

KMS PURPLE PAGES

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The Tunnels

By Isabel McClure



Did you know that our school has secret tunnels? Or does it.... MUHAHAHAHAH!!! Well, if the tunnels do exist, you might want to hear the story about the drifter before going down there....

There was a war, an active war. The tunnels were small, about four feet high, but soldiers could still get through. Seeing as the tunnels had to lead **somewhere**, we believe it led to another building. It was used for multiple things: bomb shelter, pipeline, and transportation. Guards patrolled the ends, whistling as they walked up and down, making sure that the entrances weren't blocked, and that they had their keys. They kept the tunnels locked, and the entrances were not blocked, in case people had to get in.

Very few strangers tried to enter, and no one ever succeeded. The soldiers had a signal, telling if the guards came out or not. One day the signal (a church bell) went off, and one guard exited. The other guard, not knowing, kept walking. The guard's name was Dixon, Private Dixon, and he walked on for hours. After a while he grew tired and sat

down, because it got pretty boring down in the tunnels.

Dixon was wondering why nobody arrived with his dinner. He heard nothing outside, so he went up to the surface. Nobody was there. Meanwhile the soldiers were checking the unlocked tunnels for people in case they didn't make it out. As the soldiers left, Dixon decided to find something to eat and walked back down. He assumed his chief wouldn't appreciate him going up and not being in the tunnels. He continued walking, his boots stomping, and the latch locked behind him as usual when he walked in.

He slept for hours, and then a noise woke him up. It was a mouse scurrying across the floor next to him. He realized he was hungry, so he tiredly stood up, walked to the entrance, and realized it was locked.

Dixon reached for his keys, but they weren't there. He continued struggling to open the latch. Panicked, he ran to the other door and again struggled to break through. Eventually he stopped trying and starved to death. Over time, his body decomposed and new buildings were built over the tunnels, a middle school and a high school.

District employees used to go through the tunnels, but now they can't. They say that when you go down there, you can hear Dixon's footsteps coming closer, and closer, and you can hear him whistling his weird tune. The Drifter is what they call him, and he kills whoever walks in his path. They say that the latch is possibly located in the side closet in room 25, or below the trap door in room 21, in our school... I guess you will have to find out, for yourself...

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Opinion-8-ed

By Abigail Giles

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By Hope Broussard



What's your favorite Halloween candy?

Landen Cialek: Twix because it's good.

Malerie Nunn: Candy corn because Kimbo likes it too.

Kimberly Chanley: Candy corn because the color speaks to me like the orange reminds me of plagiarism. Also candy corn is amazing, mmm.

Jason Herman: Kit Kat because it is a wafer covered in chocolate.

Reymond Perez: Kit Kat because of the crunchy chocolate goodness.

Jaden Garner: Reese's Peanut Butter Cups because there is peanut butter and it's just good.

Brylee Niland: Snickers because they are my favorite type of candy.

Blaze Watson: Gummies because I'm not that big of a fan of chocolate.

Elsie Fleming: Reese's Peanut Butter Cups because of the filling and the chocolate.

Mary Nash: My favorite is Jolly Rancher Lollipops because I love Jolly Ranchers, especially the blue ones.

Aryanna Schneider: My favorite is candy corn because I like to eat them from top to bottom.

Adam Anglebrandt: My favorite is M&M's. It's a tradition in my family to eat them on Halloween.

Melanie Hopkins: I like Mexican candy because there's all types of flavors.



Larisa Murdock: Candy corn because it's yummy.

Lizzy Hayes: Twix because I always loved it. It's tasty.

Max Martin: Kit Kat because I love chocolate and wafers.

Silas Larsen: Starbursts because the flavor EXPLODES in MY MOUTH!

Cross country is a fun after-school program for people who enjoy running. In cross country you get to participate in races against all the different schools on the peninsula. This year Mrs. Newton and Ms. Gann coached all 55 runners. Mrs. Newton and Ms. Gann enjoyed the amazing weather and great kids.

At the meets the game is on. This is where everyone tries their hardest and races their fastest. In the beginning of the meet all of the runners stretch so no hurts themselves. Then the race begins!

Although people choose to do cross country, you have to be pretty tough to do well. One person even finished the race with only one shoe! Sixth grader Avia Miller says, "Sometimes you lose your breath, but if you can finish the race alive, it feels good."

Sometimes the cross country runners do community runs. Some students prefer different tracks, like Ben Boersma's favorite track is the Nikiski track because it's the most difficult.

Some of the leading runners this year were: Gregory Fallon, Jack Laker, Owen Whicker, Jayna Boonstra, Emilee Wilson, and Anastasha Wilde. So to wrap this up, everyone give a round of applause to cross country!



“Bee” Tobacco Free

By Jenessa Marsden

Are you going to be tobacco free? There are several reasons why teens start to smoke. One, they see other people doing it. Two, peer pressure- they don't want to be different or seen as a chicken. Three, the media advertisers, TV, movies, and music entice them. Four, their family and/or friends smoke. Five, just out of curiosity. Smoking isn't cool, so why do it?

TATU is a program at KMS that is open to any 8th graders, and you can choose to continue through high school. For those of you who don't know, TATU stands for Teens Against Tobacco Use. This program is about saving lives, and every student who dedicates time makes an impact. To qualify, you must be nicotine-free and be a good role model in your school and community, and you must participate in at least two TATU events. This year Nurse Dixie has six 8th graders participating, and they are so driven that this is the first year they are teaching 3rd, 6th, and 7th graders.

There are several myths about smoking that people believe are true. Myth #1: Most people in the state of Alaska smoke. Fact: Actually most people in the state of Alaska don't smoke. This is true for both teens and adults. Myth #2: Smoking is cool. Fact: Actually, smoking is not cool; 67% of teenagers say smoking turns them off, 65% say that they strongly dislike being around smokers, and 86% would rather date people who don't smoke.



Nurse Dixie says that some students participating in TATU in high school can go to state training. If you participated in TATU and you're applying for a college it looks great on a résumé. The 8th graders in TATU this year include Jaylynn Witt, Jenessa Marsden, Alea Faulkner, Avry McDonald, Talia Tepp, Jorgi Phillips, Ayla Tallent, Kenneth Coghill, and Gwen Case.

The KMS students in TATU are organizing Red Ribbon Week from October 29th-31st. On Monday and Wednesday they are teaching the 6th grade advisory classes about what tobacco can do to their health. During each lunch period on Tuesday, students who wear yellow and black to “bee” tobacco free can play a game to pop a balloon and see if they win some cash.

#KMShashtags

By Hally Hanson

- #gustkeysspookysocks
- #superherofelchle
- #newtonthedenominator
- #songerszombieworkout
- #superpepper
- #skeletonschool
- #whoyougonnacall
- #ghostoffice
- #nabholzscarystorytime
- #schoesslerscharpschuff
- #summertheplague
- #sandwicheslunchladies
- #kmscostumecelebration



Nikiski Fire Department Morale Project

By Emma Bolling

Morale..... What is morale? Is it a color, a feeling? Definition of morale: the confidence, enthusiasm, and discipline of a person or a group at a particular time. The Nikiski Fire Department's morale has been low partly because a firefighter has become ill with a brain tumor, and he was forced to retire.

The fire station is the pillar for the community; they run into buildings and rescue people every day. The most important part of being a staff member for the Nikiski Fire Department is teamwork. Teamwork: the combined action of a group of people, especially when effective and efficient. They use teamwork for everything.

I interviewed Chief James Baisden, and Senior Captains Bryan Crisp and Harrison Deever of Fire Stations 1 and 2 about how I could help improve the morale for the fire stations.

Chief Baisden said, "If the fire department didn't have teamwork we wouldn't be able to put out fires and be First Responders. One person can't do everything, but together as a team everyone gets their part, and the job gets done." Apparently teamwork is the key to success, but what role does morale play? If a team isn't working together, isn't in sync, not only are the lives they save as first responders in jeopardy, but so are the lives of the firefighters.

Outside of official department events (awards banquets, training, etc.), the fire department needs to be a tight-knit family. When I asked what events are purely morale building the answer was a Christmas

open house and an occasional BBQ. I thought it would be a great idea to plan a couple events for the staff at the Nikiski Fire Department and see if it helps. With the chiefs blessing and hopefully the community's support, my family and I will organize one per month. This month we hosted a chili cook-off and pumpkin carving contest for the fire department staff and their families.

Morale Project #1

Half of the fire department staff and their families came together Saturday evening for the chili cook-off and pumpkin carving contest. At first everyone was quiet and kept to themselves, but when everyone started carving pumpkins then conversations started up. Four families brought some delicious chilis, and the family that won did an amazing job. A generous firefighter brought extra pumpkins without being asked, for the families that came and did not have a pumpkin. The children mostly carved the pumpkins until everyone found out there was a prize, then some of the parents started taking over. Everyone appreciated it, and I am excited to see how next month's event goes. Look for an update in November's Purple Pages!

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"At times our light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us." -Albert Schweitzer



"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched, they must be felt with the heart." -Helen Keller

Inside & Out

By Annemarie Pienta

Most of the 6th graders this year have really cool locker decorations. Even I had a decorated locker in 6th grade. But then I learned my lesson at the end of the year, when I had to clean it.

Harry Potter Birthday – locker #7017

To all the Harry Potter lovers out there. This locker is in the 7th grade hall near the bathrooms and water fountains.



Anime Birthday-locker #6005

If you're an anime geek or just an anime lover, then you'll love this locker! If you want to go check it out it's by Mrs. Nabholz's room.



Brooklyn Larsen-locker #6083

Brooklyn's locker is by the boys' bathroom in the 6th grade hallway. Brooklyn's locker is cactus themed and even her backpack has cactuses on it.



Ximena Gonzalez-locker #6051

Ximena's locker is on the corner of the lockers by Mrs. McCown's room. Her locker has a lot of different colors but mostly pink and purple.



Sierra Hershberger-locker #6069

Sierra's locker is by Mrs. Vann's room and the boys' bathroom. This locker has inspirational quotes about basketball.



Leadership

By Jayna Boonstra & Hannah Crabtree

Leadership is a great way to get involved with school activities and responsibilities. Leadership does all kinds of awesome stuff around the school. We do all kinds of things in leadership, here are some things we do.

- Bulletin boards
- Kossack Korner
- Snack Shack
- Help Mr. Tilly
- Prepare dances/activity nights
- File papers
- Help the librarians
- Make posters
- Tutor other students



Thomas Baker says he thinks leadership is fun because he can do work that is not school work. Jaylynn Witt says she thinks it is fun because you are recognized for being a good student by getting put in leadership. Ben Boersma says, "It's fun because there is a lot of variety."

There are some requirements to get into leadership. You need to have good grades, respectful behavior, a helpful personality, and above all, a positive attitude. We hope to see you in our leadership class next year!

Upstream Academy

My First Time
By Jameson Harney



This year I went to Upstream Drone Academy and got to work with a drone. First we had to learn the customs and rules about being on campus, and after that they had to check our bags to make sure we had everything we needed. Finally we had to find our

bunks, which had our names on them. The bunks we slept on were originally from a space shuttle that went out of use by NASA, so we got to use them!

After finding our bunks we went to the common room where we would fly our drones, eat, and play fun games. In one game you skid a Frisbee on the ground and there's tape shaped like a target, and you have to make it to the middle for points. It was fun!

The next day we learned all the things we can do with our new drone. It was cool because it could do back flips like a gymnast and it could do front flips and side flips, both left and right. It's amazing! What you can make a drone do is amazing, like make it hold a marshmallow and shoot down solo cups stacked up like a pyramid. Finally we learned to code our drones using Tynker, a great app that introduces kids to the world of coding like a teacher for science.

One day we had to make an obstacle course and code our drone through the obstacle course without failing. It was hard but we got it done. You should go see it on Upstream Academy's Facebook page! I was in the Moose team when I was there. Ours (not to brag) was the best out of all the courses, and we had a story to ours, "So it's a great morning in the Lego village until... the Indoraptor comes in and wakes up everyone and starts killing all the Lego people, so the scout drone (my drone) comes in to find the Indoraptor to tell the sidekick to capture the Indoraptor."

On the third day we got to meet and talk with the Federal Aviation Administration about drone safety and plane safety. We talked to all the people who control the planes on the Peninsula to tell them how the weather is looking for their area, and tell them where to fly to avoid bad weather. We also visited the watch tower. It was really trippy because we were so high up, but it was cool when I was up there. Finally we talked about different drones like an octocopter and quadcopter.

On the final day we went to KPC and learned about the benefits to taking classes there. My team and I got to see their Health and Paramedic teaching area with dolls that are worth \$10,000 that can breathe, vomit, urinate, poop, and talk. They are very cool, and it's like having to do medical procedures on a real person.

Next we went to the dorms where it looks like a living space I would love to live in, but you have to pay \$300 a month which isn't that bad, plus you have to pay the college tuition so it comes to around \$1,500.

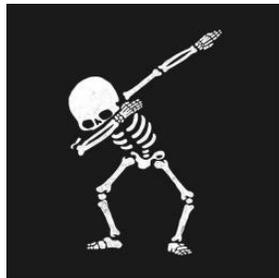
In conclusion, if you want to find out more about Upstream Drone Academy go to their Facebook page.

Must-See Movies

By Jorie Witt & Annemarie Pienta

Watch these movies with your friends and family!

1. *Hocus Pocus*-PG
2. *Halloweentown*-G
3. *Halloweentown II*-G
4. *Casper*-PG
5. *Ernest Scared Stupid*-PG
6. *Under Wraps*-G
7. *Monster House*-PG
8. *Beetlejuice*-PG
9. *Ghostbusters*-PG
10. *Coraline*-PG
11. *Tower of Terror*-PG
12. *Spooky Buddies*-G
13. *Scared Shrekless*-PG-13



Watch these alone if you dare! WARNING! Don't watch these unless you have parent supervision or unless permitted to.

1. *The Quiet Place*- PG-13
2. *A Nightmare On Elm Street*- R
3. *Scream*- R
4. *Chucky*- R
5. *Halloween*- R
6. *It*- R
7. *The Conjuring*- R
8. *Friday The 13th* - R
9. *Scary Movie*- R
10. *The Nun*- R
11. *Truth or Dare*- PG-13
12. *Jeepers Creepers*- R
13. *Trick 'r Treat*- R



KMS Has Class

Mrs. Bressler’s Language Arts classes are doing some spooky writing this week to this prompt: “If things that go bump in the night bother you, you might stop reading, but if they don’t, do I ever have a tale for you ...” Her Reading classes also just read “The Tell-Tale Heart” by Edgar Allan Poe.

Mr. Summer’s U.S. History classes are studying European exploration after coming out of the Dark Ages into the Renaissance, so the Eastern hemisphere and Western hemispheres found out slowly about one another and made a “New World” and “Old World” connection by sea.

Mrs. Nabholz’s World Languages classes are making máscaras (masks) to celebrate Día de los Muertos, a Mexican holiday that starts on October 31st. They are also watching the movie *The Book of Life*.

Mrs. Newton’s math classes are learning about positive and negative decimals and fractions. She even dressed up as The Denominator for super hero day!

Mr. Schoessler’s Woods classes are preparing to make band saw boxes, while Metals classes are building sheet metal toolboxes and learning about Oxy-acetylene welding. Small Engines students are finishing up the fuel system unit and will be running their engines after they are back together.

Mrs. Vollom-Matturro’s 6th grade music class is singing, learning about composers, learning rhythm, and playing instruments. They are also listening to many types of music and writing in a music journal.

Mrs. Sounart’s Beginning Band started officially with the new quarter and is open to all grade levels. Quite a few new students in all grades have signed up to start learning to play the flute, clarinet, trumpet, or trombone.

Mrs. Miranda’s Language Arts classes just finished a unit on researching a famous person, reading their biography or autobiography, and creating a presentation on their learning. Students were able to share their learning through various mediums, such as art, poetry, music, baking, technology, and various other ways. It was so fun to see them shine!

Ms. Stotz’s Science classes studied Newton’s Laws and projectile motion. Lots of flying objects and “magic” tricks using inertia were going on in her classroom!

Check out some Home Ec and Outdoor Ed pics at the end of this issue, on pages 24 and 25!

Family Drum Night

The Kenaitze Indian Tribe and Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, through a federal four-year dual grant, offered Title VI students at KMS the opportunity to make their own drums.

Jonny Wilson, a well-known Yaghanen cultural drummer, led the drum workshop and family night. Thirty-five students and family members participated in the two-hour workshop.

The Tribe extends special thanks to KMS and Vaughn Dosko, principal of KMS, for allowing us the opportunity to offer this cultural event to our families.



Daniel Broussard

By Hope Broussard



Daniel Broussard is a regular sixth grader who likes to do everything most sixth graders do. He likes to hang out with his friends, play games in gym, and play in the school band. Daniel prefers to be called Danny rather than his actual name.

Since it is Daniel's first year at KMS he is still getting used to our ways. His favorite subject in school is math. He likes math because he understands it. Daniel likes all of his teachers, but his favorite teacher is Ms. McCown. One of his favorite classes is band because he likes to play trombone with his friends in band.

When in band Danny warms up for two minutes straight. After that his whole class does a scale (play each note in order from lowest to highest). After that they practice playing songs in the music book.

Daniel lives with his dad and has two siblings, Hope (me) and Jon. He also has a lot of cousins; one of his favorite cousins to hang out with is Niles. Together they like to build bicycles and make Lego creations. His favorite place to go is the airport because he likes to get hot chocolate there. He also likes how warm and quiet it is.

Even though he's an annoying brother, he seems like a nice guy! So when you see his face (obviously attached to a body) walking down the hallway, say hi!

Willow Patrick

By Jenessa Marsden & Isabel McClure



Do you know Willow Patrick? Did you know how creative and nice she is? She is one of the sweetest, kind, smart, and amazing girls in the world! We are writing an article on how amazing she is, and what her life is like out of school.

She has four animals, a Bearded Dragon, two dogs, and a Beta fish. She has a German Shepherd named Mya, a Golden Retriever named Max, her Beta's name is Chuck Norris, and last her Bearded Dragon is named Bubba.

Willow was born in Hawaii and lived in Idaho for less than a year. After living in Idaho she moved to Alaska and has been here ever since. She has one sibling, an older sister named Raven in 12th grade.

For Willow's free time she likes to read fictional books and write. Her favorite book is called *Moon Called* by Patricia Briggs. Willow played piano for two years, and practiced with a lady in a nice apartment. She moved, so Willow went to another woman who taught piano. Willow also played guitar for a year or two. She practiced in the back of a building in a studio. Willow is now playing the flute here at KMS. Speaking of the flute, she wanted to say the concert was successful, but during the concert it speeded up more than when they practiced.

Willow said her favorite subjects are Language Arts and Reading.

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Jorgi Phillips

By Jorie Witt



Do you know who Jorgi is? She is an 8th grader who attends KMS who has six siblings: Pricilla, Nereid, Hannah, Kendall, Tommy, and Alex. Jorgi not only has six siblings but she also has six dogs: Jojo, Penny, Maggie, Enzo, Arthur, and Jack.

She has attended KMS since 6th grade. Her favorite subject in school is language arts because she loves to write, especially poetry. She writes poetry because she says it is "calming" and "stress relieving." Poetry is one of Jorgi's favorite hobbies. She likes to write about depression. She says the poetry slam in 7th grade was stressful but also calming at the same time because she didn't have as much time as she wanted. It is calming to her because she can just write down what is on her mind, so it's a very relaxing subject to Jorgi.

Jorgi also loves playing volleyball and she is a great player. She is looking forward to volleyball in high school! Her favorite position is server/backrow player.

Some of her friends are Genesis Trevino, Kimberly Chanley, Cali Holmes, Kori Moore, Rylie Sparks, Tommy Baker, and me. She likes to hang out with them outside of school and in school. She says one of her future goals is "eventually death." If you don't already know Jorgi, you should really get to know her, before that happens.

Teacher Feature

By Abigail Giles



Mr. Rininger is a long-term substitute for Mrs. Rininger. His subbing was set up last spring. Mrs. Rininger asked if he was up to the challenge, and he agreed to it.

Before Mr. Rininger started subbing here, he was a sub in Missoula, Montana and before that, he started as teacher in 2012 for all grades in middle and high school for all subjects in Chenega Bay. He taught there for five years with very few students and before that, he was flying spaceships (joke).

Mr. Rininger was surprised that students weren't more confused about him being Mrs. Rininger's brother-in-law. Many students are giving him the nickname "Rini-bro" (rine-a-bro) because of this.

Some activities he likes to do outside of school are snowboard during the winter, watch sports like football and baseball, and sleep. Some of his hobbies include drawing and painting. If you see Mr. Rininger in the halls, let him know how great a teacher he is, and that he needs to be Mrs. Rininger's sub when needed as much as possible!

KMS + AP = VIP!



Congratulations to Mr. Beck for his selection as the 2018 Region III Assistant Principal of the year!

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Willow Patrick

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She says this because she likes writing and expressing her creativity. She has composition notebooks at her house that she writes in for hours, just words that make sense to her. She loves KMS because of the school spirit, AMAZING teachers, and lots of encouragement from friends and teachers. The teachers are kind, encouraging, and amazing and deliberate at what they do.

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"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today."

-H. Jackson Brown Jr.

"Be someone nobody thought you could be."

-William Chapman

Trick ... or Treat?

By Bella Cullen

Halloween is one of the best nights of the year because you get to dress up and hang out with your friends. We students have Thursday and Friday off, but working adults have to work still. Here are some tips for trick-or-treating.

First of all, stay in neighborhoods you know. When you approach a house make sure the porch lights are on. If the porch lights are off people aren't handing out candy or they aren't home. If people aren't home they may be taking their kids trick or treating, or be at a party, so they left out a bowl of candy for people to take a piece. Don't dump the whole bowl in your bag and be greedy!

Be respectful and kind when trick or treating and remember that nobody owes you candy. Make sure you say thank you, because manners go a long way, and if you're nice they will probably give you more candy.

There are some naughty teens and kids who will toilet paper and egg people's houses because the candy they had wasn't good enough or the people didn't hand out candy at all. Here is a fact, if you get caught, the police will come and pick you up, so don't be those kids!

If you see teal pumpkins outside the house that means that family has allergies and may be handing out toys or candies that are allergy friendly. For more information look it up online.

I would strongly recommend not eating any of your candy until you check it all and see if it's been tampered with. When you get home make sure to pay your child taxes (peanut butter cups for the parents). Check with your local dentist office and see if they do candy buy-backs. Another option is sending candy over to the troops deployed overseas.

Hay-Mazing Adventures

By Nolan McGraw

Having the hay maze field trips a few weeks ago, I thought I should make an article about it. It was pretty fun, I liked it a lot,



and most of the people who went would probably say the same. If you didn't go, you should have, and if you wanted to go but couldn't sorry.

The hay maze field trips were right after school on October 17th and 18th. The teachers who went were Mrs. Newton and Mrs. McCown. The other 7th and 8th graders (45 total) and I got on the bus around 2:35 pm. The 6th graders went the next day.

When we arrived it took around five minutes for the man there to explain all the rules. He told us that there are cats in and out of the hay maze and if you step on one it will attack you. Because of all the horses it smelled really bad near the entrance to the maze. There was even a horse that was rolling around in the dirt that reminded me of when my cat somehow got to the catnip stored on the top of the fridge and rolled in it.

The inside of the maze was pitch black, and the only light that you could sometimes see was the light shining through the cracks in the floor. Something I thought was funny was that if you didn't take the first left, then you would end up getting out of the maze really quickly. All and all, it was pretty great, and the only thing that upset me was that it started raining towards the end.

Do Re Mi Mi Mi Mi Mi

By Emily Huffer

Have you ever thought about joining choir? If you haven't, you should! Choirs are combined for 7th and 8th graders. The choir is practicing many songs to perform. There are four parts: soprano, alto, bass, and tenor. The choir sings different to perform in the KCHS auditorium. The songs they perform are awesome.

The KCHS choir joined the KMS choir on the song called "I Will Sing." The KMS choir performed three songs called "Festival Alleluia," "Don't Be Seen," and "Amavolovo." "Amavolovo" is a song that the KMS choir spent a lot of time on to get ready for the choir concert.

KCHS choir also performed two songs called "Hold Fast to Dreams" and "J'entends Le Moulin" (I Hear the Windmill). KCHS spent a lot of time practicing this song.

The KCHS chamber choir sang "Non Nobis Domine" and "Daniel, Daniel, Servant of the Lord." The KCHS choir sang "Wide Open Spaces" and "Alleluia, and Alleluia." The chamber choir did really well on their songs.

The KCHS combined choir sang "Sorida" with percussion by Jeanne Duhan and Tammy Vollom-Matturro. The KCHS combined choir was great and so was the percussionist.

The soloists in "Amavolovo" were Aicha Kisena, Ciara Neely, Ayla Tallent, Jaylynn Witt, Maryna Hurst, Fiona Wolfe-Jones, Gracie Lanfear, Malena Grieme, Malerie Nunn, Elizabeth Hayes, Grace Beiser, and Caitlyn Martin. Percussion was by Jeanne Duhan, Conner Koppes, and Simon Nissen. The soloists were great and so were the percussionists.

The soloists in the chamber choir were Emma Mullet and Tristan Summers. Overall, the choir concert on October 9th was awesome.

If you haven't thought about singing in choir, think about joining choir next semester. You will learn a lot, like working on your pitch, memorizing the words to songs, working on reading notes, and working on seat work.



"The eye is useless when the mind is blind."

-Unknown

"You only fail when you stop trying."

-Albert Einstein

Spiritual Activity

(Spirit Week and Activity Night)

By Abigail Giles

Spirit week happened from October 15–18. Each day had a specific theme. Students went home the week before and start prepping costumes so they would have a chance to win prizes. Many of the 6th graders dress up because it is something new, while the 7th and 8th graders don't really dress up as much because they think it's now not as fun to do or they don't have anything to wear.

Monday, October 15, was Superhero Day. Students and teachers dressed up for this day with many different characters. Tuesday, October 16 was Disney Day. People dressed up as princesses and Star Wars. Sorry for those who didn't know Disney owned Star Wars. Wednesday, October 17 was Hippie Day. Students participating were supposed to dress up in their craziest hippie clothes possible. Thursday, October 18 was School Spirit Day. Everyone that dressed up wore yellow and purple clothes to show their school spirits. Lots of students also painted their faces.

The activity night and dance was the night of Thursday, October 18, from 6:00-8:00pm. 236 students attended, but the dance was for 7th and 8th grade only. Students were doing fun things such as the cake walk, face painting, beanbag toss, photo booth, basketball, balance beam fight, sumo-bumpers, pin press, dodgeball, and the rock wall. There was someone dressed up as Spider-Man who climbed the rock wall, went to the dance, and just hung out around people for no reason. I talked to the student in the costume and they said that they would reveal who they are on October 31, 2018.



Mind-A-Mazes Machines

By Sam Brighton

Mind-A-Mazes [MAM] is a big engineering competition. In MAM you have to build a machine that does certain tasks.

This year we had to make a device that was made up of simple machines [lever, wheel and axle, inclined plane, wedge, screw]. It has to complete many tasks [ring a bell, turn a fan blade, raise an object {minimum of 5 cm}, stretch a rubber band, spill a container of beans {ten dry beans must spill}, pop a *non latex* glove].

Our team [and most teams] started with a large base. The limit for size was 1 cubic meter. After the base you had to build the simple machines onto the base. Most [from what I saw] started with an inclined plane rolling something down it. Some teams used a ball, but a lot of teams who used an inclined plane as their start used a toy car because it counts as one wheel and axle.

Some of the restrictions for this machine are all parts must begin and end in 1 meter cube, each team will use a piece of 4 by 4 plywood under the device to protect the floor at competition. Teams may not use the following: electricity, remote control things, motors, battery power, fire, CO2 cartridges, gases, explosives, liquids, human power, or anything that will cause harm to humans. All tasks must actively be happening at the competition, for example, a screw holding something together does not get you points for a screw. A screw used to pop the glove counts as a wedge not a screw. Each team gets only one try. After the device is activated no one is allowed to touch it. All parts of the machine you buy at the store have to have their total prices add up to less than \$10. Teams must be about 3 - 4 people. Coaches, parents, guardians, etc. are not counted as team members and should not help build the machine too much.

In the competition you wait until your turn then you bring out your machine. You get a five minute prep time, then you must start the machine. Your machine is counted as done when one of the following happens: your device stops [even if it was not meant to], 1 minute has passed, or your balloon pops.

Scoring is simple. For every simple machine used you get 25 points. Using a second of a machine gives you 5 points, and a third gives you none. Doing a task gets you 25 points, but doing a second task gets you none. Using a toy car counts as only one wheel and axle because they are put together. The four KMS teams earned: 50, 130, 150, and 205 points.

Mind-A-Mazes Interviews

By Destin Trickel

How was working with a team for you?

“Sometimes it was awesome, sometimes it was frustrating. It was nice to hear everyone’s opinions.” –Grace Kahn

Did your team have strengths and weaknesses?

“Yes. One man, who will be called Mr. ‘X’, was obsessed with using tacks, but he gave up.”
–Ben Roberts

Was there frustration with your project?

“Yes, thanks for asking.” –Melody Cox

Was there any annoyance with your teammates?

“Yes. Ms. ‘M’ did some irritating things.”
–Alyssa Walker

How was Mind-A-Mazes for you all-in-all?

“It was fun, even though we did everything from scratch.” –Ty Morris

Interviewing Weird People

By Arianna Hensley

What did you think of MAM?

Elijah Cooper: I feel like MAM was a good place to eat cheeseburgers.

Bella Tomrdle: MAM was fun and like you have to be smart to do it.

Devon Duniphin: It was amazing and fun for the first time I’ve done it.

Elliot Hanson: Working on our projects was like shop but with maniacs.

What would you do if you could do it again?

Elijah: If I could do something different I would make the machine better by making it less complicated and more complicated.

Bella: I would pick a better team because they acted like turkey headed cows.

Devon: I would put these two on my team (pointing to Elliot and Elijah), and put on dinosaurs, porpoises...

(I stopped Devon’s last one because he just kept listing things and I didn’t want to type it all.)

Elliot: I would add a tortoise-porpoise and make it 100 percent better . . . see the next page!

(Check out the MAM pics starting on page 21!)

My Mind-A-Mazes Experience

By Rylee Novak

So I had the pleasure to go to the 2018 Mind-A-Mazes, and it was a blast. I personally have never been to one, so my experience was a first, and I thoroughly enjoyed it. Now, my team was interesting, we were all very different, but I think our mismatched personalities worked well together. Mind-A-Mazes wasn't how I imagined, but it didn't disappoint me. We arrived at different times, and our teammate that had our machine was the last one who came.

I was happy to attend, not only because I got to see old friends, but also because I've been trying to make it into Mind-A-Mazes for three years, and this was the first time I made it. Now, our teammate who took the machine home, Melody, revamped the entire thing, and we had no idea. Her dad's an engineer and he apparently insisted on it being changed. It was probably for the better, seeing as our original one didn't really work. So we had to figure out how to make it work and set up with the minutes we had.

We figured it out and everything was fine, we were fine. So then we placed our machines against the back wall of the bigger gym, then sat in the bleachers on the other side. We had a few minutes, then the district people came out and gave a long speech, thanking people and welcoming everyone. Then the competition started. There were four pieces of cardboard-stuff on the gym floor, and they would call a team name and they would bring their machine out and show the judges.

I thought people would go one at a time in front of the whole crowd, but nah. We just sat in the bleachers and watched everyone else go. Eventually, our team was called to go and wait. We sat with another team of fifth graders, and they were pretty cool (then Melody hit me on the head with our "flag" which was cardboard taped to a meter stick). When we were eventually called up to the front to show our machine, we awkwardly shuffled over, set it up, then got told we weren't allowed to go with our original plan.

See, how it was going to work was we pulled a rock down and it would activate the machine, but we couldn't pull it down, so we just decided to try and pull the pin out so it would fall, but it didn't work. Yayyyyyyyyyyy. Then we put our machine back in the room we started in, then sat in the bleachers and defeatedly ate a dozen tacos. This sounds dramatic, but really we were like, "Oh well. That's too bad." We moved on pretty quickly.

Then we got a spontaneous problem where we were given a prompt and a bag of supplies and had to come up with an invention on the spot. We got a bunch of paper and sticky stuff and had to make a jump rope. And my team swept the floor and nailed it! See, our team won but they counted wrong and gave the prize to some 5th graders, but that was ok. We weren't too upset about it. Again, we moved on pretty quickly.

Then that was it. I have to say, it was pretty fun. Do I recommend it? I mean, if you like group projects and dragging things out as long as you can and taking forever to build stuff, yeah. Overall, I really enjoyed Mind-A-Mazes, and I hope that maybe someday you could join the fun, so, 11/10, I would do Mind-A-Mazes again.

MAM Survival Strategies

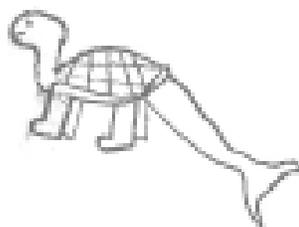
By Ollie Boersma

This was my first Mind-A-Mazes, but it easily could have been my last! I almost died from blood loss from cutting off my finger when wild scissors attacked me once before the competition and also during the competition. Don't worry, because my mom sewed it back on with dental floss she had in her purse!

So here are some survival strategies:

1. Don't burn yourself with hot glue (seriously, don't).
2. Don't lift up your hand when your teammate is opening up scissors.
3. Bring a first-aid kit. Don't forget the dental floss!
4. Wear camouflage (you never know what ... or who ... is lurking in the darkness under the bleachers).
5. Use spears to hunt your food. Trust me, spears are THE BEST for hunting food, especially donuts.
6. Make sure you have friends (but use them only for donuts).
7. Cover your machine in booby traps (just because).

If you follow these simple rules, you're PROBABLY going to survive Mind-A-Mazes!



Tortoise-Porpoise
Metamorphis

Disney Conspiracy Theories

By Cadie Fabiano

Disney is a conspiracy theory factory! The reason I say that is because there is so much open space in Disney movies with a lot of information left out. Here are three that caught my eye when I was researching. *NOTE: These are just theories!*

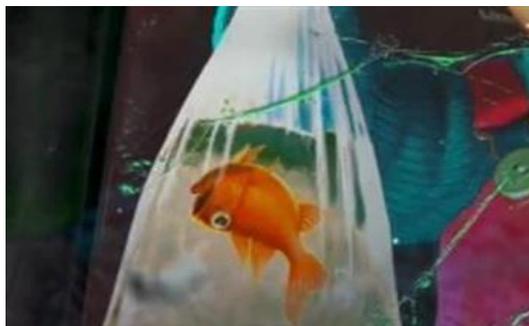


#1: The first one is a theory about two Disney films, Frozen and Tarzan. Elsa and Anna's parents are shipwrecked at the beginning of Frozen, leaving their daughters alone in Arendelle. The audience is left to assume that they died at sea. According to co-director Chris Buck, they didn't die on that boat. He said that they got washed up on shore on a jungle island. The queen gave birth to a baby boy so they built a treehouse, and eventually they got eaten by a leopard. Sound familiar? That's pretty much exactly like the beginning of Tarzan. So the theory is that Elsa and Anna's parents are Tarzan's parents. Even better? Buck also directed Disney's 1999 Tarzan. This theory is pretty crazy if you haven't heard it.



#2: The 1992 Disney movie Aladdin never specifies the time period in which it takes place. This is a theory about Aladdin actually living in a post-apocalyptic wasteland. Many believers of this theory think that there could have been a nuclear war that happened. Another reason that this is kind-of believable is that the genie can impersonate many 20th century icons. You know, unless the genie has the ability to look into

the future... Also, in the first Aladdin video game there are a few easter eggs *an unexpected or undocumented feature in a video game or on a DVD* like a red stop sign and what looks to be an unexploded bomb in the background. I don't really believe this theory...



#3: This last theory is a little dark, but I hope that you can take it. So this theory is that Nemo from Finding Nemo actually died at the beginning with his mom and siblings. According to the theorists, Marlin is hallucinating everything that happens. The rest of the movie that follows is his father Marlin's attempt to cope with the tragedy. Examples include the five stages of grief. Marlin doesn't want Nemo to go to school because his son isn't ready: Denial. Marlin yells at Nemo for swimming out too far: Anger. Marlin joins up with Dory, sharks, turtles, etc... to find Nemo: Bargaining. Marlin watches Nemo get flushed down a toilet and loses it: Depression. In the end, Marlin finally learns to let go of the past and change his ways: Acceptance. Oh, and a fun fact: "Nemo" in Latin means "nothing."

I hope you liked these conspiracy theories. I asked Mr. Pepper which one is his favorite. "My favorite one was the Frozen/Tarzan one because they are all kinda WILD!" My personal favorite is the Finding Nemo one because it is crazy but it makes a lot of sense. Is it a coincidence that "Nemo" in Latin means "nothing"? Or was the theory true.....

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"It matters not who you are, but who you grow to be." -J.K. Rowling

"Believe in yourself and you will be unstoppable." -Unknown

Random Questions

By IMThePersonBehindYou

Why do chicken nuggets taste SO GOOOOOD
GAHHHH!?!?

Why do people think pineapple DOESN'T belong on
pizza?

Why is food so tasty?

What does the center of Earth look like?

Why is water wet?

Why are there bullies in the world?

What is your spirit animal?

Why do boys exist?

Who am I?

Why do people have to go
to the bathroom in toilets
but dogs don't?

Why are these questions so
random?



Halloween Word Search

By Emma Bolling

B B C Q U E R N X T Q J T B H G V W G N
 B L Q O E T O E O U A L R O Y N J A U D
 C O O R S T S M D C K R I N N I S R H L
 G Z I O E T B R K I K I C E P N U L H D
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Spooky Songs Playlist

By Hally Hanson

If you are looking for some spooky songs, listen if
you dare, for some of the songs might send shivers
down your spine! They are also great songs for
Halloween parties.

1. "This is Halloween" by Danny Elfman
2. "Spooky Scary Skeletons" by Andrew Gold
3. "I Put a Spell on You" by Bette Midler
4. "Thriller" by Michael Jackson
5. "The Addams Family Theme Song"
by Vic Mizzy
6. "Monster Mash" by Bobby (Boris) Pickett
7. "The Purple People Eater" by Shen Wooley
8. "Hungry like the Wolf" by Duran Duran
9. "Boogie Monster" by Gnarl's Barkley
10. "Ding, Dong, the Witch is Dead!"
by The Munchkins

November Birthdays

By Nolan McGraw



BLOOD-CURDLING
 BONES
 BROOMSTICK
 CANDY CORN
 CEMETERY
 COSTUME
 EERIE
 FANGS
 FRIGHTENING
 FULL MOON
 GHOST
 HALLOWEEN
 HAUNTED HOUSE
 JACK-O-LANTERN
 PARTY
 R.I.P.
 SCREAM
 SKELETON
 SPIDER
 SPOOKY
 SUGAR HIGH
 THIRTY-FIRST
 TOMBSTONE
 TRICK-OR-TREAT
 UNEARTHLY
 VAMPIRE
 WARLOCK
 WIZARD
 WRAITH
 ZOMBIE

Lexi Adami-3rd
 Kori Moore-6th
 Bianca Hansen-6^{ht}
 Jessica LeClair-6th
 Matthew Krol-8th
 Cadie Fabiano-10th
 Julian Deveau-10th
 Rhett Bilger-11th
 Jalyn Yeoman-14th
 Jenna Yeoman-14th
 Silas Freeman-14th
 Brooklyn Reed-16th
 Philip Henry-16th
 Kimberly Noriega-18th
 Vail Coots-19th
 Esther Joseph-19th
 Camilla Gonzalez-19th
 Maki Johansen-21st
 Avry McDonald-22nd
 Emilee Wilson-22nd
 Jacob Wait-23rd
 Trajan Haley-23rd
 Talia Tepp-24th
 Isabel McClure-25th
 Ethan Gerow-27th
 Kohyn Orlob-29th
 Nicole Toepel-30th
 Caitlyn Martin-30th

FBA Emergency Advice Broadcast “Mystery Men Advice”



By FBA Field Agents
Alpha and Bravo

Dear Mystery Men,
How can I get a date with you? How about on Thursday?
-Mystery Girl

Dear Mystery Girl,
I am deeply sorry, but due to rule #95,647,293,748,275
of the FBA (Federal Bureau of Advice), we cannot have
personal relationships for the protection of the Secret
Advice Vault Password (SAVP).
-FBA Field Agent Bravo

Dear Mystery Men,
I want to know how to win math competitions.
-Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,
I regret to inform you that all I have to say is to use your
free time to study math and work really hard to prepare.
-FBA Field Agent Alpha

Dear Mystery Men,
Why is it called a building if it's already built?
-Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,
Bad people are making tunnels underneath them, so they
are technically still under construction.
-FBA Field Agent Bravo

Dear Mystery Men,
How does a shepherd count his sheep and not fall
asleep?
-Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,
The reason he doesn't fall asleep is he plays a game of
Uno with himself.
-FBA Field Agent Alpha

Eight Facts You May Not Have Known About Halloween

By Emelia Malone

1. Halloween originated in Ireland.
2. Turnips were the jack-o-lanterns before pumpkins replaced them.
3. Harry Houdini died on Halloween.
4. Halloween has its colors because. . . orange represents the harvest while black represents the death of summer.
5. Keene, New Hampshire has the record of most jack-o-lanterns lit at once (30,581).
6. Samhainophobia is the fear of Halloween.
7. The fastest time to carve a pumpkin is 16.47 seconds, achieved by Steven Clarke
8. Around 35 million pounds of candy corn are produced a year.



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(Check out the reporter pics on page 26!)

Riddles & Rhymes

By Jorie Witt & Annemarie Pienta



Hello KMS! Around our school there are three riddles hidden in the building, and each one wins a prize! Find one and only one (leave the rest for other students, and sorry, but PP reporters can't participate.)

The following riddles are the clues to find a black envelope. Inside each and every envelope there is a rhyming riddle which you must solve and turn in to Mrs. Nabholz. She will give you another envelope with a rhyme to solve in order to win a small prize. If you don't know where her room is, it is room 13 by the office. Have fun!!!

Riddle 1: You can find me up high between two very scary tales written by DS, one about death and one about blood sucking creatures that never die.

Riddle 2: You will never guess where I am! I love to hang out with two lovely sandwiches.

Riddle 3: Where does a ghost go when it gets a boo boo?

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side of a rock!

We'll even dig it for you!
(For some purchases)

We even have the right tools!
(Our fingers)

\$70 a hole, \$50 if you dig it yourself!

Don't delay, Pay today!

To reserve your mostly free consultation call
1-900-I-NEED-A-HOLE-IN-MY-BACKYARD
\$100,000 the first minute, the rest is free.

Halloween Humor

By Headless Hope & the Walking Dead

Q: What do you call two witches living together?
A: Broom-mates!

Q: What do vampires take when they are sick?
A: Coffin drops!

Q: What did the zombie say to his dog?
A: Go flesh!

Q: Why are graveyards so noisy?
A: Because of all the coffin!

Q: Why are there fences around cemeteries?
A: Because people are dying to get in!



Q: Why did the skull cry from loneliness?
A: He just wanted some body in his life!

Q: Why did the vampire go to the doctor?
A: Because of all his coffin!

Q: What's a vampire's favorite fruit?
A: Neck-tarines!

Q: What's a phantom's favorite park ride?
A: The roller ghoster!

Q: What's a vampire's favorite animal?
A: A giraffe.

Q: Why do witches fly brooms?
A: Vacuum cleaner cords aren't long enough!

Q: How do vampires start their letters?
A: Tomb it may concern!

Q: Why did the scarecrow win an award?
A: He was out standing in his field!

Q: What is a mummy's favorite type of music?
A: Wrap!

Q: What room of the house does the skeleton stay out of?
A: The living room!

Q: What do you do when 50 zombies surround your house?
A: Hope it's Halloween!

Q: What did the grim reaper say to the naughty boy?
A: You are a little monster!

Q: Which one of your pets do you scare on Halloween?
A: Scare-de-cat!

Q: What is Voldemort's favorite way to go downhill?
A: Walking . . . J.K. . . . Rowling!

Q: Between Canada and the U.S., where's the best place to spend Halloween?
A: Lake Erie!

Q: Why did the crazy old man put a train inside his haunted house?
A: I don't know, but he must have had a loco-motive!

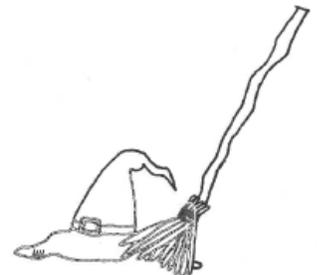
Q: Did you hear how scary the new movie about the African crocodile is?
A: Yeah, it was a real Nile-biter!

Q: Why wasn't there any food left after the monster party?
A: Because everyone was a-goblin!

Q: What did the vampire say when he tried to eat the raw Wookiee steak?
A: It was a little Chewy!

Q: What do goblins and ghosts drink when they're hot and thirsty on Halloween?
A: Ghou-Aid!

Q: Why was the witch's broom late for school?
A: It overswept!



Halloween at Hogwarts

By Professor Borealis



Harry and Hermione were planning an epic Halloween party, and they decided to invite some 8th graders from Kenai Middle School. Unfortunately, Hedwig disrupted their work when she swooped into the room with a message from their Muggle friends, creating a whirlwind of air that scattered all of their guests' nametags. The magical letters spilled onto the floor, and Hermione groaned with frustration.

Glaring at Harry as he scolded Hedwig, Hermione quickly blurted out a spell, *Alphabetus Switcheratum!* The nearest nametag, which had read NO ODD OWL WACKOS, magically shifted back to the correct name, DAWSON LOCKWOOD. Too late, she realized that she had left out an essential word – *pluribus* – so the spell only worked on one nametag.

Can you help Hermione decipher the rest of these scrambled names to figure out which 8th graders will be attending the party? When you have solved at least 13 of them, return your guest list to Professor Borealis in the 13th room by the 15th hour of the 9th day of the 11th month. She will conjure up some tasty treats for you!



COBRA PONDERER _____

NEWT HOG EAR _____

BASHES YELLING _____

SAVAGE RANGER _____

STARRY HUMAN _____

HELLO MANIACS _____

A MOTH'S TALONS _____

INTENSIVE OGRES _____

GNAWS EEL CANDY _____

LASER SNAILS _____

MR. INKY BELLYACHE _____

END GEEK MANIA _____

LUNACY CROWS _____

BARBARIC MAN _____

CRACK JELLO PUNS _____

DO POKE CORNEA _____

RAKE MY TOMB _____

AMBER BONES _____

SEE NO RAVENS _____

ARM LEG MEANIE _____

Overheard

By Cadie Fabiano



“I killed a spider on this for you.”
“Aren't journals just man diaries?”
“Don't push me, I know I look like a naked walnut.”
“God blessed me with a pencil I found with lead and a perfect eraser.”
“It feels like I'm losing my brain cells one by one.”
Person 1: “Where is my boyfriend?”
Person 2: “Which one?”
“Why are so many tongues depressed?”
“Do you have chopsticks? I love chopsticks!”
“Shouldn't we just duct tape the duct tape together?”
“What a lovely shade of bike.”
Person 1: “How do killer bees make honey?”
Person 2: “They don't, they make dead people.”
“Oh my little people!”
Person 1: “This is paint, not blood.”
Person 2: “Is there a difference?”
Person 1: “What a cute sneeze.”
Person 2: “Yeah, I get that a lot...”
“Hashtag YASSS! This is my favorite toy!”
“How do you play Uno in Spanish?”
“All you need to live is a will.”
“Just get behind me, you're not relevant.”
Person 1: “I want to look more like a stump.”
Person 2: “You look like a bag.”
Person 1: “I haven't washed my hands all week.”
Person 2: “That's okay, it's only Tuesday.”
“My thumbnail is longer than my lifespan.”
“Isn't it weird how we're all 8th graders?”
“Don't make me laugh, I'm trying to be stressed.”
“I love your maniacal laugh, it's so realistic.”
Person 1: “Guess what time it is.”
Person 2: “...”
Both: “PUMPKIN TIME!!!”
“Gross? It's just stabbing, why is that gross?”
Person 1: “Would you rather have peace with carrots, or chaos with cake?”
Person 2: “What about carrot cake?”

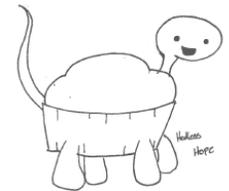


Anonymous Confessions

By Mr. Muffin

“My mom once took a picture of me with a sign that said ‘I'm sorry for pooping behind the couch.’ Yep... public embarrassment.” -Anonymous
My mom took a picture of me when I was a toddler, pooping... -Mr. Muffin
“Makai owes me \$250.” -Anonymous
My sister owes me \$300. -Mr. Muffin

“I am a Stegosaurus.”
-Anonymous
I am a muffinsaur.
-Mr. Muffin



“I ate my brother's homework once.”
-Paper Decapitator
Cool, did you try it with ketchup?
-Mr. Muffin

“I used to put hairspray on my brother's toothbrush when I was mad at him.”
-Angry Kindergartener
You know, that could have killed him...
-Mr. Muffin



“I like to watch Bob the Builder.”
-Childish Blonde
I watched Dora until I was 12.
-Mr. Muffin

“I want a girlfriend.”
-Anonymous
I want a puppy.
-Mr. Muffin



“My dog ate my homework, then threw it up.” -Procrastination Nation
My Pomeranian ate my hamster, and then threw it up... it was bloody. -Mr. Muffin

Mind-A-Mazes Design & Construction

Sixth graders in Mrs. Nabholz's Quest Explorations class worked on designing and building their machines for about five weeks during September and October.





Mind-A-Mazes District Competition

Four teams of 6th graders from KMS participated in the MAM district competition on October 13th. Team Jeff came away as the winners of the spontaneous challenge, where teams had to use paper and other random supplies to build a rope and then jump-rope with it as many times as possible.



Home Ec Class

Students in Mr. Gustkey's Home Ec class compared store-bought eggs to locally raised eggs, brought in to class by Cali Holmes. The groups had to prepare both types of eggs as scrambled eggs, using the same exact procedures for a fair comparison. Students had mixed opinions on which they preferred, based on color, texture, and flavor.



Outdoor Ed Class

Students in Mr. Felchle's Outdoor Ed class learned about skinning a beaver. Mr. Beck had a special permit to trap a nuisance beaver that was causing flooding in Soldotna, so they took advantage of the opportunity to teach students about trapping ethics and procedures, skinning techniques, fur preservation, and animal anatomy.



Math Counts Club

Math Counts Club meets after school every Thursday from 2:30-5:00 pm. Mr. Thomas provides this opportunity for students who enjoy extra math challenges and competition.



KMS Purple Pages Reporters

Here's a glimpse of the hard-working journalism students who pull together the *Purple Pages* each and every month. We love sharing stories about KMS students and staff and all the awesome learning experiences available to students at our school and in our community!

