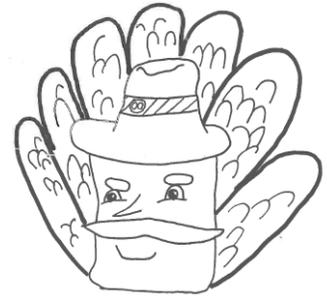


KMS PURPLE PAGES

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Salmon Dissection Lab

By Owen Plumridge



Kadin Hills, Owen Plumridge & Zoticus Active



Jake Dukowitz & Marcel Malone

Did you know that students were dissecting salmon on the lunch tables where everybody eats? On November 3rd, Mr. V and all the 7th grade science classes were learning about salmon anatomy.

The three jobs for the salmon anatomy lab were the Note-taker, Surgeon, and Labeler. The Note-taker takes notes about what the fish looks like and other observations. The Surgeon takes out the guts, the sperm sack or eggs, the spleen, the adipose fin and more. The Labeler labels the organs they pull out of the fish. Some groups had an extra surgeon.

In my group I was the surgeon, Liliana Reed was the Note-taker, Zoticus Active was the other surgeon, and Kadin Hills was the Labeler. Nobody in my group got grossed out but we could hear other people in the

other groups getting grossed out. They were saying things like, "That's disgusting! Get that away from me!" Zoticus and I used a scalpel to cut open the body. Also when we took out the spleen it looked like a bloody heart. In addition, Kadin and Lily did a good job keeping everything in order.

Mr. V likes to teach his classes about salmon because when he was a child he was always amazed about seeing the real parts of the fish. Also, he said that his favorite part of the salmon dissection is seeing the children's reactions when they start, but towards the end they just want to rip all the body parts out.

The dissection lab really helped the students learn a lot about salmon anatomy, and they also had a good time dissecting the salmon.

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Wearable Art Fashion Show

By Caitlin Crabb

Did you hear about the fashion show that happened at KMS? On October 20th, Mrs. Rininger's 9th hour art class had the first ever Wearable Art Show at KMS. The show took place in the library, during 9th period. The library was dark, except for all the bright strings of lights marking the edges of the runway, and the colorful lights on the library desk lighting up the room with a disco effect. There were also black lights that revealed the touches of ultraviolet paint the students had added to their costumes, next to the lights on the runway.

The students in the show worked in groups. Mrs. Rininger allowed them to pick their own groups to work with. She wanted the students to be excited about their costumes and groups, so she allowed them a lot of freedom. It took a few days for groups to brainstorm ideas on the Internet. Mrs. Rininger said, "There are so many ideas out there! And when you think you've finally come up with a unique idea, you search for it on Google and it's already been done!"

Mrs. Rininger got the idea from several places, one being a community wearable art show in Juneau. Also this fall, she and Mrs. Smith went to a fashion show in Kenai. She got the idea of making it into a Halloween theme with the costumes because of the time of month, and it was practical for the students since they could use their projects as costumes.

Once the groups had finished making their costumes, which were made of various pieces of cardboard, fabric, and other materials along with paint, and rehearsed the show, they were ready. The Wearable Art Show was amazing! All the groups put a lot of work into making their costumes and the audience could tell. Mrs. Rininger said, "I loved it. I wish I would have had someone video it, so I could have enjoyed it even more." She felt it was a fun way to wrap up the project, and it pushed everyone to finish their costumes on time for the show.

There were tons of variety in the costumes. One group's theme was different types of social media, while another group had a vending machine, with Kit Kats and money. At the show, Mrs. Smith read off of notecards the groups had written to explain their ideas behind the costumes, which was a great help for Mrs. Rininger.

If this sounds interesting and you'd like to be in a fashion show yourself, you should consider joining the new club this January through March. Mrs. Rininger will be adding a new club where you will be making abstract clothing designs and putting on another fashion show to wrap up clubs. Watch for **2** the new club lists, and if you're interested, give it a try!



Erin Blum as Instagram from the Popular Social Media group.



Brooke Ashley as the vending machine from group Candy Machine.



Jordan Smith and Jan Aaronson from the Bob Ross & Crew group, as a paintbrush and a happy tree.

“Princesses” on Stage

By Mrs. Nabholz

Students in Mrs. Miranda’s drama class presented an entertaining performance of the comedy “Princesses” to a packed house in the KMS library on November 9, 2016. All of the actors and actresses, as well as the set and costume designers, and their amazing director, worked very hard to prepare for this show, and they really showed off their humor and teamwork as they entertained the audience!

Energetic narrators Rachel Koppes and Jake Roush, along with the crusty old King “Dowager” played by Jacob Dodson, kept the play moving along, although with quite a few interruptions and sarcastic comments along the way. Sierra Chapman played the regal Queen trying to look out for her lovely daughters, the three princesses, played by Taylor Andrew, Courtney Ellis, and Sierra Purugganan.

The audience learned what an amazing guy Prince Charming, played by Hayes Howard, truly was, as he not only invented plumbing, but he was also quite willing to open tight lids on mayonnaise and pickle jars, as well as play endless games of Candyland with pleading children.

And speaking of funny interruptions, the Pea Princess, played by Shae Breff, kept running across the stage and interrupting the action, apparently clueless about being in the wrong play. Her ladies men in waiting followed close behind her toting her mattress, although the audience wasn’t quite sure if they were laughing about the pea under the mattress or the pee on the mattress.

Unfortunately, the three princesses fell victim to the Society of Evil Stepparents, dressed in hooded black robes and spreading evil intent, and performed rather malevolently by Memphis Lyon, Rayce Powell, Matt Grzybowski, Sky Stiers, and Sydney Johnson. One princess was locked in the dungeon, another was detained in the tower, and the third was tied up with restraints.

Of course, Prince Charming arrived to free them, and even managed to keep one from eating the poison apple potato offered by one of the Evil Stepparents. Exhausted by all of his good deeds, he fell under a 7-year spell when he uttered the words, “I wish I was a frog.” Fortunately, there was a pee pea mattress for him to sleep on!

The three princesses gave up on waiting for Prince Charming, and even the kitchen maid, played by Hannah Jones, ran off with the pool man and abandoned him, but for this prince his true love was just about to arrive to break the evil spell. As he lay asleep on the mattress, he began to mutter about the girl of his dreams and “her beautiful, long hair.” He reached his hands forward and felt those silken tresses, then awoke to see the canine love of his life, the beautiful Bella, played by a special guest actress, Ms. Gann’s dog!



And of course, Prince Charming and Bella ran away together and lived happily ever after!

The cast of this hilarious play was rounded out with a range of roles played by Taylor Huett, Maccoy Castillo, Robbie Gibson, Marcus Dunham, and Herald Ochea. Congratulations to the entire cast for their fantastic mash-up performance

showing off the crazy stories of all those mixed-up “Princesses.”

Secretive Summer

By Anonymous



An unknown reporter tried to interview Mr. Summer about his job. His replies to questions were very sarcastic. When he was asked why he wants to teach at the 8th grade level, he said, "I am paying a debt to society."

When he was asked when he decided to become a teacher, he said "When the judge said, you have to teach." This unknown reporter also asked him how long he's been teaching, and he said, "This is my 63rd year."

When asked what he likes doing in his free time, he said, "I was a professional bowler for 22 years. So I like to do that. I also collect stickers from fruit. I also collect seashells. I've left them all over the beaches of the world. If you see one, please don't pick it up."

When he was asked about the greatest success he's had teaching, he said, "I'm still alive. And that is directly attributed to teaching (and eating deer meat!)."

This unknown reporter interviewed Mr. Felchle, Mrs. Newton, and Mrs. Rininger about Mr. Summer. The questions were:

- 1) What do you admire about Mr. Summer?
- 2) How old do you think Mr. Summer is?
- 3) Do you think his mustache is real?
- 4) If Mr. Summer was stranded on an island, what 3 items would he take with him?
- 5) If he was a candy bar, which one would he be?

Mr. Felchle answered question one with, "I admire his dedication to KMS and his classroom. He loves history and he loves the kids that he teaches."

His reply to question two was, "No one really knows how old Mr. Summer is. Most of us think that he is the product of a governmental experiment. I believe that he was born around the time our country was first formed. I also believe that this is the reason he takes a group of 8th graders to Washington DC each year. While in DC the US government gives him some kind of chemical injection that has preserved his body. I guess that would make him about 235 years old,

4 which sounds about right."

His reply to question three was, "His mustache is a result of the chemical injections. He actually can't shave it off. The chemical injections make the hairs in his mustache as hard as steel."

Mr. Felchle replied to question four, "Mr. Summer would only need one item, and that is his cell phone. He could check all of his social network sites to stay current on all events. He could continue to take selfies of himself, which he loves to do, and he could use it to order Chinese air delivery from the Golden International, which is his favorite place to dine."

His reply to question five was, "Almond Joy for sure because he is always a bundle of joy."

Mrs. Rininger's response to question number one was, "His disciplined routine in his life. He eats an apple for lunch every day, climbs Skyline every Saturday (rain or shine), St. Elias on Tuesdays, Kaladi Brothers at 5 am, he lifts weights on Tuesdays and Thursdays and goes to Washington, DC every spring break for the past 30+ years."

Her answer for number two was, "Ancient." Her answer to number three was, "Real.... And straight out of the 80's." Mrs. Rininger's reply to number four was, "His knife, a puffy Patagonia jacket, and some deer meat." Question five was answered with, "Nutrageous.... because he's kind of a nut."

This unknown reporter also interviewed Mrs. Newton. Her responses were hilarious! Number one was answered with, "His ability not to smile." (which I think is so true... except for 2nd hour History.) Question number two was answered with, "Timeless." Mrs. Newton replied to question number three with, "Yes, almost too real." Her reply to number four was, "His Taylor Swift CD, his iPhone so he can text all his teacher friends, and an apple." Her reply to number question five was, "Almond Joy, because no one likes those."

Do you feel that you know Mr. Summer better . . . or not?



Attentive 8th graders study some museum relics in Mr. Summer's classroom with his substitute teacher, Mr. Tabor.

Trevor Slaughter

By Rocky Sherbahn



Trevor Slaughter is a KMS student who is very athletic and smart. He currently has a sling on his arm because he ran into a door, and fractured his shoulder blade and dislocated his arm. First of all, who runs into a door...

Trevor says that having a broken arm has its perks like not having to do any written work. He can't write so he says he has people writing for him, but in reality they're just doing his homework. He also is in art and choir and he says that he doesn't have to worry about the grade, and both of these exploratories are fun and easy, according to Trevor.

Trevor likes to play basketball. He said he is very bummed that he can't do basketball because he said he was going to be the "MVP." The only reason that he can't play basketball is because he ran into a door! He's also bummed that he can't do other sports until next year.

Another sport Trevor likes to do is mountain biking. He's been to Colorado and Hawaii just to go mountain biking. Also he goes mountain biking on the Tsalteshi trails. He's can't bike now because his arm is broken, so he can't bike until next year.

Trevor Slaughter is very talented and he is a very good basketball player. He likes school and his favorite classes are art and choir because he has no homework. Biking has been a hobby for Trevor, for a long time. He is a great person, kind of quiet, but he can be wild!

Zoticus Active

By Brandiee Bowers



Zoticus Active is a new 7th grader here at KMS. He seemed pretty shy when I first talked to him, but after a while he opened up a little bit.

Since it's his first year here, I asked him where he went before he came here. He's a Soldotna kid, so good thing he came here before it was too late!

In elementary walking in a straight line in the halls was a necessity. Zoticus said while laughing that he doesn't have to worry about being in a straight line here at KMS.

If you haven't personally talked to Zoticus, you'd think he wasn't the type of person to play sports, because he is quiet, but this interview showed me that he likes multiple sports. He likes basketball because he gets to play in a team. He also told me that one of his hobbies is football.

He said people here at school are fun, probably because of Mrs. Newton and her Friday Jokes a.k.a. "frokies."

I asked him where would he travel if he could go anywhere. "I'd go to Hawaii because I've never been there before," he said.

Zoticus seems excited to be here at KMS, and I hope for him to be active and play in the sports we have here.

Nolan Rodgers

By Aria Fabiano



Nolan Rodgers is a 6th grader at Kenai Middle School. He enjoys playing football, drawing and wrestling.

He likes playing football because he's been around football his whole life. He also plays on a football team. He enjoys playing because it makes him feel like he can do anything he wants to.

If you have ever seen Nolan's drawings, you can tell he is a true artist. He loves drawing all sorts of things, like really cool cartoons. He really loves drawing and coloring objects he sees on TV.

He has many talents and one of them is wrestling. He enjoys wrestling because his dad teaches him how to wrestle at home with him. So when the wrestling season starts this fall you better be looking for someone to compete with, and that will probably be Nolan.

So with all these amazing facts about Nolan you can probably tell he is a really cool person. If you like football, wrestling, or drawing you should really look for him in the hallways at Kenai Middle School. You really need a friend like Nolan Rodgers!

Dan Walker Visit

By Kordell Flecha



On Tuesday, October 4th Dan Walker visited KMS to inspire and teach kids about writing stories. He came and talked to all of the language arts classes about growing up in Alaska when he was young. He also told us about the writing process, how he had written his book *Secondhand Summer* and how long it took him to publish it.

Dan Walker is a homesteader's son who was born in Ohio and raised in Ninilchik. When his dad died, he and his family had to move to Anchorage. Later he worked as a chef, an innkeeper, a merchant seaman, a fisherman, a carpenter, and a teacher. He won Teacher of the Year for Alaska in 1999 as well.

When he visited KMS, he read aloud his favorite chapter in his book and told us how he got the idea to write his book. He told us that some of the chapters and ideas in the book are based on real life events. Then we wrote for five minutes and some of us shared our stories.

Dan won an Alaska Dispatch News writing contest by entering the first chapter of his book. Then after he entered the first chapter he kept writing more on his book and he sent it in for publishing. When he got it back there was **A LOT** of red ink on his whole story. When he got his book back all ready and edited, he and his editor thought of a lot of titles, like *My Last Summer* and *My Famous Summer*.

Here are some interesting facts about Dan:

1. When he was four, his sister hit him in the head with an axe.
2. His favorite genre to write is historical fiction.
3. His favorite authors are Edgar Rice Burroughs, R.L. Stevenson, Rudyard Kipling, and Jerry Spinelli.
4. His favorite age to teach is middle schoolers because the students of this age are both young adults and little kids, depending on the day or the mood.
5. His role models are Ivan Doig and Molly Gloss because they're efficient with their words.
6. His favorite things to do in his spare time are hiking, building projects, and boating around.
7. It took him around a year to finish and publish his book.
8. Mr. Gustkey was one of his students at Seward High School.
9. He wrote sports articles for his high school newspaper.
10. When he was younger, he wanted to be a pilot.

If any of you want to be writers, he has some advice in order to become a productive writer. He said if you want to be a good writer, you should write almost every day, enter as many writing contests as possible, be willing to edit and critique your own writing, and get a lot of feedback.

October Students of the Month

By Karley Harden

This month 10 kids were nominated by their teachers for the Student of the Month award. They did such a good job in their classes that they are rewarded with a pizza during their lunch period. You may recognize some of these kids!



6th grade: Pearl Payne, Lillian Miller, Ashley Dahlman



7th grade: Koda Poulin, Samuel Roberts, Betsy Moffett



8th grade: Kiara Moses, Grace Morrow, Joshua Tree, Kaya Cox

Chicago Celebration

By Ms. Johnson

In case you have been living under a rock the last couple of weeks, the Chicago Cubs (a professional baseball team) won the 2016 World Series after a 108-year drought. This is the longest such occurrence in any North American professional sport! They were also the first team to come back from a 3-game series deficit since the Kansas City Royals in 1985.

I had the pleasure of being in Chicago while all of this was happening. What a time to be in the city! I traveled with my mom, who went for a work conference. While she worked, I played! I walked all up and down the Magnificent Mile (a mile-long stretch of road with stores that sell super expensive items like Cartier, Saks 5th Avenue, Tiffany's and so much more!), I took a boat tour through the Chicago River and learned all about the historic architecture surrounding the river, I went to the Art Institute of Chicago and saw artwork from all over the world and from hundreds of years ago, and I took an elevator up 94 stories in the John Hancock Tower and was able to see across four state lines! And of course, no trip to Chicago is complete without deep-dish pizza (I had a salad, my friend had the pizza!) and a trip to Millennium Park to see the Chicago Bean.

The coolest part to being in Chicago was seeing the town so excited for their baseball team (and the Cleveland fans that were there too). Tickets to see the games in Chicago on Saturday and Sunday night were over \$2,000 per person!



Ms. Johnson and her mom reflected in the Chicago Bean!

And that was for seats super far away from the field. To watch the game from one of many of Chicago's fine establishments, you had to pay \$250 just to walk through the door and were expected to spend \$1,000 or more on food and

drinks. So many people wanted to be in the thick of it, this was the only way to keep restaurants within their fire-code limits.

I chose to watch the games in my hotel room (it was way cheaper!). I am not a fan of baseball in the slightest, but I have to admit I was swept up with the excitement! When the Cubs won in the 10th inning that last game, the town erupted! People started honking their horns, shooting off fireworks, cheering, anything you could think of to celebrate the win! It was very exciting, except for the fact that it was near midnight and I had to wake up in a few hours to get to the airport on time!

I loved my time in Chicago. It is so fun to visit cities that have such history. Alaska is such a new state; we don't quite have the same feeling yet. I recommend to anyone, if you have the opportunity to get out and visit someplace new during your life, DO IT! Next stop for me, the Caribbean on a cruise with my best friend!

Socktober Results

By Haven Walluk



We had great results for Socktober this year! Our school had a total of 1,351 donations! These all will go to the Lee Shore Center, the Friendship Mission, and to Nurse Dixie for school field trips, such as the 7th grade ice fishing trip. She has even started giving them out to some of the homeless kids in our school! As a reward, the advisory classes with the highest percentage of donations will have a class pumpkin cookie party. The winning classes were Mrs. Rolph for 6th grade, Mr. Felchle for 7th grade, and Mr. Summer for 8th grade. Thank you all for your donations, and Happy Holidays!

No-Shave November



Cameron Plagge shows off his impressive beard while posing with Mr. Beck and Mr. Dosko as they recognize 21 days of facial hair so far in No-Shave November!

Kenai River Marathon

By Samuel Baisden



Team Stryker: Koda & Samuel with Zach & Cody.



Team Satathite: Logan with her sister, dad, and uncle.

On September 25th, three students and two teachers from KMS ran in the Kenai River Marathon and some placed in the top three! Samuel Baisden, Koda Poulin, and Logan Satathite all ran on relay teams, which means they ran about a quarter of the marathon. When they finished, they tagged off one of the four teammates at each quarter of the race, and so on. Logan was in a group with some of her family members. Logan's team of runners took first place in the race! On my team, I ran the second leg, Koda ran the final leg, and two others from our competitive soccer team (Zach and Cody) ran the first and third legs. Our team placed third in the race, even racing against adults. Aside from the teams of students, Mrs. Anders and Mr. Felchle ran the whole marathon! Mr. Felchle also won first place for his age group and third place overall!

Here are the runner's tips and opinions...

How long have you been a runner?

Mr. Felchle: My sister Mrs. Karla Barkman got me into the event 5 years ago by convincing me to run a marathon in a four-person-team where all members run a quarter of the race.

Mrs. Anders: I have been a runner consistently for 10 years.

Samuel Baisden: I ran in the fun runs during KMS's cross country meets when my brother was in 6th grade. Before that I ran in a memorial run for the Fallen Firefighters. So, only a couple of years.

Logan Satathite: I've always enjoyed running, but I didn't start competing until 5th grade. That summer I

ran a few Salmon runs, the Color run, and Mount Marathon.

Koda Poulin: I started running competitively in 6th grade.

What do you enjoy about running?

Mr. Felchle: It keeps me in shape and when you run for distance it gives you time to clear your head of all the various activities of the day.

Mrs. Anders: Fresh air, the great outdoors, spending quality time with my kids, and discovering new trails.

Samuel: It is a way I can challenge myself.

Logan: I enjoy running because I have fun while challenging myself. I like the races because I have a competitive spirit.

Koda: I like anything challenging as long as I know about it pretty well.

How did you train for the marathon?

Mr. Felchle: I ran A LOT! For an entire year, I ran every other day between 3-6 miles each time. Starting 3 months away from the marathon, the distances picked up to 6-8 miles each time. A month away from the marathon the distances were 8-13 miles each time with a long run of 18-22 miles once a week.

Mrs. Anders: I run year-round, but only average about 20 miles a week in the fall/winter. Only towards June do I increase mileage to 30-35 miles a week. This is the bare minimum one needs to train to finish a full marathon. I have this book that has a 16-week training program and follow it to a T.

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Mrs. Anders: Whenever I can I take my kids with me. They either run or bike.

Samuel: I ran long distances around my neighborhood and also ran a lot playing soccer. Our team met once a week before the race to see which leg of the race each of us would have.

Logan: I ran in many community races after the high school cross country meets and participated in the KMS cross country team. I went on runs with my sister Brooke, who was on the relay team too.

Koda: My team went on practice runs with one of the dads around the college.

How did you keep yourself motivated during the marathon?

Mr. Felchle: I listened to music the entire time which was a must. I also thought of all of my family and friends that were supporting me throughout my training and encouraging me along the race. I also prayed A LOT!

Mrs. Anders: I listened to upbeat music, had my kids posted at key spots. (Like say mile 20, 21, 22, etc...) To cheer me on, and I took it one mile at a time... (although each mile seems to get ridiculously longer towards the last six miles).

Samuel: I listened to music as I ran. Our group had people cheering for us at different points. I didn't want to let my team down.

Koda: I told myself it was training for swimming, and I had a few competitors from swimming in mind. (;

How did it feel to step across the finish line (or finish your part of the race)?

Mr. Felchle: Honestly it was one of the most satisfying accomplishments of my life. I was overcome with many emotions, mostly of thanks and gratitude. I have been blessed by so many wonderful people and things in my life and this was another example of how lucky I am. It was a life lesson to myself. Some of the most rewarding things in my life were the result of an incredible amount of hard work.

Mrs. Anders: This was my third marathon, so it felt pretty good, but not as good as the first time!

Samuel: When I got to the end of my leg, which was just over seven miles, my legs felt like spaghetti noodles.

Logan: After I finished my leg of the race I was relieved. 5.7 miles was the longest distance I had ever ran.

Koda: I felt dizzy and I also couldn't feel my legs, but after that feeling left and I found out we got third, I was all smiles.

What advice would you offer to other people considering long-distance running?

Mr. Felchle: Do it because you want to make your life better because it will. Realize that to be successful at it you will need to put in a ton of work. Do the best you can. This is advice not only for running but for all things in one's life.

Mrs. Anders: If you'd asked me 10 years ago, if I wanted to run a marathon, I would have chuckled. Running was a foreign concept to me. When I lived in New York, I remember seeing people run in Central Park and I thought they were crazy. But when I came to Alaska 10 years ago, I remember hearing someone on the radio talking about running. He said that all you need was 20 minutes a day. 20 minutes a day to go for a jog. He kept saying that instead of watching TV, go for a jog. Instead of FBing, go for a jog. Instead of doing whatever you are doing, go for a jog and you will feel so much better. And he was right! And I'm so glad I heard that radio guy on that particular day.

Samuel: Just do it and don't quit. You might surprise yourself.

Logan: Have perseverance and determination to push you through the race.

Koda: When you start, don't look at it as seven or eight miles, break it up into miles and it will keep your head in the game.

Can you think of anything else that you would like to add?

Mr. Felchle: I simply want everyone to know that I was not able to run that marathon without anyone's help. I needed support from people who were there along the way. In a world that appears to focus on the "me" I was reminded the really successful people in life focus on the "we". Thanks again for everyone's support! (continued on page 10)

Kenai River Queens

By Jacob Begich



Rininger, True, Troutman, Newton & Johnson ready to skate!

Right here in Kenai we have our own women's hockey team! Their team name is the Kenai River Queens, and some of the teachers at KMS play for them. Mrs. True, and Mrs. Rininger, are the first generation, they joined four years ago. Mrs. Newton is the second generation, and Mrs. Miranda and Ms. Johnson are the third generation.

Ms. Johnson plays the wing position, and her favorite part of the game is getting to hang out with her teammates. She got into hockey because Mrs. True bribed her.

Mrs. True helped put some of the team together. She has been in the league for four years, ever since it started. Mrs. True plays defense and she got into hockey because she was in the roller derby, then she heard about hockey and she wanted to give it a try. She has been playing for six or seven years.

Mrs. Rininger plays center, and she likes the sport because of the competition. She got into hockey because when she was younger she did figure skating. And last but not least, Mrs. Miranda. She only played for a brief period. She said she loved it and it was very fun but she is struggling with a shoulder injury. She said that the Queens are a fun group of women and they except you and help you, guide you, and make you feel right at home. She also said it was the most amazing workout ever.

And last but not least, Mrs. Newton. She plays wing and sometimes center, and she got into hockey because it was bring a friend to hockey day. And when she went, she was hooked!

It is very cool to have teachers at KMS that play a very intense sport. This sport is fun and anybody can play!

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Would You Rather?

By Kaylee Jones



1. Do so much homework that your limbs ache or eat so much pizza that you vomit for an hour?
2. Eat six spiders or three fat slimy slugs?
3. Legally change your last name to Hitler or never eat chocolate again?
4. Have no cell phone or no internet?
5. Have nobody show up to your wedding or your funeral?
6. Live in Harry Potter's world or live in wealth and fame?
7. Find true love or ten million dollars?
8. Fly or read minds?
9. Be the richest person on the planet or be immortal?
10. Get free Starbucks for a year or free iTunes music for life?

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Mrs. Anders: There is a woman named Joy Johnson who ran her first marathon at 61 years old and went on to run every NYC marathon until she died at 86! I hope to surpass her!

Samuel: Make sure your running playlist has more songs than just "Turn Down for What" and "Don't Drop That Thun Thun Thun" repeating over and over for 35 minutes (like I did).

Koda: Make sure (because it happened to me on both of my runs) that Roser doesn't plan the mile run the day after the run.

Congratulations to all of the runners who participated in the Kenai River Marathon!

The Celebration

By Joe Hamilton

The celebration on October 31 was fun. There was a lot of fun games and activities, and there was a lot of costumes because it was Halloween.

Some people stayed downstairs the whole time playing war ball and dodge ball. Kordell Flecha explained, "I had fun throwing balls at people." Jacob Begich said, "I had fun getting people out." Maison Dunham exaggerated, "I don't think it was fun because it was too crowded and it smelled."

The biggest line was probably the ring toss. The ring toss was the same as last year, if you got the ring around the soda or PowerAde you would get the drink. The line had at least half of the people at the celebration, but I think only about 20 people won a drink.

The cake walk had a lot of people. A lot of people won cakes and only a few didn't get a cake. At one point there was like five people, so when the music stopped people would stand on two spots.



The costumes were cool too. I think the best costumes were Tucker Vann and Aidan Milburn; they were both dinosaurs. I also thought Cali Holmes had a cool costume, she was a jelly fish, and River Tomrdle was a gorilla. One of the best costumes was Mac and cheese, and this costume was Maccoy Castillo.

The face paint was fun for students. You could ask them what you wanted to get but it had to be reasonable like a rainbow or something. You could also ask for a superhero mask on your face.



So now you know what you missed if you didn't make it to the celebration. Next time you should go. If you went, I hope you had fun!

Mrs. Tews is trying to "bee" careful with the face paints!

KMS Wrestling

By Tucker Vann



Wrestling is a fun, challenging, and cool sport! It doesn't just build character, it reveals it. Don't worry if you don't know any moves, we will just be going over the basics, so you will know what it's all about. There is no 6th grade wrestling because everyone is allowed to compete in boroughs so it will be a combined season in January. I, Tucker Vann, will be joining you and helping out with wrestling.

I think it would be nice if about 20-30 kids would join, so come on down with some friends and just try it out. We will be meeting downstairs in the wrestling room for all of our practices, and maybe in the weight room if you behave, so come with a good attitude and the ethic to work.

Our head coach this season is Ryan Moss (Señor Moss from KCHS) and our awesome coach from last year is Ted Navarre and he will be helping out this year. He is an awesome guy with a lot of experience who will greatly benefit your future career.

Before the season starts you must have a signed sports form, wrestling shoes, and head-gear (you can find them at Beemun's in Soldotna or online). The fun begins on January 10th and our team will travel to Kodiak and wrestle their team before our first tournament.

Here are some things Coach Navarre has to say about this season: "I would like to see around 40 kids but I would like kids with a few qualities: a good work ethic, willing to learn, desire to compete, people who will add to the team, good motor skills, good coordination, quick thinking, will follow leadership, focused, good listeners, respect, and a competitive attitude."

KMS Basketball

Boys A-Team

By Cloey Followell

We are now coming into our 2016-2017 basketball season. "A" team boys are so excited for a new chance to improve on their basketball skills. These boys include Zoticus Active, James Baisden, Brad Chaffee, Maison Dunham, Dillon Hanson, Tyler Hippchen, Jordan Smith, James Sparks, and Lucas Tunseth.

Maison Dunham said some goals for him are, "To get 50 steals, and get better at my 3 pointers. I want to play small forward because I get to pass the ball to Lucas more."

James Baisden said, "My favorite part of the basketball season so far was how much I got to play because of the shortened team." He said playing with only five players this last game was tough but also fun because he got to play a lot.

Lucas Tunseth said, "We lost 2 games and won 0, and my favorite part of the season is scoring." Lucas's favorite position to play was center because it was fun, and it was the only position he was allowed to play.

Tyler Hippchen said, "My favorite part about this season was the last game because the scoring was so close, it was very exciting." The last game was tiring especially in the fourth quarter. It was hard to practice."

Hopefully you can go to the boys' games and watch them play and most likely win. Some of their game times include:

Nov. 29th @ Kenai vs. Nikiski; 4:30 pm
Dec. 1st @ SVMS 8th grade; 4:30 pm
Dec. 2nd @ Kenai vs. Seward; 4:30 pm
Dec. 6th @ Kenai vs. SVMS; 3:00 pm
Dec. 9th @ Kenai vs. Homer; 4:30 pm
Dec. 13th @ First Round of Boroughs
Dec. 17th @ Seward; Borough Tourney

Boys B-Team

By Caitlin Crabb

Boys B-team basketball started on November 1st. They have all been working hard, practicing every day at the Rec-Center. So far they have played two games, one at Aurora and one at Seward. The score at the Aurora game was 48-10, while at the Seward game the score was 35-10. Along with that they have done two scrimmages.

On the boys B-team there are twelve players: Leroy Everts, Samuel Baisden, Brayten Hooper, Kordell Flecha, Gavin Dirks, Levi Good, Isaac Erwin, Kasey Kaiser, Isaac Pontius, Dylan Duniphin, Hayden Hanson, and Ryn Witte.

Kordell Flecha is on the boys B-team. His favorite part of basketball is making new friends, and shooting. He also thinks it's a fun way to exercise. Samuel Baisden is the point guard for boys B-team. The point guard calls the plays. He said that his favorite part of basketball is scoring. It's been a great start to the season.

Good luck on future games boys B-team, and keep up the great work!

Girls B-Team

By Angelina DiLucchio

Girls B-team basketball started on October 31, 2016. I asked two girls from the team how basketball has been, how practice is going, and how they like all their teammates.

Amber Nash commented, "Basketball has been great, I like it." Macey said, "Good I guess." Amber and Macey both like their teammates and they think they are nice. I also asked Amber and Macey how the basketball intramurals were. Amber stated, "They were a fun start for the season." Macey Stanley said, "It was ok."

Intramural sports (or intramurals) are recreational sports organized within a particular institution, usually an educational institution, or a set geographic area. The practices are good for the students who want to play basketball when they are older, and to get better so later in life they have more than one skill. Denali Bernard, Taylor Huett, Sydney Johnson, Shaleen Kay, Erin Koziczkowski, Amber Nash, Kylie-Anne Raye, Macy Stanley, Valerie Villegas are on the girls B-team basketball.

There was a basketball game Friday at 4:30 pm in the Seward Middle School gym on November 18th for the B-team players. The girls B-team won on Friday. I think that this year's B-team basketball is going to be great!



Girls A-Team Basketball

By Andrea Beile

This year we have an outstanding group of lovely people for the girls' A-team basketball. In all we have 12 girls playing on the team and alongside them their coach Mr. Gustkey. They did have a game on the 18th against Seward. The winner was Kenai, the score 22 to 19. Now here are some of the players' and coach's feedback on how things are going.

Mr. Gustkey is the coach for the girls' A-team basketball at KMS. He has been coaching for 26 years. He did however play basketball when he was younger but only for fun because his family was poor. His goal for the year is to find a lot of success. He says, "I don't know what success is going to look like but I know we will find it." He wanted to become a basketball coach because he likes basketball and he said, "Coaching is like an extension to the classroom and with coaching people want to be there." He prefers coaching girls over boys because girls generally listen, work hard, and believe they have something to learn. He says that what he considers the best player is the one who works hard, strives to achieve, and make others work hard.

Taylor Carver is one of the players on the girls' basketball A-team. Her goals of the year are to win boroughs and to be the best player and person she can be. She joined because she loves basketball and she "thinks" she is good at it. She has been playing basketball for seven years straight. She also loves her coach, Mr. Gustkey, and she thinks he is really funny.

Dulce Santana is also one of the players on the girls' A-team. Her goal for the year is to be a starter. She is playing basketball this year because last year her parents were amazed that someone as short her could play basketball, so she wanted to impress them again. She thinks Mr. Gustkey is too hard on her, but other than that he is pretty chill.

For more info on who our team is and to learn more about their games, wait until the next paper comes out!



Boys A-team and B-team players during intramurals.

Six-quisite Swags

On the morning of November 21st, 126 sixth graders, along with many adult helpers, made 310 exquisite holiday swags, with beautiful bows and lovely scented greenery. Busy workers were spread out across half the school, from the art room to the commons, making these decorations. This annual event is lots of hard work but also lots of fun, and it raises funds for the sixth graders to attend camp at the end of the school year.



Thankful Playlist

Thank you to the many students and staff who suggested songs and artists that they are thankful to have as part of the soundtrack of their lives!

Alison Krauss & Brad Paisley, “Whiskey Lullaby”
Andy Grammer, “Fresh Eyes”
Andy Grammer, “Good to Be Alive”
Anna Kendrick, “Get Back Up Again”
Bars and Melody, “Hopeful”
Bruno Mars, “When I Was Your Man”
Celine Dion, “It’s All Coming Back to Me Now”
DNCE, “Cake by the Ocean”
Ed Sheeran, “Thinking Out Loud”
Elvis Presley, “Can’t Help Falling in Love”
Florida Georgia Line, “H.O.L.Y.”
Fort Minor, “Remember the Name”
Foster the People, “Pumped Up Kicks”
Grace VanderWaal, “Light the Sky”
Imagine Dragons, “Warriors”
John Denver, “Thank God I’m a Country Boy”
John Williams, “The Imperial March”
Led Zeppelin, “Stairway to Heaven”
Lil Jon & DJ Snake, “Turn Down for What”
Looking Glass, “Brandy”
Marlon Saunders, “Unknown from M.E.”
Meghan Trainor, “Better When I’m Dancin’”
Pegboard Nerds, “Hero”
Rihanna, “Te Amo”
Safety Suit, “Never Stop”
Shane Harper, “Rocketship”
Shawn Mendes, “Imagination”
Shawn Mendes, “Memories”
Shawn Mendes, “Patience”
Silento, “Watch Me”
SpongeBob Squarepants, “The F.U.N. Song”
The Beatles, “Yellow Submarine”
The Chainsmokers, “Closer”
The Script, “For the First Time”
Troye Sivan, “Blue”



Twenty One Pilots, “Heathens”
Twenty One Pilots, “Stressed Out”
Twenty One Pilots, “Tear in My Heart”
Wham!, “Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go”

Thanksgiving Facts & Trivia

By Haven Walluk



- Americans eat roughly 535 million pounds of turkey on Thanksgiving...that’s a lot of turkeys....
- Thanksgiving is ranked the second most popular holiday, after Christmas.
- “Jingle Bells” was originally written to be a Thanksgiving song.
- Held every year on the island of Alcatraz since 1975, “Unthanksgiving Day” commemorates the survival of Native Americans following the arrival and settlement of Europeans in the Americas.
- The first TV dinner was Thanksgiving leftovers.
- There are three towns named Turkey in the U.S. in the states of Texas, California, and North Carolina.
- President Lincoln made Thanksgiving an official holiday in 1863.
- About 20% of all cranberries that are consumed in the U.S. each year are eaten on Thanksgiving.
- Around fifty million people watch the Macy’s Thanksgiving parade each year.
- The first meal eaten on the moon was roasted turkey in 1969 by Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin.

Pumpkin Pecan Pie

By Kaylee Jones



Ingredients:

Pumpkin Layer:

- 1 unbaked 9-inch deep-dish pie shell
- 1 cup pumpkin puree
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice

Pecan Layer:

- 2/3 cup light corn syrup
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup pecan halves

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350° F.

For Pumpkin Layer:

Combine pumpkin, sugar, egg, and pumpkin pie spice in medium bowl; stir well. Spread over bottom of pie shell.

For Pecan Layer:

Combine corn syrup, sugar, eggs, butter, and vanilla extract in same bowl; stir in nuts. Spoon over pumpkin layer.

Bake for 50 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack.

If you want more delicious recipes go to Nestle.com

Opinion-8-ed

By Haven Walluk

“What’s your favorite thing to do on Thanksgiving?”

- Abby Moffett- “Cooking and baking the dessert.”
- Grace Morrow- “I would say go outside and do something in the snow with my family, but we all know that I’m way too lazy and antisocial for that.”
- Miranda Osterhaus- “Eat.”
- Kiara Moses- “Eating.”
- Kaya Cox- “Eating as much as possible to get stuffed!”
- Shae Breff- “Be with family.”
- Rachel Koppes- “Being in the kitchen and making the meals.”
- Tania Cazares- “The turkey and the potatoes.”
- Connor Koppes- “Getting fat.”
- Aria Fabiano- “To eat food and hang out with my family.”
- Taylor Carver- “I like spending time with my family.”
- Hanna Morrow- “I would say that I like the time off from school, but I also like the smell of the house around Thanksgiving time.”
- Linnaea Gossard- “I think that my favorite thing about Thanksgiving is all of the delicious food, and celebrating with my family.”

Thanksgiving Dinner Name Game

By Kaylee Jones, Brandiee Bowers & Angie DiLucchio

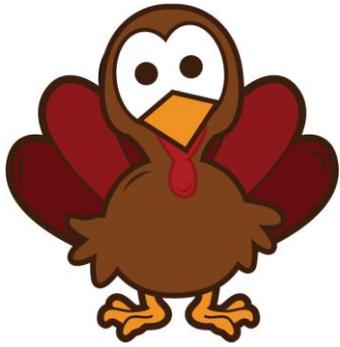
What’s your “nickname” for Thanksgiving dinner? Find your name by looking for the first letter of your first name and the month you were born. Enjoy your new name for your holiday dinner!

First Letter of Name

- A. Squash
- B. Mashed potato
- C. Thomas
- D. Gravy
- E. Flobby
- F. Green Bean
- G. Lumpy
- H. Mushy
- I. Tasty
- J. Henrietta
- K. Cranberry
- L. Fluffy
- M. Pilgrim
- N. Bacon
- O. Spicy
- P. Ginger
- Q. Sausage
- R. Turkey leg
- S. Harvest
- T. Cinnamon
- U. Pecan
- V. Corny
- W. Stuffing
- X. Salty
- Y. Burnt
- Z. Cheesy

Birth Month

- January: Turkey Butt
- February: Pie Dough
- March: Feather Face
- April: Evil Corn
- May: Goop
- June: Potato Head
- July: Marshmallow
- August: Fruit Salad
- September: Sweet Potato
- October: Pineapple Ring
- November: Pumpkin Pie
- December: Cobbler



November Scavenger Hunt

By Karley Harden & Cloey Followell

Hey you! You up to a challenge? This month you can participate in a scavenger hunt to win some cool prizes. All you have to do is follow the clues below and find the hidden turkeys (which have the answer to the riddle on them). Please only hunt for one turkey and leave the rest for the other participants. When you find a turkey return it to Mrs. Nabholz. Take a look at the riddles below and follow the clues. Good luck!

- Riddle 1: Why didn't the turkey eat dessert?
- Riddle 2: What's the key to a good Thanksgiving dinner?
- Riddle 3: Why did they let the turkey join the band?
- Riddle 4: What smells the best at Thanksgiving dinner?
- Riddle 5: Why did the Pilgrim eat a candle?

- Clue for Turkey #1: Where do kids go gobble gobble? Hey why don't you stay healthy, and grab a salad on the way out!
- Clue for Turkey #2: Ladies, find a man named Henry that surfs and look behind him and you will find the turkey.
- Clue for Turkey #3: Boys, before you head out grab a make-up sheet and look beneath and you'll find the turkey waiting.
- Clue for Turkey #4: If you're ever bored, look at the board outside where the music plays.
- Clue for Turkey #5: Up for a good read about the pilgrims? Try 974.4 SAN

Overheard

By Kaylee Jones



- "Don't slam that hard so shut."
- "You can't spell progress without ogre."
- "I think I just rubbed my nose off."
- "Give me those Skittles you dumb dummy."
- "Remember to cut out your eyeballs."
- "I'm going to kill you!" "With kindness?"
- "Devoured a million fish-juice coffee cakes."
- "He's like the Batman of the word world."
- "It's like knuckle hair but on my knees."
- "Is that a dog?" "No, I think it's my mom."
- "I have three anuses!"
- "Isn't it supposed to be anus, not anal fin?"
- "You don't need a race suit if you have a garbage bag."
- "You forgot to wash your elbows last night."
- "Every sixty seconds in Africa, a minute passes."
- "You don't know how dangerous it is to eat a whole marshmallow."
- "French is the language of love. English is the language of loud."
- "Just say no to Gweebo at the corner of Walmart."
- "I have a purple porpoise in my place." "I have a rat in my binder."
- "There's just a bunch of naked people chasing around another bunch of naked people and trying to eat them."
- "She went into a room and murdered a potato."
- "Take their wheelchairs!"

16 "My mom and dad were dabbing this weekend. It was scary!"

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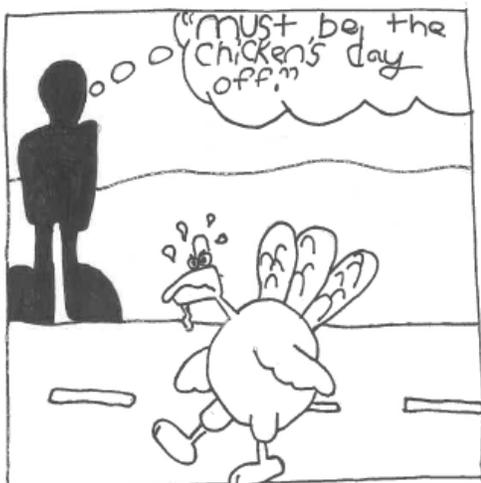
Happy Thanksgiving!

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Thanksgiving Jokes

By Joe Hamilton & Aria Fabiano

Why did the turkey cross the road?
It was the chicken's day off!



By: Samuel Baisden

If April showers bring May flowers,
what do May flowers bring?
Pilgrims!

What always comes at the beginning of
parades?
The letter "p"!

What key won't open any door?
A turkey!

Why did the turkey cross the road
twice?
To prove he wasn't chicken!

Which side of a turkey has the most
feathers?
The outside!

What do you get when a turkey lays an
egg on top of a barn?
An eggroll!

How did the Mayflower show it liked
America?
It hugged the shore!

Where do you find a turkey with no
legs?

Exactly where you left it!

What do you call it when it rains
turkeys?
Foul weather!

Why did the police arrest the turkey?
They suspected it of fowl play!

Why do turkeys lay eggs?
If they dropped them, they'd break!

What's the most musical part of a
turkey?
The drumstick!

If fruit comes from a fruit tree, where
does turkey come from?
A poul-tree!

Daughter: Mum, can I have a canary
for Christmas?
Mum: NO! You'll have turkey like
everyone else.

What happened when the turkey got
into a fight?
He got the stuffing knocked out of
him!

Can a turkey jump higher than the
Empire State Building?
Yes, because buildings can't jump at
all!

Where does Christmas come before
Thanksgiving?
In the dictionary!

What's the most musical part of the
turkey?
The drumstick!

Why did the turkey cross the road
twice?
To prove he wasn't chicken!

December

Birthdays

By Andrea Beile

Pearl Payne- 01
Kory DuPerron- 03
Jan Aaronson- 03
Abigail Moffett- 05
Donovan Wynn- 05
Xander Amend- 06
Kiara Moses- 08
Madeline Edelen- 08
Jessiah James- 09
Landen Cialek- 09
Emmarie Edwards-Dean- 10
Josie Passe- 13
Soibhan Dempsey- 16
Myles Evarts- 17
Lillian Kroto- 17
Delaney Duck- 18
Layne Todd- 19
Shae Breff- 19
Riley Reese- 19
Kaleb Easling- 20
William Vaudrin- 21
Owen Whicker- 21
Malcolm Fadden- 21
Dacoda Hanks- 21
Trevor Slaughter- 21
Timothy Gillen- 22
Shannon Murphy- 24
Rain Wong- 24
Blake Lackey- 27
Gavin Seaton- 27
Hannah Ellis- 28
Andrew Gaethle- 29
Eva Sorensen- 30
Zaharah Wilshusen- 31
Wes Katzenberger- 31
Alexander Martin- 31

What are unhappy
cranberries called?
Blueberries!

College Flashback Contest

Name _____

Do you know where KMS teachers started out when they were college freshmen?

Match the following 21 colleges with the names of the 23 teachers listed below; write their names on the lines. You will use each teacher's name exactly once. Turn in your completed contest entry to the front office or to Mrs. Nabholz by 3:00 pm on Friday, December 2nd. One grand prize winner will be selected from all correct entries submitted by the due date. This contest is open to all KMS students and staff, including *Purple Pages* reporters, since they're not in on the answers!

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|---|-----------|
| 1. Carroll College (Montana) | 1. _____ |
| 2. Central Missouri State University | 2. _____ |
| 3. Central Oregon Community College | 3. _____ |
| 4. College of Southern Idaho | 4. _____ |
| 5. College of St. Benedict (Minnesota) | 5. _____ |
| 6. Eastern Oregon University | 6. _____ |
| 7. Eastern Washington University | 7. _____ |
| (2 teachers) | _____ |
| 8. Fullerton College (California) | 8. _____ |
| 9. Harding University (Arkansas) | 9. _____ |
| 10. Montana State University | 10. _____ |
| 11. Montana State University – Billings | 11. _____ |
| (2 teachers) | _____ |
| 12. Oklahoma State University | 12. _____ |
| 13. Queens College (New York) | 13. _____ |
| 14. Sierra Junior College (California) | 14. _____ |
| 15. University of Alaska Fairbanks | 15. _____ |
| 16. University of Miami (Florida) | 16. _____ |
| 17. University of Minnesota – Twin Cities | 17. _____ |
| 18. University of Regina (Saskatchewan) | 18. _____ |
| 19. University of Wisconsin – Lacrosse | 19. _____ |
| 20. University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point | 20. _____ |
| 21. Valley City State University (North Dakota) | 21. _____ |

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