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A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kick boxing.

~Emo Philips

Peace is its own reward.

~Mohandas Ghandi

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Dog sledding: Sport or Animal Cruelty? By: Jessica Williams

Every year, when the snow falls, people harness up 16 dogs on a 50-foot gang line just to pull 400 pounds of sled and human. The Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race starts every year in March, yet many start straining as soon as the first snow falls.

They train their dogs to win thousands of dollars and many prizes. The grueling journey is from Anchorage to Nome, Alaska. That's like racing your dogs from Orlando, Florida to New York City.

Starting soon, many competitors will be racing through the winter

wonderland and training their dogs to run faster, run harder, run better. The big question is, what are the effects on your dogs? Well out of every 1,500 competition dogs that start, more than 500 will be flown out each year due to sickness, injury, or exhaustion. That more than one-third of the competition!

Many paws become bloody, swollen, and tender after all those hours of running through rocky mountain sides and through thick forests.

George Diaz, from the Orlando Sentinel, states that "[The Iditarod] is nothing more than a bar-

baric ritual that gives Alaskan cowboys a license to kill."

Dr. Paula Kislak, president of the Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights, says "With a buildup of lactic acid and other chemicals from muscle degradation as a result of extreme exercise, toxicity in the liver and kidneys may not cause death for days or weeks after a race."

People argue saying that these dogs have been breed since birth for this type of work, yet what happens to those who are not fast enough or not strong enough? They are culled or removing animals from a group based on specific criteria. Some dogs are given away or sold to be (continued on page 6)

Controversy of Color By Adrian Parker

It's always been a controversial topic, and it's pretty much never really argued for any important reason, but people can't help but wonder if black and white are real colors.

Some say black is a color but white isn't, and vice versa. Some say they're both colors, and others think neither of them are

colors. Some people claim that they are the most extreme shades of any color.

The question needs to start with a definition of color. Color is the light reflected from objects that can enter people's eyes as visible light. Pigments are what absorb light, and the light that

doesn't get absorbed by pigments is reflected. That reflected light is what we see. That being the case, a blue shirt has pigments that absorb every color except blue, so the blue light gets reflected off the shirt, enters our eyes, which is why it's the only color seen on the shirt. (continued on page 6)



The trail is off limits...from 8:05 AM to 3:15 PM.

Throwing Away Open Campus by Brandi Quimby

The news going around KHS is the possibility of a closed campus. Closed campus means students would be restricted to campus during lunch time. The number one reason for having closed campus is because students aren't respecting the school.

People in our school need to keep our school

clean. Ask yourself, what do you think other students would say about our school when they visit and see holes and writing all over the walls?

Another issue is the small handful of students leaving school to smoke on the trail. The trail is off limits to all KHS student from 8:05 A.M to 3:15 P.M. Do you think the kids, that aren't doing

the vandalism and smoking, want to lose their lunch break because of the kids who continually break the rules? You know that if the students start losing their open campus, many students will be very upset.

If we have to go to closed campus then that would require two lunches. Students will be split up and that would
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"As long as student's work to improve, I'll keep open Campus."

Shelley Brooks

...separate lunches...

Tarnished Purple and Gold by Adrian Parker

Where does the money that students pay for parking spaces go? The school Principal, Mrs. Brooks, initially stated "I really don't know", but she said that she was sure it goes to the student council.

With all the recent morning announcements urging students to clean up the parking lot and stop the vandalism that has been going on (the newest case being undisclosed written statements in the girls' locker room) the question in many students heads, is the school is headed toward a closed campus?

If the school did resort to closed campus, it would mean that not only would students not be allowed to leave the building during lunch,



The holes in the breezeway stairs.

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but also that there will be separate lunches because there would be so many students in the cafeteria at the same time. That means you wouldn't have any choice over when you

have lunch or who you have it with.

Just how close Kellogg High School is to having closed campus if the parking lot doesn't get cleaner and vandalism doesn't stop? Mrs. Brooks replied saying "That would be my last resort. [The parking lot] has improved." She explained that some students are definitely helping the effort to clean up litter.

Mrs. Brooks' most important statement: "As long as students work to improve, I'll keep open campus" is the best evidence that KHS most likely won't see closed campus any time soon, but that could potentially turn around quickly if any more acts of vandalism occur, or if trash around the school starts to pile up.

How Effective is In-school suspension?

By Adrian Parker

There's always some room for debate over how much affect in-school suspension has on high school kids. Mr. Schreiber, the Dean of Students and Activities Director at Kellogg High School, was able to shine some light on the subject. As a rough estimate, he stated that around 10% of the student population is responsible for 90% of the discipline referrals, which shows that there are definitely repeat offenders.

Is out-of-school suspension a better alternative for repeat offenders? Mr. Schreiber replied "I don't think so." His reasons being that they miss attendance in this scenario, and won't get much [if anything] done out of school. "We're here to educate kids" he explained. Mr. Schreiber also said he does see change in some students' behaviors after having in-school. He gives in-school an eight out of ten in effectiveness.

Mrs. Furlin, the In-School Suspension Coordinator stated that the "two most common reasons for students getting in-school were probably missing detention and being caught with cell phones" and Mr.

Schreiber agreed. Mrs. Furlin said she sees "a rough average of three or four kids each day at in-school." Yet the question comes down to, does this change the teens attitude? "For the repeat students it doesn't change but for some, yes it does seem to change some attitudes." She could not, however, rate the system saying, "It varies from one person to the next."

The website <http://www.tandl.leon.k12.fl.us/programme/Suspensions.html> states that "ISS can help reduce the daytime juvenile crime rate which has been highly correlated with out-of-school suspensions" and also that it disciplines students in a learning environment with adult supervision, which can lower the dropout rate.

All sources clearly state that it's more effective for some students than others, and it's definitely a better alternative than out-of-school suspension, so it seems to be the best way to deal with students breaking the rules.

(continued from page 2) mean many of us wouldn't get to have lunch with our friends.

Our principal Shelley Brooks has a lot to say about closed campus. She says that she would "prefer KHS students to monitor their own behavior and actions". The principal states that there are "several ways" for students of Kellogg High to avoid a possible closed campus.

"First, they each have to take the initiative and responsibility to act now to improve their campus and the condition of the campus building. Second, each student and adult that works or visits KHS needs to pick up after themselves and others and to be consistent, not just do it once or twice

a year." All it takes is for people to pick up not break school property and follow the rules.

"Third, each student needs to report any vandalism, if they see it,



Student parking lot.

Staff Photo

and advise other students to stop! Lastly, the students at KHS should bond together and come up with pos-

sible solutions to address these problems. Once some solutions are developed, the entire student body must support them through their own actions and behaviors."

Students, if we don't stop the vandalism, then our open campus will be taken away. So, be responsible, be cleanly, and be mature!



Cristes maesse by Wendi Criger

What is Christmas? It is a time when some of your dreams come true. The word Christmas comes from the old English “Cristes maesse ” meaning Christ’s Mass.

The holiday celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ. However, the actual birthday of Jesus is not known. Santa Claus is known by British children as Father Christmas. These days, Father Christmas is quite similar to the American Santa.

From the English, we get a story to explain the custom of hanging stockings from the mantelpiece of the fireplace. Father Christmas had once dropped some gold coins while coming down the chimney. If coins wouldn’t have landed in the stocking that has been hanging to dry, then they would have fell through the ash grate and had been lost.



Kaylia Russell shows off her Christmas spirit!

The customs of singing Christmas carols is also from English origin. During the middle ages, groups of people would go around house to

house to spread the Christmas spirit by singing carols. The word carol means, “Song of you.” Most of the Christmas carols we sing now days are from the nineteenth century. The hanging of the color green, such as, holly and ivy, is a British winter tradition. It was probably used to lift low spirited people and remind them that springs not that far away.

It all comes clear at Christmas. It is a very tender time of year. Everyone grows cautious because we open ourselves to love and exchange gifts, but what those are really saying is, “I love you.”

A Christmas Poem By Christy Swan

Towards the end of December
It gets dark and cold outside early
Carrying the tree home to decorate
The smell of pine and fresh baked
cookies
Surrounds the love inside the warm
and cozy house
Through the foggy window pane, a
family
Laughing, smiling, decorating the
tree
With memories, ornaments, tinsel

and lights
Hang all the stockings on the mantel
Wrap all the presents to put under
the tree
Turn on the lights around the house
Snowflakes twinkle in the
moonlight as the fall
The cookies and milk wait for Santa
late in the night
And all through the house,
the family sleeps

Coke or Pepsi?

By Lance Claffin

We all know what coach Kimberling’s opinion on this topic is, but how about a little history lesson. A pharmacist, Doctor John Pemberton, released Coke first in 1886.

We can credit Caleb Bradham for his invention of Pepsi. His drink did not come to be until 1883 its original name was Brads Drink.

Mr. Pemberton was the creator of the name and logo of his drink where as Mr. Bradham bought the logo. It has been debated which one is Americas

best soft drink Coke or Pepsi.

In an article written by Eric, he lists the top ten sodas in America doing 2007.

1. Coke Classic 17.2%
 2. Pepsi Cola 10.7%
 3. Diet Coke 10%
 4. Mountain Dew 6.6. %
 5. Diet Pepsi 6%
 6. Dr. Pepper 5.9%
 7. Sprite 5.6%
 8. Fanta 1.8%
 9. Diet Mountain Dew 1.6%
 10. Diet Dr. Pepper 1.6%
- That goes to show that Coke Classic is the most

popular soda in America followed by Pepsi, followed closely by Diet Coke. What did Kellogg High School think? Here are the results.

“A pharmacist, Doctor John Pemberton, released Come first in 1886.”

The students and facility gave their all. It was a close one the winner won by 5 points. Not that matters really because the voices of the school spoke and Coke came out on top.

In all seriousness Coke got 111 to Pepsi’s 106 points. Sorry Pepsi fans but Coke is still the king.

What have we been up to?



The Paper staff (front row, left to right) Kaylia Russell, Brandi Quimby, Danielle Shipley, (back row) Wendi Criger, Lance Claffin, Adrian Parker, April DeShazer, and Jessica Williams.



Matt Weingart goes all out for hockey in the student parking lot.. From left to right, Chance Hughes, Nathan Church and Zack Pickering.

(continued from page 1) So what type of light is reflected into our eyes when we see black? The answer is that no light is reflected off of objects that we see as black, because black objects have pigments that absorb every color of light that hits it. That's why we see black in a completely dark room, or wherever there's no light. That shows how black is actually not a real color, but an absence of color.

If black isn't a color, then is white? White is actually what enters our eyes when every color of the rainbow goes into our eyes. Objects we see as white don't have any pigments, so all the colors that hit it bounce off and enter our eyes as white light.

A little off topic fact is that the sun emits white light, so the reason the sky is blue is because blue light travels a little slower than other colors because of it's high frequency, so it lags behind in the sky enough that blue is the color we see.

In conclusion, pure black is the absence of any color, and white is a mixture of all colors, so white's a color and black isn't.



Jamie Williams' awesome drawing.

(continued from page 1) house dogs, yet you have many who are shot, drowned, abandoned, or even euthanized.

Ten years ago, Lorraine Temple justified the killing of the animals that were not up to standards. "They can't keep a dog who's a mile an hour too slow."

Now, what do people of Kellogg High School think compared to those who actually dog sled?

One student gritted her teeth and replied, "Well all I know is, my husky, Moose, was neither born nor bred to pull some lazy person around in a sled for hundreds of miles! Not even for thousands of dollars; not for a million dollars! You cannot replace him one he is gone. No amount of money can."

Yet you also have another side to all of this. "I don't believe it's animal cruelty because they were made to do this!" Wendi Criger says.

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Upcoming Events by Brandi Quimby

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| 1st | No school |
| 4th | School Resumes |
| 5th | Gear up Night |
| 6,13,20,27 | Spanish bake sale |
| 13th | School board meeting |
| 15th | End of semester-teacher work day |
| 18th | Curriculum |
| | Day no school |
| 28th | Joybell Hamburger Fry |