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! Important Dates !

May 16 – Last Day of School

May 18 – High School Graduation

August 6 – First Day of School



Interview with our

Dragon Gazette Staff



Kenzie Clark



By: Liam Kidd



1. Who influenced you the most as a Dragon? *"Miss Coffey influenced me the most."*

2. What was your favorite memory of being a Dragon? *"When we went on our first trip. It was really fun."*

3. What was your favorite part about being on the Dragon Gazette team? *"Writing the newspaper and the field trips were really fun."*
4. What is one thing you would like to tell current and future dragons? *"You will love it, and Miss Coffey will help you a lot."*



Once a Dragon,

Always a

Dragon!

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Kenzlee Stephens



By: Raylen Yancey & Taelynn Goins



1. Who influenced you the most as a Dragon?

"Miss Coffey"

2. What was your favorite memory of being a Dragon?

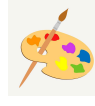
"In fourth grade"

3. What was your favorite part about being on the Dragon Gazette team?

"When I was sleeping and fell off the seat"

4. What is one thing you would like to tell current and future dragons?

"To be in the Dragon Gazette Team!"



Isabell Sims



By: Kylee Silcox



1. Who influenced you the most as a Dragon?

"Mrs. Spradlin and Mr. Sims"

2. What was your favorite memory of being a Dragon?

"To receive awards and to know what I'm good at"

3. What was your favorite part about being on the Dragon Gazette team?

"Getting to have a real job"

4. What is one thing you would like to tell current and future dragons?

"To try as hard as you can and to never give up!"





Marley Ridener



By: Hadlee Meadows & Halyn Perkins



1. Who influenced you the most as a Dragon? "Mrs. Brown."

2. What was your favorite memory of being a Dragon? "My favorite memory was when KSA was over, and we had our activities."

3. What was your favorite part about being on the Dragon Gazette team? "My favorite part was being able to interview people."

4. What is one thing you would like to tell current and future dragons? "I would tell them being a dragon would be the years ever!"



Brylee Spradlin



By: Liam Jace Corder



1. Who influenced you the most as a Dragon? "Mrs. Moore"

2. What was your favorite memory of being a Dragon? "Cheering"

3. What was your favorite part about being on the Dragon Gazette team? "Interviewing People"

4. What is one thing you would like to tell current and future dragons? "To be kind and believe in yourself."





Karl James Neal



By: Madelyn Sauders



1. Who

influenced you the most as a Dragon? *"Mrs. Moore. She always taught me to keep my head up and*

always taught me never to give up after I do wrong"

2. What was your favorite memory of being a Dragon? *"My*

favorite memory of being a dragon is going to the gym and hearing Mr. Sims"

3. What was your favorite part about being on the Dragon

Gazette team? *"My dragon family, going on field trips, and mostly Miss Coffey."*

4. What is one thing you would like to tell current and future

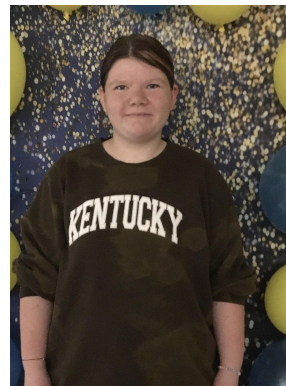
dragons? *"Never give up, and always make your teachers happy, especially Mr. Duncan."*



Aleeya Morrow



By: Makayla Chitwood



1. Who

influenced you the most as a Dragon? *"All the teachers and principals"*

2. What

was your favorite memory of being a Dragon? *"Doing tests and seeing my score"*

3. What was your favorite part about being on the Dragon

Gazette team? *"It is fun; I get to meet other kids and interview teachers."*

4. What is one thing you would

like to tell current and future dragons? *"Just try hard and do your best!"*

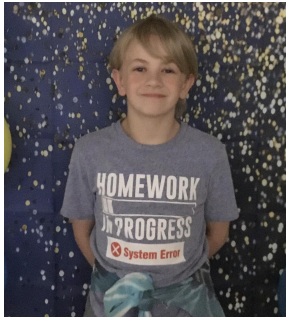




Kayden Ross



By: Nate Everman and Lazaraus Larson



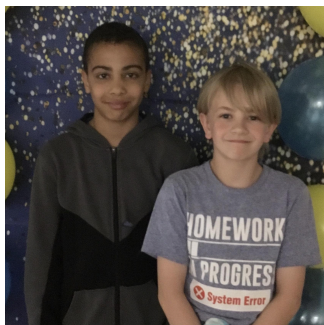
1. Who influenced you the most as a Dragon?

"Teachers and friends"

2. What was your favorite memory of being a Dragon? *"Going on the field trip to Columbia, KY, to watch the voice newspaper being printed"*

3. What was your favorite part about being on the Dragon Gazette team? *"Helping others"*

4. What is one thing you would like to tell current and future dragons? *"I wish luck for you guys and hope the best for you."*



Olivia Ellis



By: Laney Kidd & Reagan Owens



1. Who influenced you the most as a Dragon?

"Mrs. Moore because she's the

principal, and if you need someone to talk to. She is also my Sunday School teacher."

2. What was your favorite memory of being a Dragon? *"Playing Basketball because its fun and competitive."*

3. What was your favorite part about being on the Dragon Gazette team? *"When we go on trips and learn more about the team."*

4. What is one thing you would like to tell current and future dragons? *"Follow the ROAR expectations, sometimes it is hard, but it's better than getting in trouble."*





Lillian Newman



By: Erica McDonald & Aiden Gregory



1. Who

influenced you the most as a Dragon? "Miss Coffey"

2. What was your favorite

memory of being a Dragon?

"Whenever we have Dragon Gazette meetings and snacks!"

3. What was your favorite part

about being on the Dragon

Gazette team? "Being asked to do many jobs in the newspaper."

4. What is one thing you would

like to tell current and future

dragons? "You should try your

best so people will want to read

the newspaper."



Jonah Ball



By: Brody Summers



1. Who

influenced you the most as a Dragon?

"Miss

Coffey"

2. What was your favorite memory

of being a Dragon? "The animal of the month"

3. What was your favorite part

about being on the Dragon

Gazette team? "The writing"

4. What is one thing you would

like to tell current and future

dragons? "Try your hardest"





ReaAnna Tucker

By: Jazmine Sparks



1. Who influenced you the most as a Dragon? *"Mr. Burton"*

2. What

was your favorite memory of being a Dragon? *"Going outside"*

3. What was your favorite part about being on the Dragon Gazette team? *"Getting to interview teachers"*
4. What is one thing you would like to tell current and future dragons? *"Stay Strong"*



Paisley Strunk

By: Emmie Baird



1. Who influenced you the most as a Dragon? *"My teachers: Mr.*

Sims, Mr.

Owens, and Mrs. Keely."

2. What was your favorite memory of being a Dragon? *"Graduating Kindergarten with my friends: Heidi and Allison."*
3. What was your favorite part about being on the Dragon Gazette team? *"Giving out advice."*
4. What is one thing you would like to tell current and future dragons? *"Always help others. Try your hardest in everything you do."*



Slayd Simpson



By: Kovu Helton & Asher Greene



1. Who influenced you the most as a Dragon?

"Mrs. Simpson"

2. What was your favorite memory of being a Dragon? *"Getting an award on award night."*
3. What was your favorite part about being on the Dragon Gazette team? *"To be seen in the newspaper."*
4. What is one thing you would like to tell current and future dragons? *"Do not get into stuff to get in trouble."*



Bella Cooper



By: Layla Ball & Hannah Perry



1. Who influenced you the most as a Dragon?

"Meeting

new people and being able to write to them"

2. What was your favorite memory of being a Dragon? *"Being able to walk around and help people in need"*
3. What was your favorite part about being on the Dragon Gazette team? *"Being able to go on field trips and going to a place to see how the newspaper was made."*
4. What is one thing you would like to tell current and future dragons? *"Be nice to others and be a responsible dragon!"*

To the First Ever Dragon Gazette Staff Team,

I am incredibly proud of each of you and the work that you have put into making the Dragon Gazette each month. Each of you is an amazing kid and has a bright future ahead! Always remember that, and I can't wait to see what the future holds for each of you! I will miss you all!

-Miss Coffey

To the Dragon Gazette Staff Team,

It has been wonderful watching each of you use your talent in making the Dragon Gazette. I have enjoyed watching each of you grow. Always work hard and be proud of who you are. I am going to miss you all.

-Mrs. Simpson



Meet the Dragon Gazette Staff

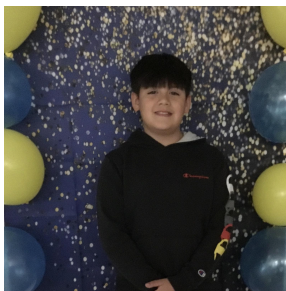
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Asher Greene



By: Slayd Simpson & Kovu Helton



1. What made you decide to join the Dragon Gazette

team? *"I thought it would be fun!"*

2. What are things that you like to do when you are not at school? *"Go outside to play and play games."*

3. What are you most excited about with Dragon Gazette? *"Getting to help with the newspaper"*



Kovu Helton



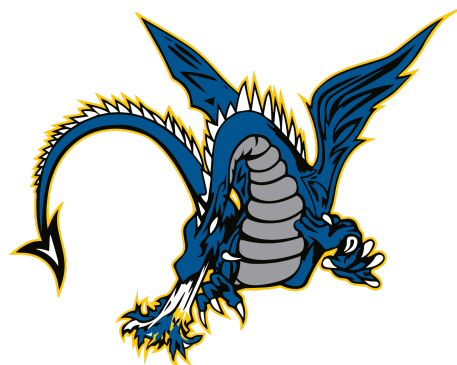
By: Slayd Simpson & Asher Greene



1. What made you decide to join the Dragon Gazette team? *"I want to write."*

2. What are things that you like to do when you are not at school? *"I like to write and play games."*

3. What are you most excited about with Dragon Gazette? *"I want to write!"*

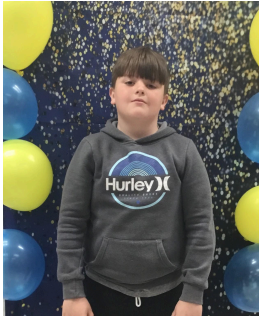




Liam Jace Corder



By: Brylee Spradlin



1. What made you decide to join the Dragon Gazette team? *"To take pictures for sports."*

2. What are things that you like to do when you are not at school? *"Play outside"*

3. What are you most excited about with Dragon Gazette? *"To go on field trips and take pictures"*



Hadlee Meadows



By: Marley Ridener & Hadlee Meadows



1. What made you decide to join the Dragon Gazette team? *"I thought it would be fun to try a*

new thing."

2. What are things that you like to do when you are not at school? *"Watch TV"*

3. What are you most excited about with Dragon Gazette? *"Taking pictures"*



Halyn Perkins



By: Marley Ridener & Halyn Perkins



1. What made you decide to join the Dragon Gazette team? *"I thought it would be fun."*

2. What are things that you like to do when you are not at school? *"I like to play softball"*

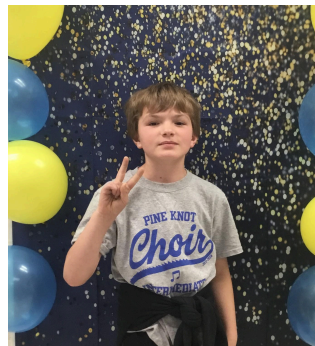
3. What are you most excited about with Dragon Gazette? *"We get to go on field trips."*



Nate Everman



By: Kayden Ross & Lazarus Larson



1. What made you decide to join the Dragon Gazette team? *"I love taking pictures, and it's fun."*

2. What are things that you like to do when you are not at school? *"Play video games, Basketball, and Football."*
3. What are you most excited about with Dragon Gazette? *"Field Trips and Snacks"*



Laney Kidd



By: Olivia Ellis & Reagan Owens



1. What made you decide to join the Dragon Gazette team? *"I really wanted to work on the newspaper."*

2. What are things that you like to do when you are not at school? *"I like swimming, drawing, and making sculptures."*

3. What are you most excited about with Dragon Gazette? *"Getting to interview people."*



Liam Kidd



By: Kenzie Clark



1. What made you decide to join the Dragon Gazette team? *"My friend and*

my sister. I also heard it was fun."

2. What are things that you like to do when you are not at school? *"I like to play football, basketball, and Fortnite. Also, hanging out with my friends and riding bikes."*
3. What are you most excited about with Dragon Gazette? *"When we do fun stuff like writing the newspaper and interviewing people."*



Sibling Love



Erica McDonald



By: Lillian Newman & Aiden Gregory



1. What made you decide to join the Dragon Gazette team? *"I joined because it is fun."*

2. What are things that you like to do when you are not at

school? *"I like to go to my friends' house when I am not at school."*

3. What are you most excited about with Dragon Gazette? *I am most excited about editing."*



Aiden Gregory

By: Lillian Newman & Erica McDonald



1. What made you decide to join the Dragon Gazette team? *"I always wanted to know*

the news."

2. What are things that you like to do when you are not at school? *"He plays on his iPad and plays with his brother Donnie."*
3. What are you most excited about with Dragon Gazette? *"I am most excited about the jobs, learning about them, and hanging out with all the other people."*



Layla Ball

By: Bella Cooper & Hannah Perry



1. What made you decide to join the Dragon Gazette team? *"To make new friends"*

2. What are things that you like to do when you are not at school? *"Watch TV"*

3. What are you most excited about with Dragon Gazette? *"Going on field trips"*



Brody Summers

By: Jonah Ball



1. What made you decide to join the Dragon Gazette team? *"It looks fun!"*

2. What are things that you like to do when you are not at school? *"Play Football and play Call of Duty"*

3. What are you most excited about with Dragon Gazette? *"Interviewing teachers"*



Emmie Baird

By: Paisley Strunk



1. What made you decide to join the Dragon Gazette team? *"You all inspired me."*

2. What are things that you like to do when you are not at school? *"I play Fortnite, basketball, and softball"*
3. What are you most excited about with Dragon Gazette? *"Taking pictures for spirit week!"*



 **Kylee Silcox** 

By: Isabell Sims



1. What made you decide to join the Dragon Gazette team? *"To actually show people my work and spend time with my friends."*

2. What are things that you like to do when you are not at school? *"I love to do art when I am not at school; it makes me feel so relaxed."*
3. What are you most excited about with Dragon Gazette? *"I am most excited is getting to*

know what being a Dragon Gazette staff, and getting make things for people."

 **Lazarus Larson** 

By: Kayden Ross and Nate Everman



1. What made you decide to join the Dragon Gazette team? *"To make new*

friends and have fun!"

2. What are things that you like to do when you are not at school? *"Play outside, watch TV, and read books"*
3. What are you most excited about with Dragon Gazette? *"Make new friends, write, and type."*

 **Raylen Yancey** 

By: Kenzlee Stephens & Taelynn Goins



1. What made you decide to join the Dragon Gazette team? *"Because Taelynn was in*

it"

2. What are things that you like to do when you are not at school? *"I like to play volleyball."*

3. What are you most excited about with Dragon Gazette?

"Taking pictures!"



Makayla Chitwood



By: Aleeya Morrow



1. What made you decide to join the Dragon Gazette team? *"It sounds fun."*

2. What are things that you like to do when you are not at school? *"Play on my tablet."*

3. What are you most excited about with Dragon Gazette? *"Interviewing and working on the newspaper."*



Jazmine Sparks



By: ReAnna Tucker



1. What made you decide to join the Dragon Gazette team? *"I thought it would be fun, and I had never written in a*

newspaper."

2. What are things that you like to do when you are not at school? *"Play Fortnite on x-box"*

3. What are you most excited about with Dragon Gazette?

"Being on the front page of the newspaper."



Madelyn Saunders



By: KJ Neal



1. What made you decide to join the Dragon Gazette team? *"I like to write and to write stories."*

2. What are things that you like to do when you are not at school? *"Read, making bracelets, talking to my friends, and hanging out with grandma and grandpa."*

3. What are you most excited about with Dragon Gazette? *"I am excited about people seeing my work and interviews."*





Taelynn Goins

By: Kenzlee Stephens & Raylen Yancey



1. What made you decide to join the Dragon Gazette team? *"It will be really fun."*

2. What

are things that you like to do when you are not at school?

"Play basketball and talk to my friends."

3. What are you most excited about with Dragon Gazette?

"Being able to join"



Reagan Owens



By Olivia Ellis & Laney Kidd



1. What made you decide to join the Dragon Gazette team? *"I think it will be really fun!"*

2. What are

things that you like to do when you are not at school? *"Go outside"*

3. What are you most excited about with Dragon Gazette?

"Meeting New People."



Hannah Perry



By: Bella Cooper & Layla Ball



1. What made you decide to join the Dragon Gazette team? *"It looks really fun and interesting."*

2. What

are things that you like to do when you are not at school?

"Make bracelet and draw"

3. What are you most excited about with Dragon Gazette?

"Drawing and writing for the newspaper"



Mr. Stone

By: Paisley Strunk

What is your favorite part of your job?

“My favorite part of my job is being around students, being around the people, being around other teachers, getting ideas from other teachers, listening to students, getting ideas from students.”

What do you plan to do after you retire?

“I need to take care of my family, and my mom and dad, they live in Ohio. That's where I grew up. I plan to travel, I want to go see things, I plan to visit a place called Biltmore. I plan to come back and sub, and be a sub.”

Why did you decide to become a teacher?

“I decided to become a teacher because I had, or I have a musical talent, and I knew I could play the piano. And I thought teaching would be the best thing for me to do.

What do you consider to be your greatest accomplishment?

“ My greatest accomplishment is being able to teach for 31 years.”

“What advice do you have for students?”

“The advice I have for students is listen to your teachers when they give directions, okay cause sometimes students don't listen and then they mess up, and if they would have listened to begin with, then they wouldn't have messed up and had to have the directions over again.”

What will you miss most about your job?

“Being around the students. Being around other teachers, that's what I will miss most about my job.”

Mr. Stone has been our music teacher at Pine Knot intermediate for a while now, and he has now chosen to retire. We will greatly miss him, and we wish him great joy during



his time being retired. His last day will be May 17, closing day for teachers, after students get out. We thank him for his time here at Pine Knot Intermediate!



Good Luck, Fifth Graders as you continue your education as a Raider! We will miss you all!

