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KAISERSLAUTERN HIGH SCHOOL

KMS

two
thousand
NINE

I am anything but ordinary...

I am extraordinary!

ordinary

but

anything

Ordinary People. Extraordinary Lives.

two
thousand
NINE

“Memory is a way of holding onto the things you love, the things you are,
the things you never want to lose.”

-From *The Wonder Years*

Kaiserslautern Landstuhl Spouses' Association

Service Credit Union - Vogelweh



Ramstein Enlisted Spouses' Association

KMS Parent Teacher Student Association

"No one who achieves success
does so without the help of others.
The wise and confident acknowledge
this help with gratitude."

- Alfred North Whitehead

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Song Lyrics

Artist - Avril Lavigne

Sometimes I get so weird
I even freak myself out
I laugh myself to sleep
It's my lullaby
Sometimes I drive so fast
Just to feel the danger
I wanna scream
It makes me feel alive

Is it enough to love?
Is it enough to breathe?
Somebody rip my heart out
And leave me here to bleed
Is it enough to die?
Somebody save my life
I'd rather be anything but ordinary please

To walk within the lines
Would make my life so boring
I want to know that I
Have been to the extreme
So knock me off my feet
Come on now give it to me
Anything to make me feel alive

Is it enough to love?
Is it enough to breathe?
Somebody rip my heart out
And leave me here to bleed
Is it enough to die?
Somebody save my life
I'd rather be anything but ordinary please.
I'd rather be anything but ordinary please.

Let down your defenses
Use no common sense
If you look you will see
that this world is a beautiful
accident, turbulent, succulent
opulent permanent, no way
I wanna taste it
Don't wanna waste it away

Sometimes I get so weird
I even freak myself out
I laugh myself to sleep
It's my lullaby

Is it enough?
Is it enough?
Is it enough to breathe?
Somebody rip my heart out
And leave me here to bleed
Is it enough to die?
Somebody save my life
I'd rather be anything but ordinary please

Is it enough?
Is it enough to die?
Somebody save my life
I'd rather be anything but ordinary please.
oh
I'd rather be anything but ordinary please.



KMS Mission/Vision Statement

The mission of Kaiserslautern Middle School is to provide an exemplary education, which enables students to become effective communicators, enhances positive interpersonal skills, and allows them to achieve academic excellence and success in a global society.

The future depends on what we do in the present.

-Mahatma Gandhi

Dear KMS Students,

The theme of this yearbook is absolutely perfect in describing how extraordinary Kaiserslautern Middle School students are because you truly are "Anything but Ordinary". Each one of you adds your special and personal touch in shaping the future and making KMS an exceptional school.

It has been our privilege to play an important role in your lives this year. We have watched you successfully set goals and work diligently to achieve them. Many have achieved academic excellence. Many have learned the value of being kind to one another and have become caring individuals who will contribute to making the world a better place.

We wish you the very best as you continue on your life's path!

KMS Administrators, Faculty, and Staff

KMS School Improvement Goals

Goal 1: All students will increase critical thinking skills across the curriculum.
At KMS, critical thinking means application, analysis, synthesis, and evaluation of information.

Goal 2: All students will increase communication skills across the curriculum.
At KMS, communication means comprehension of informational material.



Dr. Susan Hargis
Principal

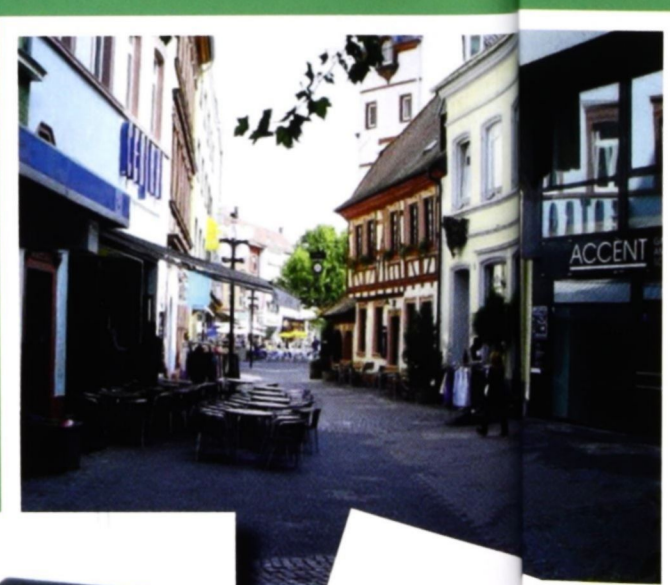
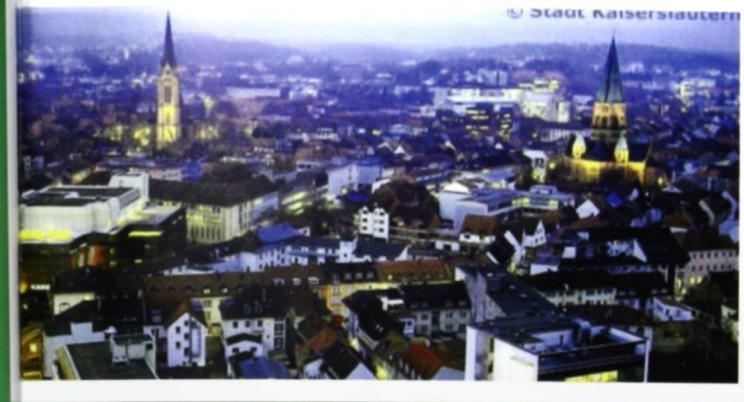


Ms. Marion Sutton
Assistant Principal

Kaiserslautern Military Community

The Kaiserslautern Military Community (MC) is located in the federal state of Rheinland-Pfalz in the southwest corner of the country. This is the main wine growing region for Germany and is also known for the largest connected forest, the Palatinate Forest. Over 34,000 Americans share this community with inhabitants from over 100 nations. Kaiserslautern's historical past has been preserved even though it has grown to become one of the largest industrial and marketing cities in Germany.

Between 1950 and 1955, Kaiserslautern developed into the largest US military community outside of the United States. For this reason Kaiserslautern is referred to as "K-Town", a term coined by the early American military population who had difficulty pronouncing the name. K-Town is a combined community consisting of Army and Air Force components. It consists of Army facilities at Kleber, Panzer, and Daener Kaserne, Landstuhl, Miesau, Eimerhof, Pirmasens, Rhine Ordnance and Pulaski Barracks along with Air Force facilities located at Rhein Air Base, Sembach, Vogelweh, and Kapaun Air Station.





Kaiserslautern Middle School 2008-2009

Kaiserslautern Middle School



History of DoDEA

Shortly after the end of World War II on October 14, 1946, the United States military established schools for the children of its servicemen stationed in Europe and East Asia. At that time, servicewomen were not allowed to be mothers and remain on active duty. Originally it cost \$10 to enroll a child, and the schools would get money from profits made by Class VI stores (alcohol). It now can cost as much as \$20,000 USD for enrollment for non-Command Sponsored military families or Command Sponsored Contractors. That cost increases approximately \$800 a year.

There were 38 elementary schools and 5 high schools to start out with. Now there are 98 schools altogether, with only two high schools out of the original five still operating today,

which are Heidelberg High School in Heidelberg, Germany and Kubasaki High School on Okinawa, Japan.

Schools for children of military members stationed in the United States were established in the South after President Truman's 1949 order desegregating the United State military services. The need for integrated schools can be seen in the pattern of today's Department of Defense Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDESS).

First administered by the military branches they served, the growing number of schools was soon transferred to civilian managers. Later, the various organizations were combined and two separate but parallel systems developed: the Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS) overseas, and the Department of Defense Domestic Dependent Elementary and

Secondary Schools (DDESS) in the United States. In 1994 the two systems were brought together under an umbrella agency, the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA).

DoDEA operates 200 public schools in 15 districts located in 12 foreign countries, eight states, Guam, and Puerto Rico. All schools within DoDEA are fully accredited by U.S. accreditation agencies. Approximately 8,785 teachers serve DoDEA's 87,000+ students.

The highest number of schools DoDEA had before many started closing was 200, with over 120,000 students.

History of the Kaiserslautern District

The Kaiserslautern District has the most DoDDS schools

worldwide, until the Bavarian District closes and all schools in the district will be handed over to the Heidelberg District. The Kaiserslautern District serves over 5,000 students.

Starting the 2007-08 school year, Kaiserslautern High School will be combined with the neighboring elementary school. Students from Landstuhl Middle School and other students living in select areas were redistricted to Kaiserslautern starting with school year 2008-2009. Current elementary students will attend Vogelweh Elementary. Therefore, KHS's student population will increase from 650 students to about 900.

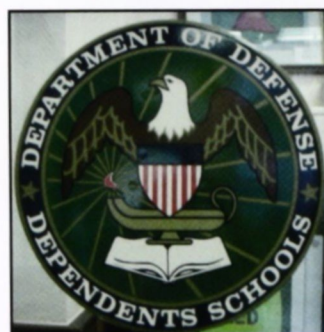
History of KMS

In 1950, a high school was established for Kaiserslautern students in grades 7-12. Later in 1968, the 7th and 8th formed an independent high school. There

were only about 350 students, but during the early 1970's the student enrollment rose to 650. At present, KMS has approximately 490 students in grades 6-8.

The school mascot, the Invader, and school colors, black and gold, were chosen in the early 70's by a contest sponsored by the student council. At that time, the junior high did not want to be directly associated with the high school, but the title "Invaders" was chosen because it rhymed with "Raiders," the high school mascot. The school colors, which have since changed to red and black, were chosen by majority vote of the student body.

Before the school was built, school grounds were just government property. It has been said that in 1958, the parking lot behind building 2000A was a basketball court.



BREAKING NEWS

2008: Crisis and Change, Scandals and Triumphs

What will you remember from 2008? Will it be Barack Obama's historic presidential victory? Or, maybe it's the searing images from the terror attacks in Mumbai, India? Or, perhaps, it's Michael Phelps' stirring triumph during the Olympics. Read through this timeline for a glance at some of 2008's top stories.

International

- Jerome Kerviel of France loses \$7 billion in one of the biggest insider frauds in banking history January
- Anti-government riots break out in Tibet March 15
- The War in Iraq enters sixth year March 19
- Thousands are killed when a cyclone hits Myanmar May 2-3
- Earthquake in China kills 12,000 people May 12
- The Russian-Georgian Conflict over disputed regions August 5
- Hurricane Gustav cripples communities from Haiti to Louisiana September 1
- Financial Markets Crash debilitating US and world economies Sept.-Oct.
- Terror attacks in Mumbai, India kill 200 people November 29

National

- Venerable Investment bank Bear Stearns faces collapse March
- New York Governor Elliot Spitzer resigns in scandal March 12
- Democratic senator Ted Kennedy is diagnosed with a brain tumor May
- California legalizes same-sex marriage June 16
- Oil and gas prices hit record high levels during summer
- John McCain's VP pick, Sarah Palin of Alaska, made headlines as the McCain-Palin ticket was announced August
- Hurricane Ike makes landfall in Texas killing dozens September 12
- The U.S. government passes a federal bailout bill to rescue the slumping financial sector October
- Grand jury indicts Casey Anthony, 22, for the death of her three-year-old daughter, Caylee October 14
- Alaska senator Ted Stevens is convicted on federal corruption charges October 27
- Barack Obama, an African American, wins the U.S. presidency November 4
- OJ Simpson is convicted and sent to prison for armed robbery December 5
- Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich is arrested for corruption December 9

Entertainment

- Britney Spears has meltdown and is institutionalized
- After 100 days of striking, members of the Writers Guild of America voted to go back to work
- Celebrity babies, Knox and Vivienne Jolie-Pitt and Sunday Rose Kidman-Urban, burst onto the scene with lots of media hype
- Twilight* movie released based on literary series about a love affair between a human and a vampire
- Pop star Madonna (50) and British director Guy Richie (40) end their marriage after nearly eight years
- Actress Anne Hathaway breaks up with boyfriend Raffaello Follieri just before Follieri is arrested for fraud
- Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull* is released
- The Dark Knight* is released, after Heath Ledgers death

Sports

- Danica Patrick becomes the first woman to win an Indy Car race after she took first place in the Indy Japan 300
- Tiger Wood's one-legged roar when he won the US Open on an 18th hole put despite being injured
- At the Wimbledon final Spain's Rafael Nadal upsets his archrival, five-time defending tournament champ Roger Federer
- Baseball great Roger Clemens testifies about performance enhancing drug use in baseball for a nationally televised hearing
- Michael Phelps wins a record eight gold medals in swimming the the 2008 Beijing Olympics August 17
- With 1 minute, 15 seconds remaining in Super Bowl XLII, the 18-0 New England Patriots led the New York Giants, 14-10. After an unthinkable catch by David Tyree, four plays later the Giants score the winning touchdown, clinching an unthinkable upset.
- The Boston Celtics mount the greatest comeback in NBA Finals history to steal the game in Los Angeles, 97-91, and go up 3-1 in the series.
- Spain wins the '08 European Championship (soccer) against Germany earning their first Euro title since 1964.

Notable Deaths

- Jan. 10 Mountain climber, Sir Edmond Hillary, first man to summit Mt. Everest
- Jan. 22 Heath Ledger, Australian actor dies from accidental overdose
- Feb. 28 National Review and conservative commentator, William F. Buckley, Jr.
- March 19 Arthur C. Clark science fiction and non-fiction writer
- April 5 Charlton Heston, great American actor
- May 26 Academy Award-winning director Sydney Pollack
- June 2 Bo Diddley rhythm and blues and rock n' roll guitarist
- June 7 Jim McKay the face of ABC sports
- June 13 Tim Russert one of American's leading political journalists and host of *Meet the Press*
- June 22 George Carlin influential comedian
- August 9 Bernie Mac actor and comedian
- Sept. 26 Legendary actor Paul Newman
- Nov. 4 Michael Crichton, writer of *Jurassic Park*

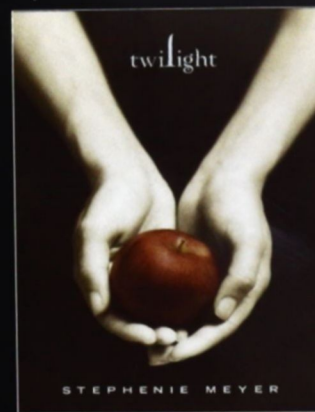
Odd Ball News

- Thomas Beatie, a trans-gendered man who was born a woman, causes a global double-take when he announced in March that he's pregnant.
- In a case that has confounded investigators and creeped out Canadian beachgoers, at least six severed human feet have been found on the shores of British Columbia since August 2007.
- The practice of plunging feet into a tub of tiny carp called "garra rufa", which nibble on dead skin, is popular in some Asian countries and becomes an American craze.
- A pair of amateur Bigfoot hunters claimed they had found the corpse of a Sasquatch in the woods of northern Georgia. They claimed to have the body itself, releasing photos of what appeared to be a mass of matted hair and bloody flesh stuffed into a large freezer. As the "evidence" thawed, researchers revealed that "Bigfoot" was, in fact, a rubber gorilla suit stuffed with road kill.
- After his wife left him, Ian Usher decided to make a clean break from his life as a rug salesman in Perth, Australia. So he put his entire life up for sale on eBay. The bids rolled in and Usher, 44, ended up collecting around \$380,000.
- On April 3, more than 430 children and 100 mothers are removed from the Yearning for Zion Ranch after a judge ruled them in imminent danger. The Ranch is part of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, a breakaway Mormon sect.



What's Hot and What's Not in 2009

Twilight
Harry Potter
House of Light
BOOKS
Captain Underpants
Magic Tree House
My Little Pony



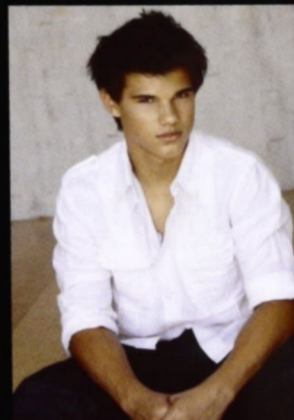
Paramore
Lifehouse
Metallica
MUSIC
50 Cent
Vanessa Hudgens
Britney Spears

Converse
Adio
Vans
SHOES
Dockers
Crocs
Air Jordans



Aeropostale
Hot Topic
South Pole
CLOTHES
Hurley
Old Navy
Timberland

Taylor Lautner
Kellan Lutz
Jackson Rathbone
MALE CELEBRITIES
Zach Efron
Lil Wayne
Michael Jackson



Halley Williams
Mariah Carey
America Ferrera
FEMALE CELEBRITIES
Miley Cyrus
Lindsey Lohan
Paris Hilton

The Dark Knight
I Am Legend
Fast and Furious 4
MOVIES
HSM 2
Benjamin Button
Space Buddies



Egg rolls
Chicken
Pizza
FOOD
Vegetables
Oatmeal
School Lunch

Halo 3
Rock Band
Guitar Hero
VIDEO GAMES
Spiderwick
Ben 10
Golden Compass



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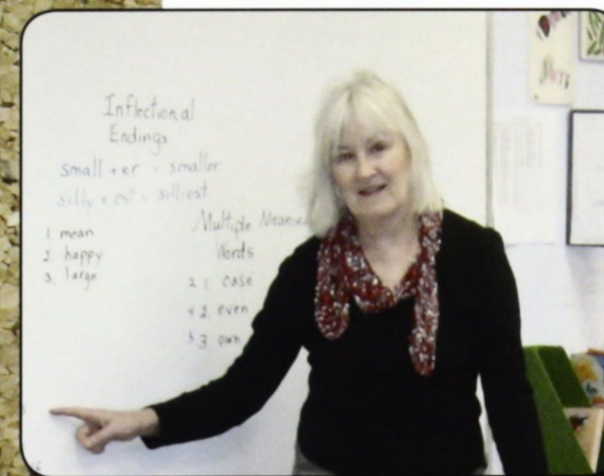
What's Hot and What's Not in 2009

Faculty and Staff

There is no pay so sweet
as the accomplishment
of a job well done.

-Maya Angelou

Ms. Kate Alexander
Read 180



*"OK, everybody sing while
you're going out the door,
si no cantan no salen!"*

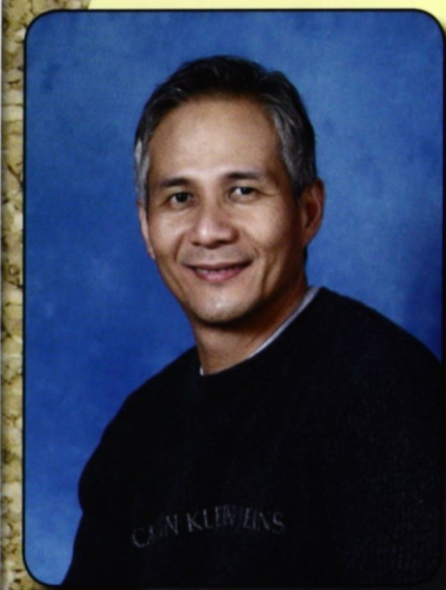


Ms. Alexis Ancona
ESL and Spanish



Ms. Tina Arceneaux
7th Language Arts
and Geography

*"Where is your pass?"
"Did you return the ball?"*



Mr. Arnel Balilo
Registrar

"Life is what you make it."

*"Don't let anyone rob you of what
knowledge you deserve to learn."*



Ms. Filipina Baumgartner
6th Language Arts and Math



Mr. Garry Baumgartner
Supply Clerk



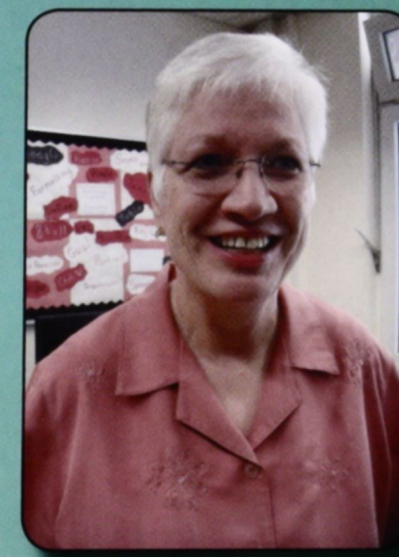
Mr. Steve Bond
Individual Education
Teacher



Ms. Diana Christiansen
Psychologist



Ms. Velma Brockman
Individual Education
Teacher



Ms. Karen Conley
Business Enterprise and
Computer Applications



Mr. James Davis
Computer Applications
and Graphics



Ms. Alana Byrd
Para-professional



Mr. Ed Dittmer
6th Science and
Language Arts



Ms. Susan Fortunato
Physical Education

*"Circle up!"
"Get outside!"*



Ms. Catherine Forzato
Nurse





Dr. Jacqueline Dostal
8th Math and Algebra

*"Life is about wanting
what you have, not having
what you want."*



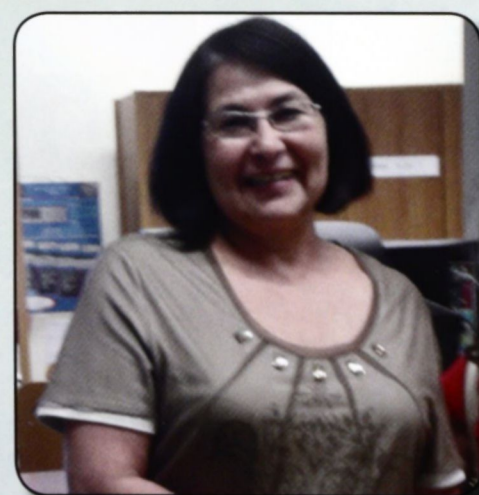
Ms. Kirsten Downey
7th Math and 8th Math

*"Let's go snapperheads!!"
"Less yapping, more doing!"*



Mr. Wayne Fears
Chorus

"Practice does not make perfect. Perfect practice makes perfect."



Ms. Lydia Fleischer
Video Productions, Research, and Read 180



Ms. Rosa Gayton
Para-professional



Mr. Mark Grebener
ASACS Counselor

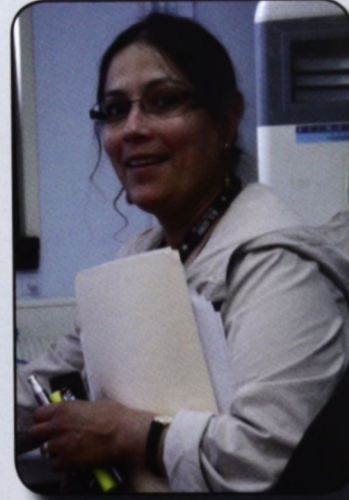
*"Good morning, Sweet Muffins!" "Oooh, Aaaaah."
"Behold the glowing orb... aaaaaaaah!"*



Ms. Ingleborg Glenn
German

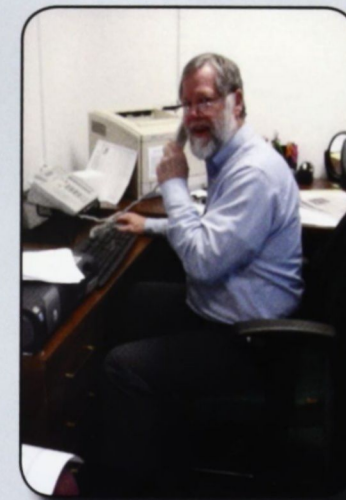


Ms. Dorothy Goulet
French and US History

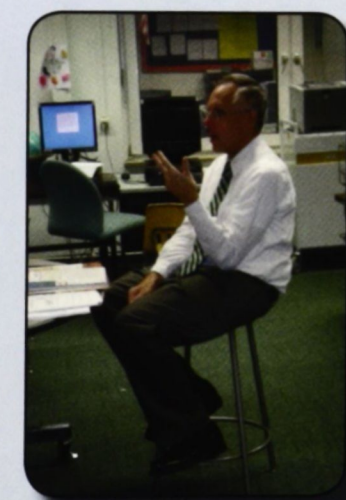


Ms. Miros Hampton
AVID Tutor

"Chop, chop!"



Mr. Paul Harbison
Guidance Counselor



Mr. James Herb
6th Language Arts and
Geography



Ms. Margaret Hess
7th Math and 8th Math

*"Let's do it the Howe way!"
"Howe easy is that?"!*

"Can you read my mind?"

*"Life is too short to read a book you
don't enjoy! Pick another book!!"*

*"Dream . . . BIG dreams about
your great life to come."*



Ms. Zaida Hill
Para-professional



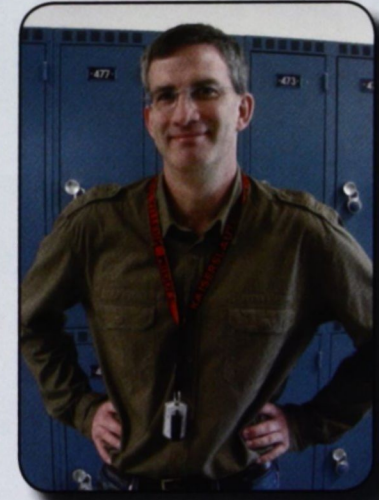
Ms. Kimberly Howe
6th Math



Ms. Susan Kelly
8th Langague Arts



Ms. Lori Kimble
Librarian



Mr. Thomas Maceluch
Para-professional



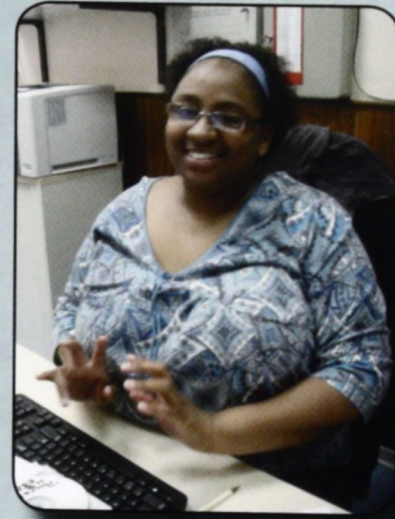
Ms. Sandy Maddox
Individual Education
Specialist

"Keep an open and inquisitive mind!"



Ms. Daniele May
7th Science and Geography

*"If you do not have anything positive to say,
keep your mouth shut!"*



Ms. Carol Moore
Secretary Extraordinaire

"If enough is good, too much is better!"



Ms. Joy Murphy
Educational Technologist

"It's all about the process."



Ms. Barbara Nelson
6th Language Arts and Science

"Focus, Focus, Focus"
"MYOB-----Mind Your OWN Business"



Ms. Carrie Olivar
Guidance Counselor



Ms. Carol Osman
Art

*"Do the right thing even
when no one is looking."*



Ms. Amy Parshall
Para-professional



Ms. Charlotte Partee
CSC Tech



Ms. Dana Pershing
7th Language Arts and Geography

"Someone once asked me what I regarded as the three most important requirements for happiness. My answer was: "A feeling that you have been honest with yourself and those around you; a feeling that you have done the best you could both in your personal life and in your work; and the ability to love others."



Ms. Lisa Rimler
Speech and Language



Ms. Dorothea Robinson
6th Ancient Civilizations

"Go on, get to learnin'. You aren't learning anything in the halls!"

"...and the challenge for the day is..."



Ms. Robyn Steisslinger
7th Science and Geography



Ms. Dina Swaim
PE and US History



Ms Judy Sankey
Individual Education
Specialist

"All right everybody, listen up!"



Ms. Tonya Tehranie
AVID and 8th
Language Arts

*"If you always do what you've always done,
you'll always get what you've always got."*



Mr. Aaron Scalise
CSC Chair

*"Please do not use derogatory
language in this classroom."*



Ms. Taryn Tubiolo
8th Science



Ms. Robyn Scalise
Data Clerk



Ms. Beth Shields
Family and Consumer Science
7th and 8th Health
Career Pathways



Mr. Brad Vowell
8th Science and
Mathematics



Ms. Julia Ward
Humanities and US
History



Ms. Linda Ware-Brown
6th Language Arts



Mr. Earmon Wilcher
Band

*"It don't mean a thing if
it ain't got that swing..."*



The KMS Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) consists of parents, administrators, teachers, staff, and students to facilitate parental participation in school. The goal of the PTSA is to support KMS, encourage parent involvement, support teachers, and organize family events. The KMS PTSA has sponsored many school-wide events this year including the New Student Welcome Picnic, Fall Festival, school pictures, dances, Teacher Appreciation Week, Bingo Night, and financial support of teachers and organizations to name a few.

THANK YOU!



The KMS PTSA 2008-2009 Board



Parent Teacher Student Association



6th Grade Class of 2015

Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome.

- Booker T. Washington

Superlatives



Most likely to appear on *American Idol*...

Alton Walker and Kylie Schroeder

Most likely to fly a NASA space shuttle...

Garrett Krueger and Kasey Armendariz

Most likely to earn a place in the *Guinness Book of World Records*...

Tyler Bernard and Dazya Ingram

Most likely to win a Nobel Peace Prize...

Michael Chiavacci and Shelly Walker

Most likely to work for Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Circus...

Drake Williams

Most likely to own a successful computer software company....

Charles Carroll and Pia Heggelund

Most likely to have an advice column in the *New York Times*....

Nicolas Tures and Alyssa Keeling

Most likely to play on a pro-sports team...

Wendell Smith and McKenna Roden

Most likely to write a bestselling novel...

Mitchell Krueger and Emily Laws

Most likely to discover a cure for cancer...

Nicholas Tremaglio and Cassidy Marshall

Most likely to perform in a Broadway production...

Robert Cottrell and Amari Anderson

Most likely to be awarded a Congressional Medal of Honor (military) ...

Austin Mitchell and Malia Wallace

Most likely to travel around the world...

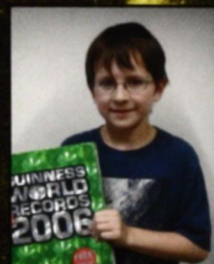
Jackson Horn and Emily Laws

Most likely to have artwork displayed at the Louvre...

Charles Carroll and September January

Most likely to become President of the United States...

Nicholas Tremaglio and Rian Simone Harris





Lotoni Afuhaamago



Julian Agee



Amari Anderson



Kasey Armendariz



Corbin Armstrong



Makayla Bobbs



Micah Bonds



Albert Bontilao



Jenna Ash



Tyahni-Paige Austria



Ivonne Ayala



Jacob Barber



Aleece Barnard



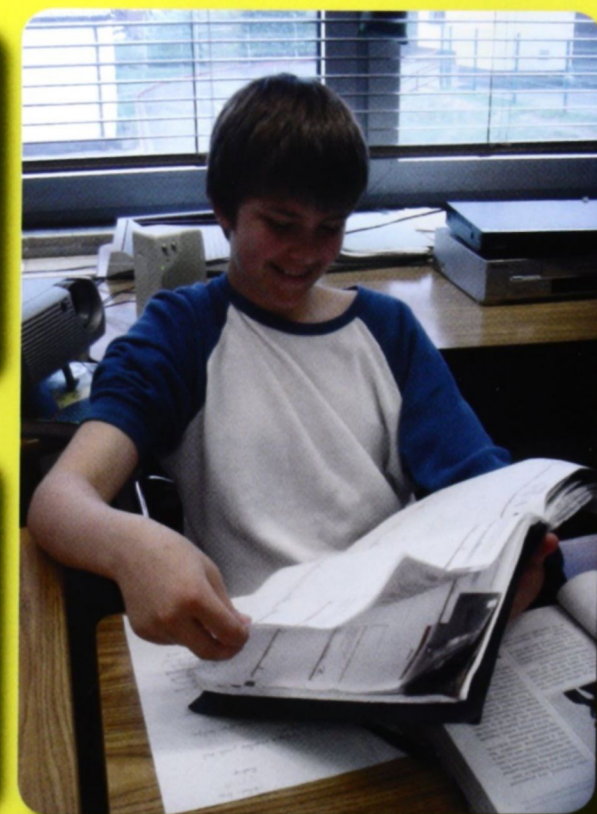
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Liam Boujnida



Michael Branch



Cody Becherer



Joshua Bennett



Tyler Bernard



Mark Birnbaumer



Savannah Blas



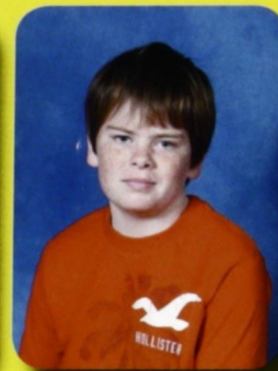
Noelani Bray



Michiru Brown



Christopher Buck



Matthew Burch



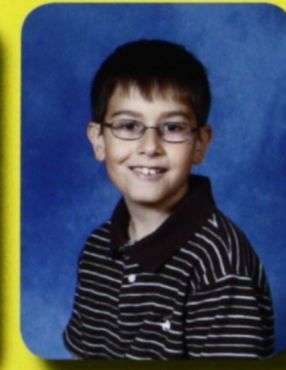
Nathan Bussen



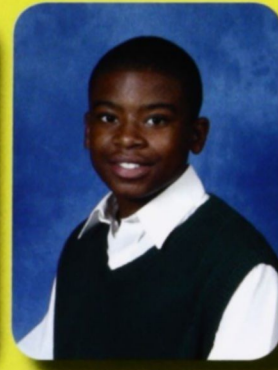
Shiloh Campos



Edmaris Cardona-Cortez



Charles Carroll



Dotson Carter



William Chapman



Michael Chiavacci



Garbiel Church



Kobie Clark



Sara Clark



Diego Clark-Murrieta



Eric Conrey



Robert Cottrell



Matthew Cremeans



Channin Davis



Jordyn DeHaven



Damen Eckroth



Ty Edwards



Reshan Fadul



Andrew Ferrin



Jacob Fiegl



Mickey Fisher



Aubrey Folts



Michael Forzato



Justin Gainey



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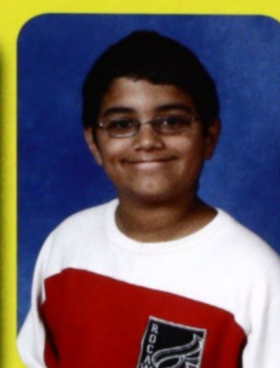
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Rolando Hernandez-Nieves



Benjamin Higgs



Richard Hollister



Kaitlyn Hood



Jackson Horn



Christopher Houston



Bryan Hunt



Ryan Hunt



Aaron Huyghue



Dazya Ingram



James Isaacs



Ellis Jackson



Jasmine Jackson



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Bradley Judy



Kaylesia Marshall



Gregory Massey



Quinton Maynor



Michelle McCarty



Natasha McDonald



Alyssa Keeling



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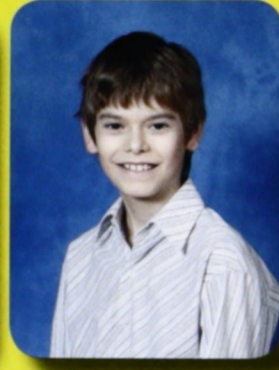
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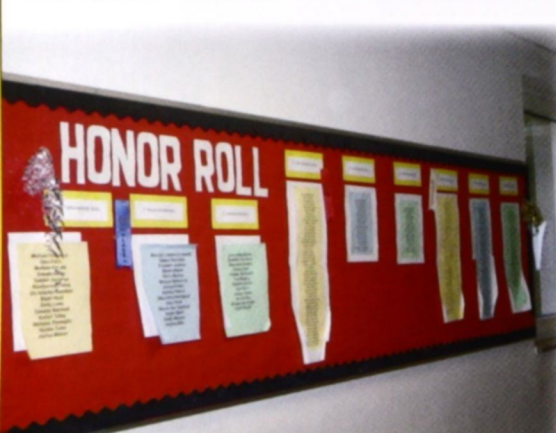
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Garrett Pruett



Hanan Pruitt



Brianna Pugh



Adria Randle



Jasmine Rangle



Steven Reincke



Kenneth Roberts



Matthew Robertson



MaKayla Robinson



McKenna Roden



Kayla Rodriguez



Ramiro Rodriguez



Mark Roskosky

"This year, I learned I could be successful and achieve many things. My teachers even helped me write a show for the Disney Channel and Nickelodeon!"

- MaKayla Bobbs

"If you have a bad day, remember that tomorrow will be better!"

- Edmaris Cardona-Cortes



Elizabeth Rowe



Samantha Schroeder



Keara Russ



Megann Schultz



Carrie Russell



Jonathon Scott



Cyera Sanchez



Morgan Scritchfield



Kylie Schroeder



Zaria Shell



Charles Sheppard



Moe Shimada



Joseph Shoupe



Asiah Smith



Corbin Smith



DeijaRenee Smith



Kenya Smith



Kaitlyn Talley



Alyssa Thomas





Caitlin Thompson



Nicholas Tremaglio



Nicolas Tures



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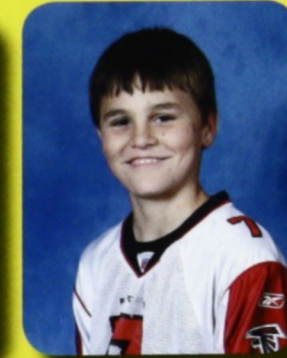
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Tristan Walker



Aubrie Whittaker



Florian Wieland



Drake Williams



Ashante Wilson



Zacchaeus Wilson



Shawn Younger



Denise Zapata



"My best memory of KMS was the first day I came here because I knew my parents chose the right school for me."

- Anonymous 6th Grader

Events

The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience.

-Eleanor Roosevelt

Darien Perez, 7th Grade

"I study harder now and my grades have gone up." - Halley Hollister, 8th Grade

"Because of AVID, my binder isn't messy anymore."



"AVID helped me take better notes and use those notes to study." - Joy O'Larry, 8th Grade

Students in the program commit themselves to improvement and preparation for college. Not only are students enrolled in their school's toughest classes, such as honors and Advanced Placement, but also in the AVID elective class. The elective class offers a rigorous program of instruction in academic "survival skills" and college level entry skills. Students learn how to study, read for content, take notes, and manage time. Students also participate in collaborative study groups or tutorials led by tutors who use skillful questioning to bring students to a higher level of understanding.



"My binder doesn't look messy anymore and tutorials help answer my questions." - Corey Boone, 8th Grade 43

AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. It also comes from the Latin word *avidus*, which means "eager for knowledge." It is a college preparatory program for students in the academic "middle." AVID promotes high achievement and improves the quality of a student's education experience.



AVID is offered in more than 1,500 schools worldwide including DoDDS schools in Europe and the Pacific. AVID has an enrollment of about 120,000 students worldwide. Approximately 95% of AVID high school graduates enroll in college with more than 60% enrolled in four-year colleges. AVID graduates persist in college at an 89% rate. AVID students become academically successful leaders and role models for other students.

AVID

"AVID really helped me stay organized and work hard to make good grades." - Ally Murphy, 8th Grade

Award Assemblies



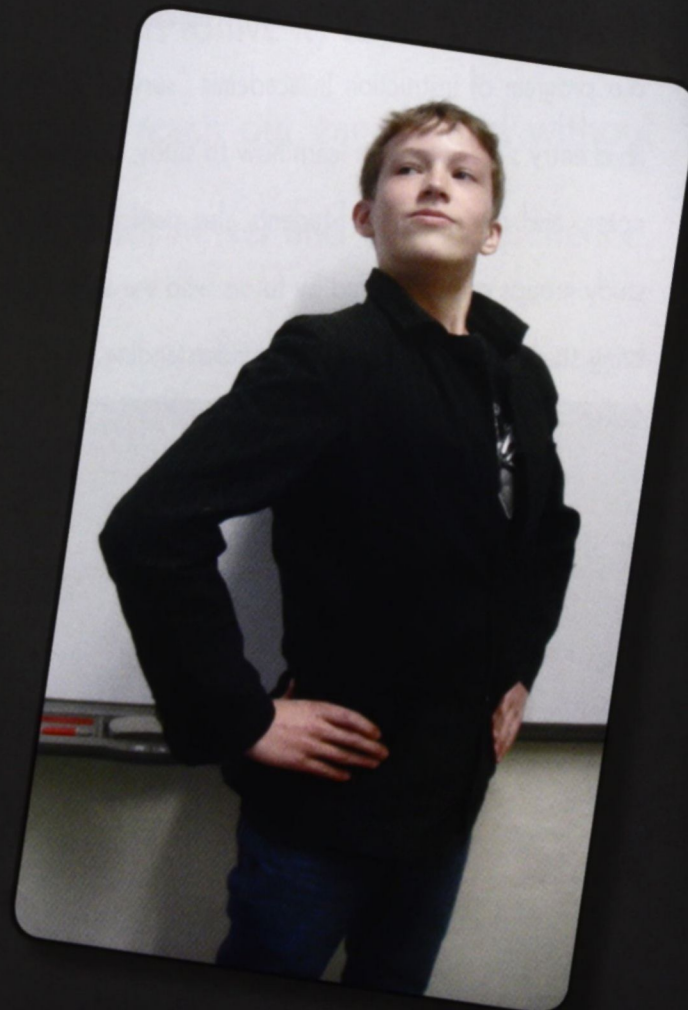
"It's very cool that I got my first Honor Roll award! I also got ice cream and a free movie to watch."

- Jonathan Scott, 6th Grader

Award assemblies are held for grades 6, 7, and 8 at the end of each quarter. Students, parents, teachers, and administrators attend to recognize the accomplishments of KMS students. Awards are given for Gold Honor Roll (4.0 GPA), Silver Honor Roll (3.5-3.9 GPA), Bronze Honor Roll (3.0-3.4 GPA), and Most Improved. Recipients of awards are then treated to ice cream and free movie passes, etc. generously provided by the PTSA.

"Make good grades and you will receive more advantages and you will feel better about yourself."

- Audrey Price, 8th Grader



Black History Month is a remembrance of important people and events in the history of African Americans. It is celebrated annually in the United States and Canada in the month of February. The remembrance originated in 1926 by historian Carter G. Woodson as "Negro History Week". Woodson chose the second week of February because it marked the birthdays of two Americans who greatly influenced the lives and social condition of African Americans: former President Abraham Lincoln and abolitionist and former slave Frederick Douglass.

When the tradition of Black History Month was started in the US, few had barely begun to explore black history. At that point, most representation of blacks in history books was only in reference to the low social position they held as slaves and their descendants, with infrequent exceptions such as that of George Washington Carver. The purpose of Black History Month is to dispellpreviously held misconceptions, educate, and instill pride not just for African Americans, but for all ethnic groups.

At Kaiserslautern Middle School, Black History Month is celebrated by daily trivia questions, poetry and essay writing contests, performances, and luncheons.

Yes We Can!

Oh mama, dear mama,
Have you heard of Obama?
There's a new song in the air, being sung everywhere.
Yes we can! Yes we can!
We can do anything, be anything, achieve,
believe, or dream anything,
But not only that, it can happen for us, mama.
We have been inspired by Mr. President Obama.
We can dream the dreams where hopes spring high.
We can make them come true; all we have to do is try.
We can live in a world where all children know,
the hope of better life. Where they can say to themselves,
"I want to grow up to be President," and know that it is an
Attainable goal.
Yes we can, attend any school.
Yes we can, have jobs that pay a decent living wage.
Yes, we can own homes in desirable neighborhoods.
Yes, we can have affordable healthcare that is the right of all
citizens.
Yes, we can conserve our natural resources and develop new
ones for our future generations.
Yes we can, negotiate peace with nations who were once not
our friends.
Yes, we can bring about the change our country needs.
Yes We Can! Yes We Can! Yes We Can!

- Velma Brockman, Teacher, January 2009

Black History Month



"My best memory was the advanced band concert. The reason I liked it was because the songs were difficult and fast."
 - Justice Halpain, 8th Grade



Concerts





Kaiserslautern High School
 proudly presents its
Holiday Concerts

10 December - *MSSS* Choirs
 7:00 PM *MSS* Auditorium
 11 December - *Jazz/Concert Bands*
 7:00 PM - *Galaxy Theater*
Wayne Fears, Director

"Being in chorus was a great experience because we worked together and made amazing harmonies that wowed the crowds."
 Sydney Patrick, 7th Grade

Dances



Junior Leadership Seminar

KMS students participate in JLS

by Kim Howe, Kaiserslautern Middle School
Kaiserslautern American February 20, 2009

Kaiserslautern Middle School said goodbye to seven successful students Jan. 11 – but only for a week.

The KMS students attended the 2009 Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe Junior Leadership Seminar in Oberwesel, Germany, from Jan. 11 to 16.

While there, KMS students were honored to accept a donation from the Kisling Academy Association, an organization dedicated to promoting strong leaders. Tech. Sgt. Gary Swanson addressed the students departing for JLS. He discussed the importance of good leadership skills and how these leadership qualities are a significant part of their current and future successes.

The seminar was a six-day event for seventh and eighth grade students. Students attended classes and performed activities to develop leadership skills for school and for the future.

Students who wish to represent their schools at JLS are required to submit an application and essay. The students are then interviewed by the JLS Selection Committee, which includes teachers and an administrator.

Students who have completed this process are then evaluated using specific criteria and selected for the limited slots available.

KMS is proud of the capable students who participated in this wonderful opportunity to join with other students from all over Europe in developing their leadership skills.



Tech. Sgt. Gary Swanson presents a check to Dr. Susan Hargis, Kaiserslautern Middle School principal, while her students look on. KMS accepted the donation from the Kisling Academy Association, an organization dedicated to promoting strong leaders, while on a trip to Oberwesel, Germany, Jan. 11 to 16 for the Junior Leadership Seminar.



"I went to the Junior Leadership Seminar. This conference was designed to take kids and turn them into better leaders. The kids were in classes from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., so it was a pretty demanding schedule. My favorite part of the day was free time because all the boys would go downstairs and play ping pong. I love to play and we all had a good time."

- Alex Helm, 7th Grade

English as a Second Language (ESL) is a program for students whose native language is not English. The goal of this program is to develop students' English language abilities so that their academic performance is equivalent to native English-speaking students of the same age and grade level. The program serves a range of students, some who are just learning English to those who have developed a high oral proficiency.

"My last school was in Bucharest, Romania. Some of the differences between my last school and KMS are that we didn't have lockers, we could carry our school bag anywhere, the nurse wasn't at school most of the time, we studied English and French, the teachers weren't kind if you didn't give them presents with any occasion, and most of the time it was the students' fault for everything."

- Shadi Zahed, 7th Grader

"In my Norwegian school, you don't have grades in the beginning years from 1-7. When you are in 8th grade, you start with grades from 1-6 and 6 is the best grade. In my old school we had 130 minute lunch. In class, the teachers moved around and the students just sat in their chairs. We also had a different schedule every week."

- Kristian Fossum, 7th Grade

"The schools in Germany have a shorter lunch and school day, but it has 7 periods. We had only 20 minutes for lunch and another



10 minute break. Most of the time you stay in your class and the teacher comes to you, unless you went to gym or band. The grades don't go from A-F. They go from 1-6 and 6 is an F."

- Christopher Sweetin, 7th Grade

"My old school in Norway is very different from this one. The teachers at this school are much stricter and most of the students are better behaved. Here, we have longer school days and much more school work to do. In Norway, the teachers wouldn't really care if you didn't do your work and you didn't get a grade. Instead of the students switching classes, the teachers would change classrooms at the end of the class period."

- Amalie Rye, 8th Grade

"In my old school we did not go to school till 3 o'clock. We just went till 12:40. We spoke German in class, not English."

- Tyrone Ewing, 7th Grade

"German schools are different from American schools. In German school, you have less time for lunch and you didn't change classrooms except if you go to gym or band. Another difference is that the grades are different. They use numbers instead of letters. Also, there is 13 grades instead of 12."

- Kevin Moses, 6th Grade

School is the best. You can learn about anything. You can choose any activity. School is about how you make friends. For me, school helps you to learn. Some say teachers are mean, but I think teachers are helping us learn. I love going to school!

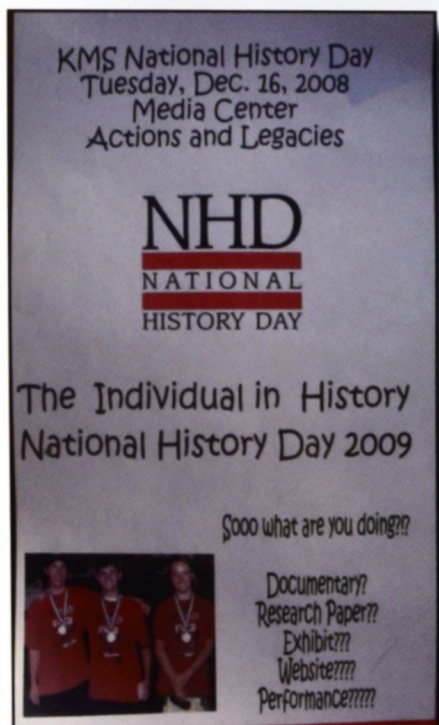
- Mary Grace Gross, 7th Grade

English as a Second Language

National History Day and National Geographic Bee

National History Day is a national academic competition, focusing on history, for students in grades 6-12. Students construct entries as an individual or in a group in one of five categories-Documentary, Exhibit, Paper, Performance or Website. Students then compete in a series of contests (Regional and State) to proceed to the National Contest.

The mission of National History Day is to provide students with opportunities to learn historical content and develop research, thinking and communication skills through the study of history and to provide educators with resources and training to enhance classroom teaching.



"KMS students have done it again!! Please congratulate the following winning students: Research Paper "Individual In History: Elizabeth Blackwell – A Turning Point for Women in Medicine" by Jacqueline Biacco, 8th Grade and Group Documentary "Individual In History: Walt Disney" by Jordan Parker, Lara Breeden, Kayli Roth, 7th Grade."

- Ms. Fleischer, Sponsor

Individual Exhibit

- 1st Jared Seachris
- 2nd Autumn Ruland

Group Exhibit

- 1st Desiree Anderson & Asia Kimball
- 2nd Elizabeth Lewis & Kira Rahn

Paper

- 1st Troy Smith
- 2nd Jacqueline Biacco

Individual Website

- 1st Jessica Reyes

Group Website

- 1st Nigel Armstrong & Dominic Chiaracci
- 2nd Angelina Lindsay & Alex Thielke

Individual Documentary

- 1st Christine Qabar
- 2nd Gaby Rano

Group Documentary

- 1st Jordan Parker, Kaylie Roth, & Lara Breeden
- 2nd Nicholas Tremaglio & Matthew Burch

Individual Performance

- 1st Vernon Burnett
- 2nd Sean Davis

Group Performance

- 1st Morgan Scritchfield & Brianna Pugh
- 2nd Lauren Ewest & Anthony Brown

Each year thousands of schools in the United States participate in the National Geographic Bee using materials prepared by the National Geographic Society. The contest is designed to encourage teachers to include geography in their classrooms, spark student interest in the subject, and increase public awareness about geography.

Schools with students in grades four through eight are eligible for this entertaining and challenging test of geographic knowledge.

	Participants	
Which state has a climate suitable for growing citrus fruits—California or Maine?	Christina Qabar	Haven Mumm
	Emily Laws	Diego Clark-Murieta
	Elizabeth Lewis	Jacob Horn
	Dominic Chiavacci	Mark Roskosky

Which country has the world's largest Muslim population—Indonesia or Mexico?	Ally Murphy
	Taylor Ward
	Steven Mamer
	Grant Augenstein

The North Atlantic current brings warm waters from the tropics to the west coast of which continent?	Jordan Parker
	Rowan Seets
	Emily Weaver
	Michael Close

The port of Rotterdam is built on the delta of which major European river?	Morgan Nicholson
	Brenna Pfahler
	Shaina Santonil
	Sara Clark

To visit the ruins of Persepolis, an ancient ceremonial capital of Persia, you would have to travel to what present-day country?	Michael Forzato
	Jackson Horn
	Kaylesia Marshall
	Matthew Robertson



Read 180 is a reading program based on several years of research that attempts to meet the needs of individual readers in grades 4-12. Read 180 consists of five critical elements and are taught in 90 minute blocks of time. During the class, students receive both large and small group instruction, individualized computer instructions, modeled reading, and independent reading.



Read 180



Spelling Bee



The purpose of the Spelling Bee to help students improve their spelling, increase vocabularies, learn concepts, and develop correct English usage that will help them all their lives. Students prepare for competition by studying predetermined words. They compete at the school level spelling bee. The school winner then moves on to the regional and possibly national bee.

1st place-
Dominic Chiavacci

2nd place-
Dotson Carter

3rd place-
Stephanie Hollister



"Good Luck to Dominic Chiavacci who will represent our school in the European Spelling Bee this Saturday, March 14th! We are proud of him and hope he makes it to Washington, D.C. for the national competition!"

- Ms. Conley, Sponsor



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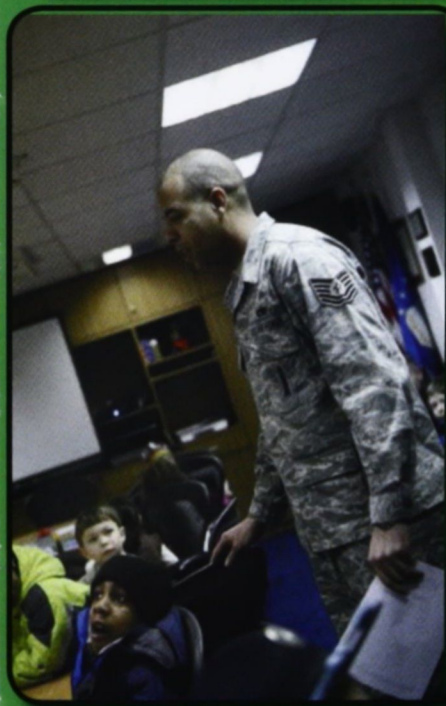
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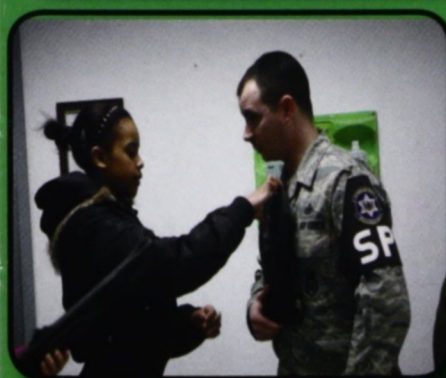
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Take Your Child to Work Day, also known as Job Shadow Day, affords individuals, families, organizations, and workplaces the opportunity to join forces and offer students of all ages life-changing opportunities outside of a classroom environment. Designed to be more than a career day, Take Your Child to Work Day goes beyond the average "shadow" an adult concept. Students are exposed to what a parent or mentor in their lives does during the work day. They observe the value of education in a work environment, they discover the power and possibilities associated with a balanced work and family life, and students have an opportunity to share how they envision their future. Finally, students begin steps toward their end goals in a hands-on and interactive environment, which is key to achieving success.



"Emily got to experience what it is like to be a 1st grade teacher at Sembach Elementary School. She wrote the date on the board with her best handwriting for her students to practice handwriting skills. She led a guided reading group by discussing the story and using the beach ball to check for comprehension. She also read from Junie B. Jones aloud and helped with editing students work on the SMARTboard."

- Ms. Carol Weaver, Sembach 1st Grade Teacher and Mom Extraordinaire

Take Your Child to Work Day



Spirit Week

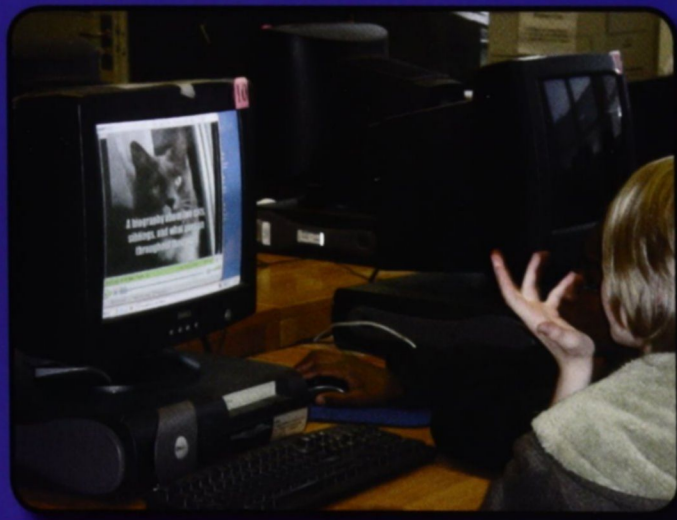
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Twin Day

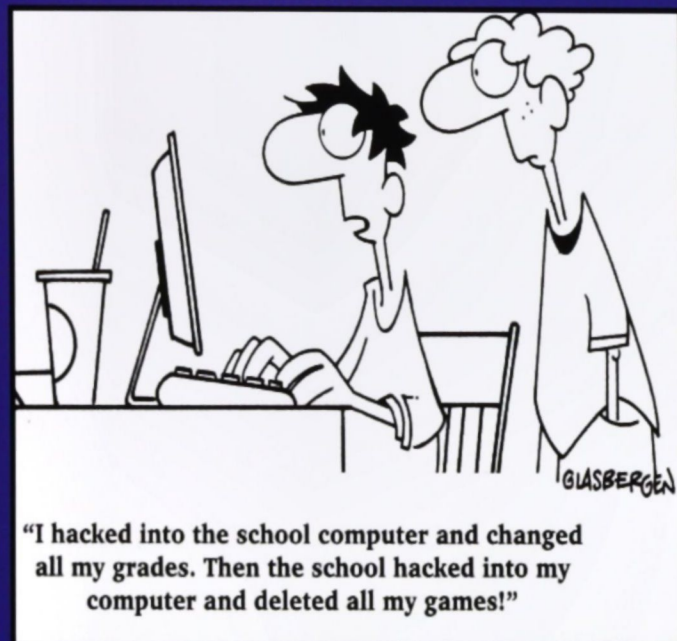
Pajama Day

Hat Day

Wacky Tacky Day



Videofest



Kaiserslautern Middle School held a very successful school-wide Videofest sponsored by the KMS Student Council. Student Council members raised money for video entry prizes. The prizes included AAFES gift certificates, free lunch certificates, and Student Store punch cards. Student Council officers Sara Clark, Rhea Harris, Kaitlyn Talley, John Sutton, served as judges and conducted the culminating Videofest Awards Ceremony. There were 79 student participants who entered either individual or group video entries. Video categories included photo documentaries, video documentaries, public service announcements, and "how to" videos. All student videos were available for viewing in the school media center.



"The video entries this year are the best ever!"
- Ms. Fleischer, Teacher



"My project was about the KMS dress code. The best part was hearing what people thought about it."
- Rodneika Pearsall

7th Grade Class of 2014

Some people come into our lives and quickly go.
Some stay for a while, leave footprints on our
hearts, and we are never,
ever the same.

-Flavia Weedn



Superlatives



Most likely to appear on *American Idol*...

Obie Ogbulo and Taylor Ward

Most likely to fly a NASA space shuttle...

Alex Helm and Elizabeth Jackson

Most likely to earn a place in the *Guinness Book of World Records*...

Michael Close and Paige Ferguson

Most likely to win a Nobel Peace Prize...

Terence Kidd and Jordan Parker

Most likely to work for Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Circus...

Anias Moore and Liberty Bruce

Most likely to own a successful computer software company....

Todd Poynter and Andrea Wil

Most likely to have an advice column in the *New York Times*....

Markeith Davis and Rebecca Scott

Most likely to play on a pro-sports team...

Lorenzo Williams and Lauren Zapata

Most likely to write a bestselling novel...

Shomari Walker and Katelyn Goudy

Most likely to discover a cure for cancer...

Steven Mamer and Sydney Patrick

Most likely to perform in a Broadway production...

Nathan Smith and Ashleigh Heikkila

Most likely to be awarded a Congressional Medal of Honor (military) ...

Joseph Matus and Veronica Houck

Most likely to travel around the world...

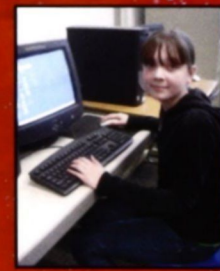
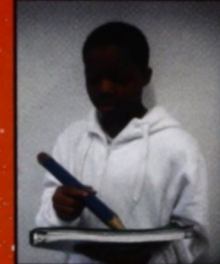
Brandon Reyes and Andrea Sherman

Most likely to have artwork displayed at the Louvre...

William Gibbs and Lisa Moss

Most likely to become President of the United States...

TySean Hendrix and Kayli Roth





Jackson Acre



Hannah Acuavera

"I had a great school year! I met a lot of nice people and had great teachers. I also learned a lot of new things."

- Lauren Zapata



Sabrina Afuhamago



Nicole Alfani



Richard Alfani



Dustin Anderson



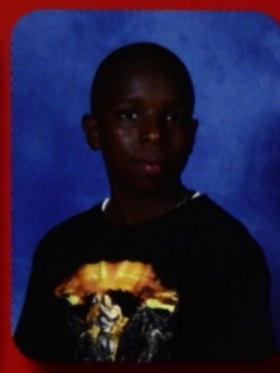
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Kendra Bader



Joseph Bailey



DeQuarius Baker



Alyssa Barnett



Patience Basham



Corey Boone



Lara Breedon



Cassidy Burdick



Michael Colbert



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Raven Camarce



Toni Daniels



Matthew Decker



Chase Christmas



Davontray Davis



Tayler Deel



Tatiana Brito



Xavier Brown



Raheem Brown



Liberty Bruce



Michael Close



Willis Davis



Nick DeLeon-Myhre

"You don't have to see to believe; you have to believe to see."

- Raven Camarce



Sarah Deuster



Daniel DeVol



Pamela Diaz-Hernandez



Marcel Dustin



Lenn Eckman



Justice Garcia



Gage Genthner



William Gibbs



Summer Gomez



Francisco Gonzalez



Virgil Enguillado



Tyrone Ewing



Tyler Fausnaugh



Paige Ferguson



Makayla Finch



Tatiana Gonzalez



Trenton Goode



Katelyn Goudy



Kory Gregory



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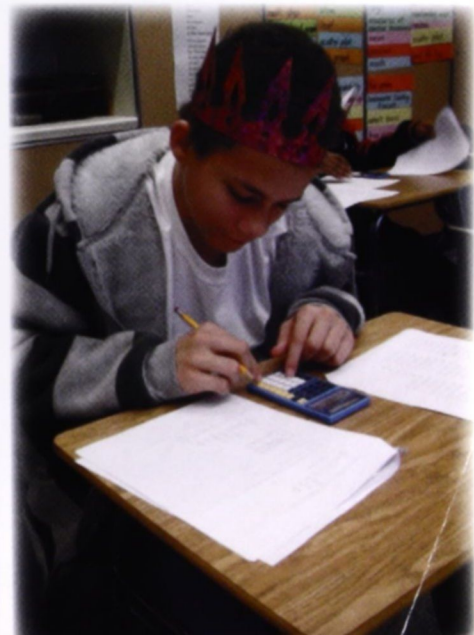
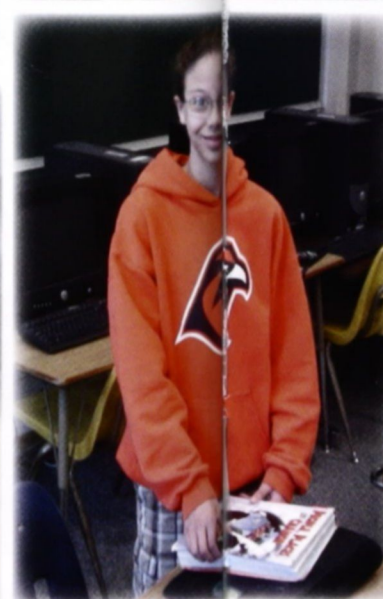
Ashleigh Heikkila



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ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING



Shaheem Herbert-Coleman



Tyler Hetherington-Minor



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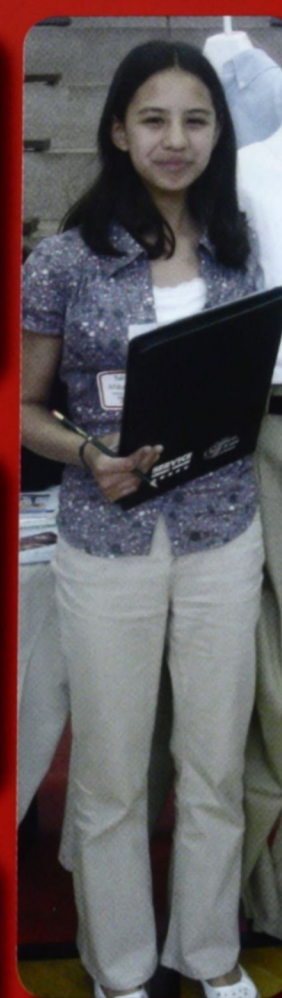
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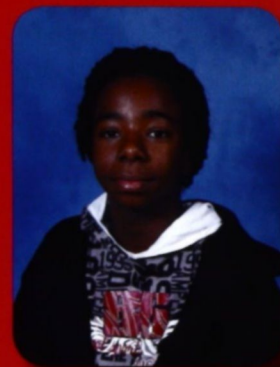
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Raelynn King



Jordan Kirk



Lee Lacy



Genna Lahmers



Brian Martin



Alana Mason



Jeremiah Matthews



Joseph Matus

"It was fun this school year, especially in Spanish class. I had a great time talking and laughing with friends and at the same time I learned to speak another language. It was mostly a great experience this year!"

- Jordan Kirk



Alexander Lang



Reagan McCura



Larissa McGowan



Italey Medeiros



Jesus Mendoza





Akychame Mhyana



Quinten Moix



Anias Moore



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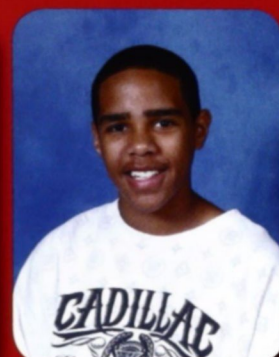
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Obie Ogbolu



Patrick Outlaw



Todd Poynter



Brandon Reyes



Preston Rodeout



Jordan Parker



Sydney Patrick

My Final Goodbye

This isn't the way I planned.
 Why is it like this?
 It wasn't in my hand.
 She ended it with her kiss.
 If you want to be with her, that's ok with me.
 There is but one thing you just can't see.
 All her 'love', all of this
 It is just part of her tricks.
 If you don't believe me,
 It's okay with me.
 It's just so sad that you just can't see.
 To gain you back, I just might try,
 But this is my final goodbye.
 -Jaycie Sundiam



Rodneika Pearsall



Alexis Ross



Alexandra Rodriguez



Patrick Ross



Tyler Pecht



Darien Perez



Julia Perez



Kayli Roth



Felix Sanchez-Herrera



Shaina Ann Santonil



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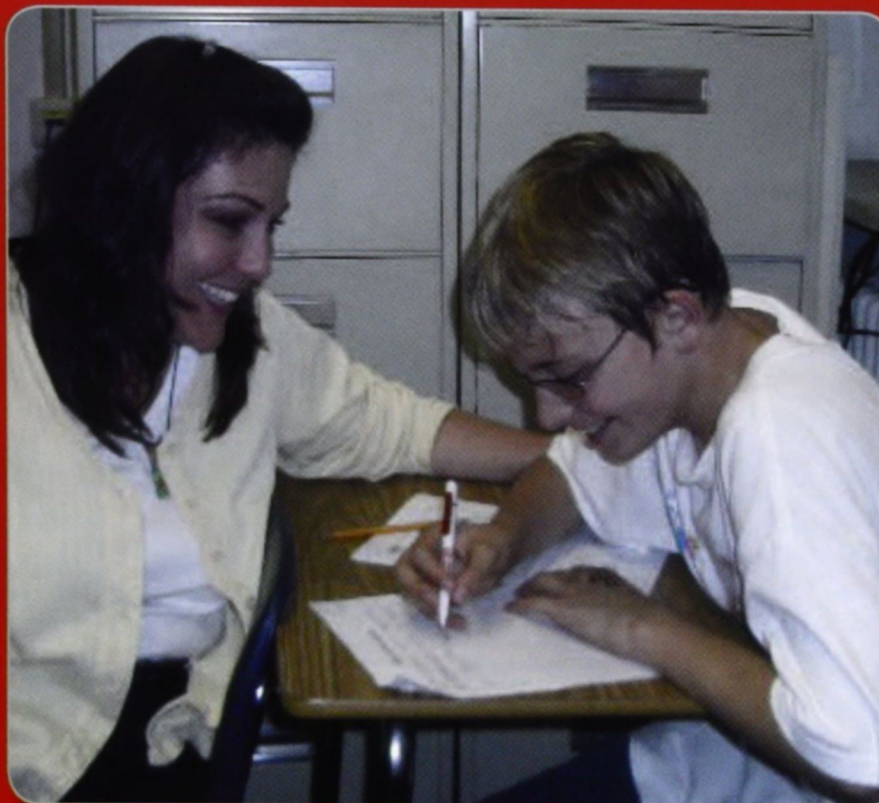
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Emily Weaver



Rebecca Wells



Joseph Stepp



Ebony Stevens



Jornell Whigham



Andrea Wild



David Williams



Lorenzo Williams



Steven Williams



Leana Sturn



Jaycie Sundiam



Brionna Sura

Dance with the wind
on a cold autumn day, as the
leaves and trees hum songs.

- Kaitlin Deboy

The pleasant sunshine
has gone to rest behind clouds
waiting for its time

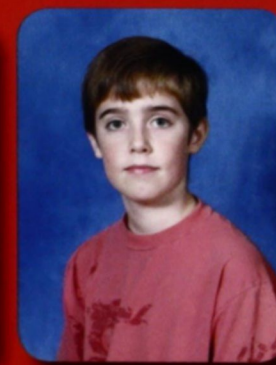
-Andrea Wild

Leaves in autumn colors
blowing in the cool, crisp wind
putting on a show

-Sabrina Afuhaamago



John Sutton



Christopher Swartin



Sara Syarto



Alexis Thielke



Ramone Townsend



Jamison Wyrick



Shadi Zahed



Lauren Zapata



"If there is no passion in your life, then have you really lived? Find your passion, whatever it may be. Become it, and let it become you and you will find great things happen FOR you, TO you and BECAUSE of you."

-T. Alan Armstrong

Features

Kaiserslautern teacher is named DODEA's best

Dorothy Goff Goulet has been chosen as the 2009 Teacher of the Year by DODEA.

By Kevin Dougherty, *Stars and Stripes* European edition, Friday, October 10, 2008

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — It is noontime, fourth period, Room 112, and teacher Dorothy Goff Goulet is speaking to her students in French, spurring them on with a few elementary questions.

Goulet then slides back into English to tell the seventh-grade class seated before her that she won't collect a homework assignment just yet.

"Looks like everyone wants to clap," Goulet says as the class reacts to the news.

The kids didn't applaud, though they easily could have, seeing that Goulet was named this week the 2009 Teacher of the Year by the Department of Defense Education Activity. She now will compete for National Teacher of the Year award as the DODEA nominee.

"It's really overwhelming to process," Goulet said Thursday before her Exploratory French class arrived. "It's such a big award. It's an incredible opportunity."

Her immediate boss, school principal Susan Hargis, would concur. But Hargis would also say the honor landed on the right desk.

Among other things, Goulet is credited for her leadership as the chair of the Kaiserslautern Middle School Improvement and Continuous School Progress Programs.

That's a mouthful, but the 35-year-old Louisiana native helped lead the school through a successful school accreditation process and bring together a faculty that experienced a high turnover rate a year ago.

"She pulled it off, and not in a little way," Hargis said. "Not only is she a good teacher, but she is a good leader. She deserved it."

The kids in class seem to think well of her.

Step into Goulet's classroom, where she also teaches U.S. history, and you'll see a rather animated teacher who keeps her students on their toes by changing gears several times during a session.

In her beginning French class, the students move from grammar and pronunciation to French history and current affairs. "Let's get those brains burning," she says. "I want steam coming out of those ears."

Eighth-grader Alexandra Forzato, who helps tutor the beginners, said every class with Goulet is quick and lively. "She is very interactive with everyone," said eighth-grader Alexandra Forzato. "She's always happy."



Dorothy Goulet, DODEA Teacher of the Year

6th Grade DECA Community Partnership

Program adds nutrition education to curriculum to reverse diet trend

By Scott Schonauer, *Stars and Stripes*

European edition, Sunday, February 17, 2008

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — When it comes to eating right, many students aren't making the grade.

For example, nearly one-third of the children attending Department of Defense Dependents Schools in the Kaiserslautern area are overweight, according to a recent study by Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.

A new program that teams Kaiserslautern Middle School with the Defense Military Commissary Agency hopes to help boost students' food IQ and reverse what school officials see as an alarming trend.

A two-year pilot program at the school aims to teach students better eating habits by incorporating nutrition education into the school curriculum. Commissaries and Defense Department schools worldwide are expected to implement similar programs in 2009.

"We don't just want kids to be lifelong overweight," said Susan Hargis. "We want them to be healthy."

Many schools teach nutrition, but Kaiserslautern Middle is taking a different approach by enrolling the commissary for help and targeting sixth-graders. Teachers are weaving nutrition into various subjects. For example, geometry classes are looking at where certain types of fruit come from around the globe.

Last week, the school held a series of lunch time seminars with its sixth-graders that included speakers, a produce display by the commissary and a "Healthy Pot Luck." Parents were invited to join the students for the events as part of the Parent Teacher and Student Association's "Bring Your Parents to School Week."



On Friday, the last day, parents and students munched on salads and sandwiches while listening to speakers talk about what to look for when it comes to product labeling.

Kay Blakley, the commissary agency's consumer advocate, talked about shopping for healthy foods. She said the reason the school and the commissaries are targeting sixth-graders is because they are not yet heavily influenced by peer pressure and they are interested in what they eat. "It's actually the perfect age," she said.

The pilot program is in response to a study by Landstuhl's U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, Europe. The study conducted health screenings in Defense Department schools in the Kaiserslautern area over a four-year period, beginning in the 2003-04 school year.

Results of the most recent screenings are expected to be sent to parents this month.



Kaiserslautern Middle School Receives National Recognition from the American Association for Health Education

April 9, 2009

http://www.eu.dodea.edu/news/0809/090409_blueAppleAward.php

Each year the Blue Apple Health Education Awards recognize school health education programs that demonstrate best practices and show coordination with other components of school health. The awards program recognizes schools that will serve as models of excellence for others across the nation.

Kaiserslautern Middle School (KMS), along with nine other schools throughout the United States, was honored April 3, 2009, by the American Association for Health Education at their National Convention in Tampa, FL, as a premier recipient of the Blue Apple Award for exceptional commitment to health education.

Concerned about the potential risks of obesity among students, the KMS principal and 6th grade teachers joined with Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) personnel to plan and implement a school and community-based strategy that would integrate nutrition education and physical activity into the content of the lessons across the curriculum and the lives of the KMS 6th grade students. Landstuhl Regional Medical Center (LRMC) gathered health-related data on 6th grade students that raised awareness and provided the baseline and rationale for this initiative. This is one example of how a coordinated approach to school health, where the school and community come together to address a local student health concern can result in a well thought out, sustainable strategy that can affect student's health and readiness to learn. Through continued data gathering and analysis by the LRMC, KMS and the Kaiserslautern commissary and DeCA personnel will get feedback on student progress and program effectiveness for continuous program improvement.



"I learned that you can't just eat healthy, you have to be active and go outside, too." - Jasmine Jackson

"2/3 of your body is water. If you don't have enough water you can't survive very long." - Dotson Carter

Kaiserslautern students on road to financial edge

By Kevin Dougherty, *Stars and Stripes*
European edition, Sunday, November 16, 2008

After approving his loan request to buy a used car, Sandra Campbell of Service Credit Union helps Willis Davis crunch numbers as they try to improve his credit rating. It was all part of a yearlong seventh-grade project on personal financing at Kaiserslautern Middle School.

Tricia Lewis balances her checkbook after writing a check for a down-payment on a car. The exercise was part of a yearlong seventh-grade project on personal financing at Kaiserslautern Middle School. KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Todd Poynter left home the other morning wearing a sports jacket and tie. The young man had an important meeting later in the day and he wanted to look his very best.

“They say if you want money, you have to act like you have money,” he said. “So I dressed up in a suit, thought I would try to get money that way.”

Times are tough. Money is tight. Lenders are leery. And so image and means do matter, given the state of the economy.

For Todd, a Kaiserslautern Middle School student, the tie tactic worked, though his successful loan application probably had more to do with his assets and debt-to-income ratio. His meeting Thursday with a Service Credit Union representative ended with the 12-year-old securing an imaginary \$7,415 loan to buy a Volkswagen — though he really wanted a dark blue 1998 Porsche Boxster.

“He didn’t get the Porsche,” said math teacher Margaret Hess. “It was too expensive.”

Since the beginning of the school year, Poynter and his fellow seventh-graders have been participating in a partnership program with Service Credit Union. The in-school program is designed to give students a basic understanding of managing finances and calculating earnings and expenses, according to Frances Cartwright-Graeber, an SCU manager.

So far students have shopped for apartments to rent, calculated their utilities and payroll taxes, and have been issued

checkbooks to pay their debts and obligations. Bi-weekly incomes are based on grades and classroom attendance.

While the program is intended to promote, in the words of school principal Susan P. Hargis, “financial fitness,” it also seeks to bulk up math grades. Based on the most recent standardized math scores, two out of three seventh-graders at the school ranked in the top half nationally. Hargis is seeking to make it three out of four students.

“It was a data-driven decision,” Hargis said of the program’s origin. “Math scores were not where I wanted them to be. They just weren’t.”

One teacher working to change that is Hess. On Thursday, she welcomed five credit union representatives to her classroom to evaluate the students’ car loan applications. Another group of loan officers went to a different class.

“I’m glad they are doing this,” said Chace Morris, one of the loan officers. “I’ve seen too many people mess up their credit rating.”

Many of the students in Hess’ class opted earlier in the semester to rent an apartment with a friend or two to save money. One of the students who didn’t, Felix Sanchez-Herrera, had to reverse course Thursday in order to obtain the loan for the car he wanted.

“He decided the car was more important than his apartment,” Hess said.

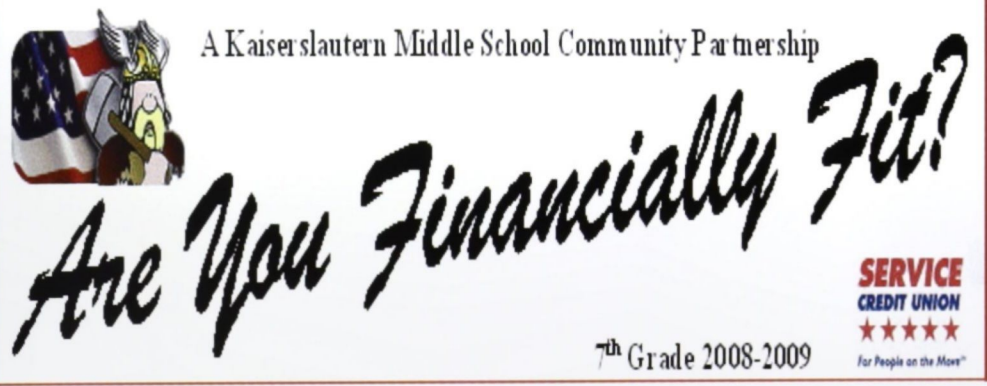
This all may be imaginary stuff, but several students said the program has given them a sense of what their parents must contend with in real life.

“I’m paying more up front,” said Taylor Ward, who had her eye on a used BMW Roadster. “It’s a better thing to do.”

Nearly three months into the school year, Hess said the program seems to be paying dividends. Among her classes, math scores are up.

The children seem inspired, too. They chatted and compared notes about their incomes, taxes and monthly debts.

Handling the family finances “takes up a lot of their time,” said Trenton Goode, speaking of his parents. “I’m glad I’m still a kid and don’t have to do that stuff. I don’t want all that responsibility.”



Service Credit Union sponsors CU 4 Reality program at KMS

Courtesy of Service Credit Union
Kaiserslautern American, April 17, 2009

The CU 4 Reality Education Program, sponsored by Service Credit Union, has given Kaiserslautern Middle School students a chance to learn about managing finances and how to calculate earnings and expenses.

The program uses an in-class curriculum during the school year to teach participants important skills that will equip them to handle money responsibly, set and adhere to budgets and avoid the pitfalls of debt. The program culminates with a simulated real-world CU 4 Reality Fair, where the students create a spending plan based on a salary, balance needs versus wants and make sure they are living within their means.

To complete their course of studies, more than 150 seventh grade students will meet April 30 at the fair in the school gymnasium. They will speak with representatives from local businesses to help them understand the many expenses they will face in adulthood.

“Spending money has never been easier than it is today, especially for America’s young people,” said Richard E. Tolle, senior vice president of overseas operations. “Too many students are learning to live beyond their means, because only a fraction of them are learning to manage their personal finances in school.”

According to the JumpStart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy, nearly 1/3 of all high school seniors use at least one credit card or use ATM cards. In addition, more than 3/4 of seniors have a savings or checking account. However, just

20 percent of high school seniors graduate with any formal instruction in personal finance.

The CU 4 Reality curriculum creates a fun and interactive learning environment where students can practice specific financial management skills and learn early on the consequences of debt when it comes to financial matters.

Developed by the Financial Literacy Education Committee of America’s Credit Union Museum, in conjunction with the New Hampshire Credit Union League, the CU 4 Reality Program, which is in its fourth successful year, gives students the opportunity to participate in a hands-on event that propels them through the personal financial management process, including career selection, budgeting for housing, transportation, luxuries and more.

At the fair, each student will receive a file detailing the student’s personal information specific to their career choice. It includes their monthly gross income, and students must calculate their take-home pay and create a monthly spending plan as they progress through booths representing various categories of expenses they can expect to incur. Students will make decisions about what they would spend on various items such as food, clothing, housing, transportation, insurance, home furnishings, savings, investments, entertainment and credit.



7th Grade Service Credit Union Partnership

CU 4 Reality

“The auction was GREAT! No other schools had one. They couldn’t compare to ours! It was a lot of fun and I won!” - Davontry Davis

“I liked when we looked up careers in the computer lab. We got to find out what careers would best fit us in the future.” - Markeith Davis



Fine Arts

"Don't fit in; stand out! Always do your best!"

- Alisha Jefferies, 7th Grade



Raven Camarce
7th Grade



Elizabeth Lewis,
8th Grade



Anna Massey, 8th Grade



McKenna Roden, 6th Grade



Lisa Moss, 7th Grade



Jacqueline Biacco,
8th Grade

"A good memory I have at KNS happened in band one day.

I had lost all my music sheets and Mary Jane let me look off of hers. That was really nice of her."

- Kaitlin Deby, 7th Grade

Mary and Abe

Mary Todd Lincoln was lovely and great,
Abraham and she worked to emancipate.
Reverently, she stayed home,
Yet, her relationship with Abe was carved
into stone...

...This is the tale of Lincoln and his wife,
they went through pain, sorrow, and strife.
Some times were good, and others bad,
even the death of their small son, Tad.
But none the less, they made it through,
a good example for me and you.

- Morgan Scritchfield, 6th Grade

Marked

Zoey Redbird,
welcome to the House of Night,
vampire friends and humans alike.

You're special to me,
you will be the next High Preistess,
you will be able to control,
fire, ice, earth, and wind.

Erik will help you understand,
Stevie Rae, Daimen, Erin, and Shaunee,
will help you all...

- Cyera Sanchez, 6th Grade





"One of the many good memories I have of KMS is when my friends and I were just hanging out and having. It's always a good day when friends are having a great time!" - Hailey Mederios

Lunch and Recess



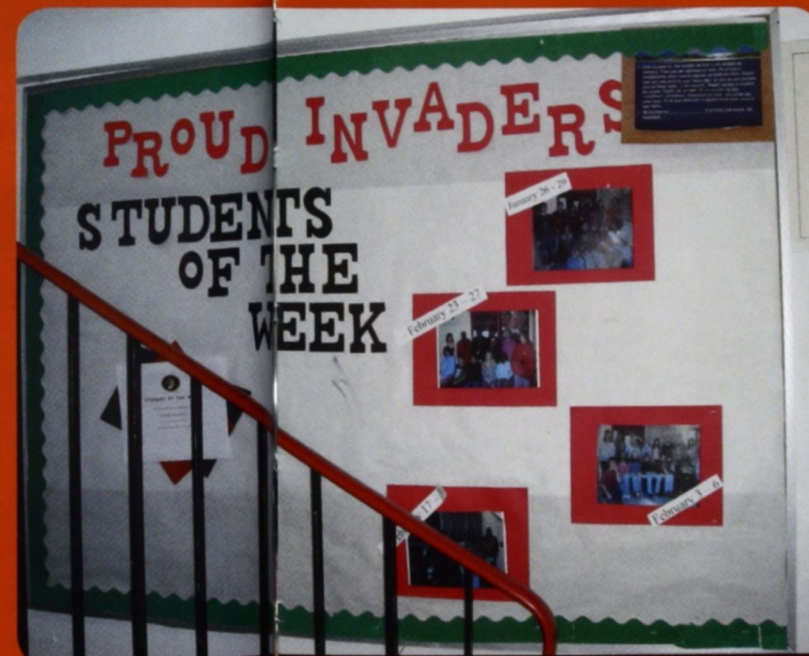
"One thing I like about lunch is having time to work on assignments and getting extra help from my teachers." - Jacquelin Biacco "It's a good thing we have lunch, or else we would starve." - Audrey Price "Wall ball rocks!" - Quentin Moix



"Friends are like stars. You can't always see them, but you know they're always there." - Kaylie Roth "I love the meatloaf!" - Brenna Pfahler "My favorite thing to do at recess is play basketball with my boys." - Jordan Outlaw



Proud Invader Students of the Week



"Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other."
- Abraham Lincoln

"Success is getting what you want. Happiness is wanting what you get."
- Dale Carnegie

"Success is going from failure to failure without a loss of enthusiasm."
- Winston Churchill

"I've failed over and over and over again in my life and that is why I succeed."
- Michael Jordan

"At Kaiserslautern Middle School, we strive for high student achievement not only with academics, but also with problem solving, communication, and interpersonal skills. To celebrate students' success in all areas, teachers nominate deserving students to be recognized as Proud Invader Students of the Week. Here are a few of our Proud Invaders. Congratulations!"

- Ms. Marion Sutton, Assistant Principal

Make a New Friend Week at KMS

Courtesy of Kaiserslautern Middle School
Kaiserslautern American, September 5, 2008

The first week of school can be scary for any middle school student. But take into account that more than 50 percent of the Kaiserslautern Middle School students are new to the school this year, and you need an intervention.

The administration designated the first week as "Make a New Friend Week." Students were encouraged throughout the week that if they saw a student sitting alone, they should go to them and make a new friend.

"For a middle schooler, the school cafeteria can be the most intimidating place on campus," said Principal Susan Hargis. "When I monitor the cafeteria during lunch, it's not just to serve as a school disciplinarian; it's to see how the students are doing socially and emotionally. Sitting by oneself can be a lonely experience that can ultimately affect how well a student is able to learn for the rest of the day."

For military students who frequently transition to new schools, it's not just that they have the fear of fitting in and making new friends, but they also miss the comfort of the friends they left behind at their sponsor's last assignment.

According to Dr. Hargis, the most important lesson a student learns in middle school is

who they are and of what they are capable. A friend often acts as a reflection of a student's happiness, sorrow and ability to achieve. Making friends at KMS is just as important as any subject taught or lesson learned.

"KMS is a friendly place because our friends complete us and make us better students," Dr. Hargis said.



Kaiserslautern Middle School students make new friends at lunch. (From left) Brenna Pfahler, a new seventh-grader from Florida; Jordan Parker, a new seventh-grader from Massachusetts; Kayli Roth, a returning KMS seventh-grader; and Nic Tures and Michael Chiavacci, both new sixth graders to KMS.

'In my opinion, bullying is something everyone experiences in their own way. I don't think the people who are bullied tell anyone because they may feel depressed and lonely. People who have seen bullying happen often don't report it because they think that they will get bullied, too.'

- Raelynn King, 7th Grade



KMS Safety Pledge

This is for me, my friends today, and my friends tomorrow. I think being mean is wrong. I don't watch someone get picked on, because I am a "do-something" person, not a "do-nothing" person, and I care. I can help change things. I can be a leader. In my world, there are no bullies allowed. Bullying is bad. Bullying bothers me. I know sticking up for someone is the right thing to do. My name is _____, and I won't stand by. I will stand up.

"Your true colors shine by the way
you treat others."
- Hailey Maderios, 7th Grade

Big and mean
Uncool
Liar
Lots of anger
Yelling fool.
- Sabrina Afammango, 7th Grade

I got pushed today
Yes, by a bully
They don't have the right.
- Patience Basham, 7th Grader

BULLYING STATISTICS 2009

www.bullystoppers.com

- 80% of adolescents reported being bullied during their school years.
- 90% of 4th through 8th graders report being victims of bullying.
- 15% of students bully regularly or are victims of bullies.
- Up to 7% of 8th graders stay home at least once a month because of bullies.
- Most bullying is verbal.
- Bullying peaks in the middle school years.
- Both boys and girls bully with female bullying taking indirect, manipulative forms.
- Bullying can have devastating long term effects on its victims.

Say No to Bullying at KMS

A “military brat” is an objective term used to describe the child of somebody serving in the military. Mary Wertsch, the author of *Military Brat: Legacies of Childhood Inside the Fortress*, said in an interview, “The military is more than a lifestyle, it’s a culture with its own norms and values. This culture is, for the military brat, the biggest thing overall because the commonalities of our rearing are so powerful ... It’s an identity that supersedes almost all others. It cuts across lines of gender, race and class. It shapes us our entire lives through. You don’t stop being a military brat when your parents retire from service life. Retirement is also part of the story.” Famous military brats include:

Air Force

- Jessica Alba, Actress
- Ray Allen, NBA basketball player
- America, Folk rock band; all three original members
- Jay Bell, MLB player
- Janice Brown, United States Court of Appeals
- Chris Cooper, Actor
- John Cornyn, U. S. Senator
- John Denver, Singer
- Cyndy Garvey
- Pam Grier, Actress and cousin of Rosey Grier
- Mia Hamm, Soccer player
- Heloise, Columnist "Ask Heloise"
- Carrie Henn, Actress, famous for her role as Newt in *Aliens*
- Kris Kristofferson, Country Singer won 1970 Song of the Year
- Swoosie Kurtz, Two Time Tony Award winner
- Chris LeDoux, Country music singer, rodeo cowboy
- Craig Lefferts, MLB pitcher
- Annie Leibovitz, Portrait photographer
- Ronnie Lott, former NFL football player and NFL Hall of Famer
- Shawn Michaels, Professional wrestler
- Robin Olds, Three time Air Force ace
- Priscilla Presley, Actress-widow of Elvis Presley
- Lisa Marie Presley, Daughter of Elvis Presley
- Victoria Principal, Actress
- Reggie Rivers, NFL Running Back and Super Bowl Champion
- John Romero, Software designer
- Shawnee Smith, Actress
- Shannon Spruill, Professional wrestler
- Stephen Stills, Singer/Songwriter
- Ronda Storms, Florida State Senator
- Derrick Thomas, NFL Linebacker, Kansas City Chiefs
- Dave Veres, MLB pitcher
- Gore Vidal, Novelist
- Mykelti Williamson, Actor famous for role of Bubba in *Forrest Gump*
- Michael Winslow, Actor/comedian
- Danny Wuerffel, Heisman Trophy Winner and NFL Quarterback

Army

- Alecia Beth Moore, Singer/Songwriter

- Hunter "Patch" Adams, Doctor made famous by Robin Williams
- Christina Aguilera, Grammy winning singer
- Jackson Browne, Singer/songwriter
- Levar Burton, Actor
- Joelle Carter, Model, actress
- Jerry Cantrell, Guitarist, singer/songwriter
- Ciara, Grammy winning singer
- Johnny Damon, Baseball player
- Faye Dunaway, Actress
- Mayte Garcia, Entertainer, actress
- Newt Gingrich, Politician
- Scott Hall, Professional wrestler
- Ann Harding
- Priest Holmes, NFL All-Pro running back
- Charlayne Hunter-Gault, Journalist
- Ron Gardenhire, Manager of baseball's Minnesota Twins
- Davey Johnson, Former MLB player and manager
- Alan Keyes, Former Presidential candidate
- Cardinal Bernard Law, Cardinal and former Archbishop of Boston
- Martin Lawrence, Comedian
- Timothy Leary, Author and counterculture guru
- Harold C. Lyon, Jr., Author, professor, winner of Gold Medalin International Film & Video Festival, Former Director of Education for Gifted & Talented in US Dept of Education, Project Officer for development of *Sesame Street*
- Douglas MacArthur, Medal of Honor winner and Supreme Allied Commander in the Pacific during WWII
- Jerri Manthey, actress known for her appearances on reality shows
- Rudy Maxa, "The Savvy Traveller"/National Geographic reporter
- Julianne Moore, Oscar nominated actress
- Shaquille O'Neal, Basketball superstar
- Mary-Louise Parker, Actress
- Sally Quinn
- Lionel Richie, Singer
- Budd Root, Cartoonist
- Jeri Ryan, "7 of 9" in *Star Trek: Voyager*
- Norman Schwarzkopf, Jr., General in charge of Desert Storm
- Leah Ward Sears, Georgia Supreme Court Chief Justice
- Rachel Smith, Miss USA 2007
- Michael Stipe, Vocalist for R.E.M.

Military Brats

- Sharon Tate, Actress
 - Mrs. Roman Polanski
 - Blair Underwood, Actor
 - Elizabeth Vargas, ABC News anchor
 - Gore Vidal, Novelist
 - Mary Edwards Wertsch, Author of *Military Brats: Legacies of Childhood Inside the Fortress*
 - Bruce Willis, Actor
 - Reese Witherspoon, Actress
 - James Woods, Actor
 - Eric Zeier, Football player
- Marines**
- Neal Boortz, Talk radio host, author
 - Pat Conroy, Writer of "The Great Santini"
 - Emmylou Harris, Multiple Grammy award winning singer
 - Robert Hays, Actor
 - Heather Locklear, Model, actress
 - Austin St. John, Actor, Power Ranger
 - John Phillips of The Mamas & the Papas, Singer
 - Ann Wilson, of Heart, Singer
 - Nancy Wilson, of Heart, Singer
- Navy**
- Hoyt Axton, Country/western composer-performer, actor
 - Dennis C. Blair, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command
 - Bill Cosby, Comedian/actor
 - Steven Culp, Actor
 - Andy Dick, Actor/comedian
 - Nancy Dussault
 - Robert Duvall, Academy Award winning actor
 - Kathie Lee Gifford, Actress
 - Mark Hamill, Actor
 - Marcia Gay Harden, Actress
 - Patrick Kilpatrick, Actor, writer, producer & director
 - John S. McCain, Jr., Admiral, Commander in Chief, Pacific Command
 - John McCain (John S. McCain III), Senator and 2008 Presidential Candidat
 - Steve McQueen, actor and father of Chad McQueen
 - Jim Morrison, Singer/songwriter
 - Mike Watt, Bassist

8th Grade Class of 2013

What lies behind us and what lies
before us are tiny matters
compared to what lies within us.
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Superlatives



Most likely to appear on *American Idol*...

Isaiah Trower and Gabrielle Rano

Most likely to fly a NASA space shuttle...

Nigel Armstrong and Deonna Wiley

Most likely to earn a place in the *Guinness Book of World Records*...

Sean Davis and Amy Wong

Most likely to win a Nobel Peace Prize...

Anthony Brown and Tara Murphy

Most likely to work for Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Circus...

Sven Hinrichsen and Brooklynn Small

Most likely to own a successful computer software company....

Nigel Armstrong and Jana Cain

Most likely to have an advice column in the *New York Times*....

Omar Atkinson and Lauren Ewest

Most likely to play on a pro-sports team...

Tra'von Berry and Tiara Smith

Most likely to write a bestselling novel...

Donovan Penton and Elizabeth Lewis

Most likely to discover a cure for cancer...

Dominic Chiavacci and Christine Qabar

Most likely to perform in a Broadway production...

Vernon Burnett and Brittany Lorish

Most likely to be awarded a Congressional Medal of Honor (military) ...

Jameson Lakes and Kathleen Phillips

Most likely to travel around the world...

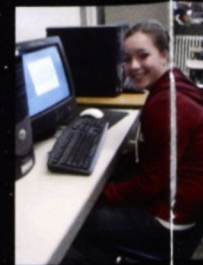
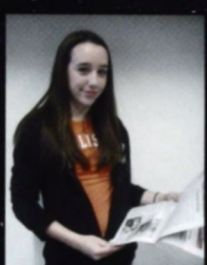
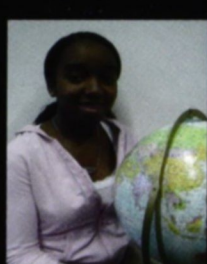
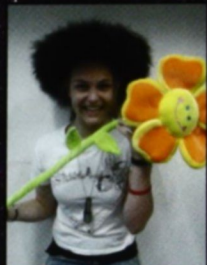
Justin Sestan and Dominique Austin

Most likely to have artwork displayed at the Louvre...

Cory Johnson and Anna Massey

Most likely to become President of the United States...

Jared Seachris and Ally Murphy





Dontrell Agee



Oscar Aguirre

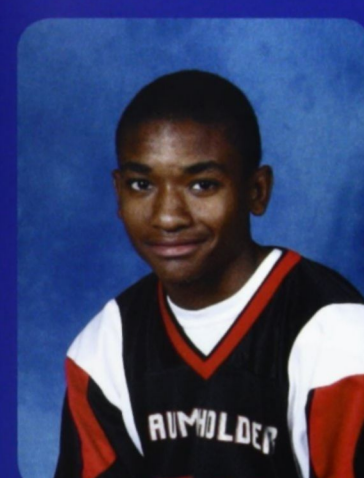


Austin Aldridge



Jazmine Alvarez

"My best characteristic is that I have great nostrils!" - Oscar
"If you're young, have fun!" - Jazmine



DaBreon Banks



Jourden Banks



John Bartlett



Jacques Battle

"My best KMS memory is hanging out at lunch with my friends." - John



Desiree Andersen



Nigel Armstrong



Caleb Arnold

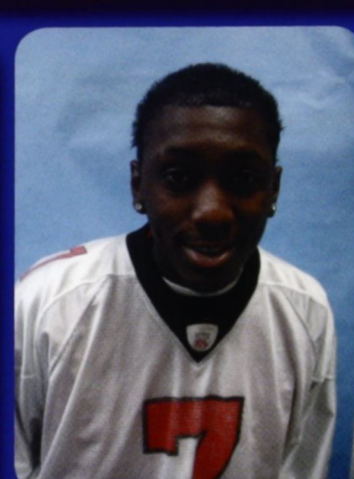


Jared Ash

"My best characteristic is generosity." - Desiree
"My best KMS memory was the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium." - Nigel
"Face your problems head on." - Caleb
"I'm the boss." - Jared



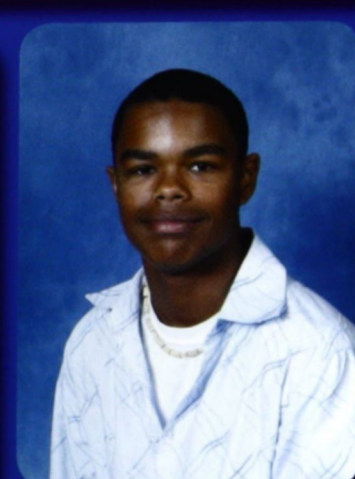
Melanie Baumhofer



Tra'von Berry



Jacqueline Biacco



Dallin Bridges

"My best characteristic is my awesome randomness." - Melanie
"My best KMS memory is 7th grade." - Jacqueline
"My best characteristic is my hair." - Tra'von
"Be the best you can be." - Dallin



Omar Atkinson



Dominique Austin



Nicholas Austin



Andrew Banis

"My best characteristic is my ability to make people laugh." - Omar
"My best KMS memory was the day I met Braille Fields." - Dominique
"My best characteristic is that I'm short." - Nick



Anthony Brown



Darrien Brown



Vernon Burnett



Jana Cain

"If two wrongs don't make a right, try three." - Anthony
"Life is like a box of chocolates; you never know what you're going to get." - Jana
"My best characteristic is my poofy hair." - Vernon



Makayah Cannon



Dominic Chiavacci



Wararat Choosri



Nicole Clark

"My best characteristic is my awesomeness." - Dominic

"It's not what other people think; it's what YOU think." - Wararat



Justin Clements



Michael Coates



Krista Coleman



Keenan Couture

"Purple cows are awesome!" - Justin

"Immature people have more fun." - Michael

"It's in my locker." - Keenan



Emily Crawford



Bryette Crisler



Cayla Daley

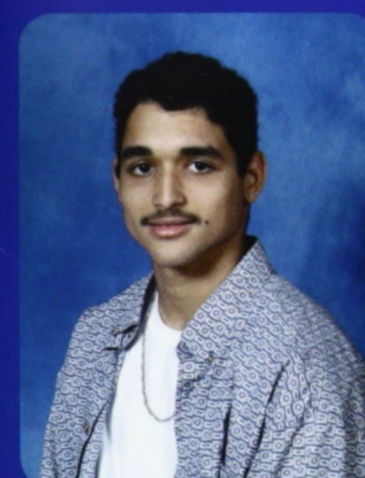


Sean Davis

"My best KMS memories are Spirit Week and dances." - Emily

"My best characteristic is being a good friend." - Cayla

"My best characteristic being really good to the ladies." - Sean



Braulio De Jesus



Christian De Jesus



Zhyere Duckworth



Lauren Ewest

"My best KMS memory was when I dunked on the basketball goal." - Zhyere

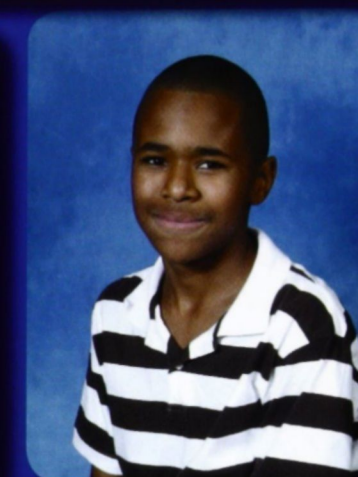
"My best KMS memories are having crazy blond moments with friends in German class." - Lauren



Lexi Forkner



Alex Forzato



Devonne Foster



Shante' Gibbons

"My best KMS memory only AVID students know." - Lexi

"My best KMS memory is the first dance." - Devonne

"My best KMS memories are doing triple double backwards flip stunts with Audrey and playing basketball in the gym." - Alex

"If you can't say something to someone's face, don't say it at all." - Shante'



Deja Griffin



Justice Halpain



Maurice Haywood



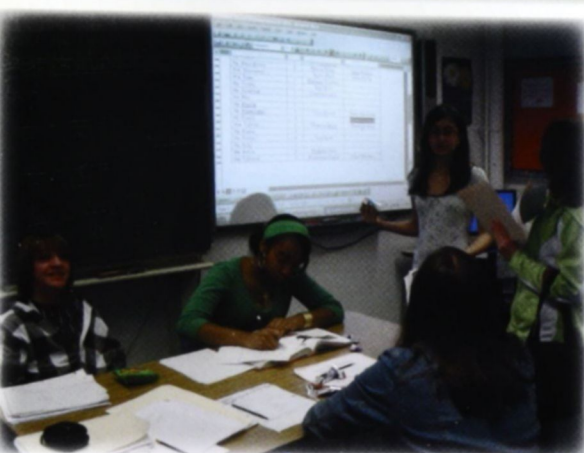
Erica Hearn

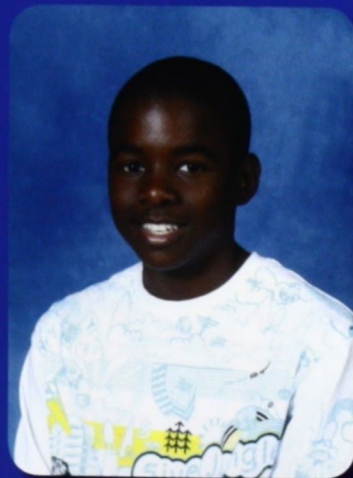
"My best characteristic is that I'm an attentive listener." - Justice

"I am the KING!" and "Ms. Downey, I am wearing my glasses!" - Maurice

"Just keep smiling." - Erica

LEARNERS TODAY LEADERS





Tyrone Hendrix



Ricardo Hernandez-Nieves



Andrea Hess



Marlana Hewgley

"My best KMS memory is hanging out with friends." - Tyrone

"I know, right." - Marlana

"That's what your mom said." - Ricardo

"My best characteristic is my 'prettiful' eyes." - Andrea



Charles Hill



Sven Hinrichsen



Haley Hollister



Jacob Horn

"My best characteristic is that I'm funny and happy." - Sven

"Don't worry. Be happy and EAT PIE!" - Haley

"My best characteristic is my smooth conversation." - Jacob



Nathan Howard



Adrianna Jackson



Deshun Jefferies



Spencer Jimerson

"Be happy. Everything is going to be alright." - Nathan

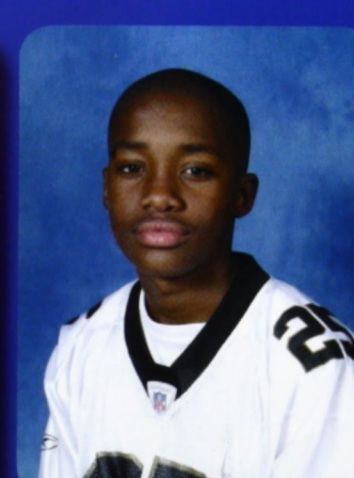
"I'm a beast!" - Deshun

"My best KMS memory is coming to this school." - Adrianna

"My best characteristic is being nice to nice people." - Spencer



Cory Johnson



Justin Jones



Lakia Jones



Jenica Jorgensen

"If you ain't got it, go get it." - Cory

"My best KMS memory is making great friends instead of fake ones." - Lakia

"Right on!" - Jenica



Tyler Kasch



Asia Kimball



Izabella Laanui



Jameson Lakes

"Oh no, not my aluminum..." - Tyler

"My best KMS memory is acting silly with my best friend." - Asia

"My best KMS memory is when I told the lunch lady the hot dogs were green." - Jameson



Nikkita Lane-Arocho



Elizabeth Lewis



Brittany Lorish



Michael Lothery

"My best KMS memory is running into a pole five times in one month." - Nikkita

"My best KMS memory is the FBLA trip to Garmisch!" - Elizabeth



Kayla Luoma



Kimberly Madrigal



Sharisse Malay



Fabio Marasco

"Life is music and music is life." - Kayla

"Forgive and forget; live life to the fullest!" - Sharisse

"High school here I come!" - Fabio



Anna Massey



Cassidy McArdle



Gabriel McCormack



Chantel McDonald

"My best KMS memory is 'I feel like a fish on dry land begging for water...'" - Cassidy

"If you want to be somebody, if you want to go somewhere, you better wake up and pay attention!" - Chantel



Daphne Mendoza



Brandon Miller



Bryson Moose



Raven Mortensen

"It's in my locker. Can I go get it?" - Moose

"My best KMS memory was my first day when everyone was so nice." - Raven



Alexander Murph



Alyssa Murphy



Tara Murphy



Radcliffe Myers

"Life is a garden. Dig it!" - Alex

"My best characteristics are my personality, my friendship, and my advice-giving skills." - Alyssa

"My best KMS memories are having great teachers and having best friends!" - Tara

"My best characteristic is being friendly." - Radcliffe



Benjamin Nelson



Codey Nygren



Joy O'Larry



Jordan Outlaw

"Without me it just isn't awesome." - Ben

"My best characteristic is my hair." - Codey

"My best KMS memory is hanging out with my friends and having the time of our lives!" - Joy

"Live life with no regrets." - Jordan



Donovan Penton



Kathleen Phillips



Morghan Piper



Kathryn Poblete

"My best KMS memory is playing wall-ball with my friends." - Donovan

"My best KMS memory is playing badminton with Ms. Swaim, Emily, and Audry in PE." - Kathleen

"Never forget your past because without it, who would you be?" - Morghan

You've Got the Cutest Little Baby Face!

Can you recognize these 8th graders?



1. Desiree Andersen 2. Jared Ash 3. Dominique Austin 4. Nicholas Austin 5. Jaques Battle 6. Dallin Bridges 7. Dominic Chiavacci 8. Justin Clements 9. Devonne Foster 10. Krista Coleman 11. Cayla Daley 12. Lauren Ewest 13. Patricia Forkner 14. Alexandra Forzato 15. Shante Gibbons 16. Amelia Hess 17. Spencer Jimerson 18. Laskia Jones
19. Jenica Jorgensen 20. Asia Kimball 21. Brittany Lorish 22. Kayla Luoma 23. Cassidy McArdle 24. Allysa Murphy 25. Morghan Piper 26. Christine Qabar 27. Kira Rahm 28. Jessica Reyes 29. Zac Robinson 30. Jeremy Rodriguez 31. Kristine Rodriguez 32. Jeremiah Ross 33. Amalie Rye 34. Jared Seachris 35. Troy Smith 36. Carol Strock
37. Kimberley Sweetin 38. Isaiah Trower 39. Deonna Wiley 40. LaTasha Wilson 41. Rebecca Wittkofske 42. Audrey Price 43. Brooklynn Small



Cassidy Pope



Zachary Powell



Audrey Price



Christine Qabar

"Or something..." - Cassidy

"My favorite KMS memory is doing triple double backwards flips and stunts with Alex and playing b-ball in the gym." - Audrey

"Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself." - Matthew 6:25" - Christine



Kira Rahn



Gabrielle Rano



Jessica Reyes



Jaelin Roberts

"My best characteristic is being self-motivated." - Kira

"I'm not falling head-over-heels. I just tripped." - Gabby

"And yet, to say the truth, reason and love keep little company nowadays." - Jessica

"My favorite KMS memory is playing basketball when all of my best friends were here." - Jaelin



Zachary Robinson



Alex Rodriguez



Jeremy Rodriguez



Kristine Rodriguez-Tosado

"My best characteristic is my mad computer-hacking skills." - Zach

"My best KMS memory is doing a Spanish project with Jacques." - Alex



Xavier Romo-Marquez



Jeremiah Ross



Autumn Ruland



Amalie Rye

"Silence is golden. Duct tape is silver." - Xavier

"Do a good turn hourly." - Jeremiah

"My best characteristics are that I am quiet but smart and I'm great at writing stories." - Autumn

"My best characteristic is that I am Norwegian." - Amalie



Morgan Schroeder



Lauren Schultz



Jared Seachris



Justin Sestan

"My best characteristics are that I'm funny and easy to be around." - Jared



Nathan Severson



Cari Sheetz



Robert Simmons



Corey Singleton

"My best KMS memory is meeting new friends." - Corey



Brooklynn Small



Gunnar Smith



Tiara Smith



Troy Smith

"My best characteristics are that I'm persistent and curious." - Brooklynn

"My best characteristic is being myself." - Gunnar

"My best characteristics are my eyes, smile, personality, and that I'm Puerto Rican!" - Tiara

"My best characteristic is being friendly." - Troy



Hayden Soto



Kyle Stai



Carol Strock



Kimberly Sweetin

"I don't know who John Cleese is." - Hayden

"Accidents happen." - Kyle

"I'm not quiet. You just don't shut your mouth long enough for me to talk." - Carol

"My best KMS memories are Honors Band and my friends." - Kimberly



Aaron Sylvas



Maximilian Teesdale



Austin Thielen



Samantha Tigla

"My best KMS memory is the hall party." - Aaron

"My best KMS memory was when I broke my nose." - Max

"Love. Live. Laugh. Be happy!" - Austin

"Nothing....really?" - Samantha



Darreon Townsend



Tyler Trischitti



Isaiah Trower



Briana Walker

"My best characteristic is being hilarious." - Darreon

"My best characteristic is how 'ninja' I am." - Tyler

"Whoa, a cat!!" - Isaiah

"My best characteristics are being funny, nice and crazy!" - Briana



Deonna Wiley



LaTatiana Wilson



Kristin Wise



Rebecca Wittkofske

"When life gives you problems, whip 'em!" - Deonna

"My favorite KMS memory is the last weeks of school." - LaTatiana

"Smile. It confuses people." - Rebecca



Noah Woiton



Amy Wong



Amari Woodard



Cody Woodard



Breonna Wyrick

"Life is like a game of Speedball...fast and short." - Noah

"My best characteristic is I like to sleep." - Amy

"Soon, Dreamland and all it's lazy habits will be under my controll." - Amari

Clubs

To further the appreciation of culture among all the people, to increase respect for the creative individual, to widen participation by all the processes and fulfillments of art - this is one of the fascinating challenges of these days.

-John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is celebrated in May to commemorate the contributions of people of Asian and Pacific Islander descent in the United States. Congress passed a joint Congressional Resolution in 1978 to commemorate Asian American Heritage Week during the first week of May. This date was chosen

because two important anniversaries occurred during this time: the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants in America on May 7, 1843 and the completion of the transcontinental railroad (by many Chinese laborers) on May 10, 1869. In 1990 Congress voted to expand it from a week to a month long celebration .



Pandanggo Sa Ilaw



Asian Pacific Dance Club



Lilo and Stitch

Members

Jessica Reyes
Gabby Rano
Rian Simmone Harris
Sabrina Afuhaamago
Lauren Ewest
Jourden Banks
Cayla Daley
Kasey Armendariz
Mary Grace Gross
Zarria Gaillard
Libby Bruce
Wararat Choosri
Larissa McGowen
Sara Syarto
Carrie Russell
Pandanggo Sa Ilaw
Corbin Armstrong
Morgan Piper
Benjamin Higgs
Dominic Chiavacci
Michael Close
Joshua Lobaton
Jessica Varner
Aimee Shields
Lotoni Afuhaamago

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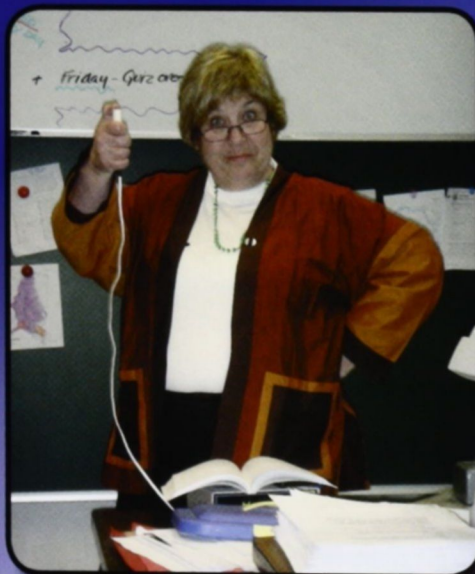


Keep Your Eyes on Your Hands

Kung Fu



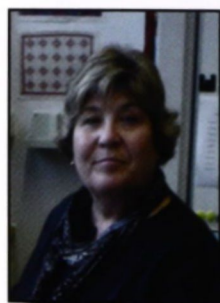
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"Hey, don't underestimate the little twerps — they've got brains the size of grapefruits!"

Members

Drake Williams
Elizabeth Laws
Mia Gadea-Guidicelli
Morgan Nicholson
Andrea Wild
Alex Helm
Sydney Patrick
Davontry Davis
Nick Tremaglio
Winnie Oden



Sponsor
Ms. Pershing

Brain Bowl is an academic competition in which Kaiserslautern District Middle School teams compete against each other. A team consists of four players to which a moderator reads questions from various subject areas. A buzzer system is used to identify the player who buzzes in first to answer a question. The player who buzzes is given 10 seconds in which to correctly answer the question. If the player answers

Brain Bowl

incorrectly, the question goes to the other team who may discuss for 10 seconds before the team captain answers. Points are awarded for correct answers until the end of the rounds. The Kaiserslautern District Middle School Brain Bowl Tournament is double elimination so every team plays at least twice.



"The purpose of Brain Bowl competition is to recognize outstanding student academic achievement, to help focus community interest on academics, and to help foster relations among faculty and students as they work together on this joint project."

- Ms. Pershing, Sponsor

"A good memory from attending KMS was Brain Bowl. It was pretty cool how we got to miss a whole day of school to compete against other schools. We had a lot of fun!"

- Elizabeth Laws, 7th Grade



Crafters' Club

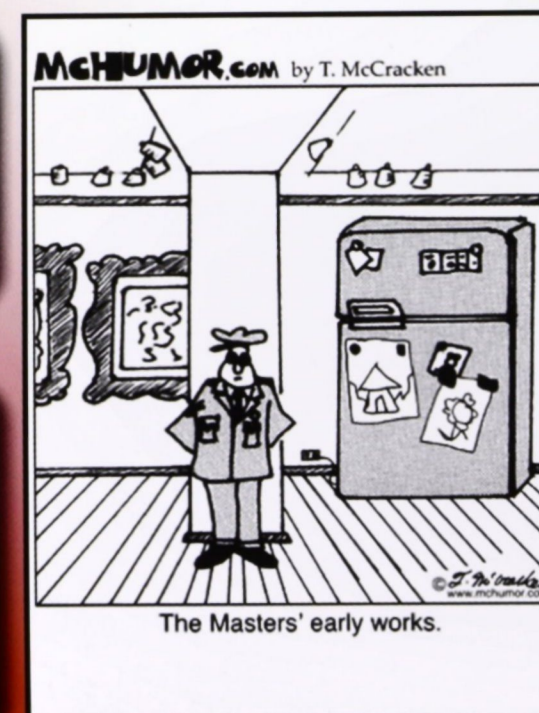
The Crafters' Club is a student initiated and led group that meets every other Monday from 3:00-4:00. Participants have a relaxing place to congregate after school to share crafting ideas and visit with friends. Participants bring their own materials and have worked on projects that include oragami flowers, beading, friendship bracelets, water color painting, stationery and envelopes, collaging, and tee-shirt painting.

Members

Kaitlyn Talley
Cassidy Marshall
Sara Clark
Michaela Lakes
Denise Zapata



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Ms. Nelson



"Crafters Club, for me, was a great way to relax with my friends after school. I've always liked making crafts."
- Kaitlyn Talley, 6th Grade

"I like that the Crafters' Club was initiated by some students with a common interest. They bring all the materials and run the show. I provide the location to meet."
- Ms. Nelson, Sponsor

"I've liked all the things we've made and done so I don't really have a favorite. It's all good!"
- Sara Clark, 6th Grade

Deployment Group

The war in Iraq and the global war on terrorism have changed the course of military service for active duty and reserve members. Today, military service includes a higher operation tempo, increased deployments, relocations, and family separations. In short, military families are facing more stressors than ever before. More than 2,000,000 American children have at least one parent currently deployed. Children with deployed parents often struggle with issues including feelings of worry, stress, separation anxiety, and depression, as well as experiencing behavior problems and dropping grades in school. The KMS Deployment Group is a support group for students with deployed or deploying parents to help cope with these issues and more.



"When my mom was deployed this year, I felt fortunate to stay with family friends who I really like. It's difficult to be away from my mom. Yet, I was also lucky that my mom has a job that allows her easy access to a telephone. She called me almost every day! One really good thing that happened to me this year was when I got a 100% on my unit math test in Ms. Downey's class. I was the only one in my class to earn 100%! I was proud to tell that to my mom on the phone.

-Toni Daniels, 7th Grade



Mother to Daughter

I want to tell you daughter:
Life is a roller coaster.
You have your ups,
And your downs,
Twists and turns.
Sometimes you have tunnels,
Pitch black.
Sometimes you have turns,
Sharp, almost painful.
There are ups in life, though.
The adrenaline you feel- anticipation.

Wanting to see what's next.
But I want you to know,
Keep on riding that coaster.
No matter what you go through,
Ups or downs,
Just keep on,
Riding that coaster until it's time to step off.

- Tara Murphy, 8th Grade

Father to Son

A son grows up-
It can't be helped-
and all a parent can do
is sit back
And watch the days fly by.

One minute he's playing tag
in the backyard,
And the next thing you know,
He's got a lawn
(and a life) of his own.

It's easy to be sentimental
About those "little boy" days,
But it's also easy
to be proud and happy
About the life your're living now.
every year brings new reasons to appreciate and
respect
The man you've become...
the much-loved son
You'll always be.

- Faith Jimerson, 8th Grade



Drama Club

Whatever Happened to Good Old Ebenezer Scrooge?

Written by Bill Majeski

A funny, heartwarming look at Scrooge's life after he changes his ways. Ebenezer Scrooge decides that charity doesn't pay enough, and he reverts to his original nature...



Members

Ashleigh Heikkila
Kayla Luoma
Dominique Austin
Selina Ponteiro
Tatiana Wilson
Angelina Lindsay
Brittany Lorish
Elizabeth Jackson
Alexis Rios
Jeremiah Mathews
Mark Valez
Deja Griffin
Kasey Armendariz
Desiree Anderson
Ebony Nash
Monterio Moore
Kaitlin Deboy
Joshua Bennett
Kendra Bader
Elizabeth Rowe
Erica Hearn
Faith Jimerson
Jazmin Alvarez

Scene I

TV Studio- The Announcer has an
Interview with Scrooge

Scene II

A Few Days Later at the Bell Factory

Scene III

The Witch's Palace

Scene IV

A Suprising Twist



"I guess my acting career never really took off."



Ms. Brockman

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Members

6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Students
with Deployed or Deploying
Parents



Ms. Christiansen

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Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)

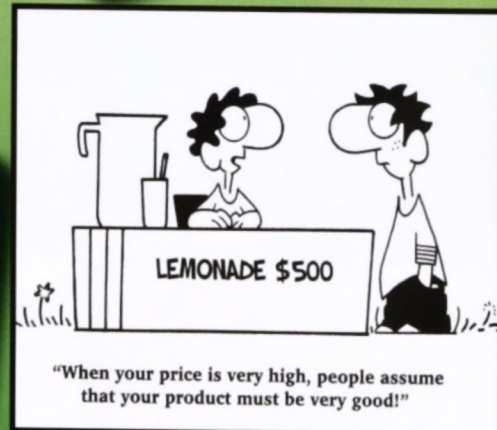
FBLA is the largest business career student organization in the world. The high school division has 215,000 members while the middle school has nearly 15,000 student members worldwide. FBLA goals include:

- Develop competent, aggressive business leadership.
- Strengthen the confidence of students in themselves and their work.
- Create more interest in and understanding of American business enterprise.
- Encourage members in the development of individual projects that contribute to the improvement of home, business, and community.
- Develop character, prepare for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism.
- Encourage and practice efficient money management.
- Encourage scholarship and promote school loyalty.
- Assist students in the establishment of occupational goals.

Activities this year include meetings, hot dog lunch sales, and attending the FBLA conference in Garmish.

Members

Shaina Ann Santonil
Alex Rodriguez
Jacob Horn
Ally Murphy
Anthony Brown
Warrat Choorsi
Jessica Reyes
Jana Cain
Troy Smith
Dominic Chiavacci



"Attending the FBLA conference in Garmish was one of my favorite things this year. Not only did I learn many things about leadership and business, I also had a great time meeting new people and spending time with friends."
- Shaina Ann Santonil, 7th Grade



Sponsor
Ms. Conley



Jazz Band

Jazz is primarily an American musical art form which originated at the beginning of the 20th century in African American communities in the Southern United States. It combines African and European music traditions through its use of blue notes, improvisation, polyrhythms, syncopation, and the swing.

Over the years as jazz spread around the world, different distinct styles of jazz have developed such as New Orleans Dixieland, big band-style, swing, bebop, Afro-Cuban jazz, Brazilian jazz, jazz-rock fusion, and acid jazz, which blends jazz influences into funk and hip-hop.

Jazz Band is an after-school club for students in intermediate or advanced band that meets every Wednesday after school. Members play a variety of music led by Mr. Wilcher, a skilled musician who has created many authentic jazz pieces himself.



"Spirit fingers + Jazzy Music
= Jazz Band!"
- Jared Seachris, 8th Grade



Sponsor
Mr. Wilcher

Members

Christing Qabar
Kimberly Sweetin
Jared Seachres
Steven Williams
Hailey Hollister
Dylan Kellogg
Nigel Armstrong
Domonic Chiavacci
Amelia Hess
Zach Robinson
TysSean Hendrix
Tyrone Hendrix

Junior Science and Humanities Symposium



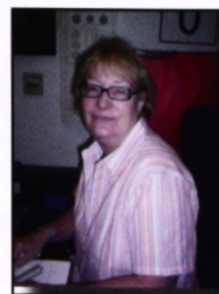
"JSHS is fun! That is how I can describe it. We hang out and do research at the same time. It's great!"
- Christine Qabar, 8th Grade

"JSHS is the learning opportunity of a lifetime."
- Jana Cain, 8th Grade



Members

Jana Cain
Christine Qabar
Dominic Chiavacci
Nigel Armstrong
Brittany Lorish



Sponsor
Ms. Hess

The Junior Science and Humanities Symposium (JSHS) Program invites high school and some middle school students to conduct an original research investigation in the sciences, engineering, or mathematics, and to participate in a regional symposium sponsored by the U.S. Army, Navy, and AirForce.

JSHS is sponsored by the research offices of the military to support and encourage the future pipeline of scientists and engineers trained to contribute to research and innovation on behalf of the DoD and for the benefit of the nation.

This year DoDDS-Europe held its 35th annual Junior Science and Humanities Symposium (JSHS) in Riedstadt Germany on February 23rd through 25th, 2009. Students from all over DoDDS-Europe began their research and experimentation in September of 2008. They submitted periodic updates for review, designed experiments, collected data and then wrote a research paper that detailed their work. The research papers are reviewed and rated by a team of scientists and professors from various colleges. The ratings achieved on these reviews determine the level of participation at the DoDDS-Europe JSHS. Some students present their research orally in a 12-minute talk. Judges then question the students for 6 minutes. Other students present their research on a poster. These students are questioned and judged by three teacher judges.

Math Counts is a national enrichment, coaching, and competition program that promotes middle school mathematics achievement. Each year, more than 500,000 students participate in Math Counts programs in the United States. Celebrating its 26th year, it is one of the country's largest and most successful education partnerships involving volunteers, educators, industry sponsors, and students. Math Counts heightens student interest in mathematics by making math achievement as challenging, exciting and prestigious as a school sport.

After several months of coaching, schools select students to compete individually or as part of a team in one of more than 500 written and oral competitions held nationwide and in U.S. schools overseas. The first competitions are held at the local level in February with winners progressing to state competitions in March. Results at the state level determine the top four individuals and top coach who earn the honor of representing their state or overseas team at the national finals. At all levels, Math Counts challenges students' math skills, develops their self-confidence and rewards them for their achievements.

Members

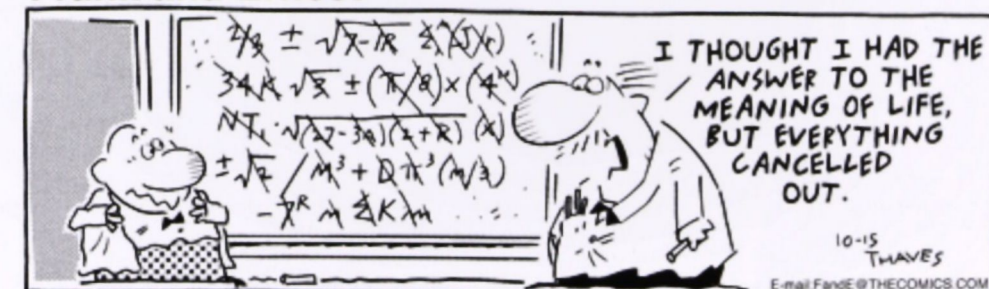
Jacob Horn
Jackson Horn
Tristan Walker
Xavier Brown
Nigel Armstrong

Dr. Math's four-digit house number ABCD contains no zeroes and can be split into two different two-digit primes "AB" and "CD" where the digits A, B, C and D are not necessarily distinct. If each of the two-digit primes is less than 40, how many such house numbers are possible?

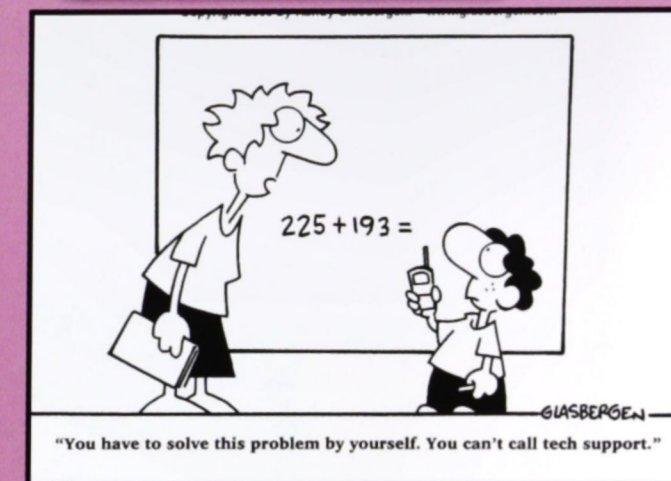


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Dr. Dostal

Frank and Ernest



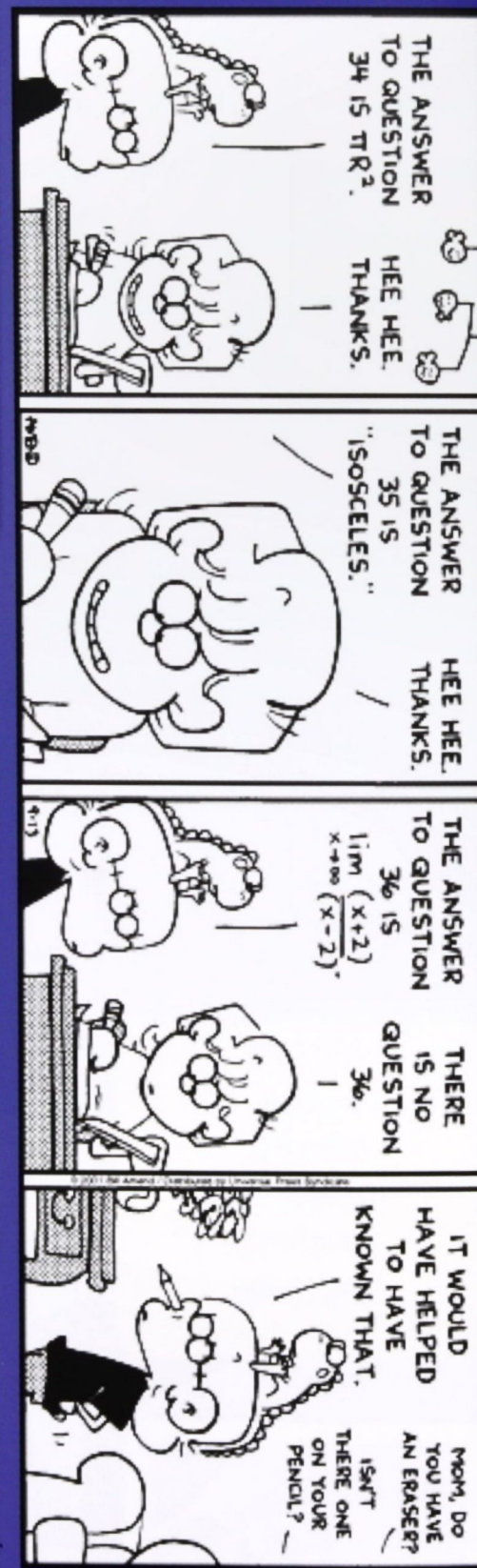
Math Counts



"Our school Math Counts team placed 2nd at the Ramstein District level competition. Jackson Horn placed 1st overall. What a feat for a 6th grader to stand up against all those Ramstein, Baumholder, and Sembach students as well as his own brother and come out on top of them all! He earned 1st place for his team, 1st place overall and 2nd place in the count down round."
-Dr. Dostal, Sponsor



Math Olympiad



"Math Olympiad has helped me explore the wonderful world of math."

- Jackson Horn, 6th Grade

Members

Tristan Walker
RianSimoe Harris
Amari Anderson
Jackson Horn
Nicolas Tures
Eric Connly
Matthew Burch
Michael Chiavacci
Michael Forzato
Monty Moore
Katelyn Talley
Matthew Robertson

Created in 1977 by Dr. George Lenchner, an internationally known math educator, the Math Olympiads went public in 1979. Last year 150,000 students from 5,000 teams worldwide participated in the Olympiads. All 50 states and 25 other countries were represented.

Math Olympiad club members meet on Wednesdays for 3:00-4:00 to explore a math topic or strategy in depth or they practice non-routine problems for upcoming contests. Then, members participate in five monthly contests, given from November to March. These contests provide an incentive for students to intensify their study of math.

"Mrs. Baumgartner is really cool and helps us learn very advanced math."

- Nick Tures, 6th Grade



Sponsor
Ms. Baumgartner

Members

Melanie Baumhofer
Dominique Chiavacci
Lauren Ewest
Ally Murphy
Jared Seachris
Anthony Brown
Jana Cain
Alex Forzato
Amelia Hess
Gabby McCormack
Christine Qabar
Mia Sara Gadea-Gudicelli
TySean Hendrix
Elizabeth Jackson
Dylan Kellogg
Steven Mamer
Sydney Patrick
Kayli Roth
Carol Strock
John Sutton
Taylor Ward
Steven Williams



Sponsor
Ms. Arrecaux

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Trees for Troops
Induction Ceremony
World of Success
Tutors
Backpacks for Orphans



The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding middle level students. More than just an honor roll, NJHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Character, and Citizenship. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since their beginnings in 1921 and 1929. Today, it is estimated that more than one million students participate in activities of the National Honor Society (high school) and NJHS in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, many U.S. Territories, and Canada. Chapter membership not only recognizes students for their accomplishments, but challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service.



- Carol Strock, 8th Grade

National Junior Honor Society

"Being inducted into NJHS was a real honor for me! One of my favorite things was collecting backpacks and school supplies for orphans in Africa."

Outdoor education usually refers to organized learning that takes place in the outdoors. Outdoor education programs sometimes involve journey-based experiences in which students participate in a variety of adventurous challenges in the form of activities such as hiking, climbing, canoeing, ropes courses, and/ or group games.

The aims of outdoor education include:

- learn how to overcome adversity
- enhance personal and social development
- improve problem solving skills
- enhance teamwork
- develop leadership skills
- understand natural environments
- promote self-confidence



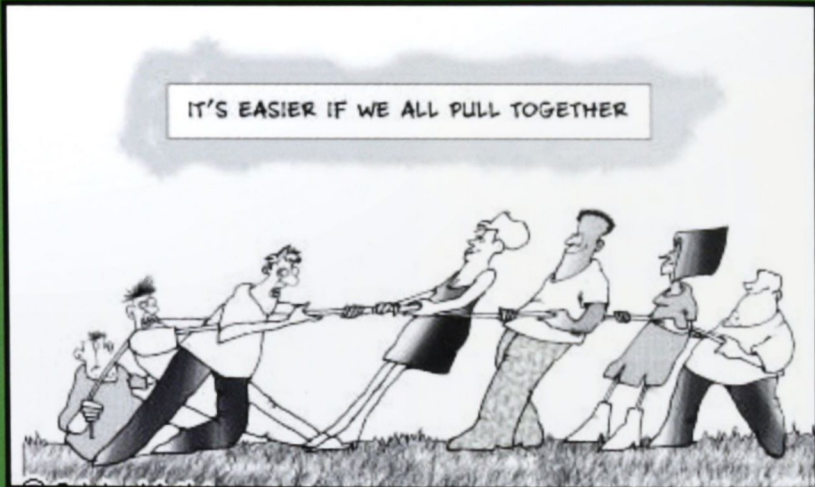
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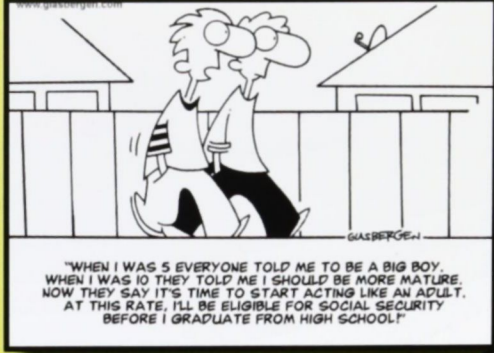
"My best memories of KMS is the rope swing my Outdoor Ed. class made with wire and belts. That was a crazy day!"
-Sean Davis, 8th Grade



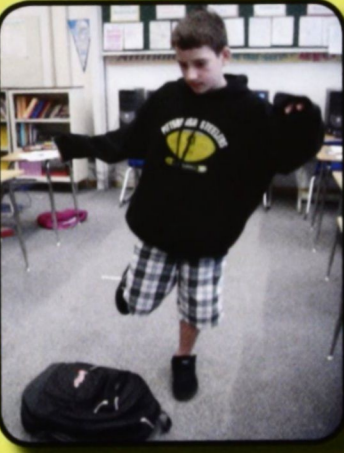
Outdoor Club



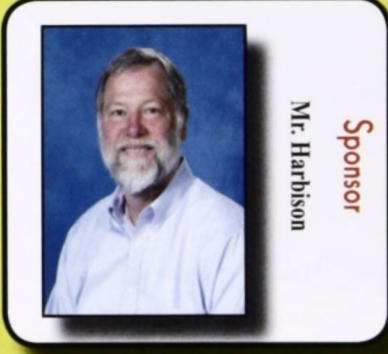
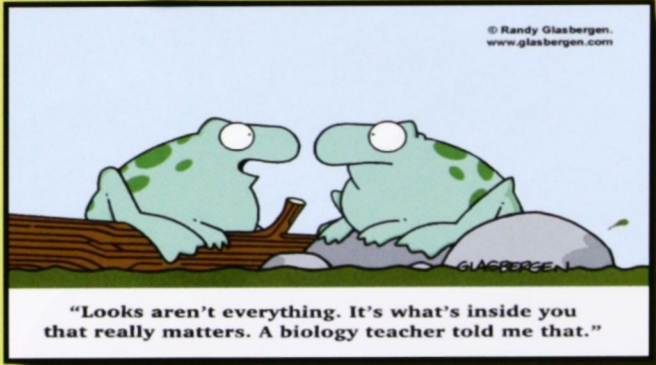
"During the year, I've had many different courses taught by many different teachers. Out of all my classes, my favorite is Outdoor Education. The reason I like this class is it is fun and you learn how to solve problems."
-Sabrina Afuhaamago, 7th Grade



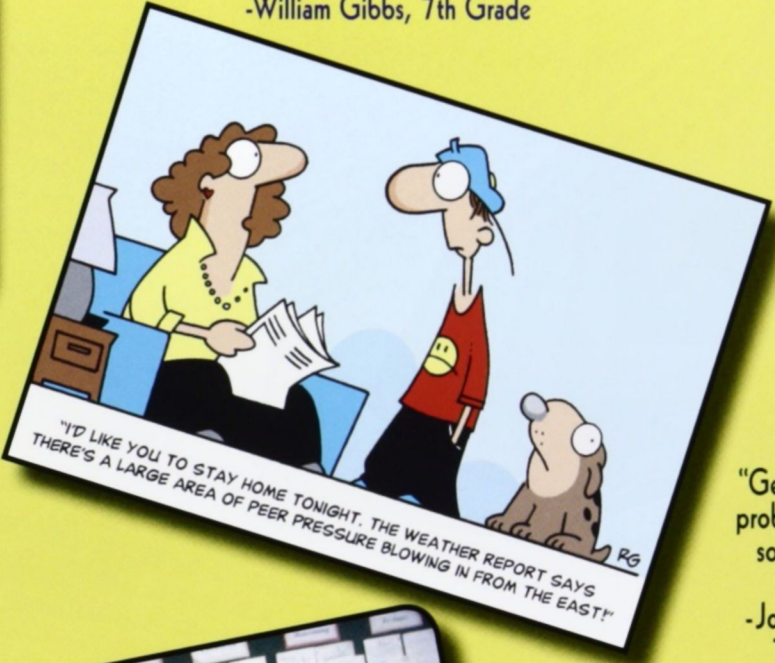
"Peer mediators are on call to help others help themselves!!"
-Corey Boone, 7th Grade



Members
Ally Murphy
Anthony Brown
Jordan Parker
Corey Boone
Devontry Davis
Ashleigh Heikkola
Pionsimone Harris
Michael Forzato



"I was still a kid who had his hand held by teachers and was walked through everything, but the people at this school taught me how to take care of myself."
-William Gibbs, 7th Grade



"Getting through problems is hard, so we're here to help"
-Jordan Parker, 7th Grade



"Peer mediators help people work out their problems by giving them examples or ways to handle different situations."
-Michael Forzato, 6th Grade



"A good memory that I have from this year is when Ms. May, Ms. Pershing, and Ms. Downey nominated me to be a peer mediator!"
-Ashleigh Heikkola, 7th Grade

Peer Mediators

A Lesson in Engineering (and Giving)

by Dr. Susan Hargis

Kaiserslautern Middle School principal
Kaiserslautern American, October 10, 2008

Every child wants a bicycle, right? Just like every teenager wants a car. But students at Kaiserslautern Middle School understand the make-up of bicycles, because 24 members of the Pre-Engineering Club acquired "pre-owned" bicycles, took them apart and created new, improved bicycles.

"After I found the bicycles, I decided why not put the parts together and create bicycles for students who needed new ones?" James Davis, club sponsor said. "To make it even more exciting, I decided the students would have a drawing after the bikes were complete to see who could take one home with them."

Mr. Davis had no idea the impact the first winning bicycle would have on its new owner. For the winner, eighth-grader Anna Massey, the bicycle couldn't have come at a better time.

"It was really a surprise. I had a bike that was too small and very heavy, so I would never ride it," Anna said. "This bike is perfect, and this week was my birthday!"

Anna's mother was equally enthusiastic about the bicycle and the extracurricular activity. "I think it's great. Both my kids had fun taking the bicycles apart," Kara Massey said. "They weren't so happy doing the research before the activity, but afterwards,

they knew more about bicycles, and it helped them understand the mechanics of what they were building."

According to Mr. Davis, the Pre-Engineering Club is a crosscurricular club open to all students of all academic abilities in sixth to eighth grades. The meetings deal with hands-on activities with electricity, electronics, wiring, computers and anything mechanical. Students enhance their writing and mathematical skills, as well as research and computer literacy skills by attending the club meetings.

The club meets twice a month on Wednesdays after school and averages more than 20 attendees per meeting.



Anna Massey (center), Kaiserslautern Middle School eighth-grader, shows off her new bicycle with her mother, Kara Massey; Dr. Susan Hargis, KMS principal; and James Davis, tech ed teacher and Pre-Engineering Club sponsor. Anna was the first winner of one of the new-and-improved bicycles from the Pre-Engineering Club.

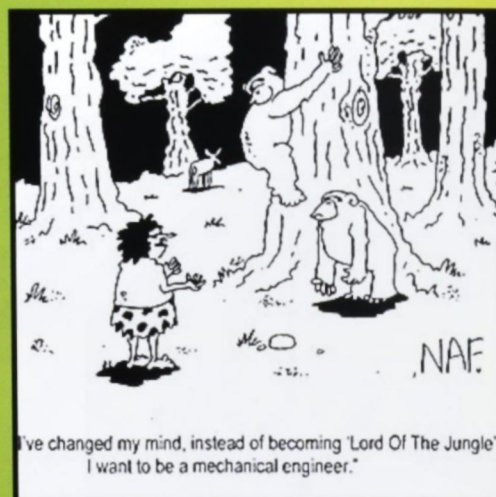


Sponsor
Mr. Davis

Members

Interested 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders

Pre-Engineering Club



Walk/ Run for the Troops

The Walk/ Run for the Troops Program provides a threefold focus for students. Participants show support for deployed troops, become physically fit, and learn about military fitness regulations.

Each grade level selected a route between Kaiserslautern and Baghdad, Iraq; Kabul, Afghanistan; or Dakar Region, Africa. As part of the KMS physical education program and the Runners' Club, during lunch and after school, students can walk and/or run to their selected grade level destination.

Progress is posted weekly based on total miles achieved by each grade level. Additionally, students earn individual progress indicators when achieving 5, 13.1 and 26.2 mile benchmarks. Parents encouraged to participate as well.

6th Grade

KMS to Kabul = 2178 miles

7th Grade

KMS to Baghdad = 3233 miles

8th Grade

KMS to Dakar = 2776 miles

The Runners' Club meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00-4:30 when weather permits. All interested participants are welcome regardless of age or fitness level. The purpose of the club is to set and achieve personal fitness goals, socialize, and have fun all at the same time!



Newest X Games Event-The 5000 Meters, With Scissors



Runners' Club

"A good memory I have from this school year was when my friend and I started to run in the Run-Walk for the Troops."

We had so much fun!!
-Halley Hine, 7th Grade

Members

Interested 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders



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KMS Astronomers

Participate in NASA Mission

Courtesy of Kaiserslautern Middle School
Kaiserslautern American, August 22, 2008

Junior astronomers at Kaiserslautern Middle School will have a unique experience this school year. They will have the opportunity through a year-long after-school activity to monitor space and moon exploration via radio astronomy,

Dr. Susan Hargis, KMS principal, recently returned from a five-day DoDEA-sponsored Goldstone Apple Valley Radio Telescope training conducted by the Lewis Center for Educational Research in California. Educators from all districts in DoDEA received instructions on how to use the school curriculum and operate the 34-meter antenna. This year, the training is especially meaningful as NASA is launching a mission to confirm the presence or absence of water on the moon's South Pole this winter.

"This is important for our students, as this is the first time in more than 35 years man has explored the moon," said Dr. Hargis. "Being a part of this research project will allow KMS students to be a part of history – a part of space exploration."

The Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter and Lunar Crater Observing and Sensing Satellite will launch together on an Atlas V rocket. The LCROSS mission will accompany the Atlas V's Centaur upper stage rocket to orbit and impact the moon on a lunar pole. Their mission is to provide critical information to NASA as it plans our future on the moon and eventually Mars.

The Centaur will impact the moon twice – four minutes apart. These impacts will create a crater approximately 20 meters wide and almost 3 meters deep. More than 250 metric tons of lunar dust will be lofted above the surface of the moon as LCROSS flies through the debris, collecting evidence and relaying the results back to Earth. Scientists expect the impact and its debris will be visible to Earth with any telescope 10 to 12 inches or larger.

Using the technology available via the Internet, KMS

students will be able to actually control the telescope located in California. Operators will talk to them from Mission Control about what data they are collecting, what the data means, and how to analyze and record it using computer software. This is a great opportunity for students to work not only with space exploration, but data analysis and problem-solving in a group setting.

Students around the world will have access to 70 hours out of every 72 hours the mission is in orbit. The results of the student-collected data will be forwarded to NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory for their database of scientific knowledge.

This program is open to all KMS students in sixth through eighth grade, regardless of their instructional level or experience. The year-long activity will involve research and background knowledge of science and space, all which will be led through qualified educators.

This is a great opportunity for mentors to get involved with the school. Any service or community member who would like to volunteer to be a part of this after-school program is encouraged to contact Dr. Hargis at susan.hargis@eu.dodea.edu.

Space Club



NASA Astronauts
 sign autographs and visit with
 KMS students



Members
 Interested 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders



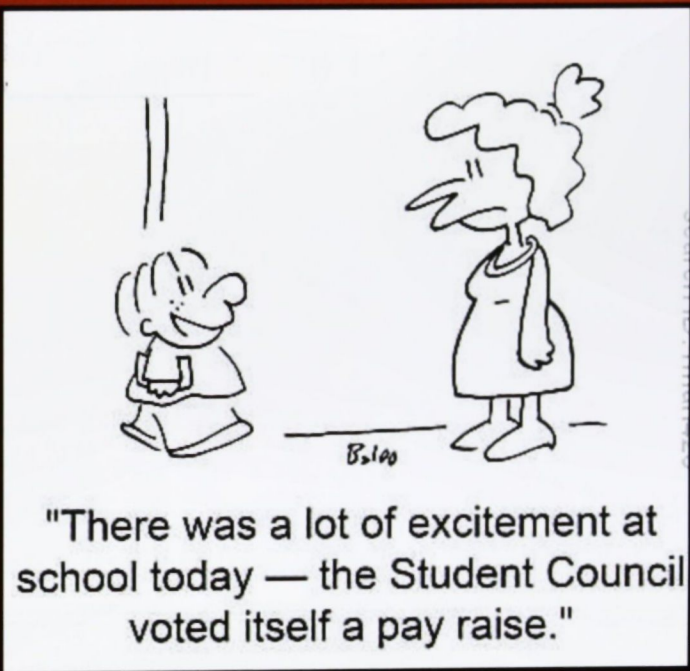
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The Kaiserslautern Middle School Student Council is comprised of elected 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Members are elected through campaigning, presenting a persuasive speech, and voting by classmates. Student Council members represent the student body not only with school-improvement endeavors, but also sponsor activities such as lunch sales, the Student Store, Spirit Week, and the Talent Show.

- Members
- Christopher Morris
 - Cassidy Marshall
 - Rolando Hernandez-Nieves
 - Rian Harris
 - Bradley Judy
 - Kayla Rodrigues
 - Dakota Galley
 - Taylor Ward
 - Shaheem Coleman
 - Kayli Roth
 - Constance Little
 - Christin Qabar
 - Morghan Piper
 - Dominique Austin
 - Jared Seachris
 - Natalie McFadden
 - Michi Brown
 - Austin Mitchell
 - Malia Wallace
 - Rhea Harris
 - Terrance Kidd
 - Elizabeth Lewis
 - Omar Atkinson
 - Ally Murphy



Sponsor
 Ms. Howe



"I like to take students' suggestions about the school and have the power to help them out to make the school a better place."
 -Jared Seachris, 8th Grade

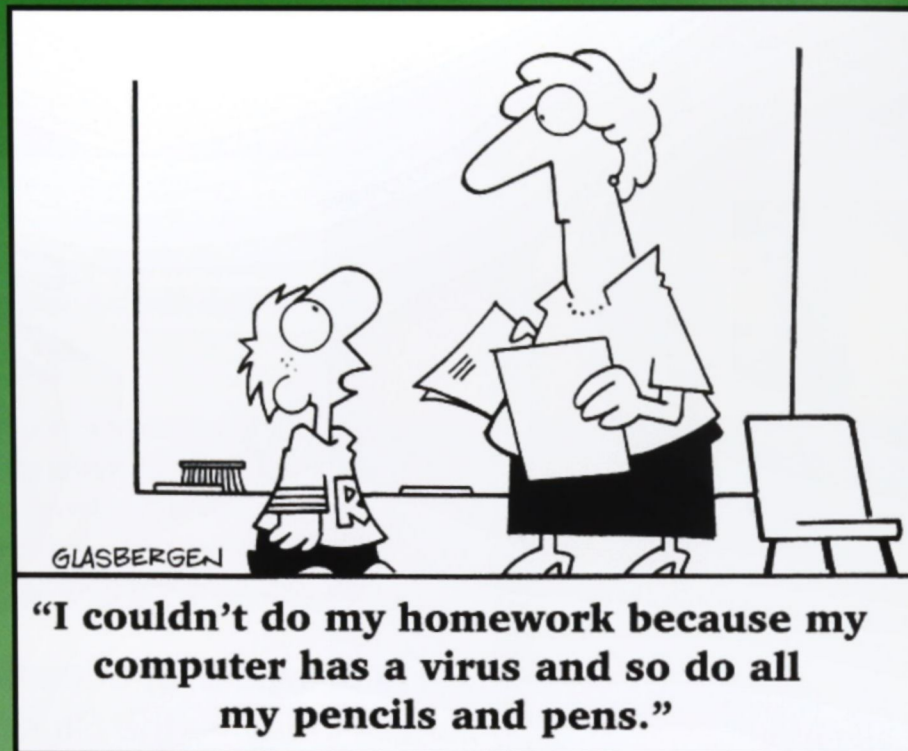


"I wanted to have a say in what we do in school, so I ran for Student Council."
 -Dominique Austin, 8th Grade

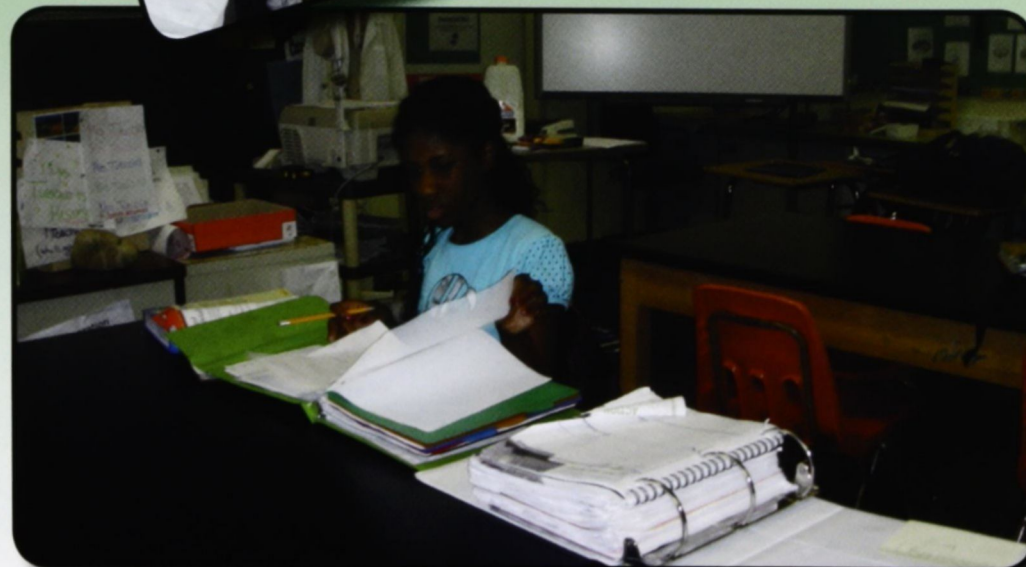
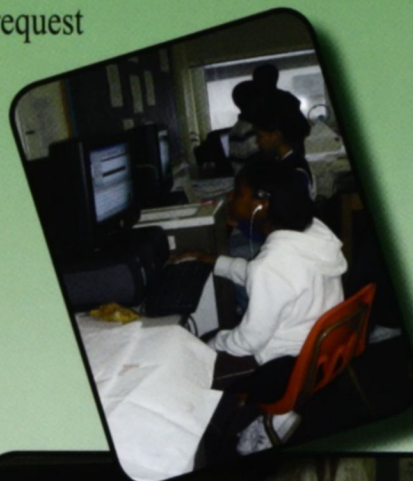
Student Council



World of Success Club



The World of Success Club is an after-school program open to any 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students who wish to attend. The club meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-4 o'clock. The purpose of World of Success is to give students a non-distractive environment to work on homework assignments. National Junior Honor Society members often attend to provide academic assistance for those who request help.



Members

6th, 7th, and 8th Graders
National Junior Honor Society
Members



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"The Yearbook Club was really fun this year.
We hope you like it!"
-Christine Qabar, 8th Grade



Take a bow!

Yearbook Club

"The Yearbook Club was great!
We had so many things to do!"
- Raelynn King, 7th Grade

Members

Deonna Wiley
Ally Murphy
Alex Forzato
Amalie Rye
Audry Price
Morghen Piper
Kimberly Sweetin
Christine Qabar
Elizabeth Lewis
Deja Griffin
Reagan McCurn
Katelyn Goudy
Tatiana Gonzalez
Ebony Stevens
Claudya Smith
Raelynn King
Sydney Patrick
Mia-Sara Gadea Goudecelli
Makayla Finch
Shaina Ann Smatonil
Alyssa Barnett
Patience Basham
Brenna Phaler



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My Pages

My Favorite Things to Do:

My Favorite Books:

My Favorite Movies:

My Favorite Songs:

My Favorite Places:

My Favorite Foods:

My Favorite Subjects/ Teachers:

My Best Friends:

Things That I Am Most Proud Of:

There's more to me than what you see!

Life is a Road

Life is a road.
It has twists and turns, of course,
with forks and detours in it.
Roads aren't always clear-cut or smooth,
and they may have deep potholes or loose gravel in spots.
At several important crossroads,
you meet special people who come along on your road trip.
Passing cars may be green, black, or hot pink,
but each is special in its own way.
Enjoy the scenery that is passing by,
and watch for the road signs; they will tell you what to do.
One more important thing to remember...
all roads have an end.
So enjoy your trip while you can, and always
Read your map!

- Elizabeth Lewis, 8th Grade

Friendship

Friendship is similar to an artichoke.
Some last long.
Some wilt quickly.
And some make an excellent soup!
Some are bitter.
Some are sweet.
And although they all require lots of work,
it is up to the peeler to get to the heart.

- Christine Qabar, 8th Grade

Time

Sitting, waiting, watching, wondering...
Looking at all the wasted time passing us by.
Can time move any faster or slower, or more importantly,
Can time unwind its own mistakes?

Loking back at all the things we've done
Mostly rejoicing but at times remorsing,
Wishing we hadn't done certain things but
Spent much more time on others.

Most people like myself would like to go back in time
I want to change a few things
If only time would just stop and freeze itself.
Then my life would go back to the way it was
No more rules, yelling, trouble, pain, or problem.
I could do as I please and go where I want
Having fun being a teen hanging with my friends.

But all I need is for time to stop and rewind
Sitting, waiting, watching, wondering...
If time is ever going to unwind itself,
To go back in time and unwind its own mistakes.

- Haley Hollister, 8th Grade

THE END

“If you know exactly what you are going to do, what is the point of doing it?”

- Pablo Picasso

“There are flowers everywhere, for those who bother to look.”

- Henri Matisse

"It is indeed ironic that we spend our school

days yearning to graduate and our remaining days

remembering nostalgically about our school days."

- Isabel Waxman

"You have brains in your head.

You have feet in your shoes.

You can steer yourself any direction you choose.

You're on your own.

And you know what you know.

And YOU are the guy who'll decide where to go."

- Dr. Seuss

