



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 Friday mornings at 7:30. Friday 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 125 on Friday 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 swirl group!



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A Global Threat

By: Caroline Menho



Natural disasters like earthquakes and hurricanes have been wreaking havoc on the entire globe, causing millions to lose their homes, power, and everything they know. Hurricane Harvey slammed Houston, Texas with over 51 inches of rain, and there were over 70 confirmed fatalities. Similarly, Hurricane Irma was another Category 5 hurricane that hit Florida with wind over 90 miles per hour, and 6.8 million people lost power. Hurricane Maria and Tropical Storm Jose have destroyed Puerto Rico, and the entire territory is without power. Organizations like the Red Cross have raised millions for relief efforts for these awful disasters, but what could be the cause of this weather phenomenon? The answer could be what scientists have been warning us about for years. global warming. Global warming, or climate change, is the warming of Earth's air due to burning fossil fuels, which add heat trapping gasses into the atmosphere. This adds more moisture into the atmosphere, and the disasters happen when "temperature and moisture try to reach equilibrium," says American Rivers, an organization against climate change. We need to take action and find alternative energy sources before it's too late, and millions for relief efforts for these awful catastrophic hurricanes become the norm!

Kawameeh's Newest Music Teacher: Mrs. Deczynski!

By: Jenna Brual

Question #1: What made you come to Kawameeh?

Answer: They wanted to move teachers around and asked me to take the role, so I did it.

Question #2: What schools did you previously teach at?

Answer: Washington School and Battle Hill.

Question #3: What grades have you taught music in?

Answer: I've taught pre-k through 8th grade music, orchestra, and band. I have also directed the musical before.

Question #4: When did you start taking an interest in music?

Answer: In fourth grade I took piano lessons and didn't like it. Four years later in eighth grade I tried it again but had the same experience. In high

school, my mom suggested I play the violin, but they didn't need any, so I started playing the viola. So then I joined the orchestra and liked it. Once I graduated high school and went on to college, I decided to major in music.

Question #5: What instrument do you like playing the most?

Answer: I like playing the piano at the moment, but it changes with my mood.

Question #6: How long have you been teaching?

Answer: About 15 years so far.

Question #7: Have you ever performed anywhere?

Answer: I used to play in the Irvington symphony and in the NJCU orchestra.

Question #8: What are your goals for the students taking band and orchestra?

Answer: That they have a good experience playing their instruments and to become the best musicians they can.

Inside Student Council: Interview with the President

By: Lexi Kemps

Recently, Smoke Signals writer, Lexi Kemps, sat down with this year's Student Council President Giuseppe Wadolowski. Let's see what he had to say!

Why did you want to become president?

Giuseppe: When I was in the seventh grade I felt the president and vice president did not do much and did not fulfil any of their promises. I wanted to make a difference and make Kawameeh the talk of the town.

Who helped you along the way?

Giuseppe: The people who helped me along the way included Mrs. Grillias, Paige Phelan, Alyssa Castillo, Kevin Lora, and Andre Cedar. Without the help and support from all these people, I know becoming president would have been a lot more difficult.

Who do you look up to?

Giuseppe: The one and only, Donald Trump.

Did you think that you would not win?

Giuseppe: I mean not really, I was really confident with my speech.

Being president is a very important job, how will you handle it?

Giuseppe: I know being president comes with a load of responsibilities and I plan to take this job seriously.

What was your reaction when you won?

Giuseppe: A wave of happiness came over me and I skipped around with a huge smile on my face.

What is your favorite school subject?

Giuseppe: Definitely social studies.

Do you participate in any extra-curricular activities?

Giuseppe: Yes, a lot actually. I participate in CCD, GT, intramurals, A.M. fitness, ski and snowboard club, student council, NJHS, and I play soccer and baseball.

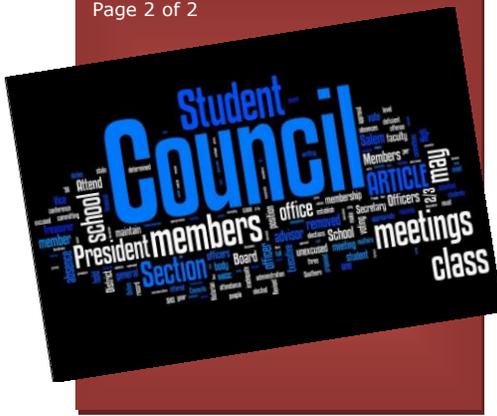
Thanks, Giuseppe, and good luck with Student Council this year!!!

Who doesn't love Pasta and Karaoke?!

Kawameeh Middle School PTA will be hosting a Pasta and Karaoke Night on Thursday, January 25, 2018. For a few dollars, you can enjoy a delicious pasta dinner with your friends and family; and then join your fellow classmates and teachers for some karaoke fun.

Save the date and be on the LOOK OUT for more information in 2018.

If you have any questions, please email Mrs. O'Flaherty at doflaherty@verizon.net



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.

The Kawameeh PTA Executive Board would like to raise additional money to meet the budget by requesting a donation of \$25 from each family. The PTA will continue to host the weekly snack sales as well as the sweatshirt sale.

Being a member of the PTA has a lot of benefits including discounts to national stores and scholarships. There is still time to become a member of the Kawameeh Middle School PTA.

Membership and Donation Flyers can be found on the PTA page of the KMS website.

Thank you in advance to the families who have joined the PTA and have also sent in their family donations. Your support is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to send an email to PTA Mailbox at KMSPTA.UNION@yahoo.com

The PTA Executive Board

