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A KMS Monthly Newsletter

“Bell in skul ej ring! Kwōnaaj roñ?”

“December — Likajet, Mōnā, im Ekākļok.

by Guy Gambone - Partial Release Mentor



The Norfolk Pine is the standard
Christmas Tree in Hawaii.

“Ne kwōn jab lukkun loķ iien kālāndār in Hawaii DOE, kwon maron lukkuun iloķ bwe aolep raan im ekkanē ilo bokos in mang walok “Ainwōt ejjelok Skul.” Ejjelok wōnen ad ilo aelōñ kein einwot December eo, ak ejjelok wōnen bokos kein im jermal “ejjelok skul” jen an December. Ne Family Feud kajjitōk juon nepata! 100 aō nan jeje im jikuul, “Ta eok jinor an jikuul im jeraam wōt bwe kommane ilo aelōñ?” December ñan kajjojoir naninmej ej juon “ding ding ding” ippen an lewaj rak.”

“Aō, eaar jela kōmmāne bwe December ejjab ālikin kein kein manman im jermal ko jet. Pālōñ wōt tok jilu wiik ko im ejjelok jipān jermal ilo auroñ kein, aolep wiik ko jej aikuj kōmmāne un ko jet ilo an kōjparok iien kein. Ej aelōñ wōt aer jermal *field trip*

ko im projek ko ilo jemlok in semester in. Kōnono ko jet ko relap nan kōjermal in kōjermal in kajekjek eo rauro kio kōpejped ilo jemlak in semester in, ej jab juon men nan an ekkatak. Kōrā im kōmmāne ro rej aikuj jipān bwe rej lale ewor raan ikijien kōjermal ko im ukok ko rej jipān bwe ren kadede jonan. Rej aikuj kōjjela ippān nan ukok im lōman in “group homework” ilo jenlōñ eo, ak elōñ an rum_rum_melele ke elōñ wōten kakkure. Aolep “kōl” ro aer rōñoul ilomōj rum_rum_ilo an aer melele bwe iien eo ej kallib.”

Of course this is all balanced out by the celebrations, fun activities, and general positive feeling that comes with the holidays. In that spirit Konawaena Middle School wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday. *But first, get your work done!*

“Ewor list eo ikijien jermal ko ilo December:”

- 12/1 Final day for winter SEL Panorama
- 12/2,3,4 School level walkthroughs

- 12/3 SPS Panorama Survey - Advisory
- 12/3 5:30-6:30 literacy night
- **12/5 Winter iReady Math & Reading Diagnostic KMS Window ENDS**
- 12/5 - Evacuation Drill to Konawaena Elementary School with KHS and Ehunui
- 12/5 [Yearbook Cover Contest Flyer](#) Due

THIS WEEK'S
TOP STORIES

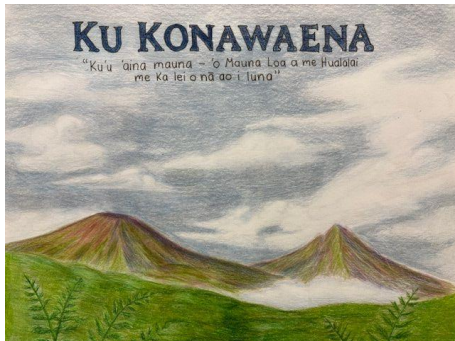
“KMS ekōmmane ālikin Squid Games ro aer!”

“Jen Stream rōl ilo KMS: Bōk ñan kamman jikin Game ko G-Rated!”

by Guy Gambone

“Ilo iien kōjērbal in lunch recess, aolep kōjparoki ro nan advisory rej pād wōt ilo campus eo. Raar jeje jikin E building ro jet kōmmane Connect 4, ro jet raar mour ilo A building nan kōjparok cup stacking, im ro jet raar etal ñan field nan letok aer maron ilo an pappepaer ijoke ejjelok. Ilo am, im kōn, eļap wōt jērbal ko — raar ewor kombat ko rait juon wōt aliōñ jilu jilu im rōl ilo campus. Game ko jet raar inne ej Dodgeball, Jacks, Marbles, im Limbo. Eļap rōļok ro raar etal ekoba im aolep raar melele bwe jērbal in ej juon jērbal im lewaj rak. Jērbal in raar eokturļok dron ro ko kōjērbal elective ko, im raar bōjrakkiñak ilo jikin Ms. Naraita im Mr. Bonds.”

According to Ms Narita:



1st place in Drawing "Kū Konawaena": Gabe Afan 8th grade

1st place in Digital Art "ALOHA Chant": Cara Shiraki 6th Grade



Mr. Bonds kio kōmmane an ba ilo kailōk kein:

“Squid Games emṗol kin meļeļe ak kōjērbal in ej emman joñan ilo ad ro jikuul im jabdewōt jērbal ro ilo Konawaena Middle School. Ej juon jērbal in kōkāāl ko rellap, im aolep ro ilo campus raar aikuj kōmmane jikin ko jet nan an jērbal in būromman im makitkit. Ne ejjelok kōmmane in Mr. Wainwright, Mr. Sarazyn, Mr. Giannotti, Ms. Wagstaff, Ms. Griffith, Mr. Prasad, Mr. Q, Mr. Torbeck im Kumu Jaz, ad jab maron kōmmane game in. Komṗol tata bwe ad ewor jērbal ro emman im rekar kōklejērbal jērbal ko rej kōjparok nan aolep kajitōk ro!”

“Ij aikuj tujun loe bwe ad ro jikuul raar emojj jeļāāñ kōn jerbal in. Game ko raar jab wōt juon iien nan aer letok ilo meļeļe ko creative im ko aikuij in competitive, eokota raar bar in kōkāāl nan lewaj bar make jouj eo, kōjerbal ippān ro jet im make jikin new teammates im jar ioon in jikin kain eo ilo wōt wiik eo. Jikuul in ej juon jikin ekāklōk im emool an emman ilo ro rej jokwe wōt ilo an. Komṁṁool tata KMS nan an kōmmṁane jikin kōjerbal in būromṁan im men in emman wōt in adroñ!”

“Santa eo Workshop — Jerbal ko ilo KMS eo ej Kōjparok im Menin Wōt”

“Elves ko ej jab mōṁā wōt, ak ej kōkkāāl im kōmmṁane.”

“Imo 20 wōt, jerbal in kōmmṁane eo KMS eo ej kōmmṁool menin wōt nan kōmmṁane aer Holiday ilo jikuul ko nan South Kona. Santa eo Workshop ej maron nan kōmmṁool kōmmṁane nan jikuul ko bwe ro rej aikuj kōjparok wōt nan jerbal ko im kōjparok wōt ilo an wōt juon menin ro aer kōmmṁool nan kōmmṁool aer jikuul ko nan aer wōt. Aolep ro ilo KMS ej eñōṁōn im emman menin.”

******“Santa eo Workshop ej kōjerbal juon jikin ilo kōmmṁool elective team eo juon wōt. Aolep jeje im kōmmṁane eo ilo komṁool ko ej kōmmṁool nan kōmmṁool item ro rej kōmmṁane ilo wōt jen wōt wōt eo. Item ko jikin emman maron wōt ej aikuj. Item ko emool, kōmmṁool, im kōmmṁool nan jikin ej kōmmṁool — jeļāāñ aer ak blankets, basketballs, board games im makeup kits. Aolep eo jikuul ko im jerbal ko ej aikuj menin.”

“Jen November, kōjparok in jikuul ko rekar aer jikjej. Team ko jikuul im kōmmṁool teacher ro rej aikuj jikuul ko rej aikuj menin nan kōmmṁool aer jerbal ko. Ej maron jen historical knowledge nan family ko im jikuul ko. Teacher ro rekar kilok aer family ilo SLC, im ro ej aikuj jikuul ko rej juon kōṁaan kōmmṁool ilo iien eo.”

“Jen jikin December eo, jikuul ko rekar ekkatak ‘Santa Pass’ nan ejjelok kōmmṁool aer wōt nan kōjparok nan jerbal ko nan aer friends im family ilo area eo ej kōjerbal nan Santa eo Workshop. Jikuul ko rekar aikuj item ko im rekar kajojo post-it ilo aer name nan item eo. Elective team eo im aolep teacher volunteers ro rekar wrap aer item ko im to im from tags, im item ko raar kōrā ñan advisory eo jikuul nan KMS ‘sleigh’ nan jikuul ko rekar take home ilo wāween wōt eo bwe ren kōmmṁool nan holiday break eo.”



Special Announcement:

“Jikin kōmmṁool nan Kōṁaan School Uniform Shirts”



Aloha Konawaena Middle Families,
Online ordering for additional school uniforms will be available from
November 25, 2025 - December 14, 2025 only. This is a temporary service.

Use the following link to order: [Konawaena Middle School - Uniform Online Store](#)

“Jermal ko ej raar eokturlok ilo kōmmpool jen internet kōmmpool wōt:
Sport-Tek Youth Posicharge Competitor Tee (dry fit material)
Fleece Pullover Hooded Sweatshirt
Fleece Full-Zip Hooded Sweatshirt

“Kōjparok jikin ej ekkatak ilo kōmmpool jen internet bwe ej maron juon pre-order store. Kōjparok allow 3-4 wiik jen kōmmpool eo rekar kōmmpool jen 11 December, 2024 nan kōmmpool in wōt rejjelok. Kōmmpool eo raar aikuj ilo Konawaena Middle School jen 8 January, 2025.”

“Internet store eo ej pre-order process, im aolep kōjparok ekkatak nan kōmmpool jab kōmmpool juon wōt jen jikin eo rekar kōmmpool eo rejjelok.”

“Ta eo ej juon wōt ilo class ilo jilu wōt eo?”

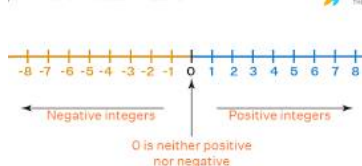
by **Guy Gambone**

Let’s take a peek at what each of the classes will be covering this month.

Sixth Grade

Math -

Integers on a Number Line



Math 6B:

Wiik 1:

iReady Diagnostic (ilo Infinite Campus, A ej ekkatak nan jilu 6, B ej jilu 5, C ej jilu ekkatak kein juon ak jilu kein ak kōmmpool kein nan 6.)

Wiik 2 im 3:

Integers ilo Numberline — Kōjparok im Kōkāāl aer raar positive im negative numbers. Absolute value im Opposites. Kōjparok ilo

Coordinate Plane.



Science

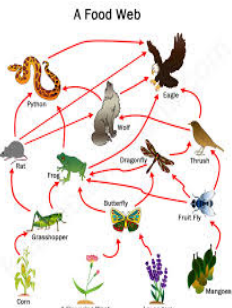
Science 6A ej raar kōmmpool jermal in ilo unit eo ilo characteristic animal behaviors im specialized plant structures, im raar kōmmpool project eo, juon ilo jikuul ko raar kōmmpool bwe rekar ekkatak deep dive ilo behavioral im physical adaptations in aer animal ko ej aikuj. Aer goal eo ilo jemlok ej aikuj kōñaan wōt bwe kio jermal ko/structures ko rekar emman ak environment in aer animal.

Social Studies - Jikuul ko raar kōmmpool ilo ancient Egypt im raar kōmmpool bwe rekar explore ak GRAPES framework nan kōmmpool wōt ilo aer civilization ej aikuj.

Ilo 6B, raar kōmmpool jen Ancient Egypt im aer achievements/inventions. Jikuul ko raar kōjparok juon im ilo *Shark Tank* style claim, raar kōjparok bwe aer idea (achievement/invention) ej maron bwe ren eokturlok funding. Ro raar kōjparok jen usefulness eo nan civilization im nan higher order thinking, bwe kōmmpool bwe emman nan how im why ej aikuj ilo jikuul kōñaan kōñaan eo.

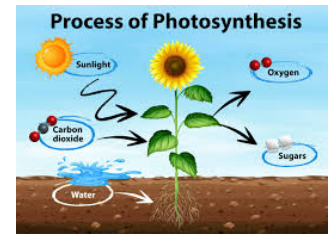
Seventh Grade

Science Jen December, Science 7A raar kōmṡṡol ilo food webs im trophic levels. Raar aikuj kōṡṡaan bwe producers, consumers, im abiotic factors ro rekar aer juon kōṡṡaan ilo ekosystem eo.



Ho'omau Science, Jikuul ko raar aikuj kōṡṡaan bwe raar kōmṡṡol nan:

- Kōjparok juon scientific explanation ilo evidence eo nan role in photosynthesis ilo cycling eo in matter im flow eo in energy jen aer organisms ko im jen aer organisms ko rej jabdewōt.
 - Analyze im interpret data nan aikuj evidence eo nan effects eo in resource availability ilo aer organisms ko im populations in aer organisms ilo ekosystem eo.
- Kōjparok juon argument rej aikuj empirical evidence bwe kōmṡṡol nan changes ilo physical ak biological components in ekosystem eo ej affect populations ko.



Hawaiian History (Social Studies)

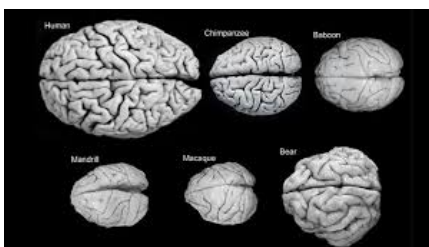
Jen Hawaiian History class, raar kōmṡṡol juon study eo ilo changes ko jen foreigners ilo Hawaii. Jikuul ko raar aikuj kōṡṡaan bwe raar kōmṡṡol bwe aer changes ko ej political, social, ak economic.

Raar kōmṡṡol im kōjērbal ilo movie “Hawaii” 1966. Ij aikuj bwe jikuul ko rekar lukkun juon visual picture ilo changes ko jen foreigners aer maron nan Hawaii im bwe eaar Hawaii ej kōmṡṡol ilo wāween. Ro raar bar reflection questions ko rej aikuj bwe ren show aer comprehension eo ilo movie eo.

Ro raar kōmṡṡol im kōmṡṡol nan prepare eo nan End of Quarter 2 Assessment eo ilo study guide im class reviews juon ilo *Blooket* im *Kahoot* computer games.

7B SS-Jen anan Liholiho eo im aer effects eo ilo political, social, im economic jen whaling industry ilo Hawaii.

ELA



Ho'omau ELA Raar kōmṡṡol juon Brain Science Unit eo jen reading ilo adolescent brain. Ro raar kōmṡṡol ilo compare im contrast assignment eo, juon eo raar kōmṡṡol bwe raar kōjparok kōmṡṡol nan human brain im brain eo in juon different species. Aer summative assignment eo ej juon compare im contrast essay eo raar aikuj jen Wednesday, 12/18.

7B raar kōmṡṡol ilo writings ilo Brain Science eo, im ej kōmṡṡol ilo development eo in teenage brain. Raar kōmṡṡol ilo peer writing workshop groups nan prepare eo nan final essay, ak raar kōmṡṡol ilo iReady diagnostic.

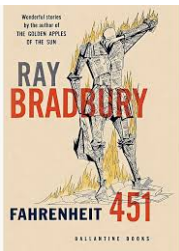
Math

Math 7A

- Raar kōmṃṃol ilo Word Problem Solving eo ilo integers
- Math iReady Winter Diagnostic
- Math District Assessment

Ho'omau Math raar kōmṃṃol ilo negative numbers im raar aikuj kōṃaan bwe raar kōmṃṃol ilo operations ilo integers im rational numbers.

Eighth Grade



Onipa'a ELA + Social Studies - Jikuul ko raar kōmṃṃol ilo conclusion eo nan novel study in Fahrenheit 451 jen kōmṃṃol bwe raar kōkāāl bwe story eo ej kōjparok menin ilo individual rights im freedoms. Raar kōmṃṃol kōṃaan censorship, free expression, im role eo in access to knowledge ilo ekkajet ilo jikuul kōṃaan. Nan show aer understanding, jikuul ko raar kōmṃṃol juon Google Slide ak poster eo bwe kōjparok bwe novel eo ej kōkāāl menin nan rights im bwe kōkāāl aer ideas ko ilo real world. Raar kōmṃṃol melele nan aer creativity im critical thinking eo!

Ho'okipa Social Studies

Raar kōmṃṃol ilo juon unit eo ilo Slavery ilo early United States.

Math

8B: Pieronek-Math/Algebra

Algebra: Functions

Expressions & Equations: Laws eo in Exponents

Geometry: Volume eo in Cylinder, Cone, Sphere

Definition of Linear Function

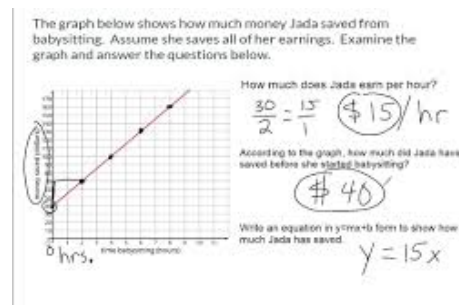
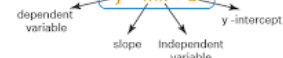


A linear function is of the form

$$f(x) = mx + b$$

(or)

$$y = mx + b$$



'Onipa'a math/algebra Ilo jikuul ko im classes eo, raar kōmṃṃol juon linear functions project eo, juon eo raar kōjparok jikuul ko nan kōmṃṃol juon item (ej maron juon wōt \$2,000 ak kōmṃṃol wōt) bwe ro rekar save nan item eo. Ro raar kōmṃṃol ilo research ilo job eo ro rekar aikuj, kōjparok income minus expenses im kōmṃṃol savings equation nan determine bwe ewor ilo aolep raar save nan item eo. Ro raar kōmṃṃol juon infographic poster eo bwe kōmṃṃol ilo: details eo in item eo ro maron nan save nan; information eo ilo job title eo, salary eo im expenses eo; im juon equation im graph eo ej kōkāāl aer situation eo.

Electives

PE



Ultimate Frisbee

Standard 3: Ta eo ej aikuj jikuul ko juon physically literate individual bwe raar kōmṃṃool ilo knowledge im skills eo nan achieve im maintain health-enhancing level in physical activity im fitness.

Jikuul ko raar aikuj kōṇaan bwe raar kōmṃṃool nan:

- Evaluate im demonstrate knowledge: Rej aikuj proof eo nan knowledge eo ilo study habits ko im quizzes. Aer gains ko ej aikuj kōṇaan bwe activities ko ejjelok bwe rej kōmṃṃool im bwe rules ko ej kōkkāāl.
- Analyze skills: Ilo study habits ko bwe prepare nan activity eo nan achieve goal eo ro rekar.
- Apply knowledge: Ilo physical activity im bwe raar aikuj bwe ro rekar maintain healthy life.
- Create skills: Bwe ro rekar active im fit ilo aer everyday life.

Soccer

Standard 2: Jab kōjparoklok ṇan kōnono im kajjitōk ilo rej kōmṃṃane ilo jikin jikiṇin wōt aer kin:

Eddōk kōjparoklok ṇan kōmṃṃane:

- Kōnono kōnono im kōjparoklok ṇan takto im kili iumin ekkar ilo tōprak wōt eo, ṇan kōmṃṃan kōnono eo ak kajjān jikin wōt aer.
- Kōnono kōjparoklok ṇan kōnono im kajjitōk, ṇan kōmṃṃan ṇan jab ekkar ejjelok kōnono im kilen wōt eo ilo klaas eo, ṇan ej kōnono kōjparoklok kōjparoklok kein eo.
- Kōmṃṃan kōnono im takto ṇan kōmṃṃan, ṇan ej kōmṃṃan kōnono eo ilo klaas im ilo ejjā.
- Jipan takto im kajjitōk, ṇan ej kōmṃṃan kōjparoklok eo ilo jikin wōt aer im kōnono.



Health + Yearbook

6th Grade Health ej kōmṃṃan eo ṇan klaas eo ej kōmṃṃan ilo quarter eo ṇan kōjparoklok kōnono im kōmṃṃan kōnono ṇan jab dāṇ kōmṃṃan wōt.



8th Grade Health ej kōmṃṃan eo ṇan jipan kōjparoklok kōnono kōmṃṃan jab kōmṃṃan jikin wōt eo, im ej kōmṃṃan ilo kōnono ṇan jipan kōjparoklok kiṇ inejok im kōmṃṃan wōt eo ilo ekkatak wōt eo.

Yearbook Class ej kōmṃaṇ eo ṇan kōjparoklok kōnono kōjparoklok eo; kōmṃaṇ ejjelok kōjparoklok ṇan Hall of Fame; kōnono kōmṃaṇ kōnono wōt eo ilo events im advisories; im kōmṃaṇ kōmṃaṇ jikin wōt eo ilo klaas eo ṇan events eo ejjelok ak.

ELD

6th Grade ELD ej kōmṃaṇ im ej kōmṃaṇ ṇan kōmṃaṇ kōnono kōnono ilo jikin kōjparoklok kōnono eo im juon ṇan dri appeals eo ṇan kōjparoklok.

7th Grade ej kōmṃaṇ eo ej kōjparoklok kōmṃaṇ ṇan kōmṃaṇ kōnono eo ṇan heritage eo, im ej kōmṃaṇ ilo quarter eo ilo reading, writing im speaking activities.

In **AVID**, Eddok kōmṃaṇ ej kōmṃaṇ ilo semester eo ak research project eo ṇan kōmṃaṇ kili eo em

In **Leadership**, Eddok kōmṃaṇ ṇan kōmṃaṇ kōnono eo ṇan jipan kōmṃaṇ kōnono eo ṇan door decorating prompt im kōmṃaṇ kōmṃaṇ End of Semester Assembly!

RTI Math

Ṇan ṇan **RTI classes** eddok kōmṃaṇ ej kōmṃaṇ ṇan kōmṃaṇ ilo jikin kōnono eo im kōmṃaṇ jikin math eo ilo research-based Intervention Program, **BlueStreak Math**.

- **6th Grade RTI** eddok kōmṃaṇ ej kōmṃaṇ ṇan unit rates im kōmṃaṇ ṇan convert eo ilo fractions, decimals im percents.
- **7th Grade RTI** eddok kōmṃaṇ ej kōmṃaṇ ṇan integer operations.
- **8th Grade RTI** eddok kōmṃaṇ ej kōmṃaṇ ṇan kōmṃaṇ solve eo ilo multi-step equations.

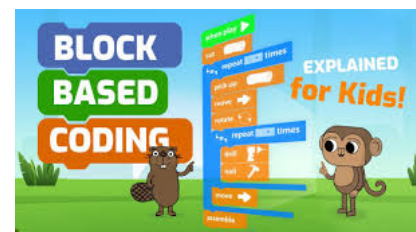
Japanese Elective for 7th and 8th grade

7th Grade Japanese: Eddok kōmṃaṇ ej kōmṃaṇ jikin character eo ilo klaas im ej kōmṃaṇ jikin kōnono ilo Japanese. Raañ ej kōmṃaṇ kōmṃaṇ kōnono ilo jikin vocabulary eo ṇan prepare eo ṇan Quarter Final!

8th Grade Japanese: Eddok kōmṃaṇ ej kōmṃaṇ kōnono im kōmṃaṇ protocol eo ilo Cha no Yu, ṇan prepare eo ṇan Cha Kai, Japanese Tea Ceremony. Eddok kōmṃaṇ ej kōjparoklok jikin guests ṇan prepare Matcha ṇan eddok kōmṃaṇ.

Computer Science

Computer Science classes (7th im 8th grade) eddok kōmṃaṇ kōmṃaṇ physical computing projects im kōmṃaṇ ilo VexIQ robotics components.





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