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BY ISABELA METANAJ

DECEMBER 1 - DRAKEO
DECEMBER 2 - JUICE WRLD
DECEMBER 3 - JENNA DEWAN
DECEMBER 4 - JAY-Z
DECEMBER 5 - CONAN GRAY
DECEMBER 6 - GIANNIS ANTETOKOUNMPO
DECEMBER 7 - NOAM CHOMSKY, MR. CARD
DECEMBER 8 - NIKI MINAJ
DECEMBER 9 - LORI GRINER
DECEMBER 10 - EMILY DICKINSON, MS. TERNI
DECEMBER 11 - JACK GRIFFO
DECEMBER 12 - JOHN JAY, MS. MARGANSKI
DECEMBER 13 - TAYLOR SWIFT
DECEMBER 14 - OFFSET
DECEMBER 15 - DANIEL EZRA
DECEMBER 16 - KAI CENAT
DECEMBER 17 - DUFF GOLDMAN
DECEMBER 18 - BRAD PITT
DECEMBER 19 - JAKE GYLLENHAAL
DECEMBER 20 - KYLIAN MBAPPE
DECEMBER 21 - MADELYN CLINE
DECEMBER 22 - MEGHAN TRAINOR, MS. FITZSIMMONS
DECEMBER 23 - FINN WOLFHARD
DECEMBER 24 - RYAN SEACREST
DECEMBER 25 - TAYLOR ZAKHAR
DECEMBER 26 - NATALIE NUNN
DECEMBER 27 - TIMOTHÉE CHALAMET, MS. MASELLA
DECEMBER 28 - STAN LEE
DECEMBER 29 - ROSS LYNCH
DECEMBER 30 - LEBRON JAMES
DECEMBER 31 - GABBY DOUGLAS



January Birthdays

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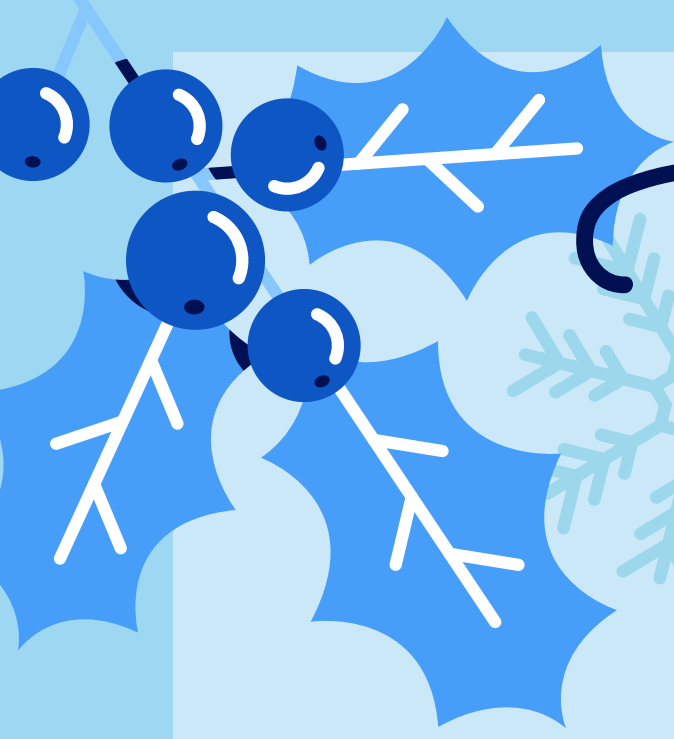
- JANUARY 1 - POPPY
- JANUARY 2 - BRYSON TILLER
- JANUARY 3 - RAEGAN REVORD
- JANUARY 4 - ISAAC NEWTON
- JANUARY 5 - WALKER SCOBELL
- JANUARY 6 - MATTYB
- JANUARY 7 - CAMILLE ROWE
- JANUARY 8 - ELVIS PRESLEY
- JANUARY 9 - TOOSII
- JANUARY 10 - ROD STEWART
- JANUARY 11 - ALEXANDER HAMILTON
- JANUARY 12 - JEFF BEZOS
- JANUARY 13 - PATRICK DEMPSEY
- JANUARY 14 - JASON BATEMAN, MS. DEMEO
- JANUARY 15 - MARTIN LUTHER KING, DOVE CAMERON
- JANUARY 16 - JUILEE SHARPE
- JANUARY 17 - JIM CARREY
- JANUARY 18 - KARAN BRAR
- JANUARY 19 - DOLLY PARTON, MS KANTOR
- JANUARY 20 - EVAN PETERS
- JANUARY 21 - THOMAS STONEWALL JACKSON
- JANUARY 22 - GUY FIERI
- JANUARY 23 - XXXTENTACION, MS MCVEY
- JANUARY 24 - JOHNNY ORLANDO
- JANUARY 25 - LIL MOSEY
- JANUARY 26 - ELLEN DEGENERES
- JANUARY 27 - VINCENT HERBERT, MS GIAMMATTEI, MR BLUMENTHAL
- JANUARY 28 - RICK ROSS
- JANUARY 29 - OPRAH WINFREY
- JANUARY 30 - PHIL COLLINS
- JANUARY 31 - JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE

february birthdays

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FEBRUARY 1 - HARRY STYLES
FEBRUARY 2 - SHAKIRA
FEBRUARY 3 - LUIS CORONEL
FEBRUARY 4 - ROSA PARKS
FEBRUARY 5 - CRISTIANO RONALDO
FEBRUARY 6 - BABE RUTH, MS. YEAKEL
FEBRUARY 7 - CHRIS ROCK
FEBRUARY 8 - KLAY THOMPSON
FEBRUARY 9 - BELLA POARCH
FEBRUARY 10 - CHLOE GRACE MORETZ
FEBRUARY 11 - JENNIFER ANISTON
FEBRUARY 12 - ABRAHAM LINCOLN
FEBRUARY 13 - SOPHIA LILLIS, MR FOOTE, MR WILLIAMS
FEBRUARY 14 - FREDDIE HIGHMORE
FEBRUARY 15 - MEGAN THEE STALLION
FEBRUARY 16 - THE WEEKND
FEBRUARY 17 - DAVID GOGGINS, MS SHARKEY
FEBRUARY 18 - DR DRE
FEBRUARY 19 - MILLIE BOBBY BROWN
FEBRUARY 20 - RHIANNA
FEBRUARY 21 - SOPHIE TURNER
FEBRUARY 22 - ROBERT KARDASHIAN
FEBRUARY 23 - NIECY NASH
FEBRUARY 24 - STEVE JOBS
FEBRUARY 25 - JAMES PHELPS
FEBRUARY 26 - DUKE DENNIS
FEBRUARY 27 - PETER ANDRE
FEBRUARY 28 - JONATHAN DAVISS
FEBRUARY 29 - TYRESE HALIBURTON





Winter Animals

BY AMBER Z.

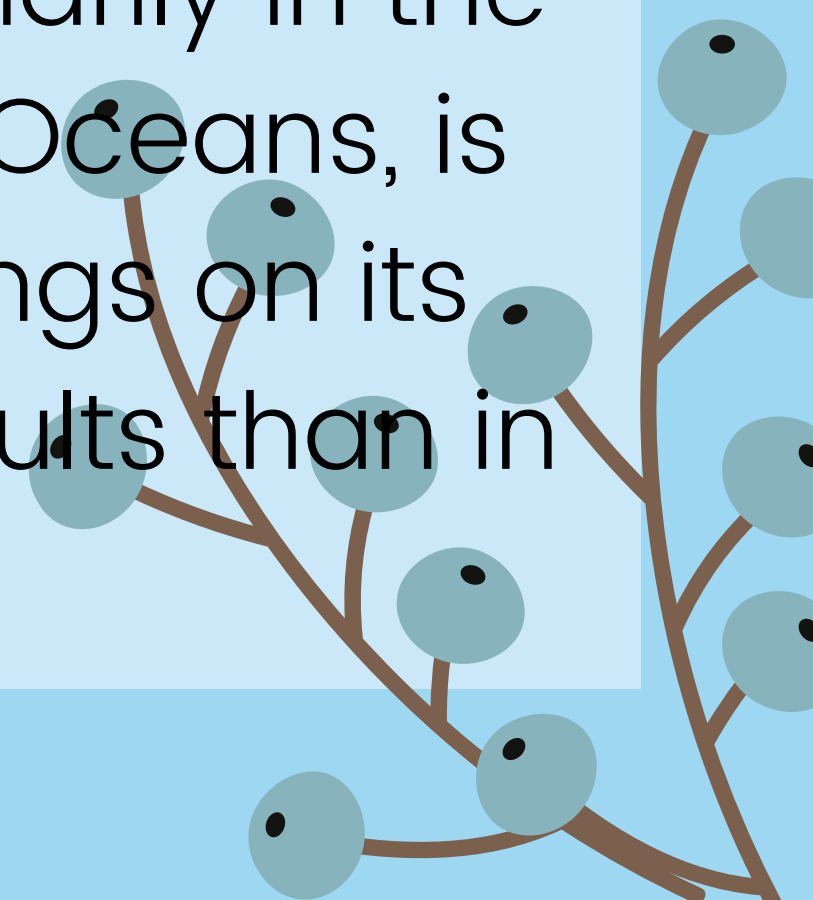
Canadian Lynx

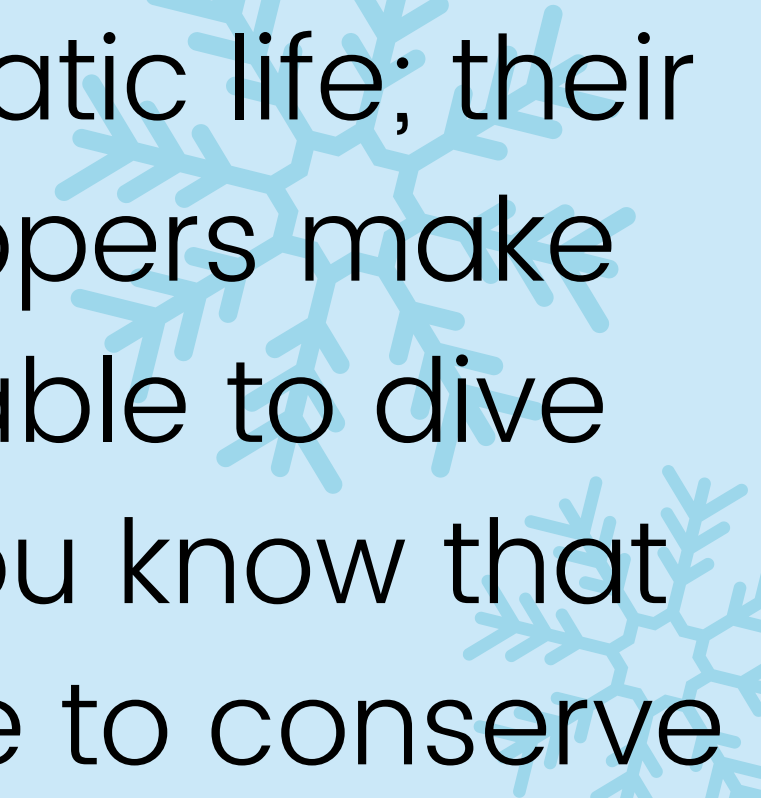



The Canadian Lynx is a wild cat native to Canada and some northern regions of the U.S. It's easily recognized by its thick fur, which is perfect for cold climates. It also has distinctive black tufts on its ears. Its impressively large paws help it move easily through the snow, kinda like natural snowshoes! In terms of color, the lynx's fur can be silver-gray or brown, which really helps it blend into snowy landscapes. The cat prefers a solitary life, mainly hunting snowshoe hares. However, the Canadian Lynx isn't about speed; it's more about stealth and using its excellent vision to catch prey. Although the feline faces challenges due to habitat loss, it's not considered endangered at this moment.

Harp Seal

The harp seal, a marine mammal found primarily in the frigid waters of the North Atlantic and Arctic Oceans, is known for its distinctive harp-shaped markings on its back, though these are more prominent in adults than in pups.






Harp Seals are well adapted for aquatic life; their streamlined bodies and powerful flippers make them excellent swimmers. They are able to dive deep for fish and crustaceans. Did you know that harp seals can change their heart rate to conserve oxygen? When they dive, their heart rate can slow down significantly, from around 120 bpm to as few as 5 bpm! This adaption allows them to stay underwater for up to 15 minutes and dive over 270 meters deep.

Walrus

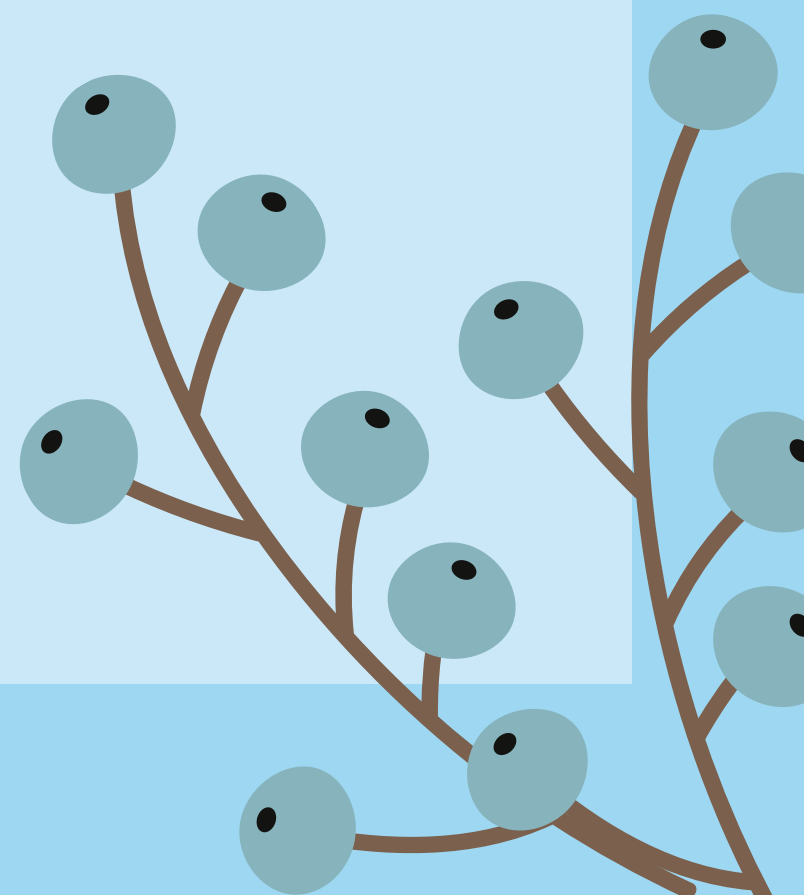
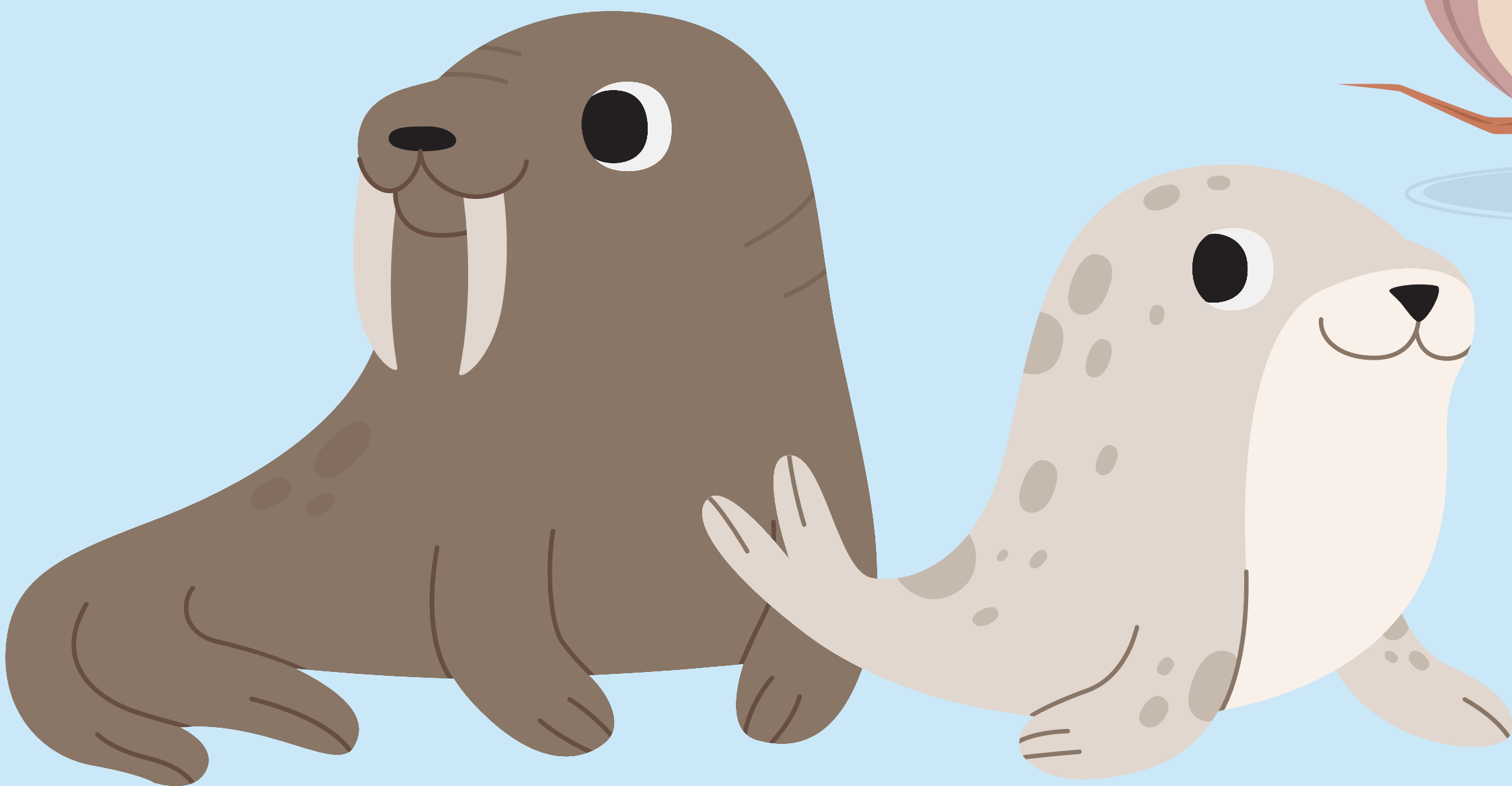
The Walrus, a true giant of the Arctic, is famous for its huge tusks and whiskered face. They live in the icy waters of the Arctic, and use their meter-long tusks not just for show but climbing out of the water too! They're wrapped in a thick layer of blubber that keeps them warm and doubles as an energy reserve. Walruses are very social and chatty, usually hanging out in large groups on ice floes. They're bottom feeders, usually munching on clams and mollusks, which they find using their whiskers. Despite their big size, they're unexpectedly graceful in the water.





Global warming

Global warming is altering the habitats of these wild animals, affecting their homes as well as food sources. As the environment changes, animals like the ones mentioned above face greater survival challenges. It is important to protect them and combat climate change. Everyone can contribute to this effort by supporting environmental policies, reducing individual environmental policies, and more. Let's be mindful about how we impact the planet so these majestically animals can stay with us.

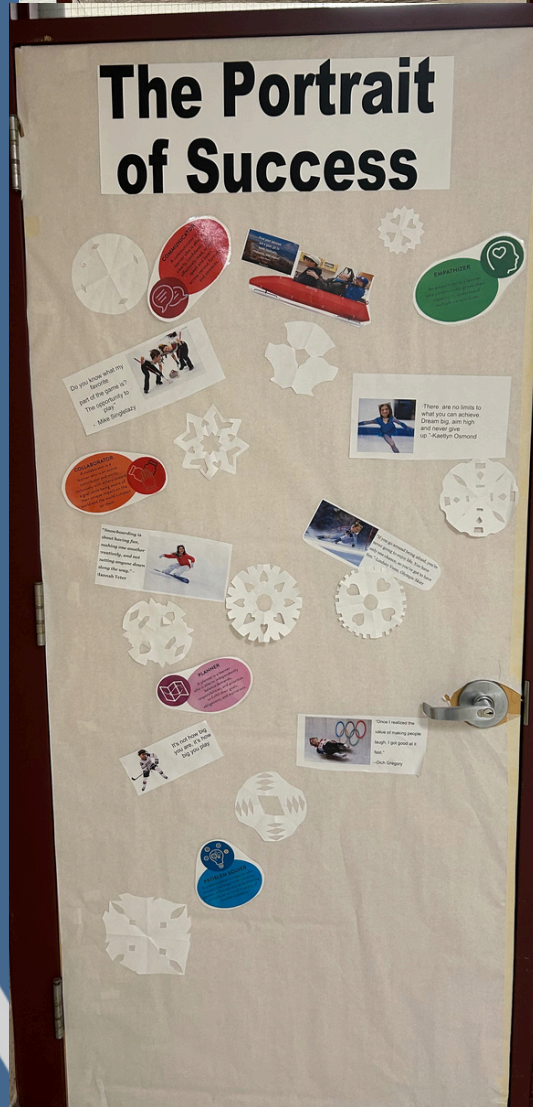
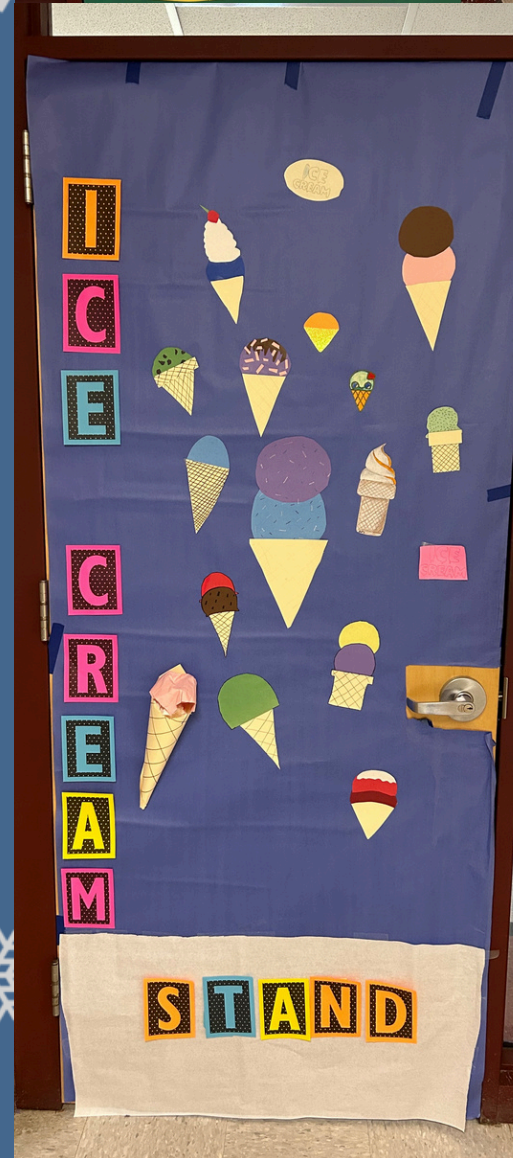


DOOR DECORATING!

BY ISABELA METANAJ

WINNING DOOR!

OTHER DOORS!



Starbucks & Dunkin Winter Drinks

By Hana Mirza

Caramel Brulée
Latte, Chestnut
Praline Latte, Iced
Sugar Cookie
Almond Milk Latte,
Iced Gingerbread
Oatmilk Chai, Oleato
Gingerbread
Oatmilk Latte
Peppermint Mocha
Signature Latte,
Toasted White
Chocolate Signature
Latte, Cookie Butter
Cold Brew,
Peppermint Mocha,



Winter Fashion Trends

2024

By : Hana Mirza

Athleisure

Baggy Jeans

Back to Basics

Touchable Texture

Luxurious Comfort

Expensive (looking)

Coats

Precious Cargo

Business Casual



Leap Into

2024!

By Hana Mirza



Leap years are years where an extra day is added to the end of the shortest month, February. This so-called intercalary day, February 29, is commonly referred to as leap day. Leap years have 366 days instead of the usual 365 days and occur almost every four years.

Art Club meets every Thursday after school in Mr. Simone's room. Clay sculptures and acrylic/watercolor painted canvases are just some of our most recent masterpieces.



Valentines Day!

Azka Amir

Valentine's Day is just around the corner, and we can't help but feel the love in the air! In this section of the school newspaper, we'll cover everything you need to know about Valentine's Day, from its history to some fun facts and ideas to celebrate the day of love.

Did you know that Valentine's Day is named after Saint Valentine, a Catholic priest who lived in the 3rd century? It's believed that Saint Valentine helped couples get married in secret, despite the emperor's orders. As a result, he was sentenced to death, and February 14th became a day to celebrate love and romance.

But Valentine's Day isn't just about flowers, chocolates, and heart-shaped cards, it's a day to celebrate love in all its forms. Spend time with your loved ones, show your appreciation, and make someone's day brighter!

Looking for some fun ideas to celebrate Valentine's Day with your sweetheart or friends? How about hosting a Valentine's Day party with heart-shaped decorations, red and pink balloons, and a photo booth? You could also organize a Valentine's Day scavenger hunt or bake heart-shaped cookies to share with your loved ones.

HOLIDAY BEAR

Thank you to everyone who helped out with Holiday Bear this year!

Because of your generosity, 42 children at Helen Street and Shepherd Glen Schools in Hamden will have a holiday season filled with essentials (winter coats, gloves, boots & hygiene items) as well as wants (books, toys & electronics). Amity is one of the biggest contributors in the state for this CEA/CEF yearly event!



COOKING RECIPES:

AIISHA & MYRA AHMAD

Hot Chocolate Cookies

Servings: 4 dozen

Prep Time: 40 minutes

Total Time: 1 hour and 20 minutes

Ingredients

- 6 oz. bittersweet chocolate, chopped
- 2 ¼ c. all purpose flour
- 3 envelopes hot cocoa mix without marshmallows
- 2 large eggs
- 2 large egg yolks
- 1/4 c. granulated sugar
- 1 tbsp. vanilla extract
- 1/2 tsp. instant espresso granules
- 1/4 tsp. kosher salt

Directions

1. Mix the dry ingredients together in a bowl; set aside
2. Mix the wet ingredients together and combine with dry ingredients
3. Preheat oven to **325°F (163°C)**
4. Using a cookie scoop or Tablespoon measuring spoon, scoop the cookie dough onto a baking sheet
5. Bake for 12-13 minutes



March 5, 2024 marks the three-year anniversary of the death of our beloved AMSO student Ray Heenie. Ray was very interested in helping others. He was known for literally giving the shirt off his back to those in need. We chose to honor him with an annual fundraiser called, "Ray's Box of Sox." Within the three Amity schools and Racebrook School in Orange, we collected new socks and donated them to local homeless shelters. This is something that Ray would certainly support.

AMSO Team T is pleased to announce that through your combined efforts, we were able to collect 1,779 pairs of socks over the month of March. Ray's memory has inspired many of you to generously give to our collection and local shelters in New Haven, Milford, Ansonia, and beyond will be able to help those in need because of your kindness.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

