

# KMS PURPLE PAGES

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## Awesome Alumni All Around

By Kordell Flecha



Mrs. Rininger, Mrs. Rolph, Mr. Roser, Mrs. Bird, and Ms. Johnson in the KMS library.

Did you know that some of the staff here at KMS also went here for middle school? Did you know that Mrs. Bird and Mr. Roser have been teaching here since 1988? Ms. Johnson went here in the early 2000's, Mrs. Rininger went here in the mid 90's, and Mrs. Rolph went here in the late 80's.

Mrs. Rolph said that her favorite teachers were Mrs. Bacon and Mr. Emery. Mrs. Bacon taught PE and

Mr. Emery taught science. Her favorite moment from PE was the square dancing, and her favorite part about science was the planetarium. Did you know that Mrs. Vann's and Mrs. True's rooms were science labs? Her favorite memory in middle school was going to the KC Fun Factory and listening to "Eye of the Tiger". She said that she's going to try to stay here as a teacher for another 7-10 years. (continued on page 2)

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Lisa Osborn, 1988



Lacey Wisniewski, 1996



Sammie Johnson, 2000

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### Just a Joke

How did Mrs. Bird get locked out of her classroom?

Her keys were inside the piano!

## Awesome Alumni

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Mrs. Rininger said her favorite teacher at KMS was Mr. Summer: "Not sure what type of power he has over all his students, but he's kind of hard not to love. The more sarcastic he is, the more you know he cares." Her favorite memory was going on the mini course camping trip to Skilak Lake because she got to camp out with all of her best friends. "School has always been fun for me. I was really involved, played lots of sports, and worked hard in my classes. I've always been a bit on the dorky side and proud of it!"

Her favorite part about teaching is just getting to know middle schoolers. She loves the energy level that the middle schoolers have, and all the strange ones, they are her favorites. She also likes the variety that goes with teaching. She gets to do all of her favorite things, such as math, art, sports, dancing, and just coming up with new activities to try out. She said that she's going to try to teach for another 25 years here at KMS!

Ms. Johnson's least favorite teacher was Mr. Summer because when she was in her 8th grade year, he decided to take a tour of the world. Because of this, she doesn't have great intelligence in history. Anyway, Ms. Johnson's favorite part about being the school counselor is that she gets to interact and have different relationships with the students as well as having a fun job. Her favorite part about school was learning, because she's always loved it. She says she'll stay here until "they kick me out!" Her favorite memory from middle school was when her 8<sup>th</sup> grade soccer team went undefeated and they won boroughs.

Maybe some of the students who go here now will become teachers! Mrs. Bird and Mr. Roser won't still be teaching here by the time you get to college, but who knows, maybe they will?

## Breaking News

By Owen Plumridge

Have you ever broken a bone? Well, guess what, at KMS there are some students who broke some of their bones. What do you think it would feel like?

Caitlin Crabb broke her ankle playing soccer in gym in 1<sup>st</sup> period when the grass was wet from the night before. On a scale from 1 to 10 she said that the pain was a 7. She also said that it felt like she broke a bone, but at first she thought she sprained it. The next day she went to the doctor and had an X-ray and found out that she had broken it.

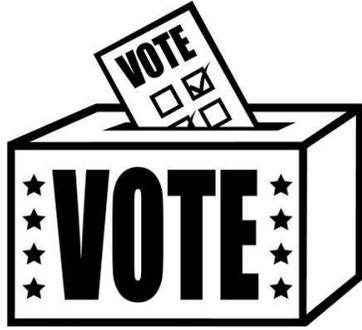
Herald Ochea also broke his leg playing soccer in gym during 5<sup>th</sup> period. Herald had to go into the ambulance and ride to the ER and get x-rays. Four days later he had surgery. Herald also said that on a scale from 1-10 of how bad it hurt it was a 6. He also said that when he had a cast on that it was extremely itchy and uncomfortable.

Nick Wehrstein was playing football and he tripped and slammed his metacarpals on his hand into a big rock. He said that on a scale from 1-10 that it was a 9. He also said that he went to the hospital, but now he's getting his cast removed and going to play basketball.

James Sparks was running up and down the quarter pipe at the skate park during the summer and slipped and fell on his leg and broke it. He says that on a scale from 1-10 how bad it hurt was a 7. He also said that when he had a cast on it made his leg extremely itchy and annoying.

Nurse Dixie said that if it was an obvious break the limb would be immobilized and 911 would be called. Students should think about what they learned in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade 1<sup>st</sup> aid class. If a student was in a wheel chair or on crutches they would have extra time to get to classes, and friends would be able to help them carry their stuff. Hopefully that won't happen to you!

# KMS Elections



On Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, students in Mr. Summer's history classes will vote in a mock presidential election, using realistic ballots and voting booths. Each history class will represent a different state, based on the class population and battleground states.

Each class will tally their votes, and the winning candidate for that state will win all the electoral votes from that state, the same way that the electoral college works in the United States. At the end of the day, the winning president (according to KMS students) will be announced, and then students can go home and watch the real election results.

Students will spend two class days learning about the official procedures for electing a president, although there won't be any debates or political platform speeches. Since many 8<sup>th</sup> graders are already 14 years old, they will be eligible to register to vote in the real presidential election in 2020.

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Look out!  
Nick and Caitlin race down the hall while pushing Nurse Dixie.

# The Presidential Election

By Tucker Vann



The elections are coming up and the two main candidates are Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton. On the second Tuesday of November the battle for office will end, and one of them will go home as the president. Donald Trump is representing the Republican party, and Hillary Clinton is trying to follow after Barack Obama and represent the Democratic party. These two "almost presidents" have traveled around the USA explaining why they should have a place at the top spot of our country.

In the Electoral College each state in our country distributes resources or duties to a number of "electors" to equal the number of the U.S. senators (two) plus the number of its representatives who cast votes for the election of the president and vice president. In Alaska, there are three people in the electoral college. These three are an assembly of people elected by political parties to perform the duty of voting for the president and vice president.

In our state some people on the Slope or elsewhere have to participate in absentee voting because they are on shift at work. Absentee voting is a vote put in by someone who is unable and/or unwilling to attend the official vote or the polling place to which the voter is normally appointed. For the 2016 election, you may submit your vote online or mail it by the date of November 8, 2016. Any registered voter may ask for and then print an absentee voting sheet. You may submit it with a voting website, mail, fax, or e-mail attached with a PDF, TIFF, or JPG file. After this is all said and done, you have to print it with your very own hand signature on it.

All of these factors will play a big role in the voting process for our new president. Remember, when you get older, everyone should vote and care about who our new president is!

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## Just a Joke

Did you hear about Mr. and Mrs. Lipton? They were out of town on election day, so they had to cast absent-tea votes.

# College Freshmen

Rocky Sherbahn

Some KMS students feel excited about school, to see their friends and get to learn. Other students are not thrilled because they can't sleep as much. College freshmen are starting a new school year too. Two of the secretaries at KMS have kids leaving for college and starting at a brand new school.



Mrs. Holmes daughter Cori is going to Northern Idaho College as an "in-state" student, also as an honor student. Cori plays soccer as a sport: apparently this is one of her favorite sports. She is going to college to be a dentist, so she is in a dental program. They gave her additional money for her scholarship.

She also said that she was worried about her daughter leaving, also apparently the college she is going to has a park nearby, and there have been clown sightings. Also one guy even got attacked.

Mrs. Vest's son is also going to college on a basketball and academic scholarship. He's going to Presentation College in South Dakota. It's been a lifelong dream of Marshall's to go to college.

Mrs. Vest said it's been a long first few weeks for Marshall. She said that the first weekend of college Marshall got bit by a spider. She also said that they were racing between the infirmary, doctors, and ER. Apparently they had to lance the infection (if you don't know, lance means they had to drain it). Sometime later they had to get the spider bite surgically cleaned. After they were done, he had a hole in his back.



There was a tour of the dorms, said Mrs. Vest. In the dorms are four rooms, two on each side; the kitchen and the living room are in the middle. That depends on the classmen, like there are upper classmen and there are lower classmen. The lower classmen get better dorms, but they don't come with furniture; unlike the upper classmen dorms, which come with two beds, a dresser and a desk.

In conclusion to this article, people in college or middle school are going to school. And two of the secretary's kids are leaving the nest. So as we get older, we go into different grades and we might even move away and go to different schools.

# College Siblings

## Cali Holmes, 6<sup>th</sup> grader

It's been really weird having my sister gone. It's been kinda good too because I got a new room! But occasionally we get to talk on the phone so it's not that bad. And she gets to come visit for the holidays so it's not like I won't see her for a full year. I know you always say you don't like your siblings, but trust me, you will when they're gone.

## Erin Kozičkowski, 7<sup>th</sup> grader

It's not that much different having my brother gone for college [her brother Zach is a freshman at UAF] because he was already gone most of the time for sports. One of the main differences is how much food we have. We don't have a hungry bear coming home from his fishing site just to get food.



## Olivia Easley, 7<sup>th</sup> grader

My step-sister Laurie is attending college at Pratt Institute in New York this year. She is attending Pratt for their animation program in hopes to get a job in that field. I definitely miss her, but since she left I received my own room. I am used to having siblings out of the house considering I have another sister that left for college the year before so it isn't that bad. I always hope she can make it home for the holidays but we keep in touch regardless.

## Joe Hamilton, 7<sup>th</sup> grader

Emily Hamilton, my oldest sister, went to college on August 23, 2016. She goes to school at Northwest University. She is studying history. It was different at the hay maze this year because she wasn't there, and we rent it out every year for friends and family. I miss her a lot.

# Opinion-8-ed

By Andrea Beile



## Samsung or Apple?

Shae Breff- “Apple, because we always go with Apple.”

Tania Cazares- “Apple, because it sounds like food and I like apples.”

Sierra Chapman- “Apple, because it’s more dope.”

Rocky Sherbahn- “Apple, because I have an Apple phone.”

Maison Dunham- “Apple, iPhones are cool.”

Delaney Storm- “Samsung is better than iPhone.”

Nicholas Wehrstein- “Apple, because it’s better, doesn’t glitch as much.”

Brad Chaffee- “Samsung, because Apple can control your apps.”

Jessie James- “Apple, because they’re better than Samsung.”

Abby Every- “Apple, because Samsung is trash.”

Julie Peterkin- “Apple, because Samsung has bad selfie lighting.”

Cullen Engebretson- “Apple, because it makes better memes.”

Maria Shaginoff- “Apple loads faster and Samsung sucks.”

Tucker Vann- “Apple, because it’s more simple and fun than Samsung.”

Aidan Milburn- “Apple, because there are more privileges.”

Sorin Sorensen- “Samsung, because there are more options.”

Jordan Smith- “Samsung, because of the free stuff.”

## October Birthdays

By Angelina Dilucchio

Hanna Morrow - 1st  
Joseph Denison - 3rd  
Brayden Ray - 3rd  
Traxler Chaffee - 5th  
Isabella Katzenberger - 5th  
Alston Thomas - 6th  
David Martin - 7th  
Alivia Howard - 7th  
Sierra Chapman - 11th  
Connor Koppes - 12th  
Rachel Koppes - 12th  
Matt Grzybowski - 13th  
Dustin Blake - 13th  
Simon Farabee - 13th  
Ayla Tallent - 15th  
Alexis Pierren - 16th  
Dawson Lockwood - 17th  
Cali Holmes - 18th  
Marcel Halone - 19th  
Jefferson Uta - 20th  
Samuel Roberts - 21st  
Breanna Trahan - 22nd  
Marcus Dunham - 24th  
Melanie Hopkins - 27th  
Kimberly Chanley - 28th  
Maxwell Martin - 29th

## November Birthdays

By Rocky Sherbahn

Kaitlyn Walsh – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Brooklyn Gelosa – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Jonathan Freeman – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Cooper Grimm – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Aubrey Girves – 4<sup>th</sup>  
Tina Uta – 5<sup>th</sup>  
Bianca Hansen – 6<sup>th</sup>  
Ashley Dahlman – 6<sup>th</sup>  
Cadie Fabiano – 10<sup>th</sup>  
Hadessah Parkki – 11<sup>th</sup>  
Jessy Wynn – 11<sup>th</sup>  
Lane Cramer – 12<sup>th</sup>  
Lily Coon – 12<sup>th</sup>  
Alisabeth Dilucchio – 14<sup>th</sup>  
Jazmine Seui – 14<sup>th</sup>  
Angelina Dilucchio – 14<sup>th</sup>  
Patience Kruse – 15<sup>th</sup>  
Alora Barlow – 16<sup>th</sup>  
Brooklynn Reed – 16<sup>th</sup>  
Caitlin Crabb – 17<sup>th</sup>  
Brianna Moore – 17<sup>th</sup>  
Kimberly Noriega – 18<sup>th</sup>  
Esther Joseph – 19<sup>th</sup>  
Nia Calvert – 20<sup>th</sup>  
Avry McDonald – 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Tania Cazares – 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Talia Tepp – 24<sup>th</sup>  
Ethan Gerow – 27<sup>th</sup>  
Hayden Hanson – 29<sup>th</sup>  
Andrea Beile – 30<sup>th</sup>  
Nicole Toepel – 30<sup>th</sup>

## September Students of the Month

By Tucker Vann

In the frosty month of September there were nine “cool” kids who earned the reward of being Student of the Month. The winnings were nice hot pizzas to warm up with. The nine kids you may know are...



6<sup>th</sup> Graders: Daniel Shelden, Ayla Tallent & Jayna Boonstra



7<sup>th</sup> Graders: Jenna Streiff, Logan Satathite & Samuel Baisden



8<sup>th</sup> Graders: Zaharah Wilshusen, Sorin Sorensen & Rachel Koppes

When you see these people in the hall, congratulate them for doing a great job this month!

## Vanessa Beck

By Samuel Baisden



Vanessa Beck is an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student here at KMS. When interviewing her, I noticed that she is a little shy, but once you spend even as little as a few minutes with her, she is actually undoubtedly interesting!

She enjoys going to KMS and all of the activities available. She especially likes Mr. Fischer's algebra class and all of the "fun" equations.

Some of the activities Vanessa participates are A-team soccer, basketball, volleyball, and in 4th quarter, track. Some of her favorite sports are soccer and volleyball. The big reason those are her favorite sports is because she is really good at them!

Vanessa is also in the leadership class. She likes this class because being with friends is fun, and she likes helping out teachers.

Vanessa is looking forward to this school year and thinks that it will go, "PRETTY FANTASTIC!" As an 8th grader, she will be heading to high school next year, but she isn't worried about it because it is only, "One step closer to college."

## Elora Dawn Jennings

By Kaylee Jones

Elora is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader who loves animals, and her favorite color is hot pink. She has two siblings named Devin and Anabelle, and a half sibling



named Latien. She enjoys cooking with her parents, "My grandmother was a chef and she enjoyed cooking. I guess it just runs in the family." She has three dogs named Buster, Jake, and Athena. (I think it would be cool to have pet named after a Greek god.)

She loves all kinds of dance, like ballet, hip hop, jazz, slow dance, and tap dancing. She likes it because, "It's fun and you apparently lose more weight than regular exercise." She said, "When I was littler, I was a dancer at Encore dance studio." She also loved it because it was, "Fun and exciting and every day we got to learn something new." She also said that she'll probably be dancing at Forever Dance Alaska soon.

She loves football, and her favorite football team are the Broncos. She loves them, because she says, "My parents are obsessed with football, and they're especially obsessed with the Broncos."

She also loves movies, except for certain scary movies. She told me, "I like a lot of rated-R movies, because their usually the funnier ones."

If she could have any super power she said, "I think I would choose laser beam eyes or the ability to fly." Also, if she could go anywhere in the world, she said, "Las Vegas, because who doesn't want to go to sin city?"

## Socktober

By Haven Walluk

Socktober is a school-wide event that lets staff and students donate unused clothing or winter gear such as socks, gloves, scarves, hats, and coats to homeless children or people in need for winter. All of the donations for Socktober are donated to places such as the Lee Shore Center, the Homeless Shelter, and the school nurse, Ms. Dixie. Ms. Dixie collects gear for school trips such as the 7<sup>th</sup> grade ice fishing trip.

The highest percentage of donations from an advisory class will win a class pumpkin cookie party.

The classes currently in the lead are:

6<sup>th</sup> – Mrs. Tews – 319

7<sup>th</sup> – Mr. Verkuilen – 143

8<sup>th</sup> – Mr. Summer – 240

Thank you all for your donations!!



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### Just a Joke

Guess what? I'm wearing my golf socks today . . . the pair with a hole in one!

# Home Ec.

By Karley Harden



One of the electives we have here at KMS is Home Ec, taught by Mrs. Bird. In this class we cook and sew, and most of the time we do something new each week.

During cooking weeks, we usually do a “demo day” when Mrs. Bird teaches us how to prepare the recipe. The next day we cook what we were instructed to with our cooking groups. Some of the things we have cooked so far are French toast, breakfast burritos, banana bread, cheesy potato soup, chili, soft pretzels, apple pie, and much more, all from scratch! It’s really fun to cook with your friends and to be proud of something delicious that you made.

Our sewing projects take up most of our week. So far we have sewn pillows and hot pads. When I started this class I had no idea that there was so much that went into sewing, I thought it was really simple, but really it’s quite a challenge. We also talk about nutrients, fats, minerals, carbohydrates, and vitamins that are in foods, and what we could be doing differently to prepare or cook foods so we don’t lose any of those healthy proteins or molecules.

Everyone that I have talked to about this class said that it is really fun. Personally I think it’s a great learning experience, as well as a ton of fun.



# Activity Night

By Angelina Dilucchio

Activity night was held on 10/7/2016. There were lots of people, at least 205, that’s almost half the school!

Lots of people dressed up during activity night. A lot of people said that it was really fun, and watching the teachers dance was funny. All of the songs at the dance were fun. The dance was in the library, and there were so many 7th and 8th graders. There were dance contests too, they were fun. The lights for the dance were awesome.

Outside of the dance where all the students can go was really packed with a lot of kids. My favorite part was the round donut suit you wear and wrestle against your friends. There were a lot of games downstairs and upstairs. There was also the snack shack with lots of snacks. I saw this one kid come out of there with a lot of Red Vines. I think he bought them all!



# Senshi-Con

By Brandiee Bowers

I started the day at five in the morning, in Anchorage, and waited to wake everyone else up at seven. When everyone else woke up we started to put on our contacts, makeup, clothes, and, of course our wigs.

When we went outside, we realized how cold it was, and I realized my mistake of wearing a skirt, but of course I wasn't the only one with regret. Even though I knew that I'd be freezing in line, I didn't have to worry as much when I got inside, because the inside of the Egan Center is hot.

We parked kind of far from the convention center, so we had to walk. Although there were quite a few people in front of the convention center, everywhere else along the way had normal people, which made us look pretty weird, and I also got some pretty weird looks from people.

We jumped into line for the convention around 9:00, meaning that we were an hour early, so we had to wait longer and stay in the cold longer.

While we waited some of my relatives went to Kaladi Brothers for hot chocolate, and coffee for me. After a while of chatting with each other, they came back and we started to drink it. Although I got whipped cream on my wig, the morning looked good so far.

As we waited for the doors to open more people piled behind us. Everyone behind us and in front were as equally as excited as we were, (maybe even more), all freezing and jumping around, in excitement, and also for warmth.

Finally, when it felt like our hands and toes might freeze off, the line started to move. Even though it moved slowly I knew that we wouldn't be late.



Tenga  
from Kizunaiver



Ciel Phantomhive  
from Black Butler



Yamaguchi Tadashi  
from Haikyuu

Inside the convention center, the first thing that we did was run downstairs to check out the panel room. The panel room is a place where people hold panels, where you answer and ask questions about manga, anime, or pretty much anything. Before we could explore in the room, we wanted to make sure we could get inside, but sadly we could only take a peek inside, because no one was there.

We ran back up the stairs to go to the vendors, who sold items at the convention.

There were many vendors, but not as many as there was people. All of the vendors were different and sold a variety of things, like figurines, drawings, pajamas, and sweets. They also had artists that selling their art.

I bought three things from Senshi-con: a figurine of Kaworu Nagisa from Neon Genesis Evangelion, a keychain of Ayato Kirishima from Tokyo Ghoul, and a keychain of Reji Sakamaki from Diabolik Lovers, which I'm still salty about.

Generally, people would think that you'd talk about a certain topic at Senshi-con, but really everyone talked about anything, and anyone.

Three famous people went to Senshi-con: J. Michael Tatum, Zach Callison, and Jessica Nigri. They had panels where people could meet them separately, or they could meet them all at once and receive autographs and pictures, but that would mean waiting in line for quite a while, unless friends that push and pull are in the same line.

There were many cosplays from various games and shows, like Black Butler, Tokyo Ghoul, Mystic Messenger, and many more.

Typically, people would wear their cosplays, but if they weren't they'd wear anime merchandise, or normal clothes, although I believe it is better to cosplay rather than just wearing normal clothes.

The day was very busy, with a panel and having to meet up with someone. I plan to go next year, again, because I love the people there!

# San Francisco

By Haven Walluk



Have you ever been to California? How about San Francisco? Less than a week ago, I took a week-long trip, toured Alcatraz, went to a professional football game, and went on another tour of the famous “haunted” Winchester House in San Jose, but not without a little scare on the first night.

I traveled with three of my family members, and when we left our last plane at around two in the afternoon, only one of the rooms was ready. To kill some time, we all decided to take the trolley down to Fisherman’s Wharf and shop a little, then have dinner. We ended up eating at an Italian restaurant called Cippinos, which was right next to the boat view of Fisherman’s Wharf, with an outside area to eat.

As we were ordering, we realized that cops had started showing up and blocking off the street that ran vertically into a steep slope facing north of the restaurant. In a matter of seconds, the street looked abandoned, apart from the blaring lights of the police vehicles. About two minutes later, two cops entered the restaurant and ordered everybody to go in the back as the waiters and cooks started closing each window and closing all of the curtains.

As we settled in and the ruckus started to drop, a cop informed us that a man with a rifle was atop one of the hotel roofs aimed towards the direction of the road, but thankfully he was caught before anything happened. Luckily, we were able to leave within an hour, and we headed back to the hotel.

The next day, we took a tour of Alcatraz – one of the most secure prisons in the world. It was very interesting and had a unique, different type of tour than I was used to. We got a pair of headsets and a small recorder device that would have recordings of some inmates and their opinions with a narrator that would tell you where to go. While we were just finishing up, the air shows with the Blue Angels started so we got one of the best views on the ferry ride back.

The rest of the trip was pretty laid back, apart from the screams of the football fans. Though, the Winchester house was probably one of the most interesting things that I have ever seen, except I’ll tell you about that another time.

# Mind-A-Mazes

Over thirty KMS students spent four weeks designing, creating, and testing mousetrap cars for the district Mind-A-Mazes competition, sponsored by the Quest program. The long-term challenge was to build a “rodent racer” powered only by a mousetrap and designed for distance, accuracy, and speed. Three teams made it past the school run-off races and went on to the district meet on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to all three teams for representing KMS so well! Not only did all three teams make it to the finals, they also performed well in the 12-minute spontaneous challenge, building tall towers using only modeling clay, toothpicks, tongue depressors, and paper. Both challenges pushed students to think creatively, use problem solving skills, and practice teamwork and communication skills.

Here are the results from the district competition:

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Overall, Intermediate Division & tied for 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Spontaneous Challenge: *The Losers* – Hayden Hanson, Phoebe Thomas, Koda Poulin, and Leah Fallon



3<sup>rd</sup> Place Overall, Intermediate Division: *ROUS: Rodents of Unusual Size* – Abigail Moffett, Kaya Cox, Shae Breff, and Haven Walluk

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Spontaneous Challenge: *Muelloffatchews* – Amelia Mueller, Betsy Moffett, Ellen Atchley, and Gabbie Tews

# X-Country

By Caitlin Crabb

It's the end of the X-Country season, and the runners this year all ran hard and fast, bringing the gold home almost every time. All the students that ran X-Country until the end worked hard and ran faster every single race. You might have heard the names Maison Dunham and Logan Satathite on the announcements once or twice, since they both won first place almost every time, and only one race they got second. There were several other runners who placed in the top ten more than once, so great job to all of them. Overall, it's been an amazing season full of great runners.

This year at boroughs 12 of our runners placed in the top 20. At the girls race,

Logan Satathite 1<sup>st</sup>  
Leah Fallon 4<sup>th</sup>  
Gabiella Tews 8<sup>th</sup>  
Jayna Boonstra 10<sup>th</sup>  
Ellen Atchley 13<sup>th</sup>  
Rachel Koppes 14<sup>th</sup>  
Katie Stockton 18<sup>th</sup>  
Malerie Nunn 20<sup>th</sup>

While at the boys race,  
Maison Dunham 1<sup>st</sup>  
Lucas Tunseth 10<sup>th</sup>  
Ky Calvert 18<sup>th</sup>  
Talon Whicker 19<sup>th</sup>

Boroughs were held at our school this year, and all

the students who ran did their very best, running down the Kenai course at top speed. At boroughs, the students who earned a place in the top ten won medals instead of ribbons, like the other meets this year.

After the end of the season the runners and coaches had a pizza party, where they celebrated this great year of X-Country. At the party the coaches announced the team captains, who this year were Katie Stockton, Logan Satathite, Maison Dunham, Rachel Koppes, Isabelle Harris, Kaya Cox, and Kelly Trefon. This year was one of the most hardworking ever in X-Country, and everyone improved greatly. Mrs. Newton said there were many great leaders this year, and it was a "great group of kids." One of the most improved was Rowin Clucas. According to Mr. Schlung, Katie Stockton and Kelly Trefon were some of the most hardworking runners, which was one of the reasons they were selected for team captains.

Overall it was an outstanding season. Mr. Schlung said that this year he had more students than any other, which is why it was so awesome to have Mrs. Newton as an assistant coach this year. In fact, he actually had two assistant coaches, Mrs. Newton, and the baby boy she's expecting! Mrs. Newton agreed that it was awesome to help, and that it was a wonderful season. Mr. Schlung said that it was great of her to be out there helping and encouraging the students, and that he's really grateful for it.

This year the coaches said that this was the most hardworking, energetic team so far. Mr. Schlung said "It's a privilege to coach these kids, and all the teachers at the school will agree." Hopefully next year will be just as amazing. Great job this year, X-Country!



# Girls “A” Team Soccer Wrap-Up

By Cloey Followell



KMS girls “A” team soccer had a very successful season. They came close to winning all their games. They won 3 games and lost 1 for their normal season.

In boroughs the girls came in 2<sup>nd</sup>; they had to play against Homer who came in 3<sup>rd</sup>. They beat Homer 4-1 in their regular season. In boroughs they tied 0-0 and went into overtime. Rachael Pitsch made a penalty kick, which gave them the winning score of 1-0. They used up a lot of energy in that game, and 1 1/2 hours later they had to play Soldotna for the borough championships; we lost 3-1.

Mr. Verkuilen says that all the girls were amazing. Some of the most improved girls include Bethany Morris because she did an incredible job at goalie. Dulce Santana became a better passer and a better team-mate. Defense as a whole became much stronger. Summer Foster had limited experience but improved a lot. Amber Matthews was a big force because of her aggressive play and strong legs.

Some funny moments for Mr. V this season were when they played against Nikiski because the wind was crazy and blowing around 40 mph. They



#coachfelchle and #coachverkuilen

dominated the play but the wind was making it so hard. Vanessa Beck had to do about 15 throw-ins, because the wind pushed the ball out of bounds so many times.

# Boys “A” Team Soccer Wrap-Up

By Cloey Followell

So far this season has gone so well, and Mr. Felchle is delighted on how well the boys have done. They had a great season together, playing hard and kicking balls around. Most of the boys know each other very well, so they have a tight relationship. Being in a sport with other people is like being in a family because you always need to work together. The most important thing is to have fun while playing on the field. Congratulations to Mr. Felchle and all the boys. Here is a list of the boys:

James Baisden	Samuel Baisden
Corvin Bookey	Seth Cotler
Koa Diorec	Joe Hamilton
Brayden Hanson	Cody Hanson
Dillon Hanson	Aidan Milburn
Koda Poulin	Owen Rolph
River Tomrdle	



Joe Hamilton said he improved a lot on offense. Normally he would play on defense, but Coach Felchle played him in offense.

Samuel Baisden said the most entertaining part of the season was watching the team work together. Samuel became more efficient on his dribbling, and he had more connection with the ball, which made him a better player. He said that he was pushing himself as hard as his body could let him go.

The boys ended the regular season with the second seed; their record is 3 wins, 2 losses, and 1 tie. They also finished second in boroughs. Every one of the boys improved as a whole team. According to Mr. Felchle, Joe Hamilton and Dillon Hanson were the ones who improved the most though. The whole season was a funny moment for the boys. Mr. Felchle said they were always laughing at something, but mostly that every day the whole team was positive and enjoyed everything.

# Basketball Intramurals

By Raelynn Passe



Basketball intramurals started on October 10 and will last until October 28. The kids playing will decide if they want to play regular basketball with their friends, or if they don't really like basketball, then they don't have to play after that. The coaches are Mr. Gustkey, and Mr. Songer, a math teacher from the high school. The first week the boys practiced, and the girls had a mandatory hour and a half study hall. The second week, the girls played, while the boys had a half an hour to study. Here are the responses to the questions I asked the students:

When I asked Kaylee Lauritsen what she likes best about basketball intramurals, she responded, "Getting to do 3 on 3 games, and perfecting my layups."

Alivia Howard- "How you learn strategies for high school. And that people are really nice, and supportive."

Kiara Moses- "How the coaches and players are supportive, and even when you're not very good, they will help you get better."

I asked some other players what was the best thing that they learned, and here's their responses:

Denali Bernard- "That I get to play basketball."

Kordell Flecha- "Learning how to do left-handed layups."

Tina Uta- "I like the routines, layups, and how to properly shoot hoops the best."

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## Just Some Jokes

Why are basketball players such messy eaters?  
They're always dribbling!

Why are frogs so good at basketball?  
They always make jump shots!

# KPHA Ice Hawks

Jacob Begich

It's 2016, the hockey season has just kicked off, and we have some hockey players at KMS that play for the Ice Hawks in the Kenai Peninsula Hockey Association. Players at KMS play on four levels, including Bantam C, Bantam D, Pee wee B, and Pee wee C. There was no Bantam B team this year because there were not enough players trying out.

At Bantam C tryouts there were about 23 players there trying out, and they all gave their very best. This is the team that I play for. In Bantam C there is checking. This year we only go until the end of February. Almost all our practices are from 8:00 to 9:00 in Kenai and Soldotna.

Aidan Milburn plays defense for Bantam C. He thinks Bantam C will win state this year. State is a tournament where all the teams from around Alaska come and play for a couple days. He said that he wants to go and play higher levels of hockey in college. Last but not least, one of Aidan's earliest recollections was getting 3<sup>rd</sup> place for most goals by a defenseman.

Riley Graves is on the Bantam D team. He thinks they will do well this year. He also wants to further his career in hockey, going to college. One of his earliest recollections was needing a helper to learn how to skate.

For Pee wee B Daniel Sheldon thinks that they will do good. He also wants to further his career in hockey, going to college. One of Daniel's earliest recollections was scoring his first goal, that must have been so exciting.

And last but not least, Pee wee C. For this level I interviewed Landen Cialek, He thinks that they will do ok. And he wants to further his career in hockey, definitely. One of his earliest recollections was getting second place at state, for the first time.

In conclusion, all of these players want to further their careers in hockey. If you ever get the chance to play hockey I encourage you to try it because it's fun, and it's also great exercise.



# Halloween

## Creative Writing Contest Winners

By Andrea Beile



So, you heard there is a creative writing contest and the moment most of you have been waiting for... the winners. Now, there were overall 10 people who entered the contest. They were all great stories, but only three can win.

So, without further ado, the winners are (drum roll). In third place, 6<sup>th</sup> grader Hailey Followell with her story *The House*. In second place, 8<sup>th</sup> grader Keegan Coray with his writing piece *Disney's Treasure Island*, and the winner of the contest, 7<sup>th</sup> grader Summer Foster with her story *Clariane*.

Read the stories written by Summer, Keegan, and Hailey, exclusively available in the KMS Purple Pages. Thanks again to all the people who entered.

# Clariane

By Summer Foster

One Monday, on an atramentous and gloomy night, the moon was casting an eerie glow across the lifeless grass. The crepuscular part of the night had passed.

Slowly, one by one, three girls stepped out of their cabin, on a group dare that they all would take part in.

"It's too chilly! I'm going back in!" declared Melody, the tallest of the three.

"No! You promised!" cried Zebrena, the smallest, yet the most scared of them all.

"Let's just do the stupid dare already!" Autumn, the oldest of them, yelled in frustration.

The dare was to visit their old best friend's grave, Clariane. She had died seven long years ago from a gruesome train accident in their home town outside of Paris. Her body was never found, but her family and friends had created a tombstone anyway.

The night was in full swing as the girls made their way up to the cemetery for the spine-chilling dare. When they finally reached the cemetery, they immediately went straight for her grave. They arrived at midnight, but noticed her grave had been dug up.

"That's odd. There wasn't even a body!" Melody wondered.

That's when they heard the bloodcurdling scream from Zebrena's lips. She was getting pulled underground by something. Something with long, pink fingernails and a pale, bony hand.

"NO!!!" cried Zebrena, tears streaming down her face. Her friends tried to help her, but there was nothing they could do. They watched in horror as she was pulled underground.

"I'm getting out of here!" Melody screamed, but just then she was impaled with an arrow. A transparent arrow. The color drained from her face as she went limp to the ground. Blood poured from the puncture.

Autumn couldn't speak. Her hands were shaking too much. Her mind went numb. "Hello, dear friend! Won't you join me with your other friends? They're here... waiting. Just like I have been for the last seven years. Alone."

A sound like knives on a chalkboard filled the night. Autumn slowly turned around. There stood Clariane.

Blood illuminated her face, and she had two empty, gaping holes for eyes. Clariane had no teeth either, and she reeked of death.

Before Autumn could say anything, Clariane lunged at her, and dragged her with her to the grave, laughing maniacally.

They were never heard from again.

At least not for another seven years.

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## Disney's Treasure Island

By Keegan Coray

As we all know, Disney is something popular now as well as back in the day. The company is really about their movies and shows. After all, the mouse has always been in our hearts for many years. Disney has many places throughout the parks, like Epcot, the Magic Kingdom, etc. We will be only focusing on Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

Did you know that Disney has some abandoned places? Yes, Disney did scrap some projects for the park. One of the projects, which actually exists, is the Treasure Island Resort. Treasure Island had a pirate theme, then a jungle theme, and then Disney shut down the resort for unknown reasons.

Some say it's due to animal abuse, while others say it's due to Disney's Animal Kingdom, and a little group of people who worked for the Disney site

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## *Disney's Treasure Island*

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says it was due to budget and boredom from the Disney cast members. These three statements were all wrong.

I snuck into the Disney World site at night, hoping to find some old, scrapped Disney stuff from the 80s or early 90s so that I could steal it. I know that's bad, and could get me in trouble, but I was secretly hired to steal by the Disney company to clean up their mistakes.

I found an old boat with some paddles and saw the island from their River Country Resort and thought that I could ride up to the island, to see what it was. Like you expect, I did paddle up to the island, and it was dark as the black panther's fur, and it wasn't pretty.

Once I stepped on the island, it was uncanny to see an abandoned Disney island out in the middle of the park. There was a prodigious stage area, and it was used for teaching the guests about some animals, like snakes or birds. What are now left are the stage, the seats, and the coconuts. Like, everywhere was a coconut heaven.

Once I walked up to the stage, a room that was inside the stage area was a door with the name "CHARACTERS DRESSUP ROOM: ZERO". I don't know why they named it that, but it was really a pale name. I heard a semblance of a noise, sounding like Minnie stalking me. I turned, to find blankness, and nothing was behind me.

I walked in and found some suits. One of the suits was a Photo Negative Mickey Mouse suit, a

Donald Duck mask, a Photo Negative Minnie Mouse suit, and a headless Goofy suit. Above the suits was words written in red spray paint that said "Abandoned By God" and some old Mickey Mouse pictures. One of the pictures was a scrapped Mickey Mouse film called "Mickey's Last Show"; I'm guessing that the film will show Mickey ending the world.

LIKE, WHAT THE HECK DISNEY! THAT'S PRETTY FRICKED UP FOR A KID FIRENDLY COMPANY YOU HAVE!

As I decided to walk out, I heard a malignant Mickey Mouse voice, stalking towards me and humming "it's a small world".

I turned around and saw the Mickey Mouse suit from earlier. We stared for about 6 seconds and then, the mouse spoke. "Hey! Wanna see my head come off?" said the mouse suit, rotting away in the unclear mist that passed by. I tried to say no, but he already started to take the mascot head off.

What was dripping down wasn't blood; Disney would never, and I mean NEVER, show blood to the company and the viewers. What was dripping out was some type of yellow-like liquid, but it wasn't blood, it was melted insulation, like the stuff you put on the wall when you're building a house. I didn't know that Disney would use insulation for the mascots they were making at the time. It makes no sense!

I rushed back to the boat and decided to paddle as fast as I could back to River Country, but I was knocked out by "Mickey" ...

## *The House*

By Hailey Followell

This was it, no escape, I thought, while the sleek dark figure crept toward me, this was the end...

It all started on a fairly normal day. School had just gotten out, on Friday, October 13, 2001. Emily, one of the populars, had invited me to her weekly sleepover; of course me, being one of the "loners", I had no reason to deny her request.

It was late in the afternoon when I decided to head over. It hadn't snowed yet so I didn't mind the walk, and the air was crisp in my lungs. The colors of the setting sun were beautiful, red, pink, yellow, orange, and gold.

When I arrived it seemed like everyone had settled down and been there a while. They were all on the floor playing Dare or Dare. Someone asked me if I wanted to play, so I said sure. Someone dared Mya to lick the floor, but she chickened out.

Then out of the blue Kayla said something that could have stopped the devil cold. "I dare Martha Lou to ding dong ditch 107 Oakwood Drive."

Everyone was silent, then someone blurted out, "She can't, she's scared."

Everyone started laughing, and they laughed for what seemed like hours, and they'd still be laughing if one voice didn't separate itself from the rest. It was me, and I said, "I'll do it to show you I'm not scared."

You're probably wondering what happened at 107 Oakwood Drive. Well, I'll tell you, all eyes were on the Squash family, for it was the annual Fourth of July act when something went terribly wrong. (continued on page 15)

## The House

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They were hanging off the crane when the strongest slipped, letting go of the rope, and before anyone could move a muscle the Squash family became the squashed family, and the strongest had hit her head and died.

Emily “let” me lead the way. Everyone stopped when we found the gate leading to the Squashes’ front yard. They said we could go back right now and pretend nothing ever happened. I snapped, “If you want to be sissies, then you can run on home to your mommy, but if not then shut up!”

Only Emily and I entered through the gate. There I stood with my hand trembling before the doorbell, then the door creaked open, and before I could scream we were pulled inside the house.

I woke up with a throbbing head. A voice across the room said, “You will never get out.” When I asked why, her voice deepened as she screamed, “BECAUSE I WON’T LET YOU OUT!” Her shadowed figure slowly crept toward me. I thought there was no escape and this was the end, when she grabbed my hand...

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## Just Some Jokes

What happened when the two vampires met?

It was love at first bite!

Why doesn’t anybody like Dracula?

He has a bat temper!

## HOMEWORK

By Joe Hamilton

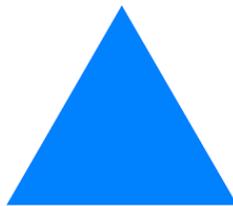


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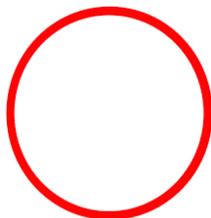
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## Geometry Jokes

By Joe Hamilton



What did the triangle say to the circle?



Dude, you’re pointless.

## Life Alert

By Andrea Beile



Do you sit at home playing Pokémon Go and Geometry Dash all day? If this is a yes, then you need Life Alert. What is Life Alert, you ask. It’s where you will get notified when you get a life.

*I can get a life for free?*

Ha-ha, no silly, you have to pay.

*But how do I pay?*

Well if you’re “poor” and have a phone you can get the app for \$1.99.

*A dollar.*

Yes, a dollar, but wait, if you live alone, you can get a Life Alert Bracelet for \$50.99.

*Wait, what if you’re rich?*

Well then you can get a Life Alert Necklace for \$100.99.

*Wait wait wait, what if you’re stupid rich?*

Well, I got something for you. You can get a personal Life Alert Robot for \$5000.99. But I know some of you have a family, so you can get the Life Alert Family Plan.

*They have Family Plans?*

Yes, it’s only \$5.99 for each life line but if you get 4 life lines the 5<sup>th</sup> will be free. So what are you waiting for? Go get your Life Alert now. If you die without a life, we will renew your life. You have to be 18 years or older to order. So go get your life now!

# Hanging Halloween Ghosts!

By Angelina Dilucchio

I found a cute DIY for this month for Halloween. We are going to do a Halloween DIY, yay! It's very easy if you follow the directions, so let's get started.

## What you need

**Tools:** Scissors

**Materials:** Circle balloons in white filled with helium  
Black or clear string  
Lots of cheesecloth  
Black duct tape



## Start on the ghost

1. Attach string to the helium balloon.
2. Cut the cheesecloth in two layers that are short, 5-10 inches longer than the balloon on all sides. Also cut two long pieces of cheesecloth, 12-18 inches longer than the balloon on all sides.
3. Find the center of the smaller pieces of cloth. Move around the fibers with your finger or scissors to make a hole. Do that with the two bigger pieces too.
4. Thread the string through the two small pieces of cheesecloth, then thread the two larger pieces through.
5. When you finish threading the cheesecloth it's time to create the face.
6. Pull one layer of the cloth up. Cut eyes and a mouth from the duct tape, put those on, then pull down the top layer.

**And you are all done! Have a Happy Halloween!**

(I got this idea online from Brittini Mehlhoff. If you want more ideas go to [www.diynetwork.com](http://www.diynetwork.com))

## Overheard

By Joe Hamilton

“My chicken is named ROYGBIV.”  
“My mom attacked my face.”  
“My dad. It's kind of disgusting. He got his bellybutton pierced.”  
“There was a squirrel that died in a vacuum then became best friends with a girl.”  
“It's my life alert. It will let me know when I get a life.”  
“Churro flavored mayonnaise.”  
“Bacon olives.”  
“My butt smells like bacon now.”  
“As long as I get a proper burial dinner I'm okay.”  
“Somebody hit me in the back of my head and now there's a Gatorade coming out of my nose.”  
“I hate fruit in a bag.”  
“I waited by the wind-er.”  
“I'm just a potato with a bad haircut.”  
“Look at this beautiful drawing. It could either be a small intestine or a saxophone.”  
“I wouldn't trust him with my pencil.” “Who?” “Donald Trump.”  
“I'm going to make a finger family.”

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# PURPLE PUNCHLINES



## I've Been Called Worse by Better

By Cloey Followell & Karley Harden

I'd give you a nasty look, but you already have one. If you're going to be two-faced, you might as well make one of them pretty.

If laughter is the best medicine, your face must be curing the world.

Scientists say the world is made up of neutrons, protons, and electrons. But they forgot to mention morons.

Someday you'll go far... and I hope you stay there. You're not stupid... you just have bad luck when thinking.

The zoo called... they were wondering how you got out of your cage.

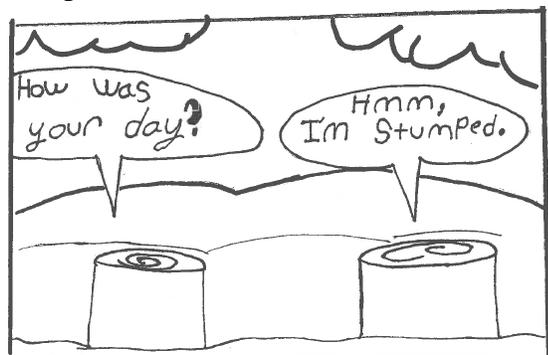
Aww, it's so cute when you try to talk about things you don't understand.

You are proof that evolution can go in reverse.

I thought of you today... it reminded me to take the garbage out.

Quick, check your face... I just found your nose in my business.

You're such a beautiful, intelligent, wonderful person. Oh I'm sorry, I thought we were having a lying competition.



By: Samuel Baisden

## Halloween Playlist

By Owen Plumridge

"Monster Mash" by Bobby Pickett

"Thriller" by Michael Jackson

"Werewolves of London" by Warren Zevon

"The Little Red Riding Hood" by Sam the Sham & the Pharaohs

"Love Potion #9" by Tygers of Pan Tang

"This Is Halloween" by Marilyn Manson

"One-eyed, One-horned, Flying Purple People Eater" by Sheb Wooley

"Addams Family" by Vic Mizzy

"Goosebumps" theme song by Travis Scott

"Scooby Dooby Doo" by David Raleigh

## The Jungle Book

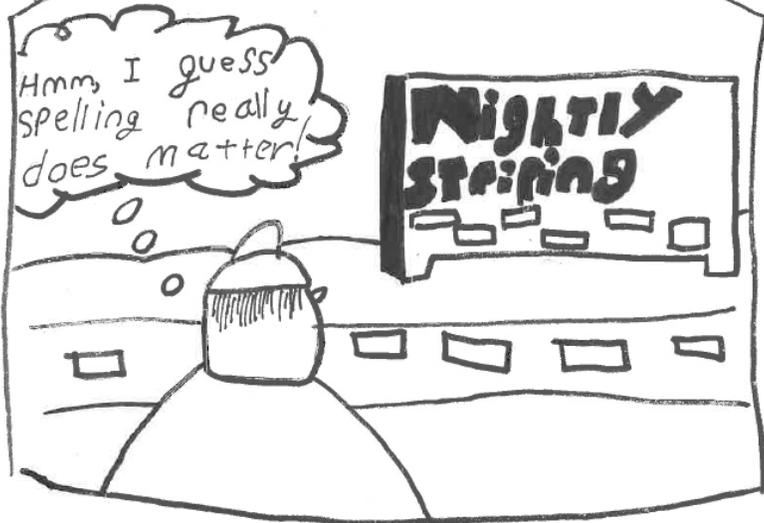
By Mrs. Miranda

On Friday, October 7, 2016, my husband and I had the pleasure of attending the opening night of "The Jungle Book" musical, put on by the Triumvirate Theater. Four students from Kenai Middle School were cast in different roles: Kylie Cramer (Kaa, Vulture, and a Plant), Jesse James (Elephant, Tree, and a Plant) Memphis Lyon (Monkey and a Plant) and Sydney Johnson (Vulture, Monkey, and a Plant).

For a little under an hour we were delighted by vibrant costumes, joyful singing and dancing, as well as a fast-paced and fun performance. Actors and actresses greeted us from all directions, singing, dancing and performing. The musical had over 50 kids participating, ranging from 5 years old all the way up to high school ages.

We had an enjoyable evening, as did the audience who were left in fits of laughter on several occasions. I simply cannot wait for their next performance! If you haven't been to a production by the Triumvirate Theater, go check them out! They are well worth the money, and you'll be supporting kids as well as the arts!

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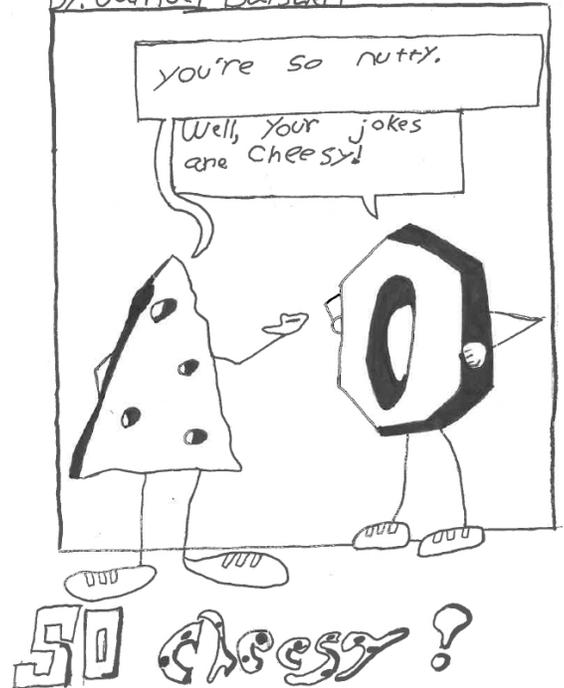


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By: Samuel Baisden

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Coming up next month in the November issue of the KMS *Purple Pages*, we'll have lots more great feature articles, news stories, sports coverage, and entertainment. Did you notice that we had several articles about college students in this issue? Well, next month we will have a contest on which schools teachers and staff members attended when they were college freshmen. We will also have coverage of the KMS students and staff who ran in this fall's Kenai River Marathon, plus an article about Dan Walker, the author of *Secondhand Summer* who visited from Seward to share his experiences and insights about writing and publishing.