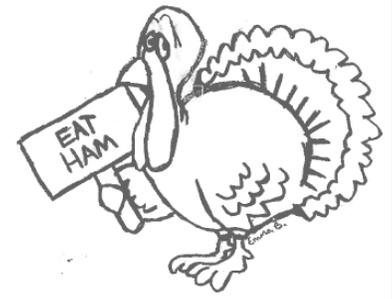


# KMS PURPLE PAGES

*Kenai Middle School  
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## KMS Talent & Teamwork



### Girls A & B Basketball

By Isabel McClure

The girls on the KMS basketball team work hard and are strong, and I strongly agree that they are one of the BEST teams in our district. Our A-team and B-team basketball girls love their coaches and pushing themselves. I interviewed a few people to see their perspective: Lianna Carranza, Kimberly Noriega, and Frenlee Dagosmos.

Lianna Carranza said this is her third year playing basketball, including elementary school. She likes basketball because it's an energetic sport, it's thrilling, and there is strategy. Lianna plays inbound and/or wing. She passes the ball to the point guard and plays defense. She said her coach is inspiring and teaches what they need to know before going into a game, and he gets strict at times, like half time, but pushes the girls forward. (continued on page 2)

### Boys A & B Basketball

By Annemarie Pienta

The A & B boys' b-ball teams have both played really well so far in the season, and I know they're going to do well in the future. Talking about the future, most of the players are thinking about playing during high school, or even during college, and if they work hard enough and practice they might just play for the Los Angeles Lakers or the Golden State Warriors! That means they have to work and start out small, like middle school basketball. Even if this is your first year playing, like William Wilson and Jacob Wait, you can still make your dreams big. Jakob Kvasnikoff has been playing for about four years, so he has a couple years of practice.

Their first time playing against other teams this season was at the jamboree at Skyview. They didn't keep points during the games (continued on page 3)

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# Girls A & B Basketball

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She says basketball is fun because of the adrenalin rush, the energy, and using her mind. Her team inspires her to do better and it's easy to feel positive energy anywhere her team is. She loves going on road trips with her team because they are themselves. Her inspiration is Alex West because she didn't make a team growing up, but kept trying and was successful. It reminds Lianna to put effort into basketball because she made a team. If you want to see Alex West, go look on Mr. Gustkey's door.

Kimberly Noriega has been playing basketball for 2-3 years, including elementary school. She likes basketball because she likes being social, and she likes the feeling of showing people what she has learned, and being persistent. Her position is post, so she guards opponents out of the key. Kimberly loves her coach because she is funny, persistent, encouraging, and understanding. She thinks the games are fun, she likes the adrenalin rush, and that everyone is happy. She likes road trips because of the sightseeing, and when she plays games with other people she can see how they play. Her team pushes her to succeed positively by correcting her on not just the big, but also the little things. Her inspiration is her brother because he has always been there and he's encouraging.

Frenlee Dagomos has played basketball since she was three. She also likes basketball because of the adrenalin rush. Frenlee plays post as well and keeps people out of the key. Frenlee likes her coach because she corrects her and teaches new, different skills. Frenlee thinks basketball is fun because she gets to win, and lose, games with her team, but mostly winning☺. She loves her team because they are always there for her when she needs them. She enjoys road trips because we get out of Kenai and go to Safeway, which means buying food, leading to cookie dough. #CookieDough4Life. Her inspiration is her dad because of how he plays basketball well, inspires her to be greater, and inspires her in general.

That was our girls' point of view. They are amazing, hardworking, and great at what they do. If you're in basketball, thank your coach for helping and being there, and pushing you forward. Thank you, Coach Gustkey and Coach Sutton, for helping us girls!



# Boys A & B Basketball

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but the A-Team had five games while the B-Team boys had four games. During that time a lot of people knew what position they're good at and what they like to play. Most of the players like playing point guard, which means they bring the ball down the court.

Some of the players have traditions like how Wade wears a necklace his grandparents gave to him to every game. Jakob thought of wearing special socks every game but then he just thought it was weird so he didn't.

Inspiration is a big thing in sports, and that's why most people even play sports. Wade started playing basketball because of Kobe. Mostly it's just because their parents wanted them to play sports or their friends were playing.

The A-Team game on November 17<sup>th</sup> ended with only four boys playing against five on defense. Most of the team got fouled out of the game, so most of the starters were out. But they took another win! The B-Team and A-Team boys took the win against Homer on Friday and B-Team sadly lost the game against Skyview on Saturday. Even though the B-Team won't have an undefeated season, that doesn't mean that they're going to give up.

## A-Team Boys

Bridger Beck  
Jaden Garner  
Carnell Gump  
Ransom Hayes  
Jakob Kvasnikoff  
Gavin Langham  
Silas Larsen  
Keagen Medina  
Owen Whicker  
William Wilson

## B-Team Boys

Ben Boersma  
Greg Fallon  
Jackson Marion  
Max Martin  
Rey Perez  
Tristen Reese  
William Roberts  
Victor Santana  
Owen Smith  
Jacob Wait  
Trenton Wight  
Wade Williams

# Riddles and Rhymes Winners!

By Jorie Witt

Congratulations to Melody Cox, Lola McEwen, and Caitlyn Crapps for winning the Riddles and Rhymes contest! These three 6<sup>th</sup> graders found the black envelopes hidden around the school and won an

awesome prize in return. Melody found riddle one, which was about a book in our library. Lola found riddle two, which was found with our school lunch ladies, and lastly Caitlyn found riddle three, which was with Nurse Dixie.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Riddles and Rhymes in last month's issue.

# All-Star Hockey

By Jorie Witt



Ashlyn Potton plays for the Alaska All-Stars AA U16 team up in Anchorage. She only practices with the team once a month. Her coach calls it "super weekend" because all the girls go to practice, including girls from Kenai, Homer, Fairbanks, and Seward.

Her teammates are like sisters to her, and they get along like one big happy family. She is the youngest team member, so her team calls her the "baby." She loves them all. They are super nice and very supportive and funny too.

Ashlyn says the coach is super strict; they have to stay on a diet and do at least 50 pushups a night. Her name is Coach Cristy Hickel. She has two daughters named Zoe and Tori, who were in the Olympics for hockey and do all types of training camps now. Coach Cristy has been coaching for several year, but she loves it and she really tries everyone to bond together and be just one big family.

Ashlyn has been playing hockey since the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and she is now thirteen playing on a high school team. She says only four girls from Kenai are on the Anchorage All-Stars team: Abby Every, Kate Harris, JulieAnn Nye, and herself.

She isn't sure if she wants to play college or even high school hockey, although it's one of her favorite sports. Her favorite positions are wing and center because she can play hard forward and defense at the same time, but she also loves doing other things that she doesn't normally have time for because she plays hockey.

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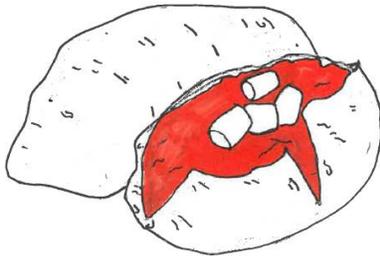
# Family Traditions

By Jenessa Marsden

Does your family have special traditions they do during the holidays? Thanksgiving is usually a day to give thanks. The most common tradition is wishing on a turkey “wish bone” and then breaking it and whoever gets the bigger piece, their wish comes true.

Mr. Verkuilen usually has three pies, apple, pumpkin, and something fancy. After Thanksgiving they get a real Christmas tree and decorate it with a variety of ornaments. On Christmas Eve they have family that comes over to play bingo, and on Christmas day they go to his wife’s mom’s house for a Christmas day brunch with homemade cinnamon rolls, eggs, and bacon.

Reagan Graves has turkey, pumpkin and pecan pie, and that orange potato with marshmallows on top. A week after Thanksgiving they decorate for



Christmas with lights outside, and people usually stop and take pictures of his yard. They go to their grandparents’ house and celebrate with his cousins and always play hide and seek.

Chloe Moffett has turkey, ham, stuffing, mashed potatoes, pumpkin pie, and that yogurt fluffy creamy stuff. A little after Thanksgiving they put up Christmas lights outside and they put up a fake tree, and another fake tree on the porch. They go to her Nana’s and Poppa’s, and her cousins.

Tabitha Kernan has turkey, ham, stuffing, baked potatoes, green bean casserole, salad, fruit, pumpkin and cherry pie, yams, and cottage cheese. After Thanksgiving they put up blue and silver banners, Christmas lights inside and out, and they put up stockings and a blow-up snowman.

Mrs. Miranda has turkey, ham, stuffing, green bean casserole, homemade cranberry sauce, bread rolls, and pumpkin pie. After Thanksgiving they decorate with Christmas projector lights along the outside of the house and the shop. On Christmas Eve they have crab and pizza, and open their stockings.

Whether or not you always have the same meal, or you visit family, there are many fun things that can become a tradition.

# TURKEY FACTS

By Jameson Harney



Did you know that the British named the bird turkey because they thought they were sold from Constantinople in Turkey but the birds are actually from North America and Mexico?

Did you know that Europeans named the bird because it resembled a bird from Africa traded through Turkish merchants?

Did you know that turkeys can be very aggressive, especially during mating season?

Did you know that wild and domestic turkeys are actually the same species, *meleagris gallopavo*?

Did you know that turkeys can be so aggressive that they attacked the British during the Revolutionary War?

Did you know that Benjamin Franklin thought that instead of the bald eagle it should be the turkey as America’s national bird?

Did you know that tamed turkeys are bred to have white feathers, but wild turkeys have darker feathers used for blending into nature?

Did you know that only male turkeys gobble? The turkey’s noise is only made by males so they can announce themselves as males.

Did you know that even though some turkeys are super fat they can actually go super-fast, up to 25 mph on land and 55 mph in the air?

Did you know that flying comes in handy because turkeys use flight to escape from predators?



# Opinion-8-ed

By Emily Huffer

What are you most thankful for in your life? Why?

Melanie Hopkins: I'm thankful for each day that wakes me up, so I can see my amazing family and friends.

Ransom Hayes: I'm thankful for not being sick because I'm a little behind lol.

Dakari Robinson: I'm thankful for Epic Games for making Fortnite.

Jonah Moses: My gaming PC because of Fortnite.

Mrs. Updike: I am most thankful for my loving family. They bring me lots of joy, and they are there to offer me support when times are tough.



Colton Dunham: I am thankful for capitalism because of how much rich it has made America, and for all the money it's going to make for me.

Silas Thibodeau: Having good friends.

Cody Good: The internet because I'd die without it.

Silas Larsen: My family and friends.

Sean Raften: Food, any food that isn't a vegetable.

Fiona Wolfe-Jones: Potatoes because they are yummy.

Esther Joseph: Free time because life is a mess. I am grateful for the allergies I don't have because I hate food allergies.

Kimberly Chanley: I'm most thankful for my friends and family. Also we can't forget about my wiener dogs.

Tommy Baker: I'm thankful that I have the privilege to be playing hockey.

Branch Keller: Turkey because it's delicious.



# Scavenger Hunt

By Jameson Harney



Over Thanksgiving our beloved Nug-Nug the turkey escaped again like last year (man, we need new security). When she escaped she laid five golden eggs! If you find one of them, please give it to the rightful owner for a bag of tasty turkey treats.

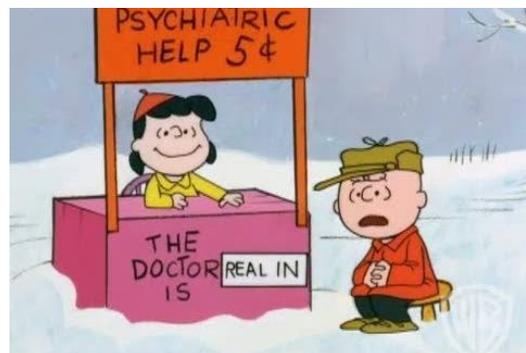
# Must-See Movies

By Jenessa Marsden

If you want to be a couch potato watch some of these movies with your family. If you wanna be a tater, watch some of these movies. If you wanna be a Lays Potato Chip, watch some of these shows. If you wanna be salty, complain about them to your family.



- *A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving*
- *A Winnie The Pooh Thanksgiving*
- *Garfield Thanksgiving Special*
- *Free Birds*
- *A Muppet Family Christmas*
- *A Christmas Story*
- *Paul Blart: Mall Cop*
- *The Blind Side*
- *A Charlie Brown Christmas*



"Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory."

-Dr. Seuss

# Clothing Troops

By Charles Trickel

Fashion. Something I will never understand. People wear clothes that show who they are, they think are cool, and so on and so forth. But there are some who rebel, some who wear the funniest of funny T-shirts and/or sweatshirts in all the galaxy! Sorry, I'm getting too enthusiastic about this. Anyway, here are some people who give joy to the sorrowful. Dang it, I need to stop!

## Owen Smith

Owen has quite a few unique shirts. The majority of them are custom. He and his family have been printing shirts for about a year and a half. He said, "Most of my shirts are sarcastic, and I just take funny comments and make some shirts." When I asked why he started making shirts, he said he thought it would be entertaining.

## Funny Shirts



Two of Owen Smith's many shirts with "life lessons."



Rowyn Clucas (left) and Nekoda Cooper (right) showing their true happy colors.



Ruth Nash in a "prrrrrfect" shirt and a "one in a minion" shirt.

## Jackson Satathite

Jackson told me about an early memory from 1<sup>st</sup> grade. He said, "I can't remember the shirt, but I was very happy because it was funny for the time." He also explained that most of his shirts are ironic humor. One shirt of his is a red shirt that has a sloth playing the guitar, and says "slow jams" on the top. Why he got the shirts is when you're a kid, you want to be funny so you get attention, so he wanted some funny clothes.

This is Charles Trickel, signing out.

## Cool Print, Man



Jackson Satathite in his party plant wardrobe.



Wyatt Cole wearing a truly "crabby" shirt.



Ashton Kisse in an "out of this world" shirt.

## Positive Shirts



*Grace Kahn sharing a truly caring message.*



*Ollie Boersma telling you to be creative and invent every day.*



*Nurse Dixie's hoodie shows off her happy style.*

## Everyday Hoodies



*Elijah Cooper (above) and Brooke Summers (below) wearing their everyday sweatshirts that show off how obsessed they are with Harry Potter and downhill skiing.*

## Election Results

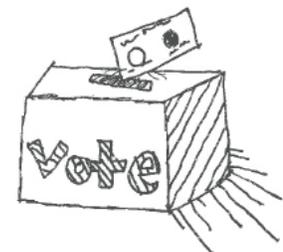
By Hally Hanson

Don Young is our re-elected US Representative for Alaska. He is in the Republican Party. He won with 126,655 votes. That is 53.4% of Alaskan voters that voted for him. He has been in office for about 45 years.

Mike Dunleavy is our new Governor. He is in the Republican Party. He won with 123,447 votes. That is 52.1% of Alaskan voters that voted for him.

Peter Micciche is our Senator. He is part of the Republican Party. He won with 7,771 votes. That is 65.7% of voters in this area that voted for him. He has been Senator for the last five years.

Ballot measure #1 Salmon Habitat Protections and Permits initiative was voted NO with 169,256 votes. The vote opposed this measure to make new requirements and new permitting processes.



## Egg-cellent Lego Challenge

Sixth graders in Quest Explorations recently built Lego vehicles to race down a zipline. The drivers? Raw eggs, with names like Jimmy, Bobbly, Dino, Hi, and Eleina. The winners? Six eggs survived but four didn't make it. For both speed and survival, the overall winner was Stanley, commanding the vehicle designed and built by Elliot Hanson. Students really enjoyed this unique way to learn about physics, inertia, friction, stability, balance, and center of gravity.



# Blaze Watson

By Abigail Giles



Blaze Watson is a new student here at KMS. She was here in 6<sup>th</sup> grade but moved to K-Beach and then Skyview when she moved to Soldotna to her great uncle's family homestead with her family.

Blaze's favorite classes are reading and LA. Her favorite teachers are Mr. Summer because he is funny and straightforward, Mr. Rininger because he is nice, trustworthy, and lets us know if he is in a bad mood, and Mr. Songer because he is funny, fun to hang with, and he acts like a little kid.

Outside of school Blaze is a daredevil, crashing her bike on purpose, and being a freak with a lot of adrenaline. Some of her favorite places to go are the bathroom for peace and quiet and in the car with her mom, alone, even if they aren't talking. She likes to read, write, cook, draw, dance, listen to music, sleep, and pretend to be a mom (taking care of babies and bossing her siblings around) because she is a little bit of a control freak.

Her favorite animal is a koala, and she owns a hamster named Harley Ray Quinn. Her seven siblings are Logan (9<sup>th</sup> grade), twins Nolan and Cyrie (6<sup>th</sup> grade), Porter (5<sup>th</sup> grade), Jayce (age 4), and Charlie and Silas (age 2).

Her top three friends' names are Ryleigh Brown, Cameron King, **8** and Madison Nash. Some future

# Grace Hallam

By Hally Hanson



Do you know Grace Hallam? She is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader here at KMS. Grace was born in Tempe, Arizona, she has a brother named Noah, and a pug named Taylor. Her favorite season in Alaska is winter because she can skate on the ice.

Her favorite thing about KMS is the teachers, because she thinks they teach "good stuff." Grace is in the KMS concert band where she plays the euphonium. Her favorite part about band is Mrs. Sounart because she teaches in a very fun way.

In her free time she likes to skate at the Kenai ice rink. She plays for the U-12 girls Ice Hawks team. She is #17. Her favorite hockey team is Vegas Golden Knights, her favorite color is burgundy, and her favorite animal is a turtle. Grace is very kind, so if you see her in the hallways, try to say Hi!

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goals for Blaze are to get a good job but still have time to hang with her family, take her siblings on trips, and prove to her parents that she will succeed in her future job.

Blaze is a crazy, fun-loving, energetic girl who hangs with her friends a lot. If you get to know her and become friends, she will be an amazing friend, and this is coming from one of her own friends.

# Rylee Novak

By Jenessa Marsden



Rylee Novak is a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at KMS. She has a nine year old sister named Presley, and she was born in Oregon and lived there for five years. When she lived in Oregon, their house was pink, and her mom hated it. There was trees and grass everywhere, and it was hot. Her dad lived in Alaska his whole life and her mom lived in Oregon. All of her family was born in April, but not her.

She has one cat named Hamburger that she named when she was three, three rabbits named Toffy, Luna, and Blackberry, and a lot of chickens.

She likes to read and draw, and her favorite type of books are fantasy and fiction. Her favorite book are the Percy Jackson series because they're really interesting, and the way he sees and interprets things is just really interesting. She also likes to draw cats, rabbits, and just basically anything. Rylee also plays the flute outside of school.

Her favorite class is with Mrs. Nabholz because Quest is wild, different, inventive, and explorative and just a lot of weird stuff, and Mrs. Nabholz lets her draw. They do a lot of things that a lot of "normal" classes wouldn't do.

In the future she wants to be a librarian or an artist, and she wants to stay in Alaska, unlike most people. She also wants to own more cats and rabbits!

# September

## Students of the Month

By Hope Broussard

Since our Purple Pages reporters have been so busy writing the school newspaper for your entertainment, we weren't able to announce last month's Students of the Month! So, here are the outstanding students that were selected by teachers to be students of the month for September.



6<sup>th</sup> grade- Brooklyn Larsen, Lola McEwen,  
Marcus Wong



7<sup>th</sup> grade - Emma Bolling, Robert Carson,  
Ashlyn Potton



8<sup>th</sup> grade- Hope Broussard, Jorie Witt,  
Landen Cialek, Bianca Hansen (moved)

# October

## Students of the Month

By Hope Broussard

Student of the Month is a special way to recognize the excellent students here at KMS! These students were chosen by teachers because of their grades, behavior, and their kindness towards other students and teachers. Here is this month's hard working crew of students of the month! Be sure to give these students a pat on the back when you see them!



6<sup>th</sup> grade- Sarah Jane Baisden,  
McKenzie Koliba, Jacob Carlson



7<sup>th</sup> grade- Willow Patrick, Emilee Wilson,  
Chloe Grimm, Tristen Reese



8<sup>th</sup> grade- Eli Morris

# Winter Clubs

By Nolan McGraw

There are a lot of new students this year and not everyone may know what clubs are, or maybe they don't even know there are clubs, so read this article to learn what they are.

Mrs. Holmes explained to me what clubs are about. Clubs are activities that all KMS students get to participate in. right before winter break students choose an activity that they would like to participate in one day a week for one hour starting in January. The clubs are led by teachers. Some clubs cost money but most of them are free. Most clubs have about fifteen to twenty kids.

One of the most popular clubs is warball, which is the club Mr. Felchle teaches. Mr. Felchle likes teaching warball because it gives him a chance to throw things at kids and kids a chance to throw things at the teacher. Some of the time while playing warball with Mr. Felchle he will make everyone play dodgeball because he likes it better. He also has a dodgeball team that has won three years in a row. He's won a few trophies but the best one was a medal with a wrench on it, which is a joke because of a movie about dodgeball where they practice by throwing wrenches at each other. Mr. Felchle also said that dodgeball is the greatest thing since sliced bread!

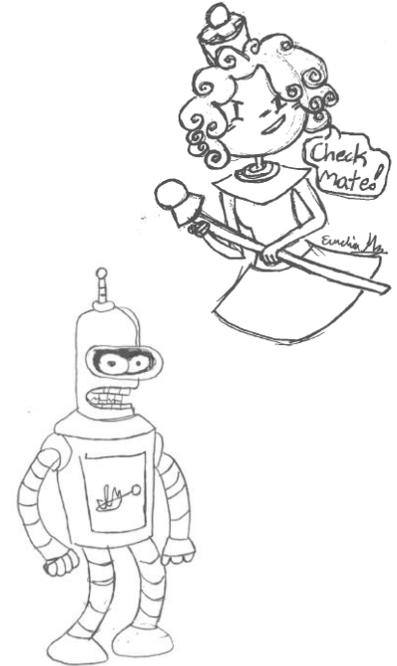
Mrs. Nabholz teaches chess club but it's a lot calmer type of war than warball. Some people are brand new to chess while some students are really competitive. Students who don't know how to play chess can learn how from Mrs. Nabholz or other students. Students who are really good at chess try to beat the best players. Mrs. Nabholz said, "I really enjoy it when a new 6<sup>th</sup> grader can beat one of the top 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the club. It makes the 8<sup>th</sup> graders work even harder to win the next time."

According to Mr. Dosko, the winter clubs are important to our school because they make the kids happier after returning from Christmas break. Getting back to school might make some kids a little depressed, so having super fun clubs helps. He also said that clubs are a way for kids to get to know other people and for teachers to connect with kids they don't usually teach.

# Club Choices

Kenai Middle School's Winter Clubs are coming up very soon, and sign up is December 20<sup>th</sup>. Clubs start in January and last for five weeks. HOPE YOU HAVE FUN!!!

Afternoon Tea & Books  
Anime-Manga  
Chess Club  
Computer Club  
Computer Coding  
Crochet Club  
Movie Making  
Native Youth Olympics  
Robotics  
Rock Climbing  
Rollerblading  
Shinny Hockey  
War Ball  
Plus a few more!



# NFD Morale Update

By Emma Bolling



For the second month of the Nikiski Fire Department Morale Project I decided to do something with gratitude since the holidays are around the corner. We hung a long piece of ribbon in the NFD's coffee room. Each member of the fire staff was given three "light bulbs," which are paper lights attached to a paper clip. The staff member will write down what or who they are thankful for; they will then hang the "light bulbs" on the string in the meeting room. I'll be reporting back on how much participation there was, and how it impacted staff members!

# The Day the Turkeys Went Mad

By Abigail Giles



It was a normal autumn day when it happened. Everyone was preparing for Thanksgiving. Jack was messing around in the crisp, autumn leaves, parents were cooking the Thanksgiving feast, and the grandparents were baking the Thanksgiving pies. Jack was playing in the woods when his mom called him. “Yeah, Ma?” Jack asked when he reached the door.

“We’ll be getting Mark and Felix so they can come over for dinner,” Jack’s mom, Aideen McLoughlin, said.

“Yes!” Jack shouted. “My best idiots are coming!” He scampered up to his room to grab his hat and shoes. He sprinted back downstairs, outside, and in the car so they could pick up Mark and Felix. About an hour later, they returned to Jack’s house.

Aideen asked, “Can you boys go outside while we prepare dinner? When we call you in, can you also bring in some carrots from the garden?”

“Sure thing, Ma,” Jack replied. Mark and Felix raced outside but Jack dashed upstairs. He came back out with three computers, cameras, and mics. They started recording a “Who’s Your Daddy” video. An hour passed and it was 5:00 pm. Aideen called the trio in, and Mark and Felix came running with their equipment, while Jack ran to the garden and grabbed a dozen carrots.

Jack, Mark, and Felix quickly went upstairs to put away their equipment. A few minutes passed and the table was set and everyone was seated at the table. When Aideen cut into the turkey, they heard a scream from outside. The three boys darted upstairs and

Aideen ran outside to see a turkey that had died from getting hit by a car, but now alive, attacking the lady who feeds the animals.

Jack looked out to see the turkey and told his friends to pack all the things that looked important. After that, they ran to the road and went to town, alone, so they could be safe. Everyone scattered. The undead turkey bit two other turkeys, turning them into undead monsters. The turkeys ran around, killing all the other animals around, but they didn’t turn into zombies. They just died.

Jack’s brother, Malcolm McLoughlin, ran outside with a shotgun. He shot the zombie turkeys, only to find out they can’t die from a gun. He dropped the gun, ran inside, and locked and barricaded the doors and windows. They wondered what had happened to Jack, Mark, and Felix. Aideen ran upstairs only to find Jack’s room empty with a note saying, “We left for town. Hope you don’t die. If you survive, come find us in the arcade in the town.” Aideen was furious. She ran back downstairs to see that Malcolm could barely hold the door back. Aideen grabbed a candle, lit it, and held it toward the door.

The turkeys broke down the door, only to stop dead in their tracks. It turns out the zombie turkeys are afraid of fire! Everyone else grabbed candles and lit them. The turkeys backed up and ran away from the house. Everyone ran upstairs, packed the important things (jewelry, family heirlooms, etc.), and walked outside, and the turkeys saw them and ran at them.

Malcolm waved his candle at them and they ran away. Malcolm set his stuff down, grabbed a gasoline can, and doused the house with it. He walked around the house a few times and back to the group, making a trail of gasoline behind him as he walked. He got back to the group when the can ran out of gasoline. He took his candle and set it near the trail of gasoline and lit it. The entire property, including the house, went up in flames. The zombie turkeys lit up, crying out as they burned. Jack’s family grabbed their things and walked to town, not looking back at the burning house, and they never talked about it ever again.

“Everyone is intelligent, but if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will spend its whole life thinking it’s stupid.” -Albert Einstein

# Cat Disease

Part 1

By SFW (Smiley Face Writer)



Sometime in the future... cats are carrying a deadly disease that is going to wipe out the human race... two girls are setting off to find a cure but something is trying to stop them... what could it be?

I set off quickly to my sister's lab, walking through the dull white hallway, before finally arriving. I opened the door and weirdly stared at my sister, *why is she reading a book?* "The Card" is what it's called, *boring!* I walked over and grabbed it. She had fallen asleep, so I shouted as loud as I could, "AAAAAA I'M MELTING! MY SKIN IS LIKE LIQUID!!!" My sister jumped in surprise with a scared look on her face. I continued on, but calmer, "Just kidding, I'm fine."

She snatched up the book from my hands and set it gently on an empty table. "Ella, why can't you use something less frightening to wake me?"

She frowned at me, so I sat down on a nearby chair and grinned. "Because it's fun to scare you, Emma!"

I silently brushed away some of the red curly hair from my face. It's strange to me how we are twins, yet we are almost completely opposite. Emma has blonde hair, I have red, she has blue eyes, and I have green, I have freckles everywhere, while she only has them on her cheeks.

Emma started on her work once again, grabbing her notebook and swiftly walking up to a glass chamber set in the corner, containing a single cat, their eyes a bright and toxic-looking green. This was an 'infected cat', a cat that carried the disease that was decreasing the human population. My job was to speak with these infected cats. That's my special talent, the ability to talk to animals.

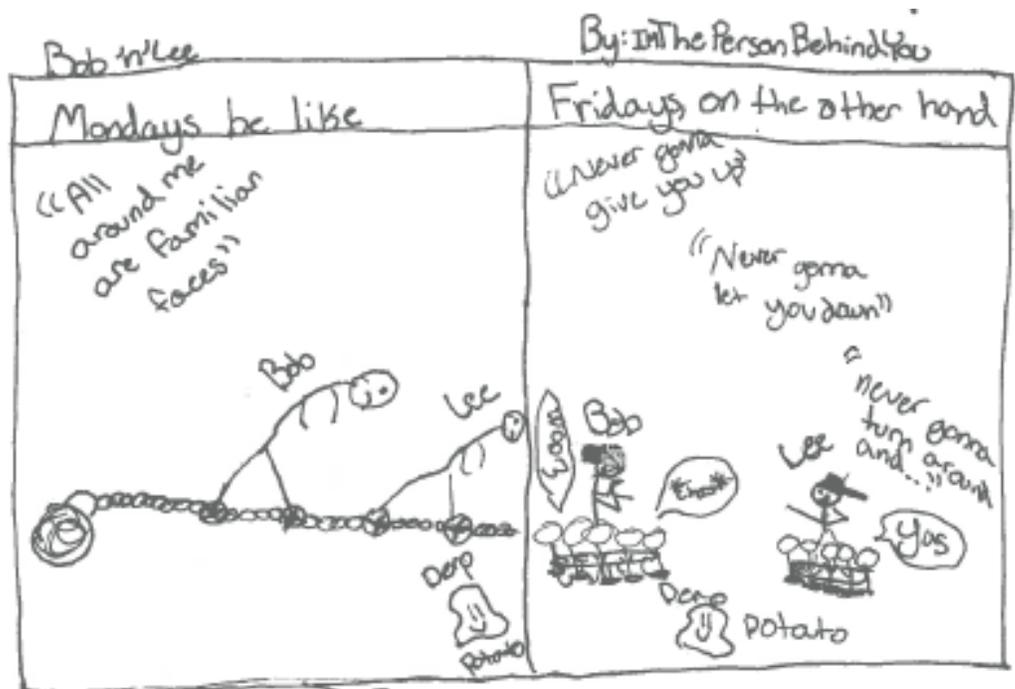
Emma waved me over, and as I walked cautiously towards the chamber, I could've sworn the cat leaned in, studying me. I shook off the thought; it was probably just my imagination. My sister and I looked at all the features of the cat, first their eyes, then their short, gray-striped fur. The cat's whiskers were the same color as their eyes, a strange color indeed.

I sat down next to the chamber and began to speak to them. "Hello there," I began, "what's your name?"

**To be continued ...**

Special thanks to everyone who contributed to The Smiley Face Project. This story will go on until the next issue, and possibly the one after as well. Stay tuned for part 2 of "Cat Disease."

"Try to be a rainbow in somebody's cloud."

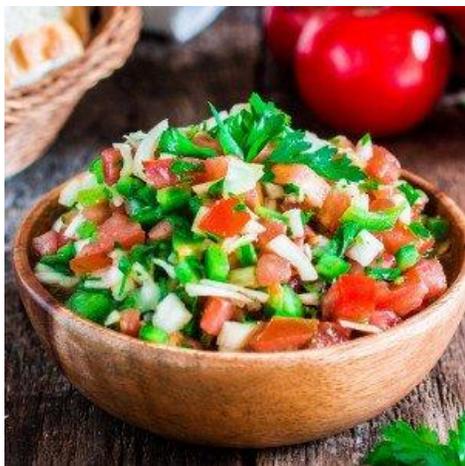


# Brazilian Salsa

## Recipe

By Charles Trickel

Brazilian salsa – a recipe that’s amazing (and I learned it from Google). For a 6<sup>th</sup> grade country report, I needed to find a recipe. Everyone said it was amazing, so I thought it would be a super addition to the Christmas table, as it’s delicious and festive. [P.S. the country I researched was Germany ;)]



### INGREDIENTS

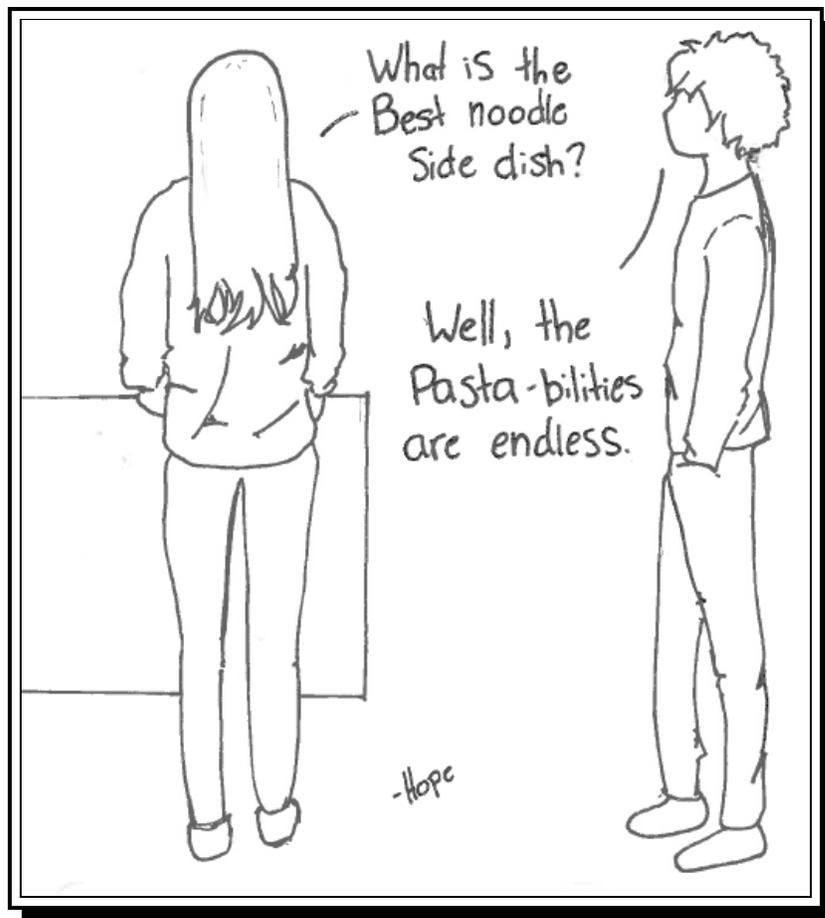
- 1 large onion, diced
- 4 tomatoes, diced
- 1 green or red bell pepper, diced (optional)
- 1/3 cup chopped parsley
- 1/4 cup white wine vinegar
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Combine all the ingredients in a large bowl and mix well.
- Season with salt and pepper and serve.



# Delicious Side Dishes



# KMS Canned Food Drive

Leadership students are sponsoring a canned food drive through December 14<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to bring in non-perishable food items in cans or boxes; all food will be donated to local families in need.

Prizes for bringing in cans are different each day and week, as well as for reaching donation levels from 500-5,000 total cans. Some of the prizes include hot cocoa, candy canes, pizza, admission to the activity night and dance, homework passes, hat day, electronics use at lunch, duct taping Mr. Beck to the wall, throwing a pie in Mr. Dosko’s face, and watching Mr. Summer, Mr. Gustkey, and Mr. Verkuilen shave off their mustaches.

So let’s get motivated, students, and bring in those cans to meet our school goal of 5,000 total cans!



# Good Mythical Morning Review

By Cadie Fabiano



*Good Mythical Morning* (GMM) is a YouTube series that started in 2012. There are 13 seasons and 1,400 episodes in all! They post an episode every day, seven days a week. It's about two guys named Rhett McLaughlin and Link Neal, who have been friends since first grade. At their school in North Carolina, their teacher kept them both inside during recess for writing swear words on their desks. But now, on their channel, they make songs and do crazy stuff like bathe in cereal! Some songs include: *My OCD*, *It's My Belly Button*, and *Are You Gonna Eat That?* I think you should check out these songs, because they are pretty catchy.

One thing they do on their channel is "Will It" episodes. When Rhett and Link do a "Will It" episode, they eat weird combinations of foods, usually having a main food item, and putting other food in it. A few weird combinations that they liked are: Peanut Butter

and Jelly Taco, Bacon Ice Cream Sandwich, Lucky Charms Chips, Deep Fried Refried Beans, and Big Mac Jerky.

They have a second channel called Mythical. On that channel, they do a podcast every Sunday, called "Ear Biscuits". They do topics like *Do YouTubers Watch YouTube?*, *Is Watching Sports a Waste of Time?*, and *What Did Your Dog Name You?* The podcasts are usually at least an hour or longer.

Another thing that they do on their second channel is this thing called Ten Feet Tall. The main people that Ten Feet Tall features are Mythical Crew members, Mike and Alex. Some of the things that they have done are fenced with fences, stayed in a photo booth for 24 hours, and went around L.A. and kissed as many dogs as they could. Mike and Alex are really, really stupid. One time, Alex super glued Mike's hands together and didn't read the bottle that said, "Dries in 5 seconds!" As Link said, and I quote, "Mythical Crew members Mike and Alex are basically twelve-year-olds trapped in the bodies of adult men." I honestly agree fully with Link!

I really like GMM so I even bought the book that Rhett and Link wrote. The book is called *Rhett and Link's Book of Mythicality*. They wrote about how they met in first grade, and they give advice for friendships and much more. I really think that more people should watch GMM. Well, they already have about 14 million subscribers, but I think they could use some more. So log on to YouTube, and subscribe! Thanks!

## Lesson Learned

By Destin Trickel

In Ms. McCown's 4th period science class, on November 26<sup>th</sup>, there was a bloodbath. It was a warzone. There was arm wrestling! It was hilarious, and I loved it.

While students were doing their work, one kid had had enough. He stood up and challenged Ms. McCown to arm wrestling. When asked why, Hunter said that he challenged the teacher and cheated to win three Jolly Ranchers.

I asked Ms. McCown what it was like to be challenged by a student, and she told me, "I always try my best to meet the challenges my students put before me. This is true of a challenge put forth by a 6th grade student. Behind each challenge, there is a lesson to be learned. You may guess what lesson was learned."



**14** As a witness to this historical event, I assume the lesson is, "Never arm-wrestle a veteran."

# The Grinch

By Emma Bolling



Based on the book by Dr. Seuss, and a film originally directed by Ron Howard, Illumination Studios brings to you the all new Grinch movie directed by Yarrow Cheney and Scott Mosier. This action packed movie has been in theaters since November 9<sup>th</sup>, and will be released on disk in 12 to 16 weeks.

The movie is about a guy known as the “Grinch”

with a heart that is two sizes too small who lives in an isolated cave with his dog named Max. One day the big fat green guy decides to be Santa, and tries to take Christmas away from the people of Whoville. While about to take everything Christmas from the last house, he meets a girl, Cindy Lou Who. She teaches him a lesson that will change his life.

The color of the Grinch was inspired by a rental car. In the original book the Grinch is illustrated in black and white, with a little bit of pink and red. A rumor is that the director was inspired to give the Grinch his color after he rented a car that was painted an ugly shade of green.

The person who plays the Grinch (Benedict Cumberbatch) has been in at least 41 different movies and shows, including *Doctor Strange* and *The Hobbit*. I think Benedict did an amazing job; you can hear the enthusiasm in his voice.

The Grinch’s dog Max is a six different breed dog that was adopted by the Grinch, so the Grinch still has a heart even if it’s two sizes too small.

This is a PG rated movie, so it’s appropriate for the whole family! I strongly recommend this movie to all people of all ages, because everyone can find something to laugh about.

## The KMS Purple Pages . . .

is brought to you by Emma Bolling, Hope Broussard, Cadie Fabiano, Abigail Giles, Hally Hanson, Jameson Harney, Emily Huffer, Emelia Malone, Jenessa Marsden, Isabel McClure, Nolan McGraw, Annemarie Pienta, Charles Trickel, and Jorie Witt, with support from Journalism advisor Mrs. Nabholz. Destin Trickel wrote a special feature for this issue about Ms. McCown bringing out the big guns! Illustrators for this issue include Abigail, Charles, Emelia, Emma, Hally, Hope, and Izzie.

## November Jokes

By Jenessa Marsden

Q. How do you make a cranberry sad?

A. You make it a blueberry.

Q. Why did the turkey cross the road?

A. It was the chicken’s day off.

Q. What do you call a running turkey?

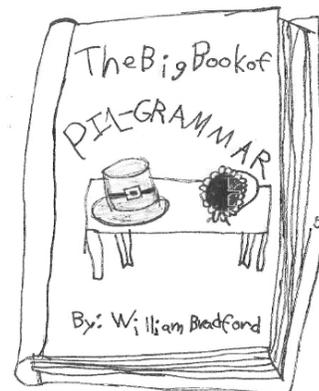
A. Fast food.

Q. How did the scarecrow win an award?

A. She was outstanding in her field!

Q. What do you call a Pilgrim’s vocabulary?

A. Pilgrammar.



“When everything feels like an uphill struggle, just think of the view from the top.”

“A problem is a chance for you to do your best.”

# Best Bows and Boughs!

On Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, all of the 6<sup>th</sup> graders at KMS, along with their teachers and tons of parent helpers, made hundreds of evergreen swags to sell as their biggest annual fundraiser for 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp next May. The school smelled amazing and felt festive, as they were playing holiday music while they worked.

A special thanks to all the family members who helped make ribbon bows and supported students as they shaped the prickly boughs into beautiful swags that are now decorating homes and businesses around our community!



# MYSTERY MEN ADVICE

By FBA Field Agents Alpha & Bravo



Dear Mystery Men,  
Do cats bark?! -Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,  
I have done research and discovered cats make shrieking noises that could be very deadly and wipe out all of Alaska in a few minutes.  
-FBA Field Agent Bravo

Dear Mystery Men,  
How do you play Uno<sup>®</sup> in Spanish?  
- Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,  
I believe that when you have one card, you yell, "I'm going to beat you all and be your king/queen!" at the top of your lungs 21 times.  
-FBA Field Agent Bravo

## December Jokes

By Jenessa Marsden

Q. What did the snowman have for breakfast?  
A. Frosted flakes.

Q. What do snowmen wear on their head?  
A. Snow caps.

Q. What is a snowman's favorite snack?  
A. Ice crispies.

Q. Where do snowmen go to a dance?  
A. A snowball.

Dear Mystery Men,  
How about quitting your job? We could run away together. -Mystery Girl

Dear Mystery Girl,  
Maybe if you tell us your name we might be able to respond with answers you may or may not like...  
-FBA Field Agent Alpha

Dear Mystery Men,  
If everything is different is everything the same?  
-Bubbles

Dear Bubbles,  
I think all things that are different are the same in that way, and I hope this answers your question.  
-FBA Field Agent Bravo 17

Dear Mystery Men,  
Do fish fart?  
-Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,  
Actually, you would be very surprised to know that technically they don't fart, their air bladder releases bubbles, so it's like a boost for the fish.  
-FBA Field Agent Alpha



Q. What do snowmen call their babies?  
A. Chill-dren.

Q. Where do snowmen keep their money?  
A. In a snowbank.

Q. What is red, white, and blue over Christmas break?  
A. A sad candy cane.

# Anonymous Confessions

By Mr. Muffin



“I ate all of the Halloween candy that my sister hid under her mattress, even the chocolate ones that melted.”

- Big Boi

I ate all of my candy the day after Halloween.

- Mr. Muffin



“I told my brother that a cat turd was a tootsie roll on Halloween, and he ate it.”

- Lol!

On Easter one year, I tricked a kid into eating a moose turd, telling him that it was a chocolate egg.

- Mr. Muffin

“Roses are red, violets are purple.”

- Anonymous

Yup, and dandelions are yellow.

- Mr. Muffin

“I was like ‘eeea’, and she was like ‘eehehe’, and then I was like, STOP POKING ME!! (p.s. I punched her back)

- Annoyed Person

I don’t even know what to say except OK.

- Mr. Muffin

“I licked a cat because I was trying to clean it, and surprisingly, it let me.”

- Ace

I licked my dog’s face because he licked mine.

- Mr. Muffin

“I’m not alive.”

- Anonymous

Then how is it possible that you wrote this or even held a pen if you’re not alive???

- Mr. Muffin

“I still watch Backyardigans.”

- Lang Tang

I still watch Yo Gabba Gabba.

- Mr. Muffin

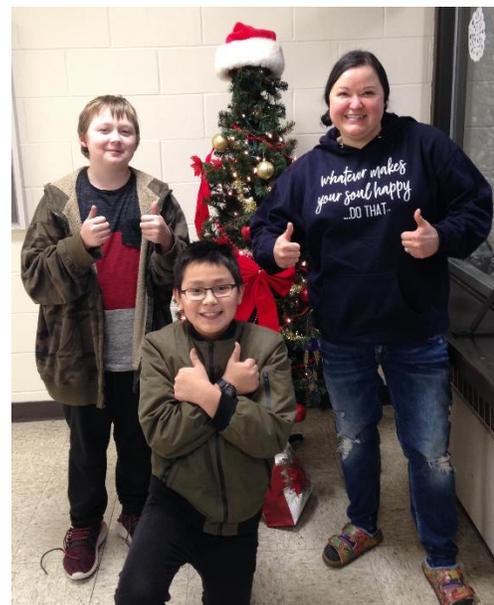


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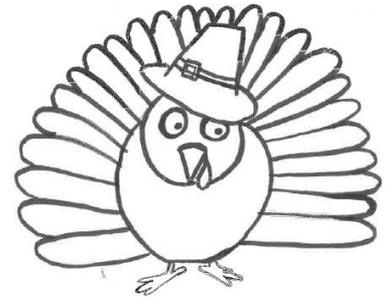
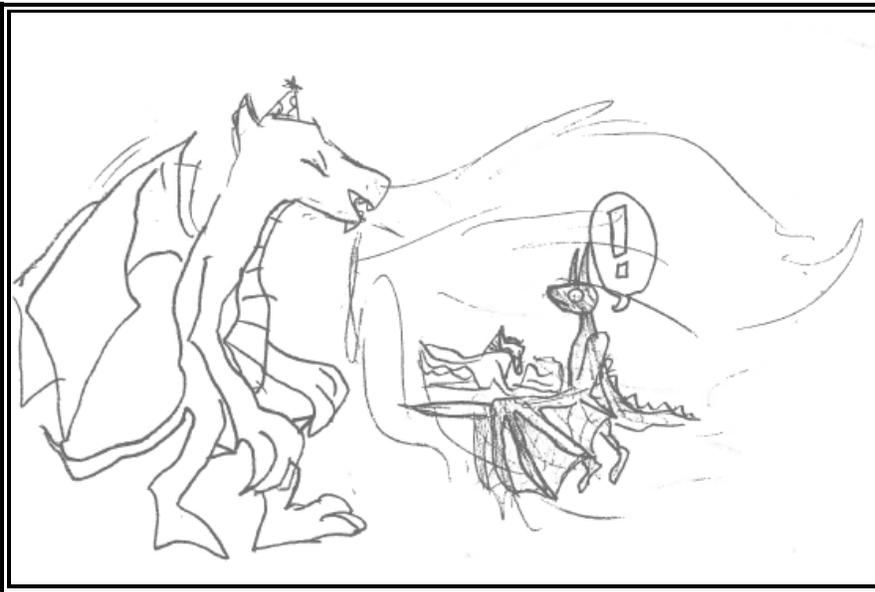
## KMS Hashtags

By Annemarie Pienta

#thankful  
#nowopenforturkeyseason  
#shoottheturkeyslikebasketballs  
#turkeyformayor  
#turkeyphotographers  
#turkeyontheloose  
#choosehamnotturkey  
#hamisfriendnotfood  
#turkeycoma  
#nightlypotatoeatingtime  
#foodbabinessavelives  
#thanksgivingfail  
#thanksgivingisoldnews  
#itschristmasnow



Chris-Jon Reid, John Tallekpalek, and Nurse Dixie are ready for Christmas!



## Happy Bird-Day!!!

### December Birthdays

By Hope Broussard

- Vance Johnston-1<sup>st</sup>
- Aaliyah Bookey-1<sup>st</sup>
- Samuel Sloan-1<sup>st</sup>
- Ashtin McHone-2<sup>nd</sup>
- Leif Wilshusen-2<sup>nd</sup>
- Lincoln Nelson-4<sup>th</sup>
- Keanu Swearingen-5<sup>th</sup>
- Jody McKinney-6<sup>th</sup>
- Gabe Segura-8<sup>th</sup>
- Haley Dunham-8<sup>th</sup>
- Landen Cialek-9<sup>th</sup>
- Ryan Vonheeder-10<sup>th</sup>
- William Roberts-11<sup>th</sup>
- Emaline Cruickshank-12<sup>th</sup>
- Daniel Broussard-12<sup>th</sup>
- Jylann Green-13<sup>th</sup>
- Keenan Marey-13<sup>th</sup>
- Kylee Verkuilen-13<sup>th</sup>
- Chloe Moffet-13<sup>th</sup>
- Miya Gottschalk-15<sup>th</sup>
- Lynndi Holmes-Pratt-16<sup>th</sup>
- Simone Watts-16<sup>th</sup>
- Lillian Kroto-17<sup>th</sup>
- Kenzie Keller-20<sup>th</sup>
- Koby Anderson-21<sup>st</sup>
- Owen Whicker-21<sup>st</sup>
- Connor Keisha-21<sup>st</sup>
- William Vaudrin-21<sup>st</sup>
- Larisa Murdock-24<sup>th</sup>
- Elijah Cooper-26<sup>th</sup>
- Skyler Lyon-26<sup>th</sup>
- Kai Adkins-27<sup>th</sup>
- Andrew Gaethle-29<sup>th</sup>
- Canon Spinka-30<sup>th</sup>
- Eva Sorensen-30<sup>th</sup>

# Overheard

By Jorie Witt

“The bathroom is my best friend.”  
 “That sounds like a cross between a donkey and a 7<sup>th</sup> grader.”  
 “I left my pocket in my phone and forgot to take it out.”  
 “Oh my gosh right? I’ve taught him the ways of being demonic.”  
 “It smells like rotten old grandma chocolate.”  
 “Can I stroke your face with this chip?”  
 “What if a duck is a turkey, but they just call it a duck?”  
 “This is a Walmart song.”  
 “One time I went to Home Depot in my pajamas.”  
 “Stop snorting the unicorn!”  
 Person 1: “Did anyone bring a fidget spinner?”  
 Person 2: “It is a spidget finner! Get it right!”



“Can I squish your unicorn?”  
 “I will eat your mother.”  
 “Since everyone says dog taste good, do you thing cat does too?”  
 “I will still be a disappointment, even as a pore strip.”  
 “Stop getting distracted, we have to murder him first!”

Person 1: \*Accidentally breaks bag of ice\*  
 Person 2: “How can an inanimate object reject you?”  
 “Don’t listen to Elliot, oh man...I’m Elliot.”  
 “They belong in the sea or in my stomach. Either way they’ll be happy!”  
 “He is getting too ferocious with the food.”  
 “I’m cleaning up my swaggy mess.”  
 Teacher: “What is the opposite of betrayal?”  
 Student: “Entrail.”

“My socks hurt.”  
 “Wow, Illuminati already has a culture!”  
 “Who is whispering in the hall?”  
 \*person was actually whistling\*  
 Student 1: \*drops computer off desk\*  
 Student 2: \*talks super-fast\* “It’s okay! I can see it! It didn’t crack!”  
 “All gym teachers look the same.”



Person 1: “Is candy corn a candy?”  
 Person 2: “Yea, it has candy in the name.”  
 Person 1: “Dang it!”  
 “If I tickle your kidney will it make it feel better?”  
 “Did you wash your dishes in alphabetical order?”



Student 1: “Du du du du Dora.”  
 Student 2: “Sniper no sniping!”  
 “Some 6<sup>th</sup> grader coming from gym licked my arm when he was running by.”  
 Student 1: “You know the army men with parachutes?”  
 Student 2: “Oh, like the kind at the dentist?”

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## Spirit Week December 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>

### Door Decorating Contest

Advisory groups decorate doors from Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>  
 Facebook online voting from Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>  
 Super-secret celebrity judge votes by Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Winners announced on Thursday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>

### Dress-Up Days

Monday, Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Famous People Day
Tuesday, Dec. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Pajama Day
Wednesday, Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Favorite Teacher Day
Thursday, Dec. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day
Friday, Dec. 14 <sup>th</sup>	KMS Pride Day

### Activity Night

Friday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 p.m.