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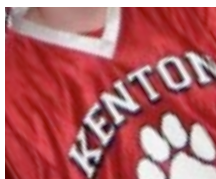
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## KMS Shows What It Knows

*By Brooke Bahr*

On October 27-31, Kenton Middle School celebrated Red Ribbon Week. The H.A.P.P.Y. team sponsored this great event that helps kids stay drug free. I sat down with Mrs. Ramage who is in charge of the H.A.P.P.Y. team and asked her a few questions about Red Ribbon Week.

**What is Red Ribbon week?**

Red Ribbon Week is when Kenton Middle School celebrates drug and alcohol awareness. The H.A.P.P.Y. team will pass out red ribbons to everyone to wear during this event. There will also be a kickoff to get Red Ribbon Week started, and

the H.A.P.P.Y. team is putting together a video for everyone to watch.

**What is the H.A.P.P.Y. team?**

The H.A.P.P.Y. team is a group of kids that focuses on drug and alcohol awareness. They plan activities to help kids stay drug free and stay healthy.

**Tell me about the guest speakers.**

Since the theme of Red Ribbon week is "What do YOU know?", people come in and talk about what they know about different issues that teens face. Deputy Everhart talked about computer and cell phone safety, how many dangerous things can happen with those, and what he has seen happen. Judge Rapp and his team of professionals also came in to show what they know and have seen happen as well. There was also a multimedia program over making good choices.

As you see it looks like Red Ribbon Week was a lot of fun! We all hope everyone participated and had a great time!

## KMS States Represent Well

*By Brooke Bahr*

This year's convention was a huge success! All the candidates did really well with their speeches and all the homerooms did awesome! Also, the 6th grade choir did a great job singing. Since this is my first year at Kenton Middle School, I asked



**KMS students had a great time dressing up for RRW!**

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## Martino Retires From KMS Convention, cont.

By Jared Buerger

Last month, Mr. Dean Martino, long time KMS teacher, announced his retirement. He retired because of back problems that he has had for a long time. Two years ago, Mr. Martino missed the whole year because he had back surgery. Now for the time-being, Mrs. Wilcox will take his position as a teacher on the 7-White team.



I interviewed all of the 7-White teachers including Mrs. Wilcox about their thoughts on Mr. Martino's retirement. Mrs. Wilcox said, "I am excited for [Mr. Martino] and hope that his health improves so he can enjoy his retirement." All of the teachers say they will miss his sense of humor and his "cackle laugh".

Mrs. Baker said, "He is lucky and I am somewhat jealous." She also said, "I hope his back gets better so he can enjoy his retirement".

Mrs. Johnson said, "Mr. Martino was easy to work with, and I respect his many teaching methods."

Mr. Martino will be missed, but we wish him the best with his health and back issues.

a man that is very important in the convention, Mr. Walter, a few questions about the convention.

### What is the convention?

The convention is a political process where all of our candidates talk to the voters and present their platforms. This gives the voters a chance to compare the candidates.



### How did you decide who the candidates are?

The delegates casted their vote for who they wanted to president. We then added all the votes up and we took the top three who had the most votes. They are then on the ballot.

### How do you feel about the convention?

I think the convention is fantastic! I think it gives the students a chance to see a political process. I also think it's much better to experience it hands-on than learning about it in their books.

Well the convention was fantastic and a lot of fun! Congrats to the winners for becoming our school's candidates.

## US Election Gets Attention

By Andrea Thomas

On November 4th, the presidential election will be held and people will be voting for the next leader of our country. We all know John McCain and Barack Obama will be running for president of the United States of America. They are representing the Republican and Democratic parties. There are at least 11 other people formally running in this election. Some of the candidates you may not have heard of are Charles Jay, Charles O. Baldwin, Cynthia McKinney, Alan Keyes, and Ralph Nader. These people aren't running just because they get \$400,000 per year! They are running because they think they can make a change in this country.



Barack Obama is a very well-educated person and has had a lot of experience in politics. He is a graduate of Columbia University and Harvard Law.

He is a U.S. Senator from Illinois. John McCain has also been in politics for a while. He is a graduate of the Naval Academy and was a naval aviator for 22 years. McCain was elected to the House of Representatives and the Senate. He also served as a ranking member of the Armed Services Committee and the Commerce Committee.

These are all great candidates for the 2008 presidential election. When voting for the leader of our country, choose wisely.

## Students Receive Extra Help From Teachers

By Spence Bailey

"The goal of the Extra Help program is for students to take advantage of their time, and use it to help them with their studies," says Mrs. Boone of team 7-Red. "Each teacher has a certain time and subject they can help the students with."

Mrs. Boone is on the Extra Help Committee. This is a group of teachers (Leaders; Mrs. Baker, 7-White. Mrs. Boone, 7-Red) that help kids with their studies if and when they need it. All the teams this year doing it.

Mrs. Baker of team 7-White had this to say, "The Extra Help program works very well, but only if the students are devoted. If the student doesn't really care, then it defeats the purpose of this program."

This is something new to KMS that has long been needed in one way or another.

**If you ever need help, you should try to use these times to find a teacher for your help:**

**6-Red** - Before school, after school, and Small Group.

**6-White** - Homeroom, Small Group, after school by appt.

**7-Red** - 7:40 - 8:00 am, 3:00 - 3:20 pm, Small Group, Homeroom

**7-White** - Before school, after school

**8-Red** - 7:00 - 7:25 in Rm. 4, 7:30 - 7:50 in Rm. 12 & 14, after school 3:00 - 3:20 in Rm 12, study hall

**8-White** - Monday: 7:30 - 7:50, Tuesday: 3:00 - 3:20, Wednesday: 7:30 - 7:50, Thursday: 3:00 - 3:20

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

**Keep up the good work!**





# Arts and Life

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## 8-Red Sees Stars On Field Trip

By Megan Nichols

Team 8-Red went to the University of Findlay on October 31st. There, they saw the Mazza Gallery, a nationally-owned art gallery, which displays a collection of original art from children's story books. The team also went to the planetarium, where they saw a video projected on the ceiling of a dome about space exploration. They also had the opportunity to view the stars and planets in the planetarium's dome.

"It was really cool," said 8-Red student Jessica Perkins. Team 8-Red, science and English teacher Mr. Manns had this to say about the trip: "This field trip allowed Team 8-Red to experience education in ways they would not experience in a classroom." The students and teachers had a great time on their trip.

## Billboard Hot 100 - Top 10 - Week of 10/20

By Mariah Clawson

- #1 **Britney Spears** - *Womanizer*
- #2 **T.I.** - *Whatever You Like*
- #3 **T.I. Featuring Rihanna** - *Live Your Life*

**Ask-A-Student:**  
**"What is your favorite sign of autumn?"**



**Brooke Bahr**  
6-Red

"My favorite sign of autumn is leaves changing colors and the temperature starting to get a little cooler."



**Derick Legge**  
6-White

"My favorite sign of autumn is snow."

## Dimensions Attend Workshop

By Jillan Finch, Arts and Life Editor

On Saturday, October 18, the Dimensions Show Choir went to the Riverdale K-12 school for a clinic. I interviewed a several members. All of the members said that they were excited, and hoped to be the best. Others said that they were nervous. The members danced and sang their hearts out with a lot of energy, and afterwards, they got comments and compliments from the three judges. Mrs. Strous, Mrs. Horner, and the choreographer, Kristen Camper, were proud of them. The winner of the most outstanding performer was Lara Dulin.



- #4 **Pink** - *So What*
- #5 **Katy Perry** - *Hot N Cold*
- #6 **Rihanna** - *Disturbia*
- #7 **Kevin Rudolf Featuring Lil Wayne** - *Let It Rock*
- #8 **T-Pain Featuring Lil Wayne** - *Can't Believe It*
- #9 **Ne-Yo** - *Miss Independent*
- #10 **M.I.A.** - *Paper Planes*

EDITORIAL

At the school convention a few weeks ago, we listened to candidates give their speeches about how they believe they could make our school a better place. Some of those ideas were more dances, more fundraisers, better sports and band equipment, doors in the guys' restrooms, better lunches, and cappuccino machines in the cafeteria. However, something that came up in nearly all of the speeches was changing several of the school rules. A couple of those rules were "no cell phones" and "no gum".

You always hear kids at KMS complain and whine about not being able to have cell phones in school. At first, I thought that I agreed. Not being allowed to have our much needed mobile devices in the building sounds a little harsh. I always need my cell phone for calling home after school and sports practices. All of the candidates who discussed cell phones said that they wanted to let students text and talk during classes such as lunch, homeroom, and study hall. However, when you really think about it, it does not sound like a good idea. Having cell phones in these classes would make it much more likely for kids to be tempted to send text messages during other classes (especially if they have phones in their pockets, which is bound to happen).

Texting distracts kids from studying and learning like we need to. Also, I have never heard of a school that allows cell phones in classes. So, it is not like Kenton is the only school with this rule.

The "no gum" policy is too strict in my opinion. I think that kids should be able to chew gum in school as they please. We are at the age that we can chew gum without making a mess or getting distracted. The reason that kids put gum under tables is because we don't want to get caught with it. If we were allowed to chew it, we would not have this problem. Plus, tests have proven that chewing gum stimulates the brain, which could help kids focus. Finally, the high school lets kids have gum (with the exception of a few classes). Gum chewing is a harmless activity that we should be allowed to do.

Obviously, there are some disagreements about school policies that I, personally, think need to be rethought by both students and teachers.

*Lara Dulin*

Lara Dulin, Editor-in-Chief

## Students Experience Ancient Egypt

By Mariah Clawson

Whether it's embalming chickens (yes, there are already dead), building pyramids out of sugar cubes, or making their friends into mummies with toilet paper to learn about the mummification process, one thing's for sure, 7-Red students had a blast at Egypt Week. Students of 7-Red just finished studying Ancient Egypt. Egypt Week is an annual event for 7-Red students. All three days next week, students of 7-Red will not be holding their regular classes. Instead, students will be doing several cross-curricular activities based on Ancient Egypt. Many 7-Red students are very excited about the various activities planned for them. 7-Red teacher, Mr. Malany gave me some insight on Egypt Week. "This is a fun and exciting way to get students involved in learning about history." 7-Red students are being visited by Mr. Stout from a local funeral home to talk about the embalming processes used on humans in ancient times versus modern times. 7-Red Egypt Week brings back many fun memories for former 7-Red students. 7-Red students will remember Egypt Week for a very long time.



## Who is This?

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

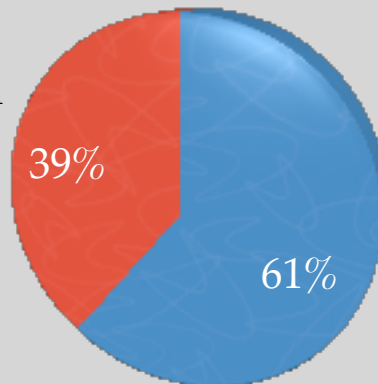


## The Official Unofficial Paw Print Poll:

By Megan Nichols

Who Do You Want To Be President?

John McCain



Barack Obama





# Sports

## Basketball Season Nears 6th Grades Get Jump On Season

By Damon Rall

Basketball season is on the way. The girls had a meeting on 10/21/08 during homeroom, and the boys had one soon after. The girls' coach for 7th grade is Todd Deitzeo, and the 8th grade coach is Greg Saylor. Conditioning starts 10/22/08 and tryouts are 11/3/08. The boys' 7th grade coach is Billy Lawrence, and Mr. Miller will be helping him sometimes. Teacher Mr. Miller says, "I will not be assistant coach, I will just help Billy out."

7th grade coach Billy Lawrence says, "I am not sure when we will start but I am trying to find a time for open gyms." I think that everyone is excited for the new year.

By Caitlin Johnson

The 6th grade girls basketball team will be starting up again soon. It will start in early November so that the girls will get more playing time this year. Changes are that there will be two teams; possibly even three. Each team will have its own coach. They will practice for all of November and December two times a week to prepare for the USV league. This will start in January. Coach Porter will be there to help at practice and organize them. This year, the girls will play in the USV league and the Ada tournament. Kenton will also hold a tournament this in March. Coach Porter thinks that this is a great way to learn the basic concepts and fundamentals of basketball. It is a great way to build a team. "I think that it is very important to start early," says Coach Porter. The team is hoping for a great year!





*Check the November issue of the "Paw Print" for the Winter Sports Preview!*



## Cheerleaders Bring Home Trophy

*Submitted Article*

The Kenton Middle School Cheerleading Squad recently competed in the Forest Tree Town Festival Cheerleading Competition. The squad performed a dance routine, a cheer, a chant, and won third place honors.

## 7-White Enjoys "Reward Study Hall"

*By Damon Rall*

On team 7-White, the teachers came up with a reward study hall. Those attending must get A's and B's in all classes and they have good behavior. There are about 15-20 students in Mr. Miller's 7th period study hall. It can last all year if you do well. If your grade drops, you can still get back in it during report cards or 9 weeks. Teacher Mr. Miller says, "This is a great way to encourage kids to get better grades. This is a very fun reward."

During this 42 minutes, kids can do just about whatever. One of the main things is a NCAA '09 Football Tournament. There is a lot of kids in this double elimination tournament. Everyday there is a game. The most recent game was between 7th grader Austin Hurt and Teacher Mr. Miller. It was a great game. In the first quarter Austin pulled ahead 3 to 0.

Then Mr. Miller found his game plan after halftime. It was Mr. Miller ahead and then Austin would score then Mr. Miller would score. In the 4th quarter, it was 20 to 24 with Austin ahead and Mr. Miller with the ball. With a little time left, Mr. Miller scored to make it 24 to 26. Mr. Miller went for two and got it. Miller came out to win 28 to 24. Next Mr. Miller will play 7th grader Grant Sherman for the winner of the winners' bracket.



## 8th Graders Enjoy Homeroom Sports

*By Caitlin Johnson*

The 8th grade homeroom competitions are a fun, competitive thing for the 8th graders to do during homeroom. They are team activities between all of the different classes. Each week there are one or two competitions, and the winner of that competition gets a trophy. They are double elimination competitions. The trophy is a traveling trophy, so who ever wins gets the same one as the other team had before them. Some of the activities include volleyball serving, soccer (kicking at targets), basketball free throws, 3 point shots, lay-ups, tug o' war, and scooter relays. There is a new sport every week. "The teachers have not participated yet, but it would be a lot of fun if they would let us," admitted Mr. Bartlett.



# On the KMS Calendar

For the most up-to-date information, please visit [www.kentoncityschools.org](http://www.kentoncityschools.org).

**November 6-7**  
No School, Teacher Conferences

**November 9**  
Cabin Fever

**November 10**  
Classes Resume

**November 24-25**  
8th Grade Job Shadowing

**November 26-28**  
No School, Thanksgiving Break

**December 1**  
Classes Resume

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