

# KMS PURPLE PAGES

Kenai Middle School  
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## Memorable Mrs. Miranda

By Dylan Landry



Mrs. Miranda has worked at KMS for six years, not only teaching language arts but also drama. Her favorite memories are the mini courses; she said, “I really got a chance to see kids in a different environment.” She also loved reading and sharing *The Outsiders* with 8th grade students, and seeing them get hooked on the book was amazing.

Mrs. Miranda really enjoys drama, and her favorite production was from last year, the class of 2022. The production was called “No Body to Murder.” She said, “It really pushed students beyond their comfort zone and the costumes were amazing.”

Mrs. Miranda said that what she is going to miss most about KMS and Kenai is the sense of community and family. KMS is the fourth school that she has taught at and overall the best!

Mrs. Miranda didn't start college right after high school; in fact, she moved to Seattle from her hometown of Spokane and worked at a coffee shop called Seattle's Best Coffee, which is now Starbucks. After that job she then worked as a program coordinator which she did for a while. At 26 she knew what her dream job was, to be a teacher, so she went to college and has been teaching for over ten years now.

Some of Mrs. Miranda's favorite memories are from her childhood, including a best friend named Christy that she would always hang out with. One of her favorite memories was at a Garth Brooks concert; they waited in that line the entire day just to get into the concert. When summer time rolled around Mrs.

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# Mrs. Miranda

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Miranda would always go camping to all sorts of places and states, such as Yellowstone National Park in Montana, before and after the huge fire. She would always stay at her family's cabin and hang out there on the weekends, and if she didn't go with her parents she would go with her friend's parents who also owned a cabin.



For those of you who don't know, Mrs. Miranda had cancer but she was tough and fought through it, and for that she is respected so much by fellow staff and students. Mrs. Miranda said, "It wasn't as hard as I thought it was going to be, because I had so much support." When this happened it really made her realize that life is precious and short, so she tries to make every day more precious, one after another. She said that being a teacher helps because students are so full of energy, which is why she loves middle school so much.

Mr. Summer: "It's unfortunate for KMS, she's been a bright spot in our staff, a tough lady. The best reason for leaving is family and that's why she is, so I have great respect for her."

Mrs. Rininger: "It makes me sad. It doesn't feel real yet because she's always been here. It's going to be a rough transition for us still left at KMS. I hope the best for her, I know she'll be happy closer to family, and I hope she thinks about us. I'm sure we won't realize what she does until she's gone."

Ms. Johnson: "I think it's going to be a huge impact, she does a lot for the school and she provides a lot of positive energy for the school, that's going to be hard to replace. Change is hard, getting a new teacher is going to be an adjustment. I'm going to miss her, I'm so lucky that I got to know her for five years, and I'm going to visit. It's hard to make friends when you're not stuck together, so it's incredible the relationship that we formed."

Mr. Dosko: "Mrs. Miranda has a skill set that she brought when she came from the village, and she enhanced the school. It leaves Mr. Beck and I to fill a whole; anyone can be replaced, but it's going to be hard to find someone with the skill set that Mrs. Miranda has. She'll be missed by the students, staff, and community."

Nurse Dixie: "She brought passion and love for drama, also an insight for kids with extra needs. She notices the little things that need to be addressed. She's often been a favorite of many students, and the world is a better place because she's here. We love her."

Ms. Gann: "We're going to miss her energy, enthusiasm, and her love for life. The passion she shares for teaching is amazing, and she leaves some big shoes to fill. She will be missed by students and staff."

Ms. Stotz: "Mrs. Miranda is really positive, and she always keeps the staff positive. She has a way of reaching out to the shy students and getting them out of their shell, and she sees students differently than other teachers. No matter who it is, she looks for the best in people."



Mrs. Sounart and Mrs. Neill celebrated Mrs. Miranda as our favorite Xtratuf Teacher!

# Opinion-8-ed

By Izzie Katzenberger

## What is your favorite memory at KMS?



Cavan Swanson: I have many but the fondest I have was probably seventh grade art. I made my first KMS friend there, because I was the new kid, that or every day in history.

Marina Crabb: The ice fishing trip even though it was really cold.

Ky Calvert: Playing capture the flag.

Shelby Easling: 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp.

Ella Yragui: Solid Rock, sting pong and s'more place.

Kaden Blake: Getting out of 9<sup>th</sup> period and going home.

Gavin Langham: Being on a sports team, the whole soccer and basketball season because being part of a team and road trips are great.

Brylee Niland: My favorite memory was when I first came to KMS and people weren't like kids in Vegas, this community was kind and not nearly as big as Las Vegas which I like.

Malerie Nunn: Our volleyball trip to Seward...LOL.

Landen Cialek: The Hockey Club.

Makena Arbizio: The 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Solid Rock.

Anonymous: Falling in love.

Genesis Trevino: Some of my favorite things were 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp and making "A" team for all of the teams I played for in 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

Carmen Mallory: Telling Kaden Quimby to shut up, JK, he's chill.

Dakari Robinson: I like when we play Fort Knox outside for P.E.

Kaden Quimby: Mr. Summer.

Xavier Zendejas: Getting sent to the office.

Rey Perez: My friends.

Melanie Hopkins: 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

Ransom Hayes: 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp, capture the flag.

Bridger Beck: The people in my cabin at 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp.

Maryna Hurst: Making my best friend, Emilee Wilson.

Mary Nash: The end of the year mini course.

Chuck E Cheese: My favorite memory from KMS is the ice fishing trip with Mr. V, Get Air and H2Oasis.

Sean Raften: Probably when I was at 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp and Eli, Ben, Rey, Jason and I played poker and Eli ended up making a wall out of marshmallows.

Kevin Chaffee: 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp.

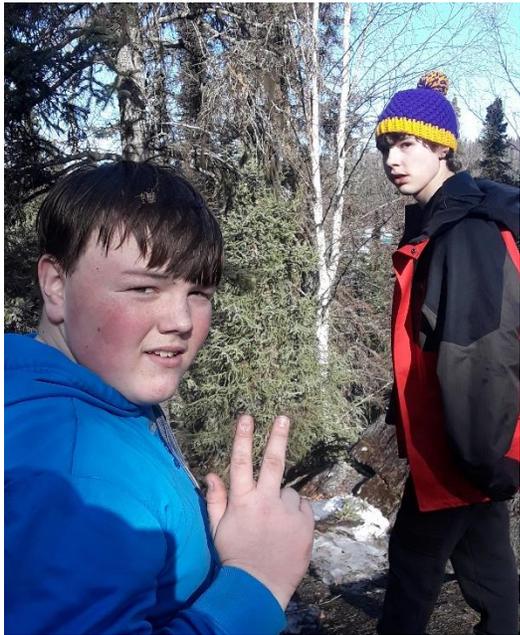
Jayna Boonstra: I loved the Solid Rock Bible Camp trip. I had a blast eating s'mores, playing games and playing disc golf with Mr. Summer.

Esther Joseph: Every time my friend and I almost died laughing.



Silas Thibodeau: All my friends are nice and fun to be around, and Mr. Summer as a teacher.

Abigail Giles: I have had so many amazing memories here at KMS that it was hard to choose. My favorite memories are 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp, 7<sup>th</sup> grade ice fishing, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Solid Rock.



Branch Keller: Golfing with Mr. V and mini courses.

Ronald McDonald: My favorite memory was Mr. Felchle because of his positive energy and his fun activities.

Eli Morris: When Drumline took a trip to play at different schools.

Ciara Neely: Volleyball, bus trips, and Solid Rock.

McKenize Coray: Hanging out with friends, sports, bus rides and Solid Rock.

Cali Holmes: Volleyball, bus trips, Starbucks, peeing on the side of the road, Brooklynn losing her phone, spilling the tea with Mrs. Beck and 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp.

Daniel Shelden: Playing soccer, meeting new friends, mini courses and 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp.



Reagan Graves: When Cody smashed his head into a cupcake at the lock in.

Jaylynn Witt: My favorite part was being able to be in TATU. It showed me a lot.

Sarai Bravo-Moe: Watching Mr. Summer in his open heart surgery on Valentine's Day. (That was his way of opening his heart to his students.)

4 Jakob Kvasnikoff: Mr. Summer and his spoiler.

Rylie Sparks: Basketball trip to Seward, putting goldfish in Ashlyn's hood, volleyball trip to Seward, spilling tea with Mrs. Beck, peeing on the side of the road and Brooklynn losing her phone.

Dylan Landry: There have been so many that there isn't a specific memory that is my favorite.

Andrew Gaethle: Sports, friends, 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade ice fishing.

Jonah Moses: My favorite memory was 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp.

Ashlynn Baughn: Either 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp because it was amazing or the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Solid Rock.

Jaden Garner: My favorite memory was making new friends and having a girlfriend.

Carnell Gump: My favorite memory is getting new friends.



Kage Adkins: In all honesty, there wasn't one, nearly every memory I have here I love. Every day I would hang out with friends, laugh in class, and just have fun. My 8<sup>th</sup> grade memories are my favorite.

Frenlee Ann Dagomos: I have tons of good memories in this school. My all-time

favorite is meeting my friends and being able to go to this very friendly place. KMS is the best!

Dawson Lockwood: The day's we don't have homework.

Ben Crawford: May 7<sup>th</sup> 2019, the note from Hope.

Alea Faulkner: I have a lot of memories at this school. I like Mr. Summer's class, science experiments, drama plays and tutoring 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Once I was in the gym with my friend, he said he was good at drop kicking, so I said show me. He did, but it hit Mr. Beck's face on accident! We ran right after he started yelling at another person! Oops!

Nolan Rogers: Drama and all the plays we did.

Sierra Moffis: 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp.

Lillian Miller: My favorite memory from KMS was the whole 8<sup>th</sup> grade year because it was really fun.

Ethan Gerow: My favorite memory from KMS is the H2Oasis bus ride.

Zach Halstead: My favorite memory of KMS was 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp.

Emily Huffer: Mrs. Miranda, she helped me through so much.

Elisabeth Hayes: My favorite memory from KMS is when I got to do my time capsule.



Cody Good: Honestly, I would have to say Mr. Fischer's stories from back in 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Brooklynn Reed: Either capture the flag from 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp, or the time I was hyped up on coffee and ended up

crying because I was laughing so hard during Mr. Summer's history class.

Blake Bucho: Mr. Summer's class was really fun. 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp was fun and Fuller Lake mini course too.

Cadie Fabiano: Clubs.

Kori Moore: Meeting new friends.

Aicha Kisena: 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp, Mr. Summer, and the D.C. trip.

Daxon Merveldt: Being in Mr. Gustkey's video class.

Malena Grieme: I can't remember, probably when I broke Mr. Summer's yak bell trying to close the door.

Chloe Goldsby: Too many, I can't pick.

Thomas Baker: When our leadership class got spooked in the Kossack Corner, and heard whispers.

Nekoda Cooper: Mini courses, ice fishing trip (RIP broken ice scooper, you are quite literally still with us) and the Solid Rock trip.

Elsie Fleming: My favorite memory from KMS is making the history movies.

Gwen Case: My favorite memory from KMS would be the teachers. I think all the 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers are great. Mr. Summer might act like he doesn't care but he does. Mrs. Miranda is so genuinely nice, I love having her as a teacher. Mrs. Rininger and Ms. Stotz are both really great teachers. Mrs. Nabholz always has fun ideas. To all the KMS teachers and faculty, I say thank you for making KMS such a great place to be.

Eva Sorensen: My favorite 8<sup>th</sup> grade memory was either the soccer trip to Seward or the volleyball trip to Seward because they were so fun and I made memories I will never forget, and they really made my year amazing.

Jake Phillips: I liked going to the rock place camp and the rock point.

Patrick Kramer: My favorite memories were all of the field trips we went on from climbing on glaciers to burning on fire at the ice fishing trips, but my favorite was playing capture the flag.

Ayla Tallent: My favorite memory is 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp.



Ryan Pierce: Mr. Summer is the best memory because he is funny, also camp was fun to stay with friends.

Annemarie Pienta: My favorite memory is spending time with my friends during school.

Jorgi Phillips: My favorite memory from Kenai Middle was starting volleyball in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, I found my passion.

Hope Broussard: Reading the note Ben Crawford gave me, May 9<sup>th</sup> 2019.

Alston Thomas: Walking?



Erin Bell: My favorite memory from KMS is when Shelby and I didn't want to play in the gym or play softball so we sat outside.

Kimberly Noriega: My favorite memories were 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp, ice fishing, and making the time capsule in Language Arts. I loved 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp because I had not really gone "camping" before. I liked the ice fishing trip because I got to fish and freeze my butt off with my friends. Time capsules were fun to make because I got to relive memories that have always been dear to me.

Adam Anglebrant: My favorite memory from KMS was having fun in Mr. V's class last year.

Jorie Witt: I liked Jackson Purcell.

Mason Garrett: My favorite things about KMS is lunch, 2:27, and friends.

Marvin Kulowiui-Oozeva: My favorite thing about KMS is learning new things I have never done before, like Ms. Stotz helping me get ready for chemistry and doing some projects.



Michael Dominic: My favorite memory from this school is having good friends and spending time with Ms. Mosquito. She is the best teacher ever. I wish she didn't have to leave. I can't wait to go on the mini courses. I will be going horseback riding and helping  
**6** at the pound.

# April SOMs

By Alexis Marquis

Great job to the April SOMs! Keep up the hard work. Congrats to everyone who earned SOM all year!! This was the last SOM for this year, but that doesn't mean to stop doing your best!!



6<sup>th</sup> grade- Phillip Henry, Elijah Cooper, Kyrie Watson, Madison Malone



7<sup>th</sup> grade- Caitlyn Martin, Haily Woodward, Jackson Marion



8<sup>th</sup> grade- Reagan Graves, Brooklyn Reed

# Summer Bucket List

By Alexis Marquis & Kenzie Keller

Summer is here – time to do some fun summer things! This summer you could go swimming, hang out with friends, play outside, go on vacation, learn how to do something new, or play sports. Here are some of the things teachers and students here at KMS are doing this summer.

Mr. Tilly: Fishing, camping, riding my motorcycle, and making campfires on the deck.

Ms. Laurie: Traveling to a Michael Fanta concert in Red Rock, Colorado and going to Utah to hang in the pool with family.

Mrs. Nabholz: Go hiking, biking, and canoeing every week, and visit family in Montana and Washington.

Bella Kroto: Go over to friends, go on bike rides, and do chores.

Justyce Stockman: Spend time with grandma, spend time with cousins, and babysit little kids.

Ximena Gonzalez: Going to Mexico to see family and visit a local fair.

Jocilyn Reid: Hang out with friends, and go fishing and camping.

Silas Thibodeau: Rollerblading, join a baseball team, and play soccer.

Cali Holmes: Go on a volleyball trip to Arizona, sit on my couch, and go long boarding with Sparky.

Larisa Murdock: Watch movies, ride on my longboard, and go to California.

Ms. Hayes: Catch a lot of fish and get sunburnt.

Mr. Gustkey: Cleaning toilets and making breakfast at my bed & breakfast.

Mrs. Beck: Camping, taking 22 girls to Phoenix for a volleyball game, my second oldest is going to take a college tour, and hiking with my oldest.

Alexis Marquis: Camping, hanging out with friends, and riding four wheelers.

Kenzie Keller: Inner tubing, tent camping, and bike riding.

Emaline Cruickshank: Traveling the country, dip netting, hanging out with friends.

Jacob Blum: Hiking, build a snowman, and farm 500 geese and one Northern hairy-nosed wombat.

Ava Fabian: Going swimming in the lake and playing hockey.

Vanessa Curry: Try to get a job, and hang out with family.

Boston McEwen: Play PlayStation, ride an ATV, and might go to Disney World.



## #KMShashtags

By Dylan Landry

#Endoftheyeargoals  
#Historymovies  
#GoodbyeMrs.Miranda  
#Minicourses  
#6thgradecamp  
#Lastpurplepages  
#schoolsalmostover  
#herewecomehighschool  
#Endofsummerclass  
#Startofsummerfun

*Our memories of this year will last a lifetime. Take the best, and forget the rest, for you may find out these are the best times.*

# Dynamic Documentaries

By Zachary Halstead

Group 1: Jaden Garner, Cooper Bernard, and Rey Perez made a movie about the Whisky Rebellion in 1791-1794. The Whisky Rebellion was an uprising of farmers and distillers in western Pennsylvania to protest the whiskey tax ordered by the federal government. Rey thought making the movie was kind of fun, Jaden thought, “It was fun beating up Rey”, and Cooper thought it was really boring. Jaden said it took two weeks to make the movie spread out over a long time, Rey said that it took just two hours, and Cooper thought it took an hour and a half. Jaden thinks he did pretty good, Rey thinks he did a 7/10, and Cooper thinks he did a B’s worth of a grade. Jaden said it was not entertaining, Rey said the movie was ok, and Cooper said he liked the part beating up Rey.

The history movies were creative assignments by Mr. Summer in the fourth quarter to show how well 8<sup>th</sup> graders can make a movie, and how well they can describe a time period in history.



Group #1: Cooper, Rey, and Jaden



Group #2: Alea, Jason, and Jenessa

Group 2: Alea Faulkner, Jason Koenig, and Jenessa Marsden made their movie about Eli Whitney’s Cotton Gin. In 1794, U.S.-born inventor Eli Whitney made the cotton gin, a machine that greatly sped up the process of removing seeds from cotton fiber. Alea said the movie was a lot of work but the RC Cola made it fun, Jenessa said half of it was boring and half of it was fun, and Jason said it was fun. Jason said it took around 8 hours to make the movie, Jenessa said it took 3 hours to film and one hour to edit, and Alea said it took 7.532 hours. Alea said the movie was pretty entertaining even though she couldn’t pronounce the words, Jenessa didn’t watch it, and Jason said it was somewhat entertaining.



# Capture the Campers

By Camilla Gonzalez

6<sup>th</sup> grade camp is an amazing opportunity because there are so many fun things to do! You spend three nights at Victory Bible Camp and get to stay in cabins. Everyone will go hiking and join at the fire at night. At the end, they play an epic game of capture the flag!

Hayden Hughes said, “I am excited to hang out with friends and play capture the flag. I would like to play some board games and chill in the cabin. I also would love to go hiking and mess with the insects.”

Roman Mosquito said, “I would enjoy walking around and then the campfire at night. Maybe make some new friends, and I want to figure out if the food is actually good.” When he is in the cabin he wants to do a lot of sleeping.

Kate Wisnewski answered, “I want to play capture the flag and hang out on the field.” She wants to eat some good food and stay up all night in the cabin. She also wants to make a cool skit with the rest of her cabin.

Mrs. Beck replied that she loves doing capture the flag with the kids, and looks forward to the excitement when they get there. She will not be staying in a cabin this year because they have enough chaperones. She likes to see the kids’ faces when they reach the top of the glacier, but everyone’s legs end up hurting.

So this year’s camp was a great way to sum up the year, and a blast, and they can’t wait for some more amazing adventures next year!



## Pig-Man on Patrol

By Mrs. Nabholz

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade campers returned to KMS on the afternoon of May 15<sup>th</sup> looking sleepy but satisfied. The biggest story from camp this year was definitely the creepy Pig-Man wandering around camp scaring everyone! Pig-Man even threw rocks at the counselors, and when a few of the 6<sup>th</sup> graders chased him and tried to catch him, he disappeared into the nearby woods.

A few other campers mentioned how much they enjoyed playing

capture the flag, finding moose vertebrae on a hike, seeing swans swimming at a lake, and watching two moose hanging out near the bathrooms – were they waiting in line?

Spiders were apparently a bit of a problem, including the big black ones crawling on kids in the cabins and the yellow-green one camouflaging itself on a flower along the fossil hike trail. Cold, hot, and nonexistent showers were also an issue, in case you noticed that the girls seemed extra grimy or stinky.

Be sure to ask your favorite 6<sup>th</sup> graders about all the wonderful memories they made at camp this year!



# Emotional Expressions

Earlier this school year, students in Mr. Gustkey's language arts classes had an assignment to write poems about their feelings. Chloe Moffett knew right away what she wanted to write about. She loves how poems allow her to pour out her emotions, and she can choose whether to be dark or light, or to rhyme or not.

Chloe started writing poems in elementary school, and she usually asks for help with the ideas and words, but she wrote this poem entirely on her own. Chloe's mom cried when she showed her the poem, and they agreed to leave the poem just how she had written it.

## I'm Fine

By Chloe Moffett

I'm fine.  
You say you miss me  
but I know in my head  
you really don't.  
You've never been there for me,  
when I was younger  
and even now.  
You've made my eyes tear up  
too many times  
to where it's like  
when rain fills a river  
up to the point where it overflows.  
The problem with you is  
you don't think your words hurt,  
you don't think before you act.  
You need to know  
that you lie most of the time.  
Don't argue back  
making yourself look like a fool.  
Why do you have to be like that.  
Why in public do you pretend  
to be nice and in private  
you act like the weasel that you  
truly are.  
Lying and getting scared away  
when faced with reality.  
Why do you have to call  
maybe twice in a year,  
expecting me to welcome you with  
open arms,  
as if nothing's wrong.  
Why did you get married  
without me knowing.

After Chloe submitted "I'm Fine" to the Anchorage Daily News creative writing contest, the judges agreed as well. Her poem earned Honorable Mention for poetry in the grades 7-9 category, as did Lynnéa Hack's poem entitled "True Friends." Only four poems written by middle school students received awards in this year's contest, and two of those were written by KMS students!

The ADN contest accepts fiction, nonfiction, and poetry from writers of all ages, and it is the most respected and well-known writing competition in Alaska, especially for young writers, so consider entering your own stories and poems next year.

I had to find out through social media.  
Why do you have to complain  
about paying child support  
but you don't complain about  
caring for your "other kids"  
the ones you made me believe  
were my "brother and sister"  
just cause you helped raise them.  
Funny thing is,  
you complain about not having  
enough money,  
yet you pay a hefty sum  
to keep your new wife in the  
United States.  
But you know that's okay,  
I'm fine.  
Everything's fine.  
For years I've been afraid to  
speak up to you.  
Not wanting you to feel bad  
because I knew that  
if I unleashed my feelings,  
your feelings would get hurt.  
I cared more for you  
than you for me.  
That one night though,  
when I called crying to go back  
to my mother  
where I knew I am loved and belong,  
I knew then I had to speak up  
and let my feelings take hold.  
It was time you heard the truth.  
I'm fine without you.

# True Friends

By Lynnéa Hack

It always begins with a cool breeze.  
Then the temperature only drops,  
like a stone sinking below the surface of the water.  
After that, the tears of the sky  
start to freeze into  
beautiful individual snowflakes, each unique,  
only existing to  
fall on some kid's tongue,  
or maybe for someone  
lonely to build a friend, only to see it melt in the spring.  
That's mostly how it works with  
real friends,  
or are they even real friends when  
you seem to disappear from their minds in the time it  
takes for a snowman to melt?  
That's exactly how it works.  
After you melt from their mind,  
You disappear from everyone else's minds like dominos.  
After that,  
you have to wait until you get the chance to  
build another snowman, trying to enjoy the limited  
time of a false friendship that you know isn't real before the sun comes out  
and yet again, reveals the truth,  
leaving a puddle  
That maybe someone lonely will splash in with a new friend.

# Mass Band Medley

By Sean Raften

On April 30<sup>th</sup>, the KMS Intermediate and Concert Bands headed to the Kenai Central Auditorium to participate in the districtwide Mass Band. Mass Band is where bands from around the district combine to form one band, which rehearses songs for the day, and then performs that night.

In addition, they are conducted by a guest conductor. This year, that conductor was Professor Mark Wolbers. He is an emeritus Professor of Music at UAA, as well as a clarinet player, and the conductor for the Anchorage Community Concert Band.

This year, the bands that participated were Kenai, Skyview, Homer, Chapman, Nikiski, and Seward. Altogether, there were about 210 students who participated, which is a lot of students to fit on one stage! Many people enjoyed Mass Band, including me.



Mrs. Sounart, our band teacher, says that her favorite part about Mass Band was getting to see the other

band teachers and the guest conductor. For her, the most challenging part of preparing for Mass Band was getting her students to correctly play the quarter note triplets in her favorite Mass Band piece, called "Serenata for Band." She commented, "This year was one of the biggest Mass Bands in years. It was also one of the best behaved Mass Bands."

Overall, I feel that participating in Mass Band was a great experience and I had a very fun time. For anyone who might consider joining band, I would say that Mass Band is a stupendous reason to join!

# Letters About Literature Writing Contest

By Gwendylan N. Case



The objective of Letters About Literature (LAL) is to write a letter to an author living or dead. The theme of LAL is, “How did an author’s work change your view of yourself or the world?” This year KMS has had the most winners of the LAL writing contest compared to previous years.

For the State of Alaska in the level I category 6<sup>th</sup> grader Rylee Novak won 1<sup>st</sup> place for her letter to Rick Riordan, author of *Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief*. Rylee is a huge fan of both Rick Riordan and Percy Jackson, and she loves diving into the amazing, adventurous universe in the stories.

Aicha Kisenka won 1<sup>st</sup> place for Level II for her letter to John Green, author of *The Fault in Our Stars*. Aicha said she felt shocked, because she entered last year and didn’t win anything. When Aicha read *The Fault in Our Stars* the part that touched her the most was how much the characters loved each other. Aicha’s advice is if you ever write a letter to an author, let the creative juices flow.

Nekoda Cooper won 2<sup>nd</sup> place for Level II with her letter to Rick Riordan, author of *Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard: The Ship of the Dead*. Nekoda wrote to Rick Riordan because she liked that he represented the LGBTQ+ community accurately.

## MathCounts Mathletes

Guided by their coach, David Thomas, the KMS MathCounts team first competed in the chapter competition, and later in the state meet, both held in Anchorage. Team members included 8<sup>th</sup> graders Sean Raften and Eli Morris, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders Grace Kahn and Xinlan Tanner. Based on his scores at the state meet, Sean earned a spot on the Alaska state team that

When Nekoda heard she won she was really surprised but happy.

Gregory Fallon won 3<sup>rd</sup> place for Level II; he wrote to Shel Silverstein, author of *Every Thing On It*. Gregory chose Shel Silverstein because he likes his books. Gregory said he would compete in LAL writing contest again because it was really fun. Gregory enjoyed reading *Every Thing On It* because it was funny and interesting. Gregory was really surprised when he heard that he was one of the winners because he didn’t think he would win.

Marina Crabb won honorable mention for Level II and she wrote to A.A. Milne, author of *Winnie the Pooh*. Marina said she didn’t really know who to write to, but she wanted it to be sentimental to her childhood. In the end she decided to write about Winnie the Pooh because he is basically an iconic character. When hearing that she won, Marina was really surprised.

Editor’s Note: For winning first place, Rylee and Aicha will each win \$100, and their letters will go on to compete at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. Nekoda will receive a \$50 check, and Greg will get \$25.

traveled to Orlando, Florida for the MathCounts National Competition held from May 11-14, 2019.

A total of 224 students from all the U.S. states and territories competed on 56 teams of four. The Alaska team included Sean and three students from Romig Middle School in Anchorage: Alex Loomis, Elias Bailey, and Camden Armstrong. Based on their individual scores, Sean was the top-scoring Alaskan, placing 87<sup>th</sup> out of 224, with Alex close behind in 89<sup>th</sup> place.

# June Birthdays

By Camilla Gonzalez



Elliot Hanson	1 <sup>st</sup>
Owen Smith	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Aiden Koenig	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Jack Laker	5 <sup>th</sup>
Dayne Focose	7 <sup>th</sup>
Gwendylan Case	7 <sup>th</sup>
Pani Juliussen	8 <sup>th</sup>
John Fann	8 <sup>th</sup>
Landen Blake	11 <sup>th</sup>
Nolan Cotton	12 <sup>th</sup>
Shelby Easling	13 <sup>th</sup>
Kyle Diaz	13 <sup>th</sup>
Daniel Shelden	14 <sup>th</sup>
Jackson Marion	14 <sup>th</sup>
Jayden Rodgers-Whipple	15 <sup>th</sup>
Jakob Kvasnikoff	16 <sup>th</sup>
Sierra Hershberger	20 <sup>th</sup>
Makenna Miller	20 <sup>th</sup>
Beverly Roney	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Mrs. Rininger	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Luis Savaria	24 <sup>th</sup>
Sarai Bravo-Moe	24 <sup>th</sup>
Mya Taylor	25 <sup>th</sup>
Ashlyn Potton	25 <sup>th</sup>
Destin Trickel	26 <sup>th</sup>
Enrique Mercado	28 <sup>th</sup>



# July Birthdays

By Jacob Blum

Moriah Cox	-2 <sup>nd</sup>
Bella Kroto	-2 <sup>nd</sup>
Alex Barajas	-3 <sup>rd</sup>
Elisabeth Hayes	-3 <sup>rd</sup>
Jacob Blum	-6 <sup>th</sup>
Ransom Hayes	-7 <sup>th</sup>
Tanner Clyde	-8 <sup>th</sup>
Rylie Sparks	-8 <sup>th</sup>
Brylee Niland	-8 <sup>th</sup>
Ely Campbell	-10 <sup>th</sup>
McKenzie Flanders	-11 <sup>th</sup>
Trapper Cottrell	-11 <sup>th</sup>
Hannah Crabtree	-12 <sup>th</sup>
Landon Dubber	-14 <sup>th</sup>
Jenessa Marsden	-17 <sup>th</sup>
Kane Guest	-17 <sup>th</sup>
Devon Duniphin	-18 <sup>th</sup>
Malena Grieme	-18 <sup>th</sup>
Ollie Boersma	-19 <sup>th</sup>
Jerry Davis	-19 <sup>th</sup>
Rowyn Clucas	-19 <sup>th</sup>
Cody Good	-21 <sup>st</sup>
Ethan Tree	-21 <sup>st</sup>
Mrs. Kurzendoerfer	-21 <sup>st</sup>
Stella Selanoff	-22 <sup>nd</sup>
Grace Hallam	-22 <sup>nd</sup>
Dain Douthit	-22 <sup>nd</sup>
Mrs. Smith	-22 <sup>nd</sup>
Silas Larsen	-23 <sup>rd</sup>
Kate Wisnewski	-24 <sup>th</sup>
Dakota Wisnewski	-24 <sup>th</sup>
Annemarie Pienta	-25 <sup>th</sup>
Ava Fabian	-25 <sup>th</sup>
Ben Roberts	-26 <sup>th</sup>
Elisa Andrew	-27 <sup>th</sup>
Maryna Hurst	-28 <sup>th</sup>
Mr. Dosko	-28 <sup>th</sup>
Mrs. Holmes	-29 <sup>th</sup>

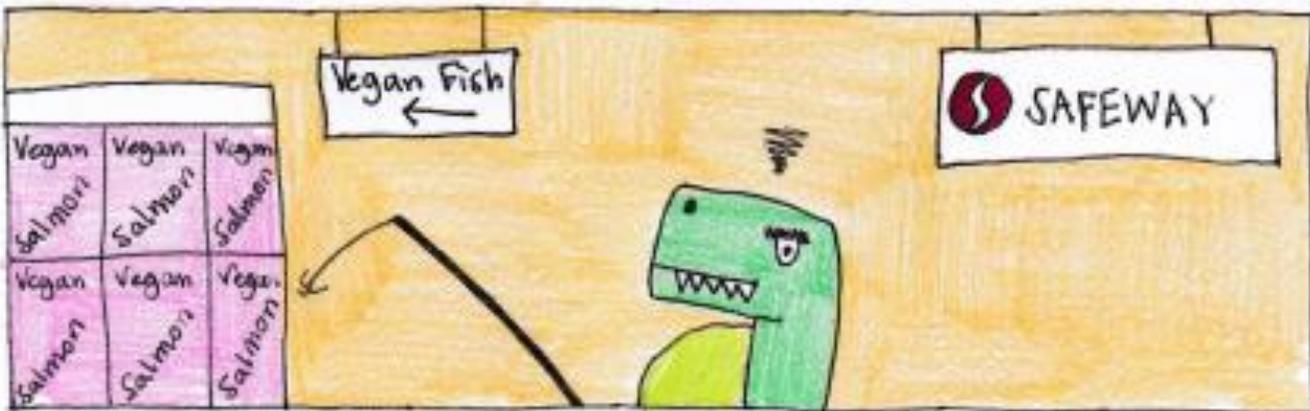
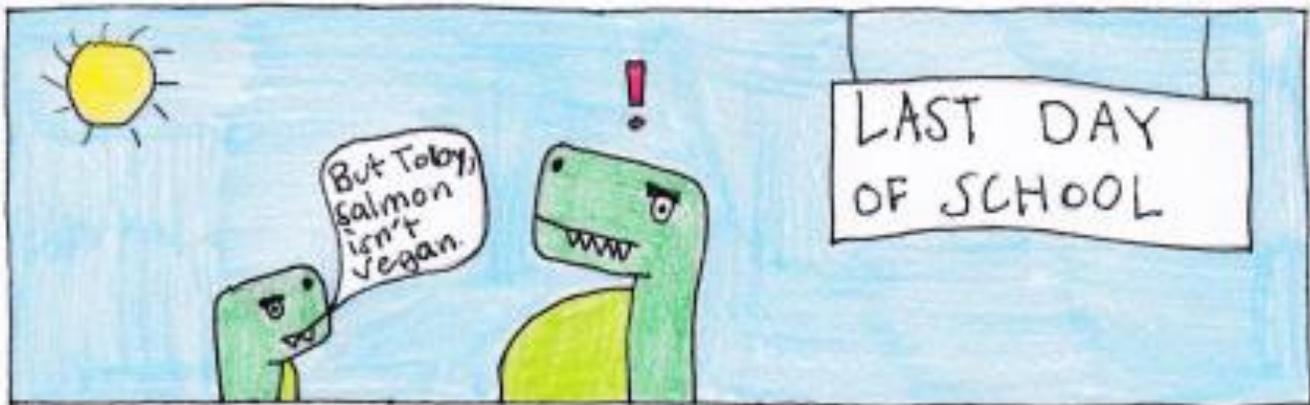
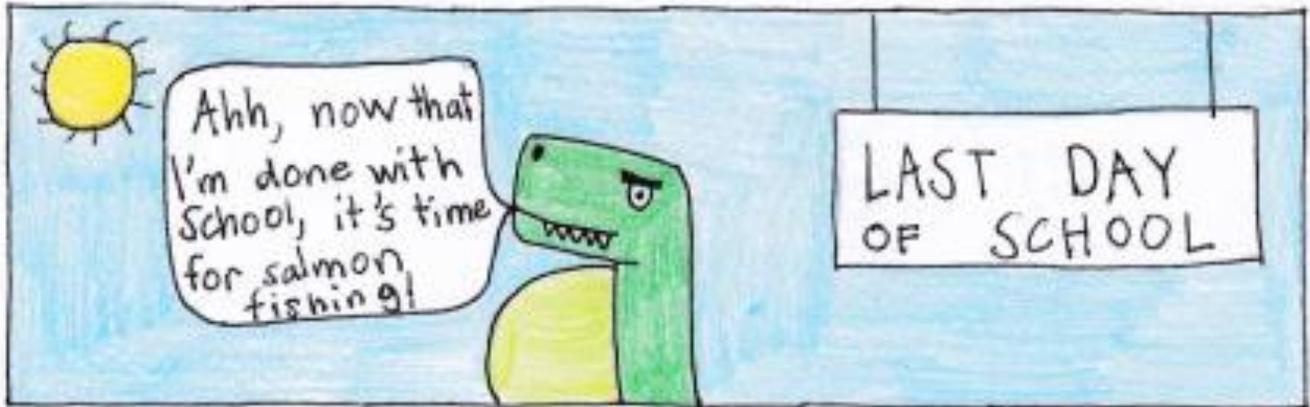


# August Birthdays

By Izaiah Templeton

Ms. Stotz-Mason	Aug 1 <sup>st</sup>
Jonah Moses	Aug 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Carmen Mallory	Aug 4 <sup>th</sup>
Thomas Smith	Aug 4 <sup>th</sup>
Leihla Harrison	Aug 4 <sup>th</sup>
Ms. Laurie	Aug 5 <sup>th</sup>
Jacob Carlson	Aug 5 <sup>th</sup>
Ms. Gann	Aug 5 <sup>th</sup>
Tamia Barnes	Aug 6 <sup>th</sup>
Mrs. Rolph	Aug 6 <sup>th</sup>
Isabel Thomas	Aug 7 <sup>th</sup>
Grady Adams	Aug 7 <sup>th</sup>
Mason Garrett	Aug 8 <sup>th</sup>
Daxon Merveldt	Aug 8 <sup>th</sup>
Claire Pellegrom	Aug 9 <sup>th</sup>
Isaac Denbrock	Aug 9 <sup>th</sup>
Frenlee Dagamos	Aug 10 <sup>th</sup>
Boston McEwen	Aug 11 <sup>th</sup>
Carson Grimm	Aug 12 <sup>th</sup>
Nolan McGraw	Aug 13 <sup>th</sup>
Aliisia Tepp	Aug 13 <sup>th</sup>
Andrue Jamison	Aug 14 <sup>th</sup>
Mac Coray	Aug 14 <sup>th</sup>
Ryker Dykema	Aug 14 <sup>th</sup>
Abigail Giles	Aug 17 <sup>th</sup>
Izaiah Templeton	Aug 18 <sup>th</sup>
Jayna Boonstra	Aug 18 <sup>th</sup>
Kiarah Ray	Aug 19 <sup>th</sup>
Aleea Faulkner	Aug 20 <sup>th</sup>
Sarah Jane Baisden	Aug 21 <sup>st</sup>
Lynnea Hack	Aug 21 <sup>st</sup>
Mr. Schoessler	Aug 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Silas Thibodeau	Aug 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Dakari Robinson	Aug 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Mrs. Bressler	Aug 25 <sup>th</sup>
Abby Robertson	Aug 24 <sup>th</sup>
Karma Porter	Aug 26 <sup>th</sup>
Charisma Fulk	Aug 26 <sup>th</sup>
Carnell Gump	Aug 27 <sup>th</sup>
Branch Keller	Aug 28 <sup>th</sup>
Elsie Fleming	Aug 30 <sup>th</sup>
Cadence Fischer	Aug 30 <sup>th</sup>
Seth Macdonald	Aug 31 <sup>st</sup>

# Why Toby da Vegan T-Rex Don't Go Fishin' by Sean Raften



## Purple Pages Reporters

Thanks to all the awesome reporters on the KMS Purple Pages staff this semester! The dynamic duo of Makena Arbizo and Gwendylan Case aren't thrilled with their spelling skills, but they felt that Overheard and now-not-so-Anonymous Confessions were lots of fun. When she wasn't napping, Jody McKinney was also part of A.C. – shhh! Sean Raften brought Toby da Vegan T-Rex to life, right here in Kenai. Izaiah Templeton loved writing Trending Old School,

especially for the music. Lexa Adami added some truly Random Art and information. Alexis Marquis and Kenzie Keller were a great team who loved to do interviews together. Izzie Katzenberger enjoyed all the funny and weird stuff in Overheard. Camilla Gonzalez liked writing about the 6<sup>th</sup> graders headed to camp. Jacob Blum was our master illustrator. Zach Halstead was very proud to earn Student of the Month. Dylan Landry wrote student features in every issue, and he is closing out the semester with this month's awesome teacher feature on Mrs. Miranda.

# Anonymous Confessions!

By The Curtis Brothers

[Sorry To Announce But King Steven Unfortunately Has Died JUST KIDDING Has Retired]



“What would happen if I ate my dog with spaghetti?”

-cookie monster

I think you need to see a mental health professional... -Sodapop

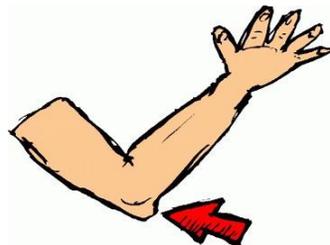
“I used to eat cough drops like candy.” -CoughDropsARECandy --Cough drops are the candy of the cold. Get your facts straight. -Ponyboy

“I doubt the existence of King Steven.” -Mr. Smiley  
I doubt the accuracy of your statement, and we know him. -Ponyboy

“If you have elbow juices then you have a juicy elbow.” -

TheElbowSucker

If you have elbow juice, which is known as sweat, you need to shower. -Sodapop



“Me dOg AtE mE cAt WiTh A 4rk TwIce” -Bob Da' Builder --I can tell you are failing your language arts class. You need to get an online editor for your grammar. -Ponyboy

“6+6=12 and 2+2=4 Also 12+4=10” -CuteIceCube  
I feel the disappointment radiating off your math teacher and your parents... -Sodapop

“My strange friend tried to eat my green highlighter. He bit the bottom off of it, and I still carry it around to show people” -Mr. Smiley

I don't know who to be more concerned about, you or the person who ate the highlighter... -Sodapop

“No offense, but I doubt that there's a guy sitting in the clouds wearing a toga, and that he created everything.” -Mr. PotatoWomenWomenBagel DoughNutNuggetChickenPancakeCakeWomen  
No offense but your name is less real than the toga guy... -Ponyboy

“I like anime.” -Mr. PotatoManManBagelDoughNut NuggetChickenPancakeCakeMan  
Are you related to the other Mr. Potato blah blah Name Goes on Forever? -Sodapop

# Fandom Jokes

By Fandom Nerds

Welcome to Fandom Jokes!! Here is where you can nerd out with others, so have fun. Enjoy!!



Q: Why are Percy Jackson's grades so bad at school?

A: Because they are always below C- Level

Q: What do you call a superhero with a beard and glasses?

A: A Hips-thor

Q: What do you call it when Batman skips church?

A: Christian Bale

Q: What is Black Panther's favorite day of the week?

A: Caturday

Q: What did they call T'Challa when he was a baby?

A: Black Pampers

Q: What did Black Widow say to Hawkeye?

A: You make me quiver

Q: Who was Black Panther looking for?

A: The Purrratrator

Q: What does Hawkeye put in his beverages?

A: Just ice



Nick Fury: I have S.H.I.E.L.D.

Odin: I have Asgard.

Loki: Yes, well I have both eyes.



