



Yearbook/Scribbles Elective Class A Brief Description and Application Form

Yearbook/Scribbles is an 8th grade elective class. This yearlong class provides students an opportunity to plan and produce the school yearbook and literary magazine. Students will plan content and design, take photos, write text, edit student entries, and help with distribution. We will work on computers and online programs to design layouts, write copy, and input data. We will use digital cameras to develop photographic skills in composition, lighting, cropping and photo editing.

Yearbook/Scribbles staff students must be responsible and able to make a commitment to the production of the yearbook/literary magazine. We will meet daily and there may be extra **meetings after school required** to meet production deadlines.

Students must enjoy creating, have a positive attitude, be strong writers and communicators, be comfortable with computer technology, and, very importantly, be open to constructive criticism. The ability to work **responsibly, independently as well as in teams**, is essential. **Students will be expected** to contact club sponsors, team leaders, and other adults to photograph activities and get approval on spreads. It cannot be stressed enough that students need to be able to **work with others**.

This is a fun elective, affording students the opportunity to make decisions that affect the final design of the yearbook, interact with peers and adults throughout the school community, and develop written, visual, technical, and oral communication skills. Perhaps the most important quality that students should possess is a **sense of community** that will enable them to see our school as whole unit and so create a yearbook that is representative of ALL communities we have here at Kilmer Middle School.

Students must have the recommendation of their **7th grade English teacher and one other teacher**. Yearbook staff members will be chosen from the all of the applicants.

If you feel you are among the most mature, responsible, creative, diligent, and enthusiastic students in Kilmer Middle School and would like to participate in one of the most exciting electives our school has to offer, please fill out the **application on the back and return it to D-113 by June 2nd at 2:30 PM**.

Thank you for your interest, and we look forward to meeting and working with you this year.

Mrs. Appling and Ms. Kreitman
KMS Yearbook Advisors

09-10 Yearbook Application Form

(To be filled out by student)

Student Full Name _____

7th English Teacher _____

Other Teacher/Subject _____

English Grade for the year: _____

Technology grade for the semester: _____ (optional)

Rate yourself in the following areas (1 being low - 5 being high):

_____ creativity	_____ writing skills
_____ responsibility/diligence	_____ leadership/initiative
_____ computer skills	_____ sense of humor
_____ responsibility	_____ sense of community
_____ communication skills	_____ ability to collaborate with others

Answer the following questions in **one to two typed paragraphs** on a separate piece of paper:

- Why do you want to work on the yearbook?
- What special skills would you bring to the yearbook staff?
- Do you know how to use a digital camera and download photos onto a computer from the camera?
- Have you ever worked with graphic design software (Photoshop, Aperture, Illustrator?)
- Please attach a copy of a photograph you have taken yourself, and write a caption for that photograph on the back.

Please staple to the back side of this application your writing and your photograph with caption, and bring the completed form to D113 by *Tuesday, June 2nd at 2:30 PM.*

Teacher Recommendations -- Students give one form to your 7th grade English teacher and the other form to another teacher of your choosing.

Teacher Recommendation

Teachers:

Please place the form in either Mrs. Appling's or Ms. Kreitman's mailbox by June 2nd, 2:30PM. Thank you for your time and input.

I recommend this student for the yearbook/Scribbles: YES_____ NO_____

Teacher Name (please print)_____

Teacher Signature_____

Teacher Comments: (Only if you want to!)

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