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# KMS FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2018

#### SCIENCE FAIR

Science Fair season is quickly approaching. Students over the past few months have been selecting research projects and will soon be ready to present their findings.

-The KMS Science Fair will be held on February 15th in the KMS Media Center. Judging starts at 4:30pm and opens to the public for viewing at 5:45pm, with a parent meeting to follow.

-Culver-Stockton Fair will occur on February 24th, in Canton, Missouri. Students will compete with other students from around the Tri-State area.

-Eastern Iowa Science and Engineering Fair (Regional Fair) will be held on March 17th, in Cedar Rapids. All students from the eastern side of the state compete for numerous awards, prizes, scholarships and trips.

-State Science and Technology Fair of Iowa will be held in Ames, Iowa on March 23rd. Students from the entire state will present their research and compete for numerous awards, prizes and scholarships.



## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb 9 Valentine's Dance 6-8:00pm At The Edge

Feb 14 Valentine's Day

Feb 15 KMS Science Fair

Feb 19 NO SCHOOL - President's Day

Feb 20 Winter Choir Concert

7:00pm KMS Gym

Feb 22 Concert Band Trip to St. Louis

Feb 23 End of 2nd Trimester

#### DENTAL SEALANTS FOR 7TH GRADE

KMS YEARBOOKS **ARE NOW ON** COLOR YEAR **BOOK \$15.00 ORDER ONLINE** OR PICK UP AN ORDER FORM IN THE OFFICE.

Dental Sealants will be done February 5th and February 6th. This is a free dental procedure that is provided by a grant for KMS. Every 7th Grade student is encouraged to take advantage of this great program, for free! On Thursday January 25th there was a short meeting held in the cafeteria and consent forms were handed out to all of the 7th Grade students and need to be returned by Monday February 5th. If you have any questions or concerns about your 7th Grade student getting dental sealants done, please do not hesitate to call the nurse or the office at the Middle School. 524-3737

### **Bullying and Harassment**

SALE! FULL

Harassment and bullying are not just physical acts anymore. Social media and cyber-bullying have become an easy way for bullies to take advantage of others. They count on no one wanting to make a big deal out of it by telling the bully to stop. These are things that can easily be stopped, if one or more students simply step up and let the bully know that their behavior is unacceptable. Students should try to choose and hang around with friends who will support them in their decision to stand out from the crowd. Think about how tough that is on a middle school kid. Now, imagine the power of the person being bullied and their friends versus the power of the bully in these situations. Bullies don't look to harass large groups of students and will quickly stop the behavior. **Encourage your student to tell a staff member** when they witness or read something that might be bullying. Now imagine what happens to bullying and harassment in our building if our students took this stand.

There will always be bullying and harassment situations and how this occurs will change with the times. We will continually have to improve our strategies for handling these situations when they do occur. And eventually they do get better for everyone involved. Parents need to encourage their students to step forward and put a stop to all forms of bullying at KMS.



#### ATHLETIC EVENTS

Feb 1...8 BBB Away vs. Ottumwa 7 GBB Home vs. Ottumwa Feb 5...8 BBB Away vs. Ft. Madison 7 GBB Home vs. Ft. Madison Feb 6...8 BBB Home vs. Ft. Madison 7 GBB Away vs. Ft. Madison Feb 8...8 BBB Home vs. Edward Stone 7 GBB Away vs. Edward Stone Feb 12...8 BBB Away vs. Washington 7 GBB Home vs. Washington Feb 13...8 BBB Away vs. Aldo Leopold 7 GBB Home vs. Aldo Leopold Feb 16...8 BBB Home vs. Mt. Pleasant



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