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Headmaster’s Day and its History

Reporter | Kyle Jia

Hope everyone has been enjoying their day off of school. This term, as the spring break is cancelled because of COVID-19, the Headmaster’s Day being moved earlier surely offers the students and faculty members a great chance to relax and recharge, as they have been working very hard throughout the term.

In the meantime, it is quite interesting to acquire some information about the day itself, and some amusing story.

The Headmaster’s Day was originally Headmaster Norman Wakely’s birthday. Usually on May 7th, Mr. Wakely would wear a yellow sweater and the students will get a day off. The term “Headmaster’s Day” was then developed as the tradition continues, signaling a carnival-type day on campus in the spring, on which students and faculty members gets a day off.

The exact date of Headmaster’s Day had been shifting as it develops, turning the day as much of a surprise as possible. When the day has come, the head of school will wear a yellow tie and announce to everyone that the day off has arrived.

In fall of 2005, however, newly arrived headmaster Mr. Needham accidentally wore a yellow tie for breakfast that day. Students were excited and the community was fluttered. The news was quickly broken and, on the announcement, assistant head of school Mr. Funnell and Mr. Needham together clarified that Mr. Needham was not aware of the meaning of a yellow tie.

Early on, before Headmaster’s Day was established, the students would have a day off of class if a faculty member had a baby. (If the baby was a boy, it was a full day off, if it was a girl, it would be a half day off.) This tradition happened first when David Edward Peach, the son of Ted and Dolly Peach (both were Cardigan faculty members), was born. And the first annual tradition to give students a day off was Mountain Day and Ski Holiday. Headmaster’s Day was first separated under Mr. Wakely, as was mentioned above.

Other fun activities that happened on previous Headmaster’s Days

1. happened the day after Green & White Day, giving boys two consecutive days free from classes (1973)
2. a ski-skate holiday (1978)
3. a movie night (1978)
4. hot air balloon rides, campus-wide water fight, and a vaudeville show (1981)
5. a full carnival with carousel etc. and a staged ski/dance performance (1987)
6. "Assistant Headmaster's Day" to honor Mr. Collins (1988)
7. Dudley Day" to honor Mr. Clark (2011)



Headmaster’s Day in 2019



Source: SmugMug

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Culture

The World According to Mr. Gartner

Mr. Gartner

Ph.D. in Knowledge

- 1) Potatoes are the most versatile food
- 2) Cupcakes are just muffins with icing
- 3) Driving from New Hampshire to Boston is faster than driving from Boston to New Hampshire
- 4) You only want Chick-Fil-A on Sunday's
- 5) Pilot's are the best highway rest area
- 6) There are no stars in New Jersey
- 7) NFL quarterbacks don't blink during the play
- 8) Lonnie Johnson is the greatest American inventor
- 9) Naps with the lights on are better
- 10) Wearing driving gloves reduces the risk of an accident by 96%

Travel Rush Under the Pandemic

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Beijing Railway Station at Travel Rush

Source: China Social Sciences Network

Imagine a population influx of millions within days, where quiet rural neighborhoods filled with people overnight. This unusual scene now becomes a normalized phenomenon, expected to take place at an extensive scale each Spring in China. This year under the pandemic, with sporadic cases of COVID-19 in northern provinces, the government had taken precautionary approaches minimizing the risk of infection among travelers. Large transportation hubs including Shanghai Hongqiao and Nanjing South Railway Station have instituted temperature-testing Artificial Intelligence to cut off possible channels of infection between people.

More measures have taken place within the ticket-selling system, where the pre-selling period was reduced to half the length of time compared to previous years. Full refund is now made available throughout the rest of the pre-selling period and customer service is twenty-four/seven. The same applies to civil aviation, in which rescheduling flights and canceling purchases become readily available for travelers. Such policies are put forward for the purpose of encouraging people to stay within their city of residence.

An epidemiological study from the New England Medical Journal suggested that the SARS-CoV-2 virus would remain active for days on end if not effectively eliminated, especially on plastic and steel surfaces where the virus could remain active for 3 whole days. Though unclear if laboratory conditions would be applicable to normal circumstances, it is necessary to take preventive measures before the unwanted consequences occur.

A transformational time always usher in periods of change. After all, this Spring Festival is destined to be one of a special case.

Shareholder Sell-off: GameStop Value Plunges

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GameStop Corp. is an American-based world's largest game retailer. However, the company's influence declined as the new generation of people preferred online storefronts. The failure in investments of moving to the online platform in late 2010s was a predominant factor of its downhill path. Wall Street has the intention of short-selling its stock in recent years.

Short-selling Concept Explained — *Forbes*
“The investor who makes a short sell borrows the stock now and sells it. Later, the investor purchases the stock with less value (due to selling beforehand) to return it to its owner from whom they borrowed it. With a short sell, the investor is hoping that the stock will go down in price. If the stock price goes down, then the short seller will be able to purchase the stock for less than they sold it and make a profit.”

However last month, GameStop stock fluctuated wildly, rising from \$39 a share to \$348 a share within days. This took a heavy toll on Wall Street investors. Medias have regarded this transient surge in stock value as a reflection of the grim reality that the video game retailer is floundering before its end.

The dire situation was mitigated to some extent this week as GameStop's largest shareholder—Korea-based MUST Asset Management Inc. withdraws and sold off its 3.3 million shares for \$1.15 billion.



GameStop Stock Trend

Source: MSN Money

GameStop's stock had closed on March 19, 2020, at \$4.19, which means 3.3 million shares would be worth about \$13.8 million. However, at Wednesday's closing price of \$347.51, those 3.3 million shares would be worth \$1.15 billion, a \$1.13 billion profit for MUST.

Immediately ensuing the withdrawal was a -60.00% plunge of GameStop's stock value. This trend continued to happen in the past few days.