

# The Wapiti Way

OCTOBER '15



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KMS Sports  
KMS Events  
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Reviews (Music, Movies, Games)  
Crosswords, Comics, Puzzles  
Art, Poetry, Baking, Recipes  
Interviews, Advice, and FUN

*The Wapiti Way* is a monthly production that covers a broad range of topics. It is completely student driven, from creation to publication.

**Our School. Our Community. Our Family. Our Lives.**

Editor: Anthony Fernandez

## Happy New (School) Year!!

### IN THIS ISSUE...

#### OMG, YOU WORK AT MTV!?

Watch our 8<sup>th</sup> grade newspaper crew dork out as they get to interview Gregory Hicks, a social listener at MTV.com! Huge thanks to Gregory, as well as Mr. Bennett, for setting it up! You both rock!

Bonnett | Pages 21-22

#### EVERYONE LOVES TO READ...

...once they find the right book! If you are in-between books and are looking for a good one, esteemed writer Mackenzie Vandyke has 10 amazing recommendations for books you should TOTALLY read before you graduate Middle School.

Vandyke | Page 24

#### KMS SPORTS SECTION!?!?

That's right, we love our KMS sports so much that we redesigned an entire section and dedicated it just to our sports teams! Football, Volleyball, Cheering, you name it!

Various | Pages 12-17

#### ENTERTAINMENT SECTION!?

Revisit old favorite features, like the *Video Game Time Machine* and *Cereal* – but also stay to check out new fun features like two brand new episodic stories, *Romance Runaways* and *In The Life Of Wendy Lopez*! Oh, and how could we forget the puzzles, games, comics and riddles! Go enjoy now!

Various | Pages 40-51



A new year awaits! Enjoy back-to-school content in these sections | KMS, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS

It's that time! While we all love and look forward to the summer, it's time for teachers and students to buckle down and prepare for another outstanding year at Kennedy Middle School! The KMS newspaper was a great success last year, and we're honored to carry on that tradition for as long as Principal Sudimack lets us! Many great writers and contributors have graduated to High School, but we're very excited about the new blood ready to make *their* mark in KMS history. This year has the potential to be one of the most exciting in school history – we begin our first FULL year with a computer in EVERY student's hand every day, we start our first chapter as a STEM Magnet School, we have a growing community footprint, and feature some of the coolest clubs around! We are honored to be here to document it for future Wapitis to read all about it!



#### Join our October Spooktacular!

While this issue will be back-to-school heavy as our first issue of the school year, our official THEME for the October issue is Spooktacular! With Halloween approaching, join us as we delve into our favorite scary and spooky things!

Spooky Pages | Pages 26-33

**Teacher Spotlight** | Inside this issue, get to know Kevin Sudimack (KMS Principal), Becky Grgurina (STEM Coordinator), Elizabeth Parsons (6<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts), Anna Beeman (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts), Marla Robles (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science), Shantel McPherson (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math), and Katie Price (Literacy Specialist).

Teacher Spotlight | Pages 34-38

# What's happening at KMS?

We all get busy, right? But let's never get too busy to stop and take note of the **AMAZING** things going on at Kennedy Middle School. There is not a better admin team, teacher family, or student population anywhere in this state! So we'll start each month highlighting the outstanding things happening here!

## Wilson's World Invades Kennedy Middle School!

*The CW's Wilson came to check out all the cool things happening at KMS this school year!*

When you've got so much great going on under one roof – why keep it a secret? That's exactly how WCCB Charlotte's very own Wilson ended up on the Kennedy campus a few weeks back to spend a teacher workday with some outstanding students. Wilson's visit spanned multiple segments on the morning news as he got to know the students of the KMS Chromesquad, the KMS Green Team, the KMS TSA (Technology Student Association), and also spent some time playing with cool new robots with our students and our awesome STEM Coordinator Becky Grgurina. Wilson even had the kids take the Gravity Games Soap Box Derby Car for a spin! It was truly a blast, and there is no place else the kids would have rather been on their day off! We at Kennedy would like to thank Wilson and WCCB Charlotte for taking the time to come highlight what some great students are doing at Kennedy Middle School!



**Watch the entire segment by using the QR code below!**





Thanks to all who attended  
**WALK NOW**  
**FOR AUTISM**  
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*Oct 17th: Total Raised? \$204,277!*



*Research, Awareness, Compassion!*



**Want to go on a Field Trip?**

Last year the Kennedy Middle School TSA spent some fun weeks practicing STEM principals for the NASCAR P.I.T. Crew Challenge. We got to visit the NASCAR Research and Development Center, and completed a project to display the relationship between the degree of banking on the tracks and the overall top speeds of the cars. We were named one of the four finalists in all of CMS and as a result we won a fully paid field trip for 300 students this year to the NASCAR Hall of Fame!! If this sounds like something you'd be interested in, please contact Mrs. Grgurina for more info.

Here is what we already know::

**Where:** NASCAR Hall of Fame  
**Who:** 300 KMS Students (150/day)  
**Time:** 9:00am – 1:30am  
**When:** Friday, December 4th, 2015  
OR Monday, December 7th, 2015

Thank you, **KMS Green Team!**







# Thank You Christ the King Church

**Please join us on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am-5:00pm at **Kennedy Middle School** for a community outreach project! The very generous and thoughtful folks at **CTK Church** will be completing the projects listed below with about 200-300 volunteers. Thank you for considering, all help is welcome!**

- Building 10 additional picnic tables with microfiber boards so there is no wood rot.
- 3 outdoor classrooms with cemented benches, gravel flooring and timber outlining.
- The stripping, sanding and prepping of lockers for our book spine painting project.
- Tree trimming and landscape upgrades to the front of the building.
- Multiple raised flower/garden beds with a composter.
- Rain barrels connected to our current rain spouts.
- Planting of new trees along the entrance walkway.
- A bocce ball court and a gaga ball pit.



*Come be a part of the transformation! #ThankYouCTK*



*If you would like to join this week's Book Club:*

- 1. SIGN UP** at the library desk.
- 2. READ** the book, marking any sections you'd like to discuss.
- 3. ATTEND THE BOOK CLUB MEETING** to discuss your ideas and opinions about the book and reread interesting sections.

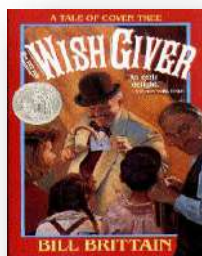
*Location: The Book Club Room*

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

*Day: Wednesday*

*Date: October 21<sup>st</sup>*

*Time: 9:45-10:30*



## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

*Day: Friday*

*Date: October 30<sup>th</sup>*

*Time: 9:45-10:30*



## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

*Day: Friday*

*Date: October 30<sup>th</sup>*

*Time: 10:30-11:15*

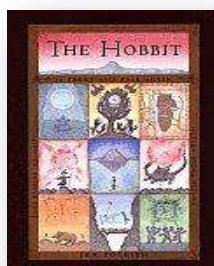


## Specialty (open to all grades)

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## 6 Facts about Reading

- 1.** The amount of time you spend reading determines how well you will read. The more you read, the better you will get at reading.
- 2.** Students who read more achieve significantly higher grades and test scores in all subjects.
- 3.** The number of words you know is the top factor in determining your reading level. The more you read, the more vocabulary you will learn.
- 4.** It should take you no more than one week to finish a book that is on your reading level.
- 5.** Communication skills are one of the top skills employers look for when they hire workers.
- 6.** Students who leave middle school reading on grade level are significantly more likely to succeed in high school, college, and careers.

**The research is clear: students who read more are more successful in school and in life. Now that you know, what will you do about it?**

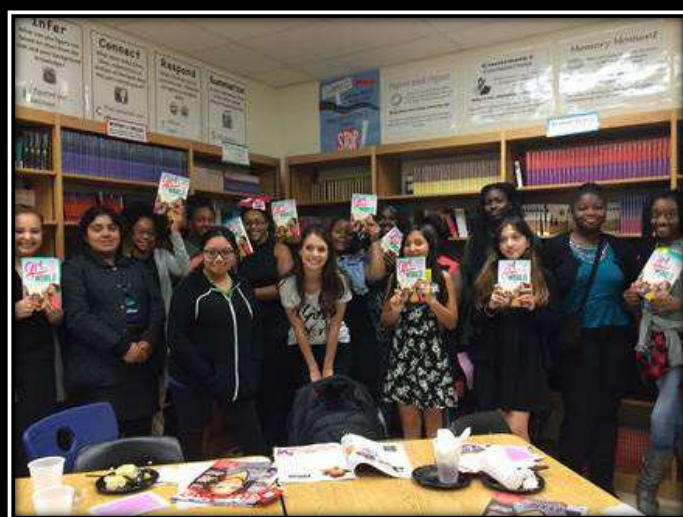


**Visit the KMS Media Center Website!!**

**[www.kmsreads.weebly.com](http://www.kmsreads.weebly.com)**



## Author Patricia Ottaviano visits Kennedy's *Girls In Real Life Situations* (G.I.R.L.S.)



Last Thursday (10/15/15), author of "Girl World" Patricia Ottaviano visited with KMS students participating in the **Girls In Real Life Situations** (G.I.R.L.S.) group. These 16 young ladies in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades have been learning "How to ditch the drama and find your inner amazing!" It was truly a treat for them to discuss the lessons they've learned with the author. A special thanks to Ms. Beeman for coordinating the visit, Ms. Price for sharing her space, and to the group member's teachers for supporting this incredible opportunity for students.

### Important Upcoming KMS Dates

**Oct 21** | UNCC's Michael Walter Solar Cell Lab (6<sup>th</sup>)

**Oct 23** | No School (*Teacher Work Day*)

**Oct 25** | Christ the King Outreach Day

**Oct 29** | Tailgate Party@ Final KMS Football Game

**Oct 31** | **Halloween**

**Nov 3** | School Picture Day

**Nov 6** | 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report Cards Distributed

**Nov 11** | **Veterans Day** (No School)

**Nov 25-27** | **Thanksgiving Break** (No School)

**Dec 7** | Doodle 4 Google Submission Deadline

### October 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> is KMS Spirit Week!

**26<sup>th</sup> (Monday):** TBD

**27<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday):** TBD

**28<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday):** TBD

**29<sup>th</sup> (Thursday):** **School Spirit**

Final football game alert! Wear all the orange and blue you can find! Rock that Wapiti Gear, KMSers!

**30<sup>th</sup> (Friday):** **Dress To Impress**

Pretend you're on a job interview and come to school ready to impress your teachers and peers!

**GO VOTE FOR MON-WED WITH #KMSPersonalizeIt**

### Congrats to the Inaugural KMS First Robotics Team

CAMERON DOAN 7TH  
HERSCHELL GOODMAN 6TH  
BRAYDEN KAUFFMAN 6TH  
KELLY EMILE-SAGE 6TH  
JOSH KIRSCH 6TH  
TIEN LOI 6TH  
WENDY LOPEZ 6TH  
JULIAN MALDONADO 7TH  
EDWYN MUCK 6TH  
OWEN OSBORNE 6TH  
ALEXANDER REHRIG 6TH  
JORDAN ROBERTSON 7TH  
MACKENZIE VANDYKE 6TH  
DANIEL VASQUEZ 7TH  
JACOB VERGARA 6TH



The **Kennedy Terminators** will meet every Monday and Friday during PL in **Lead Coach Marcy Myers'** room (C21). They will also meet on select Saturdays. The team will register for two Regional qualifying events in December and January, and then will take their talents to Greensboro, NC on February 20, 2016 to compete in the FTC State Championships.



# BREAKING NEWS!!

*The Wapiti Way newspaper takes over the KMS YEARBOOK!!*

Following Mrs. Blakely's departure last year, there was a big vacancy left on the Kennedy Yearbook Staff. Thankfully, that position has been filled by two of the most artistic and creative teachers in the building – Mrs. DeeDee Atkins and Ms. Kristen Kliemisch! The two have been working in collaboration with **the Wapiti Way** newspaper to ensure that this year's yearbook is the best EVER! And make no mistake, this will be THE best yearbook in KMS history.

We understand that yearbook sales dipped last year, but it's our goal to SMASH the early projection of 115 yearbooks. To make sure that this happens, the first 100 students who order their yearbook will get an exclusive ticket to a Yearbook Distribution Party being hosted by Atkins, Kliemisch, and Fernandez later this year. This event will take place during PL and will feature pizza, snacks, and a DJ! You'll receive your yearbook and have exclusive time to mingle with friends and sign each other's yearbooks! Remember, this party is ONLY for the first 100 students who purchase a yearbook!

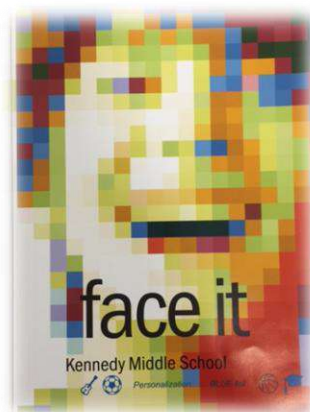
In addition, we'll be organizing a special PEP RALLY for the grade level that buys the most yearbooks! That means you should encourage your classmates to buy their yearbook, as it could earn your grade level the opportunity to meet up in the gym for music, fun, and games as we celebrate YOU! You may even get a chance to dunk Mrs. Atkins, Ms. Kliemisch, and Mr. Fernandez in the dunk tank! And of course, we'll have your yearbooks on hand for you to sign and share! Don't miss out on the fun!

## THERE ARE ONLY TWO WAYS TO ORDER!!

*Want a sneak peak of  
the 2015-2016 KMS  
Yearbook Cover? #faceit*

1. Go to [www.goo.gl/QzDufg](http://www.goo.gl/QzDufg) to shop online.
2. Go to [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com) and search for Kennedy Middle.

**COST?** *Just \$21!!* (plus tax)





From the TSA President's Desk  
Mr. Jordan Robertson (7<sup>th</sup>)

## The KMS TSA is excited to begin our 2<sup>nd</sup> Season!

Welcome back, everyone! TSA this year will be soaring to new heights. We have basically entered every competition and we will hopefully win all of them. To be president of TSA is a great honor and I am confident in this batch of students. We are still looking for more people like you to join!

### *It is my distinguished honor to announce the 2015-2016 TSA Officers!*

#### President Jordan Robertson (7<sup>th</sup>)

The symbol of my office is the **gavel**. The duties vested in me by my office are to preside at all regular and special meetings of this organization and to promote cooperation in carrying out the activities and work of our organization.

#### Vice President Sasha Skinner (6<sup>th</sup>)

The symbol of my office is a **star**. It is the duty of my office to see that we always have a strong membership, a good work program, and are alert to the welfare of our association.

#### Secretary Joey Diasparra (7<sup>th</sup>)

The symbol of my office is the **pen**, and it is my responsibility to see that accurate and proper records are kept of all business and correspondence of this organization.

#### Parliamentarian Bhuvani Saravanan (6<sup>th</sup>)

The symbol of my office is the **open book**, which represents *Robert's Rules of Order*. The duties vested in me by my office are to serve in any capacity as directed by the president; to assist in conducting all meetings, according to parliamentary procedures, and to be available, as necessary, to promote the general welfare of the association.

#### Sergeant-at-Arms Jabe Talley (7<sup>th</sup>)

The symbol of my office is the **hearty hand shake**, and it is my responsibility to see that the assembly is comfortable and properly welcomed. It is also my duty to serve as doorkeeper for this organization.

#### Treasurer John McLaughlin (8<sup>th</sup>)

The symbol of my office is a **balanced budget**. It is the duty of my office to keep accurate records of all funds and see that our financial obligations are met promptly.

#### Reporter Antonio Lizardo (6<sup>th</sup>)

The symbol of my office is the **beacon tower**, and it is my duty to see that our school community and national association have a complete report of our organization's activities.

#### Historian Cameron Doan (7<sup>th</sup>)

The symbol of my office is the **scroll**, and it is my responsibility to serve in any capacity as directed by the president; to keep up to date information on the history of the association; to keep an accurate and current record book of the organization's activities; and to be available, as necessary, to promote the general welfare of the association.

## Hey TSA, what kind of events are you competing in this year?

**Oh! I'm so glad you asked. How about... all of these?!?!**

Biotechnology Design

CAD Foundations

Career Prep

Catapult Design

Children's Stories

**Construction Challenge\***

Digital Photography

Dragster

Electrical Applications

Environmental Engineering

Essays on Technology

Flight

Forensic Technology

Inventions and Innovations

Junior Solar Sprint

Leadership Strategies

**Medical Technology\***

**Prepared Speech\***

**Problem Solving\***

Promotional Marketing

**STEM Animation\***

Structural Engineering

**Tech Bowl\***

Video Game Design

Website Design

*\*Indicates we won trophy at State Competition in this category.*

## Notable Former TSA Alums



New York Chapter



Pennsylvania Chapter



Oklahoma Chapter



**Mark Zuckerberg** (Facebook Founder)

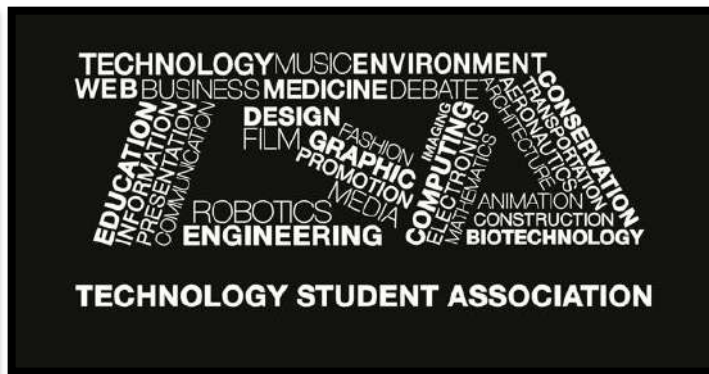


**Chad Hurley** (YouTube Co-Founder)



**Carrie Underwood** (Country Singer)





# SO WHAT IS TSA?

**WHAT IS TSA, you ask?** TSA is the Technology Student Association, and it's basically a group of self-motivated tech nerds who have a passion for STEM. Our KMS Chapter was born on 12/13/14 and is always looking for new members. We will be competing in the 2016 Regional Competition at Appalachian State in February, and we will also be going back to Greensboro for the 2016 State Competition April 7-9, 2016. There are endless events you can compete in! Our goal for 2016 was to grow our membership to THIRTY+ members so that we can compete in EVERY event at Regional and State, and ultimately earn a free trip to Tennessee next summer for TSA Nationals (CMS pays to fly out every 1<sup>st</sup> place winner at State Competition for the five day event).

**Would you believe we're already at 40+ members signed up for this year!!** That is **incredible!** We also added three more outstanding advisors with **Mr. Bennett, Mr. Davis, and Mrs. Myers!!** We've already held our officer elections to establish our leadership team (led by President Jordan Robertson) and we've begun preparing for events! We want Kennedy to be the 2016 Chapter of the Year! You can find more information about the KMS TSA chapter at [www.fernandez.2ya.com](http://www.fernandez.2ya.com)! Come join the fun!

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## KMS Shout Outs!!

- Thanks to **Ms. Beeman** for hosting a literacy celebration here at Kennedy!! It means a lot to the students!
- Thanks to **Mrs. Price** and **Mr. Wardwell** for those contagious smiles! You'll never hear anyone make the argument that teaching is an easy job, but when you are consistently greeted by your upbeat personalities and those unbreakable smiles, it sure does make coming to work a lot easier! Thank you!
- Thanks to **Mrs. Zorilla** for getting the Green Screen up and running for the return of the morning news!!
- Congrats to **Mrs. Atkins** for having an award winner in the Art in the Park contest!!
- Congrats to **Mrs. McNeirney** for winning the Teacher of the Year parking spot for September/October!!
- Good thoughts and well wishes to **Mr. Wood**, who successfully had surgery on his jaw a few weeks ago!!
- Good thoughts and well wishes to **Mrs. Troublefield** who is nearing the *fun* portions of pregnancy!!
- Thanks to **Meteorologist John Wendel** from WCNC for visiting Kennedy's 7<sup>th</sup> Graders earlier this year! Students enjoyed the opportunity to hear about storms, fronts, and wind patterns from a real meteorologist!
- Thanks to **Winthrop University Professor Kull** for visiting Kennedy's 6<sup>th</sup> Graders earlier this year! The students loved working through an interactive lab with Professor Kull, as well as hearing about her career!
- Also a special thanks to **Mrs. Grgurina** for arranging those two visits, as well as so many other great STEM opportunities at Kennedy. Your impact has been very noticeable, and we are so grateful for your dedication!
- Also finally, a special thanks to the **entire ELECTIVE TEAM!** The skills students learn in your classes are crucially important to the holistic approach, and your classes are every bit as important as core classes.

## Join the 2015 KMS SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

NOW!! (no really, go now, run!)  
Get applications from your science teacher  
and turn in by Thursday, October 22nd!!



### THE WAPITI WAY GETS RENEWED!

That's right! We're proud to announce that the KMS Newspaper *The Wapiti Way* has been renewed for a 2<sup>nd</sup> season! That means that we'll have a dedicated PL slot for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, AND 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter! If you were interested in signing up this time, but just missed out, don't worry – you will have another chance to carve your name into KMS history!



### Walter's Back!

Who will find him first??

*In every issue, **Walter Wapiti** (left) will feature a new disguise! Whoever is first to find him, snap a picture, and tweet it with the following hashtags can claim a bag of Takis! If you're really good, you'll even be able to identify who he is disguised as! After you tweet, go to room C10 to claim your chips!*

#KMSPersonalizelt #WhereIsWalter

### Stay Tuned!

Could Walter find a family this year?



Art by Jimmy Truong (7<sup>th</sup>)



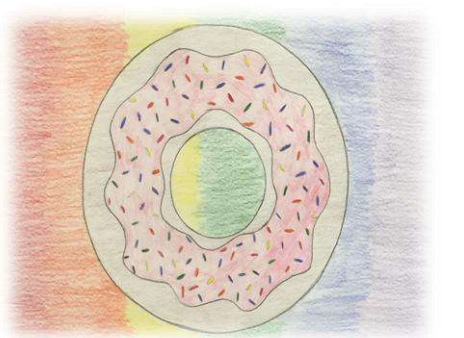
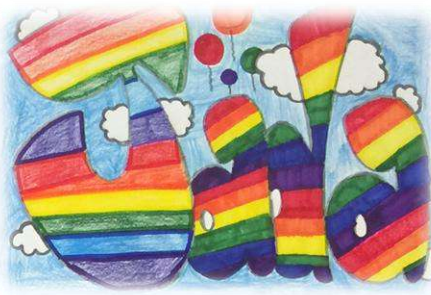
## So... what in the world is a Wapiti? by Jessica Richardson (7<sup>th</sup>)



Like many people at Kennedy, you probably proudly support the Wapitis, despite many students not knowing what they are. I'll be honest, when I started here, I didn't know what a Wapiti was, either. So, let's learn a little bit more about them! The word Wapiti comes from Shawnee Indians, meaning *white rump* because of the look of their backs. They are herbivores, so they eat grass, flowers, tree sprouts, fruits and vegetables. Wapitis also like to find good, fresh food! The Wapiti has some natural predators like bears, mountain lions, wolves, coyotes, and even humans. Plenty of Wapitis have fallen victim to humans through hunting, sadly. In conclusion, the Wapiti is our mascot and we're happy about it. They are interesting creatures, like us! Look at that Wapiti standing tall and proud!



## Check Out This Awesome Art by KMS Students!!





# KENNEDY SPORTS



This year we're attempting to keep up better with KMS Sports, and the first phase was dedicating a whole sub-section of the "What's Happening at KMS?" section to it! Here are some highlights so far this fall!

## 2015 KMS FOOTBALL TEAM

**D'MARIUS ROUSE (HEAD COACH / OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR)**

**TOMMY DORSEY (DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR) | DANIEL MONROE (ASSISTANT COACH)**

<b>3</b>	<b>OMAR MANNING</b>	<b>CAMERON MCGILL</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>DREFLIAN WASHINGTON</b>	<b>COLBY ERVIN</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>JEREMIAH LINDSEY</b>	<b>WILLIAM CHISHOLM</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>TY COLSON</b>	<b>CHRISTIAN PAUYON</b>
<b>42</b>	<b>TAVIEN FORD</b>	<b>VICTOR PEREZ</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>JAWON JOHNSTON</b>	<b>ALEXANDER ROBBINS</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>RONAVAN KELLEY</b>	<b>ALEC SNYDER</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>JAYLEN RUFFIN</b>	<b>SAHIEM BINGER</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>AARON GAMBLE</b>	<b>DAMONTE WALKER</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>JOHNNY SHIPP</b>	<b>CLINT BURRIS</b>
<b>86</b>	<b>RASHAUN BROWN</b>	<b>CAMERON HOUGH</b>
<b>50</b>	<b>JOSEPH CRISANTO</b>	<b>JOSHUA PURDIE</b>
<b>85</b>	<b>JOSMAR CRISANTO</b>	<b>JAZZERIYAN BARRETT</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>DEQUORIAN MERCHANT</b>	<b>AUSTIN NORRIS</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>DAVIEON WOOD</b>	<b>(TEAM MANAGER) J'SEAN JOHNSTON</b>
<b>64</b>	<b>OSCAR BENITEZ-VILLATORO</b>	

To have your jersey # listed, please contact Mr. Fernandez in C-10

**OVERALL RECORD (3-2) | CENTRAL CONFERENCE STANDING - 2ND PLACE**

### 2015 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

**W 8 ~~BOCHRA~~NE @ KENNEDY 12**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

**L 0 KENNEDY @ WHITEWATER 6**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

**W 14 KENNEDY @ WADDELL 6**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

**W 18 ~~EASTWAY~~ @ KENNEDY 28**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

**L 0 KENNEDY @ MCCLINTOCK 40**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

**KENNEDY @ MLK, JR.**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

**SEDFIELD @ KENNEDY**



## Meet the *Athletic Director* | by My'erra Powell & Iyanni Bonnett (8th)



**What's your favorite part about coaching?** The best part is being able to teach kids life skills that will carry on long after they are done playing football.

**Do you think the team has improved from last season?**

I think they are more coachable this year, which usually means that they will be better by the end of the season. This team has a lot of potential.

**What are your goals for this season?** My goals are to have another winning season, and as the coach to make sure each player gets better each week.

**How did it feel to know that the players you coached won the first game of the season?** It was great! It felt like all their hard work had paid off!

**How would you and your players handle criticism from fans after a tough loss like against Whitewater?** Anytime you lose, criticized or not, you have to use it as motivation to get better. That was evident with how well the team responded winning at Waddell the next week.

**What players have the potential to improve this year?**

I'd say Tavien Ford and Jeremiah Lindsey because they were young and had a rough season last year. Now as 8<sup>th</sup> graders, this should be their breakout season, and it shows with the hard work they've put in during practice.

**What classroom advice do you have for your players?**

I make sure to tell my players to study hard and listen to their teachers. The players will have weekly check-ins with me, and if they are acting up and not turning in work, they will deal with the consequence. So far, their grades are pretty good.

**How do you handle discipline when a player is misbehaving in class?** Jingle Jangle! It's a method of running during practice. You can ask any football player what that means!!!!

**What are your favorite football teams in the NCAA and NFL?** My college team is the Georgia Bulldogs, and in the NFL I'm San Francisco 49ers all day.

**What is it like watching your son excel in football at Olympic?** It makes me very proud, but at the same time you're always nervous anytime it's your kid out there playing football. I keep that in mind as a coach, that I'm trusted to look over these kids and keep them safe.

**How much longer do you plan on coaching?** I could see myself coaching for about 2 or 3 more years, at least.

## Q&A with the *Football Players* | by My'erra Powell & Iyanni Bonnett (8th)

w/ Jeremiah Lindsey & Aaron Gamble



**What's a Jingle Jangle?** Jeremiah: You have to run all the way down the field and back FOUR times!!

**How does it feel to be part of the KMS football team?** Jeremiah: Good because we're a great team. Aaron: Pretty cool because we've got a squad on the team this year.

**Would you trade football for any other sport?** Jeremiah: Baseball, because I like it and you get paid more. Aaron: No, football is life!

**What inspired you to play football?** Jeremiah: My skills! Aaron: My friend Ronavan got me into it!

**Is it hard to juggle football and school?** Jeremiah: To me it is, yes. Aaron: Not really, because all you have to do is pay attention and do your work.

**What do you think makes a great football player?** Jeremiah: The skills. You have to have the talent! Aaron: Working hard and listening to your coach makes a great football player.

**How do you feel about practices?** Jeremiah: I think they're easy, but that's because I was on the team last year. Aaron: They're good, but they can definitely get challenging at times.

**How do you think you can improve your play this year?** Jeremiah: Hustling more... take no plays off. Aaron: By working hard each week and getting better in practice.

**Do you think the team as a whole will keep focused on our goals this year?** Jeremiah: As long as they don't play around, yes. Aaron: We have a lot of class clowns that play around in the locker room, but in practice and on game day they focus.

# 2015 KMS VOLLEYBALL TEAM

VICTORIA WASHINGTON (HEAD COACH)

KRISTEN KLIEMISCH (ASSISTANT COACH) | ASHLEY RENZ (ASSISTANT COACH)

8 TORI PAUL

25 BRIANNA JACOBS

21 KAYLIN MIMS

7 JADA CHAMBERS

4 ALEAH NOORBAKHSH

11 NATALIE MARTINEZ

10 KENYA HICKLIN

22 STEPHANIE TROYAN

20 JADEN BEACHAM

2 JANIYA JACKSON

3 AMIL MCCALL

KJ HICKLIN (TEAM MANAGER)

JUSTIN JENKINS (TEAM MANAGER)

## 2015 SCHEDULE & RESULTS | (8-2)

\*WIN BY FORFEIT

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH  
**W\*** **BOCHRANE @ KENNEDY**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST  
**W** **KENNEDY @ WHITEWATER**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND  
**L** **KENNEDY @ WADDELL**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH  
**W** **EASTWAY @ KENNEDY**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH  
**L** **KENNEDY @ MCCLINTOCK**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5TH  
**W** **KENNEDY @ MLK, JR.**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6TH  
**W** **SEDFIELD @ KENNEDY**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12TH  
**KENNEDY @ BOCHRANE** **W**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH  
**EASTWAY @ KENNEDY** **W**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19TH  
**WADDELL @ KENNEDY** **W**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST  
**KENNEDY @ EASTWAY**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26TH  
**MCCLINTOCK @ KENNEDY**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH  
**MLK, JR. @ KENNEDY**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND  
**KENNEDY @ SEDGFIELD**



"This year the Kennedy Volleyball team will try our hardest in every game. We will strive to win, but also to be fair and kind. We will learn to unite and become a team throughout these next couple months and build on the momentum from last year. Go Wapitis!" - Volleyball Player and Newspaper Contributor **Stephanie Troyan**



# 2015 KMS SOFTBALL TEAM

LEWIS YOUNG (HEAD COACH)



MIA JONES  
HEAVEN GARCIA  
JAYLI VAUGHAN  
GENESIS STEWARD  
OLIVIA HUBBARD  
JAYDEN LAMPKIN  
NADIA ROSE

EMILY FLYNN  
EMILY BARR  
TERRIA ROLLINS  
ALYSSA HOWARD  
JAYA THOMAS  
KARLA SOLIS  
TRINITY THOMPSON



## 2015 SCHEDULE & RESULTS | (5-2)

\*WIN BY FORFEIT

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH  
**W\*** ~~BOCHRANE~~ @ **KENNEDY**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12TH  
**KENNEDY** @ ~~BOCHRANE~~ **W\***

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST  
**W\*** **KENNEDY** @ ~~WHITEWATER~~

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH  
~~EASTWAY~~ @ **KENNEDY** **W\***

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND  
(RAINOUT) **KENNEDY** @ ~~WADDELL~~

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19TH  
~~WADDELL~~ @ **KENNEDY** **W**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH  
(RAINOUT) **EASTWAY** @ **KENNEDY**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST  
**KENNEDY** @ **EASTWAY**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH  
**L**  
10-18 **KENNEDY** @ ~~MCGCLINTOCK~~

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26TH  
**MCGCLINTOCK** @ **KENNEDY**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5TH  
(RAINOUT) **KENNEDY** @ ~~MLK, JR.~~

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH  
**MLK, JR.** @ **KENNEDY**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6TH  
**L**  
11-14 **SEDFIELD** @ **KENNEDY**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND  
**KENNEDY** @ **SEDFIELD**



## Head Coach Spotlight | Lewis Young

### What is your biggest takeaway this season at the halfway mark?

I'd say it has to be the girls improvement thus far. When you track the growth from the tryouts to where they are now, it has been great. All the girls really enjoy playing the game and have improved a lot since the start.

### What is your outlook for the 2nd half of the season?

Well, I'd love for us to go undefeated the 2nd half of the season, that's for sure. When you consider all the hard work the girls have put in through all the games and the practices this year, I really think that's a possibility.

### Who has been the MVP of the team thus far?

I'd have to say Emily Flynn. Her ability to do whatever is asked of her is very impressive. This season she's pitched, played catcher, ran bases, and played all over the field. There is nothing that she can't do well.

### Who has been the most improved player so far this season?

Quite a few fall into this category, but I'd say Olivia Hubbard has shown the most growth.

# 2015 KMS CHEERLEADERS



LATOYA POWELL (HEAD COACH)

TAMIA POWELL

IYANNI BONNETT

CICLEY NORRIS

JERMAH DUNBAR

NIA JUDKINS

SELITA MOORE

BLESSING APPLING

ALASIA MCGILL

DASANI APA

MY'ERRA POWELL

KEARA HAMES

TAMIRAH CAMPBELL

AMYAH MOORE



## Meet the *KMS Cheerleaders* | by Iyanni Bonnett (8th)

The *Lady Wapiti* cheerleaders are back for another season of fun and sport! This season you can catch the girls cheering along with a new and improved squad that features new and improved cheers. The girls put in effort each and every day at their practices to get ready for games, so don't assume cheerleading is easy! Also don't assume that we aren't competitive – we like to WIN! The girls stand right behind the boys through thick and thin, meaning if the boys lose... we lose! If the boys win... we win. In fact, during the second football game, a tough loss to the Whitewater Middle Gators, our Lady Wapitis stayed and cheered for the players until the last 2 seconds of the game in the rain (while the Whitewater Cheerleaders were shuffling in and out of the building the whole game hiding from the rain). These new Lady Wapiti cheerleaders are and always will be loyal to our team!! Here are some pictures of the team:



Featured in the last picture are Team Captains Tamia & myself (Iyanni), who push the girls everyday at practice and games to make sure that the girls have their cheers down and are focused each and every game. When it comes to cheering, these girls don't mess around they get straight to business. Here are some quotes from the other girls on the team:

**My'erra:** "Tamia and Iyanni push us to be the best we can possibly be."

**Blessing:** "Iyanni and Tamia are the best captains we could've asked for."

**Keara:** "Tamia helps me with anything I need and is always there for me when I need her."

**Cicley:** "Iyanni and Tamia are very fun and they are good to be around."

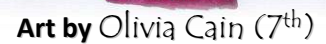
**Selita:** "I feel I get help when I need it. They are always available to help."

**Alasia:** "Iyanni helps me when I don't get certain cheers, she is very helpful."

**Amyah:** "Iyanni and Tamia always make me laugh at practice. I'm glad I voted for them"

**Thanks Lady Wapitis! Just know that we love you and are so proud to be your captains!**





**Art by** Ruby Ramirez (8<sup>th</sup>)

**KENNEDY**

**TAMIA**  
**CICLEY**  
**NIA**  
**BLESSING**  
**DASANI**  
**KEARA**

**JEREMIAH**  
**SELITA**  
**ALASIA**  
**MY'ERRA**  
**AMYAH**  
**TAMIRAH**

**COACH LATOYA**



# SPORTS

This is our hard-hitting section that covers a range of professional, collegiate, and high school sports from the NFL to the Olympics... even Olympic High! We'll cover events, as well as highlight feature stories on anything ranging from March Madness to WWE. If you like sports, you'll love this section!



## How Long Can the Panthers Stay Undefeated? | Giselle Boisson (6<sup>th</sup>)

W PANTHERS (20) @ (9) JAGUARS  
W TEXANS (17) @ (24) PANTHERS  
W SAINTS (22) @ (27) PANTHERS  
W PANTHERS (37) @ (23) BUCCANEERS  
W PANTHERS (27) @ (23) SEAHAWKS  
EAGLES @ PANTHERS  
COLTS @ PANTHERS  
PACKERS @ PANTHERS

PANTHERS @ TITANS  
REDSKINS @ PANTHERS  
PANTHERS @ COWBOYS  
PANTHERS @ SAINTS  
FALCONS @ PANTHERS  
PANTHERS @ GIANTS  
PANTHERS @ FALCONS  
BUCCANEERS @ PANTHERS

SO WHAT DO YOU THINK KENNEDY WAPITIS? HOW LONG CAN OUR HOME TEAM CONTINUE WINNING? THEY HAVE NOW WON 9 STRAIGHT REGULAR SEASON GAMES DATING BACK TO LAST YEAR. THEIR NEXT THREE GAMES ARE ALL AT HOME, A PLACE THEY HAVEN'T LOST SINCE NOVEMBER 16TH, 2014. THE EAGLES, COLTS, AND PACKERS ARE ALL GOOD TEAMS SO IT WILL BE TOUGH, BUT IF THEY GET THROUGH THOSE THREE, WHO CAN STOP THEM? THE ONLY TWO TEAMS WITH A WINNING RECORD ARE THE GIANTS AND FALCONS. IT'S A LITTLE CRAZY TO THINK ABOUT THEM GOING (16-0), BUT IS IT THAT CRAZY? THE LAST TIME THE PANTHERS STARTED THE SEASON (5-0), THEY MADE THE SUPER BOWL!

## Speaking of Undefeated... | Antonio Lizardo (6<sup>th</sup>)



These 14 teams remain undefeated after 8 weeks of football. Who will be the last team standing in college football? Could Ohio State win back-to-back titles? Could Florida State complete their 2<sup>nd</sup> undefeated season in three years? Will a team like Utah or Toledo shake up the playoffs? When will Michigan State's luck run out? Who will survive Baylor-TCU? So many questions to be answered!

## Carolina Panthers 2015-2016 Roster

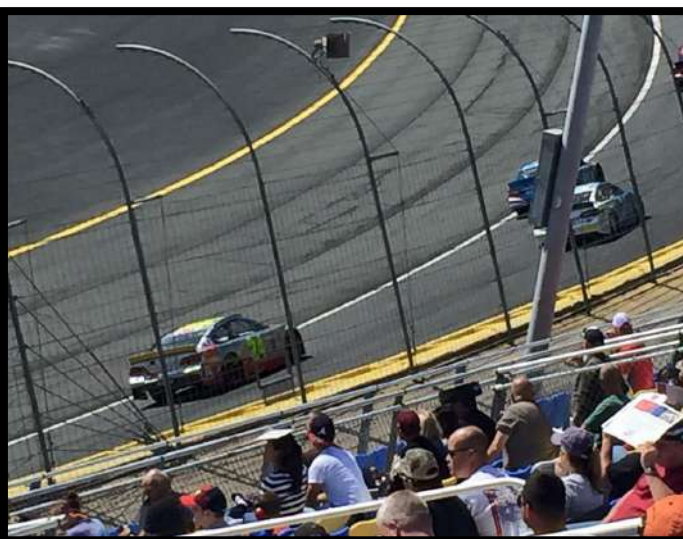
By Giselle Boisson (6<sup>th</sup>)

Mario Addison-97-DE	Star Lotuleli-98-DT
Jared Allen-69-DE	Dean Marlowe-29-S
Derek Anderson-3-QB	Davis Mayo-55-LB
Cameron Payne-34-RB	Cam Newton-1-QB
Bene Benwikere-25-CB	Josh Norman-24-CB
Brenton Bersin-11-WR	Brad Nortman-8-P
Tre Boston-33-S	Andrew Norwell-68-G
Richie Brockel-47-TE	Kevin Norwood-81-WR
Philly Brown-10-WR	Michael Oher-73-T
Kurt Coleman-20-S	Greg Olsen-88-TE
Thomas Davis-58-LB	Mike Remmers-74-T
Ryan Delarie-91-DE	Chris Scott-79-G
Ed Dickson-84-TE	Kawann Short-99-DT
Kony Ealy-94-DE	Amini Silatolu-66-G
Dwan Edwards-92-DT	Jerricho Cotchery-82-WR
Devin Funchess-17-WR	Jonathan Stewart-28-RB
Graham Gano-9-K	Shaq Thompson-54-LB
Ted Ginn Jr-19-WR	Charles Tillman-31-CB
Roman Harper-41-S	Mike Tolbert-35-FB
Wes Horton-96-DE	Trai Turner-70-G
Ben Jacobs-53-LB	Fernando Velasco-61-G
J.J. Jansen-44-LB	Joe Webb-14-QB
Colin Jones-42-S	Brandon Wegher-32-RB
Ryan Kalil-67-C	Fozzy Whittaker-43-RB
A.J. Klein-56-LB	Daryl Williams-60-T
Kyle Love-93-DT	Teddy Williams-21-CB
Luke Kuechly-59-LB	



# Kennedy Middle School Attends Bank of America 500

Kennedy Middle School landed suddenly in the NASCAR world last year, when a group of TSA students took part in the NASCAR P.I.T. Crew Challenge, sponsored by the NASCAR Foundation. For many KMS students, this was the first exposure to NASCAR in any way, and it proved exhilarating and exciting. Those TSA students won tickets to the Coca-Cola 600 last year, and also a field trip for 300 KMS students to the NASCAR Hall of Fame this year (which will take place in December). This incredible relationship with NASCAR has continued into the new school year! Thanks to a very generous donation from Misti Mason, mother of TSA Treasurer John McLaughlin, we were able to send KMS families to all of the NASCAR festivities at the Charlotte Motor Speedway October 9<sup>th</sup>- 11<sup>th</sup>. We were given 25 tickets to **Pole Night** on Thursday, 25 Tickets to **Race for a Cure** on Friday, and 40 tickets to the **Bank of America 500**. From the families that got to attend and the entire Kennedy Middle School staff, we'd like to extend a hearty THANK YOU to Misti and NASCAR for more great experiences at the track! Thanks! Here are some pictures that were sent in of the festivities:



## Major League Lacrosse – Why Does Charlotte Stink? | Carson Mullen (7<sup>th</sup>)

New York Lizards	10	4	.714
Ohio Machine	9	5	.643
Rochester Rattlers	8	6	.571
Boston Cannons	8	6	.571
Denver Outlaws	7	7	.500
Chesapeake Bayhawks	6	8	.429
Florida Launch	5	9	.357
Charlotte Hounds	3	11	.214

Last year was a fun year of Major League Lacrosse... if you are a fan of the New York Lizards, or the Rochester Rattlers. Sadly, the Charlotte Hounds finished (3-11) and in last place for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. Unless you're a diehard lacrosse fan, you probably didn't even know that Charlotte has a MLL team. Well they have since 2011, playing at American Legion Memorial Stadium located right next to Central Piedmont Community College. Hopefully the team gets better quick, so more Charlotte natives can get behind the *new* team in town.



## Motocross – the greatest sport you’ve never heard of | Ozzy Hacker (7<sup>th</sup>)



Yes, I know it's football season. I know basketball is starting soon, and hockey has already begun. But I want to talk about a sport that has changed my life – motocross. Motocross is the 3rd most dangerous sport in the world. This sport takes time, practice, and skill. Motocross is favored by many but remains a very uncommon sport. Only 37% percent of the world "likes" Motocross. I'm in that 37%, and I hope you will be soon, too!

Motocross was formed in the U.K in 1906. It used to be known as "scrambles racing" in the U.K, but as it formed its popularity, the sport became known internationally as motocross. The first known race ever was held at Camberley, Surrey in 1924. The sport grew to great popularity in the 1930's. By the late 1960's, Japanese motorcycle companies began challenging the Europeans for supremacy in the motocross world. Suzuki claimed the first world championship for a Japanese factory when Joël Robert won the 1970 250cc crown.

The sport evolved with sub-disciplines such as stadium events known as supercross and arenacross held at indoor arenas. Classes were also created for all-terrain vehicles. Freestyle motocross (FMX) events where riders are judged on their jumping and aerial acrobatic skills have gained popularity, as well as supermoto, where motocross machines race on both tarmac and off road. Vintage motocross (VMX) events are held for motorcycles usually predating the 1975 model year. Many VMX races also include a "Post Vintage" portion, which usually includes bikes dating as far back as 1983. There are 5 types of Dirt Bike brands Yamaha, Suzuki, Kawasaki, Husqvarna, And KTM.

If you haven't seen a race before, or can't find it on TV, a good way to get an idea for the sport could be through video games. According to critics, these are the best motocross games: Motocross Madness 2, MTX Mototrax, MX vs. ATV Reflex, MX Simulator, and MXGP: The Official Motocross Game. You can find these games on PS3, Xbox 360, PC, and Wii. Just keep in mind, because you're going to get hooked and want to try it at home, that motocross is a very dangerous sport! If you choose to join, please make sure to wear all the required gear and ride at your own risk! Happy racing, future motocrossers!



Come Support the **Olympic Trojans** Varsity Football Team!!

L	@ BUTLER	0-44
L	INDEPENDENCE	3-10
W	HOPEWELL	21-6
W	@ PORTER RIDGE	42-6
L	PROVIDENCE	6-17
W	@ AUDREY KELL	12-7
L	@ CHARLOTTE CATHOLIC	0-43
L	@ WEST MECKLENBURG	14-17
	SOUTH MECKLENBURG	
	@ HARDING UNIVERSITY	
	PHILLIP O. BERRY	





# Featured Commentary

Each issue we'll spotlight one journalist and give them a shot in the main event of the newspaper! The Featured Commentary should be an in-depth, researched look at an important issue for students at KMS!

## Meet Gregory Hicks!



By **Iyanni Bonnett** (8<sup>th</sup>)

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

## What's it like to work at MTV?

Last week the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade KMS Newspaper staff had the outstanding privilege to interview and get to know **Gregory Hicks**, a journalist for MTV.com! When we were approached with the opportunity by 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher Mr. James Bennett, 8<sup>th</sup> Grader Iyanni Bonnett immediately lost her mind with excitement. Greg not only granted her an exclusive Skype interview from New York, but he hosted a live Q&A for our entire team of aspiring journalists. Here are some highlights and a glimpse into the life of a person who gets to do this for a living. Enjoy!

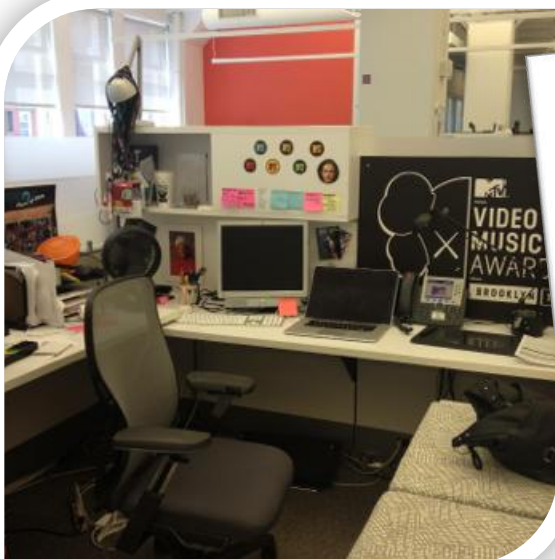
Also, go read some of Greg's articles!

<http://www.mtv.com/news/author/hicksg>

**How long have you been working at MTV?** I've been writing for MTV.com since July this summer, so it's been about 3 or 4 months.

**What is your job title there?** I am a social listener, so it's my job to use a lot of software and website access to see what stories are trending and what stories could go viral tomorrow. It's my job to look at those stories and compare them with our brand of MTV and determine if that fits our readers. Then I send that off to all our other talent editors to see if they want to write about it, and if they don't have time to write about it, I'll write about it myself. It's kind of like a modern day assignment editor.

**What are the perks of working at MTV?** Oh my gosh, like endless, I love it here! Basically there's just a lot of high profile people you get to work with. On a typical day you get these great people strolling through the office. Ed Sheeran was here this week. Zed was here like two days ago. We are located in SoHo, New York, which is the fashion district, so there's a lot of cool events that happen right around the corner, so that's another perk is the location of our office. So for example, the Kardashians launched that app and that website at the Apple Headquarters in SoHo, so we just walked around the corner to go see the Kardashians. Viacom is also a very generous company to work for. They are nice to their writers!





Watch some of the interview!



**Did you ever imagine yourself working at MTV?** Actually yeah! I loved the musical world, wanting to be a musician, so for our college paper I'd reach out to all kinds of celebrities and they were always willing to do it.

**Have you ever seen any shows being filmed?** I'm in our office in West Village in SoHo, but we've got an office in Times Square. Any time I'm in Times Square, I make sure to stop by the sets and stuff where Nev (from Catfish) and all those guys hang out. It's actually weird I was in the bathroom the other day and Nev was in there. When I first started, my desk was completely empty and the only thing on it was this big binder. I opened it up and it was like an entire script for the show Teen Wolf!

**Who is your favorite celebrity that you've seen so far?** I worked at a few newspapers before this, one was in Nashville and one was in Ann Arbor, MI. When I was in Nashville I got to work with Carrie Underwood, she was very cool. I don't know if you've ever heard of Miranda Lambert, but I got to work with her. I also got to work with Taylor Swift for all of about 5 seconds, but she was very cool. I think we got along well because we're like the same age sort of. She actually lives just down the street from my office. I kind of like the country artists a little more because they're a little more down to Earth and fun to work with.

**What is it like reporting for MTV?** It's really good. They give you a lot of freedom, creatively speaking. A lot of companies I've worked for have been strict. I've worked at two newspapers but I also did a lot of freelance. I love this company because they barely make any changes, so the reporting you do feels like your own thing.

**How did you get into journalism?** I always wanted to be a musician. I studied broadcasting in high school, but it wasn't until I got to college that I realized I probably wasn't good enough to make it in music. So that's when I applied to work at our college newspaper. That's probably where it all began. I got all my experience there, or from going out and doing it myself.

**Do you see yourself working there for a long period of time?** Yes, relatively speaking. If you look around with any company you work for, you kind of notice how long people have been there and get a sense of the average lifespan of the employee. It seems like most of the people here have worked here for about 4-5 years, and I could certainly see myself working here for about that long, depending on what opportunities arise here for advancement.

**What would your dream interview be?** Geez, that's a tough one, but I'd probably have to pick Taylor Swift. I just feel in general she does interviews with these people much older than her and they just don't understand her. I'd love to see her have an interview with someone closer to her age, as I think that would help express how fun she is.

**What advice would you have for students in newspaper that want to pursue this as a career?** Don't be afraid to let people know you are good at it! I think a lot of times people can be humble about their ability, but in this field it pays for people to know you are good at it. Be proud of yourself and your work, and then your name will stick with people.





# Bonus Commentary

We've got so many great writers that we can't possibly just highlight one each issue. We've opted to add a new section of each paper that selects and highlights a few key pieces that focus on current events!

## The Trump Curse



By Jonathan Russell (6<sup>th</sup>)

POLITICAL NEWS

## Why is Donald Trump Dominating the Political World?

As I'm sure most of you know by now, Donald Trump is a BILLIONAIRE, that is no surprise. But the careless Donald did have a big surprise for us all... he is running to become the President for the United States of America! This secret that he apparently only told his wife could have huge consequences!

## He has no experience! He will probably lose, right?

Yes, that is what America thought, but as it turns out, everybody was wrong. In the most recent poll, he is leading the polls with 27 percent of Americans saying that they will vote for him. No matter what controversial thing he says that you'd assume would end his bid to be president, each controversial comment seems to make him gain more support and momentum.

## How is he leading?

This question doesn't have a concrete answer, but if you ask me I think he's rising in the polls because he is fearless. He has not tried to hide from some of the issues facing our country (like our growing debt, immigration reform, and so forth), he states his opinion and sticks to it. At the last debate he stated he is the "man with the brain and the smarts" to fix these problems. There appear to be quite a few Americans who share those views.

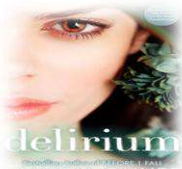
## How are the other candidates handling Trump winning?

Well, quite a few of the lower tier candidates are just giving up and dropping out because they are not getting the support of their voters and they do not have any more money to spend. We all know that is not a problem for Donald Trump, who not only has overwhelming support, but also said he "would not take a paycheck if he became President." Not everyone is giving up, however, nor do they need to be rich. Some are starting small like Ben Carson. He was at less than 1 percent in the first poll, but now he is in second place with 23 percent. That's the kind of movement that might scare Don.



By Mackenzie Vandyke (6<sup>th</sup>)

# 10 Books to Read Before You Finish Middle School



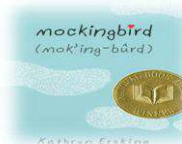
1. **Delirium and Pandemonium**- Delirium is a book about a girl living in the future world where love is illegal and forbidden. 17 year old Lena is about to be cured from the disease as every teenager does at 18, but someone gets in her way. She was always scared of becoming infected like her mother, but when Lena finds something she wants she won't let anyone stand in her way. Pandemonium is the continued book of Delirium.



2. **Wonder**- Wonder is about a boy who looks a little bit different from everyone else at his school. He had been home for as long as he can remember but now that he's going into middle school his parent's think it would be best to move him to a public school. He makes friends and enemies and tries to live his life as normal as he can.



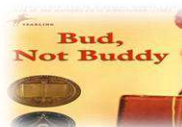
3. **Hunger Games**- The Hunger Games books are about a girl named Katniss living in a world where every year one boy and one girl from every district, twelve in total, to fight to the death in an arena with no contact with the outside world. Katniss' sister is picked to go to the arena and Katniss volunteers as tribute. Along the way she falls in love with two guys, is almost killed countless times, and faces all the obstacles that life throws at her.



4. **Mockingbird**- Mockingbird is a book about a girl and her father trying to stay happy after the girl's brother was killed in a tragic accident. The girl has her own problems to deal with too and it's not helping that her dad spends more time mourning than taking care of his own daughter.



5. **The Phantom Tollbooth**-The Phantom Tollbooth is about a little boy named Milo who took a small trip to the Kingdom of Wisdom. This is a challenging book to understand and you have to take the time to go back into the book and read it over a couple times to truly, fully understand it.



6. **Bud, Not Buddy**- This is a book about a boy who ran away from his home. He tries to find where he belongs and meets someone he had dreamt about his whole life. He meets all kinds of people along the way and he realizes his adventure has just started.



7. **When You Reach Me**- This book is about a girl named Miranda Sinclair. It is a mix of science fiction and mystery. It was inspired by a real life story that was recorded in the newspaper. It was also inspired by parts of the author's childhood. While reading this book you are traveling with Miranda and her hardships through independence, redemption and friendship.



8. **Mare's War**- Mare's War is a book about a grandma who takes her granddaughters on a trip across the country in a car. The book alternates from the past to the present between chapters. She teaches her granddaughters about life and how grateful they should be. She teaches them to look out for each other and to always be with your family while you can.



9. **The Fault in Our Stars**- This book is about a cancer patient named Hazel. She meets a boy named Augustus Waters at a support group and they bond almost instantly. They bond even more by reading each other's favorite novels and Augustus doesn't understand why it ended so sharply. He finds out that the author had never actually finished the book and he had never been heard from since. He tries to find the author for Hazel and they fall in love.



10. **Hatchet**- This book is about a boy who is taking a plane ride to visit his dad for the summer. Everyone thinks he's having the time of his life but really his plane crashed and he's stuck in the wilderness alone. He is out there with nothing to defend himself with, except a hatchet.





By Alex Kuczynski (8<sup>th</sup>)

# Paralyzed Man Can Feel Again

On September 17th, 2015, a prosthetic hand connected to the brain allowed a paralyzed man to feel again. A 28-year old man who suffered an injury to the spinal cord and has been paralyzed for more than a decade, can now feel after 10 years. It was reported that the prosthetic has been able to help him sense physical sensations. Electrodes were connected to the main sensory cortex of the brain, which is the part that allows the brain to sense tactile sensations. Electrodes were also placed on the patient's motor cortex, which controls the movement.

Wires were run directly from the hand to the electrodes, which was developed at the John Hopkins University applied Physics Hospital, in Laurel, Maryland. Using this type of technology, the man could control the hand the same way he would normally, i.e., with thoughts and neural connections. This milestone was announced by DARPA in the "Wait, What?" Technology Forum. "Prosthetic limbs controlled by thoughts are showing great promise, but without feedback traveling back to the brain it can be difficult to achieve a full level of success," said Justin Sanchez, the program manager for DARPA.

In addition to the prosthetic technology, DARPA's RAM program, (Restoring Active Memory), is possible to read and intercept key signals in memory processing and improve memory. Using implantable devices in the brain, the program hopes to improve upon memory loss. This implant uses electrical stimulation to awaken the brain's hidden memory with therapeutic effects. So, what do you think, do you like the way the world is going?

## WORLD NEWS

### Earthquake in Chile!



By Rachelle Hernandez (7<sup>th</sup>)

The day is September 16th and everyone is minding their own business, either working, driving home, or even being with their family. But then everything started to shake! A powerful 8.3 earthquake hit the coast of Chile. The earthquake caused power to go out and caused major tsunamis along the coast near the epicenter (which was Coquimbo). Luckily citizens started to evacuate before any waves started to crash on shore. There were at least 5 people dead, and 20 people injured, leaving 1 million people evacuating their homes. The earthquake has caused tsunami warnings for places all the way to New Zealand, which is 6,000 miles away according to CNN. It's not just New Zealand that has tsunami warnings, however, as it has even caused beach closings in California. Places like Hawaii, Alaska, Russia, and Japan have tsunami warning as well. There were at least 12 aftershocks each that registered 4.9 or higher. Perhaps the only silver lining is that it wasn't as deadly as the one that hit in 2010.

## HOLIDAY NEWS

### Napa Farmer Wins Giant Pumpkin Contest!

On Saturday, October 3rd a napa farmer won a Northern California contest with a record-setting pumpkin of 1,806-pounds. The nickname of the pumpkin was "The Flying Saucer" because of its wide and flat shape. The pumpkin was entered into the Elk Grove Giant Pumpkin Festival in California. Mathison collected about \$12,000 in prize money but he says the most important part of Saturday's event was sharing it with his 28-year-old daughter Tara who was in a wheelchair and has a neurodevelopmental disorder called Rett syndrome. Tim Mathison was one of about 50 big pumpkin farmers to haul their heaviest crops to the annual weigh-in at the Elk Grove Giant Pumpkin Festival! Congrats!



By Angela Duran (7<sup>th</sup>)

## FOOD NEWS

### Fun With Figs!



By Aldrich Afrifa (6<sup>th</sup>)

Ok, what are figs? Some of you might know, but I'd bet most of you don't know. Well, figs are a fruit, a special fruit! Let's look at what we have here, because there are lots of figs out there. Featured in the picture to the left are black mission figs. You want nutrition facts? Well here they come! Figs are an excellent source of fiber, vitamin B6 and potassium. Figs are also excellent for asthma; they stop constipation and diarrhea (DOUBLE WHAMMY Y'ALL)! They also strengthen bones and prevent vision loss. Figs go well with a bit of spices, walnuts and other fruits! Eat up!

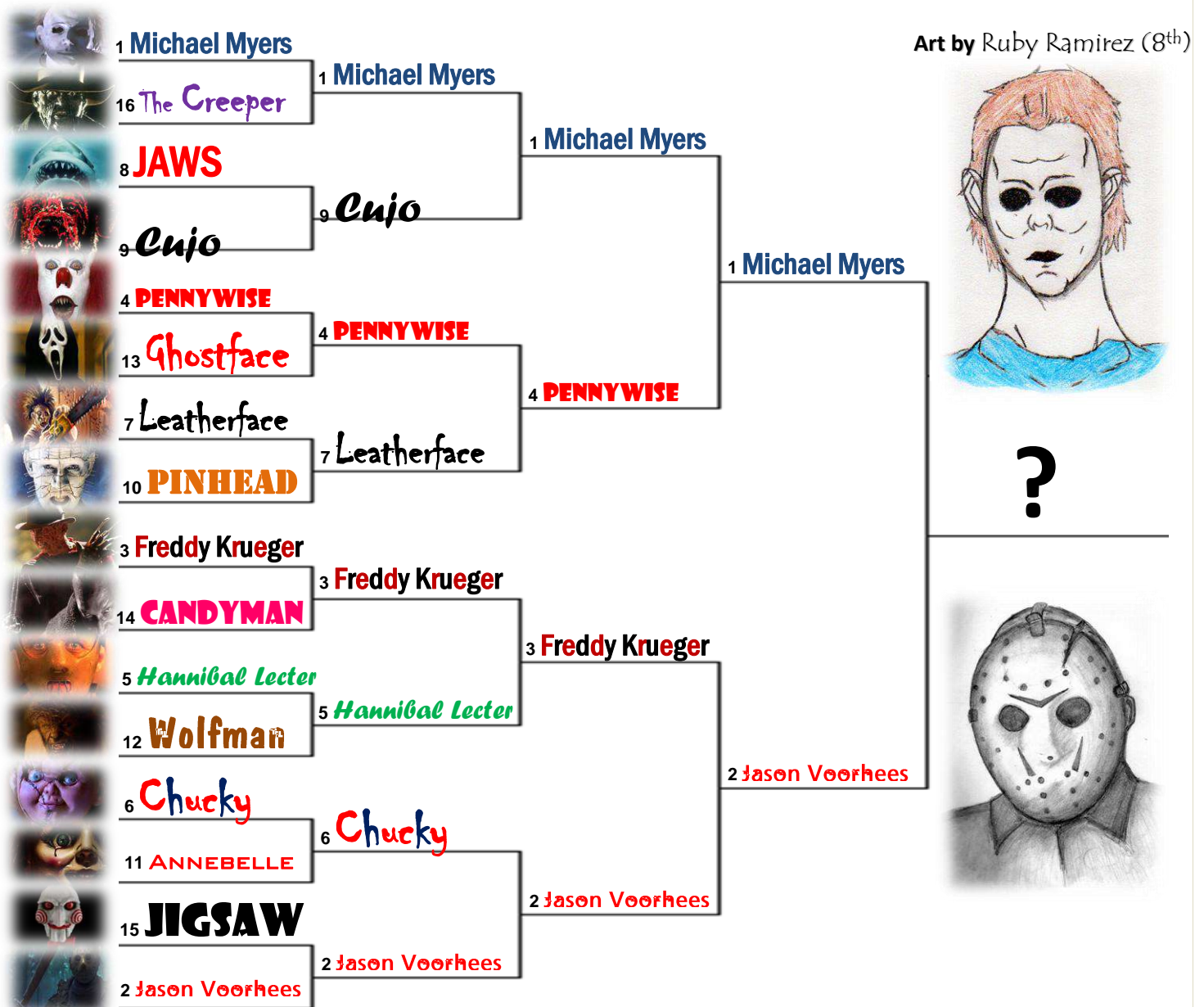
**Ripe Fig Jam Recipe** | Cut up your figs of choice and add juice in a sauce pot to get a sauce. If the mixture is sour, add sugar. If you want a taste like ambrosia, add some ginger (or spices). Once bubbling, mash your figs of choice in the pot. For 10-12 minutes (medium to low heat), let the mixture boil, stir the mixture occasionally. Your jam is ready!

# Spooktacular Halloween

In our first issue of the 2<sup>nd</sup> volume of *the Wapiti Way*, we celebrate HALLOWEEN! One of our longings last year was that our first issue wasn't published until the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, which put us *after* the holiday season. Being a bunch of tech dorks that love cartoons, video games, movies, music, anime, (*and sports!*).... you better believe we love some spooky Halloween content! Please enjoy, as we curate some spooky selections from the minds of Kennedy's finest.

## The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual **KMS Halloween Wars** Tournament | by Ruby Ramirez (8th)

To kick off our spooky section, we thought it would be awesome to revisit one of our old favorites... the tournament bracket! This time we try to crown a winner for the scariest character EVER. We voted in PL to pick the 16 scariest and then had them face off. We voted for each matchup, narrowing it down to the final 2! You can help crown a champion by tweeting your pick with a [#KMSPersonalizeIt](#) hashtag on TWITTER! We'll announce the winner next month! Enjoy!



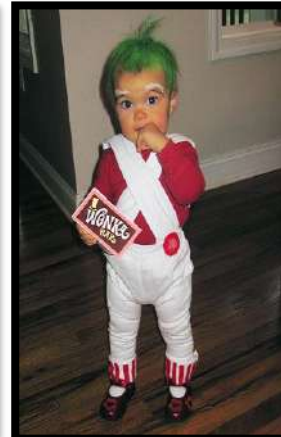
Who will win? You decide! Tweet [#KMSPersonalizeIt](#) to vote!!



## Unique **HALLOWEEN COSTUME** Ideas | by Mackenzie Vandyke (6th)

It's Halloween time! That means free candy and cool costumes! Many of you already know what you're dressing up as this year, but for those of you that have not, here are some unique Halloween costume ideas for October 31<sup>st</sup>!

- Where's Waldo?
- Mac n' Cheese
- Starbucks Mocha Latte
- Comic Book Character
- Olaf
- Flo (*Progressive*)
- Russell (*Up*)
- Gompaa Loompa
- Rosie the Riveter
- Michael Jackson
- Anger (*Inside Out*)
- Instagram Post





# REVIEWING Scarowinds HALLOWEEN HAUNT



## SCAROWINDS HALLOWEEN HAUNT Review | by Emi Torres (6th)

I went to Scarowinds on 9-19-15 and I really enjoyed it. It was a great experience and it will be for you too! You will definitely enjoy it (even if you don't enjoy being scared). Take it from me, I normally don't like being scared but I still really enjoyed it. Friendly tip... I would recommend going a week or so **after** Scarowinds starts, because otherwise it is really crowded and not as scary. This year it starts on September 18<sup>th</sup> and runs all the way through October 31<sup>st</sup> (HALLOWEEN!!) If you scream or look scared they'll go after you more often than the people that don't look scared. In other words, don't look scared unless you want to be!!!

The rides are the same as normal Carowinds hours, but some do have generic haunted appearances (spiderwebs, spooky music, etc). The Haunted Houses, however, are the best if you go to Scarowinds. I enjoyed going in **7th Ward**, **Slaughterhouse**, and **Cornstalkers**. There are other haunted houses, too - they are **Defex**, **Last Laff**, **Silver Scream**, and **Zombie High**. I personally think that Slaughterhouse was the scariest because it was the longest. The second scariest one that I went through was called 7th Ward, it was medical-themed and was mildly scary. The third scariest outdoor haunted house that I went through was called Cornstalkers. All in all it was a great experience and I recommend everyone check it out, especially if you haven't been before and like being scared!

## SPOOKY Word Search | by Nikki Wang (8th)

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MORBID  
REPUSLIVE  
SPINE-CHILLING  
SUPERNATURAL  
SUPERSTITION  
TOMBSTONE  
UNNERVING  
WICKED



# Carve a Pokéumpkin Ball

**By Ethan Gordon (6<sup>th</sup>)**

It's pumpkin carving time! Who doesn't love catching pokémon? You could carve one or two of these each year, and then immortalize them forever in your *collection* by taking a picture. Here are some creative ideas for your next pumpkin! If you carve a **Pokéumpkin**, make sure to share it on social media with the tag **#KMSPersonalizeIt** for everyone to see!!



Dear Mr. Fernandez,

A hand-drawn poster with the text "ZOMBIES EAT BRAINS! (YOU'RE SAFE)" in a crude, hand-painted style. The word "ZOMBIES" is in large, black, blocky letters with a red outline. Below it, "EAT BRAINS!" is in red, blocky letters with a black outline. At the bottom, "(YOU'RE SAFE)" is in red, blocky letters with a black outline. The background is white with some faint, dark smudges.

Love,  
Ruby Ramirez (8<sup>th</sup>)



**Art by** Giselle Boisson (7<sup>th</sup>)



**Art by** Eint Myo (8<sup>th</sup>)



## HALLOWEEN Food Ideas

By Nabriyah Washington (6<sup>th</sup>)



- Q-Tip S'mores
- Candy Corn
- Cookie Witch Hat
- Ghost Banana
- Carrot Pumpkin
- Finger Hotdogs
- R.I.P. Cookies
- Gummyworm Worms
- Spiderweb Soup
- Spider Eggs
- Mummy Corndog
- Pimple Pomegranates
- Cheese Pumpkin
- Greo Spider
- Cupcake Eyes
- Apple Teeth
- Monster Donuts
- BooBerry Muffins

### Dark Facts about **FOOD** | By Aldrich Afrifa (6<sup>th</sup>)

I know Halloween is a time to be scared about ghosts and ghouls, but there are some dangerous foods, too! Ackee is a fruit that, if unripe, can kill you. It contains hypoglycin, which causes blood glucose to rapidly drop. Also rhubarb contains high levels of oxalic acid that can poison you. With that in mind, don't eat too much! Cow's milk has been shown to increase the risk of colic and asthma, so milk is not for everyone. Cheese is extremely acidic, and bitter almonds can kill you, too. Cassava contains hydrocyanide, which stops breathing. There are some unsafe foods out there!

## HALLOWEEN COSTUME Comic

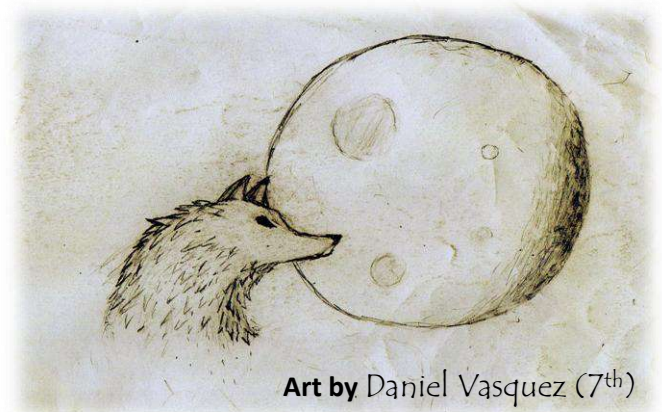
by Jonathan Russell (6<sup>th</sup>)



## ARE WE OUT OF THE WOODS?

Short Story by Daniel Vasquez (7<sup>th</sup>)

The last thing I could remember was leaving the lodge and looking for some firewood. To think... I left during the day and it has changed to night, almost instantly. I never remember passing out, or even being tired. As I look around all I see is the woods, with it's moonlight wondering which corner would lead me home. I try heading to the lodge but end up only getting lost in the woods. Or am I getting closer to the lodge? I soon felt that something was there. It was there, I was certain. Or not certain. Am I insane? I looked around and was worried that anything could come out of any corner of the woods and I wouldn't be able to see it in time. That's when I heard it, when it made the mistake. I ran and saw the lodge. I made it in and locked every door. I shut every window and had my hunter's rifle ready. I sat there wondering if everything that happened was real or not. I went to bed and sat there looking at the ceiling. I was the only one who was in the lodge and yet I didn't feel alone. I closed my eyes for a second, then opened them. I was frozen sitting on the bed, as if I was eye to eye with it. Is it me? Howling at the moon?



Art by Daniel Vasquez (7<sup>th</sup>)



## Scary Movie Review | by Alexander Kuczynski (8<sup>th</sup>)

A single mother finds out something is very wrong in her family's life when her two children visits thier grandparents. Directed by M. Night Shyamalan, the movie is 94 minutes long. This horror film will literally *Hansel and Gretel* the kids, or in literal terms, cook them. While the daughter is there she video tapes the experience, so the entirety of the film shows the truth about the grandparents. Noticing how the grandparents acted, the siblings responded by trying to hide, but fate caught up with them. Caught and having to go to bed hours later, the girl opens the door to find Nana projectile vomiting. The next day, when she interviews Pop-Pop, she hears a story about a white figure with yellow eyes, making her realize their is something truly wrong with them. This was a decent movie and had scary moments. If you're into that, check it out.



**RATING 6.8/10**

## Can You Solve the Halloween Murder Mystery?? | by Jessica Martinez (6<sup>th</sup>)

On a Sunday afternoon, a man was murdered in his home. At the time of his death, there were three individuals in the house with him: his wife, his cook, and his butler. The police interviewed all three individuals and asked them to make a statement.

**WIFE:** I was reading a book.

**BUTLER:** I was cleaning.

**COOK:** I was making breakfast.

They were asked if they were mad at him for any reason recently, if there was drama...

**WIFE:** He never listened to me when I needed stuff, but why would I KILL my husband??

**BUTLER:** I respect my master. He pays me a lot. I like him.

**COOK:** I make his food 24/7. I am a cook, that's it.

They were asked who killed him...

**WIFE:** I think it's the cook! My husband eats with the villagers and gives all the cook's food to them.

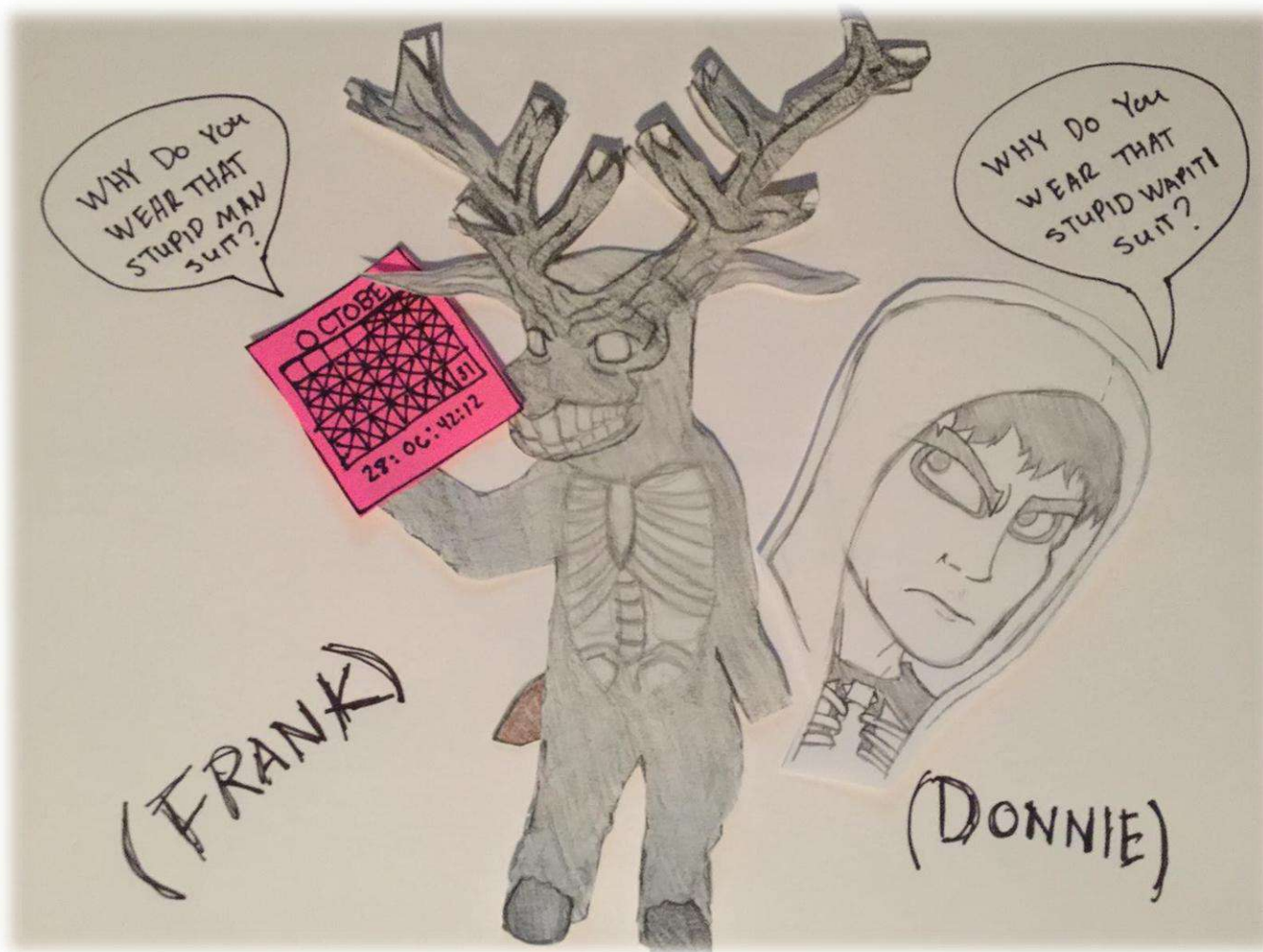
**BUTLER:** I think it's the wife. She is always asking him for selfish stuff.

**COOK:** I think it was the butler. He always kisses up to him to gain trust!

So, who did it? Check [pg.48](#) to see!

## Frank and Donnie Save the World? Happy Halloween!!

Art by: Kahneef Thomas (8<sup>th</sup>) & Jimmy Truong (7<sup>th</sup>)



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## MOVIE Time Machine | by Jessica Martinez (6<sup>th</sup>) | The Nightmare Before Christmas



Have you seen the cult classic *The Nightmare Before Christmas*? It's about a skeleton named Jack and he makes his town perfect for Halloween. He finds doors that lead to different holidays, so he went through the one of for Christmas. He tries his best to fit in for Christmas, but everyone doesn't know what to do, so they gave scary toys as presents. Watch the movie to see what is going to happen him! One teacher I know likes *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, her name is Ms. Daly (the Orchestra teacher). Tim Burton is the one who made this movie, so if you like some of his other stuff like *Edward Scissorhands* or *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, then I'm sure you'll like this one, too. I still think it's one of my favorites, and if you should definitely go watch it if you missed it! ★★★★★

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## HALLOWEEN IS ALMOST HERE! Here's Some Scary Stories! | by Eint Myo (8<sup>th</sup>)

### Aren't You Glad You Didn't Turn on the Light?

There were two roommates in college who were the best of friends, Allison and Maddy. Allison got asked to the dance by the hottest guy in school. Maddy had no interest in going to the dance, she just stayed in her dorm and studied. Allison flirted with her date the entire time, unprepared for the Finals the next week, while Maddy was totally prepared. Allison tried to get Maddy to go, but she insisted that it was fine and told her to have fun. Allison finally gave up trying, and went out to party. She had the best night ever! She headed back to her dorm around 2AM. Maddy seemed sound asleep. Allison didn't want to wake her so she kept the light off and quietly got in bed. She woke up nervous for the test. She saw that Maddy was still asleep, she went over to her bed to wake her. Maddy was sleeping on her stomach so Allison rolled her over and stumbled back to see her terrified face. Allison quickly turned on the lights. Maddy's stuff was completely red... she had been murdered. Allison fell to the ground, her face written with horror! She looked up and written on the wall in red was "AREN'T YOU GLAD YOU DIDN'T TURN ON THE LIGHT?"...

### The Clown Statue

A girl in her teens... let's call her Paige, is babysitting for a family. The family was very wealthy and owned a mansion. The parents were going on a dinner date and were going to watch a movie. The father tells Paige that once the kids were put to bed, she can go watch TV in a room; but he doesn't want her wandering around. The parents left, and soon Paige put the kids to bed, so she went to go watch TV. Well... she TRIES to. There was a creepy clown in the corner of the room, with a disturbing smile of his face. She tried to ignore it, but she starts to freak out thinking someone was watching her. She calls the father, "Hey! The kids are in bed... is it ok if I switch rooms? The clown statue is bothering me." The father says quickly and seriously, "get the kids, go next door and call 911!" "What's going on?" she asked scared. "Just go next door, and once you call 911, call me back." She does as she's told. She quickly got the kids, ran next door, and called him back. "Ok, I'm next door and the police are coming. What's going on?" "We don't HAVE a clown statue!" he replied. He explained that the kids have been saying that there was a scary clown watching them sleep, but the parents blew it off thinking they were just nightmares. The police got to the house, and got the clown. The clown turns out to be a midget! They assumed that he was just a homeless person, living in their house dressed as a clown. But... what happens if he was something more???

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## OMG! Here are more HORROR Stories! | by Monserrate Sanchez (6<sup>th</sup>)

### Emails From The Grave

Jack Froese died of a heart arrhythmia in June 2011 at the age of 32. Tragic, but nothing unusual about the story... yet. In November the same year, Jack's friends each received an email from his account, signed with his name. His friends and family are adamant no one knew his passwords or could have hacked his account. How then did the messages contain such personal information, that only Jack himself could have possibly known? One email implored his friend to "clean his freaking attic", which related to a private conversation the two had had shortly before his death. An email to his cousin read "I knew you were gonna break your ankle"; an injury that had occurred just a week before the email arrived. Probably a sick hacker, but Jack's relatives and friends said they still have no explanation for the messages.

### Leave a Voicemail, Please

On September 12, 2008, two trains collided in the Chatsworth district of LA, killing 25 people in the crash. One of the passengers onboard was Charles E. Peck, who was travelling from Salt Lake City for a job interview. His hopes were high on landing the job as his fiancée, Andrea Katz, lived in California and he planned to marry her if he was hired. During the next eleven hours, Peck's mobile phone sent numerous calls to his fiancée, son, brother, stepmother and sister. Overall, his loved ones received a total of 35 calls, however each time they answered they only heard static. When they called back, the calls went straight to voicemail. They family could only be optimistic and assume Charles was alive in the wreckage and calling for help. When the search team finally traced Peck's phone signal and discovered his body in a lead passenger car, where most major injuries and deaths occurred, they reported that Charles had died on impact, and that he couldn't have made the calls.



## FEATURED **FREE GAME** OF THE MONTH

### Spooky's House of Jump Scares (STEAM)

By Nathaniel Weaver (6<sup>th</sup>)



**"Spooky wants to play! His house, his rules!"**

Imagine this... you find a huge mansion. Then you find a ghost in the mansion named Spooky! The door slams behind you and Spooky tells you that you have to adventure through a thousand rooms to escape. Through those rooms are secrets that are not wanted to be discovered. Adventure through the first door and only find a fake wooden cute ghost, but as you get farther it gets scarier and scarier as monsters chase you! Somewhere in the thousand rooms there is a boss. Who is this boss? Get this great game for FREE on Steam now to figure out!



**WEBSITE:** <http://store.steampowered.com/app/356670/>

Happy Halloween, from Springtrap!



Art by Ruby Ramirez (8<sup>th</sup>)

## Nightmare On My Street



Art by Kahneef Thomas (8<sup>th</sup>)

# Get To Know the KMS Staff

Like true modern Super Heroes, educators have lives outside of the schoolyard! They all have had winding paths with twists and turns that landed them at the same place – an incredibly rewarding and nourishing building with amazing co-workers and students! Let's learn a little more about those paths.



**Kevin Sudimack (KMS Principal) | by John McLaughlin (8<sup>th</sup>)**

**Favorite Book?**

**Do you have any hobbies?** Fishing and watching college football!

**What was your main goal or dream job you had when you were little?** I wanted to be the captain of a boat!

**What was your perspective on school as a student?** I struggled a lot as a student, but I learned that I had to work hard to get better at it.

**What did you study in college and where?** I studied middle school education (Math + Social Studies) at Baldwin Wallace University.

**What were your obstacles in Middle School?** I struggled with Language Arts and Social Studies, but I enjoyed Math.

**Are you married? Do you have kids?** My wife Tara and I have two girls, one is in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and one is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Their names are Addison and Ellie.

**What were your obstacles in High School?** Balancing schoolwork with athletics and activities.

**What was the best advice you ever received?** Always give 100% effort in everything you do.

**Do you have advice for 8th graders going to HS?** Get involved in as many things as you can as early as you can.

**Where is the coolest place you've spelled O-H-I-O?** We do it often! The beach, weddings, and family reunions, to name a few.

**Favorite Quote?** **"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."** – Maya Angelou



**Shantel McPherson (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math) | by John McLaughlin (8<sup>th</sup>)**

**What is your favorite subject?** I like Math, but Science is my favorite.

**What was your main goal in life?**

To make a difference! If I can reach just one child, I accomplished something.

**Do you have any hobbies?** I like playing video games.

**What was your perspective on school as a student?** I loved school. I loved learning new things.

**What were your obstacles in Middle School?** None!

**What is your favorite part about working at Kennedy Middle?** I like the environment here at Kennedy.

**What were your obstacles in High School?**

None. I loved HS because I got to leave campus, but didn't like having to come back multiple times a day.

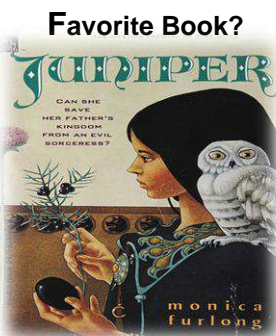
**What was the best advice you ever received?**

My mom always told me to never give up!

**What did you study in college and where?**

Accounting and Business at Elizabeth City State University.

**If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be?** Improve student self-motivation.



**Favorite Quote?** **"If at first you don't succeed, try, try, try again."** – William Edward Hickson





### **Anna Beeman (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts) | by John McLaughlin (8<sup>th</sup>)**

### **Favorite Book?**

**Do you have any hobbies?** I really enjoy baking and cooking. This summer I taught myself how to make bread.

**What was your main goal in life?** My main goal in life is to take care of the world and other people.

**What was your perspective on school as a student?** I was a bookworm and I really loved school.

**What was the best advice you ever received?** Listen to your gut.

**What did you study in college and where? What did you think about your Pokémon card?** English and Psychology from Villanova University. I loved it, I thought it was really cool.

**What were your obstacles in Middle School?** I really had a hard time in pre-algebra.

**What are your goals for this year?** This year I want everyone to find a book that they truly love.

**What were your obstacles in High School?** Having too many things to do!!

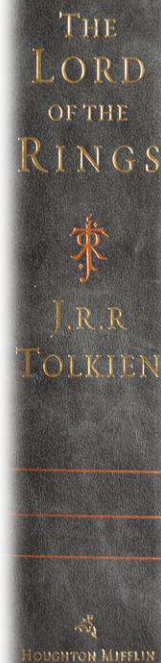
**If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be?** If I could change one thing in the world, I think I'd use that great power to eliminate discrimination.

**What is your favorite part of being a teacher?** I really love talking about books.

**Do you have advice for 8th graders going to HS?** Find a balance between prioritizing school but not stressing out about it.

**What is the toughest part of being a teacher?** When students make it difficult for them to grow.

**Favorite Quote?** *"Never, never, never give up."* – Winston Churchill



### **Favorite Book? Marla Robles (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science) | by John McLaughlin (8<sup>th</sup>)**

**What was your main goal in life?** To raise responsible considerate citizens!

**What was your perspective on school as a student?** I was bored as a student. I liked being able to read a textbook and learn what I needed to, and I also liked the extra curricular activities.

**What were your obstacles in Middle School?** I went to a school that did not believe in walls, so we were all in one big room and it was hard to pay attention to only one teacher.

**What were your obstacles in High School?** I had a lot of family drama in high school, so it was hard for me to focus on schoolwork.

**What did you study in college and where?** I studied Teaching Education for my Associate's Degree (@ Community College of Allegheny County), Elementary Education for my Bachelor's Degree (@ Indiana University of Pennsylvania), and Instructional Design for my Masters Degree (@ Walden University).

**What was the best advice you ever received?** My uncle would tell me that no matter how hard things got, just keep trying.

**Favorite Quote?** "First they came for the communists, and I did not speak out - because I was not a communist; Then they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out - because I was not a socialist; Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out - because I was not a trade unionist; Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out - because I was not a Jew; Then they came for me - and there was no one left to speak out for me." – Pastor Martin Niemöller



**Do you have any hobbies?** I love to cook!

**What is your favorite subject?** I love science!

**If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be?** I'd change it so that every country would be able to use its resources to be self-sufficient.





## Becky Grgurina (STEM Facilitator) | by John McLaughlin (8<sup>th</sup>)

Favorite Book?

**What was your main goal in life?** I'd say it's to stay healthy and happy, but also to stay positive when life gets tough and to continue to inspire and impact student lives.

**Do you have any hobbies?** When I'm not at school I'm either cooking, walking my dog, or watching reality TV. Reality TV is my guilty pleasure!

**What did you study in college and where?** I went to Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania, where I majored in Elementary Education.

**What was the best advice you ever received?** Never let anyone tell you that you were not able to do something and if they question your ability let that make you work harder.

**What was your perspective on school as a student?** I had a lot of teachers who used papers and textbooks so I was bored but when the teachers did hands-on activities it was fun. That's what made me want to be a teacher.

**What was your favorite subject in school?** My favorite is Science, but it wasn't always. I used to love Language Arts because I loved to read and write. Now I like Science though, because it allows you to ask questions and conduct experiments!

**What were your obstacles in Middle School?** Trying to fit in and figure out who I was as a student and person.

**What were your obstacles in High School?** Time management and balancing after school activities with school work and life outside of school. I also had a job, which made it challenging to get school work done.

**How do you think being a STEM Magnet will affect Kennedy Middle School?** I think having a variety of STEM related activities and clubs at our school will help open up student minds to future career opportunities. I think the activities and clubs will expose students to areas they never thought they'd enjoy, such as robotics, engineering, chemistry, etc.

**What has been the biggest difference moving from the classroom to STEM Coordinator?** Adjusting to not having a set schedule and also not seeing a group of 100 students everyday! I'm used to a structured schedule and having a classroom full of students that I know.

**What is the most exciting aspect of your new role?** Working on providing students with opportunities such as science fairs, robotics clubs, fun field trips, and presentations and activities from community partners. I also love being able to work with and see students from all grade levels, rather than just one grade level.

**What are your goals for this year?** To be able to begin a successful STEM program for Kennedy and open up student minds to a variety of STEM career opportunities. I want them to feel excited about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math rather than discouraged.

**Favorite Quote?** **"I can accept failure, everyone fails at something. But I can't accept not trying."** – Michael Jordan

## Elizabeth Parsons (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies) | by Haley Romani-Hernandez (6<sup>th</sup>)

**How long have you been teaching?** I have been teaching for 12 years!

**What school did you teach at last?** Ballantyne Elementary

**What do you like about Kennedy?** The personalized learning program.

**Do you like teaching 6<sup>th</sup> graders for the first time?** Yes, because it's fun to watch students transition to middle.

**What was your main goal or dream job you had when you were little?** I wanted to be a teacher.

**Do you have advice for 6<sup>th</sup> graders?** Stay organized and ask questions.

**Do you have any kids?** Two kids named Rachel and Jake.

**Do you have any pets?** A fish!



Favorite Book?



**Favorite Quote?** **"Failure is NOT an option."** – Apollo 13

*The Memory Keeper's Daughter*

KIM EDWARDS







**Katie Price (Literacy Specialist) | by Haley Romani-Hernandez (6<sup>th</sup>)**

**Where did you go to college?** I graduated from Binghamton University and Boston University.

**What was your main goal or dream job you had when you were little?** I wanted to be a sign maker at first, but then I wanted to be a public health worker because I wanted to work with kids.

**How long have you been at Kennedy?** This is my 4<sup>th</sup> year here!

**What do you like about Kennedy?** I love the students. I love the positive attitude all of the kids and teachers have towards learning new things. Everybody at Kennedy makes me smile.

**Have you taught any core classes before?** Yes, I taught Language Arts here as recently as last year. (**EDITOR NOTE:** Mrs. Price is being humble. Not only did she “teach Language Arts”, she won Teacher of the Year in 2013 and continues to be one of the best teachers around by the definition of the world, “a person who teaches”.)

**Do you have any other jobs?** No, I do not.

**Do you have any kids?** No, I do not.

**How do you think books inspire kids?** I think they inspire all of us to be better people. They help you know more about the world around you and understand multiple perspectives different than our own.

**What is your favorite type of music?** I like music by people who write their own music.

**What is your favorite type of book?** I have two favorite types - realistic fiction books that have a lot of suspense and I also like books that teach me new things.

**What book do you recommend for 6<sup>th</sup> graders?** Percy Jackson!

**What type of person inspires you?** I am inspired by people who keep trying even if it is hard and even if they have failed.

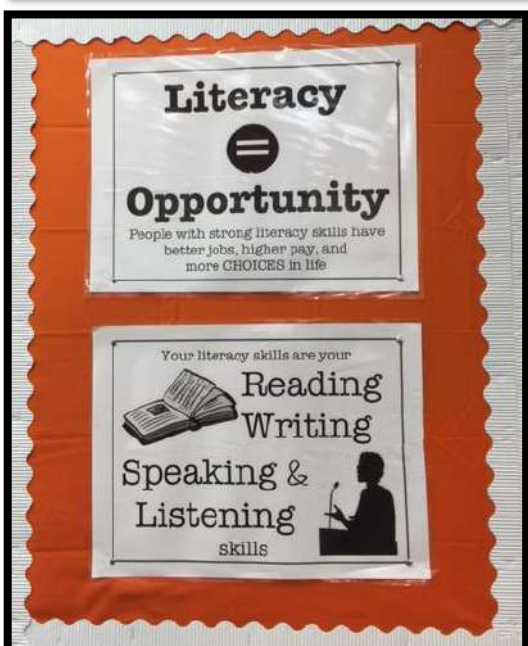
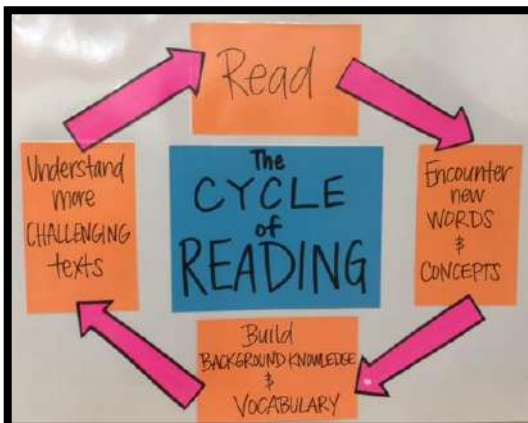
**Who historical person inspires you most?** Elie Wiesel.

(**EDITOR NOTE:** If you don't know who that is, he wrote the incredible book *Night*, a book about his experience as a prisoner in concentration camps. He won a Nobel Peace Prize and continues to deliver a powerful message “of peace, atonement and human dignity” to humanity.)

**What do you want kids to learn about reading?** I want them to learn everyone likes to read, once they find the right book.

**What to you is a perfect book?** A book that I'm still thinking about after I finish it and one that changes my opinion about something in the world.

**Editor Note:** One of my disappointments last year was not winning the NASCAR P.I.T. Crew Challenge with the Kennedy TSA. I knew that the winning school was going to get a \$50,000 Media Center technology renovation, and I wanted Kennedy students to get that boost first – not Randolph, who eventually won. I got to visit Randolph this year for CTE training, and while their Media Center is impressive, let me tell you that Kennedy got a much greater addition by adding Katie Price. The work she has done has transformed our Media Center, and it's no surprise Kennedy has more books checked out than ANY school in CMS! -AF



# Dear Kennedy,



There are a LOT of amazing teachers at Kennedy Middle School. As a student, there are plenty of days when you wake up and wouldn't mind staying home from school. It's not that school is bad, it's just that school is like our *job*, and most people who have a *job* can relate to the feeling. That said, it's always great when you find a teacher that makes it so that school doesn't feel like a job, and instead makes you excited to get to class. That's why we started a recurring feature for *The Wapiti Way* that focuses on some of those teachers that are selected by **THE STUDENTS!** This issue, we want to tell you about **Mr. Wood** (6th Grade Language Arts) and **Mr. Bennett** (8th Grade Social Studies). While these two teachers happen to be teachers we like a lot ourselves, we know from word of mouth that other students love these teachers as well. But we wanted to prove it, so we went around to many KMS students and they told us about these two – how their classes are epic, how instead of boring lessons they make it fun, and all the ways they try to make the kids enjoy their classrooms, like constantly keeping them laughing. Here is that feedback! See you next month with the word in the halls about a few more KMS teachers! **#Enjoy**



**About Mr. Bennett:** "He's a great teacher. He's always nice to me, even if I don't always deserve it. He has also taught me the ways of the Jedi. Amazing! He's the best!" - **Victor Campos Romero (8th)**

**About Mr. Bennett:** "He is a really cool and fun teacher. He's always there when we need him. He makes me laugh all the time, and always steals my pencils. He got me an interview with MTV! How cool is that?" - **Iyanni Bonnett (8th)**

**About Mr. Bennett:** "He is really funny, and I like that he knows a lot about comic books. That makes him seem like a real person, and not just a teacher. I didn't think any teachers could relate" - **John McLaughlin (8th)**

**About Mr. Bennett:** "He's nice and he always gives us good projects. You can tell he puts a lot of thought into them, and they matter to our real lives. He doesn't give us work just to give us work, which I respect." - **Jessica Richardson (8th)**

**About Mr. Bennett:** "He is awesome! He is a great teacher and makes the projects fun for us. He's got great glasses. He's just great! Definitely one of the classes I look forward to when I come to school." - **Eint Myo (8th)**



**About Mr. Wood:** "He fits all of these requirements and more. He goes above and beyond everyday, even if times are hard, to make sure we learn everything in the best way possible. He's not only nice to me but everybody he meets." - **Jonathan Russell (6th)**

**About Mr. Wood:** "He is kind and treats us fairly. He is fun to talk to after school on the side of the bus parking lot when our bus is late. He never forces us to do all the work before he tells us what to do and answers our questions. He is my favorite teacher, and in my opinion, the best ELA teacher ever!" - **Mudra Yajurvedi (6th)**

**About Mr. Wood:** "He is very understanding and has a lot of patience to teach you the curriculum that you need to learn! He is very funny and bubbly as well. Overall, he is a phenomenal teacher." - **Emi Torres (6th)**

**About Mr. Wood:** "He always tells his students that as long as it's your best work it will be fine. He also always jokes around with his students and is always fair. He never neglects us and he's not the kind of teacher to sit at his desk the whole time. He's an amazing teacher and I'm glad that I have him." - **Mackenzie Vandyke (6th)**

**About Mr. Wood:** "He always helps students and shows us how to do an assignment and if you don't understand he always helps. He is also a great role model to everyone." - **Antonio Lizardo (6th)**



# Where are they now?

Many great administrators, teachers, and students have walked the halls of Kennedy Middle School. In this feature, we'll catch up with one person each issue who has moved on and see how life is going!

## Nick Reeves | KMS Class of 2015 Kennedy MS (August 2012 – June 2015)

**How did Kennedy prepare you for High School?** Kennedy helped me develop great leadership and social skills to prepare me for the high school environment, not to mention all of the other skills my teachers taught me before to prepare me for my future classes.

**How early in your education did you start thinking about college opportunities?** I always am thinking about my college opportunities and always *searching* for them. I started thinking about my career in the 3rd grade, that's when I really started to think about who I am and what am I going to be?

**What do you miss the most (and least) about Middle School?** I definitely miss my teachers, the most. I had so many good ones! I miss the Chromebooks the least because we have some here at Olympic, too!

**How did TSA and Newspaper equip you for your High School career and beyond?** TSA gave me a peek at what I may want to do as my career and Newspaper improved my social skills and my writing/publishing skills.

**Do you have any advice for students who are in TSA and Newspaper, like you were, but are still balancing school work?** TIME MANAGEMENT! Time management is extremely important when you have lots of tasks and work that you need to do, so manage your time and work well! Don't ever, and I mean EVER, do things last minute! I don't care what it is or who is it for, get it done as soon as possible!

**Who was your favorite teacher at Kennedy and how did he/she help you?** To be honest I never really had a favorite teacher. I liked all of them and they all helped me with different things in my work and even life skills.

**As someone who was in art Pre-Atkins and with Atkins, can you explain how big of an impact she has had on the Art program at Kennedy Middle?** She realllllly fixed the Art program! She made it more fun, interesting and more interactive. I really felt like Art in the previous years wasn't even art. Our teacher wasn't there most of the time and the work that was given felt basic and plain. But now it's much more exciting then I believed it could ever be.

### Note from the Editor:

This interview was conducted via email by 8<sup>th</sup> Grader John McLaughlin. It was such an honor to teach Nick at Kennedy, and so many others that I got to bond with in class, TSA, and Newspaper. That 8<sup>th</sup> grade class last year will always have such a special place in my heart because those were the 7<sup>th</sup> graders I interned with the year prior, and then we all bonded in TSA and Newspaper. I joked that they were like my adopted children, but it was very true. They are all such great students, and I get teary-eyed reflecting on all we accomplished together. I think about them often, and if they ever invent a time machine, those two years with them are a chapter of my life I'll revisit often. I fear teaching may never be that good again!



**What is your favorite memory about Kennedy?** The first day. It felt like a new environment and it was new system which gave me more challenges and tasks that I never thought I would experience.

**What is your favorite memory about TSA?** The last day when the team was at Greensboro and we took a team photo. It felt like a land marker where that was only the beginning and now it's really going to start the true competition for the team.

**What is your favorite memory about Newspaper?** When we first started the Newsroom again and filmed the first set of videos. That was exciting and I hope you all will do it again this year.

**What is your favorite memory about Mr. Sudimack?** When Mr. Sudimack was duck taped onto the wall in the cafeteria, which I thought was hilarious but it made me a little worried because I thought he was going to fall.

**How do you like Olympic so far?** I love it at Olympic!

**Where do you see yourself in 5 years?** 5 years from now I hope to be in college at Georgia Tech, UNC State or UNC Charlotte going for my Masters degree in Computer Science.

**Why is Mr. Fernandez so much better at the game Destiny than you?** Pfft... He wishes he was better then me! I'm the one always carrying him through raids and answering his noob questions about grimoire cards!

# ENTERTAINMENT

KMS family! Do you like Comics? Video Games? Movies? TV Shows? Crosswords? Art? Puzzles? Poetry? Baking? Well so do us! Tune into the Entertainment section each issue to check out our work! Enjoy!

## EPISODIC STORY TELLING



### CEREAL Season 2; Part 1

A scary short story, told week by week.

*from the mind of Jeff Brown,  
re-imagined by Alexander Kucynski,  
with guest writer Anthony Fernandez*



"THE WAR WILL BE TELEVISED!! Tony the Tiger awoke screaming.

"Tony, you're alive!" Snap and Crackles screamed in unison! "You've been in a coma for weeks, having awful dreams and screaming unconscious thoughts. We weren't sure you were going to make it. Pop wasn't so lucky... CK killed him just like he killed Pow so many years ago. Our mom now knows that we're halfway gone."

"I'm so sorry, elves. Your loss will not be for nothing. The details are all shaky, my head really hurts. But I'm going to catch CK and make him pay, not only for Pop and Pow, but also for Captain Crunch, Toucan Sam, Sir Charms, and Cuckoo the Cocoa Bird." Tony said as he struggled to his feet.

"Tony, slow down!" Tricks the Trix Rabbit said as he landed the helicopter in a mysterious location. "You've been out for a long time, but we caught CK, the Cereal Killer. It was Ronald McDonald! His maniacal plan to murder all of the Cereal mascots was not one he created alone. He was working with another."

"Who?!?" Tony urged.

Tricks enlightened, "CK was working with.... BK. The Burger King. Apparently they both have a vested interest in seeing kids turn from delicious cereal to McMuffins and Croissants."

"Wait a minute, did you say that they... caught... CK? Ronald McDonald? The Cereal Killer? Has been captured? Where? How?" Tony mumbled out loud shocked, as he processed the information and slowly came to terms with the news.

"Officer Crumb arrested him, Tony. He's been locked up for weeks, along with The Cookie Crook and Chip the Cookie Hound." Snap explained.

"Those cookies are CRISP!" Crackles added.

"Officer Crumb!?!?" Tony said shocked. "Officer Crumb was so bad at police work that he got canned from Cookie Crisp! They gave his job to Chip the Wolf! Now you expect me to believe that he apprehended not only The Cookie Crook and Chip the Cookie Hound, who nearly always alluded him, but he also caught the most notorious threat to cereal mascots EVER?"



"It's true, Tony. He's locked up at the General Mills Asylum. You can see for yourself." Tricks replied.

"HA! Like there's EVER a chance I'll be in the same building as him again if he's been caught!" Tony said brashly.

"Well Tony, it's kind of a funny story. Look outside the helicopter window. We had to transport you to the General Mills Asylum as well... for your safety." Crackles said sadly.

"WHAT?!?!?! NEVER!!" Tony screamed.

\*WHACK\* Tricks knocked Tony out cold with a sack of Frosted Flakes. "Sorry Tony, it was part of the deal. There was no way BK would give us the whereabouts of CK without agreeing to have you institutionalized. We had to assure the safety of all the other mascots."

Snap and Crackles help Tricks drag Tony out of the helicopter and into the General Mills Asylum. "Are you sure we can trust BK, Tricks?" they asked.

"Maybe not, elves, maybe not. But the mascot world is a safer place with Ronald McDonald behind bars. We'll figure out a plan for BK next." Tricks the Trix bunny confidently replied.

"Safe... that's a word I could get used to. But what do you think about the dream Tony had? The WAR will be televised? What was all that about?" Snap remarked.

"He's a delusional tiger that has narrowly escaped death-by-clown.... the fact his brain is working at all is g-g-great." Trix quipped.

(ELSEWHERE)

"It's an awkward alliance, no doubt. The Burger King... and the Hamburgler." BK said with a grin.

"So what next, boss?" Hamburgler eagerly replied.

"They can't know I'm involved... but when you've got bling like me, you can hit them hard... from within!" BK replied with a crazed laugh, twirling his mustache between his fingers.

**END OF PART 1** What's BK's plan? Tweet w/ [#KMSCerealKiller](#)



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## Where are they now? The 33 | by Rachelle Hernandez (7<sup>th</sup>)

Five years ago on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 33 men were brought above ground after being trapped in a mine for two months after it collapsed on top of them. You might be wondering why I am writing about this if it happened five years ago? That reason is because the tragedy is getting its own book and movie that will be released in November. I think this is great news, and bringing this story to the masses will shed light on a very tragic situation. Let's recap those events briefly:

A day after Urzua had entered the dangerous and weakening mines, the time was 1:40 when he heard the clanging of tools ready to fall. Despite that, they continued to mine for gold and copper in a 100-year old mine which was half a mile deep. But the rumbling continued! Urzua, being an experienced miner, knew something was wrong. A month earlier he had heard loud rumbling and sent his crew to a different area to evacuate, as he went to supervisors about it to start to investigate. Unfortunately, they said nothing was wrong and they went back to work. They were supposed to have a safety meeting on August 6<sup>th</sup> but the mine collapsed on August 5<sup>th</sup>, trapping all 33 miners roughly 2,300 feet underground. They were stuck underground with little food and water, only clinging on to faith, hope and basically anything that could help them stay alive for their families.

Rescuers drilled holes to try and find the men, but after days of searching they quit. Then-President of Chile Sebastian Peña began to make a giant cross as a memorial for the miners. Then on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 the world learned the amazing news that all were still alive after they left a note on one of the drills. After a hard process, each man was taken out one by one using a capsule called the Phoenix. They all got the fame and glory they deserved! This included trips and money; they were invited to fancy events, too! That didn't last for long though, as eventually most of the miners lost their money and they stopped being invited on trips. Most ended up living off of the government money, burdened with psychological scars and trouble holding down a job.

It's really a tragic story, but if you want to know more about it, I recommend you check out the movie! Here is the link for the trailer (**WARNING!** It might make you cry!) <http://tinyurl.com/o2ewbtp>

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## VIDEO GAME Storyline | by Ethan Gordon (6<sup>th</sup>) THE TAKEN KING

Alright let me start off with the fact of this DLC (downloadable content) isn't an expansion pack, it's Destiny 2.0. The weapons are insane, the armor is insane, the storyline and PVP is going to be insane. Last, but not least, the new RAID is going to be insane, the *Kings Fall*. For you to understand the new DLC, I will have to explain the timeline of Destiny. So the first men to land on Mars found something called the Traveler. It was constructed out of light and allowed the human race to expand all over the solar system. As a result, human lifespan tripled. Unfortunately, however, the traveler had one enemy and that enemy was the heart of the Ex. The Ex were evil murderous machines built by the Traveler for the greater good... but that failed. The darkness found them, and our solar system. Then a great event happened which resulted in the collapse and desolation of everything. But not all was destroyed.

The Traveler creates something called the Ghost to search the ruins of Old Russia to find a dead Guardian that was not drained of all its life yet. He used this to make you the savior of humanity. Unfortunately, Old Russia is already occupied by an alien enemy race called the Fallen. The very first level is based off of this, forcing you to escape the Fallen. Later on you find a lost colony on the Moon that was overrun by an enemy called the Hive. On the last level of the Moon you get a message from a stranger and he gives you the coordinates to an infested jungle of Fallen and Vex. There you meet the Vex and once you defeat them all the Stranger appears and tells you that you need to destroy the Heart of the Vex in the Legendary Black Garden. At this point you also discover that you need to go meet the Awoken, a lost race who dwell on the Reef, a military outpost on the Asteroid Belt. You have to complete a number of tasks' before the Awoken Queen will give you the coordinates to the Black Garden on Mars.

You and your Ghost go to Mars and run into a heavy militarized enemy, the Cabal. The Cabal have everything you need to enter the Black Garden. You discover a spire that will be needing activation if anyone ever wanted to enter the Black Garden. The last level is about how you destroy the Heart of the Black Garden. Once you reach level 20, you have to level up by equipping armor with light on it. The more light, the higher your level is, with a level cap of 30. This would change, however, as the first DLC not only raises the level cap to 32 but also gives you a new raid, armor and weapons, plus more strikes. That expansion is called the Dark Below. In the Dark Below, the story focuses on the hive and a Legendary God of the Hive, Crota, son of Oryx. You are tasked with destroying Crota in one of the most intense battles yet. After that we got a small expansion called the House of Wolves, where nothing much happens other than your level cap is raised to 34.

Finally comes the new legendary DLC, the Taken King. Oryx smells the blood of his son Crota stained on our hands. Now we have to face the consequence of killing the son of a God. The level cap has risen to 40, and light no longer determines your level, your defense rating does. You will need to get your rating over 300 if you have any chance of beating Oryx! Thankfully there are a bunch of cool new (and improved weapons) to complete the task. So strap on your exotic Suros and get out there, Guardians!

# The Kane Chronicles Series

**BOOK SERIES** Recommendation | by Anthony Perdomo (7th)



The Kane Chronicles Series is about two siblings named Carter and Sadie who were separated at a young age because of their mother's death. After years of their grandparents and father fighting for the custody of the kids, Carter goes with his dad around the world (because their father is an archaeologist) and Sadie went with her grandparents to London and now she has an accent. One Christmas when Carter and his dad

came to visit Sadie, they discover that they are actually magicians and use Egyptian artifacts, wands, and swords when their dad blows up a museum and releases five Gods. It's up to the kids to defeat one of those gods named Set with their new found magic and some help from their mysterious uncle Asmo, their possessed cat Muffins/Bast, Zia Rashid, and the Gods themselves. All of the Gods have possessed someone, like how Carter gets Horus because he has an amulet of the eye of Horus, Sadie has Isis because she has the knot of Isis and some of the other characters also have a God in them. If you like adventure and magic books, then this is the book for you!!!! These books take place in the same universe as *Percy Jackson* and the *Heroes of Olympus*!

## NEXT MONTH

WITNESS THE RETURN OF...

### Animation Fight Club

Featuring... GAMBIT ✓ DAREDEVIL  
SAMUS ✓ BOBA FETT  
8<sup>TH</sup> RULE OF JOKER ✓ RED SKULL  
FIGHT CLUB: IF RAIDEN ✓ SEPHIROTH  
IT'S YOUR FIRST  
CLUB, YOU HAVE  
TO FIGHT.

*and more!*

## Got Advice?

WELL I DO! MY NAME IS **KITT E. KATNISS** AND I'M HERE TO HELP! BELIEVE ME, I UNDERSTAND – MIDDLE SCHOOL CAN BE HARD! MORE RESPONSIBILITIES, MORE TEACHERS, AND MORE STRESS! BUT THAT'S WHERE I COME IN! I'D LOVE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS EACH MONTH HERE IN **THE WAPITI WAY**. PLEASE SEND ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE TO MY TEACHER MR. PURRNANDEZ ([anthonyj.fernandez@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:anthonyj.fernandez@cms.k12.nc.us)) AND HE'LL MAKE SURE I GET THEM. TALK TO YOU SOON!

*-Kitt E. Katniss*



## The Blood Moon!

by Yessamin Quezada Espinoza (7th)

People in eastern and central areas of the United States and Canada (and Texas) had some of the best views of the Total Lunar Eclipse on the night of September 27, 2015. The full Moon on September 27/28 is a Supermoon! That means that the Moon will be closest to the Earth, or at its perigee, as it turns into a full Moon. A rising Super Full Moon can look larger and brighter to spectators on Earth. Total eclipses of Super Full Moons are rare. According to NASA, they have only occurred 5 times in the 1900s, and they say a Supermoon eclipse will not happen again for another 18 years, until October 8, 2033.

## Supermoon | by Angela Duran (7th)

IT'S A BIRD, IT'S A PLANE, NO IT'S SUPERMOON! ABOUT ONCE A YEAR, WHEN THE MOON IS AT IT'S FULLEST AND AT THE CLOSEST POSITION RELATIVE TO THE EARTH, IT BECOMES THE SUPERMOON! ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2015 THE SUPERMOON APPEARED. DESPITE THE CLAIMS OF SOME PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD, THE SUPERMOON DID NOT DESTROY THE EARTH! THIS WAS A SPECIAL SUPERMOON BECAUSE IT WAS ALSO AN ECLIPSE! THAT MEANS THAT AS THE FULL MOON SHINED IN THE NIGHT SKY, IT PASSED THROUGH EARTH'S SHADOW IN A TOTAL LUNAR ECLIPSE. THE BEST VIEW THIS YEAR WAS IN TEXAS! IF YOU SAW IT, COUNT YOURSELF LUCKY!



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*Introducing... a brand new story told month by month!*

*Romance Runaways* by Mudra Yajurvedi (6th)

**CHAPTER 1**

**MEET A CRAZY (NOT MUCH OF A DETECTIVE, BUT STILL A DETECTIVE) FRIEND**

One morning at school, Wendy Lotus was walking down the corridor with me to our class when IT happened. I couldn't bear the shriek, it was terrible! So, so, so, so, so, so, so, so, terrible!

"Oh, no! Noooooooooo! Oh, um...welcome to Drama Club? I'm Maleah, Maleah Lindsay and welcome to Eradron Middle. Please join Drama Club! WILL YOU BE MY FRIEND! PLEASE! PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEEEEEEASE! I'm sorry if I scared you! BUT, YOU WILL STILL BE MY FRIEND, RIGHT? Please say yes. SAY YES! YOU SAID YES RIGHT! "

"Well maybe, but tell me more about yourself first!"

"I love the color green and have a total freezing crush on ♥ Lover Boy. He is my Prince Charming and we totally have dated before, so boom, he is taken, girl! People can't love him anymore. I'm not a bully, so I don't say (or write) bad words. In fact, I own a business that gets donations to stop bullies, and eventually make the world a better place. YEAH, I'M TOTES AWESOME! WooHoo! Raise the roof! Okay, now back to business, please be my friend, I'm friendless. I can get random sometimes. I'm a crazy person. See what I mean? Thanks for understanding. " **(To be continued...)**



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*Romance Runaways* by Mudra Yajurvedi (6th)

**CHAPTER 2**

**The Mysterious Mystery of the Hallows Eve Dance**

10/30/2015

Dear Dearest Diary,

I swear that the gym will burn down like it does every year. The ancient historical ghosts want their school back, and every year they come with an army of ghosts, burn down the gym, and leave, leaving the blame on one of the most strong and handsomest guys in our grade. This year I fear that person is James Huntersman, my crush, and my date for the Hallows Eve Dance. Oh well, I'll have to either change my crush, or not go to the best party of the year. I cannot do either! I cannot live my life without him!!!!!!!!!!

Signed,  
Maleah



Well it is the day of the Hallows Eve Ball... blah, blah, blah. Yeah look at my costume. Yeah, it is terrible, I know, I know. It totes resembles how I feel... terrible. I could mope around all day; my crush will either die or leave the school. I can't live my life like this, no, never ever again. Well I have nada chance to save him. Now I'll just crawl into a hole and die (almost literally).

When I came to the ball, I saw my crush coming over to me. He asked me to dance, and then, BOOM! The fire started! He told me to get out and save myself. I couldn't let him do that, so I told him that once I'm outside, I will count to five and that if he did not come out I will come back inside! He nodded and pushed me out. At that moment I realized he blushed when I told him we could dance. He loves me!!!!!!!!!! Squeeeeeeeeeee!!!!!!!!!! Okay, get it together Maleah! Okay, I see the fire stopping and James holding a magic shield bubble! I go to him and say "don't hide it, now I know more about you and... um... I like you!!!!!" He said he likes me, too! Now I have to clear his name from the fire, and find out who the ghosts are! **(To be continued...)**

# EPISODIC STORY TELLING



## CEREAL Season 2; Part 2

A scary short story, told week by week.

by Alexander Kucynski (8<sup>th</sup>)

*It's the week before Halloween, and it's been over 6 months since the incarceration of the CK. It has been serene and peaceful, or has it? While the captured killers rot away in General Mills Asylum, the rest frolic about, trying to cause as much chaos as possible. But when chaos strikes, opportunities arise for something bigger...*

As Tony awoke from his sleep he heard an alarm, and not the usual "annoying detainee harassing the guard's alarm". It was something completely different. It was a blaring and noisy sound making it so he could barely hear the sound of the guards screaming to figure out what was the cause of the intrusion. Suddenly, the guards began barricading the corridors as if they were going to make a run for the entrance. So they stayed in their cells expecting something to happen. They were right.

Suddenly the door blew straight off its hinges and five armed goons busted through the door with animal like ferocity. They pounced on the guards and attacked with such brute force that even the baddest of bad guys stood still in their tracks.

"Oh my...", Tony blurted out intrigued. Once the guards were dealt with, they started opening the doors, and everyone was either too scared to leave their cells, or were in such shock that they didn't know where to go or what to do. One of the men screamed, "Well what are you doing, GO!!" So they did, including Tony.

As Tony ran out of the iron doors of the Asylum, he saw a familiar face run far behind him. It was Ronald McDonald, or CK, and he used this opportunity well. Tony saw him and turned around to run faster, thinking he was next, but Ronald zoomed right past him in the other direction. Tony kept running, and kept his head straight, but his obscene fogginess from running so long made him collapse in a ditch. His legs couldn't carry him anymore, so he had to take a break. Completely dizzy and overwhelmed, he just took a nice long nap.

(ELSEWHERE)

Without thinking, the Burger King cut up what was left of his new *victims*, as if he was still in the game. He wasn't, of course, because he had a job to do, an empire to run. Burger King got rich off of the deal he made with Tricks and the Elves. Stupid as they were, they were good at dealing with devils.

"So", the Burger King said to the Hamburglar, "has it been completed?"

"The raid at the Asylum is complete, prison break was a success. Everyone was freed." Hamburglar said confidently.

"WHAT!?!", Burger King *grimaced*. "You were only supposed to retrieve Ronald, YOU AIRHEAD!"

"Sorry boss, I really messed that up badly." Hamburglar said apologetically.

"Go! I'll handle this." So, after Hamburglar left, Burger King hired a group of **trackers** that usually were at his throat, but since he had money, they would work for him. He told him the plan and they agreed.

"I will take this Tiger you speak of", the leader of the group said, "the others will take this Jack-in-the-Box." This scared Burger King, since the man's tongue was like a snake. He was named Count Chocula, and the other members of his tracker team were the Fruit Brute, FrankenBerry, and Yummy Mummy. What could possibly go wrong?

(BACK OUTSIDE THE ASYLUM)

Tony awoke from his nap feeling extremely well rested and hungry. He felt something go down his spine, as if something touched him. Something did. It was a mascot whom he didn't know. The only thing noticeable is that he hissed dramatically. All Tony wanted to do was sleep. That was ALL! So he lunged for his arm and took a chunk out of it. The mascot screamed a terrible wail and fell over, and Tony took his chance. He lunged on top of the mascot and started taking bites out of his face until he was tackled and overwhelmed by the rest of the group.

"Mmm, tastes like chocolate, that's g-g-great!" Tony screamed with glee!

"Just leave him! He's crazy! Grab the Count and let's get out of here!" the Fruit Brute ordered as the four retreated.

**END OF PART 2** Where is CK now? Tweet w/ [#KMSCerealKiller](#)

## "School" by Mudra Yajurvedi (6<sup>th</sup>)

School is a place to learn, practice, and try.

School is a place to figure out who we are,  
and who we are meant to be.

School is where we go to learn and see friends,  
who knows where we go, and where we began.

Teachers help teach us all we need to know,  
Students try to learn it all, but not all can.

Everyone affects Our School Community,

But when we try, we have to see,

School is not a prison,

School is a bird flying free.

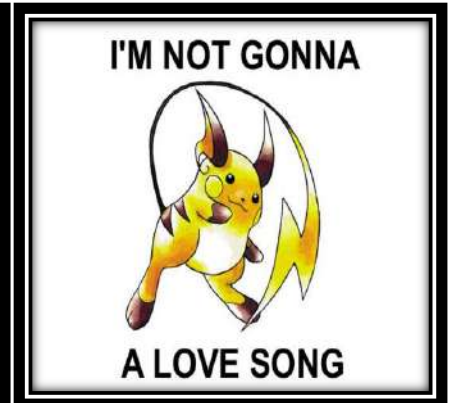
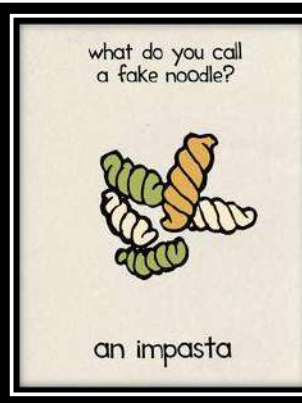
**No one** is left out of our community.



Art by Mudra Yajurvedi (6<sup>th</sup>)



## Introducing... the PUN PAGE!!! | By Nathaniel Weaver (6<sup>th</sup>)



## Halo 5: Guardians a week away!

by Ethan Gordon (6th)



Halo 5 is just days away, and I've got a feeling it is going to be the biggest Halo yet! The story is going to explain what happens after Halo 4, and apparently we're in the future with Master Chief getting hunted! Halo fans, be sure to get to Gamestop early or you're liable to miss out! My prediction is that the line is going to be ridiculous, like it was for Halo 2. The price of the game is \$59.99!

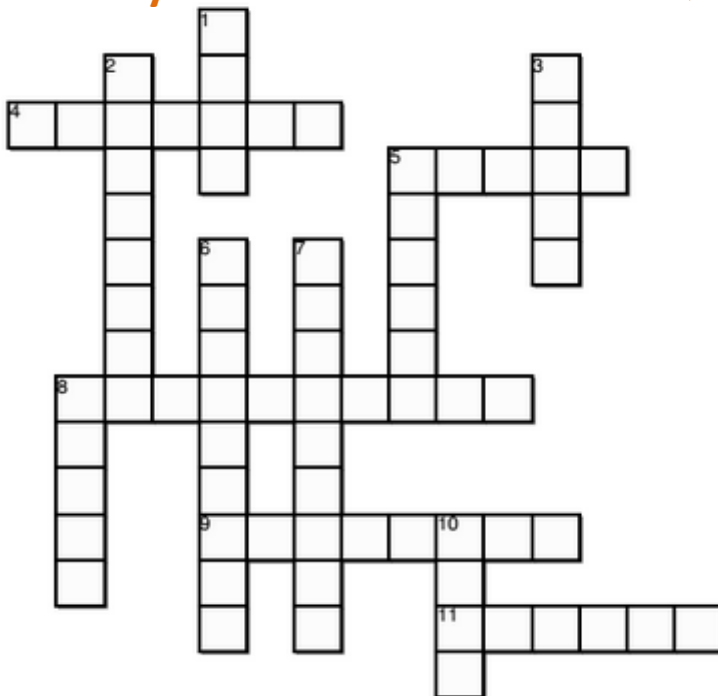
## TV SHOW Time Machine

BY SHELBY BALLINGER (7<sup>th</sup>)



DOCTOR WHO IS A WELL KNOWN AND BELOVED SCIENCE FICTION DRAMA SHOW DIRECTED AND CREATED BY SYDNEY NEWMAN, C.E WEBBER, AND DONALD WILSON. THIS SHOW HAS RUN FOR A TOTAL OF 26 SEASONS AND HAS 813 EPISODES WITH 97 EPISODES MISSING AND HAS HAD ONE TV FILM. THE MAIN CHARACTER IS A MAN WHO IS THE LAST OF HIS ALIEN RACE WHICH IS CALLED THE TIME LORDS. THIS STRANGE ALIEN MAN NAMED "THE DOCTOR" TRAVELS AROUND THROUGH TIME AND SPACE WITH VARIOUS OTHER SIDEKICK CHARACTERS WHO HELP HIM PROTECT THE UNIVERSE FROM MANY ALIEN VILLAINS. DESPITE IT'S POPULARITY, THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO MISSED THIS SHOW THE FIRST TIME AROUND. HERE IS YOUR SHOT... GO BACK AND CATCH UP! YOU'RE ONLY BEHIND 600+ HOURS!

## Kennedy Middle Back-to-School CROSSWORD | by John McLaughlin (8th)



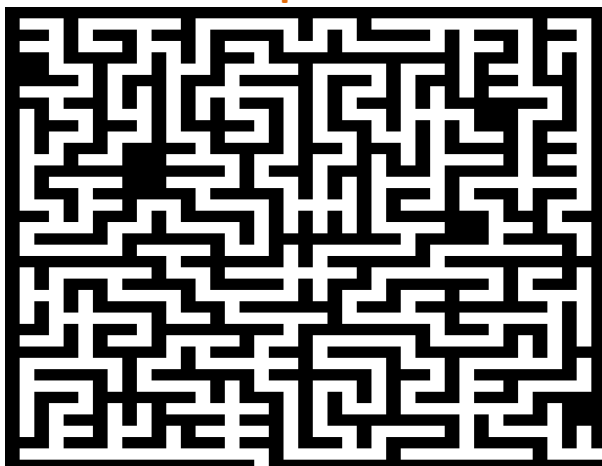
### Across

4. This teacher used to be a 7th grade math teacher
5. This teacher teaches gym/health
8. This 7th grade Social studies teacher coaches volleyball
9. The principle
11. This staff member got a new office and does all of the attendance things.

### Down

1. This teacher teaches orchestra
2. This teacher used to be a sixth grade science teacher
3. This teacher is always smiling and works in a room full of books
5. This teacher loves comic books
6. This teacher is a funny 8th grade math teacher
7. This teacher has the coldest room
8. This teacher has a kayak on top of his car
10. This teacher teaches 7th grade ELA

## A-MAZE-ING | by Victor Romero (8th)



## Hungry? Why wait? Finish these games!



The first person to print out all word searches, crosswords, mazes, and Sudoku in this issue, complete them all, and bring them to Room C-10 can claim a free bag of Takis from Mr. Fernandez! Hurry!



## Back To School **WORD SEARCH** | by Alexander Kuczynski (8th)

**WORD  
BANK**  
ATKINS  
BEEMAN  
BENNETT  
BUSICK  
BUTLER  
HURD  
JANAWSKY  
KLIEMISCH  
STINSON  
SUDIMACK  
WARDWELL

B	C	Y	O	Y	L	C	S	U	D	I	M	A	C	K	Y	K	T	K
I	H	O	V	W	Z	Y	O	Y	O	A	I	T	F	Y	E	U	E	S
G	S	H	T	E	T	W	R	F	L	X	J	A	N	A	W	S	K	Y
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U	R	N	S	E	I	S	H	Y	S	J	U	X	S	E	P	S	U	K
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## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade KMS Newsroom Crew **WORD SEARCH** | by John McLaughlin (8th)

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X	Y	E	O	M	C	Y	R	D	L	E	Y	W	I	V	Q	Y	B
J	Y	S	S	A	N	E	H	Y	G	C	R	G	G	J	O	M	F
V	U	P	D	V	B	D	C	O	X	D	N	K	D	M	E	W	D
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J	C	G	R	J	Y	K	I	B	A	X	S	D	D	J	H	W	P
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**WORD  
BANK**  
MRFERNANDEZ  
EINT  
RUBY  
JOHN  
VICTOR  
NIKKI  
IYANNI  
MYERRA  
ROBERTO  
KAHNEEF  
ALEX  
JESSICA

# Lookin' for Riddles | by Ethan Dry (6<sup>th</sup>)

1. Poor people have it. Rich people need it. If you eat it you die. What is it?
2. What comes down but never goes up?
3. What goes up when rain comes down?
4. What travels around the world but stays in one spot?
5. What occurs once in a minute, twice in a moment and never in one thousand years?

**WARNING! Attempt to say this at your own risk!!**

There was a fisherman named Fisher who fished for some fish in a fissure until a fish with a grin, pulled the fisherman in, now they're fishing the fissure for Fisher .



Enjoy! Check page 49 for the riddle answers!



## Welcome New Teacher **WORD SEARCH** | by Ethan Dry (6<sup>th</sup>)



### WORD BANK

BACIGALUPI  
BASTO  
FRANCIS  
GETSINGER  
GREENE  
MONROE  
MYERS  
PAULING  
ROBLES  
SIZEMORE  
SLATTERY  
TROUBLEFIELD  
WOLFE  
ZORILLA

**Note:** There is a hidden word in this that has 7 letters and starts with W. Good Luck!

## **BAD JOKE** of the Month | by Jonathan Russell (6<sup>th</sup>)

**Q:** Why didn't the vampire attack Taylor Swift?

**A:** Because she had bad blood.

## **Murder Mystery Answer**

It was the **cook**! Nobody cooks breakfast in the afternoon! He was jealous of the Butler, who he overheard the man tell that he didn't like the Cook's cooking. That's why he gave all the food to the villagers.



## DRAWING of the Month | Nintendo Madness by Carmello Fletcher (6th)



### In the life of Wendy Lopez

Episodic Story Telling *by Wendy Lopez (6th)*

#### December 2013

It was after Christmas, but not quite New Years Eve, and my mom called me over to her room to talk about *something important*. That something turned out to be news that I was having A BABY BROTHER... Ivan! I was excited but I didn't know what trouble was to come! The house would now include ME, Lisa, my little 10-month old nephew Gabriel, and now **this** little person. What luck! NOT! Sometimes I think of what would have happened if I didn't have Gabe or Ivan. It's great to be the only child but once you get a brother or sister you start to think WWWHHHHYYYY!?! At the same time you say to your parents "ok, cool", but you question yourself. Do I like this idea of leaving my post as the only child? The answer: NO! I am not ready! Then your mom comes in and asks you, "do you think it's a boy or a girl?" Of course I wanted a boy to keep my throne as queen of MY HOUSE. As it turns out, I did! HA! Take that, Ivan.

#### July 2014

It was the 14th and I went to my Cousin Lisa's house to sleep, obviously because my mom isn't at my house and I am not staying there alone! So I stayed at Lisa's house for 4 days until my brother and mom could leave the hospital. As soon as I woke up, my aunt told me to get ready because we are going to the hospital. It was time to see my little bro. Anxiousness ran up my spine all the way to my head as we got closer and closer. Once we got there, I wanted to hold him (obviously because I'm his sister, duh) - BUT NO! Lisa always goes first just because she's older! I don't think that being older means one human gets to go before another human EVERY time! SHEESH! Anywho, my brother looked well, but to tell you the truth, he looked UGLY. You may think that's a mean thing to say about family, but it's not mean, it's real life... deal with it dude! When it was my turn to carry my brother, I was really nervous. What if I dropped him? What if he doesn't like me? Wait that would be ok! :) ;) tehehe.

**To be continued!!!!**

### Lookin' for Riddles Answers

1. Nothing
2. Rain
3. An Umbrella
4. Stamp
5. The Letter "M"

# Battle of the YouTubers | Nathaniel Weaver (6<sup>th</sup>)

The Battle Of the YouTubers is an elimination style tournament voted on by YOU to find out who the most BAE YOUTUBER is!!!!!! Every month is a new round. You can vote for your favorites on Twitter or Instagram using the hashtag **#KMSyoutubers** with the name of who you think should win that round. You can vote once for each match in that round. It's okay if you don't know who the youtuber is, you can just go home and look him up or ask a friend. In fact, I barely know any of these youtubers myself. The contestants were based off of a Top 32 list I found based on subscription totals, and some were eliminated due to being inappropriate for school. Alright, let's start the first round!

Go Tweet your votes and **wish your BAE good luck!** ;3

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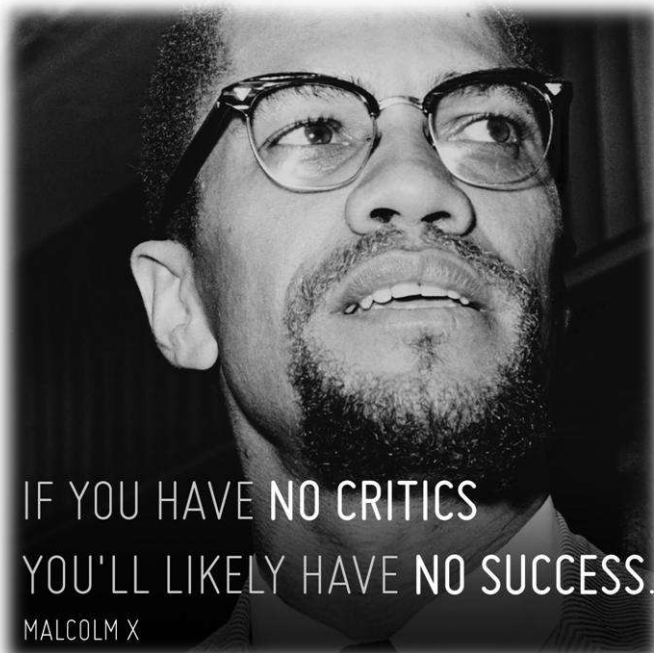


## KNOCK-KNOCK JOKE of the Month *Comic* by Carmello Fletcher (6th)



## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Submitted by Jonathan Russell (6<sup>th</sup>)



## SONG LYRICS OF THE MONTH

"Thriller" by Michael Jackson



It's close to midnight and something evil's lurking in the dark  
Under the moonlight you see a sight that almost stops your heart  
You try to scream but terror takes the sound before you make it  
You start to freeze as horror looks you right between the eyes,  
You're paralyzed

[Chorus]

'Cause this is thriller, thriller night  
And no one's gonna save you from the beast about to strike  
You know it's thriller, thriller night  
You're fighting for your life inside a killer, thriller tonight

You hear the door slam and realize there's nowhere left to run  
You feel the cold hand and wonder if you'll ever see the sun  
You close your eyes and hope that this is just imagination  
But all the while you hear the creature creepin' up behind  
You're out of time

[Chorus]

Night creatures call  
And the dead start to walk in their masquerade  
There's no escapin' the jaws of the alien this time (open wide)  
This is the end of your life

They're out to get you, there's demons closing in on every side  
They will possess you unless you change the number on your dial  
Now is the time for you and I to cuddle close together  
All thru the night I'll save you from the terrors on the screen,  
I'll make you see

[Chorus]

Darkness falls across the land  
The midnight hour is close at hand  
Creatures crawl in search of blood  
To terrorize y'awl's neighborhood  
And whosoever shall be found  
Without the soul for getting down  
Must stand and face the hounds of hell  
And rot inside a corpse's shell  
The foulest stench is in the air  
The funk of forty thousand years  
And grizzly ghouls from every tomb  
Are closing in to seal your doom  
And though you fight to stay alive  
Your body starts to shiver  
For no mere mortal can resist  
The evil of the thriller  
Can you dig it?!



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# Wall of Contributors

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I want to personally thank all the great student contributors to the Wapiti Way! Thanks! Between all three grades, we have over 60 students working on this each issue! That is a ton of content, so naturally every student won't get published every issue. However, for students to get credit in this PL, they need to get published! We'll keep a running tally here of all students who get published in '15-'16!

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