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8th Graders Head to Work

By Andrea Thomas, News Editor

KMS eighth graders had the chance to experience what it is like to work on November 24 and 25. They were participating in the annual job shadowing program.

The reason we have the 8th graders job shadow for two days, "is to give them a realistic idea of what it is like to be in the working world," according to Mrs. Ramage, guidance counselor, who organizes the program. "It helps them to start to make decisions about the direction they want to go in the future and helps them as they plan their high school careers."



8th Graders Jaime Johnson, Seth Manns, Erica Beverly, and Katie Heilman have fun on the job!

She says students shadow at various places such as Oates Veterinary Clinic, Lima TV station, WKTN, hair salons, local businesses, schools, and many more. Usually students shadow in Hardin County. The farthest anyone usually goes is about 30 miles.

"It is getting more difficult to find placements around Kenton for the students. Some businesses have closed, and others are not interested in having students," says Mrs. Ramage. "Many students in the past job shadowed at Hardin Memorial Hospital, but this year a new person took over the position at HMH and wasn't able to take shadowers. Hopefully it will work out next year."

Among the 8th graders who shadowed, **Dakota DelValle** went to Ben Logan Schools to observe Susan Headings, guidance counselor. **Jillan Finch** shadowed a make-up artist, while **Hannah Sherman** learned about a being a veterinarian at the Diamond-M Veterinary Clinic.

"Sometimes students are surprised when they actually see what a job is all

about. They may find out that a career they had been interested in really isn't what they thought it would be," Mrs. Ramage said. "Other students are excited about their experience and decide to pursue that career. Either way, it is better to see things for themselves rather than just talk about it."

Thanksgiving Reflection

By Brooke Bahr

On November 27, many people across the U.S. celebrated Thanksgiving. I really enjoy learning about what teachers are most thankful for, so I asked two teachers. **Mrs. Molk** of Team 6-Red said, "I am very thankful for having a loving God who has blessed me with a wonderful family and great students and staff to work with." **Mrs. Johnson** of Team 7-White said, "I'm thankful for a healthy family." As you can see they are really thankful. So instead of thinking Thanksgiving is just about having great food, think about what you are grateful for!

HAPPY Students Attend Weekend Training

By Spence Bailey

Drugs. Alcohol. Peer Pressure. It's all bad. And it's all happening. You may not realize it, but it happens more than you think here at KMS. That's why our school has a specialized team to try and take care of this.

Each year **Mrs. Ramge**, guidance counselor, allows 7th and 8th graders to try out for the KMS H.A.P.P.Y. Team. The H.A.P.P.Y. Team is all about making positive and healthy choices. But, just because you get picked to join, doesn't mean you know everything there is to know about making the right choices with everything you do. This means that there is still much to learn. Because of this, the new members each year go to training to help them learn more about this.

This year, the new members went to the training on the 14th-15th of November. It took place in Findlay. Members learn many things from this training, and it's always a good time had by all.

Lydia Horner of Team 7-Red, and a new H.A.P.P.Y. Team member, has this to say, "The most important thing I will remember is that no matter what your friends or crowd does, go with what you

promised yourself. Like, if

you told yourself to be drug free, don't go with the crowd or friends that are doing that, even if they are your best friends." But the whole training wasn't all so serious. There are many fun things there as well. Lydia also had this to say, "The major highlights of the training were probably the dance or our Family Groups [groups of different people you learned with through out the day] because we got to have fun and meet new people."

So next time you see a H.A.P.P.Y. Team member, be sure to ask for advice, because they are well prepared with knowledge to help you with your troubles.



KMS HAPPY team members pose during the dance.



Akemi Britton and Celeste White enjoy a new energizer.

Peer Mediations Advise Conflicts

By Mariah Clawson

The 2008-2009 Peer Mediation Team is off to a great start. **Mrs. Ramge** is in charge of our peer mediators, and had a lot to say about the upcoming events planned for our school and the team. "We are currently working on a presentation for the 6th graders on Peer Mediation," she said.

Peer Mediation is an option that students of KMS have to solve their problems in a non-violent way. "The meetings are strictly confidential," mediator **Morgan Latham** said.

"People always think that when they are called to Peer Mediation, they are in trouble.

You're not. We're just trying to help you in the best way possible," Mrs. Ramge advised. Whenever you have a fight, you know who to go to. Go to Peer Mediation!



Peer Mediators Jessica Boone, Derek Rowe, Evan Wilkerson, and Bailey Bullock practice for a mediation

Peer Mediators for the 2008-2009 School Year:

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Brian Houge</i> | <i>Bailey Bullock</i> |
| <i>Tori Sawmiller</i> | <i>Jessica Boone</i> |
| <i>Tanner King</i> | <i>Celeste White</i> |
| <i>Hannah Jenkins</i> | <i>Tina Hiller</i> |
| <i>T.J. Marvin</i> | <i>Michael White</i> |
| <i>Morgan Goecke</i> | <i>Alex Steele</i> |
| <i>Evan Wilkerson</i> | <i>Cortney Hill</i> |
| <i>Kalee Preston</i> | <i>Jordan Herzog</i> |
| <i>Derek Rowe</i> | <i>Lara Dulin</i> |
| <i>Josh Kindell</i> | <i>Alex Collins</i> |
| <i>Morgan Latham</i> | <i>Cameron Deardorff</i> |
| <i>Damian Marling</i> | <i>Megan Hastings</i> |

Mr. Ickes to Retire in June

By Jared Buerger

At the end of this school year, **Mr. Steve Ickes**, long time KMS principal, will be retiring. Mr. Ickes has been the KMS principal for eleven years. But before those eleven years, Mr. Ickes was a teacher at Ansonia. After three years at Ansonia, Mr. Ickes moved to Hardin Northern. For the first couple years at Hardin Northern, Mr. Ickes was the head football/track coach and a teacher. Then, Mr. Ickes was promoted to elementary principal at Hardin Northern. After 21 years at Hardin Northern, Mr.



Mr. Ickes will retire after 11 years at KMS.

Ickes was named middle school principal at KMS.

When I asked Mr. Ickes why he is retiring, he said, "I can make the same money retired as I can here." When asking Mr. Ickes what he will miss the most at KMS he said, "Seeing students turn into responsible adults." I also asked Mr. Ickes if he plans on working anywhere else after leaving KMS and he said, "It might be cool to work at a university."

To conclude, Mr. Ickes has been in the education field for 35 years. However, he also plans to continue to work in the education field. Mr. Ickes will be greatly missed by the teachers and students at KMS.

Thank you Tech Team for the use of several of your photos!

Keep up the good work!



Arts and Life

The best place to find information about news in your life.

6th Graders Honor Vets in Writing Contest

By Mariah Clawson

6-Red and 6-White English students recently entered an essay contest sponsored by the AMVETS. Students were hand-picked to participate in the contest. The theme this year was "Why Veterans Should Be Honored." Students had to complete an essay of 300-400 words to enter.

The winners of the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest were:

1st Place - Mariah Clawson

2nd Place - Seth Conover

3rd Place - Morgan Bloom


The first place prize is a \$100 dollar savings bond. 6th graders had a great experience with this contest. One thing is for sure, they won't soon forget it.

Dimensions Ready for Holidays

By Courtney Fulton

The Dimensions group is getting in the holiday spirit! After performing their Cabin Fever show on November 9, at KMS, they are now planning holiday performances. They have been working hard on new Christmas songs. "We're working on some really cool new songs that I'm really excited about performing," said Maggie Kimmel of Team 7-Red.


On December 11, right after the choir concert, they will perform some Christmas songs and a portion of their competition show. Also, on December 12, the group will be taking a trip to a



Mrs. Krock
Team 8-White

Motto:
"There's No Fear,
Krock Is Here!"

1. She likes to play tricks on her students
2. She has to have all her chairs pushed in after class
3. Her desk is always organized
4. She likes to drink coffee and make her students act crazy
5. She has a science bloody worm ball



Mr. Manns
Team 8-Red

Motto:
"To The Universe
And Beyond!"

1. "I see dead people"
2. Can spin his head 360 degrees like an owl
3. Stayed at a Holiday Inn Express last night
4. He's a four-time All State block compressor
5. Students inspire the random songs he writes

nursing home to perform for the residents. They are planning on going to the mall and out to eat after this performance. Mrs. Strous said that the group will also perform at local nursing homes but she does not know the dates for this yet. The Christmas songs they are preparing for all these things are "Yuletide Rythym" and "Feliz Navidad." Come support KMS Dimensions at their busy upcoming holiday season!

You guessed it!

Last month's "Who Is This?" was **Mr. Malany** of Team 7-Red! Congratulations **Kailey Brown** of Team 7-White!



Check out this month's photo on page 4!

EDITORIAL

Kenton Middle School is way too small and we can't build a new school because proposed tax increases for the Kenton City Schools have not passed. Kenton Middle School is so small that not all of the classes can fit into the main building. That means some of the classes are outside in modular labs. The mod-labs are the tiny trailers located outside the school. They are great in the summer because they are air conditioned, but in the fall and winter everyone dreads braving the cold, rain, and even snow to get to class! Plus, they have ramps and stairs leading into the classrooms which in the late fall and winter are often covered in a thin layer of ice making it difficult for the students to get into their classrooms. In addition, they are very small and difficult to fit a class of twenty-one kids into, not to mention a bigger class of about twenty-five students. Some of the mod-labs don't even have end-of-the-period bells so the students and the teachers are a few minutes behind the rest of the school. This can even make it so that the students are dismissed from school late! Some students even say the trailers smell. Those are just a few of the many problems that the mod-labs have. These obstacles can make it even harder for Kenton Middle School students to excel.

Evan Wilkerson

Evan Wilkerson, Assistant Editor

Who is This?

Each month the Paw Print will publish an "old" photo of someone you know. Email Lara Dulin 13dulilara@kentoncityschools.org) with your answer!



Top 10 Actresses as voted on by KMS

By *Mariah Clawson*

- #1 - Miley Cyrus
- #2 - Amanda Bynes
- #3 - Demi Lovato

- #4 - Brittany Spears
- #5 - Jessica Alba
- #6 - Lindsey Lohan
- #7 - Jamie Lynn Spears
- #8 - Raven Symone
- #9 - Emily Osment
- #10 - Vanessa Hudgens

Fall Haiku

By *Courtney Nichols, 6-White*

**Fall is wondrous
Cinnamon wafts through
the air
Snow is soon to come**

PoP Team Selected

By *Megan Nichols*

7th grade:

- Tayla Cline
- Brandi Barrett
- Reed Graves
- Alex Collins
- Maggie Kimmel
- Branden Richmond
- Jessica Boone
- Katrina Davis

8th grade:

- Lara Dulin
- Dakota DelValle
- Megan Nichols
- Jessica Perkins
- Spence Bailey
- Cierra Manns
- Amanda Freshcorn
- Sam Tharp

Congratulations to this year's Power of the Pen teams!

Buerger-King Start

By *Brooke Bahr*

Congratulations to **Jared Buerger** and **Tanner King** for becoming our school's president and vice president! When we were voting, you heard many things people said they were going to do. So here are a few that Buerger and King are trying to accomplish. They have a gum chewing committee, spirit committee, cafeteria committee, and cell phone committee. They also have a few more. As you can see, Buerger-King is trying very hard to make our school a fun place!! In the future, maybe some of these ideas will really happen!

Fall Fashion Trends

By *Courtney Fulton*

Here are some of the latest fashion trends and tips to keep you looking cool out there in the cold!

GIRLS:

black leggings or tights

knit sweater dresses

suede, leather, etc. boots- (Boots are great for walking through snow and slush and they look really cute too!)

velour

scarf- (Wear your favorite scarf even indoors with a sweater.)

skinny jeans

When staying cozy with sweaters, the most popular types this year are fairisle, cable knit, shawl neck, and belted.

BOYS:

layering

hoodies

performance fleece

The most common sweaters for boys this year are argyle, fairisle, houndstooth, and striped.

ALL:

Corduroys are a fashion trend for both boys and girls. Also, plaids are great for both, and of course, it's always in style for everyone to wear their favorite jeans and Kenton Wildcat gear!

Mediation Tip of the Month:

"If you're having trouble with a friend, or anyone, go to Peer Mediation! It helps you solve the problem without fighting!"

- 7-White Peer Mediator
Hannah Jenkins



Sports

Boys Basketball Sets High Hopes

By Damon Rall

The teams for boys basketball are chosen, and no one was cut from either team. The two teams have really high expectations. 7th grader **Justin Sawmiller** said, "I think that we will win a lot of games this year. We have a really good team."

7th grade coach, **Billy Lawrence**, said, "We have a hard goal this year and next. It is to be able to win more games than the last year's 8th grade championship class. In those two years that they

played, they won 32 games." Obviously, 7th grade has a lot to do if they want to beat that goal.

"8th grade will hopefully win more games than last year," said 8th grader **Nick Kelly**. So it looks like each team has made a goal. Hopefully, the two teams will reach those goals. Support our wildcats in basketball! The office should have schedules for the teams soon.



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Lady Wildcats Hopeful

By Megan Hastings, Sports Editor

The 8th grade basketball season is just beginning. They have practices daily at KMS. The players are **Andrea Thomas, Lea Hamilton, Katie Heilman, Morgan Goecke, Chelsea Legge, Kaily Whitaker, Terrill Webb, Madison Adams, Shaylin Dalton, Abby Parsons, Natalie Molk, Cierra Manns, and Audrey Miller**. Currently, another coach is filling in for **Coach Saylor**. The coach says that they will be above 500 and they will win 7 and lose 5. **Katie Heilman** of 8-White, said that they will win 10 games. **Terrill Webb**, also of 8-White, said that they really need to work on lay-ups. Good luck, ladies!

Veterans' Memorial Park Golf Club

**Student Memberships On Sale
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Cost \$110.00

A student is considered anyone through their high school senior year.



6th Grade Girls Off to Great Start

By Caitlin Johnson

The 6th grade girls basketball team has started out a great season. They have had a bigger gym to practice in this year. They practice at either the athletic building or the high school gym on Mondays and Saturdays. There are at least ten more girls than last year. As a new player, **Shea Wright** says, "I like being a 1st year player because I'm learning new skills, and it is another chance to spend time with my friends." Second year player **Courtney Cook** says, "I like being in basketball because it gives us a chance to compete with and against our friends." The 6th grade girls basketball players are:

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| Sam Bogue | ShaRae Clements |
| Brooke Bahr | Lyndsie Turner |
| Caitlin Johnson | Paton Brooks |
| Mina Hernandez | Courtney Cook |
| Rachael Price | Elizabeth Perkins |
| Alexis Evans | Savanah Baum |
| Rachel Bonar | Cammeey Brooks |
| CJ Clum | Courtney Nichols |
| Angelin Dalton | Jennifer Boyd |
| Jade Vaughn | Kaliegh Dunahue |
| Alex Manns | Karley Wireman |
| Courtney Halsey | Keana Wireman |
| Gillian White | Kylie Rosebrook |
| Breanna Alexander | |
| Sara Lightner | |
| Shea Wright | |

Cheerleaders Excited for Season

By Haley Sherman

The 7th and 8th grade basketball cheerleaders begin their season soon. The girls have practice 3:00-4:30 in the KMS cafeteria on Wednesdays. The girls say they are looking forward to the new season. They say that the team is really ready to cheer the team on to victory. Their season begins on Saturday, December 6 at home against Elgin. The 7th grade basketball cheerleaders are **Emily Baird, Maggie Kimmel, Kristen Smith, Haley Sherman, and Laney Carmean.**

The 8th grade basketball cheerleaders are **Bridget Zerby, Tori Sawmiller, Mikayla Hollan, Celeste White, Jillan Finch, Erica Messenger, and Hannah Sherman.**

7th Grade Girls Shoot High

By Haley Sherman

The 7th grade girls basketball team has begun practicing for their '08-'09 season. Practice is at 3:15-5:00 at Hardin Central on Wednesdays, and the rest of the time it is at KMS. The girls on the team are **Megan Webb, Jade Cahill, Kristen Wormley, Autumn Sexton, Emilee Sadler, Lydia Horner, Baliey Hoyt, Megan Hastings, Akemi Britton, Brandi Barrett, Brooke Bostelman, and Brianna Fink.** The seventh grade coach, Coach B., said that they will have a very good season and the team listens and does everything he tells them to.

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December 5
Progress Reports Sent Home

December 11
Choir Concert - 7:00 PM

December 15
Band Concert - 7:00 PM

December 19
Early Dismissal

December 20 - January 4
Christmas Break

7th Girls BBall, Cont.

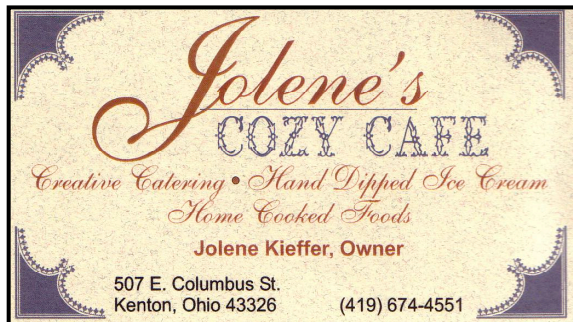
Brandi Barrett, of Team 7-Red, said, "We need to work on not throwing overhead passes."

Kristen Wormley, from Team 7-White, said, "We need to work on offense." Both the players agreed that they should win all of their games.

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KMS Students This Year!

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and



Morgan Latham

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