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Timeless Tunes & Tasty Turkeys



Music Through the Ages

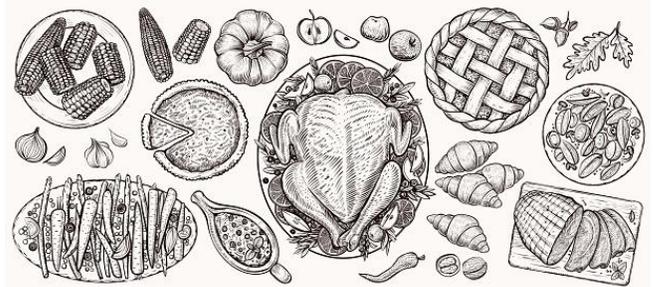
By Nathan Teates

Music has been within the human mindset since the dawn of civilization, and it has aged tremendously, since time has had mercy on it. While it did have what you'd call a midlife crisis, cough cough, the 30's, we have had the privilege of musically talented people who make the sweet, sweet nectar of the blessing we call music.

This is the place for people with strong, and slightly obsessive, opinions about music. My obsessive opinion on music is 80's and 90's rock/pop, like AC/DC, Van Halen, Guns 'n' Roses, Michael Jackson, Madonna, etc. but we are going to take a closer look at music starting with the 50's and Elvis Presley, going up to the 70's.

By the 1950's small cars were affordable along with the built-in radios, and as a result, musical popularity skyrocketed as music took to the streets, and (this is why I love the 50's) led to the birth of rock and roll. This rock wasn't like AC/DC or Guns 'n'

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Tasty Thanksgiving Treats

By Brooklyn Larsen

Pumpkins, leaves, spices, family, friends, and time spent together are some of the favorite parts of Thanksgiving time. However, we're missing something. The food! Food is an important part of Thanksgiving. Food is a very effective way of bringing everyone together. Coming together and sharing a meal is the most communal and binding activity in almost every place in the world.

When I say Thanksgiving foods, the first few things that might come to mind are turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, stuffing, and pumpkin pies. Most families include these dishes in their Thanksgiving dinners. However, some families like to add a little twist to the traditional holiday meal.

Most families include a turkey with their meal, therefore most families will end up with some leftover turkey after Thanksgiving. What to do with the turkey? Put it in the refrigerator until someone eats it? Feed it to the dog? No, make something out of it!

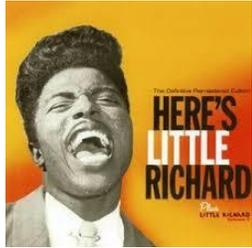
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Music Through the Ages

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Roses, it was more like a sort of soft rock, a combination between soul and rock. Listen to a couple songs from that era, but I recommend “Keep a Knockin” by Little Richard, or some songs from the king of rock n roll himself, Elvis Presley. They’re really good!



Little Richard is known as the Architect of Rock ‘n’ Roll and you know the Beatles, right? Well, I think you’ll like to hear that Little Richard mentored, traveled, and performed with them, and taught Paul McCartney his super famous “WOOO!” His guitarist, who went by the name Maurice James at the time, was mentored by Little Richard and went on to become the greatest guitarist in history as Jimi Hendrix (found in *Legends, Icons, and Rebels: The Music That Changed the World*).

Sixties songwriting reestablished the folky vibe and moved past the love song pop rock and adopted a socially conscious rock-like music and began to include political statements. The year ‘65 and on adopted psychedelic music to reflect the hippie culture. Bubblegum music was taken up to crank out radio-friendly pop style music. Album records were gaining importance to new and old artists, making the competition higher than ever, and the number of listeners even higher. A harder rock sound sowed the seeds for Heavy Metal later in the century (found on www.rockmusictimeline.com).

The 70’s were scarred by the deaths of Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, and Jim Morrison, who all died at the age of 27. Though psychedelic music was on the decline, it morphed into hard rock, then progressive rock, then finally, heavy metal. The later stars of the 60’s are even better in the 70’s and small touring bands went from playing in garages and small vendors like bars and clubs to playing big sporting arenas and humongous theatres. Many small bands from the 60’s made headlines and dominated the album charts. Bands like The Rolling Stones, The Who, Pink Floyd, Grand Funk Railroad, and Led Zeppelin toured around the world in private jets playing in huge arenas and stadiums.

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Tasty Thanksgiving Treats

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Turkey Tetrazzini

Ingredients

- 8 ounces spaghetti noodles
- ¼ cup butter or margarine
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 2 cups chicken broth
- ¾ cup half and half
- 1 tablespoon fresh chopped parsley
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt
- ⅛ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 dash ground pepper
- 3 cups cooked turkey meat (or chicken)
- 4 ounces fresh sliced mushrooms (optional)
- ½ cup grated romano or parmesan cheese

You will need a dutch oven & a 9”x13” inch pan.

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. Cook the spaghetti for the directed time on the box or until the noodles are soft. Drain and set aside.
3. In a dutch oven melt the butter. Stir in flour and then add chicken broth. Stir constantly while this sauce thickens.
4. Remove from the heat and stir in half and half, salt, nutmeg, parsley, and pepper until well combined.
5. Add the spaghetti, turkey, and optional mushrooms and stir until everything is coated.
6. Pour this mixture into a 9”x13” inch pan and sprinkle with parmesan or romano cheese.
7. Put this into the oven for about 35-40 mins or until bubbly and thoroughly heated.
8. Sprinkle with chopped parsley and serve!

If you’re thinking of putting something a little different into your holiday menu, a good way to add something small is just by making a dip for chips, crackers, or veggies. Making a dip for crackers or chips is usually super easy and the recipes are very hard to mess up.

More recipes on the next page!

THE BEATLES

LED ZEPPELIN

Dip #1: Ms. Johnson's Cranberry Salsa (from Mrs. Verkuilen!)

Ingredients

- (12 ounce) bag of cranberries, fresh or frozen
- 1 bunch chopped cilantro
- 1 bunch green onions, cut into 3 inch lengths
- 1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and minced
- 2 juiced limes
- ¾ cup white sugar
- 1 pinch of salt



Directions

1. Combine cranberries, cilantro, green onions, jalapeno pepper, lime juice, sugar, and salt in the bowl of a food processor fitted with a medium blade.
2. Chop to medium consistency.
3. Refrigerate if not using immediately, otherwise serve at room temperature with your favorite tortilla chips!

Note: You can also make this salsa using wild, fresh or frozen lowbush cranberries.

Dip #2: Mrs. Nabholz's Smoked Salmon Spread

This dip will add a great Alaskan twist to your meal! There are so many different ways to make salmon spread.

Ingredients

- ½ cup of finely chopped onion
- 6 oz smoked salmon
- 8 oz cream cheese
- 2 Tbsp. creamy horseradish
- 1 Tbsp. lemon juice

Directions

- Mix everything together and serve on crackers, chips, toast, sandwiches, vegetables, etc.



Finally, the best part about Thanksgiving food, dessert! Pies are the most common desserts that families include with their meal. Specifically, pumpkin pies. I personally don't really enjoy pies, cakes, and cupcakes. After asking around I discovered a lot of other kids my age don't exactly enjoy them either, while other students enjoy them more than anything. However, kids who like cakes and cupcakes, and kids who don't, do have something in common. Almost everyone enjoys cookies! This next recipe is a pumpkin cookie recipe so it's still festive but also something that anyone can enjoy!

Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Cookies

Ingredients

- 1 cup butter
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups canned pumpkin
- 2 Tbsp. vanilla
- 2 Tbsp. baking soda
- 2 Tbsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 tsp. nutmeg
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 5 cups flour
- 12 oz. chocolate chips



Directions

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. Cream together the butter and sugar in a large mixing bowl, then add the eggs, pumpkin, and vanilla and mix well.
3. Mix the following dry ingredients together: baking soda, baking powder, salt, nutmeg, cinnamon, and flour in a bowl and stir well.
4. Stir the flour mixture into the wet ingredients about one cup at a time and mix well.
5. Last stir in the chocolate chips.
6. Place spoonfuls of dough onto cookie sheets and bake for 12-15 minutes, or until they look totally dry but now browned.

Note: You can also make these cookies using a gluten-free flour blend; also add 2 teaspoons of xanthan gum.

We really hope you enjoy these recipes and hope you will give them a try! Thank you to Ms. Johnson, Mrs. Verkuilen, and Mrs. Nabholz for sharing their recipes, it's greatly appreciated! Happy Feasting!

Opinion-8-ed

Which music genres or musicians are you most thankful for having in your life?
Why are they important to you?

Sara Gottschalk- "Maybe the artists Unlike Pluto or Nico Collins, I really love them. It's so hard to find truly good music, and neither of them have made a song I don't like yet. Listen to them, they're way too underrated."

Elissa Lyons- "The songs I learn in choir. I like 'Up on the Housetop' because it makes me feel great."

Hally Hanson- "I am thankful for Christmas music because it makes me happy and the music is amazing."

Willow Patrick- "I am most thankful for 80's and 90's music. It just makes me happy listening to the older songs that nobody knows or remembers."

Victor Santana- "The soundtrack of Moana because I like singing along."

Tanner Clyde- "Rap. Rap can have all different beats, and some of my favorite rappers are Macklemore, Eminem, NF, Post Malone, and Juice Wrld."

Ashlyn Potton- "Lauren Daigle, her music has helped me through many struggles and life challenges. Lewis Capaldi also helped me learn how to express my feelings through songs."

Izzie McClure- "NF because his music was supportive and relatable to some of my issues. 'You want me to walk on the stage with a smile on my face put on a mask for real.' It just explains most of my life story this year."



William Wilson- "I like Michael Jackson because he makes the best style of music in my opinion. His dance moves are also fire."



Grace Beiser- "Calum Scott and Lewis Capaldi, because they both write sad music and sad music helps me through tough times."

Brooke Summers- "BTS (K-pop). They are adorable, amazing singers and dancers, and if I have a really bad day I turn it on and become happy. (I have pictures and posters all over my room)."

Owen Smith- "Comedies and parodies because if you haven't laughed in awhile you need to jump start your week."

Nathan Teates- "I'm thankful for Rock and Roll because they are super good with guitars (electric) and the rasp of their voice sounds good. I like 90's pop too because of Michael Jackson."

Vance Johnston- "Canopy Climbers is an electronic pop band and also my favorite band, their songs are very light and simplistic, and Newsboy is also a good band."

Charles Trickel- "Johnny Cash because his songs inspire me and he tells the truth when he says 'Love is a burning thing.'"

A. Wyatt Cole- "Johnny Cash because it has a great beat and understanding words."

Gracie Lanfear- "Rap, and pop like Taylor Swift and Mr. Clean. He has good beats and his words rhyme and match the beat."



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Thanksgiving Traditions

By Hannah Autry

Everyone at KMS has lots of different plans for Thanksgiving, such as getting together with the family, eating, and doing fun activities.

Samantha Avery - Normally it's just her home family. Her family normally cooks dinner for a couple days until Thanksgiving. They write what they're thankful for a couple of days until Thanksgiving and put the ideas in a cup. On Thanksgiving Day after her family eats dinner they all read the pieces of paper. After dinner they normally watch a movie together as a family.

Ellsi Miller - Before Thanksgiving for a couple of days they write one thing they are thankful for on a pumpkin with a Sharpie. Ellsi's family from all around normally gets together. Her parents are cooking for pretty much the entire day, and the table is normally packed with food. Before they pray they say two things they are thankful for. Ellsi's family almost always have leftovers.

Alicia Perez - Alicia usually has her Thanksgiving with her family inside their house. Her family's Thanksgiving normally lasts until the next day. After they eat dinner they will play a board game or play a game with a deck of cards.

Jaxson Young - Jaxson's family normally has a lot of friends and family members come over for Thanksgiving. His family's Thanksgiving lasts about two hours. He eats, then plays with his cousins.

Brynnen Hanson - On Thanksgiving Brynnen's family goes to her grandma's house, and their Thanksgiving lasts about four hours. They always have lots of friends and family over. They pray and eat, afterwards Brynnen and her cousins go and play outside or downstairs. Her grandparents eat and then go watch some live TV.

Allen Percival (Mom's house) - This year Allen is going to his Mom's house on Thanksgiving Day. His Thanksgiving lasts for about three to four hours. His Mom normally makes a whole bunch of food. His house is normally packed full with friends and family. After they eat he normally watches a movie with his family.

Allen Percival (Dad's house) - This year Allen is going to his Dad's house the day after Thanksgiving. His Thanksgiving at his Dad's normally lasts all day. They eat, play board games, and then go dirt biking for a couple of hours.

Mrs. Smith - Mrs. Smith tries to get as much family together as she can on Thanksgiving Day. They eat a late lunch, it normally lasts about five hours. Sometimes they move around, depending on where the family is. They play board games, her kids go outside and play, and they also go snow-machining.

Mrs. Christie - Mrs. Christie's family watches the Thanksgiving Day parade. Her family goes to her Dad's house and eats dinner. They go through the Black Friday shopping newspaper, and go shopping that evening. They play board games too.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Facts about Thanksgiving

By Gabe Segura

- The first Thanksgiving was celebrated in Massachusetts in 1621, lasted three days, and included 50 Pilgrims and 90 Wampanoag Indians.
- It is believed by historians that only five women were present at the first Thanksgiving dinner.
- Turkey wasn't on the menu at the first Thanksgiving. They probably ate venison, duck, goose, oysters, lobster, eel, and fish.
- They also ate pumpkins and cranberries but not pumpkin pie or cranberry sauce.
- Abraham Lincoln made Thanksgiving a national holiday on October 3, 1863.
- John F. Kennedy was the first president to let a Thanksgiving turkey go in the 1960's.
- President Richard Nixon sent his turkey to a petting zoo in the 1970's.
- George H.W. Bush is the president who made turkey pardoning a tradition in the 1980's.
- Americans eat 46 million turkeys every year for Thanksgiving.
- In 2011, 736 million pounds of turkey were eaten in the United States.

Information found on WorldStrides.com and University of Illinois Extension turkey facts.



Ms. Beeson

By Isabella Bond



Ms. Beeson is our brand new Physical Education teacher here at Kenai Middle School.

Ms. Beeson was born in Soldotna, Alaska on March 14, 1996, which is also National Pi Day. Her dad worked as the assistant principal at Kenai Central High

School. She has two older siblings and three younger. Zach is the oldest, Lexi is the 2nd oldest, Ms. Beeson is the 3rd oldest, Kylee is the 4th oldest, Colton is the 5th oldest, and Nick is the youngest. She and her siblings were constantly playing sports and later her dad said that they have to either be in sports or get a job. Her family also owned cats, dogs, bunnies, and birds.

She attended elementary school at Sears Elementary for Kindergarten through 2nd grade and then Mountain View Elementary for 3rd grade through 5th grade. Her most memorable moment in elementary school was in Mr. Jackson's class because he had a lot of animals such as a tarantula, snakes, bunnies, and hamsters.

Next, she went to Kenai Middle School for 6th-8th grade. Apparently it was pretty similar to what it is today. Mr. Dosko was the principal, Mr. Summer taught her 8th grade history, Mr. Felchle taught her 7th grade history, and Mr. Verkuilen taught her 7th grade science. Her P.E. teacher was Mrs. Zorbas. Her favorite teachers were the 7th and 8th grade teachers which were Mr. Felchle, Mr. Verkuilen, Mr. Sandahl (who is not here anymore), and Mr. Summer, because they always made her laugh, were involved in her life, and they inspired her to want to be a teacher.

She went to Kenai Central High School, where her dad was the assistant principal and where she got involved in many sports such as volleyball, cross country, and track. She also got involved in their leadership program, which is where she got to help plan a lot of events and hang out with her friends.

After high school she went to college to take exercise science classes, and one of her advisors said that she should take a teaching class. She decided to take their advice and once she started taking the teaching class she fell in love with it. She got her first teaching job in Homer, Alaska. She feels happy to be in Kenai again because it feels like home. Now she has a teaching job here at KMS. She remarks that "It is the best job and I get to hang out with the coolest kids, play fun games, and everyone gets fit and healthy." She also gets to wear her comfy clothes to school which she is happy about. She also coaches the KCHS cross country team, which is a very big learning experience, since she has not been a head coach before.

She owns 4 cats and 2 dogs. Jeff is a Siamese cat that is 1 ½ years old and he is calm and sleeps a lot. Drake is a cat that is six months old and keeps to himself, but loves to play. Mylee is a cat that is two months old and is shy, but cuddly. Brittney is a cat that is two months old and is extremely wild and crazy. Chloe and Josh are her puppies that are 6 weeks old and they are energetic and playful and are teething.

A funny story about her pets is that one night Jeff snuck outside and she got nervous so she moved her bed to the living room of her house so when he came in she could hear him. Jeff did come back to the house and when he arrived he opened the screen door with his paw so he could come back inside. While doing this the screen door was left open and the other cats got outside! Eventually after a lot of running after them or chasing them she got all the cats back inside her house.

Some things Ms. Beeson likes to do in her free time are hiking, camping, backpacking, fishing, kayaking, and playing on the women's league basketball team. Some other interesting things you should know about Ms. Beeson is that her favorite color is teal and her favorite type of music is country.

Anyways, Ms. Beeson is one of the best P.E. teachers I have ever had, and I would love to welcome her as our amazing new P.E. teacher here at KMS!

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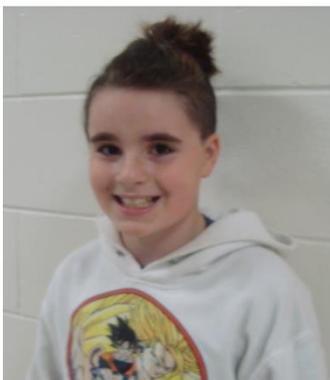
"You're the one who is going to have to wake up every day with the choice you've made. Make sure it's your choice."

-Emily Maroutian

Indiana Jones

By Rylee Novak

Recently I had the pleasure of meeting 6th grader Indiana Jones, and even though our interview took place down in the stairs by the gym, I think it went pretty well. So first things first, I'm sure you're all very curious as to how he got his name, and I was too, so I asked him about that explanation, so here it is. His dad was adopted by "The Jones Family," and the night he was born, his parents were watching an Indiana Jones movie, and thus the name. Pretty neat, right?



Along with having parents, Indiana also has five siblings: Marley, Erin, David, Ollie, and Kyla. None of them have nearly as cool names, but the names are still good nonetheless. And to add to that, he also has two dogs, two cats, and several fish.

One of his hobbies is skating, which he's been doing for eight years. He will be attending a state representative competition, since he was the selected kid in his age group, from January 17-25th, which is super cool. A friend of mine is on his skating team, and even though it's been two years since I've seen one of his shows, from what I remember he was pretty great at it.

Since he's a 6th grader here, it's his first year at Kenai Middle. He says it's a lot nicer than his old school, Kaleidoscope. So far at this school he hasn't been pushed down a stairwell, or gotten a concussion, so that is a definite plus.

And even though I've only spoken to him once, and it was a little awkward, I think he's a pretty cool person, even without the unique name, and I do hope he continues to have a great year at Kenai Middle, along with a fantastic time at the skating competition.

Simone Watts

By Samuel Brighton

Today we will be talking about 7th grader Simone Watts. I will be telling you about her hobbies, her friends, what her dream is, and other things. So let's get right to it.

Let's start with her hobbies. Simone told me that she loves to draw and that she likes doing gymnastics. Her favorite events in gymnastics are floor and bars. When I asked about reading she said she thought it was boring and she said, "I feel dyslexic while reading."

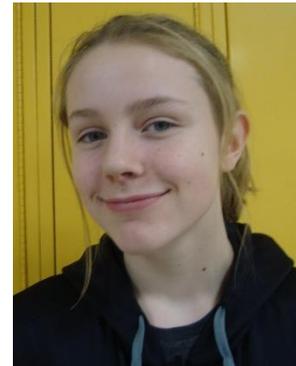
Simone plays basketball but she says, "I am really bad at it," and she says she would drop out if her family let her. She also is considering joining wrestling, and says she is going to join the track team. When asked about games, she told me she has two favorites but only because they are the only video games she has: Minecraft and Borderlands 2.

She told me she likes a wide variety of music, specifically classical, indie, rock, and old school rock. She said she specifically likes Lorde, Oliver Tree, Billy Idol, and 21 Pilots.

Simone has a lot of friends and found it weird to name them. She told me to say that she is friends with most of the seventh graders. She also said, "Some of them might not agree that they are friends with me." When she hangs out with said friends, she plays a lot Minecraft with them, she also "spills tea," and torments siblings with her friends.

Simone said she likes school because at school she can socialize. She is an extrovert who can't socialize at home. Her favorite period of the day is shop, which she has 4th hour. Her second favorite period is history because "It is really interesting."

Her dream is to travel the world. When she gets older she wants to be an Olympic gymnast or a cartoonist. She also says when she is a little older she would like to try bodybuilding. Upon Simone's request, I asked her what her favorite color was. It is maroon red. She also told me to add that she thinks cats are better than dogs.



"Everyone has potential to live a fulfilling life. The difference lies in how you look at things."
-Vishal Dandley

"Never let your past decisions determine your future outcome." -Mark Dudley

Basketball

By Keisha Connor

It's basketball season! There were a lot of people doing Intramurals, but not all of them were able to make a team. There are only about 12 people on a team, and there are two teams per gender for our school. There is an A and B team, but some players still had to be cut and were not able to play for the whole season. In total, there are 48 kids playing basketball for teams at our school.

For the practices we practice layups, free throws, defense, offense, sportsmanship, and more. Basketball is a very intense sport with high possibilities of getting hurt, such as getting hit in the head with the ball, falling, hurting your feet, ankles, and many more injuries. It is also a very fun and exciting sport that most players really enjoy.

The time before games can be very nerve wracking, but when the game actually starts it is very fun and exciting. To be fouled out you have to make five fouls, and if you do reach that limit then you can be disqualified for the rest of the game. When you get a penalty you get two free throws and on the second shot the game starts again. There is also a thing called a technical foul, which is any infraction of the rules penalized as a foul which does not involve physical contact while playing a game; it happens between opposing players on the court, or a foul by a non-player. The most common technical foul is for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Girls B-Team: Coach Sutton

- Samantha Avery
- Keisha Connor
- Tait Cooper
- Patience Cucullu
- Aggie Jimmy
- Tabitha Kernan
- Alexis Marquis
- Jody McKinney
- Simone Watts
- Haily Woodward
- Jalyn Yeoman
- Jenna Yeoman

Girls A-Team: Coach Gustkey

- Emma Beck
- Lianna Carranza
- Sierra Hershberger
- Grace Kahn
- Maddie Malone
- Isabel McClure
- Mycka Phillips
- Ashlyn Potton
- Seanna Swanson
- Emilee Wilson
- Kate Wisnewski

Boys B-Team: Coach Rudy

- Caydne Bornowski
- Silas Freeman
- Elliot Hanson
- Jason Johnson
- Jacob Katzenberger
- Matthew Krol
- Jacobee Longan-Chapman
- Jackson Marion
- Nolan McGraw
- Tony Perez
- Owen Smith
- Dakota Wisnewski

Boys A-Team: Coach Songer

- Ryker Dykema
- Greg Fallon
- Ben Harris
- Robert Hayes
- Makai Johansson
- Zane Pellegrom
- Victor Santana
- Trenton Wight
- William Wilson
- James Wright
- Caleb Litke



Jacob Katzenberger goes up for a shot.



Girls B team players gathered together.



Jacobee Longan-Chapman with the ball.

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Never say "I can't."
Try the following:
"I'll try" or
"I'm learning."

October Students of the Month

By Rylee Novak

Students of the month have been selected for October, so congratulations to these students:



6th Grade:
Aiden Abraham,
Willow Graham,
Brytin Hall,
and Riley Mosquito



7th Grade:
Marcus Wong,
Alisia Elias,
and McKenzie Koliba



8th Grade:
Emilee Wilson,
Kenzie Keller,
and Lorenzo Elias

Students are chosen for Student of the Month by keeping up good grades and showing interest in learning, along with being a genuine person and model student. At lunch, Students of the Month also receive a pepperoni pizza, and the addition of people begging to have some.

Students who are selected all work exceptionally hard, and the reward for that is certainly worth it, both the pizza and recognition for their work, so congratulations to them for actually having the energy to work hard and earn good grades! Keep it up! All the teachers certainly appreciate all of your efforts.

And also a special thanks to Beverly Roney for helping me take the pictures, and to Boston McEwen for those two times we bothered him at lunch and made him drag us around the school to find the 8th graders.

December Birthdays

By Jaycie Castillo



1st- Vance Johnston
1st- Sam Sloan
1st- Aaliyah Bookey
2nd- McKenzie Spence
2nd- Leif Wilshusen
4th- Link Nelson
4th- Noah Hallam
5th- Keanu Swearingen
6th- Jody McKinney
7th- Ms. Brown
8th- Gabe Segura
8th- Patience Toepel
8th- Haley Dunham
10th- Ryan Vonheeder
12th- Andon Wolverton
12th- Emaline Cruickshank
12th- Mikey Nutter
12th- Evan Beasley
13th- Kylee Verkuilen
13th- Jylann Green
13th- Ella Schlachter
13th- Chloe Moffett
13th- Keenan Marey
15th- Miya Gottschalk
16th- Simone Watts
16th- Lynndi Pratt
17th- Lillian Kroto
18th- Mrs. Meyers
18th- Brycen Clyde
20th- Kenzie Keller
20th- Irish Dourney
20th- Avery Atwood
21st- Koby Anderson
21st- Keisha Connor
21st- Jolly Hosmer-Cope
26th- Elijah Cooper
26th- Skyler Lyon
27th- Kai Adkins
27th- Josslyn Olson
28th- Evelyn Cooper
29th- Madeline Barrett
30th- Canon Spinka
31st- Mrs. Vest

Favorite TV Shows

By Jaycie Castillo

I interviewed five people about their favorite TV shows. I got a lot of great answers from everyone, and plenty of information. There were funny answers and weird answers.



Keisha Connor's favorite TV show is *Stranger Things*. She likes this show because it makes her laugh, and because it grasps her attention into watching more. Her favorite characters are Eleven, Dustin, and Will, so almost everyone. She likes Eleven because she's different from the rest of the group, more independent. She likes Dustin because he is really funny and makes her laugh. She really likes Will because he's so cute. Keisha's favorite episode of *Stranger Things* is the first one, "Because it's the episode that got me addicted." Keisha has been watching *Stranger Things* since the beginning of the summer.

Next is Alexis Marquis, her favorite TV show is *Full House*. She grew up watching this show, so that's why she likes it so much. Her favorite character is Michelle because she is obsessed with food, and she's also really funny. Alexis's favorite episode is the first one, because that's where it all started. She's been watching *Full House* for a very long time. She said, "I've been watching it since I was a little lad."

Next we have Ashlyn Potton, who likes *Gilmore Girls*. The reasons why she likes this show is because it has modern day technology. Ashlyn also likes the relationship between Rory and her mom, Lorelai. Ashlyn's favorite character is Dean, because he's a genuine person, and she just likes him and his personality. Ashlyn's favorite episode is Rory's graduation. Ashlyn has been watching this show for several years. She's

10 rewatched it so many times she's lost count.

Eliot Haakenson's favorite TV show is *Dora The Explorer*. The reason why he likes this show is because she is an 8 year old who doesn't have any parents, and wanders in the jungle. Eliot also states that Dora talks to a stuffed monkey named Boots. Eliot's favorite character on *Dora The Explorer* is Dora, obviously. Season 3 episode 76 is Eliot's favorite, because Boots falls down a well and Dora is trying to save Boots, just as she realizes that Boots is a stuffed monkey that she has been talking to this entire time. So Dora finally went to the doctor because she's going crazy. Eliot says that he has been watching *Dora the Explorer* since before he was even born.



Last but not least, Hayden Hughes' favorite TV show is *SpongeBob*. It's his favorite because it's a funny and random TV show. Hayden's favorite character is Patrick because he is weird and funny. Hayden's favorite episode is where SpongeBob and Patrick find another world of lost and found stuff underneath the Krusty Krab. Hayden has been watching *SpongeBob* for about eight years.

AFN Convention

By Natalia Polanco

The Alaska Federation of Natives convention was held in Fairbanks during the month of October. Iris Demantle, an 8th grader at KMS, recently had the chance to go to this convention, so I asked her a few questions about how it went.

Iris said that AFN was a celebration for their culture, which included seeing relatives, dancing, and eating some delicious food. One of the foods she ate was Native ice cream, which is made up of fish, fat, sweetener, and berries. They also ate dried fish, moose soup, and dried moose meat.

This convention was pretty cool because Iris said she got to see some of her relatives from other parts of the state. She also got to do some really fun dancing. The convention overall sounds really amazing, and since it happens every year, you should check it out next year!

Random Facts

By Tyler J. Van Sky

- About 4-6 people die each year from vending machines falling on them.
- The entire world's population could physically fit in the city of Los Angeles, California.
- Japan is the most earthquake-prone country in the world.
- More than 52% of the world's population are under 30 years old.
- Facebook has more users than the population of the U.S., China, and Brazil combined.
- In Cuba and Korea you can't buy Coca Cola.
- Pencil lead was once used for makeup.
- German chocolate cake was named by an American baker whose name was Samuel German. He had no affiliation with the country of Germany.



- One out of five Americans believe that aliens visited Earth.
- When a camel spits it is actually vomiting.
- The scientific name for brain freeze is "*sphenopalatine ganglioneuralgia*."
- Spaghetti is plural for the Italian word "spaghetto" meaning thin string or twine.
- If you cut down a cactus in Arizona you could be penalized up to 25 years in jail.
- Forrest Fenn, an art dealer and author, hid a treasure chest that is worth over 1 million dollars in the Rocky Mountains and it has still not been found.
- Jack Daniels (the founder of the whiskey company) died from kicking a safe. When he kicked it he broke his toe and it got infected and he eventually died from blood poisoning.
- Nearly two people die every second.
- A shot of espresso contains less caffeine than a cup of coffee.



Wellness Club



Mrs. Neill and Nurse Dixie relax and lead a group of students painting rocks with pointillism designs.



Veterans Day

By Tyler J. Van Sky



Veterans Day became a national holiday in 1938 and has been celebrated ever since. The original name was Armistice Day. We celebrate Veterans Day because it marked the end of World War I, which ended on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of the year 1919. Veterans Day was originally for those who served in World War I up until World War II, then the government decided to honor all the veterans who have served.

There were several events that happened in Kenai and Soldotna. A Veterans Day ceremony was held at the Soldotna Regional Sports Complex, and Grace Lutheran Church also hosted a Veterans Day dinner. The Harley Davidson store in Soldotna also held an event, where workers were collecting donations for our military personnel overseas, to ultimately be put together into care packages to send to them for the holidays!

In Mr. Felchle's opinion, Veterans Day is important because "it is important to recognize the sacrifices that the men, the women, and their families have made for their countries during their service." **11**

KMS Christmas Celebration Coming Soon!

By McKenzie Koliba

The KMS Christmas celebration is a big thing! December 20th will be a full day of fun.

In the morning we will be signing up for clubs, so be thinking of what you might want to do. After Thanksgiving, all of the club choices will be posted in the commons. Some of the choices will include rock climbing, hockey, war ball, pottery, puzzles, chess, painting, and guitar.

Then for third period we will go into the gym and listen to the choir and band students play. Band will play "Holiday Favorites" with the choir. The choir will sing some songs alone like, "One Candle." The concert band will also play songs like "African Bell Carol." Also the intermediate band will play a couple songs too, like "Joyful, Joyful."

Next, will be awards to recognize sports, including X-country and soccer, and class achievements like leadership, journalism, and Mind-A-Mazes.

After our regular lunch schedules will be canned food drive activities. The food collected will go to local families that need food for the holidays. The person and grade level that collected the most cans will be recognized. The 6th, 7th, and 8th grade class competition relays will happen next to promote school spirit.

The last event of the day is the most exciting part of the day: the Faculty vs. Students basketball game! Everyone looks forward to this KMS tradition. It has been a tradition for about 20 years. The student team and the faculty team will "fight to the death" or you could say that the student team will destroy the faculty team. Come cheer the students to victory!



7th Grade Is Getting a Bit Fishy

By A. Wyatt Cole

On the 12th of November our seventh graders were tasked to dissect salmon and classify specific parts of the salmon by our beloved Mr. Verkuilen. The fish were donated by the Fish and Game. This was an astonishing day for them, because this was a big grade in science.

They were in groups of four with one salmon per group, and people had specific jobs like the dissector, notetaker, and classifier. They used some tools like a pair of scissors and a needle to reach places the scissors could not. They had to work fast because they only had about 30 minutes to dissect the salmon.

These are some of the fish parts they had to find on or in the fish: the operculum, intestine, spleen, reproductive cells (eggs and sperm), air bladder, esophagus, kidney, scales, adipose fin, gill, and pyloric caesa. They also had time to name the salmon... some were named Rebecca, Gordon, Timothy, Sabrina, Mineta, and Nemo!

They also had 8th graders help with the dissection. Some of their favorite parts of helping the 7th graders were, and I quote, Jody McKinney, "Playing with the sperm sac," and Pani Juliussen, "Popping out the eyeballs." Overall, the 7th graders had an outstanding day!



Just Some Jokes

Q: What do you get when you cross a turkey with an octopus?

A: Enough drumsticks for your whole family for Thanksgiving!

Q: How many cooks does it take to stuff a turkey?

A: Only one, but you really have to squeeze them in.

Q: What's the difference between Election Day and Thanksgiving Day?

A: On Thanksgiving, you get a turkey for the day. On Election Day, you get a turkey for four years.

Q: What are turkeys thankful for?

A: Vegetarians!

Q: What do you call Thanksgiving dinner at a tanning salon?

A: Turkey bacon!

Q: Why did the turkey cross the road?

A: Because it was Thanksgiving Day, and he wanted people to know he wasn't chicken!

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Locker Queens

By McKenzie Koliba

Locker Queens are back! The last Purple Pages was all 7th graders, and this one is 6th graders.

Olivia Koppes has a meme theme locker. She has printouts of memes like cereal box memes, with some magnets, and some adorable Beanie Boos. Olivia decorated because when she goes to her locker she doesn't want a plain locker to look at, so she decided to meme it up.



Iris Hale has a picture-loving locker. She has cat pictures, a shelf, and lots more pics. Iris was so excited to decorate her locker, because in 5th grade students didn't have a locker to decorate and she wanted to express her personality in it.



Swags for Sale

KMS 6th graders held a successful fundraiser, the annual three-day swag sales marathon, this week. Check out all of these students hard at work!



Owen Koroll & Braydon Imergan



Courtney Galloway & Marissa Moffis



Kainoa Taylor & Trae Pitsch



Medalyn Jennings

Mo'cabulary

By Samuel Brighton

Welcome back for more vocabulary . . . you know, mo'cabulary!

Meanatee - a manatee who is mean to tourists

Chucknology - the scientific study of Chuck Norris

Rutea - tea that is mean to you

Squidziling - a squid being fried

Setter - salt and pepper all in one shaker

Souperano - A soprano (a person who sings the high notes in choir) whilst also eating soup

Chake - a really nasty chalky cake

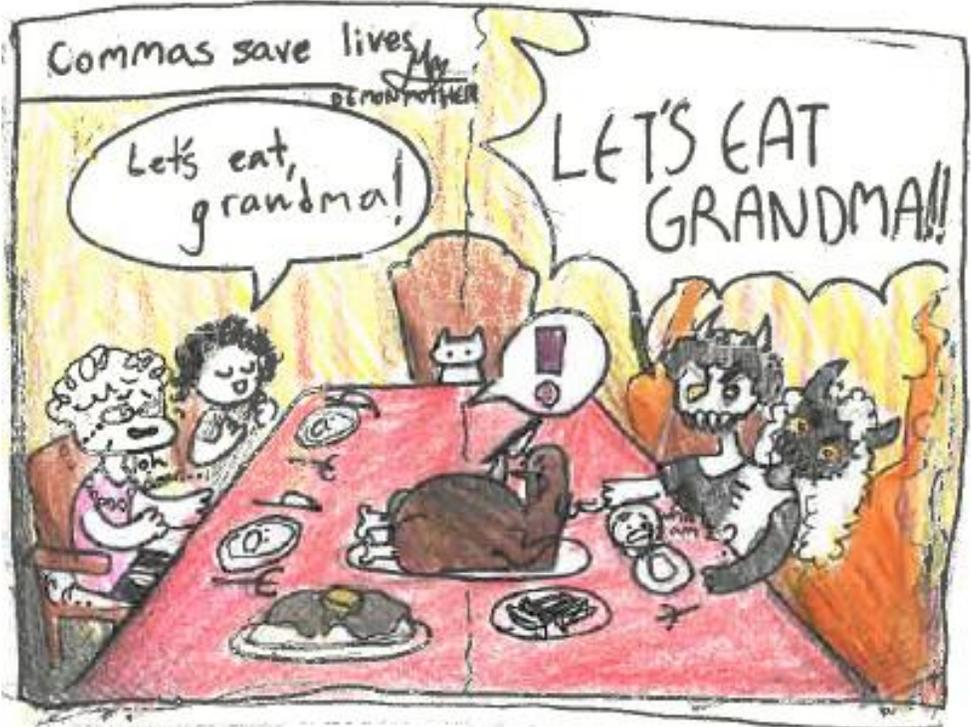
Skuid - a young squid

Trord - the Lord of the Trees

I am the Trord, I speak for the trees -



Say that again and I'll break your knees



“Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.”
-William Arthur Ward

Anonymous Confessions

By Cookie Cannibal

“I know someone who found a fish in a puddle. Is this possible?!”

-Narwhal 11

Narwhal 11,
“Yes, there can be a fish in a fishbowl, which is smaller than a puddle.”

- Cookie Cannibal



“I’m sorry Karen take me back, we punched out all my walls.”

-Kyle

Kyle,
“Where are the walls you speak of? Or are they figurative? If so, don’t be punching your ideas because they are your brain’s foundation.”

-Cookie Cannibal

“Good green beans are gross.”

-Fuzzy bean

Fuzzy bean,
“Ever tried a very fuzzy orange?”

-Cookie Cannibal



“I am an unholy Iron.”

-Rat Wrangler

Rat Wrangler,

“I’m an unholy cow when you spread the wealth.”

-Cookie Cannibal

“I ate a dandelion once.”

-White-out Killer

White-out Killer,

“Was it peeing on you, or was it your sister?”

-Cookie Cannibal

“So uh, so, uh right, but like, you know?”

-Tim the Goat

Tim the goat,

“Yes, it all makes sense now.”

-Cookie Cannibal

“I’m literally the OP one.”

-Koby

Koby,

“If you find what overpowers you, you can overpower it, so don’t go searching blindly, find the target.”

-Cookie Cannibal

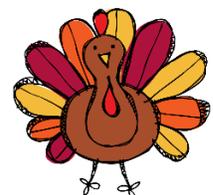
Tasty Thanksgiving

By Tyler Van Sky

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 STUFFING
 SWEET POTATOES
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 TURKEY
 VEGGIES AND DIP
 WISHBONE



Overheard

By Gabe Segura

“I have a Cheez-Its addiction.”

“I want a peanut butter flavored marker.”

“We have mood strings.”

“Wait, chicken = beef?”

“Can I show you how to make a gobble-rito?”

Teacher: “What do you call a boomerang that doesn't come back?”

Student: “My Dad.”

“How is water made?”

“My favorite anime is Dora.”

“Why are 9th gradies here?”

“Give him a piece of your bacon duct tape.”

“I'm being controlled by rats.”

“I just need a few more stuff.”

“I'm unfortunately dating his grandma.”

“I like killing sheep.”

“Holy slice of baloney.”

“My earball.”

“Never let my brother have a pair of real handcuffs.”



“Candy corn don't have noses.”

“You're stealing my plagiarism.”

“You can join the little information club.”

“Turkeys have chicken legs sometimes.”

Student 1: “Can you domesticate people?”

Student 2: “How do you tame a 12 year old?”

“I'm drawing a marshmallow baby.”

“The skies are blue because our eyes aren't real.”

“I'm scared of fruit.”

“It smells like vegan Christmas.”

“How do you sneeze underwater?”

“Do bees like jazz or is it just in the Bee movie?”

Teacher: “Your binder is a horrible mess.”

Student: “No, it's adorable.”



“Don't put fruit in your electronics.”

“Are you judging my diaper?”

Teacher: *pointing at boys* “Monsieur. Monsieur. Monsieur.”

Boy Student: “Stupid?”

Phobia Land

By Demon Mother



Cibophobia, otherwise known as the fear of food, can be a fear of one certain food or drink, a group, or it could be any of them that you could possibly think of. Often ones with this fear find themselves being malnourished, and this may even be accompanied by other health issues. People with anorexia may have this fear, but there are two different health conditions, and ones with cibophobia are occasionally mistaken for having anorexia.

This phobia-based character is centered around food that shows up at the Thanksgiving table, including popular foods such as turkey and pumpkin pie.



