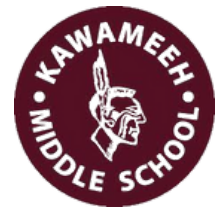


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DARK MASK

A fictional short story
By: Serena Ennis

When the clock struck midnight on October 31, a magical feeling filled the air. Jack Ramirez couldn't wait any longer – it was time for the Halloween party he'd been looking forward to for days! He carefully slipped out of bed, making sure not to wake up his sister Jillian in the next room. Jack had been getting ready since 10 p.m., and the excitement had been building up all week.

Avoiding the creaky stairs at the front of his house, Jack threw a rope out of his bedroom window like a secret agent on a mission. The spooky corn maze, just across the street, was his chosen path to the party. He knew the maze well, having explored it since it appeared at the beginning of the month.

But as Jack ventured into the maze's heart, something strange happened. The pathways twisted and turned in ways he didn't expect. Confused, he looked up at the moon, wondering what to do next. Suddenly, a deep, creepy laugh echoed around him.

"Who's there?" Jack called out nervously, but the laughter seemed to dance away, teasing him. "I know karate if you try to attack me!" he bravely declared. More laughter echoed, surrounding him from all sides. The wind rustled through the cornstalks, making the night even spookier. Undeterred, Jack got ready to face whatever was hiding in the shadows, his fists clenched tight.

Then, as quickly as it began, the laughter stopped. The maze fell silent, and Jack cautiously moved forward, calling out, "Hello?!" But before he could figure out what was happening, a mysterious figure with a dark mask appeared out of nowhere. With a swift move, the masked man grabbed Jack, pulling him into the mysterious shadows.

The Halloween party Jack had been so excited about turned into a puzzling adventure, where the real mysteries of the night awaited him...

4 ways to have fun while at Kawameeh Middle School!

Middle school is not just about studying; it's also about making memories that will last a lifetime. Here are 4 ways to have a blast during your middle school years:

1. Join a Club:

- Explore your interests by joining one of the many exciting clubs offered at our school, such as the Art club, Drama club, or Cheer Club!

2. Participate in Sports:

- Get active and have a great time by joining a sports team, whether it's basketball, soccer, or wrestling!

3. Attend School Events:

- Don't miss out on the fun school events like spirit weeks, ice cream socials, and PTA fundraisers (like DODGEBALL!)

4. Create a Study Group:

- Make studying more enjoyable by forming a study group with your friends.
- Help each other understand challenging subjects, share study tips, and maybe even have a few laughs along the way.

Remember, middle school is a time to discover new things, make lasting friendships, and have fun while preparing for the future. So, get out there and make the most of your middle school experience!

Costumes & Candies! Halloween 2023

by: Ugonnaya E.

According to *CNN*, the most popular Halloween costumes this year are Barbie costumes, *Oppenheimer*, Spider-Man, Wednesday Addams, and surprisingly... bear costumes! Because of new series and movies being released, it's no shock that these costumes are very popular. Let's see if anyone at KMS will dress up as these popular costumes. Now that we reviewed the costumes, let's go to the candies. Based on CBS news, *realsimple.com*, and *USA Today*, the most popular candy of 2023 is Reese's Peanut Butter Cups.

According to *CandyStore.com*, other popular candies include: M&Ms, Skittles, Sour Patch Kids, Starburst, Hershey Kisses, Snickers, plus more. *CandyStore.com* also includes the LEAST popular candies. Based on a vote, here are the worst candies: Candy Corn, Peanut Butter Kisses, Smarties, Licorice, Tootsie rolls, and more. So, do you agree with this? What are your favorite and least favorite candies?



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5-Minute Mania!

Selecting Holocaust Literature
with Mrs. Kraus in the KMS Library





STUDENT COUNCIL EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS

In December, the Student Council will be hosting a holiday themed spirit week! There will also be a myriad of other activities being hosted by the student council, including a holiday backdrop, a cookie & cocoa cart, and the door decoration competition will be returning! Flyers about these activities will be hung up around the school, so stay tuned for more information!

Adaeze Oleka
KMS Student Council President



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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TEACHER SPOTLIGHT INTERVIEW WITH MRS. WINTERS

BY: JAZMIN RODRIGUEZ
AND VICTORIA AMORIM



WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO WORK AT KAWAMEEH?
"I DIDN'T HAVE MANY OPTIONS TO CHOOSE FROM AND COMING BACK TO KAWAMEEH WASN'T SUCH A BAD IDEA SINCE I CAME HERE MYSELF AS A STUDENT."

WHAT WAS YOUR EXPERIENCE AT KAWAMEEH AS A STUDENT?
"I WAS ONE OF THOSE STUDENTS WHO WOULD NOT TALK MUCH. I WAS VERY SHY. I NEVER HAD PROBLEMS WITH ANYBODY. KAWAMEEH WAS ALWAYS A FAMILY AND STILL IS A FAMILY."

WHAT MAKES A 'GOOD DAY' AT SCHOOL FOR YOU?
"WHEN EVERYONE GETS ALONG AND EVERYTHING GOES ACCORDING TO PLAN."

WHAT IS SOMETHING THAT STUDENTS WOULD BE SURPRISED TO FIND OUT ABOUT YOU?
"WELL, THERE ISN'T MUCH SURPRISING ABOUT ME REALLY. I AM AN OPEN BOOK. BUT ONE THING IS THAT I WEAR TWO DIFFERENT COLORED SOCKS EVERY DAY TO SCHOOL."