



Mark Your Calendars!!!

- This week is a PLUS week, so make sure to attend your PLUS classes on time!
- Career Day is this Friday, 11/20!
- Schools will be closed from 11/23-11/27. Come back on Monday, 11/30 ready to learn.
- KC's Winter Dance is Friday, 12/4.
- KC's music department will be performing at the Winter Concert Wednesday, 11/16.

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NEWS AROUND THE DEN

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E5: The Grizzly Code By: Michael P.

We see the acronym "E5" around our school every day, but what does it really mean? E5 is an important part of our school. It stands for the "Essential 5" behaviors we need to follow at Kings Canyon and in life. To follow E5 is to show that you care about the school. E5 is the thread used to sew the blanket of order that is covering our school. The students are the needle.

Through E5, we show our respect and manners... we show we are Grizzlies! It defines our school and the expectations it holds. With E5, the good guys

finish first. Be one of the good guys.

E5 is not just important in school, but throughout our lives. E5 contains skills that are necessary to impress people and achieve success. Having proper manners and being polite are amazing skills to have in real life. E5 is also a great tool to perfect your personality. It can help you stand up to bullies in a positive way and respect your elders. E5 can and should be used everywhere.

The concepts of E5 have been used much longer than Kings Canyon has been around.

The skills found in E5 have been used by very successful people and are essential tools used in everyday life. KC adopted them as guidelines for student behavior when it became clear that the most successful people were following them. KC staff only wants the best for their



students, therefore E5 became the norm.

Ms. Bowers says, "I believe that E5 has been a benefit to our school for as long as I've been here."

It's more than a benefit. It's a type of order that is beyond my explanation! As we hear in the announcements every day, Kings Canyon is a national award winning school. Follow E5 and remember, IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A GRIZZLY!

Thanksgiving Break!!! By Gwen V.

It's almost here!!! A whole week off for Thanksgiving is just around the corner! Next week we are on vacation from Nov. 23-27th. It's a time to spend with

your friends and family and give thanks for all that you have. Use that time wisely though and remember when we come back, we will still have three more weeks until the end of 3rd quarter. Rest up, because when we come back on the 30th, we will all need to finish the quarter off strong!



Photo Source: thanksgivingimages.org

What
ARE.....You
Thankful
for?

Enjoy the food and the fun, but just remember the meaning of Thanksgiving!!!



Photo Source: browardflag.com

University of Oregon

By: Eddie C. Anthony G.

When thinking of colleges, you have to think about the top college in not only football, but in academics, too. The University of Oregon is an excellent choice which offers majors in Accounting, Economics, Product Design, and Marine Biology.

The University was founded in 1876 and has been striving to keep the title of one of the top colleges in the nation. In-state tuition ranges from \$9-10,000 and out-of-state

ranges from the \$30-40,000 range.

The University of Oregon was also awarded the best and highly ranked law school and business school. It also has internships and career workshops for students who are eager to take up the exciting role as a lawyer or a physician. The University not only has a reputation of having an amazing educational system, but they also have a great football program. Most seasons they go undefeated

or have only one or two losses. Overall, the University of Oregon is definitely one to check out..









Zombie Day & Costume Day

by More'a B. and Kristian M.

So many students participated in the spirit days for October. Zombie Day 10/2 and Costume Day 10/30 were a lot of fun! KC staff and students had great costumes and even confused others for real zombies! They were definitely walking the walk!









The Amazing Mrs. McKinnis by Kimberly P.

Do you know Mrs. McKinnis? She is an eighth grade ELA teacher here at KC. This is her tenth year as an ELA teacher.

Before teaching at KC, she taught at McLane High School for 6 years and this is her 4th year at KC. Her favorite food is anything with buffalo wing sauce. Ice skating is her favorite sport. She was a competitive ice skater during her childhood and teenage years.

She enjoys being an ELA teacher and loves to teach literature, writing, and seeing her students improve. The hardest part of her job is the end of the year, because she has a difficult time saying goodbye to her students.

Mrs. McKinnis' favorite types of music are Alternative, Oldies, Country and Christian.

She graduated with her Bachelors Degree in English

and received her teaching credential from Fresno State. She also earned her Masters Degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix.

The best part of her job is having the ability to make a difference in a person's life. When she sees a student choosing to make good choices, it makes her proud.



The Talented Mr. Vang by Exstacy H. and Alyssa P.

Mr. Vang is a PLUS teacher at Kings Canyon Middle School. He has been working here at KC for 16 years! He worked here for 12, left for 5 years and came back for 4 more!

We asked Mr. Vang how he likes being a PLUS teacher. He said, "I enjoy teaching PLUS classes, because it gives me time to plan out my lessons, so I

don't have to rush every day." We also asked him how he feels being a part of the KC family. He said, "I sure do I love KC and wouldn't leave it for the world." If you ever have any questions for Mr. Vang, just go to room 30 and ask. He is always willing to talk to students and help them anytime!



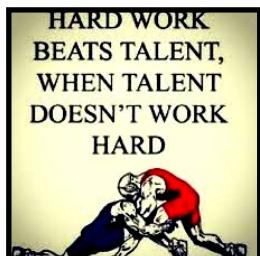
"I love working here because the students are great, and they treat me right."

Sweat to Success!

By: Angel Tang

The wrestling season is off to a great start! They've just recently won their first match against Computech 48-42 which was last Thursday!

Their first match was at Terronez Middle School on Nov. 4th and they did a great job. The coaches for the wrestling team are Mr. Meza and Mr. Zamora who



Source: pinterest.com

have taught the team some great skills, tips, and given them a lot of motivation to wrestle.

They've started the season off well. With a great beginning, they can end off excellent with all the hard work they are already doing!



"I want to follow my dad's and brother's footsteps... Wrestling pushes the body to the limit."

-Joseph Chacon, 8th Grader

KC Boys Soccer

By: Brenda J. & Danielle M.



The boy's soccer team is off to a great start! They have been doing great this season. Our boys won their game this past Monday 8-0! Amazing!!! We're looking forward to a great season with many more wins to come! A big thanks to Mr. Enriquez who is leading his team to greatness!



Starting off Well! By: Alyssa P.



The KC boys basketball team is doing great! They just won 40-38 last Thursday against Fresno Christian and have a 3-0 record. A big shout out to Jamarreon Jayden who was a top scorer and to Mr. Esajian who is doing a great job with the boys!



KC Girls Soccer By: Alyssa P.

The KC girls soccer team has been doing well so far. They won their last game, which means they are undefeated in league I with two ties.

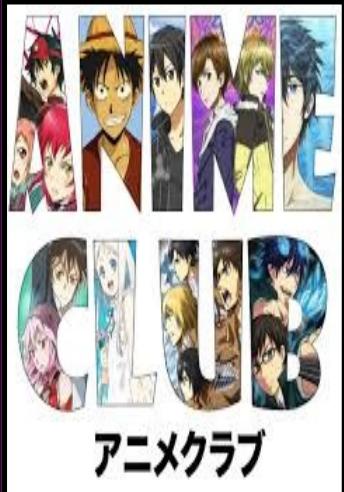
A few of the top scoring players are Lilibeth Gonzalez, Natalia Sanchez, Dalilah Romo, and Ines Guerra.



Mrs. Avedikian is doing a great job with her girls and they're excited to continue a great season. Way to go lady grizzlies!

Anime Club

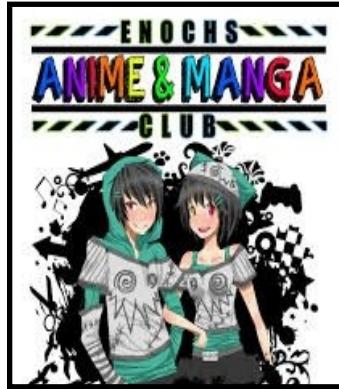
By: Pa Der Y. and Betsua A.



Anime Club was an idea that 8th grader, Jessica Valles, had last year... and what a great one it was! The club meets on Tuesdays in room 15. Their supervisor is Mrs. Cheung. In Anime Club, they do activities like playing games, draw, sing and have a great time with their peers.

Anime Club can bring people together no matter what age you are. It is a lot of fun! This is a club where anyone can be themselves

and express their creativity while socializing with friends.



8th grader, Jade Heu, says, "I think it's a place where I belong, and whatever I say... people seem to understand."

The Benefits of Reading

by Mary C.

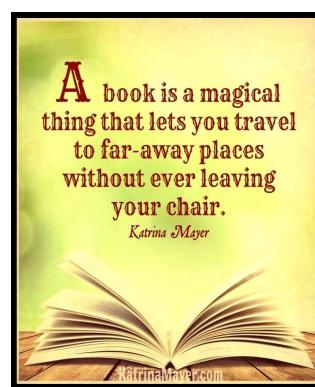
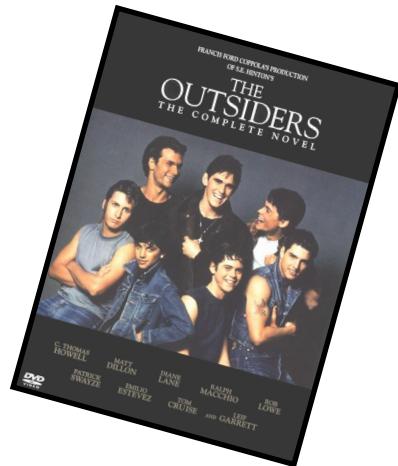
Have you read a good book lately? The answer to that question is probably a no, because we live in the generation of Instagram, Facebook, and Snapchat. We just don't have time to read books. Research has proven that if you read more than what you're assigned in class, you do well in school and have a more extensive vocabulary. Another benefit of reading is it gives you a solid core of knowledge that is useful in most classes and later in life!

I am not saying to go read books like *Pride and Prejudice* or *Moby Dick*, because that isn't normal for kids our age to read. But when you're bored or tired of the monotony of every day life, you can pick up a book and read, because reading allows you to enter into new worlds and experience different lives, in some cases.

You can be in Scotland going to school for Wizardry, for instance. You can be a tribute from district 12, or

you can be a demigod from Camp Half-blood. You can enter these worlds and see them through the eyes of the characters any time and it never gets old.

So maybe you should put down the phone and fill your mind with knowledge that gives you the ability to do well in school, learn new things, and will build your capacity to enter any world that the future may hold. Visit the KC library to check out a book today to start your exploration!



"I used to hate reading, but now that I am reading *The Outsiders*, I enjoy reading very much. *The Outsiders* is a great book that you should read sometime."

- Jorge Gonzales, 8th Grader

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