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A Letter From The Prez



Hey there cougars!
Welcome to the 2013-2014 school year. Hopefully your summer was one to remember, leading into what will be an amazing opportunity to grow and learn as individuals through our halls. As we go on this year, challenge yourself to be the best you can be. Always be the one to lend a hand and stand up for your peers.

We have been presented with the chance to make a difference this year. Superintendent, Dr. Bates, has asked the students to take charge and conduct ourselves with respect for one another against bullying. Remember, "Don't stand by, be an ally."

As Martin Luther King Junior once said, "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends." Don't be afraid to take a stand! As many of us will try to prepare for what the year will hold, we will never be able to imagine what we will gain. Make the most of what will come. For some it will be your last, for other it is just the beginning. But no matter who you are, remember you are in the place where people matter most; KEARNS. Good luck this year!

Sincerely,
Jade LoPatriello
Student Body President

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Hello We Welcome You!

Sierra Shields

The Hello Week Assembly was held on Tuesday August 27th in the auditorium. The assembly was held to get students excited for the 2013-2014 school year and show their cougar pride. The school introduced the new student body officers, cheerleading squad, dance team Kearns's royalty, marching band. The student body officers are Jade LoPatriello, Sabreena Barton, Koi Chavez, Alex Leonard, Alondra Luevanos, Florencia Acosta, Mckenzi Anderson, and Amanda Kelsey.

The school also showcased many things the school has to offer this year; one

of the classes showcased is the choir. The Madrigals sang the national anthem; it was amazing. There were also video skits presented by the student body officers. The skits introduced each grades student officers and each skit was unique and funny.

The cheer and the dance teams were full of energy and school spirit. The cheer team had shown the school their cheers that they had been practicing. The dance team had preformed one of their new dances. They had also taught the rest of the school a dance.

The marching band played two songs and showed their school spirit by wearing the school colors. They energized the room with the loud, joyful music.

The principal, Ms. Lou, also talked at the Hello Week Assembly. She talked to us about graduation. She reminded everyone that if they failed any classes they would need to make them up with credit recovery. Ms. Lou also talked to us about how excited she is for the new sophomores this school year.

In summary the Hello Week Assembly was fun, uplifting, and energetic. The school wanted to invite and welcome the new students and they did just that. The Hello Week Assembly helped school pride, and helped everyone find their home. The home of the Cougar, Kearns High!

OCTOBER EVENTS

7th-10th 2:30-4:30
ACT Prep Workshop

8th-9th
DECA leadership conf. @Park City

10th 7pm-9pm
Miss Kearns First Annual Benefit Concert

14th-15th 3:30-5:30 pm
Talent Show Auditions

15th-16th 6pm-7:30 pm
Drill Mini Workshop

15th 7pm-9pm
Choir Concert

17th-18
Fall Recess- No Students

23rd 6pm-7:30pm
Financial Aide Workshop

6:30-9pm
Combined Orchestra Concert

25th 8:50-9:50 am
Talent Show Assembly
Debate Dixie Invitational @ St. George

26th 7am-1pm
ACT TEST

28th @ 6:00pm
First annual Zombie Walk fundraiser for Kearns High Cheerleaders

29th 2:30-3:30 pm
ACT Registration Prep Workshop

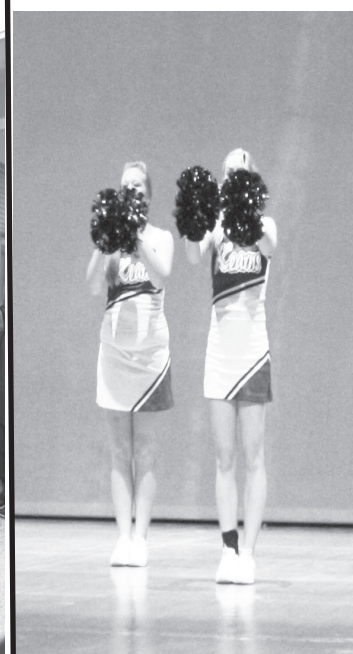
30th 5:30-7:30 pm
Spook Alley (Main HALL)
7-9 pm
Combined Band Concert

31st
Halloween

Jameson Pittl participates in Hello Activity



Cheerleaders put on great performance at Hello Assembly





New Teachers & Staff

New to Kearns this year : Laurie Atkins, Jamie Little, Zachary Lester, Bart Bowen, Mitch Fraser, Ryne Steinacker, and Jessica vanKlaveren



Mitch Fraser

New Spanish Teacher

by Evelyn Montes

Kearns High School welcomes a new Spanish teacher, Mr. Fraser. He is very excited to work with the students at Kearns. He believes Kearns students are dedicated and responsible compared to other schools he has experienced. Students of Kearns will keep up the positive reputation, and show him what a Kearns Cougar is about.

Mr. Fraser didn't always want to be a high school teacher; in fact, he wanted to be a firefighter. He said that he loved his high school experience so much that he wanted to work with students and also coach a football team, which is what his dad had coached.

He attended Snow College for a semester, in which he played football. Mr. Fraser attended a couple more colleges; SLC and Westminster College. He got his associates degree as well as his master's degree. He worked at UPS, Market Street, and also as a substitute teacher. His hobbies are ultimate Frisbee, watching college football, and dancing.

Mr. Fraser as a new teacher feels that the faculty is very supportive of one another and they take pride in what they do. He will enjoy this year with students and faculty.



Laurie Atkins



Jessica vanKlaveren



Ryne Steinacker

Super Mr. Steinacker

by Jacie Parker

Super Mr. Ryne Steinacker is not an average new teacher. Before he found his place as a high school "English" teacher, he wanted to be a Brain Surgeon that saved lives and made a high profit in doing so.

Though childhood dreams are short lived, he picked up experience in a number of off the teacher chart, jobs. He found a job at a factory that processed and packaged cherries, a factory that processed and packaged fish, as well as finding work in a

factory that packaged parts for airplanes. But his experience didn't end there; he even used to teach piano lessons.

When he finally found his calling as a teacher, he became a college student at Brigham Young University. Through all of these hard jobs, he did student teaching, as well as his classes. In his own words; "Everybody is different, but everyone has something to contribute."

After making it to the point that he

could teach his own classes, he began looking for a school to work at. Luckily for Kearns students, he found Kearns High. As Mr. Steinacker said, "Kearns is a great school to be in!" Cougars will make sure that one of our newest additions to the Kearns family is welcome and help reach his teaching goals. Mr. Steinacker is hoping to see each and every one of Kearns students graduate and be off on their own path in life.

New Dance Teacher

by Frida Ramirez

The new dance teacher at Kearns High is Ms. vanKlaveren. She decided to become a dance teacher to follow her passion because it was logical after performing so much. Ms. vanKlaveren attended the University of Utah (Received her bachelors and masters degree). Before she came to teach at KHS, she taught dance at a charter school. Her favorite hobby is dancing of course, as well as watching reality television. Her first impression of the school and students so far is that they're hard workers and are willing to try out new things. She thinks there is a lot of school spirit! The legacy of the two teachers before her in dance (Trish Ryland and Michelle Player) inspired her to come to KHS. Another interesting fact about Ms. vanKlaveren is that she used to dance on crews ships and has traveled all over the world. She wouldn't quit dancing for anything else in the world!



A Great SBO or What?

Luis Salazar, the Jr. Class Diversity Rep.
By Selena Garcia

What does it mean to be a good Student Body Officer? The Jr. Class Diversity Representative, Luis Salazar is an example of what a good SBO should be. He has spunk, and a great personality. He sets a good example for the student body of Kearns High.

The Cougar Claw reporter asked "What made you decide on being a member of the student body officers? Was leading always what you wanted to do in school?" Luis Salazar stated "I decided to become a Student Body Officer because I wanted to meet new people and faces. I was afraid to lead at first, but joining the student government made me believe that I didn't need to be".

The reporter asked what he planned for the future "What college/university do you want to attend?" Luis simply said "I want to attend USU". Utah State University would gladly accept this SBO.

When asked if he had any other leadership positions, he responded with "I was part of Peer leadership team, and I was their Vice President. It was really fun".

Luis is very interested in photography and video editing. He is really into things that seem creative and fun. He obviously likes to show his creative side.

His impression on his leadership position has been great, and he's always willing to help the student body with whatever needs to be done. He's showing his dependent side, showing that he is willing to put an arm and a leg out for us.

When asked what goals he has as a leader this year and

what goals he has for the school this year, the Jr. Class Diversity Rep. responded with an interesting answer. "To meet a lot of new people, to make even more friends!" he said. He paused for a moment then answered again "I don't really have goals for the school itself, I would like to see unity within different groups throughout the school".

He wasn't so sure about the next question though, the reporter had asked "What are some facts about yourself that the KHS population might find interesting?" He stated "I'm not very interesting at all". The reporter highly doubted that he wasn't interesting. The open personality he showed at the Hello assembly showed that he was a very interesting person. The reporter ended with a simple question "Tell everyone what your position is, and do you like your current position?" He was ecstatic to tell the report "My current position is Jr. Class Diversity Representative, and I love it!" Our report thanked the SBO for answering the questions, and telling the student body about himself.

Finishing off with that, you learned that Luis Salazar is an Amazing SBO. He was afraid of being a leader, yet showed you all, that he had gotten the courage to become the amazing leader he is today. He planned on going to the USU. He was a part of the Peer leadership team, and had become the Vice president. He is interested in photography and video editing. He loves being the Jr.'s Diversity Rep, and would love meeting all of you, our student body.

Jubilee Nguyen is 2013-2014 this year sophomore secretary.

by Brianna Flores

One of the reason Jubilee wanted to be a member of the student body officer is because she loves to make a difference. She also said "being an SBO was like a second nature". Leading for Jubilee has always been something she loved to do it was just natural to her she started to notice it when she was in 6th grade when she was in The Service Learning Team back in 6th grade.

One of position Jr high was the of the ship year. goals as this "overall to make wanted and accepted." She



Jubilee's leadership was back in when she president peer leader-team for a Jubilee's this year a leader year are I really want people feel make them feel said.

I asked her what has been your impression of your leadership position this far? "I love being secretary! Its really fun and it has really helped me pay more attention and has helped me memory so I really like it." She said.

When Jubilee graduates from high school she wants to go to The University of Southern California or The University of Utah. When jubilee has spare time she loves to bake yummy treats. And she also loves to go shopping and serve others. Once she is older she would like to travel to the golden state which is California. Over the summer Jubilee went to leadership camp and paint balling with the student government. Fun.

Fun Facts about Jubilee is she knows how to play a four string instrument which is a violin. She also loves to play volleyball. And she also loves to jam with some music and dance. Well jubilee Nguyen is your sophomore secretary for this year and she seems like she is really likes her leadership position.

Kearns High School Musical

By Sammie Lloyd

Although Kearns High School does a musical almost every year, *Pirates Of Penzance* has to be the most unique. This is because it is an operetta style musical, which has not been done at Kearns yet.

Pirates Of Penzance is a comedy about a young pirate named Fredrick who, as a young boy, was sent to live with a group of pirates until he turns 21. When he turns 21, he has the opportunity to choose whether he wants to stay with the pirates forever or leave and start a new life. Fredrick makes the decision to leave the pirates and start his new life with the intention of never coming back. On his journey to a new life, he meets a beautiful young lady named Mabel. Throughout the play, they fall deeply in love with each other and plan to spend their lives together. That is until the pirates return to tell Fredrick that his birthday

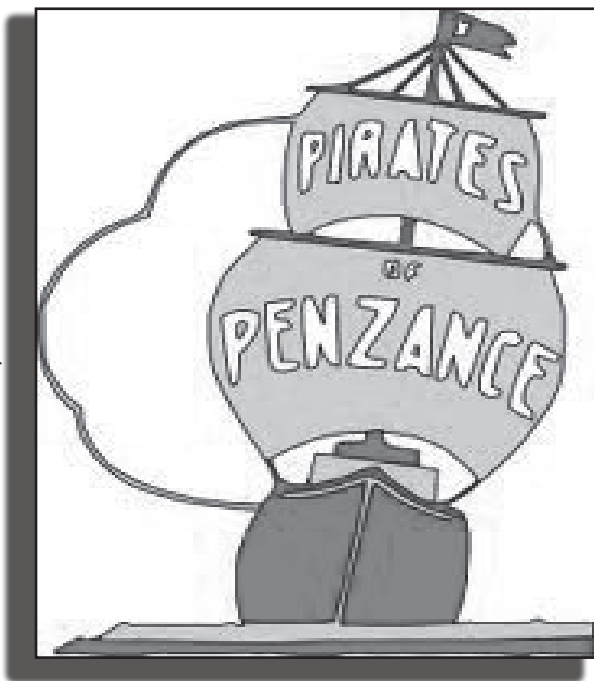
is on leap year, so he is technically only five years old. The pirates instruct him to come back and serve the rest of his years with the pirates.

Brittnee Rasmussen, a senior from Kearns High School auditioned for the lead female character, Mabel.

the style of the music-operetta. She explained that she has never done something like that, and she is always thrilled to try new things.

It seems as if the Kearns High students are all very excited about the upcoming musical. It has a very good story and

plot line, and everyone who got a part really deserves it, and that will show during their performance.



Although she did not get the part of Mabel, she did get the part of one of the featured sisters. She explained that she understood that the part was not for her, but how excited she was to act as the sister. When she was asked what she was most excited about performing in this play, she explained she was most enthusiastic about

Announcements!



Yearbook!

Be sure to purchase your yearbook asap! The first price increase happens on October 28th. There will be a second price increase on January 31st. Don't miss out - order through Jostens.com today.

Key Club!

Opening Social on Sept. 24th in room 227 – free food!

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. Key Club

will be having a kickoff activity for this October 8th that will be really great!



Trick-or-treat for Unicef. This fundraiser will be ongoing throughout the month of October. It's a great way to make a difference.

Latinos In Action!

Our LIA students will be starting an after school program with Beehive Elementary and Gae Capital.

We'll be having a kickoff event this Thursday, September 26 from 1-4pm at the rec.



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Homecoming 2013



Coach Rickards



Kearns high battles Highland school in one of the most exciting games of the season

Homecoming 2013

by Jesse Babcock

The game was another loss for Kearns as they were beat 14 to 35. There were three people injured during the game. The fans were a little disappointed that Kearns lost, but it was a good game all in all. The coach commented on the game by saying "I thought the team played hard and had good effort, but we should have made some plays when needed to." Hopefully the players are a little safer next time so they avoid more injurys on the field. Let's go Kearns!

Upcoming Sporting Events

Sep 27. Varsity football Fremont @ Kearns
Oct 3. W Varsity soccer, Cyprus @ Kearns
Oct 3. Sophomore football Kearns @ Bountiful
Oct. 3 Varsity Volleyball Kearns @ East
Oct 4. Varsity football Kearns @ Bountiful

Kearns High School Drill Team starts the new year

By Kelsie Fiske

Aspen Erickson is on the KHS Drill Team this year. She says she loves everything about it. The only thing she would ever change is the morning practices. The Drill Team holds practice nearly every morning at 5:30 am. She hates not being able to get ready in the mornings like she would normally do. She has always been patient about dancing and feels that it is a privilege being on the team, she feels that the girls on the team are her family. Aspen also said that when she made the team she was "super excited" to make a change in her life. All the girls are very supportive and love having each other there. Aspen said the reason she wanted to be on the Drill Team was because she loves to dance and she wanted to be a part of something fun. Aspen enjoys being on the Drill Team and wants to do it again next year.



Rodizio Grill

By Samantha Llyod

Don't have anywhere to eat? Pick the Brazilian buffet called Rodizio Grill. This restaurant was excellent in many ways; to begin with, as you walk into the main lobby you are seated fairly quickly. After being seated you are then invited to visit the salad and fruit bars. They consist of authentic Quail eggs, black beans & rice, and all sorts of Brazilian Salads that are already prepared for the customer. Now since this was an all-you-can-eat buffet, you could get what you wanted, when you wanted to. When the customer was ready to go back to their table, they would sit down, and flipped this little paddle over, so now it was green and not red. The paddle was used to let the waiters know if the customer wanted them to bring some



meat or not. If the paddle was green the waiters would bring over a Spit, full of meat to their table. The Spit was filled with many different types of meat, such as top sirloin, pork tenderloin; bacon wrapped turkey, chicken, and also grilled pineapple. All of the meats were well seasoned, and very delicious. As for the drinks, the top choice chosen by customers was the authentic guarana'. They have this made in a little town in Brazil from guarana' berries. It is more of a milky consistency, and tastes like Cinnamon.

Although it was \$28.00 dollars a person, which is more on the expensive side, it was worth every penny. The service was excellent all the staff were helpful and kind. This restaurant is highly recommended to anyone who wants to enjoy a Brazilian buffet.

The Art Teacher

By Carlos Garcia

Have you ever wanted to learn more about the art teacher? Mrs. Hernandez who works up in room 225, was more than happy to answer a few question about her current position as the Kearns High art teacher. Mrs. Hernandez teaches 2D drawing, Ceramics, 3D design, and sculpture. She's been in the Art field for 15 years. Her favorite class is sculpture, because creating big scale projects can be difficult, yet fun. What makes art important as a career? Mrs. Hernandez replied "Today careers need a lot of creative or thinking outside the box." What part do you like about art? "The creativity and the making of beauty" You could tell that art was Mrs. Hernandez's passion.



Mrs. Hernandez thinks that when students take an art class it is helping them grow and discover a hidden talent they thought they never had. Why do you like art so much? "Because it relaxes me and I love creating beauty" Hernandez replied. Final question why did you become a teacher? "I needed a job because of my children so I can spend time with them".

Kearns High Cougars Mrs. Hernandez will be hoping that everyone will take on of her classes and she hopes the students will enjoy them.

Poerty Corner

Guess I'm still	Maybe it is the shattered
Just a little	With the love
Selfish girl	Affection
Greedy for love	Compassion
And affection	And attention
Needy for compassion	All neglected
Craving attention	
From who?	Or maybe
You?	Maybe
Me?	It isn't the greed
The world left unseen?	The crave
The images that flutter	The need
Over my eyes	Maybe it is just
Each time	Being alone
The world blackens to me?	That stops you
	That stops me.
Maybe it isn't I	
That is selfish	-Rhianna Hernandez

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