

# KMS PURPLE PAGES

Kenai Middle School  
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## Summer Stories

By Alora Barlow



For the summer, KMS staff took some exciting and fun trips. Here are some teachers and what they did for their summer.

Nurse Dixie drove the Al-Can for six weeks and camped with her little girl, husband, and dog. She did say there was a snowstorm in Canada but other than that, the weather was 80-100 degrees and warm and beautiful.

Ms. Brown took care of a lodge by the Kenai River in Soldotna for the whole summer.



She is still doing this most days while managing an acre of gardens. She got to chill and relax for her summer, while she was working.

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## Queens of Iceland

By Nevaeh Olson



Over summer break, Ms. True, Ms. Johnson, and Mrs. Rininger all not only participated in, but won second place in a hockey tournament! It wasn't any ordinary tournament either, it was in Iceland! Although it was very cold there, it was not completely covered in ice, like some may think.

All three of them have quite a bit of hockey experience, ranging from 4-7 years playing for the Kenai River Queens. They also play a variety of positions, including center-mid, defense, wing, and forward.

Although they played lots of hockey, they also visited some pretty cool places. They went to a hot spring, the continental divide, waterfalls, a blue lagoon, a geyser (which is a hot spring in which water boils, sending a tall column of water and steam into the air), and hiked a mountain.

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# Mouse Keeping

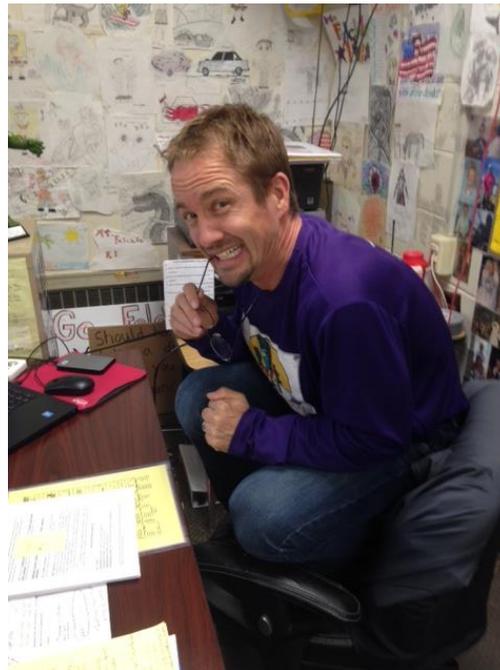
By Kimberly Noriega & Ashlynn Baughn

Over the years KMS has had a few small issues with mice. Although Mr. Dosko says "We haven't had mice in three years," according to students and some staff that isn't quite true. After talking to Mr. Dosko we talked to Mr. Tilly, our custodian, and asked him if he knew about the small issue of mice. He told us that Mrs. Newton had brought up that she thinks there are mice in her room and that she wanted traps to be set up, so Mr. Tilly did as he was asked.

The next morning, he checked the traps and to his surprise there were TWO mice. Later that day we asked Mrs. Downes-Borko about having mice because we heard from students there were some. The choir and home economics teacher said that her class found mouse droppings in the drawers and decided to clean it up with bleach and wet rags. Also a student said that during soccer practice Mrs. Newton came rushing out looking for Mr. Felchle, who was giving out jerseys, claiming mice had eaten through her chocolate's wrapper and eaten some chocolate as well.

We asked Mrs. Newton about her mouse experience. She said student Kenneth Coghill gave her chocolates (German, \$4.50) because "She's nice and deserves something for her hard work," Kenneth said. When Mrs. Newton told him mice had eaten the chocolate, Kenneth was shocked and sad when he heard the news, but he got over it quickly. Mrs. Newton also said when she looked at her mini fridge she found her crackers and bagel chips open! She also said she found "mini turds that weren't chocolate" that were the size of a grain of rice but didn't look like rice.

Since then we heard from Mr. Dosko, Mr. Beck, Ms. Johnson, and Mrs. Newton that Mr. Felchle is



Mr. Felchle shows off his brave response for a possible mouse invasion! Can you spot the mouse trap on the shelf in the background?

afraid of mice so we asked him about it! We asked Mr. Felchle if he knew about the mice, and he said he only knew about it from Mrs. Newton when she came looking for him during soccer. We then asked him if he's scared of mice, because students and staff said he was. Mr. Felchle said, "They make me uncomfortable." He also said the school has had rodents before.

We then asked him why he doesn't allow food in class because we thought it might tie in with mice. Mr. Felchle said, "I personally think it's a distraction. Some kids might argue that it's actually relaxing and helps them focus, but I think it's a distraction." He also said, "There's a lower percentage of rodents," and that because of his no food policy (unlike Mrs. Newton) he hasn't had a single mouse in his room. He went on to say he set up a trap three or four weeks ago and there still isn't a mouse in that trap, so the policy must be working!

## Summer Stories

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Mrs. Miranda went to Washington D.C. She went with her friends and family, a lot of people! She was there for about three weeks. She said that it was burning hot, all the way to 115 degrees. There was a lot of smoke so the air quality wasn't as good compared to our "pine tree" town. And that was what some of our KMS staff did this summer!

## Queens of Iceland

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Iceland was great, but Ms. True and Ms. Johnson say they would not go back simply because it was so expensive and they have already had the experience of going there. Mrs. Rininger, on the other hand, says "The hockey was great, but it took up half of our time there. So, I would love to go back and get to tour the whole country."

# Fantastic Teacher Feature

By TJ Anderson



Mr. Lyke, Mr. Tilly, Mrs. Meyers, Mrs. Borko, Ms. Lucas, and Mr. LeClair.  
Do you think it was nerd day, or does Mr. Lyke always dress this way?

**Mrs. Downes-Borko** is the new choir, home ec, and keyboarding teacher. She is a very experienced teacher who taught in a wide variety of schools from Cooper Landing to Soldotna High School and piano lessons. Did you know that she was a singing waitress at Glacier National Park? Also Mrs. Borko love to hike, read, and play with her dog.

**Mr. Tilly** is the new head custodian. At the City of Kenai, he worked his way to the top of the fire department, starting as a paramedic, then to a firefighter, then he made it to the top as the fire chief. He was in the fire department for 27 1/2 years. He says he never had been a head custodian, but being at the fire department is very similar. To clean the fire house every day, they mop the floors and take care of the equipment.

**Mr. LeClair** is the new boys' gym teacher. He taught at Barrow High School and Dillingham High School for 7 years. He loves to snowmachine, hunt, fish, wrestle and spend time with his family. He won coach of the year for wrestling last year for coaching at Barrow High School.

**Ms. Lucas** is teaching 6<sup>th</sup> grade math and science, plus algebra. She was the 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade science teacher at Toksook Bay and she also taught math, pre-algebra, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade math. Ms. Lucas loves to go outdoors on adventures, which includes working out and running.

**Mrs. Meyers** is the new kitchen manager. She has been in the school food department for four years. She owned her own restaurant and worked there for a long time. She says she loves her job and all the compliments she gets. She loves to rock hunt and paint rocks. She also likes driving her '68 Dodge Charger. She spends a lot of time with her family.

**Mr. Lyke** is a student teacher in Mr. Gustkey's class. He was a teacher's aide at Nikiski North Star. He also was a substitute in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He says it is a lot different from Alaska. He has also taught up, northern Alaska in remote villages before. He was a counselor for the National Teen Wildlife Program. He loves to hike and bike, but he and his wife just had a daughter who is six months old who takes all his time. When he can he loves to bring her to new places so she can explore and discover new things.

# OPINION-8-ED

By Matthew Parazoo

Question: What natural disaster would you be most scared to be in and why?

- Mrs. True – “Tornado, because it is spooky before one. It is like the calm before the storm. Tornadoes do a lot of damage.”
- Mrs. Diorec – “I would be most scared to be in a flood (tsunami) because I am very afraid of drowning. It would be impossible to outrun a flood of water.”
- Andie Galloway- “Meteor because they are like tiny bullets.”
- Hermoine Lanfeair- “I would say earthquake. The ground is moving and you can’t get away from them. They’re also just scary.”
- Milena Doyle – “Flood, dying from not being able to breathe would be painful. Stressful.”
- Faith Braud- “A flood because the water ruins everything and we would die. If people can’t swim. And mold.”
- Mrs. Miranda- “I would be most terrified to be in a wildfire. I have had nightmares, when I was younger, from dying in a fire. There is nowhere to go and if the painful fire doesn’t kill you, the smoke will.”
- Denali Bernard- “An earthquake that causes a flood because when we have a big earthquake there would be huge cracks in the earth and the flood water would be freezing and you could die of hypothermia.”
- Zoe Mason- “Flood, because I would be scared and scared for other people to drown.”

# Natural Disasters

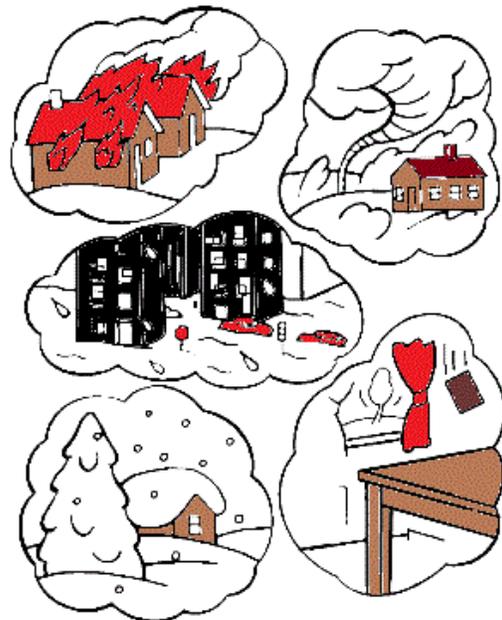
By Brooklynn Reed

If you’ve been watching the news recently, then you’ve surely heard about all of the natural disasters that have been happening across North America, such as hurricanes, earthquakes, and fires.

Some of the largest and most destructive natural disasters are hurricanes. In case you didn’t know, hurricanes are usually very rare and can only be formed with the perfect wind speed, air temperature, and water temperature, which is why the number of hurricanes we’ve had this year is crazy. Categories are a form of measurement for hurricanes on a scale from one to five, one being the smallest and five the largest. Usually only about two major hurricanes occur every year, however there have already been three, and hurricane season isn’t even over yet!

I personally have been a victim of a hurricane. About a year and a half ago there was a small hurricane in Prairieville, Louisiana, which was where I lived at the time. It had been raining for a couple of days with strong winds, but nothing too extreme; however, the next morning I looked out of the kitchen window and saw that the water was only about eight feet away from the front door. We only had time to grab clothes for the next two days, a few necessities such as our toothbrushes, and photos. We left by boat, and I finally got a chance to look around. The absolute hardest part for me was seeing my little brother’s toys floating above what was our front yard. Luckily my family and I had some good family friends who gave us somewhere to stay for a few days, until we moved to our current home in Alaska.

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## Natural Disasters

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For the past couple of months there have been loads of wildfires throughout the Lower 48 states such as: Nevada, Idaho, Arizona, Montana, South Dakota, Oregon, Texas, Washington, Utah, Wyoming, and California. According to the National Interagency Fire Center, there have been a total of 49,399 fires since January 1st of this year, burning a total of about 8,500,00 acres of land.

Seventh grader Eva Sorensen's grandma, aunt, and uncle have all been extremely close to wildfires. Her grandma, Dorothy Sorensen, was less than two miles away from the massive Card Street Fire. This was extra scary, because her grandma lives in a house that's been in her family for over a decade. Her aunt and uncle were also about two miles from a fire, and had to be evacuated. To the relief of Eva and her family, everyone was okay.

There have been over 7,250 earthquakes in the United States already this year, over 1,000 of which were in Alaska alone. Luckily, most of them in the U.S were not very major or destructive; however, Mexico wasn't as lucky. They've recently had an earthquake with a magnitude of 8.1 that did quite a bit of damage, and killed about 326 people. It's said to be Mexico's strongest earthquake of the century, and is leaving a lot of Mexico in rubble.

Ashley Dahlman, another 7<sup>th</sup> grader at our school, actually has family who have been affected by one of the recent earthquakes in Mexico City. Luckily, they weren't affected by the recent 8.1 earthquake, but they were in the middle of a smaller earthquake. No one in her family was hurt, but Ashley and her parents didn't know that for a while, due to the long distance, which gave them a bit of anxiety.

Through all of this craziness, it's good to know that the people affected are being helped. Organizations such as the American Red Cross have been helping people in need. Another group that's helping is the Cajun Navy, who help with hurricanes and flooding. The extraordinary thing about the Cajun Navy is that it's fully voluntary, hundreds of average citizens, joining together to help others. They have saved hundreds and hundreds of lives, simply because they cared. Thanks to everyone helping, more people will hopefully survive these natural disasters.

## Alaska's Biggest Event

By Zoticus Active



The 2017 Alaska State Fair in Palmer opened on August 24 and ended on September 4. The fair is the largest annual event in Alaska and there's hundreds of thousands of people. The first fair was held from September 4-7, 1936, so it's been going on for over 80 years.

Some people go to the fair just for the rides. Some of the major rides are the Sling Shot, Mega Drop, Apollo, Ferris Wheel and the Zipper, and there is a lot more. People love the exciting experience of these rides. I found out my real scream when I went on the Mega Drop!

There were more than 65 food booths at the Alaska State Fair. Crepes de Paris, Elephant Ears (a type of fry bread), and Cajun cooking are three of the food booths. Most fair food doesn't have lots of vegetables or healthy ingredients, but it tastes good!

Lots of the vendors were selling clothes and jewelry. They also had RVs, trucks, four wheelers, wigs and hot tubs. Nathan Haga said one vendor was giving away Alaska state flags.

Concerts, Loop Rawlings, rides, games, and mini games were some of the entertainment, plus so many more that are at the state fair. The Monster truck tournament was very popular.

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# Coming to KMS

By Eva Sorensen



Coming to Kenai Middle School, new 6<sup>th</sup> graders had different opinions about being in middle school. Many students said that they were excited for middle school because you can go to activity nights, support your peers in academics and sports, as well as have more freedom. But others were nervous about having more responsibility and pressure put on them.

Many students, including Ashlyn Potton, said middle school is definitely different from elementary school because students have not just cubbies or desks, but a whole locker to put things in and space to decorate and personalize.

Being in a new school comes with its ups and downs, having more responsibility and freedom, but also taking on more stress and nervousness. Owen Smith said one thing he is nervous for about 6<sup>th</sup> grade is losing friends but Ashlyn mentioned that she's not very nervous about anything, but she is very excited for the field trips like the Exit Glacier hike and 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp.

Welcome to Kenai Middle School, we are so excited to have some fresh faces this year, and can't wait for what's ahead this year!

## Alaska State Fair

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Some of the exhibits had art, baked goods, and arts and crafts. Most of the farm animals are at the biggest building in the state fair. There are more than you can imagine, like cows, reindeer, rabbits, llamas, turkeys, horses, pigs, chickens, and more.

The fair is famous for the record-setting giant vegetables. The giant cabbage contest began in 1941, and the winner was 23 pounds. Max Sherrod won \$25 for his prize. In 2017 "Stinky II" was the biggest cabbage and it weighed 81.35 pounds. Brian Shunskis won a blue ribbon.

The record for the giant pumpkin was set in Alaska and was broke, by Dale Marshal. His weighed 1469 pounds. The last record weighed 1287. It was set by J.D. Megchelsen.

On September 3, 1960 President John F. Kennedy came to the fair. As he said in a speech, "I feel at home in Alaska, for a good reason. For Alaska is a new state, and a land of opportunity."

Alaska became an official state on January 3, 1959, so it's been a state for 58 years, and the state fair is still awesome!

### ALASKA STATE FLAG SONG

Eight stars of gold on a field of blue-  
Alaska's flag. May it mean to you  
The blue of the sea, the evening sky,  
The mountain lakes, and the flow'rs nearby;  
The gold of the early sourdough's dreams  
The precious gold of the hills and streams;  
The brilliant stars in the northern sky,  
The "Bear"- the "Dipper"- and, shining high,  
The great North Star with its steady light,  
Over land and sea a beacon bright.  
Alaska's flag-to Alaskans dear,  
The simple flag of the last frontier

***"Let your smile change the world, but don't let the world change your smile."***

***"You will never have this day again, so make it count."***

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# Teachers with 6<sup>th</sup> Graders

By Jenna Tureman



Can you believe it? KMS appears to have six teachers with their son or daughter as a sixth grader this year. It's absolutely amazing! What's also very cool is that the Becks, who are Mr. Beck, Mrs. Beck, Bridger Beck, and Emma Beck are all in the same building each day!

The staff here at KMS seem to enjoy having their child attend school with them. Mrs. Tews has Zane, and she believes he is enjoying having her as a teacher. She said he doesn't complain and that he likes to talk to her as well.

Mr. and Mrs. Verkuilen have Kylee. Mrs. Verkuilen replied, "I'm excited to be part of her life. I'm proud of her and there's much learning here." Mr. Verkuilen answered with something similar. "It's a joy to have her here, and I get a chance to see her. I get to say hi every once in a while," he says. He also enjoys having his wife here at KMS.



Mrs. True responded saying, "I enjoy having Hazel here at KMS because I get lots of hugs. I also get to keep a close eye on her and her friends."

Mr. and Mrs. Beck have Emma, and they also have Bridger Beck, who's in seventh grade. According to Mr. Beck, Emma is a great kid and he wants her to experience KMS. Mrs. Beck replied, "I get to see both of my children all day, unlike most parents."

Most kids here at KMS don't know what it's like to have their parent teach at the same school they attend. I interviewed the kids who do know what it's like having their parent teach at the school with them. Kylee Verkuilen answered me saying, "It feels good. Whenever I need help or if I'm feeling down, I can go and talk to my parents so they can help me."

Owen Smith says it's nice because whenever he's unsure about something, he can walk up to Mrs. Smith and she would help him solve his problems. He also said it's nice because his mom does favors for him whenever he needs it.

Emma Beck says it's nice to have her parents at school with her. She explains that she has to act her best, because her dad is the vice principal, and she feels like she has to stay on task the whole time. She tells me that it's also helpful because if she needs help on homework, she can go early in the morning and get help from her parents.

Zane Tews tells me that it's different having his mom at school with him and that it's not normal!

Hazel told me it's sometimes fun, but her mom could also embarrass her. She said it's nice because she can talk to Mrs. True if she needs to and figure stuff out.

It's amazing how six teachers here at KMS all have sixth graders attending school with them! I'm glad the sixth graders are liking their first year so far at middle school, and that the staff is enjoying teaching here at KMS.



# XCR

By Jayna Boonstra



The top-ten girls at the first XCR meet of the season on the KMS course!

Well, X-Country running is off to a great start this year here at KMS, with 55 runners. There are lots of different meets, including meets at Seward, Homer, Skyview, and here at KMS. X-Country running lasts for about seven weeks and is packed full of fun and hard work.

Now you may be wondering why kids do X-Country running. Well, here are what some of our runners think. Sixth grader Chloe Grimm says X-Country running is super fun, she loves to get a good workout in, and she is excited to become a better runner. Sixth grader Greg Fallon says he likes to run and get tired, and X-Country is really fun! As you can see, there are lots of different reasons that these kids do X-Country running.

During the X-Country season the kids do lots of different things, including games, road trips, drills, and lots of different workouts. Now with all these different activities that go on, some runners have their personal favorites. Sixth grader Imogen Roberts says her favorite part about X-Country is the road trips. She likes the road trips because she gets to hang out with her friends and choose what she gets to have for dinner. Greg's favorite part is the races; he likes the races because he gets to race lots of different people. If you've never been in a race before, or even if you

have, racing can be fun and a nerve-racking experience.

Mr. Schlung is still the X-Country running coach here at KMS. Coach Schlung has been coaching for about 20 years. He states, "I wanted to start coaching X-Country because I like to see students learn to push their mental limits. X-Country does that to you." Coach Schlung also ran X-Country when he was a kid.

Some runners here at KMS have been in X-Country for all three years. Eighth grader Leah Fallon has been in X-Country since she was a 6<sup>th</sup> grader! Seventh grader Ben Boersma has been in X-Country for two years, but plans to run next year.

There are a lot of different ways that people feel before, after, and during a race. Let's see how some of our runners feel. Chloe says before a race she's a little nervous but once she gets running it gets better. Leah says during the race she's thinking about finishing, and of course the most common advice from Coach Schlung: watching your feet. Ben says after a race when he has done well he feels very proud of himself. Leah says after a race when she places in the top ten she feels very successful.

As you can see, there are a lot of things going on this season for the runners here at KMS. For most of the runners, X-Country is a great way to be active and hang out with friends!

Editor's Note: We will have coverage of the XCR borough meet in the next issue, plus articles about both A soccer teams.

*"The difference in winning and losing is often not quitting." -Walt Disney*

*"Don't cry because it ended, smile because it happened." -Dr. Seuss*

# B-Team Soccer Celebrates



Players on the co-ed B-team soccer team celebrate the end of the season with a pizza party in Coach Rininger's room. Team members included Zoti Active, TJ Anderson, Kai Clark, Mckenize Coray, Jake Dukowitz, Zach Halstead, Emily Huffer, Sophie Karl, Branch Keller, Aicha Kisena, Patrick Kramer, Carmen Mallory, Kimberly Noriega, Ryan Pierce, Owen Plumridge, Kaden Quimby, Ayla Tallent, Silas Thibodeau, Joyce Trenton, Jaylynn Witt, Jorie Witt, and Xavier Zendejas.

## Soccer Season Success

The soccer teams once again had a successful season. We had over 60 student athletes participate and represent themselves, their school, and their community in a very positive way. We once again had numerous student alumni, along with parents, as coach assistants, which showed a desire to come back to KMS in order to assist as coaches and referees when needed.

Thanks to leadership for selling concessions and bringing out our school mascot at the borough tournament on Saturday. Thank you, staff, for your support this season, as well as for helping us coaches hold our athletes accountable for their actions.

Please congratulate players from the Girls A-Team, Boys A-Team, and Co-Ed B-Team on a great soccer season.

With thanks from Coach Felchle, Coach Verkuilen, and Coach Rininger

# Pop Warner Football

By Ransom Hayes



There are so many Saints at KMS particularly in Pee wee. I am going to introduce you to some of them. Here's your Pop Warner players.

Mykah Booth has been playing football for three years. He plays first string center, and he likes it very much because he makes the first pass in the game. He likes football because he said, "I like to crush people's hearts." His number is 51, and he likes it because it is the first number in the 50s. He has won three games, and he said it was fun in the game against the Seahawks because they won the game in overtime. They also won two games by forfeit against the Seahawks and the Steelers. His season has been good because he met new friends.

Tanner Clide plays first string pulling guard. He does not like it because he thinks it is boring and he does not get to run the ball. His number is 34. He likes football because he gets to hurt people. Now Tanner's season has been good because, "There is some people I don't like and some I do, so yes."

Reagan Graves is first string running back. He likes it because he likes trucking kids and making touchdowns. His number is 10, and he likes it because it is his lucky number. He likes football because he likes hitting kids very hard and helping the team win and lose. His season was fine because some kids got hurt but they got better. Reagan is the coach's son and he said, "It is not like you get any special treatment. Work with all your might and get what you want."

Remember me, Ransom Hayes? I'm on the same team. I play first string corner on defense and first string offense as a tight end. I like defense because I like to hurt people. My number is 45 because it is my dad's and my older brother Darby's retired football number at WSU and UW. I like football because I like hitting and catching. My season has been good because I have been having fun. We hope we win the next game so we can go to the playoffs.

# KMS Leadership

By Gabriella Tews & Sydney Johnson

The students this year in Leadership are Corvin Bookey, Leah Fallon, Taylor Huett, Sydney Johnson, Andie Galloway, Samuel Roberts, Gabriella Tews, Isaiah Ticknor, Katie Shears, Betsy Moffett, Maccoy Castillo, Ellen Atchley, Audrey Larsen, Brooke Ashley, Olivia Easley, Joyce Trenton, Delaney Duck, Cooper Grimm, and Brandiee Bowers. The Leadership teacher is Mrs. True.

Welcoming all kids (WAK) was our first activity this year in leadership, before school started, we gave tours, helped with lockers, played fun games, and taught the new students the KMS school song.

Later in first quarter we had a spirit week which the leadership was in charge of. You may remember some of the more memorable costumes, such as Isaiah Ticknor's Wonder Woman costume on 'Merica Monday; Jorie and Jaylyn Witt, the identical twins on twin day that were so hard to tell apart; and on nerd day Hadessah Parkki wore actual headgear to school!

We were also in charge of the first activity night and dance, held on September 18<sup>th</sup>. At the activity night there was a soda pop ring toss, face painting, and the snack shack with many delicious foods. At the dance there was amazing music courtesy of Andie Galloway and Corvin Bookey.

This month is suicide prevention month and we have a Wall of Hope/Before I Die project put together by Samuel Roberts and Sydney Johnson. Students wrote on cards what they want to do during their lives. Going skydiving and traveling to different places around the world were very popular. The cards have been put up in the commons.

Also, throughout the quarter we have put up many different bulletin boards such as the ones in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade hallways. We also made displays in the commons for Cross Country running and Soccer, plus lots of locker signs for Soccer, Cross Country running and Music. As you can see, Leadership has been busy!



## Activity Night Fun!



**“BE A VOICE, NOT AN ECHO.”**

# World Languages Exploratory

By Eva Sorensen

Hola, ciao, jambo, marhaba, privyet, hej, talofa, shalom! Hello from around the world! Mrs. Nabholz is the amazing teacher of World Languages, and she has been teaching the exploratory for about four years, but the previous teacher, Mrs. Romberg taught many years before Mrs. Nabholz started teaching.

Throughout the course, students will learn Spanish, Dena'ina, and French. If time allows, students will also be able to study a language of their choice, such as Danish, American Sign Language, and Hawaiian.

We recently had our first food lab in World Languages, in which we were assigned to taste different percentages of chocolate and try new kinds of chocolate such as Abeulita, a stone ground cinnamon chocolate. Nevaeh Olson, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader, said her favorite percentage of chocolate was the 20% milk chocolate because she's used to the taste.

Overall, World Languages has been enjoyable as much as it is informative, even though we are only about five to six weeks into school, it has benefited me and made me aware of my surrounding countries. Ciao, aloha, adios!



Students in world languages class enjoy playing card games and acting out skits in Spanish!



# First Lego League Robotics Team



Ms. Lucas has started a First Lego League Robotics club! Members were selected based on their written applications, with only about half of those applying making the final team. Current members include Kage Adkins, Ben Boersma, Robert Carson, Gwendylan Case, Reagan Graves, Alexis Pierren, William Roberts, and Canon Spinka.

They will learn how to program their robot to navigate a competition course, complete a community project related to this year's theme of hydrodynamics, and practice using the FLL core values as a cooperative team. Good luck to them as they get their season started!

## Catapult Challenge

Eight teams of KMS students are currently designing and building catapults to compete in the Mind-A-Mazes challenge sponsored by the district Quest program. The school run-off competition will be held on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, during lunch and advisory periods, to determine which four teams will attend the district competition on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Watch out for all the flying tennis balls in the halls!



# Don't Mock a Person Who Stutters

By Mrs. Neill, KMS  
Speech-Language Pathologist

"I-I-I-I'm not sure," answered Joey. "You're n-n-n-not sure?!" mocked his friend Martin. Everyone in the group laughed, and Joey laughed with them, although he felt humiliated. Joey is a person who stutters, and he's dealt with the problem since he was very young. When people make fun of the way he talks – even when they think they're just joking – he feels embarrassed and bullied.

Stuttering may look like an easy problem that can be solved with some simple advice, but for many people, it can be a chronic life-long disorder. A person who stutters may repeat a sound ("n-n-n-no"), repeat a word, prolong a sound ("ssssee if Ssssue can go"), or present blocks or long spaces, as if the word is stuck and can't get out.

Here are some ways the Stuttering Foundation suggests that you, the listener, can help:

1. **Don't make remarks** like "Slow down," "Take a breath," or "Relax." Such simplistic advice can be felt as demeaning and is not helpful.
2. Let the person know by your manner that you are **listening** to what he or she says – not how they say it.
3. Maintain **natural eye contact** and **wait patiently** and naturally until the person is finished.
4. **Do not finish sentences or fill in words**, although you may be tempted to do so.
5. Be aware that those who stutter usually have **more trouble controlling their speech on the telephone**. Please **be patient** in this situation. If you pick up the phone and hear nothing, be sure it is not a person who stutters trying to start the conversation before you hang up.
6. **Speak in an unhurried way** – but not so slowly as to sound unnatural. This promotes good communication with everyone.

We have a handful of students at school who battle stuttering. Help your friends who stutter by being a good listener . . . not a bully who mocks or makes fun.

## September Birthdays

By Alora Barlow



Devan Moore-1<sup>st</sup>  
Alex Brown-1<sup>st</sup>  
Julianna Hamilton-1<sup>st</sup>  
Ryan Pierce-1<sup>st</sup>  
Joshua Olsen-2<sup>nd</sup>  
Samantha Avery-2<sup>nd</sup>  
Phoebe Thomas-3<sup>rd</sup>  
Ms. Jones-3<sup>rd</sup>  
Vincent Hensley-5<sup>th</sup>  
Mycka Phillips-5<sup>th</sup>  
Corvin Bookey-7<sup>th</sup>  
James Sparks-7<sup>th</sup>  
Ms. Lucas-9<sup>th</sup>  
Shawna Tickett-9<sup>th</sup>  
Charles Trickle-9<sup>th</sup>  
Mrs. Nabholz-10<sup>th</sup>  
Kevin Chaffee-10<sup>th</sup>  
Ruth Nash-10<sup>th</sup>  
Mr. Summer-11<sup>th</sup>  
Gabbie Tews-11<sup>th</sup>  
Jorgi Phillips-14<sup>th</sup>  
Holden Warnke-14<sup>th</sup>  
Aaliyah Fitzpatrick-14<sup>th</sup>  
Gracie Lanfear-14<sup>th</sup>  
Kenneth Coghill-14<sup>th</sup>  
William Wilson-15<sup>th</sup>  
Kage Adkins-16<sup>th</sup>  
Jason Herman-17<sup>th</sup>  
Jack Satathite-17<sup>th</sup>  
Abigail Johnson-17<sup>th</sup>  
Luke Cross-18<sup>th</sup>  
Denali Bernard-19<sup>th</sup>  
Elliot Haga-21<sup>st</sup>  
Elijah Williamson-22<sup>nd</sup>  
Savanna Wilson-22<sup>nd</sup>  
Joseph Gottschalk-22<sup>nd</sup>  
Bridger Beck-22<sup>nd</sup>  
Ben Spinka-23<sup>rd</sup>  
Nurse Dixie-23<sup>rd</sup>  
Nevaeh Olson-23<sup>rd</sup>  
Juniper Espy-25<sup>th</sup>  
Tommy Mathis-26<sup>th</sup>

## October Birthdays

By Jenna Tureman

Mrs. Zorbas- 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Brayden Ray- 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Joe Denison- 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Mr. Felchle- 4<sup>th</sup>  
Mrs. Neill- 5<sup>th</sup>  
Izzie Katzenberger-5<sup>th</sup>  
Julia Farewell- 6<sup>th</sup>  
Alston Thomas- 6<sup>th</sup>  
David Martin- 7<sup>th</sup>  
Zane Pellegrom- 9<sup>th</sup>  
Simon Farabee- 13<sup>th</sup>  
Dustin Blake- 13<sup>th</sup>  
Ayla Tallent- 15<sup>th</sup>  
Breella Hodgson- 16<sup>th</sup>  
Lexi Pierren- 16<sup>th</sup>  
Dawson Lockwood- 17<sup>th</sup>  
Cali Holmes- 18<sup>th</sup>  
Keith Sees- 18<sup>th</sup>  
Caven Swanson- 19<sup>th</sup>  
Colton Dunham- 20<sup>th</sup>  
Samuel Roberts- 21<sup>st</sup>  
Micha Campbell- 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Mrs. Beck- 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Mrs. Sounart- 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Marcus Dunham-24<sup>th</sup>  
Derrick Henry- 24<sup>th</sup>  
Grace Beiser- 25<sup>th</sup>  
Melanie Hopkins- 27<sup>th</sup>  
Emmalee Roney- 28<sup>th</sup>  
Kimberly Chanley- 28<sup>th</sup>  
Max Martin- 29<sup>th</sup>  
Mrs. Mosquito- 31<sup>st</sup>



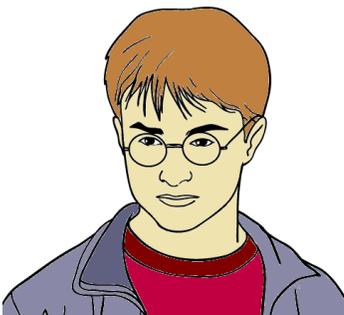
# RANDOM FUN

## FACTS

By Matthew Parazoo

- 109.5 degrees is the angle of a Dihydrogen Monoxide (H<sub>2</sub>O) molecule.
- You are more likely to have a heart attack on a Monday.
- King Henry VIII slept with a gigantic axe beside him.
- It would cause a paradox if Pinocchio said, "My nose will grow now."
- "Do geese see god" backwards is "Do geese see god."
- Bin Laden's and Hitler's deaths were announced 66 years apart.
- Avada Kedavra means "let this thing be destroyed."
- The word Voldemort is pronounced vol-day-more.
- Voldemort means "death flight" in French.
- Expecto Patronum means "I await a guardian."
- Lord Voldemort cannot feel love.
- Harry Potter and Voldemort are related. Harry Potter is a descendant of Ignotus Peverell, and Voldemort is a descendant of Cadmus Peverell.
- October 31<sup>st</sup>, 1991 was the ten-year anniversary of Harry's parents' murders.
- The character of Superman was sold to DC Comics for \$130.
- Clark Kent is also a character in the Marvel universe, where he is actually just a mild-mannered reporter.
- According to the comics, Lex Luthor is ticked off at Superman because Superman contributed towards the balding of his head when he was a child.

Facts from thefactsite.com, quora.com, pottermore.com, Nerdsync, the YouTube channel, listverse.com, Google translate, marvunapp.com, and diply.com



# Just Some Jokes

By Jayna Boonstra & Jenna Tureman

Q: What did the pig say on a hot summer day?

A: I'm bacon!

Q: Which letter is the coolest?

A: Iced T!

Q: When do you start at red and stop at green?

A: When you're eating watermelon!

Q: Why did the man love his barbecue?

A: It was the grill of his dreams!



Q: What do you get when you run behind a car?

A: Exhausted!

Q: What do the track coach and the dentist have in common?

A: They both use drills!

Q: What kind of running shoes are made from banana skins?

A: Slippers!



Q: Why are soccer players so good at math?

A: They know how to use their heads!

Q: Why did the soccer player bring string to the game?

A: So she could tie the game!

Q: Why don't soccer players play soccer in the jungle?

A: There are too many cheetahs!



Q: Why did Cinderella get kicked off the football team?

A: Because she kept running away from the ball!

# Secret Questions

By Miss Advice

Q: Why can't I legally be a hot dog? -Hotdog Lover

A: Dear Hotdog Lover,  
If you want to be educated you have to attend school. Most schools do not allow dogs on campus, and I really don't think we need fever germs being spread around the school from this HOT dog!



Q: What is purple? -Rainbow

A: Dear Rainbow,  
Purple is a lot of things! Purple is a mix of destruction blended together with grapes, with a pinch of KMS and cats, dusted with eggplants and happy, violet drizzled on top and pages, flowers, and black berries mixed in.

Q: What is life? -Future

A: Dear Future,  
Life is *vida, leben, liv, leven, alama, la vie, ola, lific, vitay, zycie*, for those that speak different languages.

Q: When people have really bad body odor after gym class how come they don't know it and put on deodorant? -Can't Stand the Smell

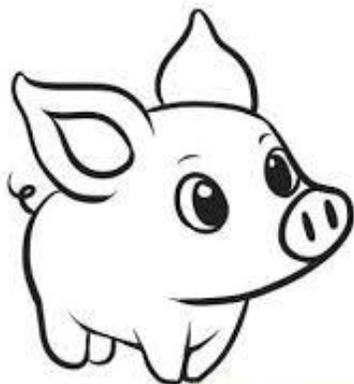
A: Dear Can't Stand the Smell, well, with all the other smells around they may not be focusing on their own smell, which might not be pleasant. Another reason might be because some kids don't like the feel of deodorant. But I know how you feel! Here's a tip, if the person beside you or the people around you stink you might want to say, "WOW someone stinks!" A natural reaction would be for everyone around you to think "Am I the one that stinks"? This might encourage some kids to put on deodorant.



# Blind Drawings

By Jayna Boonstra

Directions: Stare at the drawing that you wish to draw. When you feel like you have studied it enough, close your eyes and try to draw that object on a separate piece of paper. Then turn your paper in to Mrs. Nabholz to be displayed in the "Art Gallery." Please include your name at the bottom on that paper. Thank you!!!!



## Anonymous Confessions

(continued from back page)

*A dog humped me when I was on vacation.*

Anonymous, I don't like dogs, and this is one of the reasons. But that's hilarious!!

*I pooped in the bathtub once, my mom cleaned it up.*

Anonymous, The same thing happened to me when I was three.

*I've never had a boyfriend in my entire life.*

Anonymous, I have. It's terrible! **DON'T GET A BOYFRIEND.**

*When I was nine I sat on a cactus when I was going #1, and my dad had to pull out the cactus spines and I'm a girl so I was really embarrassed.*

Anonymous, That sucks. I'm actually really grossed out and I'm gonna flip out and deny I ever read that.

*I used to drink my yogurt.*

Anonymous, Yogurt is from cows, and cows eat grass, and there is always manure everywhere, so technically you're drinking poop.

*I lived with penguins.*

Anonymous, I lived with hotdogs.

*I'm obsessed with llamas, everyone knows who wrote this.*

Anonymous, I know who this is, and I'm obsessed with hotdogs.

*I've been in an Alice Alert. – Hidden Student*

Hidden Student,

Spooky. (spooky, and pooping my pants)

*I once shook my butt at a police officer.*

Anonymous, That's a goal now.

*I once flooded the bathroom in four inches of water.*

Anonymous, If I was in that situation, I would get some fishes and I'd call it my aquarium.

*Once I shoved a guy downstairs.*

Anonymous, You are now the bad of all good things.

*I like cats.*

Anonymous, Me too.

*I ate a taco once.*

Anonymous, Woah! **PUSH IT TO THE LIMIT!**



## Overheard

(continued from back page)

"Your hands are bony, I like it!"

"I have really boney knees but flappy thighs."

"I did the Kylie lip challenge, my lips looked like balloons!"

"No, but I like the toe jam!"

"Throwing up markers, because who doesn't?"

"I dropped my toe on my chair,"

"I chopped the tree down then I chucked it up!"

"You didn't do your diapers!"

"I'm jacked like beef jerky!"

"Can you please blast the clothes off?"

"My noggin is halfway decomposed."

"I keep coughing up Skittles!"

"Oh my freakachu!"

"The force has filled me!"

"Roasted like a turkey chicken."

"Stupid rules for fish."

"Did you bite your teeth?"

"My birthday made my mess a room!"

**"STOP ASSUMING MY GENDER!"**

"I smell like celery!"

"Be hand sanitized!"

Watching a video in science class:

Person 1. "He's eating him!"

Person 2. "No, the bobcat's just licking the bunny, they're friends!"

Person 3. "Look they're playing."

Person 1. "He's **SCRATCHING** him!!"

Person 2. "You dunno, maybe they're **BEST FRIENDS!**"

Person 4. "I love you! I love you! Mwah mwah."

Person 5. "**CUDDLE PARTY!**" (animals wrestle)

Person 1. "I'm hungry!"

Person 1. "I'm hungry for your soul!"

Person 1. "Hi!" Person 2. "Thank you!"

Person 1. "Can I draw you, Jeff?"

Person 2. "I'm gonna draw on you, Jeff."

Student: "What is fiancé?" (looking at list of careers) Teacher: "Ummm... that's finance."

Person 1. "Who's got the hot sauce?"

Person 2. "Bro, ain't nobody going to eat momma's Hot Cheetos!" (thinking person said Cheetos)

Person 1: "What Asian cat?!"

Person 2: "No! I said you ate your cat."

# Anonymous Confessions

By Nicole Toepel

*One time, my hamster got out of its cage, so I thought it was a spider, so I squished it. He's dead now. -Mr. Muffin*

Mr. Muffin, I think that's kind of funny, I chuckled.

*My middle name is Riley.*

Anonymous, That's cool, my middle name is Orange.

*I peed in the fridge when I was two.*

Anonymous, We all made mistakes, like when I ran down the street naked when I was four.

*When I was five I stole SpongeBob glasses from the store.*

Anonymous, I want SpongeBob glasses!!

*I like Levi.*

Anonymous, I like memes.

*NO.*

Anonymous, YES.

*Once I got a splinter in my foot and my dad had to hold me down to pull it out. - Mr. Muffin*

Mr. Muffin, Sounds EXCRUCIATING!  
(me cringing in the back)

*Why don't we have a pajama party? - Blue Jay*

Blue Jay, I don't know, but we should most definitely have one.

*I like you, Julianna Hamilton.*

Anonymous, I hope you have a good relationship with her! Just joking, you're too young.

*I burp every time I drink something that's not water. - Bubbles*

Bubbles, You should get that checked out at the doctor.

*I have never ridden a dirt bike.*

Anonymous, I have! It's actually really fun.

*Never Land is real!*

Anonymous, It sure is! (I'm being sarcastic.)



# Overheard

By Kimberly Noriega & Brooklynn Reed

"They're good at bike riding...in a circle."

"The real HARDCORE bike riders, they STAND!"

"I can do it without my mommy!"

"Wait...fish breathe underwater? I thought they drink it."

"Are there ninjas on the roof?" (hears foot stomps)

"Pipe dust might fall in your eye!"

"That's gonna be sushi for me!" (looks at fish in Mr. V's tank)

"I thought her shoes say Aids but they're Adidas."

"Hellllloooo poster paper!!!"

"Yragui don't do drugs!"

"Can I feed the fitches?!"

"Holy man, he swims like the wind."

"You can't eat the cupcakes, it's a child!"

"Buddy's a loser but we still love him!"

"Look, the chair pooped pencil shavings!!!"

"Cannibalism is why America is fat!"

"You're gonna get married even if you are only in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, BELIEVE IN IT!"

"Holy frickle frackle!"

"Oh my gosh-golly!"

"Sounded like a penguin's dog."

"My ears are watering!"

"I'd be like some German chick."

"I'm going to Palper." (trying to say Palmer)

"The snowmen with dandruff."

"My hand smells really good!"

"Can we start a rave?"

"MY NAME IS NOT JEFF!"

"I thought you said chunky lava."

"I want a British grandma!"

"Everyone has a crack in their seat."

"Hold on, I have to do my pig!"

"I like turtles."

"Why did you just punch my butt?!"

"Her butt was full of pillows!"

"Your nails are killing me!"

"I think I am the trash can!"

"You can't hear through her eyeballs!"

"My butt feels weird!"

"SMELL IN MY ARMPIT."

"Someone told me I sound like a dying frog!"

"Daydream while driving and forget where you are?"

And a special treat for reading all the way to the end of the amazing September issue of the KMS Purple Pages!

Mrs. Meyers' banana dolphin snacks hanging out with their fruity friends!

