Kenai Middle School for everything. I will keep all these memories with me **Forever**.



PP Reporters?

By Eva Sorensen

Did you know that we have 13 PP reporters at KMS? And no, it's not what you're thinking! Over the course of the semester, all of your favorite articles such as the Overheard column, Anonymous Confessions, and Secret Questions have been planned, typed, revised, edited, and added to the *Purple Pages*. Some of the articles that are included in the *Purple Pages* are always included and are traditions, while others are new ideas.



The planning of an article usually consists of interviewing (depending on the article), researching and gathering information, typing many rough drafts, revising and editing, and finalizing. Writing a single article can be challenging; to get it into the newspaper, it has to be proof-read and edited and can take up to 7-8 drafts to complete a single article!



Fellow *Purple Pages* reporter Ashlynn Baughn said she loves Journalism because it challenges her to stretch beyond her limits and helps make her a stronger



writer. Ashlynn has worked on many challenging articles but says the most challenging one to write is the Amber Alert article, because it's hard to read about children that were hurt and why they started the program. Being behind the scenes with all of the articles, Ashlynn says that it is cool to see a very short and basic article become a multi-paragraph story. Along with many other reporters, Ashlynn's favorite article to read is the Overheard column, because it never fails to make her laugh.



Many articles require information from other students, such as the Secret Questions and Anonymous Confessions, and it can take up to a week to collect enough information and type it all! Nicole Toepel says that it is fun to be in Journalism, but it is hard when she is working on a big article and trying to meet the deadline. Personally, I am a huge procrastinator but always having deadlines and having to be time efficient really helps me be more organized. Overall, Journalism is an amazing class and I would recommend it to everyone! Give it a try in the future!

"You want weapons? We're in a library! Books! The best weapons in the world!

This room's the greatest arsenal we could have." – The Doctor

Secret Siblings

By Kimberly Noriega

Have you ever wondered about the siblings and multiple families that attend KMS? Well, I have and I decided to interview a few families and siblings!



Did you know there's a family of **four** siblings that go here?! Their names are Emilee, Samiel, Savanna, and William Wilson. Savanna and Samiel are both in 8th grade, and Emilee and William are in 6th grade.

The Wilson siblings told me they get along at school but not at home. All of the Wilsons said it's because they don't want people to see when they argue, especially in public. We then talked about what their arguments are usually about, and they all said they fight about who gets the remote. "Stole my chips!" said William. "He touched me!" said Emilee. Normal sibling fights basically. But William did add it's "mostly teasing."

Emilee told me a very funny story about pranking her brother William. "I put soy sauce in my brother's tea," said Emilee, then added, "He didn't notice it at first; he found out about it when he finished his tea five minutes later." I thought this was funny because soy sauce, why soy sauce?

Emilee also told me she and Samiel once just started randomly laughing quietly, but it was for no reason. I related to this so much because I do it a lot with my friends and my brother!

The Wilsons told me they hang out after school, and that mostly all of them go to something called NYO. Personally, I was very intrigued because I didn't know what it is. NYO stands for Native Youth Olympics, and you can participate in things like archery, Native dancing, drumming, singing, and just playing. The Wilsons told me for archery they hit big

targets, sometimes even targets like animals, mostly deer and bear shaped ones. When the Wilsons drum they sit in a circle with the rest of the people participating. Samiel and their older brother Andrew who's in high school don't participate. Samiel said, "I don't like to dance and I don't know how to drum or dance; I've never really been taught."

The Wilsons sometimes travel for dancing to Seward, which takes about two hours. On their way on the bus Emilee and William build blanket and pillow forts. I also found out that NYO is an afterschool program their parents put them in when they were in first grade. They have participating in many activities and dances, but the siblings have their own favorite things about NYO.

William told me his favorite part about NYO and the people that go there is their sportsmanship. Emilee told me her favorite part about NYO is a game called One Foot High Kick, where you run on one foot, jump in the air, and kick a ball with the same foot you jumped off the ground with. She was very proud to have beat her last score and get 74 inches! Samiel and Savanna's favorite part is being able to meet new people and hang out.

Overall, I loved talking to such kind, understanding, and informative people. They mentioned most of their dance competitions are held here at KMS, which I am very excited about! If you ever see any of them in the hall, say hi, or ask about NYO. I bet they'll be happy to share their experience. What siblings or families do you want me to interview next? Let me know! Don't be shy!



A-Team Boys' Basketball

By Zoticus Active

A team basketball, like all official basketball, has five players on each team. For each basket made two points are given. A key player is a point guard, because they bring the ball down the court and tell what the play is. The center has to try to work the ball into the key, but all five players have to work together. Coach Songer picked the teams by the behavior of the kids and how hard they work.

We start every practice stretching and warming up by running and shooting. We wait until Coach Songer comes from the high school so we can work on the shooting drills. On Wednesday we shoot a half-court shot called half court mayhem. If we are playing around in practice, Coach will make us run and do pushups. Some weeks we practice right after school and other weeks we practice after the girls practice.

When we scrimmaged on November 4 we played against Nikiski, Skyview, Homer, and Seward. Coach Songer said we did good and found things we need to work on, like dribbling, shooting, handling, and passing.



The first game we played was against Seward. We had a great game and beat Seward by 20 points. At the game we played 22 for the first time in a game, a real game. I think that we did really well playing all the plays we did.

A-Team Girls' Basketball

By Nevaeh Olson



This basketball season Mr. Gustkey thinks he has a good team with a lot of skill and hopes they can play as well as they're capable. The team includes Brooke Ashley, Denali Bernard, Caitlin Crabb, Andie Galloway, Chloe Goldsby, Erin Koziczowski, Amber Nash, Logan Satathite, Rylie Sparks, Jenna Streiff, Genesis Trevino, and Valerie Villegas. All of them played basketball last year except for Caitlin, Chloe, Genesis, and Rylie.

Everyone seems to enjoy basketball for the most part, although they have some pre-game worries. Brooke says her pre-game thoughts are feeling like she's going to puke. Logan says she just tries to remember to work as a team. Caitlin said she thinks of trying not to mess it up for everyone else and reminds herself to box out.

Some people, like Brooke and Logan, knew they were going to make A-team because they were on it last year. But some people like Caitlin just hoped they would make a team at all considering she's never played basketball before.

During practice they usually do their pre-game warm ups first. Those include jump shots, layups, and wrap around shooting. They also practice shooting, playing a zone, man to man defense, and scrimmaging.

So far the only team they've played against is Seward, which Kenai won. They are looking forward to a great season, and hopefully winning boroughs.

Leadership

By Joyce Trenton



A lot of you are wondering what leadership students have been working on. Well... we all help the school do mostly everything. The Penny War was very close at the start, but in the end the sixth graders won, with the seventh graders following them, and the eighth graders dead last. All together we raised \$782.52 for the families in need for Thanksgiving. Thank you to all the grades, for trying your best, and raising a lot of money for this year.

A lot of you are probably guessing why we had a very early fire alarm this month. The leadership students (like me) were "testing" the fog machine for the dance on December 1st (only for 7th and 8th grades, sorry 6th grade). The dance is going to be bubble themed in the lunchroom from 6-8 pm. Also, on December 1st we are starting the canned food drive, so bring your cans in for treats and activities.

Students of the Month

By Jayna Boonstra

Well, the end of October has already passed but we have some very hardworking students to recognize. Here are the October SOM's.



6th graders Kylee Verkuilen, Vincent Hensley, and Lianna Carranza.



7th graders Tommy Baker, Jayna Boonstra, Kori Moore, and Kimberly Chanley.



8th graders Koda Poulin and Julianna Hamilton.

“Be thankful for what you are now, and keep fighting for what you want tomorrow.”

Battle of the Books

By Jayna Boonstra

Now, you might be thinking that Battle of the Books is where you hit people with books, but no, Battle of the Books is not at all like that! Every year here at KMS and other schools in the district and state, bookworms read a list of books that were picked out by the coaches. The groups of kids gather and quiz each other on questions about the books they were assigned to read. As they near the date of the battle, the kids take tests about their knowledge of the books. The kids that do the best will be officially on the team. There will also be some alternates that will be on standby in case a battler cannot participate.

This year here at KMS we have many kids hoping to make the teams. There is a team just for 6th graders and a team with a mix of 7th and 8th graders. This year's 6th grade coach is Mrs. Gann. The 7th and 8th grade coach is Mrs. Nabholz. On each team there are about three to four kids along with one or two alternates.

The battle is a team conference call on Skype that is shared with multiple teams at many schools. The kids that made the team and the alternates get to skip school for the day and battle other schools and hang out together. If the battle team here at KMS makes it to finals the Skype call will continue until there is a winner.

Here is what some of KMS's busy readers say about Battle of the Books. 7th grader Gwen Case likes Battle of the Books because “I get to read books that I wouldn't think of or notice otherwise.” Gwen's favorite part about Battle of the Books is discussing books with friends during meetings. 7th grader Cody Good says that the books that the coaches pick are interesting. “They have really good taste,” he states. 8th grader Gabbie Tews says Battle of the Books is fun. “I like Battle of the Books because I get to read books and hang out with friends.” 6th grader Charles Trickel says Battle of the Books is fun and he likes getting to hang out with friends and meet new people. 6th grader Isabella Rodriguez says, “I just like reading in general. I don't have a favorite book, I like all of them.”

Battle of the Books is a very fun activity that I encourage everyone to try, even if you are not a great reader. Hope you join next year!



KMS School Records #2

By Jenna Tureman

KMS had so many students who broke records for so many programs! In October I wrote part one of this article, and I decided to write part two. In this article, I'll tell you who set records for Basketball and Math Counts.



First of all, throughout the years of basketball, there have been so many years when KMS won the basketball championship. In the years 2011-2015, the boys received third place. In 2002-2009 and 2015, the boys received second place. In 2010-2013, the boys won first place! In the years 2004 and 2011-2014, the girls received third place. In 2002 and 2005-2006, the girls earned second place. In 2016, both the boys and the girls received fourth place. Finally, in 1997, the school won first and second place in the KPBSD championship!

Secondly, in Math Counts, a bunch of students have earned regional and state championships. In 2012, Drake Thomas, Mikaela Salzetti, David Beck, and Ean Atchley received first place as a team at the state meet and Drake Thomas earned first place as an individual at the state meet, with the highest Alaskan score at the national meet. In 2013, Drake Thomas, Eric Kempf, Keyshawn Mcenerney, and Patrick Michels won second place as a team at the state meet, and Drake Thomas won second place as an individual at the state meet, with the highest Alaskan score at the national meet. In 2014, Dominik Efta, Justin Anderson, Maria Salzetti, and Sarah Foutty competed as a team at the state meet, and Justin Anderson competed as an individual at the state meet. In 2015, Dominik Efta, Damien Redder, Justin Anderson, and Tucker Mueller earned second place as a team at the state meet, and Dominik Efta won second place as an individual at the state meet, with the highest Alaskan score at the national meet. In 2016, Justin Anderson, Tucker Mueller, Maison Dunham, and Hayden Hanson received first place as a team at the state meet, and Justin Anderson earned second place in the Countdown Round at the state meet. In 2017, Maison Dunham, Hayden Hanson, Emma Mullet, and Phoebe Thomas received third place at the state meet, and Amelia Mueller, Tyler Hippchen, Eli Morris, and Sean Raften competed as individuals at the state meet.

A lot of students have broken records for sports and academics here at KMS. Keep up the great work, everyone!

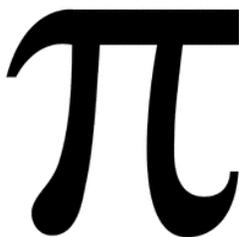
November Knowledge

By Brooklynn Reed

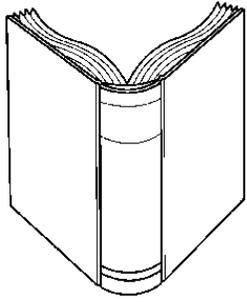
Did you know....

- Mature turkeys have about 3,500 feathers (when they're alive).
- Benjamin Franklin wanted a turkey to be the national bird instead of an eagle.
- The birth stone for November is topaz.
- Every year, the president pardons a turkey, to prevent it from being eaten for Thanksgiving.
- Wild turkeys can run up to 20 mph when they are scared.
- Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin's first meal, after walking on the moon, was foil packets with roasted turkey.
- California consumes the most turkey on Thanksgiving out of all of the U.S. states.
- Only male turkeys gobble.
- The zodiac signs of November are Scorpio (October 23 - November 21) and Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21).
- Americans eat 46 million turkeys every year.
- The heaviest turkey ever weighed 86 lbs.
- November is National No Shave, Sleep Comfort, Aviation History, Good Nutrition, and Pepper month.
- The November birth flower is the chrysanthemum.
- Male turkeys poop in the shape of a "J" and female turkeys poop in spirals.
- Turkeys are named after the country Turkey, but by mistake, since they were mixed up with guinea fowl.

AMERICAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION



On November 14th, 92 KMS students took the American Mathematics Competition AMC-8 test. The highest KMS score was earned by Hayden Hanson, second highest score by Phoebe Thomas, and third highest by Samuel Roberts and Robert Carson. The two highest 7th grade scorers were Sean Raften and Eli Morris. The highest 6th graders after Robert Carson were Lianna Carranza and Owen Smith. Congratulations to all of these mathletes!



Must-Read Books

By Jenna Tureman

Do you have trouble finding a good book to read? I usually do. Luckily, I've found a whole list of awesome books that are at a middle school reading level. Here's a list of individual books with a little description for each book:

To Kill a Mockingbird- Scout Finch lives with her brother, Jem, and their widowed father, Atticus, in Maycomb, Alabama. The town is suffering through the Great Depression. Atticus is a prominent lawyer who is trying to defend a black man who is falsely accused of a crime.

The Thickety: A Path Begins- A girl who's the Thickety is lured into the forbidden forest by an unusual bird, and then she discovers a strange book with unspeakable powers.

The Giver- Jonas receives the memories of the past, both good and bad, from the Receiver, who tells Jonas to call him the Giver. The Giver spreads memories by placing his hands on Jonas's back. When Jonas receives memories, he learns about both positive and painful experiences.

Hatchet- After Brian crash-lands a plane into a lake in the forest, he must learn to survive on his own with nothing but his hatchet, which his mother gave him before his plane took off. Throughout the summer, Brian learns how to survive in the forest with just his hatchet.

Twilight- Isabella "Bella" Swan moves from Phoenix, Arizona to Forks, Washington, and finds her life in danger when she falls in love with a vampire named Edward Cullen.

Here's a list of book series with a little description for each one:

Harry Potter series- A famous boy named Harry Potter survived the attack of Lord Voldemort, while his parents died. When he turned eleven, he went to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry to learn about being a wizard for seven years. Some of Harry Potter's magical adventures include participating in the Tri-Wizard Cup and finding and destroying the evil Horcruxes to stop Lord Voldemort for good.

Fablehaven- For centuries, mystical creatures of every kind gathered into a hidden refuge called Fablehaven. Kendra and her brother, Seth, have no idea that their grandfather is the current caretaker of Fablehaven. They end up exploring the forbidden forest and discovering magical beings.

Land of Stories- Twins Alex and Connor Bailey fall from the real world into a world full of fairy tales only they have read before and discover there's more to this world than meets the eye.

The Maze Runner series- Thomas, a young teenage boy, arrives in a glade at the center of a giant labyrinth. He finds all of the other youth dumped there before him without memory of their previous lives, just like him.

The Hunger Games- Katniss, a girl who lives with a poor family, takes her little sister's place after her little sister's name has been drawn to participate in the Hunger Games, which is a battle to the death.

Itching Your Brain

By Kimberly Noriega

How to play: Solve each problem, **SHOW YOUR WORK**, and box your answer. Then look for the KMS classroom that matches your answer. Once you find the teacher's name, write it down and also box it. When you're done show Mrs. Nabholz your answers and your work for a prize. 😊

1. $\sqrt{144} + (14 \div 7) - 1 =$

2. $x^2 - 60 = 61$

3. $5 \times 5 - 6 + 9 =$

4. $(189 - 21) \div 8 =$

5. $5^2 + (33 \div 3) =$

6. $n + 18 = 36$

Stranger Things Review

By Nevaeh Olson

WARNING: DON'T READ IF YOU DON'T WANT ANY SPOILERS ON SEASON TWO!



Five stars, I love this show! I also like how it's set in the 80's so they don't have cell phones or anything.

All of the characters are so funny. My favorites have to be Steve, Dustin, and Mike. They're hilarious. The look Mike gave Steve when he woke up and called him Nancy was priceless. I laughed so hard. Also when they were dressed up as Ghostbusters and they were taking photos. "Who you gonna call?" "No."

It was sooooo sad when Bob died! I thought he was going to survive when he shut the doors. He was one of my favorite characters because he was always so clueless yet so funny.

Eleven's mom kind of scares me with the whole sunflower rainbow thing. Speaking of Eleven, I was so confused when I first saw her at Hopper's house. I mean duh she didn't die, but why would she be at Hopper's house?

I guess the new girl's okay, but I hate her brother. I'm glad she finally set him straight in the end. The ending was so sweet, especially when Dustin was all alone and then Nancy came and danced with him.

It's rated TV-14 on Netflix. I cannot wait for next season! Since it's a Netflix original, you don't have to wait for new episodes to come out weekly, you can just watch it all once the new season comes out.

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"My wisdom comes from experience. My passion comes from pain. My confidence hides my insecurities. My weakness makes me stronger. My past does not define me. My strength is an illusion. My calm makes a storm. My innocence is not ignorance." – The Doctor

Secret Questions

By Miss Advice

Q: Is it possible to sit in your own lap? -Twisted

A: Dear Twisted,

First of all, I personally don't think it is possible. Second, I think if you finally got yourself in the position you would not be able to hold it for long because it would be very painful. Third, if it ever happens, let me know. Fourth, maybe a really flexible person will be born someday and will complete this task.

Q: If you could have any superpower you want, what would it be? -Superman

A: Dear Superman,

Well, this question had me thinking for a long time, but this is my answer. If I could have any superpower I wanted I would like to have the power of knowing when someone was talking behind my back or knowing the future. What would your superpower be?



Q: Do dogs fart?

-Stinky

A: Dear Stinky, First of all, this question is very weird! Second, I can answer your question,

dogs do fart. I have learned this from personal experience. Just a hint, don't run right behind your dog. No offense dogs!



Q: How do you get a guy to like you back?

-Mrs. Pencil

Dear Mrs. Pencil,

Well, first you need to be confident, but then get to know him better. I mean you can't have a relationship with someone you don't know. Second, talk to him. You don't need to go overboard, just talk about your day and how everything is going. Third, be happy. If you're always down, most likely he will notice this and stay away. Fourth, be a world-class listener. Show the guy you like you're always there for him. Finally, take care of yourself and enjoy hanging out with the guy you like.

Challenging Riddles

By Matthew Parazoo

The first four answers are in Euclid symbol.
To decipher go to <http://www.dcode.fr/symbol-font>

Riddle: I kill, but nothing can live without me. What am I?

Answer: Τηε Συυ

R: I open at the close, what am I?

A: Τηε βook σεριεσ, Ηαρρη Πoττερ.

R: We are human, but what are we?

A: (Ωαριυυγ εξτρενελψ δεεπ) Ωε αρε γηροστσ δριπυιγ
μεατ χοατεδ σκελετουσ μαδε ουτ οφ σταρδυστ,
ριδιυγ α ροχκ τηατ ισ ηυρτλιυγ τηρουγη σπαχε.

R: Barry Allen (Flash) was struck by Speed Force lightning,
but he generates the Speed Force. How did it strike him?

A: Ρεαδ τηε Φλαση χομυχο

To decipher these five Dovahzul's transliterations
go to <https://www.thuum.org/translate-legacy.php>

R: Hunters fear my fearful music,
to savage my companion and my hunger,
I unending.

A: grohiik

R: I cannot sit but forever slither,
I wear no, but remove my armor with time.

A: prakem

R: I arise but is unmoving,
I burn but never diminish.

A: shul

R: I born from unmoving,
I slay by words.

A: nahlot

R: Eye see when I is many,
wisdom see when I is one.

A: miiraad

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b [b]	j [dʒ]	q [X]	x [ks]	uu [u]					
d [d]	k [k]	r [r]	y [j]	ur [ʊər]					
e [ɛ]	l [l]	s [s]	z [z]	ir [iər]					
f [f]	m [m]	t [t]	aa [a]	oo [u]					
g [g]	n [n]	u [u]	ei [ai]	ey [ei]					

November Jokes

By Jenna Tureman

Q: Why did the students eat their homework?

A: Because the teacher said it was a piece of cake.

Q: If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?

A: Pilgrims!

Q: Why do turkeys always go, "gobble, gobble?"

A: Because they never learned good table manners.

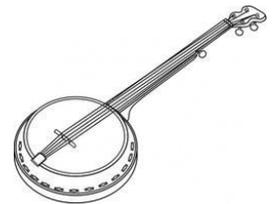


Q: What happened when the turkey got into a fight?

A: He got the stuffing knocked out of him!

Q: What do you get when you cross a turkey with a banjo?

A: A turkey that can pluck itself.



Q: What did the tree say after a long winter?

A: What a re-leaf!

Q: What is the best animal at basketball?

A: A score-pion.

Q: Why is the basketball arena hot after the game?

A: Because all the fans have left.

“Be thankful for your life, spend time in nature, breathe deeply, let go of your worries, forgive yourself and others, and build your life around what you love.”

Red Velvet Molten Chocolate Cupcakes

By TJ Anderson

Do you like chocolate? Do I have a delicious recipe for you for a nice holiday or just a special occasion! But first I would like to thank Ron Hyde and the Cannery Lodge for letting me and their chef Mrs. Cindy Roque use their well equipped kitchen to learn how to make this recipe.



Here are some tips before baking. Take little sauce dishes and measure out all the ingredients ahead of time, because if I didn't I would not have had any filling. Use "wedding" food coloring gel for a richer and darker color.

Ingredients

- Coconut oil cooking spray, for spraying the muffin tin
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar, plus more for dusting the muffin tin
- 6 ounces semisweet chocolate
- 6 tablespoons unrefined coconut oil
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/8 teaspoon (pinch) fine salt
- 2 large eggs plus 2 large egg yolks
- 2 teaspoons red gel food coloring
- 3 ounces cream cheese, at room temperature
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- Powdered sugar, for dusting



Directions

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees F. Spray 6 cups of a standard muffin tin with the cooking spray, sprinkle with granulated sugar to cover the entire cup and dust off any excess. This will prevent the lava cakes from sticking. Set aside.

Melt the chocolate and coconut oil together in a double boiler, 5 to 7 minutes. Remove from the heat, add the flour and salt and stir until combined. Whisk the eggs and egg yolks together in a small bowl and slowly add to the chocolate mixture. Stir in 1 teaspoon of the red food coloring.

In a small bowl, beat together the cream cheese, granulated sugar, vanilla extract and remaining 1 teaspoon red food coloring. Spoon the filling mixture into a disposable pastry or icing bag and make a small cut when ready to fill.

Using a heaping 1/4-cup scoop, divide the lava cake mixture among the prepared muffin cups. Fill the centers with about 1 1/2 tablespoons of the cream cheese mixture. Bake until the edges are firm but the centers are not set, 9 to 11 minutes. Cool for 2 to 3 minutes, invert and sprinkle with powdered sugar. Serve immediately. (To make ahead, bake for 8 minutes, invert and reheat in the microwave for 1 minute. Dust with powdered sugar.)

Remember to look for the dark rich "lava" inside and add a cherry on top for extra flavor. The cakes should turn out so you flip the tin over and tap on the bottom of the tin so they fall out. (DO NOT FORCE OUT!) For extra tips go to [Food Network.com](http://FoodNetwork.com)

"Nobody important? Blimey, that's amazing. Do you know, in nine hundred years of time and space I've never met anyone who wasn't important before." – The Eleventh Doctor

I'M THANKFUL FOR . . .

The following students entered drawings and photographs in this month's *Purple Pages* art competition. Thanks for your awesome submissions! Congratulations to Lexi and Shawna for earning the top honors! Check out the online, full-color version of the newspaper to see all of their artwork.

Alexis Pierren – drawing

Ayla Tallent – drawing

Kylee Verkuilen – drawing: "I'm thankful for animals."

Owen Plumridge – drawings: "I'm thankful to be able to be on earth and to be alive, and I'm thankful for cartoons."

Shawna Tickett – photos: "I'm thankful for my pets: Willow, Sansa, Coco, Merlin, and Cleo."

Purple Pages Reporters . . .



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Words of Inspiration . . .

"I've seen better days, but I've also seen worse. I don't have everything that I want, but I do have all I need. I woke up with some aches and pains, but I woke up. My life may not be perfect but I am blessed."

"True thanksgiving lies not in the words of thankfulness being spoken, but in them being lived as a part of our lives."

"Be thankful for the difficult people in your life, for they have shown you who you do not want to be."

"Don't get into a spaceship with a madman."
–The Doctor (the madman in a box that is a spaceship)

December Birthdays

By Nevaeh Olson



Pearl Payne- 1st
Vance Johnston- 1st
Hunter Harrison- 3rd
Xander Amend- 6th
Jody McKinney- 6th
Ms. Brown- 7th
Gabe Segura- 8th
Landen Cialek- 9th
Ryan Vonheeder- 10th
William Roberts- 11th
Emaline Cruickshank- 12th
Chloe Moffett- 13th
Josie Passe- 13th
Kylee Verkuilen- 13th
Lillian Krotto- 17th
Mrs. Meyers- 18th
Delaney Duck- 18th
Layne Todd- 19th
Kaleb Easling- 20th
Kenzie Keller- 20th
Koby Anderson- 21st
Owen Whicker- 21st
Dacoda Hanks- 21st
William Vaudrin- 21st
Shannon Murphy- 24th
Joe Brown- 24th
Skylar Lyon- 26th
Kai Adkins- 27th
Andrew Gaethle- 29th
Eva Sorensen- 30th
Canon Spinka- 30th
Josh Hancock- 31st
Alex Martin- 31st
Mrs. Vest- 31st

Overheard

By Eva Sorensen

“It’s like, AHHH my tendon’s broken.”
“Eggs have chicken pox.”
Person 1: “What is yes, yes in French?”
Person 2: “WEE WEE.”
“Grandpa looks French.”
“I just saw the wink.”
“That’s like a... ROTISSERIE CHICKEN!!”
“Whenever I eat potatoes I get the hiccups.”
“A WHOLE GREEN BEAN.”
“I have seeds all over my tongue.”
“Who wants me to cough on them for free?”
“Brown is the color of love.”
“STOP FIGHTING ABOUT THE TURKEY!”
“Ouch, I hurt my pain receptors.”
“You can’t just add an O to the end of a word and it’s Spanish.”
“Ice is not an unhealthy snack!”
Person 1: “Does anyone else think it’s really hot in here?”
Person 2: “Yeah, but it’s just because I’m here.”
“Something about chlorine?”
Person 1: “Wow, it’s quiet in here.”
Person 2: *shouts* “NOT FOR LONG!!”
“Can I tie your shoes?”
“If you clean your vacuum, do you become a vacuum cleaner?”
“Slightly deceased.”
“Why are you trying to eat my nose?”
“You’ve had your daily does of ignorance for the day.”
“COMMAS SAVE LIVES!”
“You remind me of a really furry guinea pig.”
“WHOEVER STOLE MY DRY SHAMPOO WILL FEEL MY WRATH!!”
“If you’re grandma, does that make him grandpa?”
“Your chromosomes have combined beautifully.”
“I fell down the stairs eating meatloaf.”
“The wall is killing you now!!”
Person 1: “He wears shorts as pants.”
Person 2: “Then what does he wear as shorts?”
Person 1: “Umm... short shorts?”

Anonymous Confessions

By Nicole Toepel

I once tried to take a bath in a tote while camping. I leaned over and burnt my bottom on a hot stove. –Ashes
Ashes, OUCHH! If I go camping even for a month, I’m never taking a bath. Even if I stink.

I eat the souls of dead people. –Samcrasanburn
Samcrasanburn, I eat chicken nuggets. :)

I like eating dog food. –J.T.
J.T., When I was a little girl, every time I went to my grandma’s I ate all the dog food. I don’t know why but I thought it was tasty.

My name is Jeff. – Jeff
Jeff, Please stop, Jeff.

I don’t know how to read! –muffinman
muffinman, Me neither.

I like pickles. –Meh
Meh, I like pickles on bacon with mayonnaise.

I think Gavin Solomon is hot. – A Girl
A Girl, I think that’s really cool that you think that, Gavin!
Wonderful way to flirt with yourself. :)

I really like you. –Anonymous
Anonymous, Oh, OK. Please leave me alone with my cats and food.

When I was little I used to eat PlayDoh. –Tail Blue
Tail Blue, Me too! Every time I put it in my mouth I spit it back out because it tasted so bad.

46 – Anonymous
Anonymous, Forty-six is the largest even integer that cannot be expressed as a sum of two abundant numbers.

I got into a car accident near Soldotna and I almost fell into a river so I believe I had a near death experience. –Anonymous
Anonymous, I actually just got into a moose crash yesterday!
There was a bunch of glass everywhere and a lot of police.
I’m pretty sure I have a concussion.

Random pieces of long, curly black hair keep falling on me at random times of the day. – Ebony Follicles
Ebony Follicles, You could be possessed by some weird chunky black bear?

I love Justin Bieber. – Bieberlover101
Bieberlover101, I actually love his music. It’s so soothing to hear about his very dramatic break ups.

I'M THANKFUL FOR . . . ART CONTEST ENTRIES!

Congratulations to Lexi Pierren and Shawna Tickett for earning the top honors!

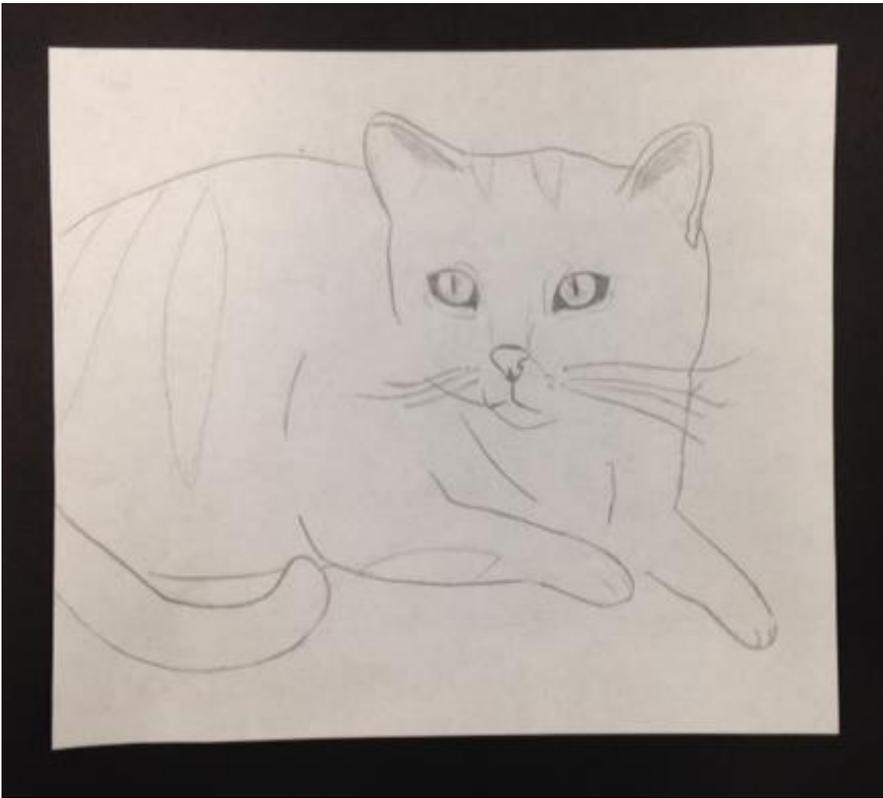
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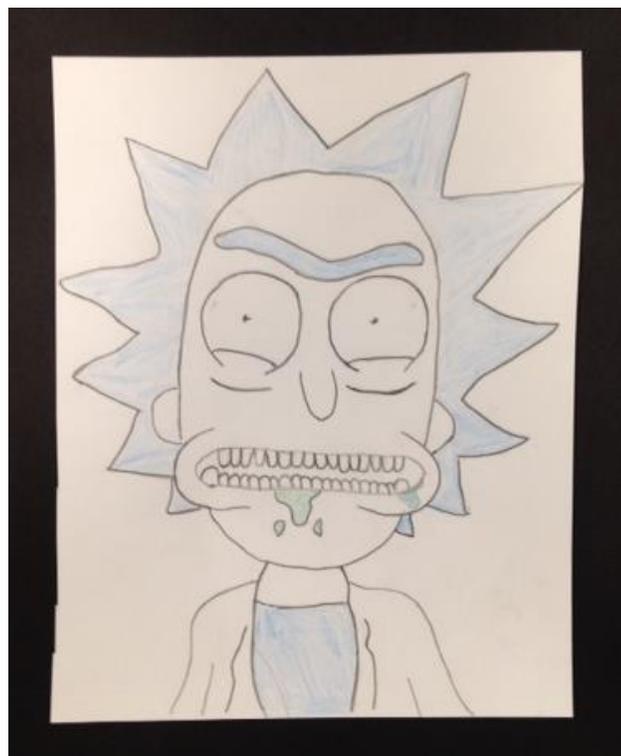
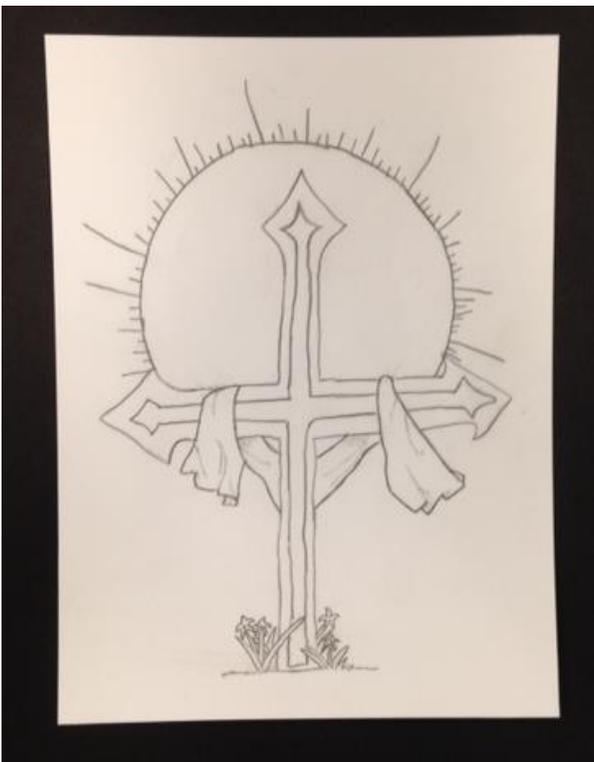
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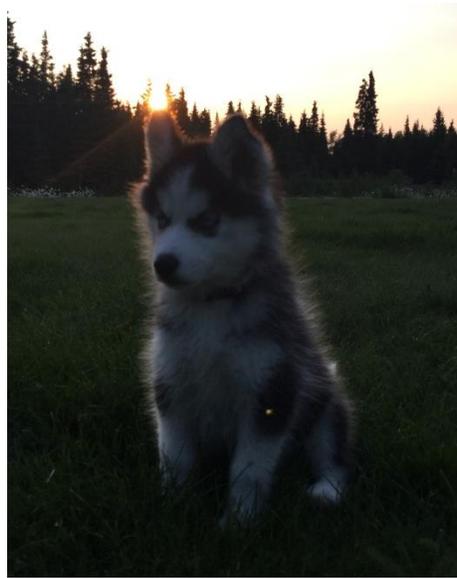
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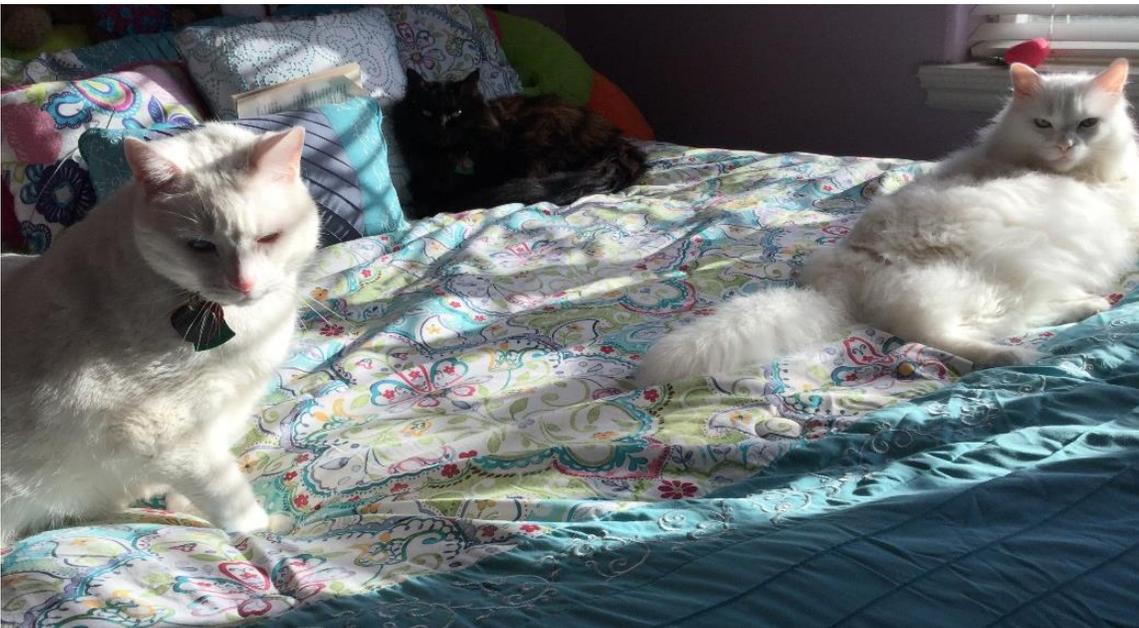
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Sansa



Willow



Merlin, Coco, and Cleo