

# KMS PURPLE PAGES

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## *Smokin' Hot Summer*

By McKenzie Koliba



Just two weeks after we got out of school last May the Swan Lake Fire started. It started by lighting on June 5, 2019 in Kenai National Wildlife Refuge Wilderness area. The fire started at 4 to 5 acres and grew to 12,700 acres. After awhile it just got worse and worse, and in the last week of June it grew from 32,300 to over 62,000 acres. By July 15 the fire got up to 100,000 acres. Just before we were going back to school the fire was dying down, but just before school started on August 17, 2019, 35 mph winds started up the fire again and spread it over the Sterling Highway. It grew 50,000 acres and was just fire and smoke. The fire now is at 163,714 acres.

The fire affected Kenai Middle School in lots of ways, like sports being canceled, having no recess, and turning off the air vents. It also affected some teachers and students. When all this smoke came in it really affected a lot of us, so they turned off the vents. Mr. Tilly says they used some apps to know when to turn off the

vents. They used Purple Air, school district, and a weather app. They said that if they looked at Purple Air and it was 150 ppm (parts per million) you can't go outside for PE, sports, and recess. If the weather app was 6 miles visibility, we can't go outside. They looked at the school district page for updates too. Mr. Dosko got a lot of questions from staff and family about the smoke in the school. If the air quality was good in the morning they would turn the vents on, and if it was bad later in the day they would turn it off.

How did this smoke affect the students at KMS? Nurse Dixie saw a lot of kids that had a sore throat or a stuffy nose. She would either give them peppermint or tell them to drink lots of water. She kind of expected for more people with asthma to come in but it was mostly sore throats. Some of the kids were losing their voice. About 25 kids a day would come in to see Nurse Dixie because of the smoke. Nurse Dixie thought it

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# Smokin' Hot Summer

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was hard because kids need to play outside and get their energy out.

Mrs. Bressler, a 6th grade teacher, got sick from the smoke. She got laryngitis and couldn't speak. When the smoke started to come in the school, Mrs. Bressler started to lose her voice and only had a whisper voice, so she had to miss a week of school. Her students would read her instructions on the Smartboard, and the students listened really well when she was gone. Mrs. Bressler was mostly sad about the fire destroying such a beautiful land.



A student from KMS, Ashlyn Potton, went through the fire. She was coming back from the Alaska State Fair. When going through the fire she was with her mom, brother, and Grace Beiser. They were driving at a late time, like 10 or 11 pm. It took them about six hours overall and about two hours going through the fire. When going through the fire, both sides of the road and trees were going up in flames. She couldn't touch the windows and it was harder to breathe. I asked her what was the scariest part, and she responded that the wind started to pick up and then the trees next to the road flared up!



Hey, did you really make it past the first page without a steaming cup of coffee to celebrate this special day?

That's right, October 1<sup>st</sup> is International Coffee Day!

Stop by to see Mr. Felchle for a free cup of coffee!

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## Opinion-8-ed

By Gabe Segura

Question: Which brand of shoes do you like the most and why?

Lillian Kroto - Adidas, they're comfy and they're usually white

Ava Fabian - Birkenstocks, they're comfortable

Canon Spinka - Under Armor, they have Stephen Curry shoes

Abby Castillo - Vans, because they're easy to put on

Nathan Teates - Nike, they fit really well and they fit Dr. Scholl's insole

Kai Adkins - Under Armor, he doesn't care as long as they work

Jaycie Castillo - Converse, they are cool and comfortable

Wyatt Cole - Nike because of the shoelaces

Hannah Autry - Vans because they are the cutest and they are comfortable

Charisma Fulk - Birkenstocks because they're comfortable

Vance Johnston - Avia, they're slip ons

Trenton Wight - Nike because they feel really good

Julian Deveau - Walmart shoes because they're wholesome



# New Teachers in Town

By Rylee Novak

The start of a new school year has brought new teachers, and KMS is glad to welcome many new staff members to the school. Mr. Dosko is super happy with the new people that he was able to hire for KMS. Mr. Dosko said that Ms. Beeson was a student at KMS when he first became principal, and now she works at KMS! Please be sure to welcome them all to the school, and let's hope we all have a great year with them!

- Sarah Hutchison is the new 8<sup>th</sup> grade Special Education teacher.
- Cheri Gamble is the new 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Special Education Resource teacher.
- Brian Lyke is the new 8<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts and Drama teacher.
- Bailey Beeson is the new 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Physical Education teacher.
- Caroline Cruickshank is the new 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Intensive Needs teacher.
- Lori Stone is a new 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Intensive Needs aide.
- Annie Hays is a new 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Intensive Needs aide.
- Jamie Beaver is the new Foundations aide.



Ms. Beeson & Ms. Hutchison



Ms. Gamble & Mr. Lyke



Ms. Cruickshank, Ms. Hayes & Ms. Stone

## Mr. Felchlomeister's Nicknames

By Samuel Brighton

We all know that Mr. Felchle gives his students weird nicknames. It is sort of one of his traditions that has been going on for 24 years. The nicknames are almost always very silly. Here's a list of some of the best Felchle nicknames from this year.

Sky's the limit - Tyler Van Sky  
Samuel L Jackson - Samuel Brighton  
Wong Way - Marcus Wong  
James Bond - Isabella Bond



Tyler, Sam, Marcus, and Isabella with Mr. Felchle.

Campbell chicken tomato soup - Ely Campbell  
Roman Empire - Roman Dunham  
Be my guest - Kane Guest  
Mathew Krol's kitchen - Mathew Krol  
Holy Katzenberger - Jacob Katzenberger  
Oliver Twist - Ollie Boersma  
Beverly Hills - Beverly Roney  
Tom Riddle - Isabella Tomrdle  
Loch Ness Monster - Lochlyn Roney  
Brianna battleship - Brianna Blankenship  
Christmas wreath - Dresden Reith

Here are some memorable names from past years:

Christmas tree - Ethan Tree  
Pierce my belly button - Sascha Pierce  
Jackson satellite - Jackson Satathite  
Grim Reaper - Chloe Grimm  
Quick Draw McGraw - Nolan McGraw  
Macaroni - Emmalee Roney  
Brooke halls of medicine - Brooke Hall  
I've got the power - Shauna Power  
Zane ones twos and threes - Zane Tews

Wow, Mr. Felchle is crazy! He has come up with all those names, and that's just a tiny fraction of all the names he has given students over the years.

# Ava Fabian

By Keisha Connor



Ava Fabian is a super nice and fun person to be around. Her favorite sport is hockey and she really enjoys playing it with her friends. When she was little she liked watching hockey so she decided to play it too.

She also loves to cook and bake. Her favorite things to cook are pretzels and bread. Her favorite thing to eat is sushi. If you asked her where she would like to eat she would say Sushi Exchange, Kenai River Brewing Co., or Panda Express. Her favorite drink is a Blood Orange Italian Soda.

Her favorite school subjects are Language Arts and History. She likes Language Arts because she loves Mrs. Nabholz, and she likes History because she is very interested in World War II. She loves all of her teachers and is liking 8<sup>th</sup> grade so far.

Ava doesn't like VSCO girls and thinks it shouldn't refer to just a style but also a personality too. However, her favorite shoe brands are Birkenstock, Vans, Nike, and Salmon Sisters, and her favorite places to shop are Bath and Body Works, Old Navy, and Target.

Ava is a very random person and has a lot of different interests. Here are some of her favorite things. Her favorite colors are teal and blue. Her favorite numbers are 12 and 6. She likes to listen to today's Country Pop because she says it's calming. Ava really likes Peppa Pig. She says she is a role model and a queen. Her pet is a dog named Archer and she loves him. He is very cuddly and playful. She also thinks we should have started to save the turtles a long time ago.

Nurse Dixie hanging out with her lunch bunch – Lorenzo, Lexa, and Jody!

# Jason Johnson

By Melody Cox



Jason Johnson is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at KMS, but he went to Kaleidoscope and Mountain View for elementary. He is a sports guy who does cross country, track, skiing, and swimming. His favorite is track, because he has more activities to do and more friends there.

Jason doesn't read much but he does make a point to read at least 30 minutes a day, although sometimes he reads about two hours. His favorite book series is the 13 Story Treehouse. One interesting thing he told me about the book is that for every new book that comes out they add 13 stories to the treehouse (as in the building kind), hence the title.

Jason told me his favorite number is 13, but his lucky number is 7. His favorite food to eat is cow because he likes the seasonings. Jason told me that one quirk of his is that he can wiggle his ears and lift his eyebrows at the same time.

Jason enjoys playing with his three siblings. His younger sister actually goes to this school, her name is Katie Johnson and she is in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. He also has a younger brother named Chase who is an elementary schooler. His oldest sibling is a teenager whose name is Sydney. His parents are Karen and Shane Johnson. He and his siblings love to play board games and they also play outside together regularly.

So all-in-all he is all around a fun guy to be around. He and I aren't necessarily always around each other, but he is like the eye of the storm. He's a calm guy who can be surrounded by insanity and be perfectly fine, and that's almost impossible for the majority of us to do without going crazy. He also manages to put up with Tyler, one of his best friends. He is one of the nicest guys in our school and he's pretty smart.



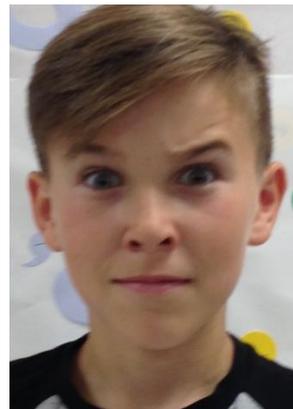
# Weird Talents

By Nathan Teates



I've been interviewing and sniffing out all my fellow weirdos with all their weird talents, like double-jointed limbs and strange tongues. And starting us off with the strange tongues is Willow Patrick! Her throat moves up and down with her tongue moving up and down. She pushes her tongue down to the floor of her mouth, causing her throat to sort of "inflate." People usually try to do it themselves, only making fools of themselves in the end.

Next up with tongue talents, Captain Brogdon! He can touch his tongue to his nose by sticking it straight out as far as possible, and then lifting it up as far as physically possible, or all the way to his nose.



People usually act surprised, then astonished, but they always fail miserably trying to do it.

Moving on now, with Samuel Sloan, with the Russian Eyebrow! His eyebrows move like halfway up his forehead, and his eyes get super wide. People usually act scared to death by it. He was little the first time he did it; he was mad at his mom and just did it, out of nowhere.



And then there's Robert Carson. His double-jointed elbow allows him to loop his arm around his head! Most people jump back in horror, then ask how he does it. He figured out he

could do it by doing some Cross Country stretches and found out he could go farther than everybody, and in Language Arts, he was playing around with his new found talent, and he found out he could go all the way around his head.

And equally as important is Ashlyn Potton. She can wiggle her ears and flare her nostrils. For wiggling her ears, she was just watching *Little Rascals* and saw Alfalfa do it, so she tried and did it almost perfectly. For her flaring nostrils, she was mocking her sister, because her nostrils flare when she's mad. People usually react surprised, then they try to do it themselves.



## Dad Jokes

By McKenzie Koliba

Q: How do you get a squirrel to like you?

A: Act like a nut.

Q: Did you hear the rumor about butter?

A: Well, I am not going to spread it!

Q: How do you make a Kleenex dance?

A: Put a little boogie in it!

Q: What do you call a fat psychic?

A: A 4-chin teller!

Q: What's an astronaut's favorite part of a computer?

A: The space bar!

Q: Why don't skeletons ever go trick or treating?

A: Because they have no body to go with!

Q: What do you call someone with no body and no nose?

A: Nobody knows.

Q: What do you call a man with a rubber toe?

A: Roberto

# Sixth Grade Swimming

By A. Wyatt Cole

From the 9<sup>th</sup> of September to the 4<sup>th</sup> of October, the sixth graders walk over to KCHS to receive swim lessons. Their trainer, Will Hubler, the coach of the Kenai swim team, is a fabulous trainer and very enthusiastic about coaching the sixth graders. There are two lifeguards at the pool every day, plus the teachers. There are an average of 35 sixth graders swimming per day.

Some students go to the Nikiski public pool for swim lessons. Some kids could only doggy paddle and some could make Junior Olympics. According to Will, there are too many kids in the pool for any type of teacher or coach to be in the water.

At first, the sixth graders were booming with excitement. One of our sixth graders, Dakota Lacey, is an intermediate swimmer (he has done swimming lessons at Nikiski public pool). He was nervously excited to be part of the swimming lessons.

In the beginning, they split into three groups: beginning, intermediate, and advanced, then they learn for about 45 minutes. During their swimming they work on breathing, strokes, and treading water. After, they receive 15 minutes for the diving board and/or fun swimming. Some people play volleyball, dive for weighted rings, and practice more swimming.

One day is dedicated to learning the safety of swimming because Alaskans are surrounded by water. Some of the things they learn are throwing a life preserver, pulling someone onto land, and what to do in cold water. Overall, they had lots of fun and learned new lessons every day.



# September Birthdays

By Keisha Connor

- Alex Brown- 1<sup>st</sup>
- Joshua Olsen- 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Samantha Avery- 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Dustin Woodard- 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Ms. Jones- 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Vinnie Hensley- 5<sup>th</sup>
- Mycka Phillips- 5<sup>th</sup>
- Ashana Ivanoff- 7<sup>th</sup>
- Braydon Imergan- 9<sup>th</sup>
- Charles Trickle- 9<sup>th</sup>
- Ruth Nash- 10<sup>th</sup>
- Mrs. Nabholz- 10<sup>th</sup>
- Tait Cooper- 11<sup>th</sup>
- Mr. Summer- 11<sup>th</sup>
- Kyrie Watson- 12<sup>th</sup>
- Gracie Lanfear- 14<sup>th</sup>
- Cara Graves- 14<sup>th</sup>
- William Wilson- 15<sup>th</sup>
- Abby Castillo- 17<sup>th</sup>
- Jackson Satathite- 17<sup>th</sup>
- Arianna Hensley- 19<sup>th</sup>
- Thaddeus Lingenfelter- 20<sup>th</sup>
- Tyler Van Sky- 20<sup>th</sup>
- Avia Miller- 21<sup>st</sup>
- Elliot Haakenson- 21<sup>st</sup>
- Aggie Jimmy- 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Kenna Miller- 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Lucia Carson- 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Nurse Dixie- 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Ava Gruber- 24<sup>th</sup>
- Dakota Lacey- 24<sup>th</sup>
- Alyssa Walker- 25<sup>th</sup>
- Aliah Schouweiler- 26<sup>th</sup>
- Nikolay Knutson- 28<sup>th</sup>
- Rylee Novak- 28<sup>th</sup>



# Purple Reign Leaves a Muddy Mark on the Marathon

By Isabella Bond

On September 28, 2019 some of the teachers at Kenai Middle School ran in the Kenai River Marathon. These teachers are Mrs. Smith, Ms. Beeson, and Mr. Felchle, plus their friend Ms. Mucha. The name of their team is Purple Reign. They like the name because it sounds like purple is reigning over a kingdom and it is awesome and catchy and it will stand out from others. They have team shirts that are black with purple and gold words on the shirts.



What these teacher athletes are doing to train for the marathon, for example, is Mrs. Smith is running 4-5 days a week, running 3-7 miles per day. Ms. Beeson coaches the KCHS Cross Country team and runs the trails with the team. She also runs 70-minute runs on the weekends that are 10 miles each.

Here is a true fact that some people do not know. All teachers have emotions! Some examples are Mrs. Smith was nervous about competing against the elite

athletes that are running in the relay part of the marathon. Ms. Beeson was excited to get the race over with and Mr. Felchle was "getting amped!"

The teachers in Purple Reign also found difficult things about running a marathon, such as Mrs. Smith finding time in her day to run because of her job and family. Ms. Beeson says, "I am a short distance runner and it is really out of my comfort zone because it is the longest race I have ever run." A difficult thing about the race in general is there was a lot of mud, plus it was raining. As Mr. Felchle said, "Mrs. Smith and I are going to be chocolate covered by the time this is over."

Some advice that the teachers have for kids who want to run the marathon is to "Find good teammates and start training early and make sure to have fun," said Mrs. Smith. Ms. Beeson said, "Definitely get proper training in, and it is always better to train with a partner."

Purple Reign finished second out of all the relay teams. Ms. Beeson ran the first leg, then Ms. Mucha, then Mrs. Smith, and last Mr. Felchle. They definitely left their mark on the marathon!



*"Winners never quit and quitters never win."*  
-Vince Lombardi

Check out next month's issue for full coverage of the KMS XC team!

# Just for Kicks!

By Rylee Novak

Kenai Middle School has several great activities to offer, and soccer just happens to be one of them! Soccer is open to all grades at this school, and anyone who wants to participate can do so. It can open you up to a sport you may love, can help you make friends, or just genuinely have a good time. It offers a lot of opportunities and is a great sport to try.

Now, this writer does not have any clue what happens in soccer, because she hasn't played in three years, so she had to ask for assistance from some nice people: my lovely friend, Kimberly Parker, along with Avia Miller and Sarah Baisden, who do, in fact play soccer.

"We start with five minutes to do passes," Kim answered when asked what practices are like. "We do different drills every day, and always end with a scrimmage."

"We do skill drills, dribbling, a circuit, and shooting," Avia replied.

"It's fun and painful," Sarah told me.

I asked them the difference between the A and B teams, and Sarah's response pretty much summed it up pretty well. Sarah (A team) told me that A team was committed, and that B team just had more to learn.

The coaches, Mrs. Rininger, Mr. Felchle, Mr. Verkuilen, and Mr. Pitsch, are really good, according to Kim. "Mr. Verkuilen and Mr. Felchle are very good," Avia informed me. "Mr. Verkuilen knows what he's doing, and Mr. Felchle is really fun." Sarah 'can't say' out of fear that she'll have to run laps.

"Are your teammates good? Do they give you hope for this season?" I asked (because, dear friends, when the writer played soccer, half of our teammates never tried, they just stood around, and the rest of us were giving it everything we had, and man do I hope that doesn't happen to anyone else because it was terrible).

"Yeah," Kim said, "We got some high-skill sixth graders on our team. We won our first game easily, and I'm pretty confident we'll do good."

"Yeah, we have some quality teammates and we've won every game except for one tie," Avia said.

"They're all positive, and we've been winning all our games," Sarah told me, and informed me that the tie for the one game doesn't count.

Soccer season has already started, and even though it's too late to sign up, you can still keep up with what's going on (through a classmate or Facebook), and maybe even attend some games. Maybe just be there to support your friends or classmates, or just have fun there. As I said before, soccer opens a lot of opportunities, so maybe give it a try!



Coach Rininger's B-team



Coach Pitsch's B-team



Coach Felchle's A-team boys won 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the borough tournament!



Coach Verkuilen's A-team girls won 1<sup>st</sup> place at the borough tournament!

# Celebrity Crushes

By Jaycie Castillo

Do you have a celebrity crush? I think it's safe to say that a lot of you do. Here we have all different kinds of crushes, like actors, singers, and famous social media personalities.

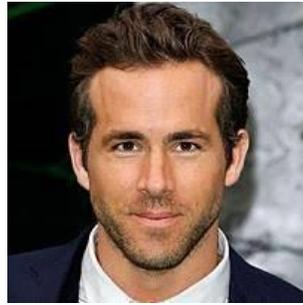
Mr. Tilly's celebrity crush is Salma Hayek, who is 53 years old. Salma is famous for acting, specifically *Grown Ups 1-2*, *Spy Kids 3*, and more familiar ones you may know. Some reasons why Mr. Tilly likes Salma is she is Mexican and has a slight accent, and she's also multilingual. If Mr. Tilly spent one day with Salma he would take her fishing on the Kenai River.



Mrs. Tews celebrity crush is the one and only Adam Levine, who is 40 years old. Some reasons why she likes him is because he's good looking, he's really funny, and she loves his songs. He's famous for his singing (falsetto), and he was also a judge on *The Voice*. If Mrs. Tews spent one day with Adam Levine she would want Adam to give her a tour of his house, especially his pool, and she wants to go somewhere on his private plane. Mrs. Tews really wants Adam Levine to sing her songs!



Mrs. Rolph's celebrity crush is the marvelous Ryan Reynolds, who is 42 years old. Some reasons why she likes him is because he's handsome, a really funny guy, he has a great set of teeth, and luscious hair. Ryan is famous for acting in movies like *Just Friends*, *Green Lantern*, and many more. If Mrs. Rolph had to spend one day with Ryan Reynolds, she stated and I quote, "I plead the fifth," But she would like to go fishing on the Kenai River with him.



Simone Watts's celebrity crush is Cole Sprouse. He is 27 years old. The reasons why Simone likes him is because he's really attractive. He's also famous for acting on *Riverdale*, the *Suite Life of Zack and Cody*, and *The Suite Life on Deck* (he and his brother have been movie stars for a very long time). If Simone spent one day with Cole Sprouse, she would want to go to the carnival with him and eat sweets and ride all the rides.



Grace Beiser's celebrity crush is Payton Moormeier, who is 16 years old. Some reasons why she likes him is because he's beautiful and makes TikToks. The reason why he is famous is because he makes TikToks, he also has his own YouTube channel with 431k subscribers, and he so happens to be a very good singer. He also goes on tour with his friends. If Grace spent one day with Payton, she would make TikToks with him, and I quote, "I would marry him, he will be mine!"



Maddie Malone's celebrity crush is also Cole Sprouse. She likes him because he played on *Riverdale*. He's famous for acting in the movies *Riverdale*, and the newest movie *Five Feet Apart* that came out March 15, 2019. If Maddie spent one day with Cole, she would want to watch *Riverdale* with him, and take a tour of his house. She would also want to also take him fishing anywhere.



# Otaku Nyusu

By Kai Adkins

Hey otakus (anime lovers), if you wanna talk about anime then you chose the right article! Here I interview random strangers and then I write about them. I've interviewed two otakus in the school; Victoria Sergeant is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and Melody Cox is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

Victoria watches around three to four hours a day, and the reason she loves anime is because "It hits me in the feels." She says that her favorite anime is *Inuyasha*, which is about demons and a girl named Kagome, who fell into a different world through an abandoned well. Victoria and I highly recommend you watch this anime because it has a great story and plot.



Inuyasha the dog demon (above) is forced by a magical bind (the necklace) to follow Kagome (below).



Anyway, back to the article... I asked Victoria about her favorite anime character and she said "Definitely Lucy from Fairy Tale."

I asked her why she likes Lucy so much, and she said, "Because everybody thinks that she isn't powerful but she really is. She also lost everyone, her mother and father, the girl that turns into a doll, and I relate to it." This is a picture of Lucy (below).



*Fairy Tale* is about a boy named Natsu and a girl named Lucy. Natsu was parented by a dragon because he never had any parents. Lucy has wanted to be part of a magical guild from when she was young. She joins a magical guild called Fairy Tale and gets partnered up with Natsu.

Victoria says that one of her favorite ships is Kogome and Inuyasha (look up for reference). When I asked her what her favorite art style is she said "3D." By the way, *Fairy Tale* and *Inuyasha* are some of the best shows I have ever watched. The story, plot, and characters are amazing, and I highly recommend you watch them!

Melody says that she watches around four to five hours a day. She likes anime because it has "better romance than in real life and more drama in anime." She says that her favorite anime is *Black Butler*, which is about a rich boy whose parents burned in a house fire, then summoned a demon as a butler. (He's not black which is strange even though the name of the anime is *Black Butler*.) Anyways, she has other favorites, which are *Naruto* and *Fairy Tale*.



*Naruto* (above) is about a boy who has a legendary demon trapped inside him named the Nine Tailed Fox or the fox demon. The main character goes on to train to be a ninja of his village. (The story is somewhat about ninjas by the way.) He has trouble because the power of the fox demon is fighting his own power. Anyway, that's a basic description of *Naruto*, amazing show, 12 out of 10 stars, 99 on rotten tomatoes! (I don't know if that is true.)

She says that she likes them because "I can watch them all day long." Her favorite character is Sasuke from *Naruto*, Naruto's partner who trained with him. Her favorite ship is Klance from *Voltron*, which is about an evil bad guy named Prince Lotor and a team of people who try to fight him, but he only gets stronger (cough cough GOKU cough cough.) I have watched this anime but it was a really long time ago, so don't hate me if I'm wrong. Anyway, it's kind of like Power Rangers if you're into that kind of show.

Anyway, I'm going to show you pictures of the characters that Melody mentioned. Lance is a Cuban who has a lot of siblings and pilots the Blue Lion (below).



Lance is very cocky and considers Keith his Rival. Keith is from Texas, his mom was an alien, and his dad was a human who went to buy milk that was on sale. (He's dead now.) Keith pilots the Red Lion then the Black Lion after someone dies. I'm not going to tell or show who dies, no spoilers.



This is Lance (above) and this is Keith (below).



Well, that would be the end of this article after many long pages of anime talk, I shall see you in the next article. Also, shoutout to Rylee Novak for helping me with the info for the *Voltron* bit of the article. I knew absolutely nothing about *Voltron*, but she went through the trouble of writing a page about the characters that Melody mentioned.



# VSCO Girls Taking Over

By Brooklyn Larsen

What is a VSCO? VSCO is a photo editing app that is, for the most part, used by teens. Teens mostly use this app for editing their Instagram posts, but they can also post things straight to VSCO. After teens would post on VSCO people started to see a theme, posting similar things, wearing similar clothes, owning similar items that were considered trendy, and saying specific things. This created the VSCO girl.

What is a VSCO girl? A VSCO girl is a stereotype. There's a difference between having VSCO style and being a VSCO girl. Someone who would be considered to have VSCO style would probably own the following: scrunchies, friendship bracelets, oversized t-shirts, Nike or Lululemon athletic shorts or leggings, Birkenstocks, Crocs, a Fjallraven Kanken backpack, a Hydroflask (most likely covered in stickers from Redbubble), metal straw, mom jeans, and a puka shell necklace. To be a VSCO girl or to have VSCO style you do not have to own most of these things, they're just part of the aesthetic.

VSCO girls are a bit different, yes, they have the VSCO style, but they say and do certain things. A VSCO girl might say things like "and I oop-" VSCO girls say this to sound quirky when an accident happens, such as dropping a Hydroflask. VSCO girls might also say "sksksksk" instead of laughing.

Personally, I have never met a real VSCO girl, but I have seen girls with the VSCO style and I have heard quite a bit of people say "and I oop-" before it got associated with VSCO girls. In conclusion, the VSCO girl is mostly just an online stereotype that only kinda exists in real life.

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*"Things turn out best for the people that make the best out of the way things turn out."*

-John Wooden

# The Future of Marvel

By Tyler Van Sky

## SPOILER WARNING!!!

What will the future of Marvel be like after Avengers Endgame, which showed in theaters on April 26, 2019? Who are the new Marvel characters and what are their powers? What are the next Marvel movies?

### X-Men are finally owned by Marvel, so how will they include them now?

First theory, Deadpool is going to appear in Spiderman 3.

Second theory, they are going to say they were there the whole time but they were dealing with different problems.

Third theory, they might just basically restart the whole mutant project.

### What are the future Marvel movies?

1. Spiderman 3
2. Hawkeye
3. Doctor Strange 2
4. Black Panther 2
5. Thor: Love and Thunder
6. Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3
7. Captain Marvel 2
8. Black Widow (Her Back Story)
9. Loki

### New Marvel Character Movies

1. The Eternals – Group of humanoids
2. Shang-Chi – No powers but master at combat
3. Blade – Half Vampire
4. Morbius – Full Vampire
5. Mrs. Marvel (Kamala Khan) – Can stretch and reform her body parts
6. Iron Fist – Can use superhuman energy
7. Thor (Jane Foster Version) – Girl version of Thor
8. Fantastic Four – A team of 4 heroes – Invisible Woman, The Thing (Strength), The Human Torch (Fire), Mr. Fantastic
9. Captain America (Falcon version)



Fantastic 4



Mrs. Marvel



Blade



Morbius



### The New Marvel Characters



Thor (Jane Foster)



Iron Fist



Shang-Chi



The New Captain America



The Eternals



# Behind the Scenes at Activity Night

By Chloe Grimm  
& Hally E. Hanson

Our crazy day of activity night started at 1:42 pm on September 20, 2019. Our wonderful leader Ms. Johnson assigned us jobs, and we all went our separate ways. Some of our jobs were making popcorn, making cotton candy, decorating the library for the dance, setting up games, working in the snack shack, and don't forget about cutting desserts for the cake walk.

We were at the school all day, and we had sandwiches, chips, and soda for dinner thanks to Ms. Johnson and Ms. Hutchison, our other leader.

Then the craziness began! People started to arrive early, but we had to keep working. We tested the music in the dance and rocked out for a minute. It got a little stressful because we didn't have everything ready when people started to arrive.

Afterwards we started to clean up with the jobs we were assigned before the Activity Night started. Most of us were tired after the night was done, but it was a very fun and successful night!



# Phobia Land

By Demon Mother



As you can most likely guess by the title, this series is about phobias, not only that, but phobias turned into characters. I will describe why I added certain aspects into the characters, which are based on phobias I find interesting.

For the first phobia-based character, I chose somniphobia, also known as hypnophobia, the fear of sleep. People with

this phobia are normally children; adults can have it too, but the fear is mostly based around fearing the nightmares that come when they sleep. I personally think that they would also fear what could happen while they slept that they cannot control, such as being killed, natural disasters, etc.

I gave this character messy hair to indicate that they are stressed out and have been going around trying to keep themselves busy so that they won't fall asleep. It's the same reasoning for their cup of coffee, which has a "Z" crossed out on it (though it looks more like an hourglass due to it being in black and white).

I also added pajama pants to show they were getting ready to sleep but suddenly remembered what happens if they do. As for the blanket, blankets usually bring comfort to someone. I regret not adding a stuffed animal of some sort because those have the same effect on some people.

As you can see, there is a ghost/spirit/monster hallucination next to the character. Most people begin to see faces in the dark the more they are deprived of sleep, and it causes their adrenaline to start flowing, which also makes them want to sleep even less than before. This reason is also why the iris and pupils on the character are strange.

# October Birthdays

By Brooklyn Larsen

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Taylor Pyfer
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Alyssa Berg-Anderson
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Jason Johnson
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Mr. Felchle
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Ciana Curren
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Mrs. Neill
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Elissa Lyons
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Jennabelle Kassahn
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Riley Boehmler
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Chase Flecha
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Seanna Swanson
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Zane Pellegrom
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Iris Demantle
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Maddie Malone
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Megan Hutchins
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Nevaeh Easterwood
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Eliseo Castro
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Dale Bryant
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Silas Ferguson
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Elijah Fulk
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Eli Smith
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Ethan Paul
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Keith Sees
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Owen Swaby
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Roman Dunham
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Mrs. Beck
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Ms. Sounart
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Cyrus Kean
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Grace Beiser
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Teresa Fallon
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Bella Tomrldle
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Emmalee Roney
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Keegan Roumell
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Mr. Teran



"Don't let what you can't do interfere with what you can do."  
-John Wooden

# Anonymous Confessions

By Cookie Cannibal

"I eat my sister's toenails. They taste like ketchup."  
- Tim the goat

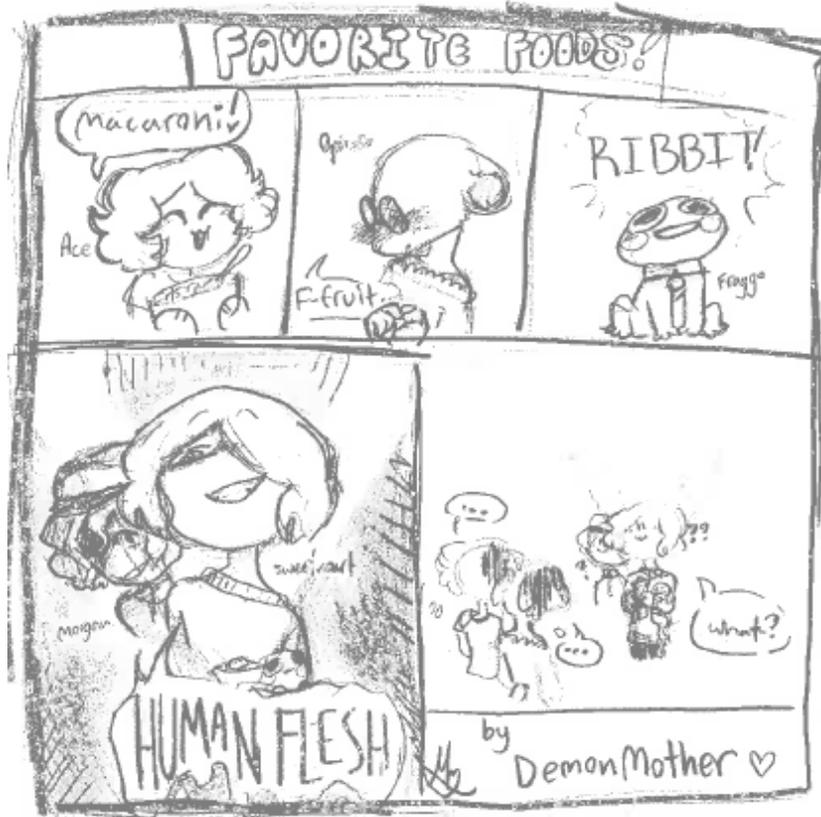
Tim the goat,  
"I know right, I like substituting toenails for coconut in my cookies, it makes them crunchier, and it cures my Cibophobia (look it up!)."  
- Cookie Cannibal

"I'm sad and I don't know what to do..."  
- Anonymous

Anonymous,  
"This is a really serious question. On the 24<sup>th</sup> of September over 50 students received training for Sources of Strength. You can start by asking someone you think is a trustworthy friend or adult."  
- Cookie Cannibal

# SOURCES OF STRENGTH





# #KMShashtags

By Keisha Connor

- #kenaimarathon
- #purplereign
- #baddadjokes
- #allmyfriendsneedtostopdating  
eachothercuzitsawkward
- #marvelousmarvel
- #KMSstrong
- #whenyourcrushfindsoutyoulikethem
- #whenyoufindoutyourbestfriendlikesyou
- #animeisreal
- #snigglesnag
- #pokemonisamazing
- #peppapig
- #dragonsareamazing
- #sloppyfish
- #sksksksk
- #savetheturtles
- #andioop
- #hydroflask
- #superstarsoccer
- #lovemylife
- #trappedinmyshoe
- #inneednewshoelaces
- #savetheturtlescuzwhynot
- #idontliketheshoelacesforvans
- #getsliponvansnotthetieones
- #ilikemrsummersnewhaircut
- #peppagang
- #peppaislife
- #useyourmetalstrawkids
- #globalwarmingisntgood
- #rainbowconnection
- #hockeyseasonsoon
- #veryveryverybusy
- #historyessaytest
- #fivepeopletriedtohelpmeuntiemyshoe
- #impeppapig
- #doyourwork
- #dontdodrugs
- #dabbingiscool
- #eatyourvegetables
- #australianeedsyounow
- #playhockeysavealife
- #bangsarecool
- #australiaiscool
- #kangarocousins
- #whenyouhaveanaustralianaccent



## “STRIDE AS A RAGMAN” (DISASTER ANAGRAM)

By Mrs. Nabholz

Can you figure out what these natural disasters are? Unscramble the silly phrases in the list of clues to find the answers. For example, O PYTHON unscrambled turns into TYPHOON.

1. HOG TURD \_\_\_\_\_
2. EXAM TEETHER \_\_\_\_\_
3. INTO PERU \_\_\_\_\_
4. SQUEAK HATER \_\_\_\_\_
5. DRAB LIZZ \_\_\_\_\_
6. DINO GOLF \_\_\_\_\_
7. ANT ODOR \_\_\_\_\_
8. WORST MIND \_\_\_\_\_
9. SLIM DUDE \_\_\_\_\_
10. REACH RUIN \_\_\_\_\_
11. HIT MOLARS \_\_\_\_\_
12. VOCAL INC \_\_\_\_\_
13. I AM NUTS \_\_\_\_\_
14. HAVE A CLAN \_\_\_\_\_
15. MAD SNORTS \_\_\_\_\_
16. I WILFRED \_\_\_\_\_



butyourenotaustrian

# Overheard

By Rylee Novak

“So when I eat I’m just gonna do math in my sandwich?”

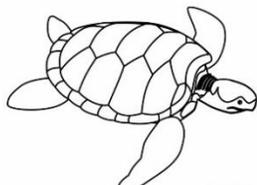
“Just say it was some anonymous person so I don’t get in trouble.”

“I have the mind of a twelve year old boy.”

Student 1: \*pulls out a plastic straw\*

Student 2: “You turtle killer!”

Student 1: “It’s not my fault, it’s the sharks fault. I think they should have lasers on their flippers or something to defend them.”



“Anything’s edible if you have enough commitment.”

Teacher: “What does it sound like?”

Student: “The solar system.”

“I like dead people.”

“I wanna play its bones like a xylophone.”

“Where’s my stir-fry?”



Teacher: “No scissor dancing back there.”

Students: “Okay.”

“I have plans for the egg.”

“You haven’t had a real birthday until you’ve had a birthday cake made of cheese!”

“I am gonna crush your cheese.”

“I’m just cutting out a girl with one leg.”



“I couldn’t sleep last night, Shrek kept waking me to suck my toes.”

“Stealing is caring.”

“The lawsuit was lifted, I can approach you now.”

“Why is everyone named Joe?”

“Coconut Monkey is a blessing to us all.”

“Wait, why is there a goat?”

“His arm looks *really* thick.”

“Where did that horse come from?”

“Those aren’t big words! It’s couch!”

“Have you ever blushed so hard you felt like you were going to spontaneously combust?”

“I’m on a diet of children.”

“I’m a good-looking man, I would date myself.”

“My nose is on my forehead.”

“There’s no stabbing actually involved.”

Teacher: “So books comfort you?”

Student: “Yep. Some have blankets, I have books.”

“I don’t have anything under my shirt, I checked.”

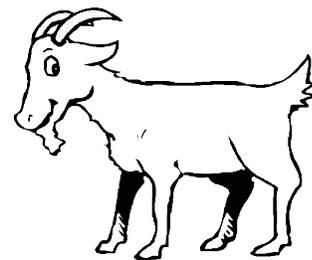
“Stop, you’re going to make me skinny!”

“You can’t ground me, I’m going to college!”

“My left hand looks gorgeous when I write.”

Student 1: “Wait, your preschool husband is moving here?”

Student 2: “No, we haven’t talked in forever...”



“Why are you scared of me? I’m like three feet tall and look like an electrified rat!”

