

# Kossack Kable



April/May 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians

Preparations are already being made for next school year. KMS will meet possible incoming 6<sup>th</sup> /7<sup>th</sup> graders from the neighboring Elementary schools later this month. Plans are in the works to have this class of students visit our school during class time. If you know a prospective 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grader that would like more information about our school, encourage them to call and we can include them in these visitations. There will also be an Open House and BBQ for all new to KMS students and their parents on April 30<sup>th</sup>. As a cooperative effort, the student orientation process has been a positive and informative experience for all involved. KMS students will be able to pick up their fall class schedules during registration on August 17<sup>th</sup> from 12-3 p.m.

To each and every one of you who have supported our school and our dedicated staff, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you and salute you for your efforts. It takes time to support your student and his/her school and many of you have taken the time and it is appreciated.

To all of you - too many to list separately who have:

- \*complimented our secretarial staff for their caring attitude and hard work - Thank You
- \*contacted a teacher and told them what a great job they are doing - Thank You
- \*complimented your child on being a great kid and doing a good job with his/her work - Thank You
- \*complimented a teacher aide, librarian, volunteer, custodian or bus driver that they help make KMS a great place for students - Thank You
- \*complimented our site council members for their dedicated service and leadership - Thank You

We appreciate your continued support and input in making KMS a better place for students and staff. As we plan for next school year, we would like to invite you to volunteer in any capacity at KMS. KMS is a great place to learn and prepare our students for the future. We are looking forward to working with each one of you next school year.

To all of you who have contributed countless volunteer hours assisting in classrooms, helping staff, attending field trips and the many extra-curricular activities that happen here at KMS, we would like to especially thank you. You are invited to join us for coffee and a donut the morning of Wednesday, April 18 starting at 7:15 in the drop-off lane here at Kenai Middle.

Also, it's important to recognize and thank every student who attended KMS. I enjoy watching you grow into responsible young adults. I thoroughly enjoy your art, choir/band concerts, drama productions, looking at your class projects and watching you in action in the classroom and on the playing fields. Your abundant energy and excitement for life is exciting to see. On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish the Class of 2018 the best of luck in the future.

As this year draws to a close we are planning our annual mini-course program and award day activities. Our annual eighth grade farewell will be held Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. in the gym. Parents and community members are encouraged to attend the Farewell Ceremony. The school-wide barbecue and awards assembly will also be held on Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mini courses will be held on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, and Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Lastly, I would thank the students, staff and parents for allowing me to be part of their journey the last twelve years. It has been a pleasure to serve and to be part of this outstanding community. This is truly a great place to raise kids!! Thanks for another great year and have a restful and enjoyable summer.

Vaughn Dosko - Kenai Middle School Principal

# Class of 2022

## Freshman Parent Orientation Night

Kenai Central High School is looking forward to your child coming to Kenai Central High School next year and wants to include you in the transition process from 8<sup>th</sup> grade to high school. They would like to remind you of the KCHS Freshman Parent Orientation Night at the Kenai Central High School Little Theater, **Monday, April 16, 2018 at 6pm.**

The parent orientation will last about an hour. They will discuss the course scheduling process, information about activities, sports, and school procedures. Questions and concerns about the school and its programs will also be a part of the agenda.

Kenai apparel (sweatshirts, t-shirts, hats) will be for sale during the orientation so you can get a head start on being ready to show your Kardinal pride!

Kenai Central High School is excited about the Class of 2022 and they look forward to meeting you all on Monday.

Go Kards!



### 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE VISITATION

KMS will host a visitation for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders from area elementary schools the last week of April. K-beach & Kaleidoscope students will visit on April 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00- 11:00. Mountain View students will attend on the 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 - 11:00. An Open House Orientation and BBQ for all NEW to KMS students and their families will be held on Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30PM. Spread the word to friends and relatives with middle school age students about our visitation days and orientation.



**Congratulations** to our March Students on the Month: Bridger Beck, Marina Crabb, Frenlee Ann Dagomos, Alex Martin, Kaylee Miller, Shannon Murphy, Brooklyn Reed, Victor Santana, Owen Smith, Eva Sorenson, Gabbie Tews, and Lauren Tureman.

These students received a pizza for lunch last Tuesday to celebrate their diligence and hard work! Well done KMS students!

# Honor Roll

**Congratulations to the following students for being on the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2018 honor roll at KMS.**

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8<sup>th</sup> grade

Baisden, Samuel; Bernard, Denali; Carranza, Johan; Crabb, Caitlin; Cross, Luke; Duck, Delaney; Easley, Olivia; Hanson, Hayden; Hippchen, Tyler; Huett, Taylor; Johnson, Sydney; Koppes, Carson; Koziczowski, Erin; Larson, Audrey; Olson, Nevaeh; Poulin, Koda; Satathite, Logan; Stockton, Catherine; Streiff, Jenna; Tews, Gabriella; Thomas, Phoebe; Ticknor, Isaiah; Tureman, Jenna; Villegas, Valerie

7<sup>th</sup> grade

Adkins, Kage; Baker, Thomas; Beck, Bridger; Boersma, Benjamin; Boonstra, Jayna; Broussard, Hope; Case, Gwendylyn; Chanley, Kimberly; Cialek, Landen; Clark, Brayden; Cooper, Nekoda; Crabb, Marina; Dahlman, Ashley; Faulkner, Aleea; Gaethle, Andrew; Gerow, Ethan; Goldsby, Chloe; Grieme, Malena; Holmes, Calani; Hopkins, Melanie; Kisena, Aicha; Miller, Lillian; Moore, Kori; Perez, Reymond; Phillips, Jorgi; Raften, Sean; Reed, Brooklyn; Sorensen, Eva; Sparks, Rylie; Whicker, Owen; Yragui, Ella

6<sup>th</sup> grade

Beck, Emma; Beiser, Grace; Carranza, Lianna; Carson, Robert; Fallon, Gregory; Gonzalez, Camilla; Grimm, Chloe; Hack, Lynnea; Hallam, Grace; Kernan, Tabitha; Marion, Jackson; McClure, Isabel; Moffett, Chloe; Parkki, Leia; Patrick, Willow; Potton, Ashlyn; Roney, Emmalee; Smith, Owen; Tews, Zane; Tureman, Lauren; Verkuilen, Kylee

3.5

8<sup>th</sup> grade

Amend, Xander; Andrew, Taylor; Ashley, Brooke; Atchley, Ellen; Bowers, Brandiee; Duniphin, Daemon; Fallon, Leah; Foster, Summer; Galloway, Amanda; Gray, Rucca; Grimm, Cooper; Grzybowski, Elizabeth; Haga, Nathan; Hamilton, Julianna; Jeffries, Sydney; Lanfear, Hermoine; Miller, Kaylee; Olsen, Janel; Roberts, Samuel; Shears, Katie; Sparks, James; Walters, Sage; Wilson, Samiel

7<sup>th</sup> grade

Baughn, Ashlynn; Bernard, Cooper; Calvert, Ky; Coray, Makenzie; Crabtree, Hannah; Dagomos, Frenlee Ann; Dominic, Michael; Followell, Hailey; Good, Cody; Graves, Reagan; Hansen, Bianca; Harney, Jameson; Hayes, Ransom; Hurst, Maryna; Joseph, Esther; Katzenberger, Isabella; Kramer, Patrick; Langham, Gavin; Martin, Maxwell; Morris, Eli; Noriega, Kimberly; Nunn, Malerie; Rogers, Nolan; Shelden, Daniel; Tallent, Ayla; Thibodeau, Silas; Trevino, Genesis; Witt, Jorie; Wolfe, Fiona

6<sup>th</sup> grade

Baughn, Ryan; Bitterich, Cadence; Booth, Mykah; Castillo, Jaycie; Clyde, Tanner; Cole, Andrew; Davis, Jerry; Dubber, Landon; Edwards, Myla; Espy, Juniper; Fabian, Ava; Farewell, Julia; Followell, Javous; Haga, Elliot; Johnson, Abigail; Keller, Kenzie; Kissee, Ashton; Laker, Jack; Longan-Chapman, Jacobee; Malone, Emelia; Martin, Caitlyn; Pellegrom, Zane; Phillips, Mycka; Reese, Tristen; Rodriguez, Isabella; Satathite, Jackson; Teates, Nathan; Tree, Ethan; True, Hazel; Tuttle, Maleigh; Vonheeder, Ryan; Wight, Trenton; Wilson, Emilee

3.0

8<sup>th</sup> grade

Avery, Lauryn; Begich, Jacob; Crapps, Ryan; Easling, Kaleb; Hamilton, Joseph; Martin, David; Nelson, Dyson; Parazoo, Matthew; Parkki, Hadessah; Tallekpalek, Nyssa; Tickett, Shawna; Whicker, Talon; Wilson, Savanna

7<sup>th</sup> grade

Anderson, Thomas; Bell, Erin; Bucho, Blake; Castrellon, Benjamin; Chaffee, Kevin; Clucas, Rowyn; Giles, Abigail; Halstead, Zachary; Herman, Jason; Huffer, Emily; Landry, Dylan; Larsen, Silas; Maxie, Adrienne; McDonald, Avry; Medina, Keagen; Moffis, Sierra; Nash, Mary; Neely, Ciara; Payne, Pearl; Phillips, Jake; Pienta, Anne Marie; Pierce, Ryan; Russell, Caleb; Schmidt, Michael; Tepp, Talia; Williams, Wade; Witt, Jaylynn; Zendejas, Leopoldo

6<sup>th</sup> grade

Adami, Lexa; Autry, Hannah; Blum, Jacob; Brown, Alex; Diaz, Kyle; Fitzpatrick, Aaliyah; Hendrickson, Levin; Hensley, Vincent; Marquis, Alexis; McKinney, Jody; Roberts, Imogen; Roberts, William; Santana, Victor; Spinka, Canon; Trickel, Charles; Wilson, William; Yragui, Ezekiel



## VOLUNTEERS!

Let us help you over the hump!  
Join us for coffee and donuts Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 AM.  
We will meet you in the drop-off lane at Kenai Middle School  
with hot coffee and a sweet treat.  
It's our way of saying thank you for your time and effort  
to support Kenai Middle School.  
We appreciate you!!



The end of the school year is quickly approaching and that means it's almost time for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp. Fees are due by April 30<sup>th</sup> unless arrangements are made directly with a 6<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher. Students can still sell Arby's coupons to help fundraise for those fees, so get busy! It will be great fun for all!

## ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION

It's time for our annual aluminum can drive! Students that bring in 10lbs of crushed aluminum cans on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, or 18<sup>th</sup> get to choose their end-of-the-year mini-course activities first. Please have your student bring in their bags of cans to the back of the school and drop them off at the loading dock where staff will be collecting and recording the student's names. Make sure your student's name is recorded on the list. If you don't have a student at KMS, and would like to donate cans, we would welcome any donations! Thanks again!



## Explore volunteer opportunities with your middle schooler

Community service may sound like a big commitment. But if your child can find just one hour a week, he can do something significant to help others and himself.

Service opportunities are everywhere. Here are some age-appropriate ones for your child to consider:

- Be a counselor or a counselor-in-training at a summer program for younger children.
- Help a neighborhood family.
- Offer free babysitting, pet sitting or dog-walking services.
- Collect canned food and deliver it to a food bank.
- Tutor a younger child in math or reading over the summer.
- Collect personal essentials, such as toothbrushes, shampoo and soap, and donate them to a shelter.
- Read to older people at an assisted living center, or volunteer to lead a game, such as bingo.
- Work at an animal shelter. Or, collect pet food, old towels and blankets to donate.
- Collect letters thanking active duty servicemen and servicewomen and send them to an organization that ships packages to troops, such as [www.operationgratitude.com](http://www.operationgratitude.com).
- Organize or participate in a neighborhood clean-up event.
- Do yard work for a person who is elderly or has a disability.



# MINI COURSES

On May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, Kenai Middle School will offer one and two day activities called Mini-Courses. A detailed list is provided below. The tradition of mini-courses is unique to KMS. Students and staff always look forward to ending the school year with mini-courses. It is the expectation of our Administrators that every child sign-up for a mini-course. There are always free or economical options to accommodate every student. Please speak with your child about which mini-course would be best for them. Sign-ups will be held on Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Students who donated cans will choose first and then by grade level. If your student doesn't plan to attend mini-courses, the office will need an excused absence from a parent or legal guardian prior to these dates.

## One Day Mini-Course Offerings:

- \* Swimming: Rolph/Tews/TBD - \$5
- \* Golf: Verkuilen - \$5
- \* H2Oasis: Downes-Borko/ Lucas - \$25
- \* Horseback Riding (Mon.): Zorbas/ Neill - \$55
- \* Horseback Riding (Tues.): Stotz/Hulien - \$55
- \* Hiking Russian River: Bressler/McCown - \$10
- \* Disc Golf: Mrs. Newton- Free
- \* Biking the Kenai/Soldotna Loop (Mon.): Tews/Stotz- Free
- \* Biking the Kenai/Soldotna Loop (Tues.): Zorbas- Free
- \* Caring Community (Mon.): Bressler/McCown- Free
- \* Computer Games, Gaming, Coding, Etc.: Gann/ Brown- Free
- \* The Art of Hand Lettering and Crafts: Johnson- \$25
- \* Beach Side Halibut Fishing: Gustkey/ Schoessler- Free
- \* Haiku-Sushi-Origami (Mon.): Nabholz- Free
- \* DIY Denim Designs (Tues.): Nabholz- Free
- \* Get Air- Beck/Vann: \$30



## Two Day Mini-Course Offerings

- \* Rock Climbing: Mr. Summer - \$35
- \* Douglas Lake Camp (Girls): Rininger/True - \$20
- \* Fuller Lake Climb: Felchle/ Schlung - \$10
- \* Wildlife Refuge Camping: Adair/Navarre- \$15





KMS Choir Students will take part in the 2018 KPBSD Mass Choir Festival on Tuesday, April 17. This year it will be held at KCHS Auditorium and will also include choirs from Homer, Nikiski, Skyview, and Anchor Point. The special conductor coming to put all of these choirs together will be Mr. Matt Pierce from Astoria, Oregon. All the choirs have learned the same five pieces of music, and it's Mr. Pierce's job to put it all together so it sounds truly amazing! KMS students will spend the day at KCHS with Mr. Pierce. The evening concert is open to all, and will begin at 6:00 pm. KMS will also sing two songs by themselves. Come out and support your singing Kossacks!

## BAND NOTES



The KMS Band Spring Concert will be Tuesday, April 24 at Kenai Central High School starting at 7p.m. The performing bands will be Kenai Middle School Concert Band, Intermediate Band, Beginning Band, and the combined KMS/KCHS Jazz Band. No admission fee.

The annual Mass Band Festival will be held at Skyview on Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Concert Band and Intermediate Bands will participate in an all-day rehearsal at Skyview. The concert will be that evening at 6p.m. Admission is standard KPS district admission to district activities.

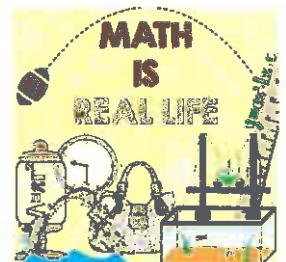
The KMS Concert Band will be performing at the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Farewell on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. The ceremony begins at 8am.

**Future Problem Solving:** Eight students in Mrs. Nabholz's Quest Language Arts 8 class will be traveling to Fairbanks from April 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> for the Alaska FPS state meet, where they will display and present their Community Problem Solving projects at Pioneer Park. These students include Caitlin Crabb, Katie Stockton, Johann Carranza, Luke Cross, Hermoine Lanfear, Hadessah Parkki, Amelia Mueller, and Phoebe Thomas. These students also explained their projects to the school board on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, and their CPS projects will be featured in a story on the district website coming up soon! While in Fairbanks, they will meet students and coaches from Sitka, Cordova, and Fairbanks and also have some extra learning opportunities at UAF, including visiting the Museum of the Far North, touring behind-the-scenes with paleontologists to learn about Alaskan dinosaur fossils, observing drone experiments led by scientists from the Alaska Center for Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration, and using virtual reality goggles with a virtual reality sandbox to learn about topography!



## MATH COUNTS

KMS students will be participating in two upcoming math competitions during 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Students in grades 6, 7, and 8 will travel to Homer on April 24<sup>th</sup> for the Middle School Math Meet, with questions tied to MathCounts curriculum in individual, mixed-school teams, and lightning rounds. Teams of 6<sup>th</sup> graders will compete in the Elementary Trimathlon held at Mt. View Elementary on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Events will include chess, prime factors, word problems, and a team lightning round. Good luck with your competitions, Mathletes!



# NEWS FROM THE NURSE



**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp is coming up.** Please contact the Nurse to discuss daily medications, allergies, and health concerns. Please note that vitamins and homeopathic medications will not be allowed at camp as they cannot be given by the Nurse, i.e. melatonin, vitamins, minerals, or oils. All medications must be administered by the nurse and must be brought in the container that they come in. For example, prescriptions must be in their current bottle, over the counter medication in the package with the instructions. If your child has Asthma or Life Threatening Allergy-they must have their medication at camp. Please contact the Nurse with any questions or concerns.

**IMMUNIZATIONS:** As 8<sup>th</sup> graders transition to the high school, they sometimes need an immunization. I have sent letters home to let the parents know if they are due. Often these letters get forgotten over summer vacation. Please know that they will not be able to start school next year without them. The sooner you get them done, the better. I can enter them in the computer if you get them before the end of this year, one less thing for you as parents to worry about at the start of school in the fall.



We have successfully completed another PEAKS testing season! My thanks to the staff and parents who helped with our kick-off pancake breakfast and assemblies! The students really enjoy those, and it gets the testing window off to a great start. You should be getting your student's results mailed later this summer, or early fall.

I will be working on our next school year's schedule later this month. I have collected elective class requests from the students, and work with their core-content teachers to decide the best placement for the student. Schedules will not be available for viewing or changing until August 17<sup>th</sup> from 12pm-3pm. If you have any questions, feel free to email me at

[sjohnson3@kpbsd.k12.ak.us](mailto:sjohnson3@kpbsd.k12.ak.us), however I won't be able to give solid answers, as many changes happen in the spring and over the summer that will affect our master schedule. Thanks for another great school year!

## Pay attention to how you speak to your middle schooler

You probably speak to your friends and colleagues with respect. But how do you speak to your child?



It's natural for family members to let their guards down around one another and speak in a more casual way than they do with others. But if that crosses into disrespect, you are doing your child and yourself a disservice.

If you speak disrespectfully to your child, he won't learn how to speak respectfully—to you or anyone else. Here are some tips:











- Set a positive tone. Saying "Hi, honey" or simply "Good morning" is an easy way to start.
- Consider feelings. If you know your child has had a bad day at school, don't scold him about not making his bed. Discuss issues when your child is feeling better.
- Be attentive. Take your eyes off your phone when your child speaks to you. Look him in the eye. If you are driving, you obviously have to watch the road. Encourage your child to speak to you anyway. A lot of great parent-child communication happens in the car.

# APRIL 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Track Begins w/ Meeting in KMS Library @ 2:30	3	4 EARLY RELEASE	5	6 3 <sup>RD</sup> QUARTER CELEBRATION	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 KMS FilmFest Submissions due	14
15 CPS Students in Fairbanks	16	17 MASS CHOIR @ KCHS @ 6 PM  Can Collection Begins	18 CPS Students return from Fairbanks  Volunteer Appreciation Coffee & Donuts 	19 Last Day for Can Collection  Activity Night & Dance ALL GRADES  MINI COURSE SIGN UPS  TRACK @ SOHI 3PM	20 NO SCHOOL 	21
22	23	24 Homer Math Meet	25 Secretaries Day 	26 Kaleidoscope & K-Beach 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Visitation 	27 MountainView 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Visitation  TRACK @ HOMER 2 PM  Masonic Awards @ KCHS 6:30 PM	28
29	30 Parent Orientation & Activity Night Open House & BBQ 5:30 - 7:30					



# May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 MASS BAND @ SKYVIEW 6 PM  Principal's Day	2	3 POP CHOIR CONCERT 7 PM @ KCHS 	4 TRACK @ KMS 3PM	5
6 Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week Begins Tomorrow	7 Bus Driver Appreciation Day  Site Council Meeting @ 3:15	8 TRACK BOROUGH PRELIMS @ HOMER Time TBD  Teacher Appreciation Day 	9 School Nurse Day   Happy Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week	10	11 Last Character Counts	12 TRACK BOROUGH @ SOHI
13 	14 6th GRADE CAMP	15 6TH GRADE CAMP	16 6TH GRADE CAMP 	17	18 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Farewell 	19
20	21 MINI COURSES 	22 MINI COURSES 	23 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	24	25	26
28	29 Have a Safe & Fun-Filled Summer 	30	31	School Begins August 21st	