



# GRIZZLY TIMES

Dear Families,

We are so excited to welcome your students back to school! Our entire staff and faculty have been working tirelessly to create a safe and meaningful educational experience for your students this year. This school year we had hoped for a return to some pre-pandemic norms, but we are united to take on our challenges and provide your children the best schooling opportunities we can. The addition of a 6th grade 4-day bonding experience to kick off the school year was incredible! Our KMS Cross Country team had the experience of Off-Island Travel for the first time in 2 years!

Thank you for all of your support and resilience as our school faces this new year of unique challenges. Quality experiences and school day requirements continue to stretch all of us, but we are confident we can meet the social, educational and safety needs of our students.

Welcome back and thank you for this opportunity!

Todd Burton, Principal

## SCHOOL CONTACTS

**PRINCIPAL:** [Todd Burton](#)

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**NURSE**  
Chloe Nelson : 486-7470

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Homework Club**  
Every Tuesday & Thursday  
3:30 - 4:15 pm in the Library

**Board of Education Meeting**  
October 11 at 6:30pm

**Board of Education Meeting**  
October 18 at 6:30pm

**District Inservice - NO SCHOOL**  
October 11-12

**Parent-Teacher Conferences**  
October 20 -21

**Red Ribbon Week**  
October 25-29

**Picture Re-takes**  
October 26

**District Inservice - NO SCHOOL**  
November 15

**COUNSELORS**  
Sheila Beardsley: 486-7471  
6th Grade, 7th Grade L-Z

Lucy O'Brien: 486-7467  
8th Grade, 7th Grade A-K

Kris Foster: 486-7469  
Providence Mental Health Clinician

# SCHOOL ENTRANCE/EXIT

Each grade level has their own entrance/exit. Please refer to the maps below.



Lunch Bunch is a social emotional group, building friendships and connections. We have a total of 120 students this year. Students join a group of 10 for 1 day a week during their lunch and will remain with the same group all year.

Students pre-registered for a chance to attend. There was an overwhelming interest from the 6th grade and names were drawn to determine participation. 7th and 8th grade were self-selected based off their participation from last year. If an opening happens, we have a waitlist for future slots.

### DO NOT choose masks that

- Are made of fabric that makes it hard to breathe, for example, vinyl
- Have exhalation valves or vents, which allow virus particles to escape
- Are intended for healthcare workers, including N95 respirators or surgical masks

### DO choose masks that

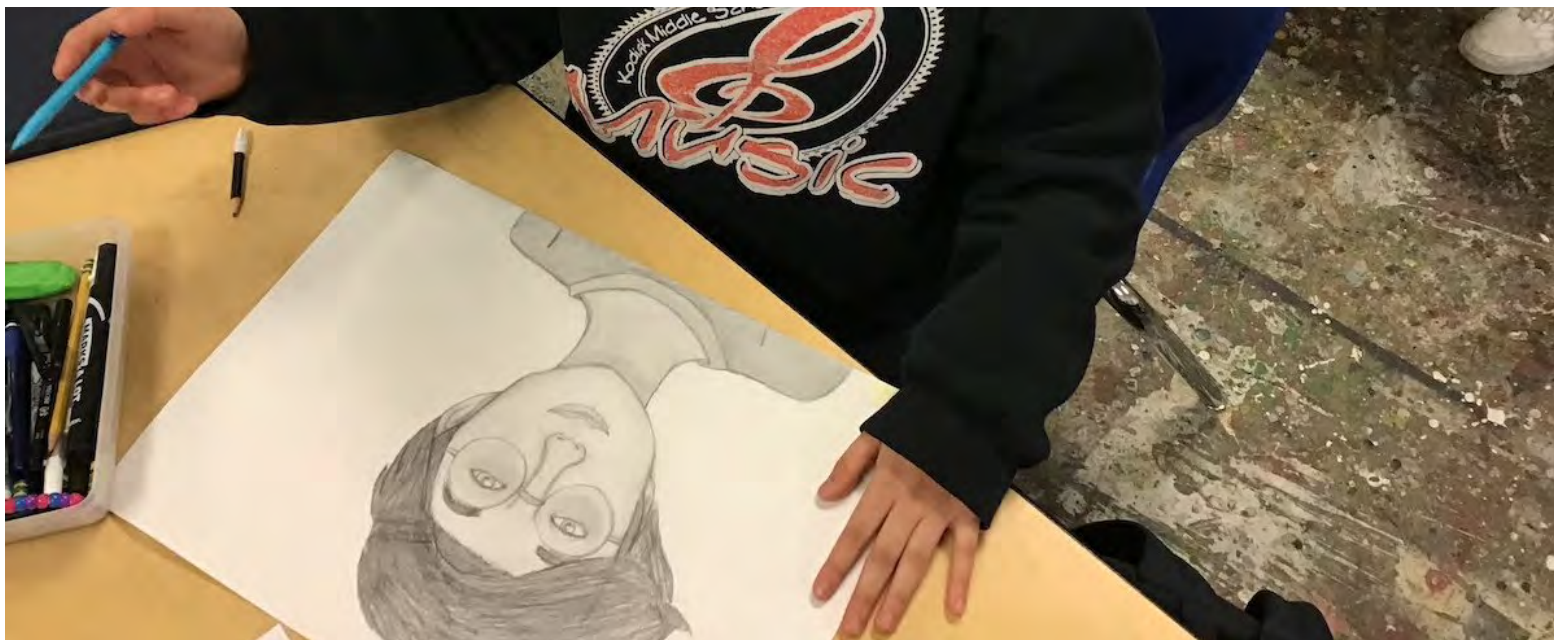
- Have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric
- Completely cover your nose and mouth
- Fit snugly against the sides of your face and don't have gaps

EVERYONE MUST WEAR A MASK!

Everyone must wear an approved mask while at KMS. Pick one that is fun, well-fitting, and comfortable for your student.

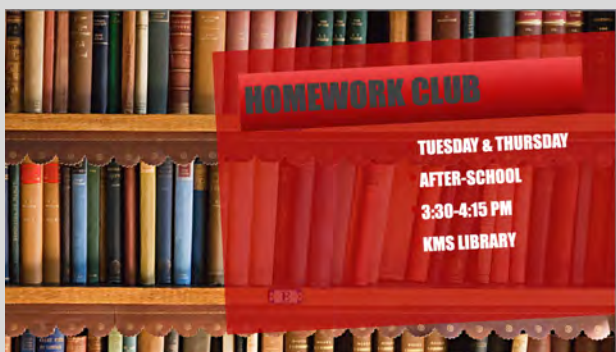
# GIFTED & TALENTED

On Tuesday October 5th, students who have been identified and notified by the KIBSD Gifted and Talented department will be taking a cognitive assessment from 8:30-11:00am in the library. Students will need to bring a charged iPad and headphones for this assessment. If you have any questions, please contact Rena Rankin at rena.rankin@kibsd.org.



## THE ARTS

8th grade art students demonstrate knowledge of how to adapt the general rules of proportion, shape, and value to convey the likeness of a real subject. Practicing art develops a flexible and creative brain.



## HOMEWORK CLUB

Need a little extra help with your school work? Come to the Library on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-4:15 pm.



## NOTE FROM THE NURSE

We continue to encourage all parents to take their student's temperature and monitor them closely for any sign of potential illness.

Students and staff should remain at home if they have any symptoms of COVID-19 including: fever (defined as temperature over 100.4°F), new or persistent cough, new trouble breathing or shortness of breath, chills, night sweats, sore throat, body aches, muscle aches, joint pain, headache, loss of taste or smell, runny nose, congestion, fatigue, confusion, and/or stomach issues (diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain).

# CHAMPIONSHIP XC RACE RESULTS

## Mat-Su Valley at Redington High/Jr. High School Campus in Wasilla

The Girls race Started at 3:30, 7th grader Sienna Mickelson had a fantastic race becoming the Kodiak Girls front runner for the first time this season.

The following is a list of our Kodiak finishers with their place out of 176 finishers, followed by their name, time, and their place by grade level:

23 Sienna Mickelson 13:22.14 7th Grade 11th/68  
24 Haiden Holforty 13:25.49 8th grade 8th/49  
44 Brooke Virgin 14:00.37 7th Grade 20th/68  
49 Maggie Hubert 14:14.64 8th Grade 17th/49  
53 Kilee Holforty 14:27.93 7th Grade 25th/68  
71 Aniston Krug 15:06.08 6th Grade 13th/59  
92 Dannica Sharratt 15:48.90 6th Grade 21st/59  
96 Lillian McSparron 15:59.54 6th Grade 22nd/59  
98 Olivia Diemer 16:02.71 6th Grade 23rd/59

As a team the girls placed 6th out of 9 complete teams as follows:

1 Teeland 55  
2 Colony 56  
3 Grace 75  
4 Wasilla 95  
5 Palmer 124  
6 Kodiak 155  
7 Birchtree 194  
8 Mat-Su Central 206  
9 Midnight Sun 259

Other teams present were incomplete with less than 5 finishers



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For the Kodiak Boys, 7th grader Joseph Dube was the Grizzlies top finisher with 7th place overall out of 229 finishers. Here are the Kodiak Boys Finishes:

- 6 Joseph Dube 10:59.55 7th Grade 4th/81
- 17 Landen Alford 11:50.83 8th Grade 7th/60
- 23 Devin Sharratt 12:06.00 8th Grade 9th/60
- 31 Treyton Butler 12:21.07 6th Grade 8th/88
- 39 Eric Litzow 12:43.55 6th Grade 11th/88
- 61 Hunter Wagner 13:15.16 6th Grade 16th/88
- 62 Axel Hargraves 13:16.61 6th Grade 17th/88
- 130 Taiyo Seto 14:29.54 7th Grade 50th/81
- 134 Stokely Williams 14:54.63 7th Grade 53rd/81



As a team the Kodiak Boys were 4th of 13 complete teams as follows:

- 1 Palmer 41
- 2 Colony 49
- 3 Teeland 60
- 4 Kodiak 105
- 5 Wasilla 126
- 6 HMS 199
- 7 Grace 214
- 8 Fronteras 288
- 9 Midnight Sun 281
- 10 ACS 284
- 11 Mat-Su Central 327
- 12 Birchtree 328
- 13 Redington 334



Complete results can be found here:  
<https://my.raceresult.com/181544/results>