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What Happened to Mrs. Blakley?

By: Brylee Spradlin and Olivia Ellis

Let me take you back to last year before Mrs. Moore became our principal. We had a principal, Mrs. Blakley. She had been our principal for years. Then all of a sudden, she was gone, and we were on the hunt for a new principal. We sat down with her to get the details of what happened to her.

1. **Why did you leave PKE?** *"I took a job as the director of a mental health service provider grant."*
2. **What is your new job?** *"Director of Mental Health Service Provider Grant. I oversee and coordinate counseling services for our students."*
3. **Which job is easier?** *"Both jobs have their challenges"*
4. **What was your favorite part of being our principal?** *"I loved getting to be with my students every day."*
5. **What is your favorite part of your new job?** *"I like being able to be*

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sure students receive the services they need."

6. **What do you like to do when you are not working?** *"I like spending time with my new grandbaby!"*

There are all the details surrounding the disappearance of our old principal. She is still helping us, just in a different way. We wish you luck in your new position.



! *Important Dates* **!**

March 31 – Easter
April 1 – April's Fool Day
April 1-5 – Spring Break
April 24 – Eighth Edition of the newspaper coming out
April 29 – KSA Testing Begins
May 7 – 5th-grade prom
May 10 – Survivor
May 14 – Senior Walk & Award Night
May 16 – Last Day of School

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Interview with Mr. Gus



By: Marley Ridener

Let's give a hand to our favorite

SRO, Mr. Gus!

1. **What do you do as an SRO officer?** *"I am here to protect the staff and students."*
2. **Do you enjoy working at PKI?** *"I love working at PKI with the students and staff being able to protect them."*
3. **What do you do when you are not working?** *"Go home and take care of my family and animals."*
4. **What is your favorite part of your job?** *"Being with my students."*
5. **Why do you wear a cowboy hat every day?** *"I've been wearing a cowboy hat since I was a little boy. I have been wearing a cowboy hat for 60 years."*

Those are some questions that allow you to get to know Gus better. That way, you know some special things about PKI's favorite SRO officer Mr. Gus!



Agriculture

By: Karl James Neal

What is agriculture? Well, you guessed it, Farming! Lots of people farm. In fact, 85 percent of the population is a Farmer. There are 6 Kinds of farms. Dairy, cattle, horse, pig, chicken, and crops. March is when lots of farmers start planting seeds to grow food and grass for their livestock and their families. The most popular beef is Angus. Anguses are many different colors. Black, Red, Black, and White face. Lots of your local steakhouses use Angus beef. Most farmers grow Corn, soybeans, wheat, and potatoes. Then Farmers use special machines to harvest their crops which are called Combines.



Animal of the month

By: Jonah Ball

The Vancouver Coastal Sea Wolf is a subspecies of the grey wolf. The sea wolf can swim for 7 Miles without exhausting itself. They live in the rainforest near the coast of Vancouver, Canada. The sea wolf is sadly endangered because of logging, building, and trophy hunting. These wolves eat seals, otters, whale carcasses, and even shellfish.



Kenzlee here bringing you back some more positive vibes. Reading Across America Week started our March. We had a spirit week and read books to celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday. We had another bible release to learn about morals. The Voice has been publishing our Dragon Gazette articles. KONA made its monthly visit. Did I mention we got March 8 off from school? Oh, it gets better next week is Spring Break. Don't forget about March Madness with staff and student basketball games. Enjoy your break, and I will come back to you next month with more Positive Vibes.

Dear Paisley,

“ Dear Paisley, how do I develop good manners?”

Well, there are many ways to have good manners! First of all, you could try saying please and thank you for anything someone does for you. For example, try saying thank you to the lunch staff when they hand you your tray, or it could be something as simple as just saying thank you to the person who's passing out papers. When you ask someone anything, or for anything try saying please. Once you start to say it a lot it becomes a habit. I hope that helped!

Until next time,
Paisley

Academic Team

By: Olivia Ellis

Would you want to play a fun, yet challenging game with teamwork? At PKI, we have the right game for you! We have an Academic Team. We spent months practicing for quick recall. What is quick recall, you may ask, let me explain. Quick recall is where you get a buzzer to push when you think you have the correct answer. The quick part comes because you have to be first to push it to answer. You only have ten seconds to answer when they finish reading the questions. We travel to Burnside Elementary to compete against all of the other elementary schools in our district. Mr. Buton helps with the academic team as the Future Problem Solving Coach. Here is what he had to say about the academic team, "On the academic team, they are asked challenging questions and compete against other students to answer the questions correctly and score points. Mrs. Steakley, in fourth grade, does an awesome job preparing the kids who join!



GETTING TO KNOW YOUR

FOURTH GRADE TEACHERS!



Mrs. Ashley Spradlin

By: Isabell Sims

Favorite Subject: "My favorite subject is Reading."



Why did you become a teacher? "I became a teacher because my teacher said I was good with kids

and I should change my major from an occupational therapist to teaching."

Did you have a job before being a teacher? What was it? "I worked at the Shell gas station."

What do you enjoy doing when you are not teaching? "I enjoy anything that involves the sun and water."

Mr. Darrell King

By: Slayd Simpson

Favorite Subject: "Math"



Why did you become a teacher? "I wanted to help the community and be a role model for the future generations of McCreary County through teaching and coaching baseball."

Did you have a job before being a teacher? What was it? "Prior to teaching, I was a trick of all trades. I have worked in construction, running machinery, drove a bus, worked maintances, and worked for the State Juvenile Justice System as the McCreary County Court designated worker."

What do you enjoy doing when you are not teaching? "During my free time, I love to spend it either with my family, hunting, fishing, or coaching baseball."

Mrs. Karla Blanketship

By: Aleeya Morrow

Favorite Subject: "Math"



Why did you become a teacher? "I love to teach, whether it be Math or pet grooming."

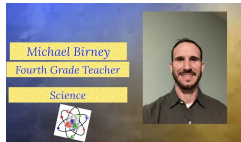
Did you have a job before being a teacher? What was it? *I was a financial advisor. I showed people how to save money. Dealing with numbers.*

What do you enjoy doing when you are not teaching? *I work with Hope for Pets Incorporated. We spay/neuter dogs/cats for a reduced fee to help people. I do grooming for them to help out. I do grooming whenever I can."*

Mr. Michael Birney

By: Brylee Spradlin

Favorite Subject: "Science"



Why did you become a teacher? "I enjoy helping kids"

Did you have a job before being a teacher? What was

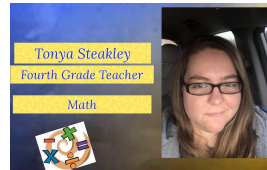
it? "Yes, I was an iron worker"

What do you enjoy doing when you are not teaching? "Playing Basketball, hunting, working out, and spending time with family"

Mrs. Tonya Steakley

By: Lillian Newman

Favorite Subject: "Math"



Why did you become a teacher? "To help students learn new things."
Did you have a job before being a

teacher? What was it? "I worked on a Government contract to set up Health insurance"

What do you enjoy doing when you are not teaching? "Fishing, reading, and archery with my daughter"

Mrs. Kesha Wilson

By: Bella Cooper

Favorite Subject: "Writing"



Why did you become a teacher? "I love teaching."
Did you have a job before being a teacher? What

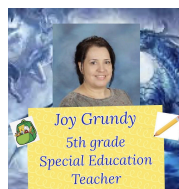
was it? "Yes, a sub"

What do you enjoy doing when you are not teaching? "Playing with my dogs or watching a good show on Netflix."

Mrs. Joy Grundy

By: Lillian Newman

Favorite Subject: "Math"



Why did you become a teacher? "To help kids"
Did you have a job before being a teacher? What was it? "Yes, Corbin Independent Schools as a program director"

What do you enjoy doing when you are not teaching? "Scrapbooking and reading"



Nurse Sandra Gregory

By: Marley Ridener and Kenzlee Stephens

- 1. Why did you choose to become a nurse?** *"I have wanted to be a nurse for as long as I can remember. I like helping people. It was put on hold for a while I didn't graduate until I was 39; I put family and marriage first."*
- 2. What is the most common sickness?** *"Headache and stomachache"*
- 3. How many students do you treat a day?** *"Between 30 and 40."*
- 4. What is your favorite part of your job?** *"My favorite part of my job is having weekends and summers off."*
- 5. What do you do in your free time?** *"Watch TV. Binge-watching medical shows."*



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Interesting facts about

Dr. Suess

By: Bella Cooper

Do you want to know more about Dr. Suess? Well, I found some exciting things about him. Dr. Suess's real name isn't Seuss, it's actually Theodor Seuss Geisl. The date he was born was March 2,

1904. When he was in high school, he took his first art class. The things he liked to draw in art class were cartoons. When he was 18, he left his home and attended Dartmouth College. He became the editor of *Comedy Magazine*. Once at college, Dr. Suess got in trouble for breaking one of the rules. The punishment he got was that he wasn't allowed to work for the magazine. One day, Dr. Suess moved to England to train and become a professor. Dr. Suess realized this was not the right career for him. Then, Dr. Suess met his future wife, Helen Palmer. They were both in the same college. When they got married they decided to move back to the United States that same year, which was 1927. In the United States, Dr. Suess and Helen moved into an apartment in New York City, and then he started working as a cartoonist.

Book of the Month

By: Kayden Ross

Book: *Horton Hears a Who!*

Author: Dr. Seuss

Summary: Horton, the elephant, hears the sound of a small person. He had to save them from being boiled. He saved the town of Whoville by teaching that a person is a person no matter how small.

Why you should read this book: It is really good and introduces a lesson about how everyone is equal. It has a lot of meaning and shows you a person is a person no matter what. This book is one you can read over and over without getting bored.

Reading Across America Week



On Monday, we wore pajamas in honor of Dr. Seuss's "Sleep" book! Photo Credit: Brylee Spradlin, Olivia Ellis, and Jonah Ball



On Tuesday, we wore Crazy socks in honor of Dr. Seuss's "Fox in Socks" book! Photo Credit: Bella Cooper, Aleeya Morrow, and Slayd Simpson



On Wednesday, we wore green in honor of Dr. Seuss's "Green Eggs and Ham" book! Photo Credit: Marley Ridener, Kenzlee Stephens, and Paisley Strunk



On Thursday, we wore crazy hair/ hats in honor of Dr. Seuss's "Cat in the Hat" book! Photo Credit: Marley Ridener, Kenzlee Stephens, and Paisley Strunk

Saint Patrick's Day

By: Bella Cooper

History of Saint Patrick!!

By: Bella Cooper

Saint Patrick was born in Roman Britain. When Patrick was about 16, he was captured and taken to Ireland as a slave. Saint Patrick also was a missionary who helped to make Ireland a Christian country. He returned to Britain, but later he felt called to go back to Ireland to spread Christian beliefs. One legend tells how Saint Patrick drove all the snakes out of Ireland. There's all the facts I found. People wear green and shamrock in honor of him.





Former **Dragon** Returns!!!

By: Kenzie Clark

Name: **Noah Loudermilk**

Who Influenced you the most as a Dragon: *"Teresa Kidd, she was a great role model of someone who loved the Lord, and she wasn't afraid to share her faith at work."*

Does being a former Dragon help you in your extracurricular activities: *"Totally as a dragon, I played over 50 games in 2 seasons, we built lifelong friendships, and we also had the opportunity to win 2 distract championships."*

If you could tell a Dragon one thing right now, what would it be: *"I would have to say pursue the Lord and Godliness over anything else. Seek God's will more than you do sports, relationships, and money."*



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**Happy Easter and
Enjoy your Spring
Break! From the
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Team**