



# NEWS AROUND THE DEN

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## Fun Facts...

- Get ready for the Interim. Assessments for Math this week and ELA next week! Study, study, study!!!
- Coder Girls (a girls-only club) will start up in a few weeks. Talk to Mrs. Ellis or Mrs. Reinhardt if you're interested in joining.
- A school-wide fundraiser will begin selling Marie Calendars pies in a week.
- October 30th is costume day, so come dressed up in your favorite costume.

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## KCMS Grizzly Rally! By: Essence V. & Exstacy H.



On Friday, September 25th, Kings Canyon Middle School had their first rally of the year. Everybody had a great time! There were fun games, activities, and music. Kings Canyon 7th & 8th graders competed against each other.

There were a total of five games at the rally. 7th graders won 3 out of 5 and the 8th graders won 2. The scream contest was extremely loud! The students even beat the teachers in a Tug-O-War contest! Hopefully you didn't miss it. Leadership did a great job planning it and we can't wait for all the fun at our next rally!



"The rally was full of excitement and laughter."  
- Angelina Koan, 8th grader



## Travel Club, Workin' at the Carwash!



The KC Travel Club worked hard washing cars on Saturday, October 3rd. They pre-sold carwash tickets to raise money for great trips they will be taking throughout the year.



They not only raised money, but they had a great time while doing it! Mrs. Jenkins is excited to work with such a great group of kids this year!

# JDA's Field Trip To Fresno State by: Alejandro M. and Tommy O.



Joseph Castro, president of CSU Fresno, giving a speech to JDA students' parents.

JDA went on a field trip to Fresno State on September 19th, 2015. JDA stands for the Junior Doctors Academy. This trip was organized by the UCSF Fresno Latino Center. Both 7th and 8th grade JDA students from KC attended with their parents.

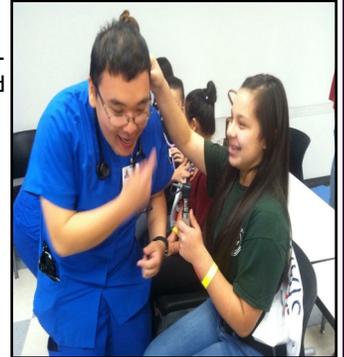
They got to see speeches from the President of California State University Fresno and even the founder of JDA! The students went to many different labs around campus. For example, they completed a First Aid Course and even took the blood

pressure of their parents!

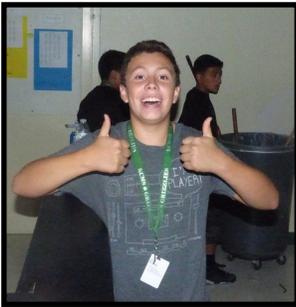
The reason they went to Fresno State was to meet doctors and nurses and current students in the program. The trip lasted for about 6 hours.

"It's fun to be part of the community and such a great experience," JDA teacher Mrs. Cheung said.

To add, Mrs. Cheung is taking JDA applications for next year! Go visit her in room 15 to sign up!



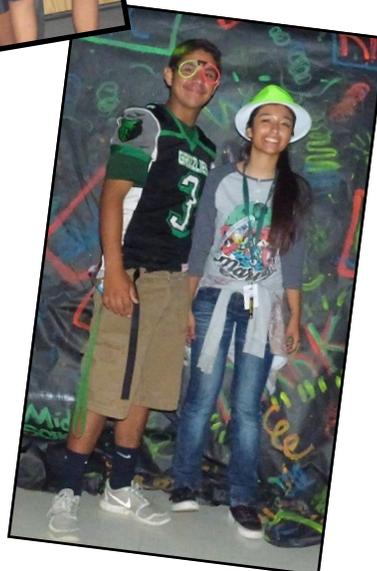
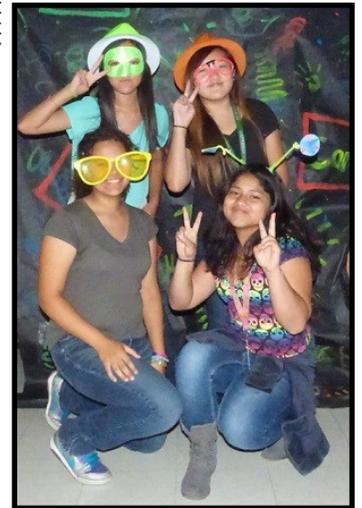
8th grader, Stephanie Aguilar, puts her JDA skills to the test.



## Glow in the Dark Dance!

Were you able to make it to KC's first dance this year? It was our first ever Glow in the Dark Dance! There was some great music played by our very own DJ's... Mr. Salehi and Mrs. Navarro! They sure know how to get the crowd dancing!

Mr. Juarez's leadership class did an amazing job with the decorations, setting up, and even cleaning up afterwards. This dance will sure be tough to beat, but we're definitely looking forward to the next one.



## AVID Students Get the 411 by Betsua A.

Ana Ramirez and Moony Thao, two amazing AVID students from Mrs. Ogden's class, decided to conduct research on KC's very own principal, Mrs. Navarro, and our VP, Mr. Ailanjian. They were inspired by College Day which was held right here, on our very own campus! Here's what they found out...



While interviewing Mrs. Navarro about her thoughts on college, she said, "It's the best choice to make, because you get a great education." We also asked what her thoughts were about college and how challenging it can be. "It's a great way to gain knowledge and more experience," she added. "School is definitely a struggle, but a good one."

As a teenager, Mrs. Navarro faced struggles of her own which made it difficult for her to focus on school, but what inspired her to go to college was the hopes of getting a good job and starting a family. College will help us gain more knowledge and understand more about the world. She showed us that she was just like us... learning, working hard, and looking forward to college. Middle school is actually something

that will prepare us for college and not only help us handle real-world problems on our own, but will help us succeed and have bright futures.

We also interviewed Vice Principal, Mr. Ailanjian, about college. He went to Fresno State and law school. He wanted to become a lawyer and a judge, so he studied history and criminal law. As a teenager, he struggled with work and school, but he realized that in order to achieve success, you need to work hard. Besides being an amazing administrator, he also is a professor at Fresno City College!

So let's remember what KC's leaders have to say about their hard work and dedication and use them as role-models for our own futures!

## A Great Principal from a Great School

By: Michael P.

Mr. Liles is the principal of Sunnyside High School. He has a lot of responsibilities as the principal, but he feels the biggest one is setting a positive mood on campus.

Mr. Liles is a Raiders fan and also considers In-and-Out as fine-dining. He hopes to be the principal until he retires and feels that it is such a rewarding career.

Mr. Liles has recently visited KCMS and said, "When I walk the halls of Kings Canyon, it feels the same as when I was a student here." As a student though, Mr. Liles wasn't serious. He didn't do well, but eventually he became serious about school. He did great from that



point on. He was going to become a lawyer. But instead, he decided to become a principal and from the way he talked about his job, I have no doubt that he made the right choice.

Mr. Liles is a positive person. He tries not to stress. He treats people with respect and has an awesome taste in food. Mr. Liles is the best fit for a Sunnyside High-School principal, and I can't wait until I get to be a part of his school.



## A New Year, A New Teacher by: Gwen V.

Mrs. Coppola is a new teacher at KCMS. She's a 7th grade English teacher and she loves teaching. "When you need help you can always email her!" says 7th grader, Gwen V.

Adrienne Diane Coppola was born on February 3, 1983 in Mountain View, CA. As the youngest child, Mrs. Coppola has one older sister and brother. She grew up in Los Banos, CA and some of her favorite memories were spending the holidays with her family and playing sports.

Mrs. Coppola graduated from Los Banos High School and received her BA in Communications from Ashford University. She didn't stop there! Mrs. Coppola is currently attending National University to get her MA in Specialization in Instruction. Other than a teacher, Mrs. Coppola said she wanted to become a family counselor or anything that helps kids

and families.

Mrs. Coppola is married and she has three sons. The oldest is Drew. He is actually 9 1/2. Haydan is 6 1/2, and Christian (the youngest) is 2. One thing you probably don't know, is that Mrs. Coppola loves food... especially the Cheesecake Factory. In her free time, Mrs. Coppola likes to spend time with her friends and family, watch the SF Giants play, and just anything fun with her friends and family.



## Spirit Week by: Pa Der Y.

Students and teachers showed great school spirit during Spirit Week this year! It definitely got the entire campus ready for our first rally! Pajama Day, Nerd Day, Jersey Day, Twin Day, Disney Day, and Spirit Day on Friday were all great ones! Hopefully we'll have just as much school spirit for the next one!



## Wyld Life with Mrs. Wothe by Christian A.



[Florence.younglife.org](http://Florence.younglife.org)

Have you ever heard of the club Wyld Life? Well, it's a great club that we have here at Kings Canyon Middle School. I was able to get an interview with Mrs. Wothe, the primary leader of the club. She said that this club meets every Friday and they have parties with skits, music, games, and in the summer... they go camping!

It was Mrs. Wothe's idea to bring this club to Kings Canyon 7 years ago in 2008. She said

that Wyld Life originated with the high school club, Young Life and that's what why Wild is spelled with a "Y." She has always been a leader since it was brought to this school.

The club started at KC to offer a place for kids to come and have fun and practice positive values. Mrs. Wothe became a leader, because she wanted to make a difference in kids' lives in hopes that they will come back in the future to

help teach young men and women how to become great citizens of our community.

They have great activities going on all the time, especially during the holidays and they are even taking their club members camping in OREGON in the summer! I would highly recommend checking it out!



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## A College Day for Middle School Students! By: Michael P.

College Day (August 21st) ... was a day for kids, like me, to learn what opportunities college can provide. It gives us information on how it will be in college, what classes you can take in certain colleges, and even the requirements to get in. This is an informational day, but how the information is used is a very important part of this day.

7th grader, Christian Almaraz says, "College day was

a very informational day. I learned a lot about college and got a better idea of where I want to go." Students do use the information and appreciate the volunteers giving it to us.

For us to be able to learn about colleges and get an idea of what opportunities that can be provided is a privilege. It is a great day to get a head start on our futures.

Thank you for all the teach-

ers, college representatives, and other administrators who made the day possible. It was a college day for middle school students!



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## KC Grizzly Football

By: Eddie C. and Vincent G.



The fighting Grizzlies are off to a great start! Varsity won a nerve-wracking game against Yosemite and came back and did the same with Tioga. The Varsity Green record is now 2 wins and 1 loss. The Varsity Silver record is 0 an 2, but I know they will turn this bad streak around.

Middle linebacker and Varsity Greens Captain Christopher Crisp says we have a very good team and believes we can be the first team in Kings Canyon history to win the championship! The JV football team has had a rough start with a record of 0 and 2, but they are giving it their all. With all the help from fans, parents, and even our KC band at our games, we can achieve greatness!



*"Win or lose, we're a family 'till the end."  
- Christopher Crisp  
(8th grader)*

## KCMS Cross-Country by Kimberly P.

The KC cross-country runners did a great job at the European meet on October 23rd at Computech Middle School, as well as at the meet at Woodward Park on October 23rd.

It was a really great season for our runners. They run two miles during their races, so have to practice to maintain their strength. They go to the fitness center once a week, do drills out on the field and run around the school to get ready for their meets.

Eighth grader, Jessica Valles who is on the varsity team, got a medal at the Computech Euro Meet for a second year in a row! She got 6th place out of 90 runners!

Eight grader, Joe Garza, also got a medal at the Euro Meet. He got 27th place for the varsity boys! Coach Gaither said, "Everybody did a great job this year... even the bad air quality couldn't stop us!"



## Get Ready, Move Your Feet, and Call Mine!!

By Angel T. and Alyssa P.

Have you seen the JV or Varsity volleyball girls play? If not, then you have been living in your cave (as grizzlies) ever since school started! The volleyball girls finished the season strong!

8th graders tried their best at their game against Ahwahnee, although witnessed their first loss of the season. 7th graders did great at the Ahwahnee game and ended the season with yet, another win. The girls had a great coaching staff... Mrs. Mahavong for Varsity and Mrs. Juarez for JV. They taught the girls

amazing skills and trained them well for the games.

This season went by so fast, but it was really fun and cool because the girls learned to stay focused, but still have fun.

The playoff game against Sequoia Middle School was rough. The girls barely lost, but tried their best. There were a lot of supporters like the football players, cheerleaders, and teachers.... Great school spirit. Always remember once a grizzly, always a grizzly!



**Varsity**



*"It's a very fun sport, and I enjoy the competition."  
- Mary Chacon  
(8th grader)*

**JV**



*"I like volleyball because I've done it ever since 5th grade and I've gotten better at it."  
- Julianna Juarez  
(7th grader)*

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