

KMS PURPLE PAGES

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Whose Fault Was It Anyway?



Shaking Up the Routine

By Hope Broussard

During the traumatic 7.0 shake, I just happened to be in Mrs. Nabholz's classroom. We were all sitting there, minding our own business, watching a Reduced Shakespeare play, when all of a sudden, BOOM!!! Everything started shaking under our feet! I am usually not one to be afraid of earthquakes but this one "shook" me up pretty bad. We were all clinging to our desks in fear that the end of the world was upon us. (At least, that's what I was thinking.) After the ground was done having its tantrum, I stayed under my desk until we were released to go to second period. Later I started thinking, and I officially think the *only* reason there was an earthquake, was because we were watching *Shake-speare*...

The Fall of Felchle

By Charles Trickel

November 30th, 2018, a large quake shook Alaska, measuring at 7.0 on the Richter scale. In Mr. Felchle's first period history, a funny thing happened. The class was doing questions for the Geography Bee, and Lynnea Hack got the question, "Which state gets more earthquakes: Alaska or Iowa?" She said the correct answer, Alaska, and five minutes later, the earthquakes began. Felchle saw the roof shaking, and out of the building we went. Mr. Felchle informed us when we came back inside, "I've seen what's up in the roof, and those desks aren't going to stop any of it." Then we continued with the Geo Bee. Maybe Lynnea's question is the reason for the earthquake...

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When Time Flies

By Charles Trickel

Mrs. Tews' science class had been learning about earthquakes and were using an earthquake machine to measure P-waves and S-waves when it began. A desk fell and the EQ machine landed on a kid's leg, and the clock flew off the wall and broke. Mrs. Tews yelled, "Everyone cover your faces!" Afterward, the students in the room thought that maybe the EQ machine had been the cause...

Mrs. Rininger's Room

By Abigail Giles

In Mrs. Rininger's classroom, when the earthquake hit, many students texted their parents, some students freaked out, and one student was hyperventilating. This was Mrs. Rininger's first day back, and she was worried about her daughter, Sage. The building shook so much that it looked like it was snowing because the ceiling tiles were moving around a lot. I just stayed under my desk for the rest of the time we were in first hour, doing my history homework. Thankfully, nobody got hurt. Even though some things broke around the school, nothing broke in Mrs. Rininger's room and that was a good thing.

Ms. Stotz's Class in the Home Ec Room

By Jorie Witt

During this huge earthquake, Ms. Stotz was teaching a Home Ec class, and kids were sewing fleece hats. She says that the quake started off small and grew quickly. Someone asked if they were having an earthquake and then everyone dove under the tables, which weren't very sturdy. Ms. Stotz says she will never forget some of the kids' faces. Everyone was pretty scared but handled it well. When the earthquake was over Ryan Pierce said, "Ms. Stotz, look, I finished my button during the earthquake!" She thought that was hilarious.



Mr. Summer's Room

By Jorie Witt

On November 30th, 2018 at 8:29 a.m., a 7.0 earthquake hit Southcentral Alaska. I was in my 1st period History class, about to go to second period, when all of a sudden the quake hit. I was terrified. Mr. Summer has quite a bit of stuff on his classroom walls and the front desk. The closest thing to hitting me was a coin out of the black hat on his desk. Only five minutes later there was a huge aftershock, but it wasn't as big. I was under my desk most of the time, also in a lot of shock and startled.

Mrs. Miranda's Class in the Library

By Annemarie Pienta

During the huge earthquake that happened during first period, I was in the library. All of the books in the library were either falling down or were about to fall down. It was pretty loud while the earthquake happened, from all the books that fell, and everybody talking about it. Right when it happened everybody dove under the tables and started going on their phones. Ms. Gann told everybody to stay off the phone, but everybody suddenly started going on their phones. People started taking pictures of all the books that fell and started to text their parents or family members. A lot of people enjoyed it but some people even started crying. The table started moving and everything was just shaking. I was under the table alone since everybody had to go get a laptop. I hope everybody is okay from the earthquake and not too shaken up.

Mr. Verkuilen's Room

By Emma Bolling

During the earthquake, the fish tanks in Mr. Verkuilen's class were sloshing back and forth. A bunch of drawers opened and water poured inside of them, drenching what was inside. Wyatt Cole got fish poop water splashed all over him, and another kid's planner was wet. After he said it was okay to sit in our seats again, Mr. Verkuilen explained to us what is happening when the earth releases its pressure. "The North American plate was being pushed together with the Pacific plate, and when the Pacific plate slipped under the North American plate a lot of pressure was released when they slipped. The amount of energy that was released is equivalent to tons of dynamite exploding. The amount of damage that caused is not only on the Richter scale, but also the soil and the stuff that is on top of the soil. Luckily we will only have 10 earthquakes world wide that were as powerful as that one, but we also have over 800,000 littler earthquakes that we don't feel and that do very little damage."

Mr. Gustkey's Room

By Hally Hanson

When the earthquake hit, Mr. Gustkey's class was at their desks doing their DOL, then someone said, "Why are the ornaments on the ceiling shaking?" Then the earthquake got bigger and they all got under their desks fast. Some people started to get emotional so Mr. Gustkey calmed them down. When the earthquake stopped, he told them to stop working, so they would be more prepared the next time it happens. They all sat at their desks and Mr. Gustkey gave them candy and let them play on their phones. When the aftershock hit, they got under their desks once again and then they dismissed everyone to second period.

Mrs. Newton's Room

By Hally Hanson

When the earthquake started, we weren't sure if it was going to be a big one or just a normal one so we continued until it got a lot bigger. Mrs. Newton told us to go under our desks, so I jumped under my desk, and the first thing that I thought about was Mrs. Newton's baby, so I yelled, "Save the baby!" When the earthquake stopped, before the aftershock, I stood up because they told us it was okay, but then the aftershock hit, so I dived back under my desk and just sat under there for a while even after the aftershock was over. We sat under our desks and kind of just chilled out, then Mrs. Newton turned on the movie *Elf*, so my friend Charisma Fulk and I sat on the couch with two desks in front of it. Sadly, a little bit after Mrs. Newton started *Elf*, we were dismissed to 2nd hour and we were all bummed out.

Mrs. Updike's Room

By Jameson Harney

During the big earthquake, I was in Mrs. Updike's room. I was in the front room finishing a test and when I finished, I sat down to read when everything started shaking like crazy. There was only one table big enough to hold all of us. It was the triangle one. Even though we were under it, we were very scared. I thought the whole room was going to collapse. We were so afraid that everyone wanted to call their parents to see if they were okay, and it turns out that everyone's family was completely fine.

Mrs. Adair's Room

By Isabel McClure

Before the 7.0 earthquake, Mrs. Adair and her students were doing their homework and study hall. All of a sudden, there was a shaking, immediately everyone was under and holding onto their desk. Mrs. Adair, on the other hand, was under HER desk, hoping the quake would stop. After the earthquake, she noticed some sprinkler heads fell off the ceiling and took little chunks of the ceiling tile with it. Her Broncos gnome fell and broke along with a picture. Her immediate thought was to call her daughter's daycare and see if she was okay. Fortunately, she was fine. We are all glad everyone made it through the earthquake without being hurt or terribly injured.

Mrs. Vann's Room

By Jenessa Marsden

In Mrs. Vann's classroom, they were taking their L.A. test and they all quickly realized what was going on. When the earthquake started, she immediately told the students to get under the desks. She was looking around to see if anything was falling that could hurt the kids and talked them through it. Nothing really fell, just maybe two inches of water came out of the fish tanks. After the earthquake, they went and checked on other classes and students in the hall.

Mrs. Beck's Room

By Jenessa Marsden

In Mrs. Beck's class they were taking a test with some students out in the hall. Most of the students were calm, but the students in the hall were a little more startled. She said that during the earthquake she was mostly concerned about the students' safety, and the longer it went on the more nervous she became. Her students did a great job and she was very impressed!

Mrs. Rolph's Room

Mrs. Rolph's class was studying plate tectonics and plate boundaries, specifically how the Cascadian plate is submerging beneath the West Coast of North America. She felt the floor jolt really hard, and then everyone got beneath their desks, including her. She was worried about her son Owen, who was at home recovering from tonsil surgery. She couldn't get through to him because there wasn't any cell service, but she found out later that he hugged their dog and held on tight.

Mrs. Bressler's Room

By Hally Hanson

When the earthquake hit, Mrs. Bressler's class was working on their research projects. When they felt it they sprang into action and immediately got under their desks without Mrs. Bressler even telling them to. During the earthquake some kids got stressed out, so she tried to comfort them. After the earthquake, when the students still had to stay under their desks, they reached up and grabbed their Chromebooks off their desks, and looked up the magnitude. During the earthquake, only one Kleenex box fell off of the top cabinet in her classroom.

Girls' Locker Room

By Emily Huffer & Cadie Fabiano

On Friday, November 30, a 7.0 magnitude earthquake hit Alaska very hard. It took people by surprise. Both of us were in 1st period gym, in the locker room with many others. We were dressing out of our gym clothes when we all heard the lockers rattling and someone screamed, "Everybody shut up!" Everyone was silent for about three seconds, when Cadie yelled, "It's an earthquake!" and everyone ran to the benches and crawled under them. There were about six people under each one. Some people said that they knocked into the lockers and hit their heads on the ground. Kimberly Chanley stood up during the earthquake because she thought it was over. She said when it was over, pretty much everyone ran out of the locker room. Mr. Songer and two other girls were in the gym when it hit. He said that everything was swinging back and forth. When we were all out of the locker room, the first aftershock hit, with a 5.7 magnitude. After the aftershock, some people were crying and calling their families and making sure they were okay.

Nurse Dixie's Office

By Abigail Giles

When the earthquake hit, Nurse Dixie was in her office but went to the front office a little after it started. Nothing broke in her office, but a back board fell after all the doors closed on their own. The number is not exact, but there were about 30 students that went to the nurse after the earthquake. Nurse Dixie is all right and that is good.

Mrs. Vollom-Matturro's Experience

By Jorie Witt

During the gigantic quake Mrs. Matturro was not teaching a class, therefore she had no students. She was walking out back to her car to grab something. Her car is right by the back door, and when she started walking the earth started rolling. At the time she didn't know what was happening. Mrs. Matturro was standing in between two cars and they both started shaking. She got in her car as quickly as possible and held onto her steering wheel. She said, "It was like a roller coaster." The power line started swinging like a jump rope. She could hear the gas splashing in her gas tank, then when it was over she went inside to the office and everyone was under their desks, then she went and hung out with the girls in the locker room. It was very traumatic!

Principals' Experience

By Nolan McGraw

Mr. Dosko and Mr. Beck were in a conference during the duration of the earthquake, which was about a minute or so including the aftershock. After a while they started searching in and around the school for things like cracks, broken pipes, and even electrical problems. After they came to the conclusion that the school was safe, they gave the okay to continue with school. The next few days after that they had some engineers come to the school to go through a much more detailed check.

Secretaries' Experience

By Jorie Witt

During the huge quake, the ladies in the office, Ms. Smith and Ms. Christie, were working as usual. Ms. Smith and Ms. Christie were at their desks but Mr. Beck, Mr. Dosko, Ms. Hill, and Ms. Johnson were in the conference room. They all scurried under the table as quickly as possible, but Mr. Beck and Ms. Smith went to the doorway. Ms. Smith said she could see the water in Mr. Beck's fish tank splashing onto his chair in his office. All of their desk drawers opened and almost all the little things fell. This earthquake was huge! There were two kids in the office at the time so they had to make sure they were safe. The phone started ringing like crazy and many students went home early that day, after their parents checked them out of school.

Safe Shakes

By Jenessa Marsden

With our earthquake on November 30, the Purple Pages decided to interview a bunch of people about what happened in their classes. Mr. Tilly has some tips on what to do before, during, and after an earthquake.

Before- Make sure to have canned food, plus a couple gallons of water for at least 36 hours. Make sure to secure heavy bookshelves into the wall. Know where flashlights, candles, band-aids, tarps, and an alternate generator are located.

During- Get down, since it's better for you to go down instead of gravity using its forces. Duck and cover, and protect yourself from falling items. Don't go near windows. If no table is around go to a doorway or "The Triangle of Life," which is the bottom of a wall.

After- See if your family is hurt. Check your gas and water pipelines and building structure, and look for damage. Locate emergency items, and be prepared for aftershocks smaller than the earthquake.

The Roads in Nikiski

By Hope Broussard

As some of you may have heard, there were some cracks in the road in Nikiski due to the earthquake. The worst cracks were around South Miller Loop. I wasn't able to get pictures of the road there, but I did get pictures of some other damage further north. One of the cracks here was at least ten feet deep. Thankfully, people were still able to drive over it. The next day the crack was fixed until it can be repaved.

KSRM News

By Hally Hanson

I interviewed Nathan Johnson at KSRM and asked him what they do during earthquakes. KSRM radio group is a part of the emergency group. The emergency group is there to make sure that people stay safe during natural disasters.

When the earthquake hit, KSRM was live on air. They stopped and went straight to figuring out the magnitude and if there was any damage to roads or buildings. They find this out from the Emergency Department of the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

Then KSRM tries to make sure that everybody is safe and hears the news. In the KSRM studio, in case of emergencies, they have generators that kick in if the power goes out, so that they can keep reporting even when there is no power. After earthquakes they follow up on news reports so that they have the newest stories and emergencies.



Emotional Effects

By Mrs. Hill, Ed. S. NCSP
KMS School Psychologist

Large-scale disasters, such as major earthquakes, can have a strong emotional effect on children and adults. Common reactions include:

- sadness
- concern for loved ones
- fear
- anxiety
- a desire to help

The degree to which children are affected will vary depending on personal circumstances. Most vulnerable are children who:

- have had family members killed, injured, or missing in a disaster
- live in potentially vulnerable areas
- are survivors of other natural disasters
- have recently lost a loved one, particularly a parent
- suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, or other mental health disorder

Most individuals are able to come through an event like an earthquake and go on with their lives. However, some people may have a difficult time moving on. Please talk to an adult if you, or someone you know, are experiencing any of these symptoms:

- sleeping or eating disturbances
- agitation
- increase in conflicts
- physical complaints
- delinquent behavior
- poor concentration

Opinion-8-ed

By Annemarie Pienta

What will you remember the most from 2018? Why?

Jaden Garner- “The most memorable thing of 2018 is the basketball season for A-Team.”

Maxwell Martin- “The only thing I remember is my friend being mugged!”

Mary Nash- “The thing I will remember the most about 2018 is the 7.0 earthquake.”

Mrs. Diorec- “I will remember the passing of my father.”

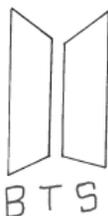
Esther Joseph- “I will remember the rice incident of 2018. I went to Girl Scout camp and all of us ate four plates of rice.”

Kenneth Coghill- “Falling on the ice with friends.”

Daniel Shelden- “I will remember hockey because I like to skate and hit people.”

Silas Thibodeau- “I will remember drumline. It was the best thing ever!”

Fiona Wolfe-Jones- “That BTS made history by being the first K-Pop group to be nominated for the Grammy awards.”



Chloe Goldsby- “I will remember my basketball season the most because it gave me the chance to become closer friends with the girls on my team.”



Aleea Faulkner- “I’ll remember four wheeling, riding in the trunk of a car, and going to Short Stop for ice cream. Also cleaning moldy food, hanging with Weslynn and Rebel, my niece and nephew.

Adopting a tortoise and a kitten, wearing oversized sweatshirts, thrift shopping, going back to school and hanging with friends!”

Genesis Trevino- “I will remember traveling to Seattle with Kimberly Chanley.”

Kimberly Noriega- “I’ll remember going to Arizona and Mexico with family. Also hanging out with friends at the beach.”

Andrew Gaethle- “Wrestling in January 2018.”

Ben Boersma- “Going to Denver to get away from my family!”

Brooklynn Reed- “The time Ella stole my rice krispies treat, so I tackled her to get it back. We were both okay though, don’t worry!”

Malena Grieme- “When me, Chloe, and Eva all went for a walk at three am and I punched Chloe because she stole my blanket.”

Eva Sorensen- “I will probably remember the soccer and basketball seasons the most because I became closer with a lot of my friends. Also I had fun traveling and playing in boroughs.”

Cody Good- “Mr. Summer’s jokes, because they aren’t as bad as when other people tell them.”

G.O.B.

Congratulations to these students who were grade-level finalists in the qualifying rounds of the Geo Bee. They will participate in the KMS Geography Bee coming up in January. The winner will represent KMS in Anchorage at the state meet later in the spring.

6th grade

Oliver Boersma
Ely Campbell
Ben Roberts
Silas Freeman – alternate



7th grade

Lianna Carranza
Greg Fallon
William Roberts
Robert Carson – alternate
Hannah Autry – alternate

8th grade

Rowyn Clucas
Gavin Langham
Lillian Miller
Buddy Ward
Silas Larsen – alternate

HAVE Alaska:

Helping American Veterans Experience Alaska

By Zachary Halstead



HAVE Alaska is a non profit corporation that brings American veterans to come experience Alaska in all its beauty. We make a fishing trip for 8-10 veterans every year and all of their costs are covered by HAVE Alaska. Together they can all tell about their military experiences, get to know each other, and learn about Alaska.

Every August we have a fundraiser that includes food and drink, silent and live auctions, gun raffles, and it's all for a reasonable price that is all tax deductible. If you want to come and support our country's veterans you are invited.

Last year one of the veterans was in a wheelchair, so he couldn't get up the stairs at Fish Magnet in Soldotna. In April we are replacing the stairs with a wheelchair ramp so that more people can get up to the cabin.

We cover all the prices for our veterans, including the flight, fishing license, transportation or gas, housing, meals, fish processing and packaging. Each veteran costs \$2,500 to bring up here. So the next time you see someone in the military or a veteran tell them thank you for their service.

For more information go to www.havealaska.org or call Joe Halstead (907-398-1255). Thank you for reading this article.

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November SOM's

By Hally Hanson

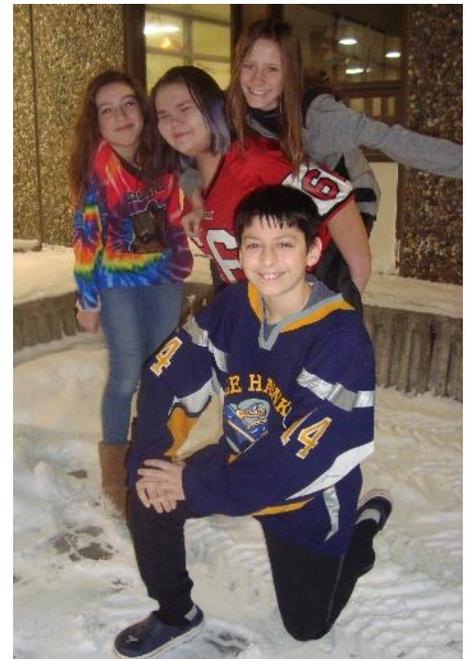
Congratulations to all of these students of the month – great job! You will receive a letter home from your teachers and a pizza for lunch!



6th grade- Jacob Katzenberger, Leif Wilshusen, and Moriah Cox



7th grade- Zane Pellegrum, Kylee Verkuilen, and Chloe Moffet

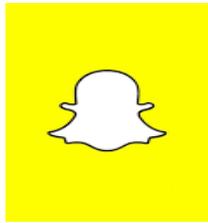


8th grade- Aleea Faulkner, Jenessa Marsden, Jayna Boonstra, and Daniel Shelden **7**

Social Media & Losing Touch

By Emma Bolling

According to the American Psychological Association, less than 20% of teens spend time reading a book, magazine, or newspaper for daily pleasure, while more than 80% of teens say they use social media every day. What are the students of Kenai Middle School doing on social media? Snap Chat and Instagram have become the favorite apps of the school.



Snap Chat is a photo sharing app, but now you can use it for a lot of different stuff, including sending short videos, live video chatting, messaging, creating Bitmoji characters, and sharing stories that are broadcast to all of your friends. One KMS Snap Chat user said, “I use Snap Chat to stay in touch with friends. I also use Snap Chat to watch people on snap maps... but I am not a creep.”

Instagram is for taking pictures, yes. But that's not the whole point. Instagram is a social networking app made for sharing photos and videos from a smartphone. Similar to Facebook or Twitter, everyone who creates an Instagram account has a profile and a news feed. When you post a photo or video on Instagram, it will be displayed on your profile. An Instagram user at KMS stated, “My average time that I spend on Instagram is 40 minutes. While I am on Instagram I like to stalk Tom Hall (Spiderman), and use the filter so that I look prettier in pictures.”



Fortnite has become really popular lately. Fortnite is a killing survival game where you are trying to be the last person or team to be alive.

On the side there is a chat bar so you can communicate with other players. This can be dangerous due to kids being targeted and exploited. Never give out personal information (name, phone number, street address, etc.) to anyone in chatrooms. Talk to your parents about this, because a lot depends on the parents and how much they allow their kids to be on social media.

YouTube is an app to upload videos, which can be fun! It can (and has) been used to cyber bully or harass others. Once you put something out there, it cannot be removed or undone, so think carefully before putting something on the internet.



Facebook is an app where you can post what you or a group are doing, but some people can get so involved with watching what other people are doing that they forget to live their lives. A positive is you can stay in touch with people who live around the world, or you can use it for school work. Keep in mind that people around the world, not necessarily just kids, are using social media, so don't give away personal information. Be careful to not lose yourself in social media. People show what they want, true to life or not. Remember to be the real you and protect yourself and your friends/family by using good judgment in your choices on what to post and what not to post.

I asked Ms. Johnson, the school counselor, for her professional opinion about social media. When she was a kid people just laughed and moved on. Now people don't get a break, and students use social media for everything. For example if you were to fall when carrying books in the hallway or something, people might tease you and make vines and text each other.

Ms. Johnson writes the Toilet Paper that you can find posted in the bathroom. In last month's Toilet Paper, there was some information about social media: “It's always a good idea to make sure that your privacy settings are set to include only your intended audience. Be aware though that sometimes things we post in private may not actually be. People can copy and share your images and updates without your permission or knowledge, growing your digital footprint in ways beyond your control. And remember, things are NEVER gone once they are on the internet, even Snapchats.”

KMS Has Class

Mrs. Rolph's math classes just finished a unit of study on decimals, and will finish the quarter learning about data analysis. Their final project will include finding range, median, mean, and mode of Skittles. Who doesn't love Skittles Math?



Mrs. Rolph's science classes just finished studying about plate tectonics and how the Pacific Plate is submerging under the North America Plate at a rate of 5-7 cm per year. During the earthquake a student asked, "Mrs. Rolph, is this our hands on experience?" Students are a little nervous about beginning their unit study on volcanoes because they believe Mrs. Rolph has special powers and can predict natural disasters based on what they are studying . . . students are waiting to see if Mount Redoubt starts to rumble!

Ms. Stotz's Home Ec students are making fleece hats and headbands, and also making bags out of T-shirts! The students have brought in their own things that needed mending as well, such as a hoodie with a torn pocket, and a pillowcase. Other students are making mini-hats for their toys and dolls.

Ms. Stotz's 8th grade science classes just completed a waves unit, learning about the whole electromagnetic radiation spectrum, including radio waves, microwaves, infrared waves, visible light, UV waves, gamma rays, and more! They ended the unit with a fun "telephone" lab in which students tested which type of string transmits sound waves the best. You may have seen the 8th graders creating their telephones and stretching all the way down the hall to test the different types. Next they moved on to physical and chemical changes in matter, and this week they are studying their own fingerprints.

Mr. Songer's algebra classes recently finished a unit on functions and then moved on to preparing for their semester final, which they took on the last day of the semester.

Mr. Songer and Mr. LeClair are finishing the semester in PE classes with a wrestling unit! Mr. LeClair is taking the classes down to the wrestling room, where boys and

girls will be practicing separately, while Mr. Songer will have games and workouts upstairs in the gym. Hopefully, a few more students will decide to give wrestling a try when the season starts in January!



Elves Play Themselves!



Mrs. Miranda's drama class performed a festive showing of "Randy the Red-Horned Rain Moose" in the KMS library on December 18th. Students portrayed the parts of Santa, Rudolph, elves, reindeer, and one very special moose. Mrs. Miranda stated that she is very proud of how well the actors did throughout the semester. The audience of students, teachers, and family members enjoyed their playful performance!

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Christmas Choir Concert

By Emily Huffer & Cadie Fabiano

On December 6, 2018, there was a choir concert with 7th and 8th graders combined. The songs the choir sang in order were:

- Thirty-Second Fa La La
- A Still, Silent Night
- It's The Most Wonderful Time of the Year
- Benedictus
- Hot Chocolate
- Light a Candle



In the song Light a Candle, the choir used battery operated candles. The soloists for the songs were Andrew Gaethle, Brooke Hall, Cadie Fabiano, William Wilson, and Kimberly Noriega. The choir classes watched the concert online the day after during class.

B-Ball Wrap-Up

By Jenessa Marsden

This year's basketball season was awesome and had amazing players and coaches. Everyone did a great job. Girls and boys B teams only lost a couple games in the season. The B teams celebrated at the end of the season with a pizza party.



Both girls and boys A teams played hard but lost against Skyview at boroughs, but overall they won 2nd place. Thanks to the coaches and team managers for all their support!



Get Set to Spike, Ski & Slam!



Be sure to stop by the office to pick up a sports packet so that you will be ready to sign up for these awesome winter sports activities starting in January:

- Volleyball, for girls in grades 7-8
- X-C Skiing, for boys and girls in grades 6-7-8
- Wrestling, for boys and girls in grades 6-7-8

HOOP SHOOT

Mr. LeClair and Mr. Songer recently held the school's free throw competition for the Hoop Shoot during PE classes. Here are the KMS winners who went on to compete at the Kenai Rec Center against other schools:

- McKenzie Koliba, girls ages 10-11
- Sierra Moffis, girls ages 12-13
- Jayden Rodgers-Whipple, boys ages 10-11
- Carnell Gump, boys ages 12-13

Carnell Gump went on to win first place at the Kenai Rec Center, earning himself a spot at the state competition. Carnell said that he has been playing basketball since he was four years old, and he practices free throws at every practice. He would love to win first place at the state event and earn a spot at the national competition because, "It would be awesome to go to Chicago!"

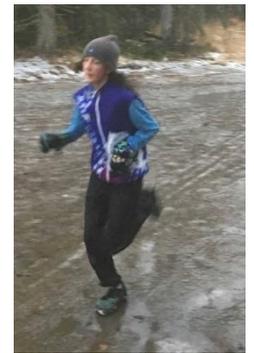


Froze Toes

With a time of 27:52, KMS 8th grader Jayna Boonstra won first place for the women's race in the second Freezer Food Series 5-K race held a few weeks ago at Tsalteshi Trails. The race series is held for fun and competition, but also to collect non-perishable food items for the Peninsula Food Bank, so the entry fee is canned food.

Jayna's dad told her about the race the night before, and at first she wasn't sure that she wanted to participate because the course was so icy. All of the racers had to wear cleats or spikes on their shoes for safety, and the race starter announced that the only goal was to not die out there! Fortunately, they all succeeded, and no one broke anything.

Jayna started the race with her dad but quickly fell behind, and he ended up winning the men's race. Jayna stated that the race was fun because the course went up and down and swerved a lot. She said, "The course was really hilly and had a lot of sharp turns so everyone was hopping back and forth from the sides of the trails."



Her mom and younger sister also ran the course with their dog but stayed way behind the other runners because their dog is too race-happy and protective to be around all the other runners. Overall, their family had a great time out on the trails for the race!

Cat Disease

Part 2

By SFW (Smiley Face Writer)

"My name is Pandora," the cat replied to Ella.

Emma swiftly wrote in a notebook, to record the important information on paper. So I continued to ask questions, "Do you have any information about the disease?" I paused then quietly added, "and maybe the cure?" But Pandora stared silently in a refusal to answer.

Emma wrote the response down, and stood up. "That's it for now, I need to finish some of my other projects."

She walked away to her computer and began to type. I stood up and made my way out the door, glancing back at Pandora again before shivering, their glowing eyes sending a chill up my spine. I hurried through the large doorway, rushed down the seemingly long halls, and up a set of creaky stairs to

my small room. In the room, there was a bed, a closet, a bookcase, and drawers. There wasn't much room for anything else, so I flopped down onto the bed and tried to sleep.

I tossed and turned, trying to find a spot on my bed that felt comfortable, but to no avail. So I just stubbornly lay there and stared at the ceiling. *Is this what every other kid does? Why am I so weird? Just fall asleep!!* Everything seemed to be so bland at this time, the walls pink and white stripes, the bookcase filled to the brim with scientific books, and the open drawers with clothes hanging off the sides as well as piled on top.

After a couple hours, there was a light meow coming from my doorway, but when I glanced over, it wasn't Pandora that was somehow there... it was some sort of shadow cat. It meowed once again and I stood up to follow them. They led me down the stairs, through the halls, and back to Emma's lab where I saw...

To Be Continued

Spiritual A-Week-ening

By Abigail Giles

Monday – Famous Person Day



Mr. Pepper dressed as Zach Galifianakis – or is he Ron Burgundy? Abigail Giles wore a homemade costume and dressed as Marvel character Loki. Hally Hanson kept it sweet and simple as Cookie Monster.

Another student who wore a homemade costume was Arianna Hensley, dressed as Aerith from Final Fantasy VII. Sawyer Vann was the performer Michael Jackson, and Sarah Jane Baisden was the actress Audrey Hepburn. Mrs. Notter was subbing for Mr. Felchle, and she came as Princess Leia.

Tuesday – Pajama Day



Every student loves pajama day because they can get up at the last minute and they don't need to get dressed in normal school clothes. Isabel McClure and Mrs. Vollum-Matturro show off their matching raccoon onesies and their ninja skills! A group of 6th graders pose in their PJ's after finishing their holiday door decorations.



Wednesday – Favorite Teacher Day



Abigail Giles, Cadie Fabiano, and Ms. Stotz are all dressed as Mr. Summer, while Isabel McClure is wearing mismatched socks just like Mr. Gustkey. Kyrie Watson is dressed as her favorite music teacher, Mrs. Vollom-Matturro.



Thursday – Sports Day

Most students love celebrating their favorite sports and wearing their favorite sports jerseys, especially for hockey and football. Hally Hanson is wearing her rodeo outfit, and you can always count on Mr. V to be wearing a Green Bay Packers shirt.



Friday – School Colors



Band students show off their school spirit by wearing school colors. Mrs. Navarre and Mrs. Adair found old KMS sports uniforms to wear.



Sweet Memories

By Abigail Giles

At the activity night and dance on December 14th, pretty much everyone had fun and ate a lot of sugar! There was a person running around (me) dressed as Loki from Avengers. One student named Kyler had a bunch of Twizzlers stuffed in his mouth and then later was offering them to people. Talk about gross! There were a lot of activities as well, such as the rock climbing wall, rollerblading, cake walk, war ball, basketball, balance beam fight, face paint, and the dance for 7th and 8th grade students. I doubt anyone got in trouble, but one thing for sure is that most of the students attending were happy!



January B-days

By Emily Huffer



Lochlyn Roney- 1st
 Vanessa Curry- 2nd
 Anastasha Wilde- 5th
 Grace Kahn- 7th
 Ty Morris- 8th
 Peyton Cowie- 8th
 Benjamin Tupper- 9th
 Daniel Burtram- 9th
 Ky Calvert- 10th

Patrick Kramer- 10th
 Jacobee Chapman- 13th
 Jacob Katzenberger- 16th
 Samuel Brighton- 16th
 Lillian Miller- 17th
 Louis Forstner- 18th
 Gavin Langham- 18th
 Cadance Bitterich- 19th
 Eli Morris- 21st

Brooklyn Larsen- 24th
 Wyatt Cole- 25th
 Landon Turner- 26th
 Alexander Collet- 26th
 Jacob Bayhi- 27th
 Nekoda Cooper- 27th
 Greg Fallon- 31st
 Jaycie Castillo- 31st

How the Grinch Stole the Contest



Congratulations to Mrs. Bressler's 6th grade advisory class for winning first place in the second annual KMS holiday door decorating competition! The mayor of Kenai, Brian Gabriel, and his wife Lisa, loved the creativity and details of their Grinch theme and selected their door as the winner. They will enjoy a popcorn party on the last day before vacation. The advisory class whose door wins the Facebook voting will win candy canes for the whole class.

Trees to Please

For the Christmas tree coloring contest sponsored by the Purple Pages, the first place winner is Aleea Faulkner, who painted her abstract tree in swirling colors and added a visiting rainbow alien spaceship. Second place goes to Michael Dominic, who used gel pens to color his tree and added details like a snow globe and candy canes. Thanks to the students and staff who helped with the judging. You can check out all the entries displayed by the front office.



The Twelve Days of Nurse-Mas

Here's the final verse of Nurse Dixie's new favorite Christmas song!

On the twelfth day of Christmas
Nurse Dixie helped me with
Twelve headaches pounding
Eleven burns from welding
Ten noses bleeding
Nine Band-Aids patching
Eight muscles bruising
Seven students sleeping
Six children crying
Five stomachaches
Four leaky ice packs
Three stubbed toes
Two broken Branches
And a hug to share with everybody!



Nurse Dixie hanging out with Jonah, Branch, Tommy, Gwen, and Abigail, who helped to create her door decorations.

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The spirit of Christmas is in every shared joy
and in every act of kindness
during this wondrous time of year.

Mystery Men

By FBA Field Agent Alpha
& FBA Field Agent Bravo



Dear Mystery Men,
What is $(\pi^2 + 5^{31}) + (12^0 \times 587.3)$? -Urfler

Dear Urfler,
Calculations say the answer is 4,656,612,873,077,392,578,722.1596, but I honestly think it's 21. -FBA Field Agent Bravo

Dear Mystery Men,
What should I do if I am possessed? -Urfler

Dear Urfler,
Go to a church and burn the demons out by going inside. -FBA Field Agent Bravo

Dear Mystery Men,
Why is everyone possessed? -Everyone

Dear Everyone,
I think that everyone is possessed by their own demons that are by their side but nobody can see them. You'll understand what I mean if you watch the movie "Golden Compass."
-FBA Field Agent Alpha

Dear Mystery Men,
LOVE ME!
-I Know It's You Charles

Dear I Know It's You Charles,
You caught him, but which one of us is he?
-FBA Field Agent Bravo

Dear Mystery Men,
Ducks or geese, you must choose. -Goose Man

Dear Goose Man,
Ducks, for I say quack when I eat peanuts.
-FBA Field Agent Bravo

Dear Mystery Men,
This is not fair! Okay, I'll tell you my name... with others.

- 1) Owen Whicker
- 2) A. Wyatt Cole
- 3) Camilla Gonzales
- 4) Isher
- 5) Robert Carson Jr.
- 6) William Roberts
- 7) Mrs. Nabholz
- 8) Owen Smith

-Sincerely, Mystery Girl

Dear Mystery Girl,
We have eliminated these people: Wyatt Cole, Mrs. Nabholz, Owen Smith, and Isher.
-FBA Field Agent Bravo

Anonymous Confessions

By Mr. Muffin

"Hello Mr. Muffin."
-Anonymous
Hello, person who was in my language arts class.
- **Mr. Muffin**



"We don't exist."
-Mad Friend
Scientifically, yes we do.
- **Mr. Muffin**

"I'm single." -Single Pringle
Just be yourself, and you will eventually get a boyfriend or girlfriend.
- **Mr. Muffin**

"If you yeet what has been yeeted, the Yeet Gods will help you." -The Yeet Gods
Well, I yeet the Yeet Gods.
- **Mr. Muffin**

"My friend once wore my other friend's sister's pants." -Urfler
I once wore my friend's sister's friend's pants.
- **Mr. Muffin**

Overheard

By Jenessa Marsden



"I'm helping him summon a unicorn."

"Why do you think I wear a headband every day? I'm under cover."

"One time I got a detention for having a seizure."

"I'm pretty sure I just saw the same person at the same exact time."

"I'm a burrito, not a French Fry."

"I was eating my pancake at the hotel and I bit my finger."

"I'm a very athletic person. I play football... on X-Box."

"I kind of want to fall in a trash can too now."

"Which beach looks more beachy?"

"You're surrendering your scissor privileges."

"Jot is a funny word."

"That is why you don't hit me in the face with a basketball."

"They were doing something with something."

Teacher: "No, that's my cursor."

Student: "So it curses for you?"



Person 1: "What era are you from?"

Person 2: "Asia."

Person 1: "What's an era... oh, like princesses."

"I ordered a pregnant belly and it was supposed to come in yesterday."

"Please don't put me in a head lock."

"Stop texting your chapstick."

"Did you just say whale fur?"

"You're saying you're young..."

but you're pretty young...for your age."

"I'm like, chillin' with the sharpener."

"You said it with an accent so it's more confusing."

"Maybe he had brain damage or something."

Person 1: "What do you think of when I say Netherlands?"

Person 2: "Um... Netherlands."

"Flat screen tree."

"I have crunchy poop all the time."

"It's that kind of cough where when you cough you sound like an old dude who has been smoking for 70 years."

"I'll be quick, just stay here. Muffin will guard you."

"He looks like he grooms himself."

"My blanket probably smells like sweat and salsa."

"How about smell injuries?"

"Hand sanitizer tastes good."

Teacher: "Is it a violence game?"

Student: "No, it's just like Call of Duty."

"It's like milking an orange."

"You really have to watch the clicks you make in class."

"When life gives you lemons, squeeze it in your eyes."

"Every history teacher is assigned an Olaf."

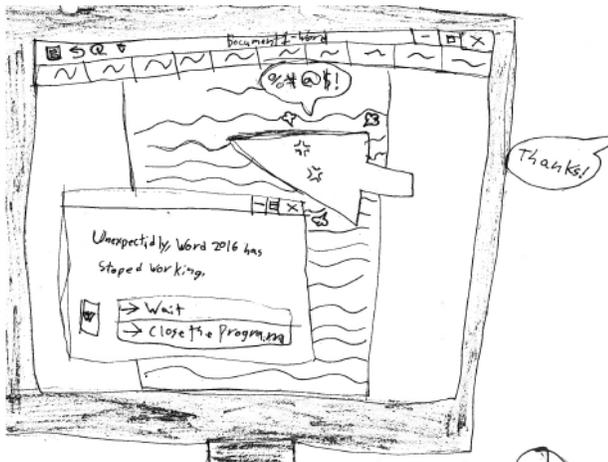
"You tried to kill me with a banana."

"Hmmm. This paper smells different."

"My phone shocks me whenever I plug it in."

"You wanted to chase that dot, didn't you? I would run you into a wall."

"Tomorrow I will avenge my crystal man."



#KMShashtags

By Hope Broussard

#spiritweek
#favoriteteachers
#yeet
#candycanes
#ChristmasMusicMakesMyEarsBleed
#BahHumbug
#UglyChristmasSweaters
#2019
#goals

#ChristmasIsHere
#HappyNewYears
#Reindeer
#IceSkating
#SnowFinally
#TapiocaPudding
#MakingCookies
#ApplePie
#Stockings

Winter Wit

By Jorie Witt

Q: What kind of music do elves listen to?

A: Wrap!

Q: What says “Oh, Oh, Oh?”

A: Santa Claus walking backwards.

Q: What do you call a greedy elf?

A: Elfish.

Q: What do you call an old snowman?

A: Water.

Q: Who delivers presents to baby sharks on Christmas?

A: Santa Jaws.

Q: What do Santa’s little helpers learn at school?

A: The elf-abet.

Q: What type of cars do elves drive?

A: A Toy-ota.



Q: What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in the chimney?

A: Claustrophobia.

Q: Why does Santa have three gardens?

A: So he can ho, ho, ho!

Q: What is a skunk’s favorite Christmas song?

A: Jingle Smells.

Q: What is Santa’s dogs’ name?

A: Santa Paws.

Q: What kind of motorcycle does Santa ride?

A: Holly Davidson.



Q: How do you know Santa is good at karate?

A: He has a black belt!

Q: Which of Santa’s reindeers has bad manners?

A: Rude-olph!



Can Food Drive?

KMS students rocked the final day of the annual canned food drive to bring in a total of 1,674 cans to donate to local families. The 6th graders earned first place with 790 cans, the 8th graders had 482 cans, and the 7th graders had 405 cans. Overall, the top individual can collectors were both 8th graders, Alea Faulkner with 179 cans and Bridger Beck with 170 cans. For all their efforts, students earned rewards like hot cocoa, candy canes, hat days, electronics use at lunch, a homework pass, and a ride to Arby’s on a fire truck!



“People say nothing is impossible, but I do nothing every day.”

“Never put off until tomorrow what you can do the day after tomorrow.”

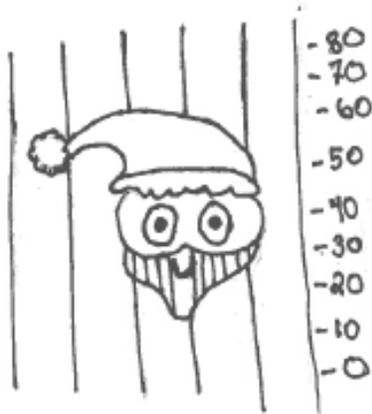
Children – Beware!!!

Public Safety Warning by Emma Bolling

I see you when you're sleeping,
I know when you're awake!



If you see Santa watching you,
Call right away, it's not OK!



1-800-I've-Seen-Santa!



Ambitious Wishes

By Annemarie Pienta

Here's what some KMS students are hoping to get from Santa this year!

- Hydro Flask
- Phone case
- Long board
- Truly wireless earbuds
- Vans
- Xbox
- iPhone
- Sweatpants
- AirPods headphones
- My two front teeth



- Beats headphones
- Lululemon leggings
- Scrunchies
- Nike duffel bag
- Video games
- Instax Mini Polaroid camera
- James Charles makeup palette
- Hover board
- Headbands



- Nintendo Switch
- PS4 console
- Bearpaw boots
- Xbox controller
- Computer



