

KMS PURPLE PAGES

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KMS Fall Band Concert

By Jenna Tureman



The KMS Concert Band had their first concert of the year on October 17, 2017. They played at the KCHS Auditorium with the KCHS Concert Band and the KCHS Drumline. Mrs. Sounart teaches at both the high school and here at the middle school. The songs the KMS Concert Band played were “Orpheus Overture,” “Air for Band,” and “Bandology.” Then they played “Welcome to the Jungle” with the KCHS Concert Band.

At the fall concert, a lot of students played solos in between the different bands that performed and during some songs. Phoebe Thomas played two solos on the clarinet in “Orpheus Overture,” and she did an excellent job playing them. A lot of KCHS students played solos in their songs and in between the different bands that performed, and they did a fantastic job on them. Excellent job performing, everyone! (more band concert photos online!)

September Students of the Month

By TJ Anderson

Congratulations to all the September students of the month, including 8th graders Johann Carranza, Caitlin Crabb, and Sydney Johnson; 7th graders Patrick Kramer, Ashley Dahlman, and Gavin Langham; and 6th graders Caitlyn Martin, Lily Kroto, and Willow Patrick!



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Going Blue

By Ashlynn Baughn & Kimberly Noriega

Have you had any thoughts about the new design on the front of the school? Have you ever wondered about how long it took to design it all? Well, we did... so we decided to ask around and here's what we found out. Apparently the school construction took two school years and two summers to complete.

Around the second week of school some students started to notice the new KMS sign by the road. Shockingly, we noticed it too. When we noticed the sign we decided it would be entertaining to find out how long it took to make.

Now, take a minute and try to guess how long it took. Got a guess? Well, it's probably not even close to the answer. Astonishingly it took 13 years to approve, plan, design, fund, and build the sign. They decided to make the new sign so that "We can communicate with the community about KMS," said Principal Dosko. Now for the price. Just to build the sign cost \$20,000.

Have you ever wondered about the inspiration and planning of the new Kossack mascot? Well it all started with Mrs. Rininger ordering the costume from Peru! She said it cost about \$350 for the suit but overall \$600. They used some money that leadership earned from dances and opening the snack shack. We also found out that they ordered two because the first one came in blue and then the second pinkish! When Mrs. True and Mrs. Rininger saw the costume came in blue they sent an email back to the people saying the color was wrong! It took about two months to get it back and it still came in NOT purple! We asked if there were any sketches sent to the maker; Mrs. Rininger said all she did was send a picture of someone in the old costume.

Mrs. Rininger decided to just dye it herself instead of reordering, again; she also said it cost about \$600 overall because she had to buy dye to dye the "pinkish" costume purple. (What kind of costume, especially for KMS, wouldn't be purple, am I right?!) Mrs. Rininger told us it took a year for the Kossack to be just right! We were surprised when she also said it took two months for the first and second to be made.

We asked Mrs. Rininger what the inspiration was behind the Kossack costume and why they ordered it, she said "to increase spirit!" Surprisingly, the first Kossack's name was inspired by



Lunch Money

By Nicole Toepel

Over the past years, school lunch has gotten pricy. Here is some info on lunch at KMS.

The budget is set up by the district. If you're wondering where our lunch money is going to, it's going just to the food. Lunch from 1987-2017 has gotten much healthier. More students buy school lunch on pizza days. Most of the school lunches are store bought, but on certain days some of the food can be homemade. You get salad bars from the cart, and they took out ranch dressing and the meatloaf is homemade.

On an average, about 165 KMS students have school lunch per day, which is about 52%. A whole year of lunch (180 days) costs \$531 for the 6th graders, and \$619 for the 7th & 8th graders. 6th graders need about \$16 per week, and \$17.50 for the 7th & 8th graders. If a parent had a 7th and 8th grader, then it would cost \$1,238 for lunch for the school year.

Did you know you might be able to get free or reduced lunch by getting the "Student Programs 2017/2018" packet? All you have to do is go to the office and ask for a packet, then have your parents fill it out. For example if a family has two parents and three kids, they can make \$66,563 a year and qualify for free or reduced lunch. There are about 134 students on free and reduced lunch. With KMS having an enrollment of 346 students, that averages to roughly 38.7% of students with free and reduced lunch.



The lunch ladies are Mrs. Myers and Mrs. Winslow. Mrs. Myers is the head lunch lady and Mrs. Winslow helps her in the kitchen and as the cashier. If you have questions about KMS lunches, you can ask them.

Kossack Drawing Contest . . . and the winner is . . .

Congratulations to 6th grader **Jacob Blum** for winning the Kossack mascot drawing contest!
How would you like to look down the court and be faced with an opponent that looks like this?



TJ Anderson's entry.
Is he cross-eyed?



Samuel Baisden's entry.
He's not quite as fit as
the guy on the right,
but he seems a lot
more friendly!



BEFORE (above) . . . and AFTER (right) . . .
Try out the Snapchat Kossack filter on your phone today!

For results like these, sign up for Mrs. Zorbas' CrossFit class!

KMS Fall Choir Concert



(more choir concert photos online)

KMS choir students presented a beautiful concert on October 5th in the KCHS auditorium. Mrs. Borko directed, and she and Mrs. Allison accompanied the choir and soloists on piano. Summer Foster and Jake Phillips also provided musical accompaniment.

Soloists included Summer Foster, Tyler Hippchen, Kaylee Miller, and Fiona Wolfe. The trio of Koda Poulin, Joe Hamilton, and Denali Bernard delivered an energetic rendition of "Hallelujah."

The concert choir and mixed choir performed their songs in many combinations, including "Gloria Deo!" The transitions between performers were extremely smooth. Congratulations to Mrs. Borko on a wonderful first concert, and to all the performers on their success!

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Mr. Roser's name, and because he retired, the Kossack's name is Kenny, something people used to call Mr. Roser as a kid! Though the "pinkish" costume doesn't have a name, Mrs. Rininger said maybe Rosemary after Mrs. Bird! We think that would be very lovely and fitting, especially because the second costume is pink.

What are your thoughts on the new sign, school roof, new design out front, and the female Kossack? Do you think we should name it after Mrs. Bird or someone else?

Opinion-8-Ed

By Alora Barlow

Question: Do you or your family believe in superstitions? If so, what are they and how do you feel about them?

Josie Passe said, "If you kill a monkey you will never fall in love. Because monKEY's have the key to your heart and soul! They also have MONEY."

Shirley. U. Care said, "When my mom spills salt she throws it over her left shoulder to get rid of the bad luck, it's pretty funny."

Samuel Baisden's response was, "No, my family does not have any superstitions. Although I'm sure there are plenty of things that they believe and won't share."

Hermoine Lanfear's response was a bit different, she said, "My family believes in 'Don't walk under the ladder,' I think it's stupid because it's not like anything bad would happen from walking under the ladder."



Nyssa Tallekealek responded, "No, because we don't think about it."

Amelia Mueller said, "Not really, but my brother and sister and I always hold our breath when passing graveyards."

Logan Satathite said, "No. We don't let it bother us."

Faith Braud's response was, "I don't believe in any superstitions. A lot of people believe in things like that, but what I think about it is that people have their own beliefs."

Gabriella Tews said, "My family doesn't really believe in superstitions."



Summer Foster said, "Well, my little brother thinks that Pennywise is real, but other than that I'd say no."

James Sparks said, "If the first word you say is rabbit on the first day of the month you will have good luck the rest of the month."

Zoe Mason said, "If you throw salt over your left shoulder than you will have good luck."

Cough Cough

By Zoticus Active

There are times when you are having fun then you forget to wear a sweater. Now you have a cold and can't play outside. Maybe you broke a bone and can't play sports. These are examples of why we should be safe and healthy and when we have to go Nurse Dixie's office.

Lots of people have to go see Nurse Dixie for lumps, bumps, and bruises. She will give you ice and she said most people get lumps, bumps, and bruises from PE and recess. If it continues to hurt she would have to call home. Sometimes students have knee pain after squats and running. Some may get jammed or fractured fingers from being too rough or from playing a sport. When people get into a bike crash they often get scrapes. Nurse Dixie would give them an ice pack or band aid.

Some people have to rush to go see Nurse Dixie because of bloody noses. If you have a bloody nose you have to pinch it so that it doesn't drip all over the floor. If you pinch it for five minutes and it's still running Nurse Dixie will put an ice pack on the back off your neck. If it's still going put pressure under the top lip. Once your bloody nose is done you have to wash your hands.

If a student's doctor gives them a medication for an illness or injury you have to take at school, you have to see the nurse to take it. All you need to do is see Nurse Dixie and tell her that you need to take your meds. If you have a headache tell your teacher and they will let you go to the nurse. Nurse Dixie will ask how much they ate or how much water did they drink. She'll ask if you pooped and if you got enough sleep. She will check for a fever and decide if you need to go home.

Maybe you need to see Nurse Dixie because of emotional issues, family issue, bullying or grieving. Some may go to Nurse Dixie for clothes or sometimes just to visit. Maybe if students are hungry and have to call home they would see her. Some may go just for a get out of jail free card because they need a tardy pass.

If you are hurt or feeling bad you need to see Nurse Dixie!



Johann Carranza

By Jenna Tureman



Johann Carranza is an eighth grader here at KMS. He seems to be into lots of activities. I asked him what his favorite sport is, what he likes to do, some school-related questions, and what he wants to be when he grows up.

Johann's favorite sport is soccer and he likes to do plenty of other hobbies. He says soccer has been his favorite sport throughout his life because when he plays with his soccer team, he feels like they're his best friends. He also likes to read science fiction, go fishing, and cross-country ski.

Johann's favorite subject is history, because he likes to learn about the events in history and how it affects our present. He said his favorite thing about KMS is the teachers. He's planning on participating in cross-country skiing and track this year.

When I asked Johann, "What do you want to do before you die?" he said he wants to have an impact on the world so people will remember him as a "great."

Aleea Faulkner

By Eva Sorensen



This year KMS has had over 150 new students arrive, which brings fresh faces and amazing personalities. One of them, 7th grader Aleea Faulkner, is a spectacular student, athlete, and friend.

Aleea said one of her favorite parts about school is seeing many of her friends, as well as going to some of her favorite classes, Home Ec and Language Arts. When she isn't in school, she likes to spend time with her family, watch *Once Upon a Time*, and go rollerblading.

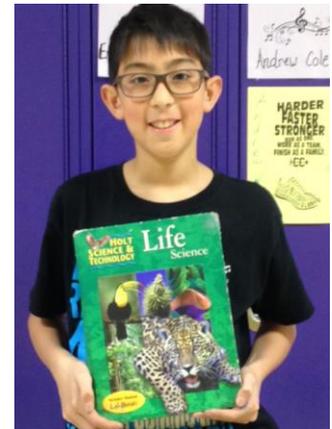
As well as spending time with family, Aleea loves to travel and says her favorite memory is traveling around and visiting places like Seldovia and Talkeetna with her family. When she is older, she wants to be a missionary in Ethiopia, Africa and help others.

Aleea has been to four different schools throughout her lifetime and says they're all different. Although it can be chaotic and crazy, Aleea said she likes KMS and having classes in different places so she isn't stuck in one class for the whole day.

Overall, Aleea is a stupendous person, with a bubbly personality, and caring heart. Make sure to give her a wave if you see her in the halls!

Robert Carson

By TJ Anderson



Robert is a sixth grader at KMS. He loves to spend time with family and friends. Because of how active he is, he connects with his family through activities and races. Although he is a little shy, he is a very interesting guy.

Robert says that he wants to be a geneticist, but right now he is stuck in a race where he shifts every day from middle school to mountain bike races. He says middle school is the best because you're not stuck with one teacher all day every day (We all know what that's like.) Robert's favorite class is science because he gets to do a lot of projects.

After school he's always working hard for sports and school. Robert love to golf, swim, and run cross country. Robert also loves to mountain bike. He has won a third place medal and a lot of Odie's cookies at the Cyclocross, Psychocross, and Thursday Night Races. He says it's hard and takes a lot of physical energy and endurance. Robert also enjoy biking with his dad and friends. Robert loves to spend time with his family and do sports.

Great friends are Hard to find, Difficult to leave, Impossible to forget.

All dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them. -Walt Disney 5



KMS School Records

By Jenna Tureman



A whole bunch of kids at KMS take their time to do extracurricular activities. But have you wondered what some students did in their activities, or what book was checked out most, or what the fastest times were for track? Well, I'll answer your questions right here.

Here are the Kenai Middle School Track records.

KMS Track Records Boys

- 2004, 100-meter dash, Eddie Buffington, 11.7 sec.
- 1989, 200-meter dash, David Bacon, 24.81 sec.
- 1989, 400-meter dash, David Bacon, 54.61 sec.
- 2017, 800-meter run, Maison Dunham, 2:10 min.
- 2017, 1600-meter run, Maison Dunham, 4:51 min.
- 2015, 100-meter hurdles, Jarett Wilson, 14.56 sec.
- 1984, 4x100-meter relay, Jeff George, Tom Joy, Bruce Jackman, Jay Wade, 48.72 sec.
- 1987, 4x200-meter relay, David Brown, Mark Gilles, Brook Brown, Scott Innes, 1:43 min.
- 1989, 4x400-meter relay, Roy Honea, Steve Johnson, Aeric Waymire, David Bacon, 3:57 min.
- 1998, high jump, Marcus Webster, 5' 7 1/2"
- 1984, long jump, Jeff George 19' 2 1/4"
- 2009, triple jump, Shane Spalding 37' 8 3/4"
- 2002, shot put, Papapa Nicholas, 50' 3 1/4"
- 2002, discus, Papapa Nicholas 164' 5"
- 1989, pole vault, Aeric Waymire, 9' 8"

Kenai Middle School Track Records Girls

- 2006, 100-meter dash, Lierin Flanagan, 13.03 sec.
- 2015, 200-meter dash, Lierin Flanagan, 27.93 sec.
- 1998, 400-meter dash, Michelle Edwards, 1:02 min.
- 2015, 800-meter run, Jaycie Calvert, 2:31 min.
- 2015, 1600-meter run, Jaycie Calvert, 5:36 min.
- 2009, 100-meter hurdles, Leah Sandahl, 17.04 sec.
- 2006, 4x100 meter relay, Sammy Hull, Shelby Gray, Lierin Flanagan, Casey Coupchiak, 54.91 sec.
- 1998, 4x200 meter relay, Mendy Benson, Jamie Bassel, Kathi Miston, Laurie Golden, 1:58 min.
- 1998, 4x400 meter relay, Erica Shin, Katherine Amen, Candace McElveen, Michelle Edwards, 4:33 min.
- 1999, high jump, Dallas Baldwin, 4' 10"
- 1978, long jump, Stacy Baun, 15' 5 3/4"
- 1977, triple jump, Tammy Eckert, 31' 1"
- 1988, shot put, Erin Lathrop, 33' 2"
- 1988, discus, Erin Lathrop, 98' 1"

Other school records came from academic and musical achievements. Ms. Gann is the librarian here at KMS. She said that *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Old School* was the most checked-out book since the beginning of last year with 47 check-outs!

Students in Quest Language Arts have participated in Future Problem Solving since 2008. Teams traveled to the international meet in Iowa several times in the past, including the years 2011-2014. They even won Finalist awards for Global Issues and a huge trophy for presenting their Action Plan.

Mrs. Sounart, the band teacher, said that she had one tuba player go to the Spanish National Orchestra in Spain and another tuba player play in the Air Force Band. She had three former students who are currently teaching band at Aurora Borealis, K-Beach Elementary, and at a high school in Florida. Also, some of her students play their instruments in college right now.

Our school had so many students that broke school records! The results are amazing, so remember to work hard each day and try your best!

Speaking of Trophies!



Shop Classes

By Matthew Parazoo

There are five different shop classes. They are woods, metals, small engines, and 6th grade shop. The funniest things said are “I don’t know what to do next” said Student #1, “Maybe step 7?” said student #2 (they were working on an 8 step project), “Why do we have to learn to measure in shop!” said many students.

Mr. Schoessler, the shop teacher likes teaching shop for these reasons “...watching students gain understanding and confidence in their use of tools and how to use them. Some students come into the shop never having used a tool before, but leave being able to operate several machines competently and safely. I’ve had some students scared to weld with the torch (fire) or arc (electricity) and after a few tries, be the best welders in their class.”

Woods classes are 2nd and 3rd hour. The woods projects are bandsaw boxes, cutting boards, and Kentucky stick chairs. Metals classes are 4th and 8th hour. The metals projects are sheet metal toolboxes and oxy-acetylene sculptures. Small engines shop class is 5th hour. The last class is 6th grade in 9th hour. The 6th grade shop’s project is a wooden name plate. Here are some questions and answers on shop classes:

What is your favorite shop class and why?

“Metals, because I like to weld,” said Caitlin Crabb.

“Wood shop, because I like using the power tools and it kind of scares me,” said Andie Galloway.

What is your favorite thing about shop and why?

“My favorite part about woodshop is the chair, because I get a chair,” said Caitlin.

“Using the band saw or compound miter saw, because they make the wood smell good and they make the best cuts,” said Andie.

Would you recommend shop, which one, and why?

“Yes, all, because it’s fun,” said Caitlin.

“Yes, definitely, woodshop (or any of them), because they are so hands on and interesting,” said Andie.



Riverdale Review

by Nevaeh Olson



WARNING: DO NOT READ IF YOU DO NOT WANT ANY SPOILERS ON SEASON ONE!

Honestly, I would give Riverdale a 4 ½ out of 5 stars. I thought it was great and I was devastated when I finished it, which took about two days. It’s rated TV 14. Did you know it was inspired by the Archie comics?

One of my favorite things about the Archie comics is how Veronica and Betty fight over Archie, which they didn’t include in Riverdale. But it’s okay because it’s not based off of it, more so inspired by it. Another thing different about the show is how Archie’s not a nerd and more of a good looking jock who plays football.

Despite the differences, I really like the actors and actresses they chose for the show. I think they fit the characters looks really well. My favorite character is probably Cheryl because her personality is really mean and funny.

The ending shocked me so much! Like why the poop would Cheryl burn down the mansion?! I really hope Archie’s dad survives! I also really like Betty and Jughead together. Did you know that they’re dating in real life? It just blows my mind.

You know how they have a diner called Pop’s that the characters always eat at? Well, in Canada, Riverdale is so popular that they’ve opened up a bunch of Pop’s diners all around Canada. So if you happen to go to Canada and want a burger, fries, and a milkshake at two in the morning, you know where to go.

So if anyone wants to go watch Riverdale now, it’s on Netflix. But season two, which I’m so excited to watch, isn’t going to be on Netflix for a while. And guess who doesn’t get the channel that it premieres on, me!

X-Country Boroughs

By Jayna Boonstra

Well, the 2017 X-Country Running season is officially over! All of our runners did amazing this season! We had five in total, including boroughs, which was in Homer this year and took place on the 6th of October. Here is what a couple of our runners thought of the 2017 running season. 8th graders Gabbie Tews and Amelia Muller said overall this season was amazing! "It went by very fast," they stated.

Well, back to the meets! As I said, our borough meet this year was in Homer, and it was very wet and muddy. Here are some results! For the girls we had 7 top twenty finishers, and these girls included:

- 8th grader Leah Fallon-1st
- 8th grader Logan Satathite-2nd
- 7th grader Jayna Boonstra-10th
- 8th grader Gabbie Tews-13th
- 6th grader Emilee Wilson-16th
- 8th grader Caitlin Crabb-18th
- 8th grader Lauren Avery-20th

Now for the guys:

- 6th grader Greg Fallon-4th
- 8th grader Samuel Roberts-5th
- 8th grader Talon Whicker-6th
- 8th grader Nathan Haga-8th
- 7th grader Ben Boersma-11th
- 6th grader Jack Laker-12th
- 7th grader Owen Whicker-14th
- 8th grade David Martin-15th
- 6th grader Gabe Segura-16th

Congratulations to all of our runners!

This year's after season party was on the 12th of October. Some of the awards



given out were the Cheerful Heart award for the girls – given to Jayna Boonstra, and the cheerful heart award for the boys – given to Ryan Crapps. The other awards were the Lord of the Trails awards, for runners that participated in XCR for all three years, and this award was given to multiple runners; these runners were Betsy Moffett, Amelia Mueller, Katie Stockton, Gabriella Tews, Leah Fallon, Taylor Andrew, Josie Passe, Ryan Crapps, Cooper Grimm, Samuel Roberts, Nathan Haga, Hayden Hanson, and Talon Whicker. The Overcomer award was given to Gracie Lanfear. The Best Photo Finish award was given to Talon Whicker. The Most Improved Runner award was given to Luke Cross. The Hustler award was given to Lynnea Hack. The Faster than the 8th Graders award was given to Greg Fallon. The certificate of LOUD was given to Katie Stockton!

Each year Coach Schlung awards about six runners with team captain awards. This award is a big honor. This year's captains are 6th graders Alexis Marquis and Emilee Wilson, 7th grader Jayna Boonstra, 8th graders Betsy Moffett, Taylor Andrew, Caitlin Crabb, Samuel Roberts, and Nathan Haga. Well, this rounds up our X-Country 2017 running season! See you next year!



I have not failed. I just found 10,000 ways that won't work. –Benjamin Franklin

Throw me to the wolves and I will return leader of the pack.

When Life puts you in tough situations, don't say "Why me" say "Try me."

Intramural Basketball

By Ransom Hayes

Mr. Gustkey is coaching girls' intramural basketball. Coach Gustkey played basketball as a kid because he thinks it is a fun sport. He started liking basketball in high school since there was no football team in Seward.

Coach Gustkey wants to coach intramural basketball because he sees it as an extension of the season and sees who is going to be on what team. He is looking for players who will listen and try their hardest. Sometimes people are gifted and don't listen.

Mr. Songer is coaching boys' intramural basketball. He played basketball as a kid because his older brothers played and they all loved the sport. He started playing in 3rd grade since that is the youngest he could have started playing.

Coach Songer wants to coach intramural basketball because he loves to help people get better. He is looking for people that will work, because if you work you can do anything.

Remember me, Ransom Hayes? I have played basketball all my life because I think it is the one of the best sports. I started liking basketball when I was four because my sister was one of the best in the state of Washington.

I wanted to play this year because I have a passion for the sport and I've always played in basketball season. The season has been good because I feel like I got better and I like my coach.

Eva Sorensen plays as well. She started liking basketball because it's a team sport that requires communication and determination and you can also improve on your personal skill. She started to like the sport when she was six because her parents forced her to play and she has played basketball since then.

She wants to play this year because it's a great opportunity to get involved with the school and grow better as a basketball player and grow relationships with fellow KMS students. Her season has been great because she said she has many new skills and has gotten better at basic fundamentals.

We hope all the basketball players have a fantastic season, and wish you all luck with your upcoming games.

(more basketball photos online)

A-Team Soccer

by Kimberly Noriega



All players on A-team soccer said they loved being on the team and that it was also super fun! Some players like Cali Holmes and Valerie Villegas said the team felt like a family and that they could rely on each other. Other players said that they liked their friends on their team, though A-team was challenging, or they were nervous for tryouts and boroughs.

Some players told me they weren't confident they were going to make A team; they thought they were going to be on B team, which isn't a bad thing. Some people think being on B team is a bad thing but it's really not, because on B team it's kind of a place to work on skills the coaches think need work. It also has to do with your attitude, ability to dribble quickly, make epic passes and long kicks, and have good accuracy.

Another plus is B team goes on more games and Coach Rininger works hard to make everyone feel welcomed and loved. She also does a great job giving everyone a chance to play in the games.

Did you know most players on A team have lots of experience in soccer? Koda Poulin has 10 years of experience playing Boys and Girls Club soccer! Kenneth Coghill, Brooklynn Reed, and Malerie Nunn started playing when they were five, and Samuel Baisden has played since he was four!

Cali Holmes said she also played since she was five in 5-9 years old Boys and Girls club and then 9 years old till now. Another A-team player, Chloe Goldsby played since she was four for 8 years at Boys and Girls Club, and Ella Yragui also said she played for 9 years at Boys and Girls Club competitive soccer.

Genesis Trevino, along with Keagan Medina, played for four years in Boys and Girls Club, but Summer Foster on the other hand said she played just last year in 7th grade! Bridger Beck said he thinks he played when he was seven for Boys and Girls Club,

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A-Team Soccer

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however he doesn't really remember. Gavin Langham said "I have played for 7 years now so; I have experience." He also told me he played comp soccer with some players that were on this year's team! He went on to say he played this summer for the U13 boys team.

Many players as you can see have loads of experience! Wouldn't you like to know tips and tricks from these professionals? Players Ella and Genesis said "Go for it!" but Genesis added, "Always have someone to mark up on, don't be afraid of the ball and remember the ball can never get tired." Samuel said, "Soccer is not a sport that you can see improvement overnight. Even if you are extremely talented, you won't get far without hard work." Summer spoke more toward people who want to try soccer and just a bit about people who want to improve. She said, "I absolutely recommend it, the things you can learn can be very helpful in life, whether you choose to apply them or not; if you want to improve, **practice**, you can never be good at something if you don't practice!" Bridger said, "You just need to practice; you're not going to improve just by thinking about it." (Does this seem funny to anyone else? No? Just me? Ok. I mean it's true....) Ashley Dahlman said "Don't stress, do your best, forget about the rest!" (I thought this was very quotable and poetic.) Kenneth said to practice at your couch dribbling while watching TV!



After asking the players if they had any tips or tricks to share, I asked what it was like to be on A-team and they responded with this! "Yes, one reason is because the girls on it, (this is a female talking about girl's A-team if you didn't know, and that she liked being on A-team) they are hardworking and they deserved to be on A-team; reason two is because it made me proud that all my hard work payed off and it means there is a chance I'll make A-team next year," said Genesis. Samuel Baisden said, "Being on the A-team is very honoring and exciting, it is babbling to be in the group of individuals that bring back a first place trophy!" And lastly Cali added that her team "Felt like a family, fun, not like comp." All these players had such nice things to say about being on A-team and very good advice and tips.

Overall most players told me A-team was very rewarding, fun, and challenging, I think they had a great season, even though they lost a couple games and girl's A-team got 3rd place. But at least boy's A-team made 1st! I was lucky enough to watch most of their games, and experience such hard work and high spirits! Good job Kossacks until next year! 😊

Amazing Hay-Mazing

Forty KMS students traveled to Solid Rock Camp after school on Thursday, October 19th to for the annual hay maze field trip. Chaperones for the trip were Mrs. Newton, Mrs. Bressler, and Ms. Lucas. Camp staff had a campfire burning when students arrived, and everyone ate hot dogs, chips, and gooey s'mores and drank cold juice and steaming hot cocoa. Students took turns crawling through the hay maze and getting covered in bits of hay, sometimes with flashlights and sometimes in the total dark! Even though the weather was chilly due to the high winds, it was also sunny and beautiful, and everyone had lots of fun. Just check out all the smiling faces!

More photos online!



Secret Questions

By Miss Advice

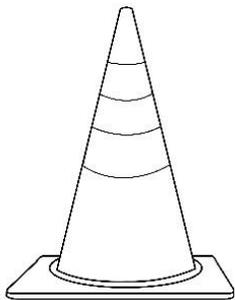
Q: Which do you prefer – cinnamon or butterscotch? I understand your opinion, but would you turn up your nose if you found it on your plate? -Goat Mom

A: Dear Goat Mom, I personally like cinnamon better than butterscotch. If I found a butterscotch cookie on my plate I would not turn up my nose, I just wouldn't enjoy it as much as I would a cinnamon cookie.



Q: Opinions on dating, I think we all need a little advice! -Conehead

A: Dear Conehead,



I'm no expert on dating, but I did some research at school and here's what I found. First of all, you need to take it slow, don't rush into things and make the person you like feel uncomfortable. Second of all, you should probably

ask your parents, see what they say, then consider their advice. Third, spend time together, whether it's at the movies, at lunch, or at your house. Well that's all I've got. Good luck!

Q: Why is the Purple Pages called the Purple Pages when it is actually black and white? -Not Purple

A: Dear Not Purple,

I'm not actually sure, but when I consulted the publisher of the Purple Pages, she told me it's because of money. First, we would have to use regular size paper to have purple. Second, it would cost about \$6.00 per paper to print in color. Finally, it would pollute the planet a ton because of all the purple dye!



Mad Hatter, "Why is a raven like a writing-desk?"

"Have you guessed the riddle yet?" the Hatter said, turning to Alice again.

"No, I give up," Alice replied; "What's the answer?"

"I haven't the slightest idea," said the Hatter.

Creative Writing

By Matthew Parazoo

"I am Sighthis, I am an extremely powerful King of the Kingdom of the Greatest Warriors. I am the Power King. I am a Bloodborn and true member of the Storm, the Storm that Forever Rages On. The Storm Forever Rages On! 16-11-8-19 12-8-5-16-8-12!" said Jack James.

"I am Monkeyman J. Stormrage II, I am the Thousandth King of Planet Muk, I am a force to be reckoned with. I am The Elder King, The Champion of Eldar. I am the inventor of the Nalajalakin serum, the potion of the monsters among monsters, the monster potion. I am a Bloodborn and true member of the Storm, the Storm that Forever Rages On! The Storm Forever Rages On! 16-11-8-19 12-8-5-16-8-12!" said Monkeyman Stormrage II.

"What?" said Keith Kogane and Lance McClain (also known as Klance). (VLD reference!)

"We are in character, Klance!" said Monkeyman.

The Order of the Wolfstar walked up to them.

"Hello, I am Sirius 'Padfoot' Black. Moony, stop reading and introduce yourself!" yelled Sirius "Padfoot" Black.

"Hello I am Remus 'Moony' Lupin. Sirius, I was reading a book called *How to Become an Animagus: Canis et Lupus sumus, sed nondum hominum!*" said Remus.

"What, wait, the portals have gone haywire," said Jack and Monkeyman.

"Keith, what is your favorite color, and why?" aforesaid Lance.

"I have four favorite colors: blue, purple, gold, red. Gold, because my surname translated from Japanese means gold. Purple, because black light looks purple. Indigo, for you cannot have purple without blue. Red, because fire is red!" aforesaid Keith.

"We need to fix the portals and return people to their verses. Redi domum populum. Portals claudere nunc. Redi domum populum. Portals claudere nunc. Redi domum populum. Portals claudere nunc. Redi domum populum. Portals claudere nunc," aforesaid Sighthis and Monkeyman.

"5-16-8-12 8-12 11 14-11-25-14-8-22-5-8-9-22 (magic code), and easy decoding," said Monster Potion.

DIY Slime

By Brooklynn Reed

Slime has recently become a massive trend. There are many different types of slime to make. For example, there's fluffy, butter, crunchy, jiggly, and loads more, all of which you can easily make yourself. The possibilities are endless, so you should definitely give this basic slime recipe a try!

Activator

Supplies:

- 1 cup of water
- 1 tsp borax

Directions:

- Fill a cup or small bowl with water
- Mix in the borax
- Stir until the borax is completely dissolved
- Set aside



Slime Solution

Supplies:

- ½ cup glue (4 oz)
- ½ cup water

Optional

- Food coloring
- Shaving cream (fluffy)
- Lotion (stretchy)
- Soft clay (butter)
- Extra water (jiggly)
- Styrofoam pellets (crunchy)



Directions

- Pour ½ cup glue into a bowl
- Mix in ½ cup water
- (optional) Slowly add food coloring, shaving cream, lotion, soft clay, and extra water until it is the color and consistency that you want
- Mix in the activator 2 tsp at a time until the slime solutions stops sticking to the sides of the bowl
- Cover all of your fingers in the activator and then begin kneading the slime until it no longer sticks to your hands
- **Enjoy!** 😊

I recommend that you keep your slime in a covered plastic container, or in a plastic bag. This is because if you don't have it covered it could harden, which isn't very fun. You will also want to keep this away from pets and small children. **WARNING: WILL STAIN FABRIC AND FUR MATERIALS (clothes, carpets, etc.)**

Based on recipe by Thought CO.

What is Your Secret Halloween Name?

By Jayna Boonstra

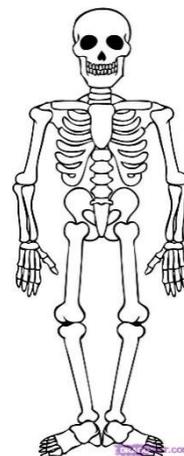
First name is based on the first letter of your name:

- A. Spooky
- B. Tricky
- C. Mummy
- D. Pumpkin
- E. Boo
- F. Candy
- G. Ghost
- H. Spider
- I. Witch
- J. Costume
- K. Sugar
- L. Haunted
- M. Monster
- N. Coffin
- O. Grave
- P. Bat
- Q. Fangs
- R. Frightening
- S. Goblin
- T. Howl
- U. Bone-chilling
- V. Dark
- W. Cobweb
- X. Cemetery
- Y. Broomstick
- Z. Cauldron



Last name is based on the month you were born in:

- January. Bones
- February. Skull
- March. Potion
- April. Skeleton
- May. Caramel Apple
- June. Disguise
- July. Mask
- August. Nightmare
- September. Midnight
- October. Prankster
- November. Fear
- December. Attack



FREAKY PHOBIAS

By Nevaeh Olson

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

ANTHROPOPHOBIA-fear of people
 ARACHNOPHOBIA-fear of spiders
 CAULROPHOBIA-fear of clowns
 CIBOPHOBIA-fear of food
 OMPHALOPHOBIA-fear of belly buttons
 ORNITHOPHOBIA-fear of birds
 PAGONOPHOBIA-fear of beards
 PANOPHOBIA-fear of everything
 PEDIOPHOBIA-fear of dolls
 PEDOPHOBIA-fear of children
 SAMHAINOPHOBIA-fear of Halloween
 SIDONGLOBOPHOBIA-fear of cotton balls
 SOMNIPHOBIA-fear of falling asleep
 TRISKAIDEKAPHOBIA-fear of the number 13
 PARASKEVIDEKATRIAPHOBIA-fear of Friday the 13th

Halloween Playlist

By Ashlyne Baughn

- “This is Halloween” Danny Elfman
- “Every Day is Halloween” Ministry
- “Monster Mash” Bobby Pickett
- “Spooky Scary Skeleton” Andrew Gold
- “Ghostbusters” Ray Parker Jr.
- “Thriller” Michel Jackson
- “Spooky” Classic IV
- “Which Witch is Which” Mickey Mouse
- “Witches Brew” Hap Palmer
- “Haunted House” Jumpin’ Gene Simmons
- “Dinner With Drac” John Zacherle
- “Boogie Woogieman” The Brian Sisters
- “Grim Grinning Ghosts” Buddy Baker
- “The Purple People Eater” Sheb Wooley



*Sticky fingers, tired feet;
 One last house, “Trick or Treat!”
 –Rusty Fisher*

*There is magic in the Night
 when pumpkins glow
 by Moonlight.*

Ironic Consequences By Mrs. Nabholz

Everyone who has taken Mr. V’s science class knows that “ology” means the study of something. For an assignment in Advanced LA 7 class, we studied some more “ology” words and what their word roots mean. For example, bio means life, so biology is the study of living organisms. The following riddles were inspired by creative stories written by Eli Morris, Sean Raften, and Brooklynn Reed.

- What kind of music does a geologist’s band play? *Well, of course it’s rock music!*
- Did you meet the new cryptologist hired by the CIA? *Yes, his name is Cody!*
- Why is that psychologist so forgetful? *I’m not sure, but he doesn’t mind.*
- What is the hydrologist’s favorite pick-up line? *Water you doing later on?*
- Why is that neurologist so annoying? *I don’t know, but she keeps getting on my nerves!*

Halloween Mad Lib



Tonight's the _____ (noun)! The one
_____ (noun) we all wait for, well next to
_____ (holiday). _____ (person) and I are going to be _____ (noun) and
_____ (noun). The _____ (noun) turns _____ (color). The _____
(vegetables) are lit. We're ready to collect our _____ (adjective) _____ (noun)! A quick
_____ (verb) on the door to _____ (verb) what we get. _____ (exclamation),
it's a _____ (adjective) _____ (vegetable), my favorite I bet! More _____
(noun) to _____ (verb) upon, more treats to _____ (verb). _____ (person) and I
are finally done! _____ (exclamation) for Halloween, my favorite _____ (holiday)!

November Birthdays

By Eva Sorensen

Mr. Lyke-2nd
Mrs. True-2nd
Cooper Grimm-3rd
James Childers-3rd
Lexa Adami-3rd
Tina Uta-5th
Bianca Hansen-6th
Kori Moore-6th
Ashley Dahlman-6th
Wilkins Furment-10th
Cadence Fabiano-10th
Julian Deveau-10th
Hadessah Parkki-11th
Alora Barlow-16th
Brooklynn Reed-16th
Caitlin Crabb-17th
Kimberly Noriega-18th
Esther Joseph-19th
Camilla Gonzalez-19th
Avry McDonald-22nd
Emilee Wilson-22nd
Jacob Wait-23rd
Talia Tepp-24th
Isabel McClure-25th
Ethan Gerow-27th
Hayden Hanson-29th
Caitlyn Martin-30th
Nicole Toepel-30th



Names For Teacher Costume Quiz

(see page 15)

Mrs. Borko
Ms. Brown
Mr. Dosko
Mr. Felchle
Ms. Johnson
Ms. Lucas
Mr. Lyke
Mrs. Miranda
Mrs. Nabholz
Mrs. Neill
Mrs. Newton
Mrs. Rininger
Mrs. Rolph
Mr. Schoessler
Mrs. Smith
Ms. Stotz
Mr. Summer
Mr. Tilly
Ms. True
Mrs. Vann

Overheard

(continued from page 16)

"I wonder what it would be like to make someone into Swiss cheese... probably screams of terror..."
"Anyone else's nose ring turn green?" (said by a teacher...)
"POTATO JUICCCCEEEEE!"
"WHY...DO...YOU...KEEP...SAYING...STUPENDOUS??!!!"
"Are you gonna duct tape my mouth or not?"
"My chips are lapped."
"Ghost chickens are interfering with our call!"
"I'd rather trip over intestines."
"Wait a minute...don't you need a brain?"
"HALLOWEENIE!"
"I wonder if lightbulbs get turned on easily..."
"My knee is ticklish!"
"Dude, if we had no sticks or rocks we wouldn't be here!"

Person 1: "You smell like Skittles."

Person 2: "...Thank you?"



Tricky Treats Costume Quiz



What was your favorite Halloween costume when you were young?

Find out which teacher matches each of the following costume descriptions. Don't just try to guess, but actually go ask them, or team up with a friend to find out the answers. It's a bit *tricky*, but choose your 10-15 answers from the 20 names listed on page 14. When you have filled in a *minimum* of 10 correct answers on the lines, turn in your answers to Mrs. Nabholz (in room #13 by the office) by the end of lunch on October 31st. This contest is open to all students and staff. Ten winners will be selected from all entries to win some sweet *treats* as a prize!

Donatello from Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

I was Ariel and had cute little mermaid-y slippers – but then there was the great Halloween blizzard of 1992, and my parents made me wear boots. I was so angry!

My most memorable costume from childhood was being a tube of Aquafresh toothpaste.

My favorite costume of all time was Rainbow Bright. I had the most delightful, vibrant, puffed sleeves complete with a purple star painted on my cheek. It was a sad, sad day when I outgrew that thing. I still dream about it...

Fred Flintstone, and my best friend was Barney Rubble.

In 8th grade I sewed an awesome clown costume out of some old striped sheets. It was so cold out that I had to wear my snow pants and jacket underneath, so I looked like the Staypuff marshmallow man. My best friend was a Christmas present in a huge cardboard box. We both had a really hard time walking up and down the hills in our neighborhood.

Punky Brewster

A biker, with a motorcycle helmet and leather jacket. I thought I was so cool!

I remember having a Darth Vader costume one year. It was extremely cold and the costume was made of cheap plastic material from Kmart. It was extremely hard to breath out of the mask, but it probably added to the effectiveness of the costume because I sounded like Darth Vader. Because of the extreme cold, by the end of the night the costume was cracked and torn and I looked like Luke Skywalker just beat the living tar out of me.

Cabbage Patch doll

My Mom made a one-piece dog costume out of fluffy chocolate brown fabric complete with a tail. She found a Styrofoam dinosaur head which she converted into a dog head and we were able to look out through the T-Rex's mouth. It was a costume for all three kids in my family over a period of 12 years.

Cleopatra, with a cool gold mask and a gold and white dress.

I dressed up as Tweedle Dee when I was in 7th grade. My best friend was Tweedle Dum. It was difficult moving through the hallway because we had hula hoops as a part of the bottoms.

Raggedy Ann – mom always made our costumes and this was one she made for my Raggedy Ann doll. I was able to fit into it for years.

I wore a witch costume with a mask – not like the realistic-looking ones today, but more like this one:

I was shy, but wearing the mask made me feel scary and anonymous.



Anonymous Confessions

By Nicole Toepel

I know fourteen girls that like... to be continued.
– Fat Head

Fat Head, Tell me more!

I like... salt and vinegar chips. They are salty and vinegary I guess. – What's An Apple Made Of
What's An Apple Made Of,
I like deep fried dolphin. It's crunchy!

I like a kid named... well I don't know his name but he's super CUTE! – CrazyCrush
CrazyCrush, I like a kid named nobody!

I once ate someone.
– Mr. Cannibal Jr. the third and a half
Mr. Cannibal Jr. the third and a half,
Really? How did they taste?

I punched my brother in the mouth. – Cupcakes
Cupcakes,
I took my brother's Xbox away for a week.

I watched Dora until I was nine. – Mr. Muffin
Mr. Muffin,
I still watch SpongeBob and the Power Puff Girls.

Me and my sister got up in the middle of the night, got on top of the fridge and ate all the candy for Halloween. – Mr. Muffin
Mr. Muffin,
Halloween is coming up so I think I might do that.

When I believed in the tooth fairy, my mom would pretend she was on the phone with her. I would ask my mom how much money she was going to bring me.
Anonymous, When my teeth fell out my parents just handed me money.

I like rainbow levitating pigs with six legs.
Anonymous, I like artistic oatmeal hotdog elephants!

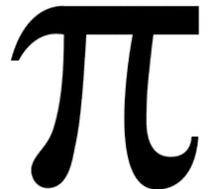
I eat all the broken animal crackers first, including all the broken off pieces. Only after that can I enjoy eating the whole ones. -the Limbless Elephant
The Limbless Elephant, I do that sometimes. Why do they have to be called "Animal Crackers?" I'd rather call them "Wheat Shapes."

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Overheard

By Brooklynn Reed

Person 1: "I understand!"
Person 2: "Well that's a first."
"You make a good drum stand!"
"I don't like yawning; it makes me look like a turtle or a fish!"
"Captain America should wear a tutu."
"Nooooo, that's my rice crispy!"
"My ears are watering."
"Ugh...stupid hallway traffic jams."
"Your hair is almost as long as my...oh...wait..."
"So he's sad because he's having a bad hair day?"
"I think it's because we're females and we actually think about what we're doing."
"And then it gets ruined by giant spiders..."
"It's a reading rainbow!"
"If you feel the roof of your mouth, it feels like turkey meat."
"I thought it was an elephant!"
Person 1: "What's a porcelain doll?"
Person 2: "Well, most toilets are made out of porcelain, so that pretty much makes them toilet dolls."
Person 1: "I'm doing the Salem Witch Trials for history!"
Person 2: "Lucky, I wish I could do the sandwich trials..."
"Bring a lighter to Jupiter."
"My wrists are always cold on Mondays."
"My breath smells like Goldfish."
"You're so quotatious!"
"Your eyebrows look like triangles right now."
"Hey, I made that baby!"
Person 1: "My GPA was pi."
Person 2: "Really?"
Person 1: "Yeah, 1.14."
Person 1: "Oh god, wait..."
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Check out the new KMS sign out by the highway!



A few more pictures from Intramural Basketball.



Some more talented musicians at the Fall Band Concert.



Choir performers and soloists at the Fall Choir Concert.



And a few more smiling faces enjoying the Hay Maze!

