



Smoke Signals Newsletter

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News from the KMS Performing Arts Department

By: Megan Donnelly

Don't be late for a very important date! This year, students and teachers are getting excited for the highly anticipated Spring Musical: *Alice in Wonderland, Jr.* The KMS play, which will be performed at 7pm March 8th, 9th, and 10th, will incorporate many familiar entertaining song and dance numbers! Rehearsals have been underway as Mrs. Deczynski prepares her experienced pit ensemble to play the score. Additionally, Mr. Leone has scouted-out the talent for lead roles and has assembled a cast of brilliant KMS players! You won't want to miss this "mad" fairytale come to life on the Kawameeh stage! Tickets are \$10 and will be available through the cast, in the main office or at the door!



Stay Gold Kawameeh

By: Daniel Momoh-Oare

Recently, seventh graders of Kawameeh Middle School participated in an enjoyable event called "Outsiders Day" after reading *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton. This novel dealt with the concept of stereotyping and those on the negative side of it. This idea was conveyed to students through the story taking place in the 1960's about a lower class gang called the Greasers battling the Socs, a rich and scholarly gang. In the novel, they are at odds until something sudden happens to the main characters, Ponyboy and Johnny. Soon, the Greasers are on the run from the police as Johnny killed a Soc to save Ponyboy's life. This sudden twist in the novel causes a chain of events leading the Greasers and Socs to inevitably stop fighting.

"Outsiders Day" highlighted the perks of being a Soc and the downfalls of being a Greaser. Students were allowed to dress up and come to school as a Greaser or a Soc. We all participated in challenging games in our English classes with two teams, one being Socs and the others, Greasers. The team that was the Socs had an advantage and Greasers, a disadvantage. We had a series of competitions, to see how it would feel, generally speaking, to be a Soc or Greaser. After more fun activities throughout the day in all classes including math, science, and social studies, we watched the amazing movie, *The Outsiders* based off of the novel. It was an enjoyable time and taught all of us how stereotyping can be detrimental to society and whether you are a "Soc" or "Greasers", "things are rough all over."

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What's new with the world's most popular trivia app: HQ!

By: Lexi Kemps

The new app HQ has been all the talk lately. This app is a trivia game with twelve questions ranging from easy to difficult. The game is live each week day at three o'clock est and nine o'clock est and the prize is \$2,500. On the weekends, it is played at only nine o'clock est except on Sunday when the prize is always a larger amount. Almost one million people play each day and the most has been almost two million. Are you ready to play this game and get some money?



Pasta and Karaoke Night!

By: Gabby Vieira

On Thursday, January 25th, 2018, I was welcomed by PTA volunteers once I arrived at the school. Once I paid the fee to enter the event, I got my ticket and went to choose my seat. I placed my things down and got into the line to get my dinner, pasta. There were various types of pasta, from different restaurants, laid out in the form of a buffet. PTA volunteers were behind the counter serving the attendees. Once at the end of the line, with a plate full of food, I placed my ticket in a bucket and left to go to my seat. I wolfed down my meal; it was as tasty as a chocolate lava cake, only wanting more.

only getting started. My conversation ended when Cavan Matthews, part of the Student Council, announced that the karaoke part of the event was about to begin. Groups of friends went up and sang together, teachers and their students, and even teachers alone! I went up with my friend and Mrs. Cohen! Mrs. Winters and Mrs. Kelly got up there too, singing *All Star*, by Smash Mouth. They even had a whole dance routine! Students sang solos, duets, trios, and more.

Cavan announced that there was dessert at the back table. Options were brownies, cupcakes, and cookies. Once everybody got their dessert, it was back to singing! Overall, the night was a blast! From the funny host to teachers dancing around like they were at a concert, the night was quite a memorable one. Pasta and Karaoke Night will never be forgotten!

Do You HQ?

Food and Fun at Pasta and Karaoke Night!

Inside the TeePee:

PTA News

The KMS PTA is 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 and other great events are sponsored by the PTA. We support our Township Schools' Performing Arts Clubs 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 continue to raise money to meet their budget by holding events like a Clothing Drive, a Spirit Wear sale, a Lunch Time Raffle, a Snack Sale and visits by the Kona Ice truck.

Also, there is still time to become a member of the Kawameeh Middle School PTA. Our next meeting is scheduled for **February 2018**. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month in the school library.

In order to provide our students with great events, your support and participation is needed. Membership and Donation Flyers can be found on the PTA page of the KMS website.

<http://kawameeh.twpunionschools.org/KMS-PTA-/index.html>

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 and we look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to send an email to the PTA Mailbox at: KMSPTA.UNION@yahoo.com.

