WELCOME TO THE RAIDER TIMES

The Raider Times is our new middle school newspaper. It provides monthly articles from students at Kiel Middle School. This month’s addition you will read all about Joshua Thiry winning an ice cream flavor competition, to the new schedule that we have at Kiel Middle School. The kids worked very hard on this as they were working on it for about one month during Raider Time. Hope you enjoy this month’s addition of The Raider Times.
New KMS Schedule

By: Courtney DeBlay

Every school year starts off with some changes. The schedule was one of the things that changed this year. Some people might think that the new schedule is better than the old one. Others think differently. Just like Morgen, an eighth grade student. She says, “I don’t like the new schedule because they cut down the chorus/band time in half.” What do you think? Do you even know why they changed the schedule?

“There were many reasons why the middle school went to a block schedule.” says Dr. Sixel. One of the reasons was to align our schedule with the high school block schedule so that we could share staff. Another reason is that they wanted longer periods for ELA and Math. Dr. Sixel says, “This gives students more time with their teacher for instruction, to get help, and to work on assignments” Well, some students like longer periods, others think that it is too long. “I don’t like how long classes are.” Says Alyssa Vorpahl, an eighth grade student. But Aja Hill begs to differ saying, “I love having Math for 2 periods.”

The new schedule also provides time for a new class called “Raider Time”. Raider Time is my favorite part of the day. Lexus Koeser agrees in saying she likes Raider Time. “Students who are having trouble in math or ELA can get additional help outside of the classroom. Other students can use that time for enrichment.” Says Dr. Sixel. “Raider time also gives 35 minutes for character counts every other week. On those opposite weeks, we created clubs. Now all students can be involved in a club during the school day. That is new. We still have after school clubs, but some students couldn’t participate because of athletics, bussing, or lack of transportation home after school.” This is the part I don’t like. “It was really confusing,” states Jenna Sabel, an eighth grade student. Jenna along with so many other students were confused. This was probably one of the most confusing parts of the schedule. 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students are so used to going to character counts as their first class on Wednesdays. Now they have to adjust to going to character counts in the middle of the day on Monday’s, and it is hard to adjust.

The last thing reason why they changed the schedule is so band and choir students can be involved in enrichments without going out of classes. But many students are complaining because the time is too short. Listen to these people; Xander Zimmermann, “Exploratories are too short.” Hannah Bolden, “That Band and chorus are at the same time and now we get less time of both.” Oliver Brouwer, “I don’t like how band is a lot shorter now compared to last year.”

“I like nutrition break.” Says Rhonda Otto, an eighth grade student. That’s another thing. The longer breaks, a lot of people like that.
Valders Cross Country Meet

By Daniel Krutzik and Katelyn Uselding

Ethan Vander Meer, a 7th grade cross country runner, took first overall at the Valders Cross Country meet on Thursday September 13th, 2018. “I like getting first and helping my school win first overall,” says Ethan Vander Meer when asked why he likes being part of cross country. Zoe Watson, an 8th grade cross country runner, also competing for Kiel, took second overall for girls, at the Valders Cross Country Meet. The top five runners for the boys from Kiel were Ethan Vander Meer (1st), Pierce Arenz (3rd), Luke Milski (7th), Aidan Murphy (11th), and Logan Perl (28th). The top five runners for the girls from Kiel were Zoe Watson (2nd), Taylor Schad (5th), Lydia Vander Meer (17th), Reagan Isselmann (22), and Lily Watson (25th)).

Zoe Watson and Ethan Vander Meer both agreed that the hardest part of the trail was going up hills and the beginning of the race. The course consisted of many unique trail markers, such as a discus area, softball fields, and a football field and track.

Zoe Watson says, “We practice every day, from 3:45 to 5:15.” They train hard every day for 1 hour and 30 minutes to make sure that they are prepared to run at their next meet. “We do team stretches before we run,” explains Ethan Vander Meer. They stretch each time before running so that they can run comfortably.

It’s important to do your best when running, and to push yourself. Winning can be a great feeling, especially when you know that you deserved it. In the end, cross country is a fun sport. Even though there can be some obstacles, it’s all worth it in the end. Ethan Vander Meer says that one word to describe how he feels before a race is “confident”.

Kiel vs Brillion Game Came to a Shocking Ending

By: Joey Friend

A whistle blows, players stand up, lightning had been spotted, and thunder heard, delay of game. The Kiel Raiders and Brillion Lions, (7th grade teams) are playing a Brillion High School at around 5:30ish, to play some good ol’ American football. Four minutes into the first quarter, Brillion has the ball, and before the snap a bolt of lightning strikes to the south side of the field. Not close enough to be a hazard to the people, but it still stuck. A minute of thunder follows. The refs don’t call anything for another 32 seconds. Then the refs call a delay of game. The Lions go off the field, then head to the supply shed. The Raiders go to the sidelines and wait. In the Kids play catch and talk. Five minutes go by before the refs tell them to get off the field. Coach Dylan, Coach Bill, and Coach Friend tell the players to go to the eating area near the concession stands. After a forty-five-minute delay, everybody heads back onto the field. During the third quarter, lighting and thunder are spotted and heard north-west of the field. ANOTHER delay of game. During the delay the coaches talk, and decide to move the game to Thursday, October 11th. Surprisingly the Brillion coaches accepted (considering they were in a 16-0 lead). The game will be played the day this article was made, 10-11-18. Wish us luck and GO RAIDERS!!!
6th Grade Camp Y-Koda

By: August Curry and Dominic Sheets

On the 12th of September our 6th Graders visited Camp Y-Coda for their annual field trip. Their activities consisted of kayaking, archery, survival skills, geocaching, and the ever popular, lunch. We talked to some teachers about what they thought about camp, Mrs. Salm replied “It was an awesome warm day, my favorite was the kayaking because I love being on the water.” We also asked Mrs. Migacz if she would recommend other schools to come and she replied “We absolutely would, and have.”

One of their classes, survival skills had two segments. Segment one was all about how to prepare for an emergency and what to do in one. At the end of the first segment students got to create a small fire with petroleum covered cotton balls. In the second segment, the students learned how to build a good shelter. Just in case they ever got lost in “the” woods and needed to stay through the night! They were put into small groups and were challenged to, as a group, build the best shelter out of all the groups using only large sticks found on the ground.

We asked some 6th graders about their time at camp, and the answers were very positive! Student Gabby Crook said, “It was fun and enjoyable.” We asked Kegan Gimbe about his favorite activity, “Archery, because I got to shoot bows,” was what he replied. We asked Logan Tesch about his favorite game and he replied, “Marshmallow Hop!” He explained the game like this, “The Marshmallow Hop is where you jump across these mats two limbs at a time and try to get to the end.”

The 6th graders said their overall experience was good. Get ready future 6th graders to have fun! You can find more information on the camp by calling (920) 467-6882. This camp is a non-profit organization in the Sheboygan County, Wisconsin.

7th Grade Camp

By: Danielle Krutzik, Katelyn Uselding, and Ella Wasmer

On September 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th, the seventh grade students went to camp. They spent one night at camp Tapawingo, located in Mishicot. Everyone was separated into groups, referred to as “tribes”. Every tribe took part in several different activities, such as tie dying, archery, ice cream-making, geocaching, “Counting Coup”, and a river romp. Elisheba Sippel, being a part of Beaver tribe tells why Counting Coup was her favorite activity, “We got to run around and look for stuff,” For this activity, students were given a list of things to find, such as a worm or a piece of bark. Then they would have to find the items. Depending on the item, it would be worth a certain amount of points. The winning team got an “award”, which was a bead on their camp necklaces that they designed themselves. “My tribe and I did very well,” says Addison Karls, also a member of Beaver tribe. Tribes were outside most of the camp days. The weather was sunny and warm, but there were lots of mosquitos. At the end of both camp days, all of the tribes did a relay race. The Beaver tribe took second place overall

“We never complained when we didn’t get to do stuff and we included everyone,” says Elisheba when asked if her tribe was positive and fun. With that in mind, camp was a good way for students to get to know each other better, and help them create memories with new friends.
Middle School Student Wins Ice Cream Competition

By: Brett Hartlaub and Carter Burg

Do you love ice cream? Are you creative? Maybe not, but Joshua Thiry of Kiel Middle School saw the opportunity when his mom said Scoops ice cream parlor was hosting a competition for a new ice cream flavor. The competition rules were basic, fill out a form provided by Scoops Ice cream that contains questions about your ice cream flavor.

Josh filed out the form with the name of the ice cream “Death by Peanut”. Josh said the flavor he submitted contained Reese’s pieces, Reese’s cups, and peanuts. When asked why he chose the flavor he did Josh said, “I thought they hadn’t had many peanut based flavors”.

Josh submitted his form to Scoop’s, and waited until the end of July. Josh found out he won towards the beginning of August. When asked if he was happy, he simply answered with “yes”. We also asked Josh if he had any other good ideas. Josh simply said “not really”. Scoops ice cream chose Joshua as the winner of the competition. The prize? Josh’s flavor will be featured at Scoops ice cream as a flavor for us all to try.

Picking Up Our Act for Forensics

By: Josie Koeser and Kylie Meister

It’s time to act ourselves out with Forensics! In two weeks the Forensic participants will compete in their first meet at Kiel Middle School this year! Students will present their acting ability with, Readers Theater, Solo Acting, Duet Acting, Storytelling, Prose, Demonstration and Poetry! Students will be practicing very hard up to the point to reach their goal of competing in Forensics. There will be three total meets for the students to participate in. The days they will be competing are:

- Monday, October 29th at KMS
- Monday, November 5th in Plymouth
- Monday, November 19th in Chilton

This is a chance for students to express their inner selves in front of a group of judges. The contestants this year all come from each of the grades. Each of their choices range from varieties of the acting parts. Good Luck to all who participate!
Listen Up Artists!
The newspaper is currently holding an art contest open to all grades. If you win you get your art featured in the November paper. You need a template. You can visit The Raider Times Office during raider time (10:49-11:24 on M,T,T,F) to get one. Or ask Courtney De Blaey or Allie Markham. We do have some rules (see below), if they are not followed your paper will be eliminated. The deadline to turn in your paper is November 1st. Turn your paper into Allie or Courtney. Thank you to all who participate.

Drawing by Courtney De Blaey,
Grade 8, age 13

Rules:
- Needs to be traced in pen.
- Needs to fit in the template.
- Needs to be school appropriate.
- Needs to have your name, age and grade on the back.

If you are interested email Courtney De Blaey 23cdeblaey@kiel.k12.wi.us

The Raiders Times Presents SAYS
(Sheboygan Area Youth Symphony)

By: Hannah Bolden

What It's about...
The Sheboygan Area Youth Symphony is split into two symphonies The Sinfonia and The Concert Orchestra. They both practice on Mondays at the Weill Center. Like the Sheboygan Symphony Orchestra, the Sinfonia and Concert Orchestra all get to perform at the Weill Center. It’s a great opportunity to get to play with other instruments and with strings. This experience has helped students play better in regular band.

The 2018-2019 season has already begun, so, if you are interested you would play for the 2019-2020 season. You must have a Class C or Class B ranked solo prepared or one of equivalent difficulty for the Sinfonia. For the Concert Orchestra you must have a Class A or B solo prepared or one of equivalent difficulty. For the woodwind and brass instruments you have to play a scale showing your fullest range. All student string, woodwind, brass, or percussion must sight read.

They would really like to see more students join and play next year. If you are thinking about joining, go to sheboygansymphony.org to learn more.
The Dress Code Debate
By: Jenna Sabel and Ella Wasmer

Against (Jenna Sabel): Some of the dress code makes sense, but some does not. For instance, under garments are not allowed to be showing, but lacey bralettes are allowed to be showing. If bras are not allowed, should bralettes be allowed to be showing? No coats during school is another one that people debate about. If you are cold can you concentrate? Most people would answer “no.” If they had no sweatshirt, shouldn’t they be able to wear a coat. No bandanas because they represent a gang. Bandanas are a style. Kids wear bandanas as fashion. Bandanas were represented a gang a long time ago. Some of the dress code is outdated. I believe that the dress code should be updated, so that it makes sense for the new fashion.

For (Ella Wasmer): I always felt like that the dress code was a little unreasonable. However, once I understood why they had those rules, I felt more comfortable with the dress code. I never knew why we couldn't wear certain things. Jenna Sabel and I met up with Dr. Sixel to talk about the dress code. I always used to think that the high school dress code is stricter than the middle school. However, Dr. Sixel told us that “We are trying to align the dress code the same as the high school.” Have you ever heard the saying that you need to fake it until you make it? One way to fake it is to dress the way adults do. Adults dress professional and formal. Our school is trying to make sure that we are dressing appropriate for school, and also so we are ready for the business world.

Phone Policy at KMS
By: Brianna Schueller and Kylie Meister

There has been a new phone policy at KMS (Kiel Middle School). Dr. Sixel had an announcement that we couldn’t have our phones in classes anymore. We could only have them at lunch, recess, and on the bus. Several people we interviewed includes, Addy Johannes (6th grader), Ella Narance (7th grader), Allie Markham (8th grader), and Dr. Ebert (Our Superintendent) about the “new phone policy.” They all had mixed feelings about the phone policy. First of all, some students love that rule, but others think it is unfair. The first question that we asked was, “On a scale from one to ten, one being the least and ten being the best, how much do you like the phone policy?” Allie Markham said, “Five because it’s annoying if the students are on their phones during class.” Allie Markham is okay with the New Phone Policy. Ella Narance stated, “5 because we should be able to have our phones on us, even if we don't use it because if there is an emergency, we can call.” Ella thinks that we should have our phones in the classrooms. Addy Johannes stated, “10 because I don’t think that phones are needed at school, learning is more important than going on your phone.” Addy thinks that kids should be learning and not going on their phones in class. Finally, Dr. Ebert had some other thoughts, “10 because it prevents cyber bullying and I don’t know if everyone knows that if you type in something inappropriate/wrong it goes to the technology department gets a red flag notification and someone can be by your side in a matter of minutes. Also if you send emails they can see them so kids need to be more careful and be nice to other people.” - Dr. Ebert. The second question was, “Would you recommend it to another school?” That question was asked because a lot of schools don’t have a phone policy like we do. It was a fifty/ fifty vote. All though some kids don’t agree with the phone policy, it was placed so kids would be more focused in the classroom. The New Phone Policy has been a success at KMS.
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