



Smoke Signals Newsletter

Baton Twirlers are a Whirl of Fun!



Do you want a way to start off your weekend great? Here's the solution - come to baton twirling club Thursday mornings at 7:35! Thursday mornings are crucial to the way the weekend will go, so come to start it off great. There is no signing up. Just come when you please to room 224 on Thursday mornings only of course! Come to learn a new skill, it's a breeze. Butterflies, fans, horizontals and more. These moves are quite a galore. There is no pressure on mastering a skill, no obligations to change the way you feel. Think it over, and think it through, and we hope to see you at the next twirl group!



**Kawameeh
Middle School
2021-2022
1st Marking Period**

Halloween Spirit!

By: *Elia Titmas*

Happy Halloween ghouls and boo-ys! This year at Kawameeh, students went all out with their costumes! We had tons of unique costumes this year. I think I can speak for everyone when I say our favorite costume this year was the inflatable balloon animal! It was great to see everyone back in the Halloween spirit!



Library Assistants! By: *Samantha Fontanilla*

Recently, the library clerk retired, leaving Ms. Lewis working by herself in the library. Workload has been piling up on the carts, especially since more and more students check out and turn in books because of schoolwork and personal reading. The newly grouped Library Assistants have been recruited and will be working alternately once a week to help Ms. Lewis with the library workload. "I feel very busy, but I'm really happy, I never had twenty-nine library assistants volunteer in the same year. I'm really happy to see all the eighth graders come back to volunteer. I would recommend people to join the Library Assistants for later years, but I'm really happy to have this many library assistants," says Ms. Lewis.

So, what do the Library Assistants specifically do? The most obvious guess is putting turned-in books back in their correct places on the shelves, however they do more than that. They also check for any misplaced items around the library to ensure a clean environment and deliver necessities to teachers. If a new holiday is approaching, the Library Assistants will also decorate the library to bring the holiday spirits. Watering the plants and making sure they have enough sunlight are also their responsibilities. The main priority, however, is shelving the books. A new Library Assistant, Erin Tangonan, says, "It seems fun being a Library Assistant. I like cleaning up the library and putting away the books. Sometimes I'd like to get away from lunch to calm down and to avoid all the clutter and noise. I recommend people to come and join the Library Assistants for upcoming years."

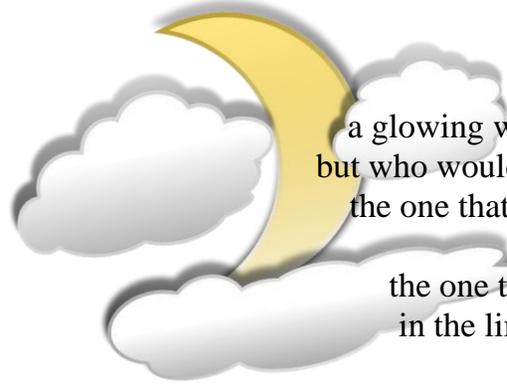


Caldwell Parsonage: Four Centuries in a Weekend By: Baylena Augustin

From October 16 -17, visitors of the Caldwell Parsonage encountered a wide range of fun and engaging historical activities. The site was part of Union County's Four Centuries in a Weekend, an event where historic sites all over the county hosted special activities that retold the history of their towns. Before the home was open to guests, Crossroads of the American Revolution, the Union Township Historical Society, and members of the town council joined to hold a ceremony commemorating The Caldwell Family.

For both days, guests came in from 12am-5pm, and on Saturday, were greeted by Reverend James Caldwell, reenacted by Union resident Doc Burkhardt. In addition, guests also had the option to purchase souvenirs and notable trinkets. Beside the home was the carriage house, now used as a tool gallery, where visitors could look at various objects on display.

As guests continued through the house, they were toured by student volunteers and got to participate in some fun activities like creating colonial-style hats, playing Native American games, or learning traditional recipes (which I've heard taste REALLY GOOD). It seems like visitors had a great time immersing themselves in the history of Union!



the moon

the moon,
a glowing white orb in the night sky,
but who would she be without the sun?
the one that gives her the candescent
gleam of alabaster?
the one that lets her have her time
in the limelight when night falls?

the moon,
a floating piece of igneous rock,
but who would she be without the earth?
the one that she orbits around like a solemn soldier,
reporting for duty when evening calls?
the one that she is always drawn
back to like a magnet?

the moon,
a celestial presence in the solar system,
but who would she be if it was just her?
no sun to make her gleam?
no earth for her to orbit?
would she be able to thrive and
find a way to shine on her own?
or would she retreat and
shroud herself in eternal darkness?

-Zuriel Marino



ART
By:
Jordan
Brooks



Inside the Teepee: PTA NEWS

The KMS PTA is always looking for your help so we can reach our budget goal for this school year. Events such as the 6th & 7th Grade Ice Cream Socials, KMS Staff Holiday Luncheon, & other great events are sponsored by the PTA. We also support our school's P.A.C. by purchasing playbill advertisements. Our largest expense each year goes to our own 8th Graders, by providing graduation portfolios for each student, making a donation to the yearbook committee, and purchasing the prestigious Kawameeh Chief Awards.

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The PTA Executive Board



Ice Cream Social!

By: Patrick Katz



Welcome to the first installment of *Smoke Signals*. If you missed the Ice Cream Social, this will help you. As we entered the Ice Cream Social in the school, we could get the choice of two flavors of ice cream, chocolate and vanilla. We could also put on the toppings of rainbow sprinkles, chocolate sprinkles, and chocolate syrup. The ice cream tasted amazing!

If the ice cream wasn't enough for you, to the right of the cafeteria, there was an inflatable race! An inflatable race is an inflatable obstacle course in which two people can race. Whoever gets to the end first, wins! Finally, we have the amazing inflatable basketball area. In this area, we went against other people, shooting the most basketballs into the hoops. The person with the most shots in the hoops wins. Fun was had throughout the whole event! Isn't that just a delicious way to meet all your friends? We had an amazing time on the blowup race. Unfortunately, I did not win any of the times I went against them. We also did the basketball hoops, where I got most of them in! We all had a blast at the Ice Cream Social!