

THE KING'S POST

December 2023

Kalakaua Middle School

821 Kalihi St



Happy Holidays



Important Dates!

12/20: Spelling Bee 3-5PM

12/21: End of semester 1

12/25 - 1/8: Winter Break

1/8/24: First day Back

1/12/24: Leadership Elective
Applications Due

1/16/24: WIDA Access

Testing Begins: Please See
Ms. Hsu with questions

Woooohoooo! Two weeks left until winter break! Students please see your teachers for any missing assignments. Parents, check your child's Infinite Campus. If you have questions please contact your child's teacher or counselor ASAP! Let's finish 2023 off strong:)

KMS MATH TEAM FINISHES STRONG



On Saturday November 25th the KMS Math team coached by Mrs. Rombang came in 4th place out of 14 schools. Jaiden Aquino received perfect scores on both of his individual tests to give KMS an edge over the competition. As a team, the group did great in the scavenger hunt activity. They look to improve for the next competition in February!

By Edwin Butay

$$X = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

“A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A VICE PRINCIPAL”

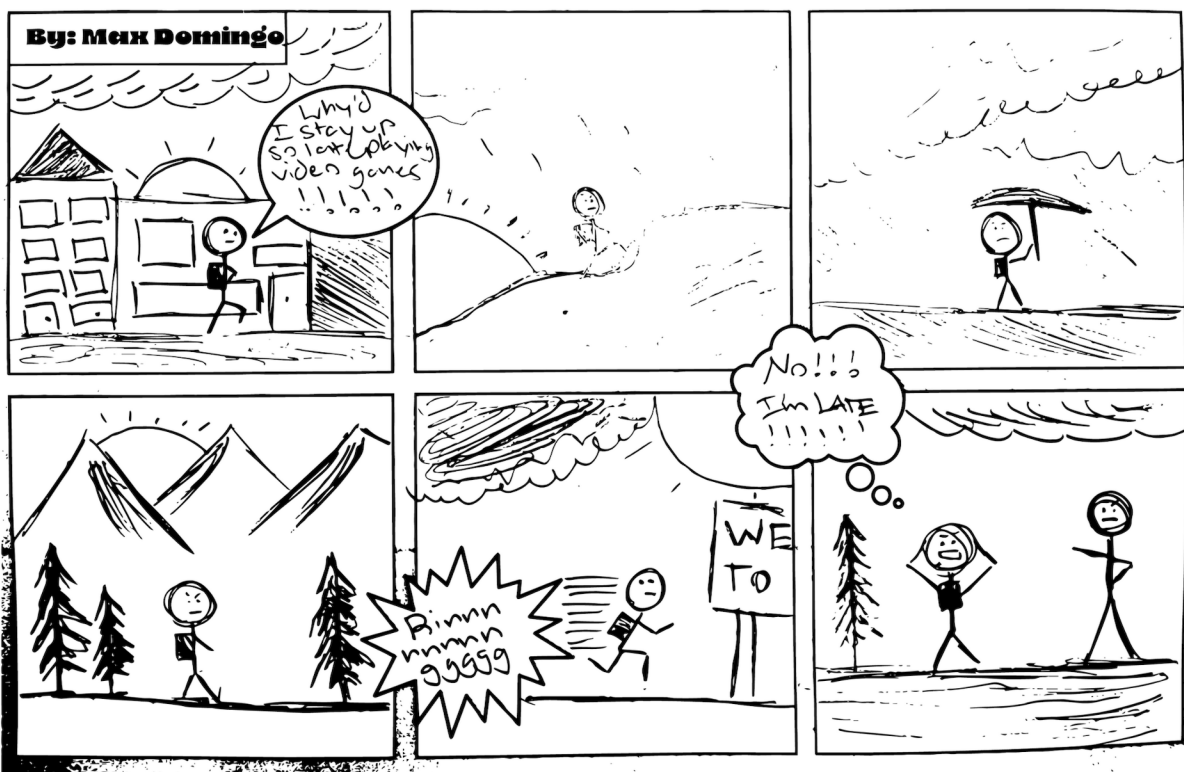
-feat. *Ms. Cunningham!*



Being a principal (or vice principal) is a demanding job! Today we caught up with Ms. Cunningham to do a “ride along” to see what their typical day looks like...well actually there is no typical day as a VP at Kalakaua! Usually we think of vice principals dealing with student behaviors but that is only one small part of the job. They also must make sure everyone on campus is safe, teachers are teaching to standards, hold meetings with parents to discuss both behavior and academic concerns and sometimes help out in the health room or even take out the rubbish. It is important to know that they are here for us anytime we need them! So while we often wonder what they might be working on, they are really coordinating everything to make sure our school runs smooth. We just want to say thank you to Ms. Cunningham, Mrs. Porras-Tang, Mrs. Patalinghog, Mr. Simon and Mr. Grindell for all they do for our school:)

by marliena Domer & Samantha Fuimaono

Title: Late For School!





ESPORTS AND EDUCATION



More often than not, E-sports is criticized as many believe it is not a sport at all. By definition in the Oxford dictionary, a sport is an activity involving physical exertion and skill in which an individual or team competes against another or others for entertainment. While there may be limited physical exertion, it does require a skill, promotes teamwork and serves as entertainment. Esports is not all fun and games either as Mr. Hirashima and Mr. Canaday who teach the program require all participants to complete 30 minutes of study hall before the games begin. Mr. Canaday said all students must be maintaining passing grades in order to play otherwise they are restricted from both practice and competition. Many students like Brett Quintana said that Esports offers an outlet for him to de-stress and find his happy place after a long day of writing, problem solving and just cooling down from the hot classrooms. He thinks the video games help him relax and recharge. Other students agreed. It's a hobby that students enjoy and it promotes some brain stimulation and hand eye coordination. So before you criticize, give it a try!

By Max and Jeffery



POPPING THE QUESTION

I'm going to be a _____ when I grow up is the typical answer to the question "what do you want to be when you grow up question". Well have no fear, not having an answer to that question is completely OK. Studies suggest that adults should be asking kids about what they're interested in instead of steering them down a career path at such a young age. Be you, do you and let it fall into place on its own. Be attentive in school, learn how to learn, learn how to read, be a team player, be kind, be caring, be considerate and these skills and traits will naturally help you choose a career. As a matter of fact, only 35% of workers in the job force between 20 and 35 imagine working the same career their entire life as the older generations once did. So it is quite possible to work multiple careers in a lifetime too. Ask your teachers too, many of them have chosen teaching as their second career! So remember, it may take time to figure out what's right for you. Don't feel like just because you did a career project on being a nurse, that's what you have to be when you grow up!





Turkey Trot

First Annual

Whether you ran or not, we were all winners at Tuesday's Turkey Trot. The event was a great success in which over 200 students participated in the 4x100 relay race. While students cheered from the stands, the student athletes gave it their all to represent their AA's. Team Tillery came out on top with a 400 meter time of 59.28 seconds which was the exact same time that Mr. Pray, Mr. Tillery, Mr. Decker and Mr. Gist ran. Next year let's beat the teachers! Hope you all had a great Thanksgiving and enjoy the holiday season.



Should Perfect Attendance be Rewarded?

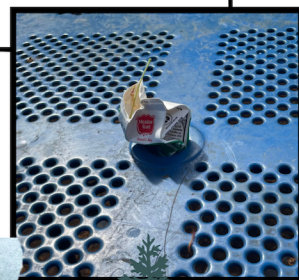
The quarterly awards assembly is a great way to celebrate student achievement. A handful of students are awarded certificates for honor roll and principal's list, a few for Hui'Po'okela and a very few for perfect attendance. The big question is...should this be rewarded or is this just a common expectation? Tell us what you think by writing an argumentative essay on the topic "Should perfect attendance be rewarded?". Submissions due to Mr. Decker by Monday, 1/8/24. Winning essays will be announced on January 12th. McDonalds gift cards will awarded to the top 3 essays!



PUT IT IN THE TRASH!



Dude be nice doesn't just refer to being nice to people but to our campus as well! Let's think a little beyond ourselves, keep our campus clean and respect our school and not litter! Custodians have a lot of responsibilities and them cleaning up student litter is sad. We spoke with Mr. Josh and he told us that the majority of litter found is usually lunch and breakfast trays. Let's step it up and be better. Walk it to the rubbish can, it's not that hard. By Lance Orosco



With the holiday season in full effect, stores and society place so much pressure to spend, spend, spend this time of year. While few middle schoolers are aware of the current economic state and the rise in inflation over the past few years, Mr. Decker's 4th period financial literacy class is way ahead of the game when it comes to learning about budgeting. To show a loved one your appreciation does not require you to spend much on a gift. Remember if you are going to buy presents to think more along the lines of what they need over what they want. Next don't get blinded by flashy brand names. Ethan Isidro learned about spending within your means explaining, "don't spend more than you can afford". He said saving money to invest in his future is far more important to him than buying some Christmas gifts. You can show your loved ones appreciation in other ways like making cards, spending time with them and thinking about them. Remember, spending time with your friends and family this time of year is priceless:)



ROBOTICS

The FLL Robotics State Championships was held December 2nd at Waiialua High and Intermediate school. Three Kalakaua teams competed (total of 24 students). All teams represented their school's proudly and cheered on other participating teams. Way to go KMS!

-Team 2089: HoBEES placed 2nd in Core Values

-Team 63512 Pixelated Penguins placed 3rd in Core Values!

-Team 25066 Pumped Pugs did great too!

Geographic Exception (GE) Forms for School Year 2024-2025

The school a student attends is based on the parent's or guardian's residential address as listed in Infinite Campus. If, for any reason, you would like your child to attend a different school, please follow the steps below:

1. Either stop by our attendance office to pick up a Geographic Exception form or download a copy of the form from the DOE website.
2. Fill out Section 1 of the form. You must fill out a separate application form for each school to which you are applying. You may apply to as many schools as you wish.
3. Attach: 1) a self-addressed, stamped envelope to each application form submitted; 2) proof of residence with the parent's name and address (current utility bill [water, cable, gas, electric, phone, internet], driver's license/state ID, mortgage statement, property tax bill, or rental/lease agreement).
4. Have Kalakaua Middle School's attendance office fill out Section 2 of the GE form.
5. You may either leave the form with KMS's attendance office and we will forward it to the school(s) you are applying to, or you may take it to the school(s) yourself. Please note: The GE period is from January 3 - March 1, 2024. You will be notified of the school's decision after March 1st. If you have any questions, please call us at 305-4550.



IMPORTANT

SIGN UP TODAY

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Cookie Decorating Contest

When: Friday 12/15 2:30-4:30
Where: KMS Media Center
Cost: 100 HERO Points
Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place

Sign Up in the HERO Store