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Pancake Breakfast *—continued on page 8*

HKMS's 8th Grade Government hosted a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, December 13, 2008.

Band Concert *—continued on page 8*

HKMS held a band concert on January 29, 2009.

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Keller Teller

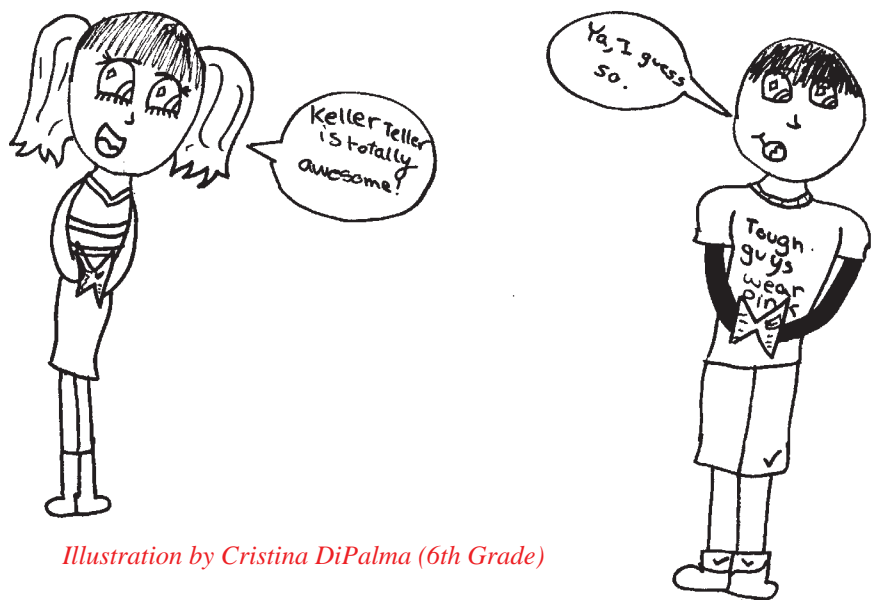


Illustration by Cristina DiPalma (6th Grade)

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Wacky School Stats

By Maria DeVoto (7th Grade) and Kaeli Prevelige (7th Grade)

How long does it really take to walk to the FPAs from the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade hallways?

| 6th Grade Hallway | | 7th Grade Hallway | | 8th Grade Hallway | |
|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| to Chorus | to Gym | to Chorus | to Gym | to Chorus | to Gym |
| 1 min. 38 sec. | 1 min. 24 sec. | 1 min. 52 sec. | 1 min. 38 sec. | 1 min. 53 sec. | 1 min. 37 sec. |

(This is measured from the last classroom in each hallway) It takes an additional 35 seconds on average to open your locker, take things out for your next class, then close the locker.

Did you know...There are 8,571 tiles in the upstairs hallways – not including the tiles in front of the cafeteria, near the gym, or in any of the classrooms.

Interview with Mrs. Noone, TED

By Blythe Broadbin (6th Grade)

The *Keller Teller* recently interviewed Mrs. Noone, who started teaching Technical Education at HKMS in the 2008/2009 school year.

Keller Teller: Where did you grow up?

Mrs. Noone: I grew up in Danbury.

KT: Do you live in town?

MN: No, I live in Redding now.

KT: Do you have any pets?

MN: I have one dog.

KT: Do you have children?

MN: Yes, I have three boys—Douglas, Matthew, and Andrew.

KT: Why did you want to teach at HKMS?

MN: I was a substitute teacher here. I loved to teach the kids and I liked the school, so I became a teacher.

KT: What do you like most about teaching?

MN: The kids and the computers.

KT: What's one thing you don't like about teaching?

MN: Disciplining the kids.

KT: What has changed from what happened in this class last year?

MN: This class didn't exist.

KT: What does this class cover?

MN: Computer application programs, such as: Microsoft Excel, Word, Publisher, and PowerPoint.

KT: What degrees do you have, and what did you study?

MN: I have a BA in English from Fairfield University, and a Masters degree in Technical Education from the University of Maine. I also spent my sophomore year in Hawaii.

KT: Thank you, Mrs. Noone!

If you have something you would like to submit to the Keller Teller, you can drop it off in our mailbox in the main office, or email it to lisadevoto@optonline.net.

Interview with Mr. Pearson, Special Education

By Lorenzo Marchetti (6th Grade)

The *Keller Teller* recently interviewed Mr. Pearson, a new special education teacher who joined HKMS in the 2008/2009 school year. Mr. Pearson is also a Student Council advisor.

Keller Teller: Where did you go to college?

Mr. Pearson: I went to the University of Hartford, Manchester Community College, and Central Connecticut University.

KT: Have you taught in any other schools?

MP: I taught in Region 17, Simsbury, and West Hartford.

KT: Have you taught any other subjects?

MP: I taught grade 4 for four years, and Special Ed for 7 years.

KT: Do you have lots of parent meetings for Special Ed?

MP: I have 5–6 parent meetings a week. Most of the time, the parents do it by email.

KT: What is the most enjoyable part of advising Student Council?

MP: Watching students dance at a school dance.

KT: What is the most interesting part of Special Ed?

MP: Seeing constant learning.

KT: Thank you, Mr. Pearson!

Thank you to the media center staff (Carol Weinschel, Marion Carlson, and Lisa Mellen) for the use of the media center.

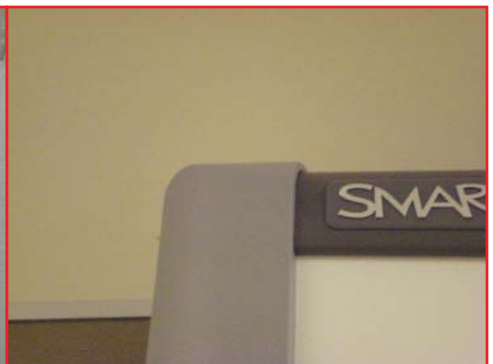
What is This?

By Cristina DiPalma (6th Grade) and
Lorenzo Marchetti (6th Grade)

Can you guess what these close-up
pictures are showing you?

(Hint: These items are all found in
our school.)

For the answers, see page 6.



School Attendance

By Elizabeth Bobroske (6th Grade) and Lara Kazmierczak (6th Grade)

Almost everybody is absent once in a while, but have you ever wondered how many of us are late to school? We wondered about this, and asked Mrs. DiPalma in

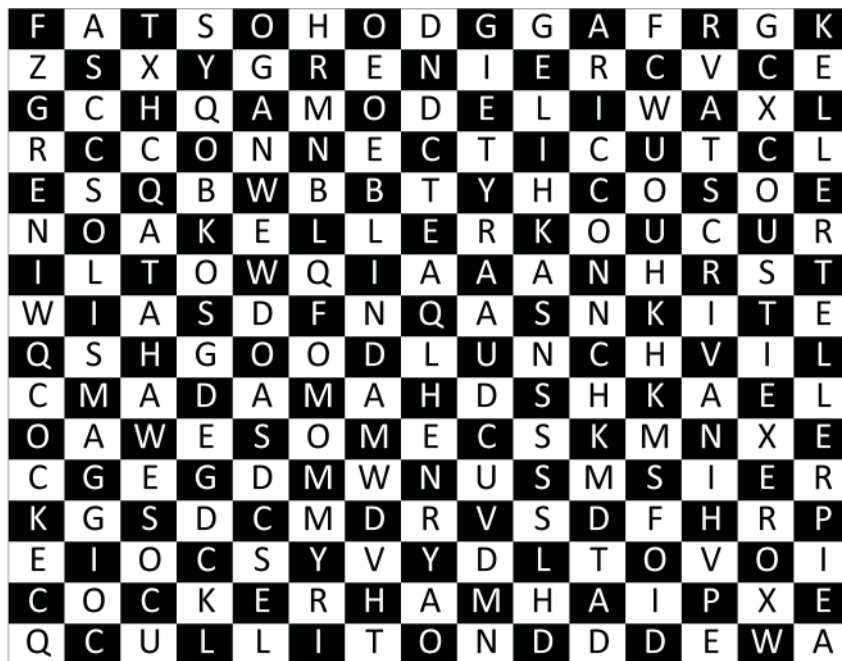
the main office for help. These are the number of unexcused tardies for the first few months of school at HKMS, broken down by grade.

| # of school days | Grade | | | TOTAL | |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------|-----|
| | 6th | 7th | 8th | | |
| August | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Sept | 20 | 45 | 96 | 54 | 195 |
| Oct | 20 | 75 | 90 | 48 | 213 |
| Nov | 17 | 33 | 51 | 40 | 124 |
| Dec | 16 | 45 | 64 | 44 | 153 |
| TOTAL: | 199 | 302 | 188 | | |

HKMS Word Search

By Hunter Lightman (6th Grade)

For the answers, see page 7.



Directions: Find the words below in the word search (above)

WORD BANK

- | | | |
|-----------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1 School | 6 HKMS | 11 Ustie |
| 2 Keller | 7 Awesome | 12 Scrivani |
| 3 Connecticut | 8 Maggi | 13 Cockerham |
| 4 Good Lunch | 9 Henry | 14 Grenier |
| 5 Keller Teller | 10 Culliton | 15 Solis |

Advice from the Wise

By Lara Kazmierczak (6th Grade)

Dear Keller Teller,

I have a little trouble with deciding where to sit at lunch. Two of my friends are in a fight. They say if I don't sit with both of them they will get mad at me. Please help me!

Signed,

Where to Sit

Dear Where to Sit,

You could switch off everyday and sit with both of them. If they still say that you won't be their friend then you could try to get them back together again. I hope everything works out!

Signed,

Keller Teller

Dear Keller Teller,

I keep forgetting to bring my gym clothes to P.E. I leave them at home. How can I remember?

Signed,

Gym Disaster

Dear Gym Disaster,

Pack your gym clothes and put them in your backpack the night before, that way you will never forget.

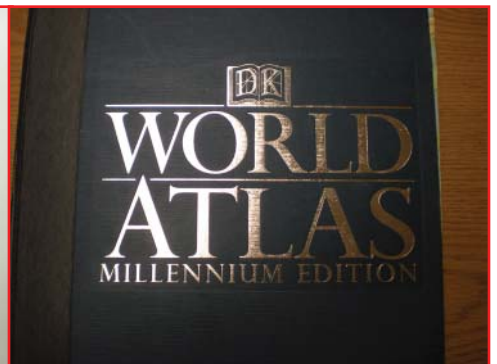
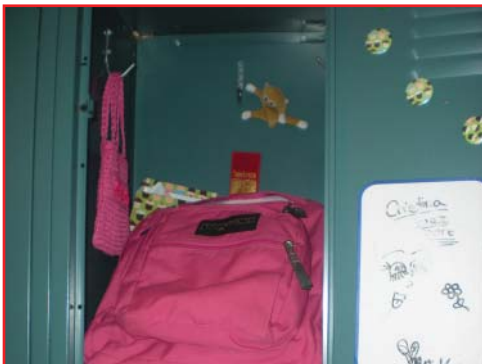
Signed,

Keller Teller

What is This?

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Did you correctly guess them all?



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Keller Teller Mission:
To cover topics that are interesting, informative, and fun, and to create a newspaper that will be considered a literary publication of which we will be proud.

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| G | C | H | Q | A | M | O | D | E | L | I | W | A | X | L | |
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Recycle! When you finish this issue, please pass it on to a relative or friend.

Toilet Paper

By Lia Stone

