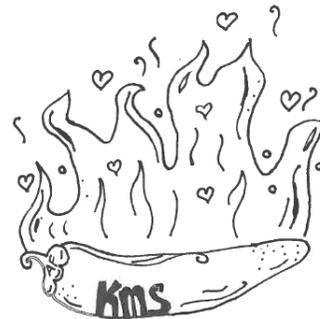


# KMS PURPLE PAGES

*Kenai Middle School  
Kenai, Alaska  
February 2019*



## Vigorous Volleyballers



### Volleyball Intramurals

By Camilla Gonzalez

Volleyball intramurals went great this year! It was great to see everyone get together and work as a team. Our coaches this year were Mrs. Beck, Ms. Stotz, and Mrs. Vann.

Emmalee Roney said that she was very determined and that she had a lot of fun learning more about volleyball, and that it isn't about the game, it is about working as a team. She says she loves how everyone is so supportive and helps everyone with their problems.

Jay-Money (Jaycie Castillo) said that she loves playing the games, and she likes the chance to learn more about volleyball. Being with friends makes it better, plus she loves all the coaches!

Hannah Autry stated that volleyball intramurals went great! She really enjoys bumping and setting, and  
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### Theory Behind the Madness

By Makena Arbizo

Have you ever wanted to play volleyball? If so, here are some great tips from the KMS coaches. What they look for in volleyball players is a good attitude, great work ethic, coachability, and mental toughness.

Wanna know some key points to volleyball? Well, here you go. You should be sure to keep your knees bent and keep your eye on the ball, as well as talking to your teammates. Talking is key! All coaches for volleyball can agree that communication is very important. Being able to talk to your teammates is a big deal, especially on the court.

Ms. Stotz, Mrs. Vann and Mrs. Beck all agree that having a good attitude is very important. "Attitude is contagious. If you have a bad one it'll spread like the flu," stated Mrs. Beck. Mrs. Vann also mentioned that being encouraging to your team is important as well.  
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# Volleyball Intramurals

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she loves volleyball. She is also very competitive, plus she likes to interact with everyone.

Altogether volleyball intramurals went great! We were all excited to learn about being on A, B, and C teams and have fun with our games. Plus we get to learn how to work as a team!



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## Theory Behind the Madness

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In volleyball you learn a lot of great skills. Some of those can be applied to the rest of your life. For example, being coachable is huge in the working world because you have to be willing to change and work to improve. Another thing that ties into this is being trustworthy and trusting others. You have to be able to trust your coach and vice versa.

Overall, volleyball is an amazing sport to learn from, especially if you have phenomenal coaches like Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Vann and Ms. Stotz.

# Opinion-8-ed

By Izaiah Templeton



What are your feelings about Valentine's Day and why?

Rowyn Clucas- "It's a day to remind you how lonely you are."

Carnell Gump- "I think it's awesome because I like holidays."

Max Martin- "I think Valentine's Day is fun because you get to make new friends."

Jake Phillips- "I think this holiday is worthless because it's my opinion."

Owen Whicker- "Don't care about it because it's not very important but I can steal candy from my siblings."

Jorie Witt- "I like Valentine's Day because I get chocolate."

Genesis Trevino- "For my opinion I think the holiday is pointless, all you do is buy stuff and there is no story behind it."

Lily Miller- "I think the holiday is unneeded, you give the person something then you normally don't talk to them for the rest of the day."

Cadie Fabiano- "I think Valentine's Day is great, I love chocolate."

Jameson Harney- "I think the holiday is very annoying, it makes some people feel bad about themselves so I can care less."

## #KMS Hashtags

By Gwendylan N. Case



- #brokenBranchagain
- #Vdayholiday
- #relationships
- #7thgradefishers
- #KCHScoursesignup
- #XCskiboroughs
- #mathsongparody
- #MrSummerbowlswithacannonball
- #wrestlingontheroad
- #staterwrestling
- #springbreaksummer
- #trackstartsupsoon

# KMS

## Couples

By Izaiah Templeton

### 7<sup>th</sup> Graders



Pani Juliussen and Chloe Moffett started dating October 18<sup>th</sup> 2018, they like to only hang out at lunch and Pani had to say this about Chloe Moffett, “She is pretty amazing,” and Chloe said, “He is caring.”



Ryan Seal and Vanessa Curry have been dating since December 7<sup>th</sup> 2018. They like to hang out every class period and she had this to say about him, “He’s interesting, funny and weird” and Ryan said this, “She is caring and she always brings me up when I’m sad.”

*Look for something positive in each day even if sometimes you have to look a little harder.*

### 8<sup>th</sup> Graders



Jaden Garner and Mac Coray started dating around December 2018. They like to hang out with each other every class period. Jaden said this about Mac, “She is amazing, funny, pretty and interesting.”



Jaylynn Witt and Keagan Medina have been dating since January 24<sup>th</sup> 2019. They both love to hang out every single passing time. Keagan said, “She is a fun person to be with,” and Jaylynn said this, “He is tall, funny and cute.”



Ryan Peirce and Brooklynn Reed started dating January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019. They see each other every other passing time and lunch. He said this, “She is amazing,” and Brooklynn said this, “Ryan believes in me.”



Jackson Purcell and Jorie Witt have been dating since February 15<sup>th</sup> 2018. They see each other every single class. Jorie said, “He is pretty great, chill and very caring,” and Jackson said this, “She is very funny and awesome.”



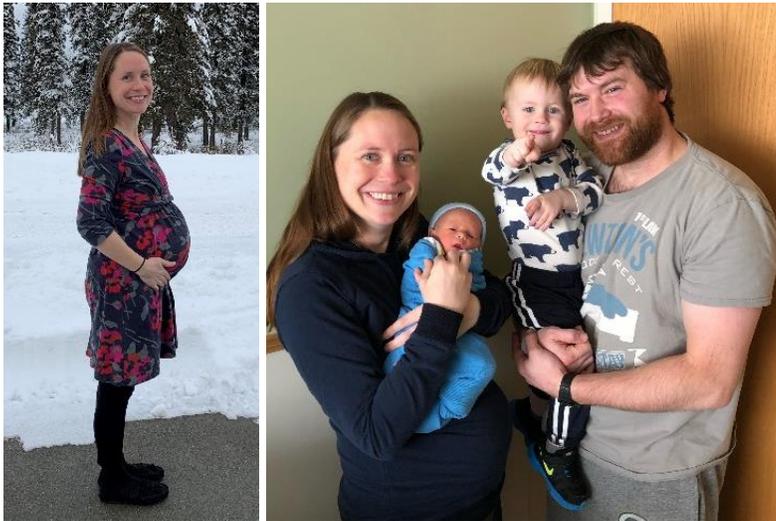
Ransom Hayes and Annemarie Pienta started dating on January 28<sup>th</sup> 2019. This is what Ransom had to say about her “Annemarie is the funniest, most intelligent and fascinating girl I know,” and this is what Annemarie had to say about him, “He’s funny and cute and really weird.”



KMS Vice Principal Mr. Beck and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Mrs. Beck started dating in college in August, 1994. They met in the same college and have been together ever since. Mr. Beck said about Mrs. Beck, “She is a very special person and a great teacher and she loves kids.” Mrs. Beck said, “Mr. Beck was like no one I had met before. He was not influenced by anyone. He knew his own mind and was a hard worker. I knew that there was no boundaries on his love. He would do anything for his family.”

# #NewtonsNewBabyBoy

By Mrs. Nabholz



Mrs. Newton and her husband welcomed a healthy baby boy into this world on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Levi Michael Newton was born at 2:30 a.m. weighing 6 lb. 4 oz. and measuring 20 inches. Levi is now home with his parents and older brother Samuel, who just turned two, and the entire family is doing well. Mrs. Newton really is a total math nerd and a perfect *square*, with four people in her family, and the newest member weighing exactly 100 ounces!

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## Random Stuff

By Lexa Adami

An illusion is distorted senses, but it can reveal how the brain organizes and interprets sensory stimulation. Though illusions distort our perception of reality, they are shared by most people.

These animals are hybrids, Arnold on the left and Henry on the right. Arnold is a Toucan and an Iguana. Henry is a goat, bird, and llama. Hybrids come from multiple different animals bred together and are usually born sterile; they can't produce offspring.

The potato is a starchy, tuberous crop from the perennial nightshade *solanum tuberosum*. Potato refers to the edible tuber or to the plant itself. Some slang terms for potato are, tater, tattier, and spud. Potato comes from the Spanish word *patata*. The heaviest potato was 8 pounds 4 ounces; it was grown in Nottinghamshire, United Kingdom in 2010.

Okay, look about eight inches to your right (well, at least in the print version) to check out the illusion and potatoes, plus Arnold and Henry!

## Sweet Stuff

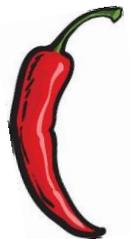
When your sweet tooth kicks in, what do you crave? Would you like to dive into one of these delicious desserts? Here's a sampling of some KMS students' favorite desserts!

- Pistachio Pudding Pie
- Pumpkin Cheesecake
- Pecan Pie
- Peach Cobbler
- Akutaq
- Tiramisu
- Apple Pie
- Spaghet (you better ask Sean)
- Strawberry Cheesecake with Caramel
- Warm Brownies with Whipped Cream and Ice Cream
- Dark Chocolate Blueberries
- Maple Bar Donut (only from The Moose Is Loose)
- Ben & Jerry's Phish Food Ice Cream
- Dried Cherries and Dark Chocolate
- Birthday Cake Ice Cream
- Häagen-Dazs Triple Chocolate Swirl



## Spicy Stuff

By Jody McKinney



Hot sauce is about as old as we can find traces of civilization. There's been clues of hot sauce containers and the use of it dug up in archeological digs, and in sunken ships. The Aztecs lived where Southern Mexico is now, as far back as 7000 BC. They most likely cultivated peppers before 3500 BC.

One of the oldest hot sauces in this country is Tabasco. Most people have heard of these hot sauce brands: Tapatio, Cholupa Hot Sauce, Frank's Red Hot, and Sriracha sauce. Dave's Ghost Pepper Naga Jolokia Hot Sauce is made from the Jolokia pepper, which is also called the ghost pepper. It is the hottest pepper in the world, so Dave's Ghost Pepper Naga Jolokia Hot Sauce is known as the hottest hot sauce in the world. Da Bomb is known as one of the worst tasting hot sauces because it's known to taste like metal.

# V-Day Love Songs

By Makena Arbizio

Here are some cute songs for Valentines lovers who speak all sorts of languages!

1. Shallow- Lady Gaga
2. All of Me- John Legend
3. Thinking Out Loud- Ed Sheeran
4. Dreaming of You- Selena Quintanilla
5. Como la Flor- Selena Quintanilla
6. Even if I Die It's You- Kim Taehyung and Kim Seokjin
7. Eastside- Khalid and Benny Blanco and Halsey
8. Youngblood- Five Seconds of Summer and The Chain Smokers
9. Let Me Love You- Mario
10. Love Don't Change- Jeremih



John Legend



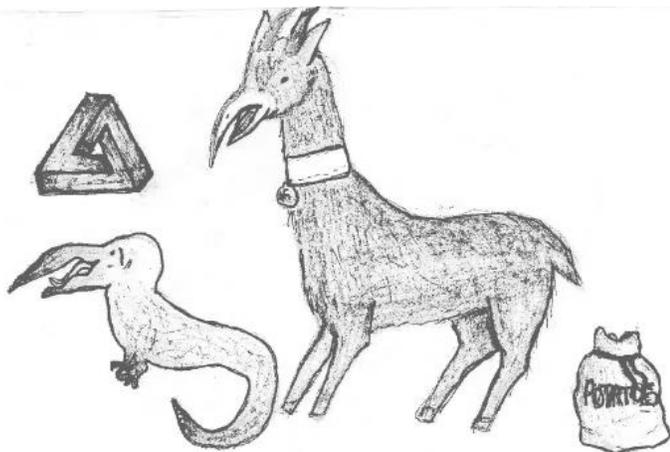
Lady Gaga



Selena Quintanilla



Jeremih



# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Futures

By Gwendylan N. Case

On January 23, 2019, KMS 8th graders toured KCHS looking at some of the elective classes offered at the high school. When the 8th graders arrived at KCHS they were split into five groups, each with one teacher chaperone. Each group would learn about one elective for 20 minutes then move to the next area.

The electives the 8<sup>th</sup> graders saw were Culinary Arts, Automotives, Construction, Welding, and Drafting (or CAD/CAM, which means Computer-Aided Design & Computer-Aided Manufacturing). Abigail Giles and Jayna Boonstra's favorite was Culinary Arts. Abigail said it was her favorite because she likes food. Jayna said Culinary Arts was her favorite because she always liked cooking when she was little. Jameson Harney liked the electives CAD/CAM and Automotives the best because he would like to learn how to fix cars and build and design things on the computer.

As we all know, the 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be trying to survive their first year of high school next year, and Jayna said she is looking forward to having a new routine and attending a bigger school. Jayna also mentioned that she would like to take a course on animal science when I asked if there was something she wanted to learn that wasn't taught at the school. Abigail answered that she would like to take a class on gaming. It looks like the 8th graders learned a lot and have plenty to look forward to in the future!



# KMS Has Class



## Ms. Stotz

In 8<sup>th</sup> grade science, Ms. Stotz's students had "Genius Hour" for the first four weeks of the quarter. Each Friday, students worked on research about their chosen scientist. In each class, no two students could choose the same scientist. Ms. Stotz was impressed that there weren't very many students who doubled up across the entire 8<sup>th</sup> grade. In addition to well-known scientists like DaVinci and Einstein, students learned about Brahmagupta (an Indian mathematician and astronomer), Anaximander (a Greek philosopher and astronomer), Fibonacci (an Italian mathematician), and even Bill Nye the Science Guy!

Ms. Gann helped students use APA formatting in their research papers. The next round of Genius Hour will be much more flexible, and may include an experiment, song, digital presentation, or class demonstration on their topics.

Their next topic is the atom, and soon they will be studying chemistry! Also, Engineer Week was last week; local engineers visited all 8<sup>th</sup> grade science classes on February 22<sup>nd</sup> to talk about how they use science in their jobs. See some of the engineers in action above!

## Mrs. Miranda

Mrs. Miranda's LA 8 students have been studying the art of persuasion, and now they are navigating through learning how to write an Argumentative Essay. Once a week, they research a topic they are passionate about, called their Passion Project. They will be preparing a writing assignment for this, but also producing a project of their choice before spring break. Some examples include poetry, paintings, essays, posters, speeches, pamphlets, and videos. Some topics include dinosaurs, endangered species, ocean pollution, kindness, volleyball, cancer, illegal fishing, and video games. This is one of Mrs. Miranda's favorite quarters because she loves writing so much!

## Mrs. Rolph

Mrs. Rolph's geography class is working through a playlist of activities to learn more about the continent of Africa. The project at the end of the unit will be a readers theater performance.

Mrs. Rolph's math classes are deep into their study of fractions. They are adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing fractions and mixed numbers. Students will also learn how to solve algebraic equations with fractions. They are well on their way to becoming fraction experts!

Mrs. Rolph's science classes have been studying Mars in preparation for a Challenger Center mission. They are learning about the differences between Earth and Mars, landforms on both planets, extremophiles, rover landing strategies, and applying for a job. Period 1 will attend a mission on February 28, and Period 3 will attend a mission on March 4.

## Mr. Gustkey

Mr. Gustkey's LA 7 classes completed their poetry slam unit. During the unit students watched slam poets and found a video to share using Google Classroom. They also participated in an ongoing dialogue about slam, sharing thoughts and responding to others. There was a pre-survey and exit ticket using Google Classroom and Forms. Lastly, students performed their original poems in front of the class with lights and a microphone.

During performances, students used score cards to rate their peers from 1-10. Here are the top ten from all of the classes:

1. Cadance Fischer 9.9
2. Samantha Avery 9.7
3. Nathan Teates 9.538
4. Kylee Verkuilen 9.533
5. Chloe Moffett, Lynndi Pratt, Jacob Wait 9.5
8. Camilla Gonzalez 9.428
9. Nova Ziegler 9.384
10. Elizabeth Farrington 9.363

Mr. Gustkey enjoyed the project immensely and is extremely proud of all the students, especially those who gave their all and performed even when it was something they didn't think they could do.

# KMS Clubs

By Alexis Marquis



There are over 20 clubs at KMS this year!!! There are many different categories that the clubs are in. One of the categories is Athletic Clubs, which include Shiny, War Ball, Native Youth Olympics, Rock Climbing, Spike Ball, and Rollerblading.

- In Shiny they go to the ice rink and play hockey. You have to have all your own gear and stick.
- In War Ball they meet in Mr. Felchle's room, go down stairs, and play war ball. War ball is fun because you get to destroy your friends and not get in trouble.
- In Rock Climbing they climb up to the green bell and try to ring it. You need a permission slip and you have to wear a harness.
- In Rollerblading they get their gear, the teachers helped make sure they got all their right sizes, then they just rollerblade around the school.



Another category is Calm Clubs. If you just want to relax and hang out maybe you would enjoy these clubs, which include Afternoon Tea and Books, "Bored" Games, Chess, Watercolor, Crochet, Movies (from back in the day), Computer Club, and Pottery.

- In "Bored" Games, they sit down and grab a board game and just play with friends.
- In Watercolor it's mellow, they made many things this year, including postcard painting, mountains, abstract whales, and valentine cards. They were also working on different techniques for painting.
- In Movies from back in the day they watched the old Jumanji and The Secret Garden in the library. Each student got a bag of popcorn.
- In Computer Club they are just listening to music, it's pretty calm and quiet.
- In Pottery we are building cups and bowls. We worked on making them for two weeks then we painted it and put it in the kiln.

## The *KMS Purple Pages* . . .

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Don't worry about failurzs; worry about the chanczs you'll miss if you don't evzn try. -Jack Canfield

**DON'T CRY BECAUSE IT'S OVER, SMILE BECAUSE IT HAPPENED.**

## Ransom Hayes

By Dylan Landry



Ransom Hayes is an 8th grader here at KMS who loves to do outdoor activities and is an outgoing student.

Snowboarding is something that Ransom loves doing and his favorite kind of snowboarding is powder riding. He loves to do tricks but Ransom's favorite trick is a method. He also likes to do 180 on and 720 off, and he uses a Ride Berzerker 2019. He snowboards in competitions including state competitions but Ransom unfortunately hasn't won yet. He is excited to be going to some more places for snowboarding such as Jackson Hole, Wyoming and Park City, Utah with his step-father Wayne Wilson.

Ransom also loves hunting and fishing for all kinds of things such as moose, bear, sheep, plus all kinds of salmon and halibut. Ransom said, "Silvers are my favorite." He loves to hunt and his most prized trophy is a 72" Bull Moose.

Ransom is a talented athlete who has made A team on soccer and basketball this year. He is going to try out for football next year in high school and he wants to be a wide receiver. He believes that he is capable of reaching this goal because he's been playing football for eight years.

Ransom is also going to try out for basketball and he wants to be a shooting guard. He made A team for basketball this year, so he believes that he can do well at KCHS because he has been playing for nine years.

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## Tristen Reese

By Jacob Blum



Tristen Reese is a 7th grader at KMS. He's 12 years old, his favorite color is green, and his favorite food is hamburgers.

Tristen has one older brother Hunter and one older sister Riley. He has five pets: two German Shepherds, Cooper and Dutch, a Spaniel named Gracie, and a Pit Bull named Juno. He also has a Guinea Pig named Gwen.

When I asked how he liked seventh grade, he replied "It's lit," When I asked him why, he replied, "Because it was lit." William Wilson is Tristen's favorite friend. Tristen takes Hunters Ed and Band, where he plays the trumpet. Tristen's favorite teacher is Mr. Felchle, partly because of his love of SpongeBob.

Tristen does swimming with the Peninsula Piranhas. "I'm the fastest kid in my age group," said Tristen. His other favorite hobbies include basketball, watching TV, fishing, and hunting. Tristen hunts with his dad and he's excited to get his hunter's license. I asked Tristen what he is looking forward to in eighth grade, and he replied, "Home school."

Well, there you have it, if you don't already know Tristen you should really meet him. He's pretty neat!

## Makai Johansen

By Camilla Gonzalez



Makai Johansen is a 6th grader and is a very cool and interesting person! He loves sports and has friends and family to support him.

His favorite sport is basketball and in his free time he enjoys going to the Rec Center and playing. He was on a team for Boys and Girls Club. He wishes to continue playing, and have fun with it.

He has two siblings, Aleutian and Leini. His two best friends are Silas Freeman and Robert Hayes. He likes hanging out with them and having a good time. He loves messing around with them and talking.

This year his favorite teacher is Mrs. Bressler. His favorite subject is math because he is good at it, and his least favorite subject is reading because he says he isn't very good at it and it makes him bored easily.

Right now Makai's favorite animal is a wolf because his dad owned a wolf when he was eight! His favorite color is also red.

Altogether Makai is a great person and if you aren't friends with him you should be!

# Teacher Feature

By Izzie Katzenberger

Mr. Songer is one of the three new teachers at KMS his year. He works as an algebra teacher and the girls' 8<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade gym teacher. Before this year he worked across the football field at KCHS as an algebra teacher.

He started teaching because he wanted to make math more enjoyable since he disliked it as a kid. He also loves working with kids. Mr. Songer says his favorite part of teaching is making relationships with students.

Mr. Songer has been coaching basketball for three years. His favorite memory of the school year is the undefeated regular season with the boys A-Team basketball.



He grew up in Cordova, Alaska. He enjoys hunting, snow machining, and commercial fishing in the summer. When I asked where his favorite place to fish is, he told me, "If I tell you I would have to kill you."

## Ransom Hayes

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Overall, Ransom is a great student and athlete. Good luck in high school to achieve what you have worked for. Ransom has had a positive experience at KMS, although he doesn't think that he has impacted this school, I think that he will be missed by the teachers and staff here at KMS.

# Doppelgangers

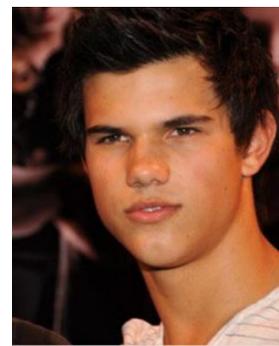
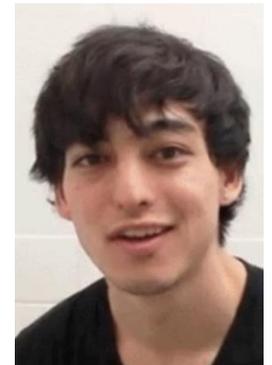
By Lexa Adami

Have you ever reminded yourself that broccoli looks like trees? Well, that's what doppelgangers are, but without the trees.



Grace Beiser looks a little bit like Ashley Benson, who is Grace's favorite character in her favorite show, *Pretty Little Liars*.

Rhett Bilger looks a bit like George Miller (Joji/ Pink Guy), who is a YouTuber and a musician who makes comedy videos. Rhett is happy about this because he likes Joji and thinks he's really funny.



Robert Hayes looks a bit like the actor Taylor Lautner. He thinks this is good and bad, good because he likes *Shark Boy and Water Girl* and some more movies he's in, but bad because he doesn't like *Twilight* and girls think he's attractive.

*A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination, and hard work.*

*-Colin Powell*

# Wrath of the Wrestlers

By Kenzie Keller

This year the KMS wrestling team has four coaches. Coach Moss is a Spanish teacher at KCHS and a wrestling coach. Coach LeClair works at KMS as a gym teacher and coaches wrestling. Coach Schoessler is a shop teacher and geography teacher at KMS. Coach Steffensen is a retired teacher who now works at KCHS and KMS as a wrestling coach.

Every day for practice we stretch before we wrestle. We start out with double and single legs then we make our way to the harder moves like the Fireman and the Wizard.

We have had four meets at Kenai, Nikiski, Soldotna, and Homer. There was a Rubber Chicken tournament at Skyview. If you win you get a rubber chicken. If you get some of the fastest pins or take downs you can be a wrestler of the week.

There are three girls on the team and 33 boys, and all grades can be in wrestling. We started out with about 45 wrestlers and now we have 36 wrestlers and three managers.

Karma Porter really enjoys the activities that we do in wrestling. This is her first year in wrestling. Her favorite move is the Cradle. She said that she did not

like the first match at Kenai because she got thrown and crushed. She dislikes the doublets that we wear because they are too tight. Her favorite game is mat chess.

Jessica LeClair is a nice, encouraging, generous girl who loves wrestling. She has been wrestling for two years. She wrestles for Kenai and the Whalers. Her favorite move in wrestling is the Bulldog. She said that her favorite game is war ball. She has won five matches so far. One thing she does not like is the doublets that we wear because they are too short. Her goal for the year is to get better at some of the harder moves, like the Fireman.

I am in wrestling also. This is my first year wrestling. My favorite move is Double Legs. I believe that I have improved a lot since I started. I dislike the doublets because they are too tight. My favorite game to play is mat chess.

If we win in boroughs we will get to go to Fairbanks for the first time. We will stay up there for three days and wrestle every day we are up there. So wrestlers, keep up the good work and try hard!

Editor's Note: Best wishes to all the wrestlers headed to Fairbanks on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Have a safe trip, make some great memories, and do KMS proud!

## Wrestling Word Search

By Zachary Halstead

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COACH LECLAIR	POINTS
COACH MOSS	POWER HALF
COACH SCHOESSLER	REFEREE
COACH STAN	SINGLE LEG
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DOUBLE LEG	SUNSHINE
HALF NELSON	TAKEDOWN
HEAD AND ARM	TOURNAMENT
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# U14 AA Ice Hawks Team

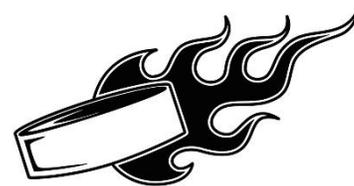
By Jody McKinney



The U14 AA Ice Hawks Team was in Las Vegas for Presidents Day for a hockey tournament. They left February 13 and returned in a week on February 19. They also got 1<sup>st</sup> place in the tournament. They earned the money by fundraising for Dairy Queen, Alyeska Tire, and Pizza Hut but they also sold raffle tickets. While they were in Las Vegas they also went to The Strip and to KA's Play and stayed in the Hampton by Hilton Hotel. They still had to pay around \$3,000 to go on the trip. The head coach is Scott Shelden. The assistant coaches are Benjamin Langham and Jenna Redford, and the team manager is Tamara Miller.

The players on the team that go to KMS are....

Silas Larsen #13  
Tanner Clyde #35  
Ky Calvert #22  
Reagan Graves #10  
Tommy Baker #1  
Daniel Shelden #14  
Landon Cialek #12  
Gavin Langham #5



The players not at our school are...

Tommy Snow #6  
Caden Warren #7  
Liberty Miller #17  
Aiden Burham #20  
Joshua O'Lena #4  
Ezekiel Miller #16  
Jireh Aley #23  
Ayden Spann #27  
Carson Koppes #31



**The best preparation for tomorrow  
is to do your best today.**



**“A champion is defined not by their wins  
but by how they recover when they fall.”**

# XC Skiing Success

By Sean Raften

At KMS, Cross-Country Skiing has been going on since January 9th. It is coached by Coach Boonstra and Coach Carson. The first two meets of the season were cancelled due to bad weather, which was unfortunate.

Coach Boonstra learned to ski at a really young age. She says that she skied with her family in her backyard and that's how she learned to ski. She's proud that when she skied for college, she won 4th place in the NCAA Cross-Country Skiing Championship. Coach Boonstra says she loves coaching because she likes helping skiers improve their skills.

Normally, at a typical practice, skiers start by gathering all of their gear in the wax room. Then skiers walk out onto the field and warm up by skiing laps for about 15 minutes. Then they ski to the golf course to practice techniques such as double poling for about an hour. After that, if they are lucky, they can play a game for about 15 minutes, such as Rocks and Trolls (basically freeze tag) or Red Light, Green Light.

As of now, the team has gone to three meets, one at Tsalteshi Trails at Skyview Middle School another at the Lookout Ski Trails in Homer, and one in Seward.



At their first meet at Tsalteshi Trails, the top ten finishers in the boys race were Jack Laker in 1<sup>st</sup> place, Greg Fallon in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Zane Tews in 4<sup>th</sup> place, Sean Raften in 7<sup>th</sup> place, and Ben Boersma in 8<sup>th</sup> place. The top ten finishers in the girls' race were Jayna Boonstra in 1<sup>st</sup> place, Emily Moss in 7<sup>th</sup> place, and Madison MacDonald in 9<sup>th</sup> place.

At their second meet in Homer, the top ten finishers for the boys were Jack Laker with 1<sup>st</sup> place, Greg Fallon with 2<sup>nd</sup> place, William Roberts with 3<sup>rd</sup> place, and Zane Tews with 8<sup>th</sup> place. In the girls' race, Jayna Boonstra won 1<sup>st</sup> place, Emily Moss received 7<sup>th</sup> place, and Madison MacDonald finished in 8<sup>th</sup> place.

At their third meet in Seward the top ten finishers for the boys were Jack Laker in 1<sup>st</sup> place, Greg Fallon in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Zane Tews in 4<sup>th</sup> place, and Ben Boersma in 6<sup>th</sup> place. First place for the girls was Jayna Boonstra, 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Emily Moss, and 7<sup>th</sup> place was Madison McDonald.

Ben Boersma says he likes it because XC skiing gives him time to have fun with his friends. He also says the most memorable part of this season was being stabbed by Zane Pellegrum.

The team is now practicing for the borough meet at the Kenai Golf Course, at noon on Saturday, March 2.

This year the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Battle of the Books team was comprised of Arianna Hensley and Isabella Bond. The 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade team was comprised of Jayna Boonstra, Cody Good, Emilee Wilson, and Lianna Carranza. Both of the BOB (Battle of the Books) teams achieved 5<sup>th</sup> place in the district. When I asked Jayna Boonstra why she joined BOB, she said, "I LOVE to read and it is super fun to talk with friends and hang out." When I asked her which battle book was her favorite she stated *Freakling* by Lana Krumwiede because the book had a very interesting twist and it kept her hooked. Jayna said the best part of being in BOB is the battle. The reason is because her team got to have ice cream and mess around before the battle and they had a blast.

## Battling with Books

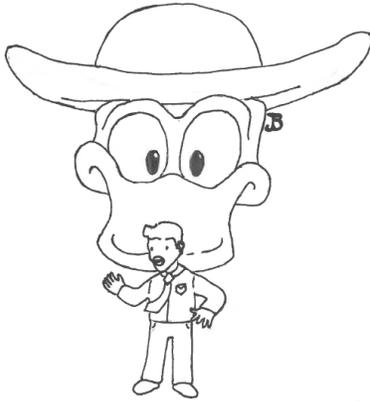
By Gwendylan N. Case



# Strange Phobias

By Jacob Blum

You might be afraid of spiders or heights, but don't worry, you're not that weird. Here are some uncommon phobias you may have never heard of.



- Achondroplasiaphobia:** fear of little people or midgets
- Alektorophobia:** fear of chicken
- Alliumphobia:** fear of garlic
- Anatidaephobia:** the fear that somewhere in the world a duck or goose is watching you
- Arachibutyrophobia:** fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of your mouth
- Arithmophobia:** fear of numbers
- Aulophobia:** fear of flutes
- Barophobia:** fear of gravity
- Bovinophobia:** fear of cows or cattle
- Cacophobia:** fear of ugliness
- Caligynephobia:** fear of beautiful women
- Dextrophobia:** fear of objects to your right
- Genuphobia:** fear of knees
- Kakorrhaphiophobia:** fear of failure
- Kathisophobia:** fear of sitting down
- Logophobia:** fear of learning how to read
- Linonophobia:** fear of string
- Omphalophobia:** fear of belly buttons
- Onomatophobia:** fear of names
- Phobophobia:** the fear of having a phobia
- Podophobia:** fear of feet
- Pogonophobia:** fear of beards
- Siderophobia:** fear of stars
- Symmetrophobia:** fear of symmetry
- Selenophobia:** fear of the moon
- Sesquipedalophobia:** fear of long words
- Symmetrophobia:** fear of symmetry
- Xanthophobia:** fear of the color yellow

# Leadership

By Alea Faulkner



Kenny Kossack in the student store with Lillian and Hope!

Leadership is an elective that 8th graders can take. In this elective students help to make the school a better place. This quarter the class includes Brooklynn Reed, Alea Faulkner, Chloe Goldsby, Daniel Sheldon, Eli Morris, Keagen Medina, Landon Cialek, Lillian Miller, Marina Crabb, Nekoda Cooper, Genesis Trevino, and Hope Brouard.

Leadership does many things to make the school a better place, such as designing bulletin boards, running the snack shack, and many other various jobs people need help with. Sports is a big topic for leadership, so we sort uniforms and rollerblade padding, and once again run the snack shack during games.

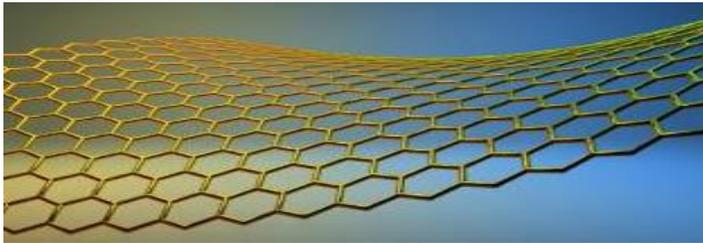
Cheesy nachos and fizzy soda, the snack shack has the whole package! Some people's favorite part about helping with the snack shack is our KMS mascot. Yup, this is very cool but there are some rules. Don't talk and do not reveal your identity. If wearing the Kossack costume and hugging random people without them knowing it's you doesn't excite you, I don't know what does

Leadership is extravagant and full of excitement, and I would know. You do have to keep in mind it comes with great responsibility and commitment, but it's definitely worth it. For all those 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders out there at Kenai Middle, if you love volunteering, school spirit, or even just doing kind things for random people, I encourage you to try to get into Leadership in the future.

**You don't always need a plan.  
Sometimes you just need to breath,  
trust, let go, and see what happens.  
-Mandy Hale**

# Graphene: The World's Strongest Material

By Zachary Halstead



According to graphene-info.com graphene is a 2-D material with one sheet of carbon atoms formed into a honeycomb structure. It is the world's strongest material, 20 times stronger than steel, has astonishing electrical and thermal conductivity, is thin, flexible and weighs 0.0077 grams per square meter.

Graphene is in high capacity long lasting batteries, efficient solar panels, fast computer chips, next gen cameras, well-built medical equipment, longer lasting water treatment, more robust tennis rackets, more rugged bike helmets, and futuristic automotive design. For example, imagine a car that is faster and stronger and weighs less than 500 pounds!

Although graphene is great, producing it isn't the easiest thing to do, especially in high quality amounts and we haven't even started making mass production of graphene. The makers of graphene just need to figure out how to make it faster.

Graphene has a big future ahead! I hope to see it in the future in cars, electronics, houses and many other things that would make our world stronger and safer.

If you want to learn more about graphene go to: <https://www.graphene-info.com/graphene-introduction>

# Kenia Gots Gud Spellerz

The KMS school spelling bee was held on January 29. During the event, participants spelled words such as antagonism, cologne diabolical, and gondolier. Robert Carson, a 7<sup>th</sup> grader, won 1<sup>st</sup> place, and Daxon Merveldt, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader, was the runner-up. Robert will represent KMS at the state spelling bee in Anchorage on March 19<sup>th</sup>.



## Where in the World?

The KMS school-wide geography bee was held on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. The following students were winners in classroom and grade-level competitions:

- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Oliver Boersma, Ely Campbell, and Ben Roberts
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Lianna Carranza, Greg Fallon, and William Roberts
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Gavin Langham, Silas Larsen, and Lillian Miller

Greg Fallon won 1<sup>st</sup> place, followed by Lillian Miller in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Ollie Boersma in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Greg will be competing in the state competition in Anchorage on March 29<sup>th</sup> with hopes to advance to the national competition this summer in Washington, D.C.

# The Dixie Chickens

Nurse Dixie hanging out with a few of the "chicks" in her fan club – Sean, Jacob, Izaiah, Lexa, and Makena.



## February Birthdays

By Izzie Katzenberger

Ben Boersma- 1<sup>st</sup>  
Avery Martin- 1<sup>st</sup>  
Ben Crawford- 1<sup>st</sup>  
Kendal Loggins- 1<sup>st</sup>  
Shane Taylor- 1<sup>st</sup>  
Zane Tews- 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Mrs. Diorec- 4<sup>th</sup>  
Mary Nash- 5<sup>th</sup>  
Tommy Baker- 6<sup>th</sup>  
Chloe Goldsby- 7<sup>th</sup>  
Adam Anglebrandt- 8<sup>th</sup>  
Ella Yragui- 9<sup>th</sup>  
Elizabeth Farrington- 11<sup>th</sup>  
Makenzie Hancock- 11<sup>th</sup>  
Bobby Hayes- 11<sup>th</sup>  
Stephanie Huffer- 14<sup>th</sup>  
Rey Perez- 14<sup>th</sup>  
Tabitha Kernan- 15<sup>th</sup>  
Blaze Watson- 18<sup>th</sup>  
Trenton Wight- 20<sup>th</sup>  
Ms. Johnson- 21<sup>st</sup>  
Hannah Gage- 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Kaya Lanman- 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Tony Perez- 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Zachary Hustman- 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Malerie Nunn- 24<sup>th</sup>  
Zachary Halstead- 25<sup>th</sup>  
Wade Williams- 25<sup>th</sup>  
Emelia Malone- 26<sup>th</sup>  
Benjamin Harris- 28<sup>th</sup>  
Ximena Gonzalez- 28<sup>th</sup>



## March Birthdays

By Makena Arbizo

Xavier Zendejas-1<sup>st</sup>  
Melody Cox-2<sup>nd</sup>  
Jason Henry-3<sup>rd</sup>  
Ciara Neely-6<sup>th</sup>  
Jorie Witt-7<sup>th</sup>  
Michael Dominic-7<sup>th</sup>  
Jaylynn Witt-7<sup>th</sup>  
Mr. Wolf-8<sup>th</sup>  
Ashlynn Baughn-9<sup>th</sup>  
Ben Castellon-13<sup>th</sup>  
Jocilyn Reid-13<sup>th</sup>  
Willow Patrick-13<sup>th</sup>  
Chris-Jon Reid-13<sup>th</sup>  
Michelle Duffield-14<sup>th</sup>  
Imogen Roberts-15<sup>th</sup>  
Hally Elder-Hanson-15<sup>th</sup>  
Gehret Medcoff-15<sup>th</sup>  
Alexis Marquis-15<sup>th</sup>  
Mr. Tilly-15<sup>th</sup>  
Brianna Blankenship-16<sup>th</sup>  
Natalia Polanco-18<sup>th</sup>  
Hayden Hughes-18<sup>th</sup>  
Blake Bucho-18<sup>th</sup>  
Emma Bolling -19<sup>th</sup>  
Kaylauna Gump-19<sup>th</sup>  
Hannah Autry-20<sup>th</sup>  
Chloe Grimm-21<sup>st</sup>  
Lily Fisk-22<sup>nd</sup>  
Levi Crawford-25<sup>th</sup>  
Nova Ziegler-27<sup>th</sup>  
Ashton Kisse-29<sup>th</sup>  
Mr. Beck-29<sup>th</sup>



## Anonymous Confessions

By King Steven



“I honestly hate M&M’s.” -AnonymousBoi  
“Well that’s pretty sad for M&M.” -KS  
“The Strip?” -The Magical Pony  
“There’s a lot of meanings.” -KS  
“Unsubscribe from T Series.” -Anonymous  
“Never have I ever even thought of subscribing to T Series.” -KS  
“Once I died.” -Anonymous  
“Then you must be a cat with eight lives left.” -KS  
“I know the gel Mr. Summer uses in his hair.”  
-Mrs. Nabholz’s Favorite Student  
“Gosh, if only I knew.” -KS  
“Sub to Pewdiepie.” -Jeff  
“Already have.” -KS  
“One time I threw a pie and yelled yeet.” –Sus  
“Well Rip Yeet Meme Began in 2014 Ended in 2018.”  
-KS



## H.A.V.E. Alaska’s Italian Dinner Night

By Zachary Halstead

H.A.V.E. Alaska is a nonprofit organization that brings American veterans to 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 H.A.V.E. Alaska. Together they can get to know each other, learn about Alaska, and have a great time.

Italian Night is a homemade Italian dinner that will be at the Kenai Elks Lodge on March 23 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. We will also have live music and a wall of guns for sale. The dinner is for adults only. Tickets are sold in sets of two for 60 dollars and sets of 6 for 200 dollars and you can buy tickets online. All money made goes to veterans experiencing Alaska. For more information and to buy tickets go to: [www.havealaska.org/Italian](http://www.havealaska.org/Italian)

# Overheard

By Dylan Landry

Teacher: Did you know Dr. Seuss came up with the word nerd? Student: He probably looked at me first.

“Oh I threw lettuce at him.”

“Now move before I execute your soul into the banana realm.”

“Come join the moisty mafia.”

“No one cares about your belly button.”

“My couch had babies.”

Teacher: My band-aid has Darth Vader on it.

Student: Darth Vader’s my boyfriend.

“If you’re going to eat crayons, don’t eat the orange ones.” “You might need to take Ex-Wax.”

“Today someone asked me if these were my church pants because they were so holy.”

\*wearing jeans with holes\*

“You’re a disappointment to T-pose culture.”

“I would rather break my bones than deal with this class.”

“I’ve done geometry. I know what a six-sided pentagon looks like.”

“Spaghet is just spaghetti in Italian.”

“Somalia is secretly a sock puppet.”

“Do you know what matches my outfit? Tired!”

“No, you don’t pull apart your finger and start eating it!”

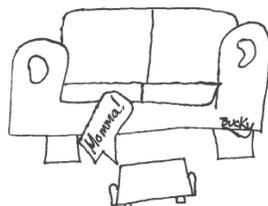
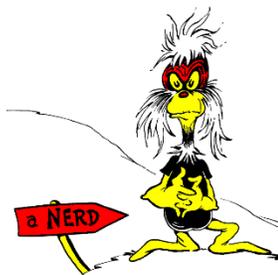
“How much shirt have costed.”

“I licked a banana to death.”

“I’m not an announcer. I’m a speaker system.”

Student 1: So what do you guys do with Mrs. Nabholz?

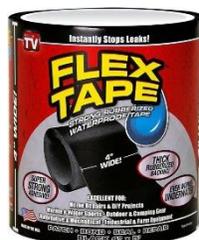
Student 2: Sacrifice eggs to the dank Lego lord.



“I wish my eyeballs were chocolate.”

“My theory is that h’s are just really big n’s.”

“Operation ‘that’s what she said’ is a go.”



Teacher: Do you need some scotch tape? (to be quiet)

Student: I need some Flex Seal.

“She gives the gentlest high-fives.”

“You can in fact drink a Cheez-it, it just doesn’t feel good.”

“Every night at camp my bunk mate injects mayonnaise directly into my bloodstream through the vein in my neck.”

Student 1: “If it doesn’t exist on the internet, it doesn’t exist.” Student 2: “Let’s search your name and see if you exist!”

Student 1: In Australia a girl or woman is a Sheila.

Student 2: Oh, I thought it was she-wolf.

“I’m flossing away the pain.”

“I almost died in shop class today... I made fire!”

“I hit my head on the water fountain.”

“I think I should shave off my eyebrows, I mean that’s not what we’re talking about but I feel like I should.”

“How does hand sanitizer and lotion smell like asparagus?”

“You’re like my sister. She too creeps around and tries to bite me.”

“Why would coffee smell like armpit sweat?”



“I lost a bet and got crippled llamas tattooed on all my toes.”

“I ate my hair and it got stuck in my teeth.”

“This seems wordly weirded.”

“I thought he said nacho knee brace.”

“Not in my carnivorous hallway!”

“I got a myocardinal infection!”

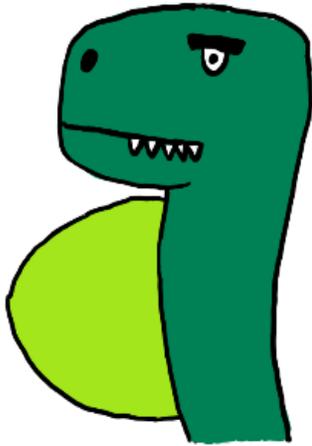
Follow your dreams; they know the way.

*The secret to change is to focus all of your energy not in fighting the old, but on building the new.*

Some people look for a beautiful place. Others make a place beautiful. -Hazrat Inayat Khan

# Adventures of a **VEGAN T-rex**

By: Cody Good & Sean Raften



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<p>One day...</p> <p>I feel like being Vegan.</p> <p>obesity</p>	<p>Toby da T-rex wants to be vegan. He asks his mom...</p> <p>You idiot!</p> <p>Mom, I want to be vegan.</p>
<p>And she gets mad!</p>	<p>But Toby da T-rex is determined.</p>
<p><b>⚠ WARNING</b></p> <p>This panel has been removed as it may be frightening to young readers.</p>	<p>amazon</p> <p>Tofu \$5000.00</p> <p>Add to cart</p>

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<p>3 weeks later, because amazon shipping sucks...</p> <p>DING DONG!</p>	<p>His tofu arrives!</p> <p>Please sign here.</p>
<p>The man was accelerated out the door.</p>	<p>He then realizes tofu doesn't taste that good...</p>
<p>ouch! SLAM!</p>	<p>Dis is nasty!</p> <p>MUNCH MUNCH</p>

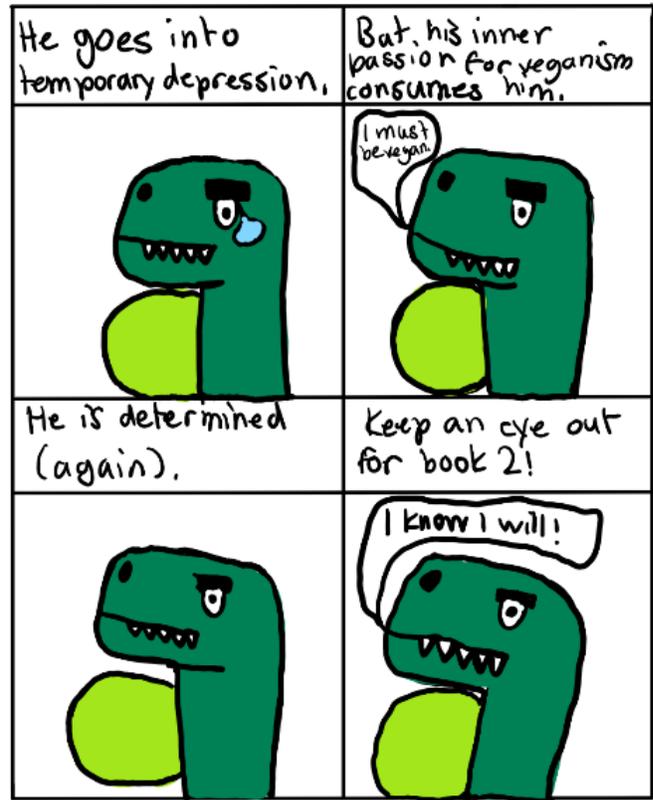
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<p>He goes to the salad bar...</p>	<p>but hits his first problem...</p> <p>Wait, ranch isn't vegan...</p>
<p>Shortly after, many people lost their hearing.</p>	<p>He then finds other ways of veganism.</p>
<p>NOOOOOO!</p>	<p>Stacy's VEGGIE BURGER</p> <p>VEGAN* TASTES LIKE REAL MEAT GLUTEN FREE</p>

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## Just Some Jokes

By Izzie Katzenberger

Q: Where does the skier keep his money?

A: In the snow bank

Q: Why did the math look so sad?

A: Because he had so many problems

Q: What can you serve but never eat

A: A volleyball

Q: Why can't you hear a willow ptarmigan go to the bathroom? A: Because the "P" is silent

Q: How did the mollusk get to college?

A: On a scalloppish

Q: What is the difference between a piano and a fish?

A: You can tune a piano but you can't tunafish

Q: Two pickles fell on the floor. What did one say to the other? A: Dill with it

Q: What do you call a duck that get all A's?

A: A wise quacker

Q: What do you get if you cross a snowman and a vampire? A: Frostbite