



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 224 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!



The 'Freaky' Olympics

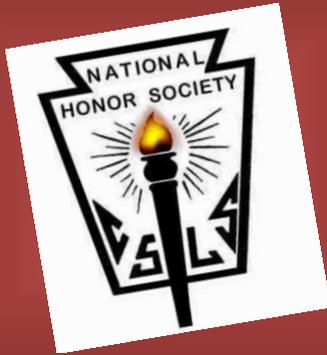
By: Lucia Lacourtina

On Wednesday, October 24th, 6th graders participated in the 'Freaky Olympics', an event following the conclusion of the book Freak the Mighty. In each class, they did different activities that related to the book in a variety of ways. I first visited Ms. Ferrise and Ms. Shaw's English classes, where students worked on communication skills. They started with a trust race. One student was on a scooter and their partner was blindfolded, pushing the scooter. The seeing student had to verbally direct the blindfolded student to avoid obstacles and get around the room. Their second activity was a drawing game. One student had a simple, geometric image. The other student had to recreate this image without looking, using only the descriptions provided by their partner. My next stop was the science rooms, where students were given a STEM project. Their job was to build a bionic hand in 20 minutes using limited materials. They were once again

working in groups, and together they came up with some really awesome designs. Students in Social Studies participated in a WebQuest on their Chromebooks individually, using different websites to research their questions. Math students were brought outside for fresh air and a fun race. Each student ran a certain distance and was timed. They then went back inside to use their times for different calculations. Finally, at the end of the day, all students were brought into the gym for a group event. Students that had participated and performed especially well were called up to participate with and against the teachers in more activities. All through the day, the kids were excited to engage in these unconventional tasks with their peers. I personally had a wonderful time seeing the kids connecting with each other and overall having a fun time!

*Kawameeh
Middle School
2018-2019
1st Marking Period*





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



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National Junior Honors Society is here to help!

By: Daniel Momoh-Oare

If you need help with homework or studying for a test/quiz, you should come to Room 206 or the cafeteria on Tuesdays or Thursdays before school. The members of NJHS will peer tutor you. You may be asking, *what is NJHS?* NJHS stands for National Junior Honors Society which is club consisting of amicable 8th grade students who, throughout their years at Kawameeh Middle School, have shown a general balance between academics and extracurricular activities. NJHS throughout the year donates multiple things such as gift baskets to people in need. We decorate the donations we send out with many of our friends

that are in the club. NJHS not only does donations and fundraisers, but also we do peer tutoring. We tutor our fellow peers from any grade in Kawameeh Middle School for homework and for approaching tests or quizzes. NJHS is a group of reliable individuals in our school that can help our community and students in various ways. Maybe you can become a NJHS member when you get into your 8th grade year! Please see Ms. Fasano or your guidance counselor if you would like further information on NJHS, our peer tutoring program, and/or upcoming fundraisers and donation activities we participate in!

A Surprise Guest and "The Tell-Tale Heart"

By: Christian Cole

On October 31st, 8th grade students at KMS were surprised by former teacher, Mr. John Murphy! Mr. Murphy retired at the end of last year and he always said he would come back and visit! He was kind enough to read the short story "The Tell-Tale Heart" aloud to the entire grade. His reading was realistic and full of passion and enthusiasm; he brought the story to life. This was extra special because the story has very scary themes and he performed it on Halloween. As a teacher, he inspired all of his students to do great things; therefore, many students were so excited to see him again. We hope that Mr. Murphy comes back later in the year for additional, fun events for the 8th grade class!

