

# Dragon Gazette

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By: Olivia Ellis and Brylee Spradlin

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Everyone has been asked this question and it makes us think. Career Day at school gave us a view of different careers we could consider. Each grade level had speakers from a couple of different careers. They talked to each class about their career, giving us a view on their job life.

Fifth grade listened to Somerset Community College and Mrs. Charity Clark speak. Somerset Community College spoke to us about college. They also discussed what you can learn and what jobs you can get from a college degree. Mrs. Charity Clark told us about farming. She also said you can grow corn on your back deck. Fun fact, you can grow your crayons with soybeans.

Fourth grade enjoyed a visit with Ms Ashley Moore and the library. Ashley Moore is a guest speaker from the Extension office. She is doing many visits informing students about McCreary's history. She is making a quiz for the fourth grade and the highest score in each class can win a \$25 Walmart gift card. The library speaker went over the library routines. They are open six days a week. He explained how they charge for overdue books. The library was formed in 1976.

Third grade got visited by the police, the wildlife, and firefighters. Ms. Destiny was from the Kentucky Wildlife organization and she talked to the students about law enforcement and tracking bears. The tracking device looks like a shock collar, but never fear, it is just collecting data on their whereabouts. A third grader thought the best part about the visitor was a lake surgeon. The firefighters talked about the jobs they did, the clothes they wore, and the equipment they used. The police officer was Alex Jones. He explained about the 6 weeks of training.

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He told them about his dog, Mando. He explained his responsibilities were to keep everyone safe.

Career Day was a success at Pine Knot Intermediate. October 6 will go down in history for the students. We learned so much about the different paths we can take in our careers. Our future is looking bright!



Photo Credit: Angela Coffey



## Positive vibes

By: Kenzlee Stephens

Positive vibes are back with more exciting news!! First, we are back at it again with Spirit Week. I hope you dress up. Next, we had Red Ribbon Week where we searched for red ribbons to turn them in and get a prize. The Fall Festival was a blast. I hope you didn't miss it because you missed some great family fun. Halloween may be spooky but we sure did have a sweet time at PKI. Remember to share those positive vibes!



## Dear, Paisley

“Dear Paisley, How do I get more friends?”

Well, to get more friends you need to be nice to the people around you. Being nice helps you to make friends because when people see you being nice they will want to be your friend. You may be thinking, “Well how do I be nice?” There are multiple ways to be nice. Some ways to be nice are smiling at people in the hallway, complimenting someone, or even something as simple as picking up their pencil or paper for them if they drop it. Try your best to be the nicest version of yourself.

“Dear Paisley, what can I do to get better grades?”

Well, there are multiple ways to make better grades. First, you could ask your teacher if you have any missing assignments and then try to complete them whenever you have time, you could even complete them at home if you have a computer. Next, make sure you are reading the directions thoroughly on every assignment you do. Another way to improve your grade is to go to our school’s after school tutoring. A lot of students have improved their understanding by going to after school tutoring. Lastly, If you don’t completely understand what you’re learning in class don’t be afraid to ask for help. If you don’t ask for help you would be left confused and could fail upcoming tests.

Until next time,  
Paisley

## ! Important Dates !

**November 14** - Parent Night

**November 20-25** - Thanksgiving Break

**November 24** - Thanksgiving

**November 28** - Bible Release

**November 29** - KONA ICE

**December 13-** Third Edition of the Newspaper will be released!

## *Singing for the Champions*

By: Brylee Spradlin & Olivia Ellis

This is an opportunity for 4th and 5th graders to show their music diversity and their talent. They get requested to join the All Star Choir and get to go sing with other students around Kentucky. To be part of this choir, you have to be willing to work hard and be determined. They practice 2 times a day and on Wednesday they practice 3 times. Mr. Stone does wonders with these students and gets them ready to sing in front of a huge audience.

They rode a bus to First Baptist Church in London Kentucky for their concert on October 24. They sang ‘When I sing’, ‘J’entends Le Moulin’, ‘A jubilant song’, ‘Seize the Day’, and ‘American Flag’. We celebrated our successful concert with pizza at the church. This was the most exciting and nervous experience that I have ever been a part of. If given the chance I would do it all over again. Thank you Mr. Alex Stone, and Mrs. Ruth Dwyer for your hard work making this an joyful event!



Photo Credit: Alex Stone



## Animal Of The Month

By: Jonah Ball

The largest bat of the Pleistocene era and possibly the early Holocene era. Desmodus Draculae was a large mammal that is now extinct, they drank blood and fed primarily on plains viscacha. The Desmodus Draculae sadly went extinct during the year 1820 after the late ice age completely ended. Desmodus was a magnificent species of bat. Desmodus was definitely scary though just picture seeing a large bat latch on to your next meal.



## To the Hero of Our Country

By: Kayden Ross

Soldiers are the true heroes in our nation and deserve their day of celebration. On November 11, 1947 was the first time that our soldiers got their day to celebrate. It is a day that we show them how thankful we are for them fighting for our freedom and risking their life. Some restaurants honor them by allowing them to eat free by showing their Veterans badge. Our choir honors the veterans with a Veteran's Day Program. They sing songs to praise our freedom and thank our veterans. Veterans are invited to attend this program. On behalf of Pine Knot Intermediate, I would like to say thank you to everyone who has fought for our freedom. You are the true heroes.



Photo Credit: Kayden Ross

## Clubs of the Month

By: Isabell Sims



### Dragon Gazette



One of the clubs of the month is the Dragon Gazette because the newspaper team allows kids to express creativity. Also, it gives kids a fun way to learn how to make a newspaper and to improve their writing skills. It gives kids a career choice. It gives kids an opportunity to inform students about events, and stuff happening at our school. The Dragon Gazette is a great club! Maybe next year the next 5th graders can join!



Photo Credit: Angela Coffey



### The Walking Club



The second club of the month is the walking club. Justin Sims started this club because he wanted to help the kids get extra steps for their health. The walking club makes exercising fun by playing music, and socializing with the kids. He started the walking club 7 weeks ago and has seen a lot of progress in these kids' health. Some of the benefits of going to walking club is it helps you physically and emotionally. He plays music of your choice that is appropriate for school of course. It is really fun for those kids, and it probably will be for you also. If you are interested in joining the club talk to Mr.sims (PE teacher).



Photo Credit: Isabell Sims

## 🎃 Fall Festival Facts 🎃

By: Marley Ridener

Did you attend the fall festival? I did and it was really fun. Let me share my experience with you. There was a cakewalk where you could win a cake if you were the lucky person on the right number. There was a ring toss where you could earn prizes. You could have your face painted for a ticket. The haunted hallway had you jumping for fear. You could even have someone arrested for a joke or a time-out. Painting pumpkins was just another fun activity. Plus you could get cotton candy, popcorn, and pop. Can't wait for the next big activity. See you there!



Photo Credit: Slayd Simpson

## 🎃 What Happened on Halloween 🎃

By: Lillian Newman

Halloween is the most spooky fun time here at PKI. There was a fall festival at school. At the fall festival, there was a haunted hallway and a cake walk. We had a

Halloween party at school with pop, candy, and pizza. We went home with plenty of treats that day. We could wear our costumes and some classes even had a costume contest. The Halloween party at school was really fun. Thank you to our teachers and the staff at PKI for making our Halloween great!

## Book of the Month

By: Isabell Sims

The book for this month is "Just Like Me" because it tells us that it is ok to be different. It shows how to express your creativity, and to not care what other people think of you. It's a good book, you should read it. You can buy it at your local Walmart, Target, or Amazon. Also you can watch it on YouTube.

## Interview With Mr. Ed The Janitor

By: Karl James Neal

1. **Do you like your Job?** *Yes, I love my Job.*
2. **How do you draw so well?** *I started when I was 5 years old*
3. **What is your favorite part about your Job?** *Working with the students and staff.*
4. **How long does it take you to clean the whole School?** *It takes me 8 hours to clean the whole school.*
5. **What is your favorite sport?** *Martial Arts.*
6. **Do you like it here?** *Yes, I love It Here.*
7. **What do you do after School?** *Sit around, watch TV and sometimes bbq.*





### ***\$ Tips for Saving Money for Thanksgiving Dinner \$***

By: Kenzie Clark and Slayd Simpson

1. Miss Wilson, "Coupons"
2. Miss Bryant, "Coupons and use canned food you have canned already"
3. Mrs Karen, "Coupons buying in bulk and shopping around to find stuff on sale ."
4. Mrs Rhonda, "Coupons buying in bulk get off band stuff it tastes the same ."
5. Mrs. Morrow, "Eat at other people's houses and wait until the turkey is on sale."
6. Mr. King, "Potluck Thanksgiving."
7. Mrs. Simpson, "Buy food on sale and use coupons."
8. Mrs. Spradlin, "Use canned vegetables from the garden."
9. Mrs. Trammell, "Eat at other people's houses"
10. Mrs. Clark, "Always shop at Kroger"
11. Mrs. Megan, "Coupons"
12. Mrs. Stephens, "Put your change in a jar and start saving it"



### **FRC and Thanksgiving**

By: Jonah Ball



Ms. Tasha Cox and Mrs. Rhonda Coffey are our family resource center coordinators. They go above and beyond helping us at school and families through the communities. Here are some things that they help with at Thanksgiving time:

1. They give baskets with potatoes, mac-n-cheese, and more.
2. They contact families that might need extra food.
3. There are sponsors that donate food.

They are able to help around 25 families at Thanksgiving.



### **Red Ribbon Week**



By: Brylee Spradlin

Red Ribbon Week is the week that we pledge to be drug-free. This is a week of having fun to show that life is more fun without drugs. This year, our theme was *Be Kind to Your Mind*. Mrs. Rhonda hid ribbons around the school for a hunt. If you found one then you got a prize. We each received a drug-free necklace and signed a pledge to be drug-free. Teachers decorated their doors to celebrate Red Ribbon Week and students made posters. Red Ribbon Week also means Spirit Week. On Monday, we wore our pajamas to school to show our support to drug-free week. On Tuesday, we wore our crazy hair to show we were drug-free. On Wednesday, it was superhero day to show we have more power than to do drugs. On Thursday, we dressed our best to show that we were more successful without drugs. On Friday, we wore blue and gold to support our school. On Monday the next week, we wore our hats for hats off to being drug-free. On Halloween, we wore our

costumes to scare away drugs. This week teaches you that there are millions of reasons why you should be drug-free.



Congratulations to Mrs. Slaven's Class for winning the door contest! Picture Credit: Tasha Cox

## SPirit WEEK



On Monday, we wore pajamas!  
Photo Credit: Brylee Spradlin and Olivia Ellis

On Tuesday, we wore crazy hair!  
Photo Credit: Kayden Ross and Lillian Newman



On Wednesday, we dressed up as superheroes! Photo Credit: KJ Neal and Aleeya Morrow

On Thursday, we dressed our best!  
Photo Credit: Marley Ridener and Kenzlee Stephens



On Friday, we wore blue and gold! Photo Credit: Jonah Ball and Bella Cooper

On Monday, we wore hats!  
Photo Credit: ReAnna Tucker and Kenzie Clark.



On Halloween, we wore our costumes!  
Photo Credit: Isabell Sims, Brylee Spradlin, and Olivia Ellis



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