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Laying Down the Law with

Asher



Interview with Judge Executive Greene

By: Asher Greene



Question 1: Why did you become the Judge Executive? “I wanted to help the county grow and to give the citizens’ opportunities.”

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Question 2: Do you like being the Judge Executive? “I love being the Judge Executive because I like helping people.”

Question 3: What is one of the top goals that you want to accomplish? “I want to see a new firehouse in North McCreary and a new medical facility.”

Question 4: What is your greatest accomplishment? “As the judge, I work well with all groups including schools, state and Federal Government.”

Question 5: What interest you about your job? “I like working with people and exploring ways to get more funding for projects.”

Question 6: What is your definition of Leadership? “Lead by example not authority.”

Question 7: What advice would you give younger people if they wanted to run for office?
“Be active in your community, learn the duties of the job, talk to people, and learn as much as you can.”

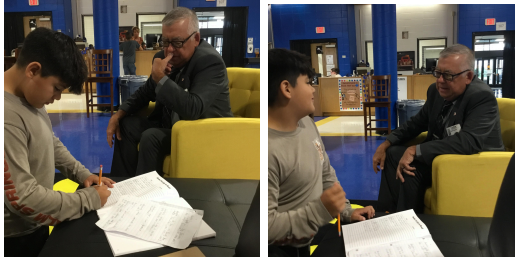


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⚠️ **Important Dates** ⚠️

October 31 Halloween
November 4 No School
November 5 Election's Day (No School)
November 7 KONA
November 11 No School (Veteran's Day)
November 12 Veteran's Day Ceremony at 9:30
November 19 Bible Release & Ice Cream Truck
November 20 Real Men Read
November 21 Eleventh Edition of Dragon Gazette
November 25-29 Thanksgiving Break (No School)
November 28 Thanksgiving



Career Day



By: Aiden Gregory

Career day is about us thinking about our future, here's a review about all the amazing jobs you can have!

First there's Somerset community college. It is the cheapest tuition in the state. They offer associate degrees too.

Executives help people with what they need. They help bring tourists to our county. They also get tax money to pay for roads.

A police officer helps people in need, and stops criminals. They interrogate people too.

Mccreary County Extension works through the University of Kentucky. They get to work with kids in the school doing art, science, history, and wood projects.

Ambulances take sick and injured people to the hospital. And treat sick and injured people.

The sheriff has a bulletproof vest that protects him from guns. They also have to carry stuff around their waist.

A librarian is the head of the library. And they help you find the book you need.

UCB bank, they keep money and other things. And they give people a deposit of money.

Are you excited to get a job? I know I am!



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New School Year

By: Kovu Helton



This year brought us many changes in the school. Mrs. Spradlin moved into the position of our librarian. We are excited to continue the AR challenge she is hosting. Make sure you are reading to get us the next reward. Mr. Hackler moved into the music room replacing the legend: Mr. Stone. Mrs. Robin Gregory came to PKI from PKP. Welcome to the building, Mrs. Gregory! Let's have a great school year!



A Conversation with

Mrs. Moore

By: Lazarus Larson



1. **Tell me a little bit about your job, and what you do.**

"I have a lot of responsibilities, but the most important is making sure everyone has a safe environment to learn."

2. **What do you think makes a student successful?**

"It's not all about academics, success is when students learn to be kind, caring, productive members of society."

3. **What do you do in your job that makes you happy?**

"Being with the students personally, and time makes it hard."

4. **What are your goals for this school year?**

"My biggest goal is to be a blue school."

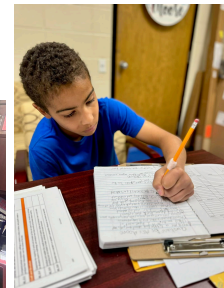
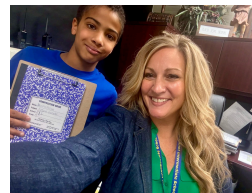
3 Bonus Questions

1. **Is Mr. Stephens a good assistant principal?**

"Yes, he helps me with discipline and the maintenance of the building."

2. **What is your favorite food?**
"pizza"

3. **What is your favorite dessert?**
"butterfinger cake"



Dear Reagan

By: Reagan Owens

"Dear Reagan, How do I make friends?"

One way you can make friends is by walking up to them and asking, "Do you want to be friends with me?" You need to get to know them, so you can see if they're real friends. If they say yes, then you have a new friend. Make sure you are nice to them. Be kind and have fun with them. See if you can match halloween costumes with them, and have sleepovers.

Sincerely,
Reagan



Interview with

Mr. Duncan



By: Raylen Yancey and Taelynn Goins

1. **What year did you start teaching?** "2010"
2. **What age are you planning on retiring?** "At 60 or before"
3. **How long have you been teaching?** "15 years"
4. **How old are you?** "54"
5. **Why did you want to become a teacher?** "I wanted to help kids."
6. **What do you like to do in your free time?** "I like to go outside or watch football"
7. **What is your favorite kind of math to teach?** "Fraction"

8. **How tall are you?** 6'2
9. **What is your favorite food?**
"Pepperoni pizza extra cheese."
10. **What is your favorite candy?** "Hersheys"



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Positive Vibes

By: Kylee Silcox



Are you ready for this new year of school? Fall is coming faster than ever before! And Halloween is coming around the corner! This first Kona ice day is already gone, and we already have a new Dragon Gazette team! And don't forget to go to the Fall Festival! Pine Knot Intermediate is a **BLUE** school! Let's make this the best year yet!

Drawing of the month:



By: Laney Kidd

Side note: It's Halloween so I did a Halloween drawing hope you like it!!<3

Animal of the Month:



A Gray Fox



By: Hadlee Meadows & Halyn Perkins

A group of foxes are called a Skulk or leash. Foxes have whiskers on their legs and face, which help them navigate. Gray foxes can retract their claws like cats do. A male fox is called a dog fox while a female is called a vixen.

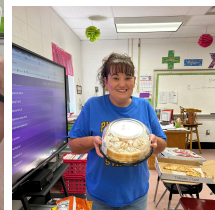
Average size of a fox is 32-50" long and 7-15 lbs. Average life span in the wild is 1-3 years. Dog like appearance; reddish or grayish coat with lighter under fur, pointed ears, and

shout with a black nose, long bushy tail.

Foxes have excellent hearing and can hear low-frequency sounds which helps locate prey. They can hear a watch ticking from 40 yards away. Foxes are solitary animals, preferring to hunt and sleep alone, except when they are raising young ones.



 We will miss
you Mrs. Strunk 





Football Player's Life



By: Liam Kidd, Brody Summers, and Liam Corder

Life as a football player is amazing but there are some difficult task like doing bear crawls and running. Our coach is the best coach we can ask for. Every practice, he helps us get through. If we need a break, he gives us one. We pray before every game!



Book Of The Month



By Madelyn Saunders

Book Title: *As The Earth Turns Fall*

Author: Lynn M Stone

Summary: Fall is a season that brings pumpkins, Halloween, Thanksgiving, changing leaves, animals hibernating, and more

Why you want to

read this book: You should read this book because it can tell you more of the facts about fall/autumn, and you can learn more about fall/autumn.



Interview with Mr. Hackler



By: Emmie Baird & Nate Everman

Let us introduce you to our new music teacher, Mr. Hackler. He is a former third grade teacher of the school.

1. Why did you want to move to music?
"Because I have loved music my whole life."
2. Do you miss teaching third grade? "I miss my team."
3. What do you do in your free time? "I sing and I walk my dog."
4. Why did you decided to add drama to choir? "So we could add more ways to have fun in the arts."

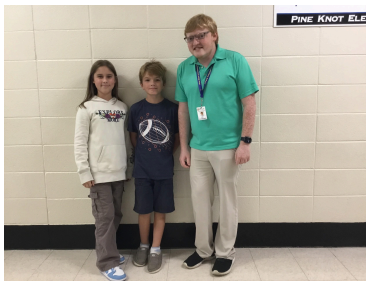


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Halloween Tips

By: Layla Ball, Makayla Chitwood, and Hannah Perry

1. Make sure you're seen
2. Have an adult with you
3. No homemade treats
4. Go to a place you know
5. Don't get candy from strangers
6. Wear bright colors
7. Go with a group
8. Don't walk on track
9. Let someone check your candy
10. Watch where you're going
11. Only wrapped candy
12. Only houses you know
13. Bring flashlights

Costume ideas

By: Erica McDonald & Jazmine Sparks

1. Haven "zombie cowboy/girl"
2. Reagan "Alvin and the Chipmunks"
3. Miss Coffey "Batman or Batgirl"
4. Inside Out Characters
5. Anything Scary

Happy Halloween!!!!

Things that happened in
September/October:

Kiss That Pig



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PKI went **BLUE**



Photo Credit: Taelynn Goins & Liam Jace Corder



Remix came to PKI



Photo Credit: Angela Coffey



Behind the Scenes of the

Newspaper



Former Dragon

Name: Ashlyn Slaven

Who Influenced you the most as a Dragon: *"Mrs. Blakley for showing me that having confidence can help make you successful and that a woman could do anything. Also, my mom (Mrs. Slaven), who is the most kind heartened woman I have ever met."*

Does being a former Dragon help you in your career now: *"Yes, as a dragon I learned that hard work and being confident in yourself is the key to success."*

If you could tell a Dragon one thing right now, what would it be: *"Enjoy every moment and always give it your all because you don't always get a second chance."*

