

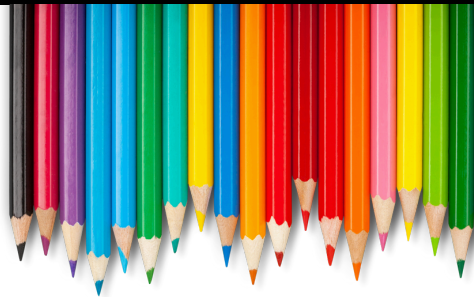
THE FALCON FORUM

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IN THIS MONTHS ISSUE WE HAVE...

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- UPCOMING HOLIDAYS
- COMICS
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- POETRY, ANIMAL OF THE MONTH, AND MORE!



JANUARY NARRATIVE

WRITTEN BY: MADDIE POLLOCK (7TH)

Hello Falcons! Welcome to the January issue of the Falcon Forum!

First of all, Happy New Year!!! I'm sure some of us stayed up till 12:00 on New Year's Eve, while others... not so much! :) In my family, we make little cards with our resolutions and then we keep them so that at the end of the year, we can see how many we kept!

On Friday, the 10th of January, we all got very excited at the thought of a potential snow day!!! Those of us who went to school experienced a slightly chaotic, sleet-filled day at BLS! We were disappointed we didn't get snow that day, but we held onto hope and got 2 and a half snow days!!!

Happy New Year Falcons! Enjoy the snowy winter month!

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FEBRUARY CALENDAR

CREATED BY: MADDIE POLLOCK (7TH)



FEBRUARY

YEAR : 2025



BY MADDIE POLLOCK (7TH)

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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2	3	4	5	6 	7 	8 
9	10	11	12	13	14  VALENTINE'S DAY	15 
16 	17 ←← NO SCHOOL →→ (PRESIDENTS DAY)	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	



UPCOMING NATIONAL FEBRUARY HOLIDAYS!

CREATED BY: ABIGAIL TAYLOR (5TH)

✖ Ice Cream For Breakfast Day - February 1

✖ Groundhog Day - February 2

✖ Carrot Cake Day - February 3

✖ Chopsticks Day - February 6

✖ Bubble Gum Day - February 7

✖ White Shirt Day - February 11

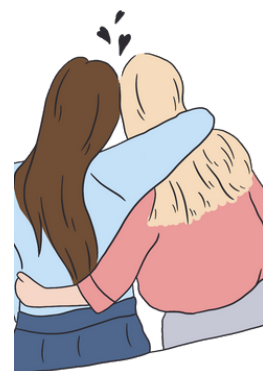
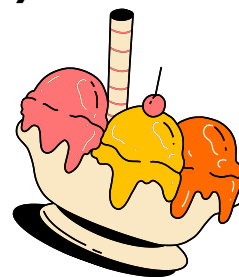
✖ Make a Friend Day - February 12

✖ Valentine's Day - February 14

✖ Do a Grouch a Favor Day - February 16

✖ Presidents Day - February 17

✖ Chocolate Mint Day - February 19



Poetry

WRITTEN BY:
MADISON CLARK MCLAWHORN (7TH)

"January"

New year, new stuff, what a joy.

The small smile of a new toy.

The snow is falling, down to me.

Oh how I wish it could stay, for infinity.

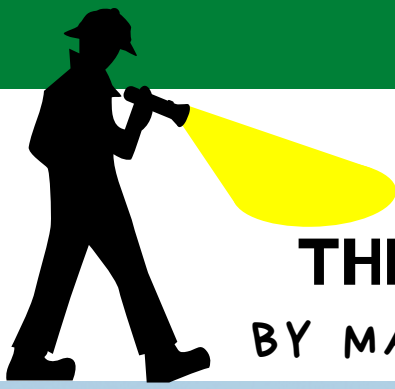
Gorgeous coats, head to toe.

Oh what beauty, that I know.

So January, since we have been here,

Teach us to use and respect the new year.

2025



UNSOLVED MYSTERIES:

THE MISSING DOPPEL LOOPING

BY MADISON CLARK MCLAWHORN (7TH)

The Doppel Looping ride was a roller coaster in Germany. No, I really mean it. Many people loved this roller coaster like it was a prized possession. It was relocated multiple times and wound up in the US, but eventually the ride was sold in 2009 to a new park in Pakistan. Before it was moved there, it vanished. Nobody has seen it since. So what could have happened to this beloved roller coaster? Well, I have some theories.

It may be in a warehouse:

So when it was travelling to the US, what if it got moved to a warehouse? Maybe a staff member moving it accidentally put it there or something. It could be here to this day as far as we know.

It may have never made it to the US.

Maybe this roller coaster never found its way to the US? Maybe it could have experienced some delivery errors and was shipped somewhere else. I believe this is a little bit more likely than the theory of it just disappearing.

It actually vanished.

I believe this is a very unlikely scenario, but maybe it did vanish. Maybe it just Poof! Left this earth.

Someone stole it.

Ok this is out there. But maybe someone did steal it. I mean it's possible, right? Maybe someone just decided it would be theirs now.

The thing carrying it crashed.

There were many crashes in 2009 where it was. Maybe the delivery driver crashed! Then the roller coaster fell into a lake or something like that.

But what do you think happened? Maybe you have better theories than me. I encourage you to come up with your own. I would love to hear them!



TRENDS IN



MIDDLE SCHOOL

CREATED BY FAITH FARIS (7TH), PHOEBE AYLESTOCK (6TH), REAGAN YAUCOBIAN (7TH), PARKER BONESTEEL (7TH), ELISE SATCHER (7TH), AND CAROLINE TAYLOR (7TH)



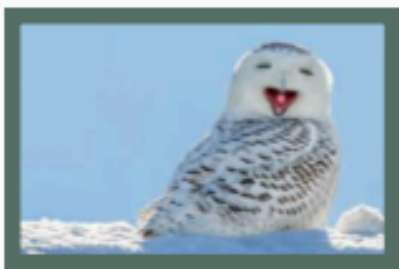


Designed and Written by Elise Gatcher

Animal of the Month

Owls

- Most owls are nocturnal
- Not all owls hoot
- Owls may hunt other owls
- Some types of owls eat fish
- Owls have no teeth



Did You Know... About Shevat?

**WRITTEN BY:
JUDE MCLAWHORN (6TH)**

When does this Holiday start?

*This Holiday starts on the 24th day
of January during sunset.*

Why is Shevat celebrated?

*This holiday is celebrated as a
reminder of their jobs to care for the
earth.*

How is Shevat celebrated?

*People celebrate this holiday by
eating grain and fruit.*

How was Shevat created?

*Farmers would bring fruit as an
offering to the Holy Temple.*



Do people still celebrate Shevat?

In Israel, it has come back.



"WORD OF GOD SPEAK"

WRITTEN BY: MAY KELLEY,
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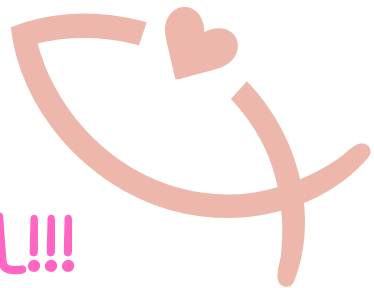


MAY KELLEY AND KATIE REID STRATTON

AKA

MARGARET AND BETSY

PRESENT A DEVOTIONAL!!!



This month's verse is Psalm 20:1, 'May the LORD answer you when you are in distress; may the name of the God of Jacob protect you.' This verse is good because it shows that even when you are scared or mad or stressed, we can have faith and God will protect and help us. It also shows that no matter how bad you mess up, GOD still loves you and wants you!

And you can always trust GOD and that He's pulling for you every step of the way!

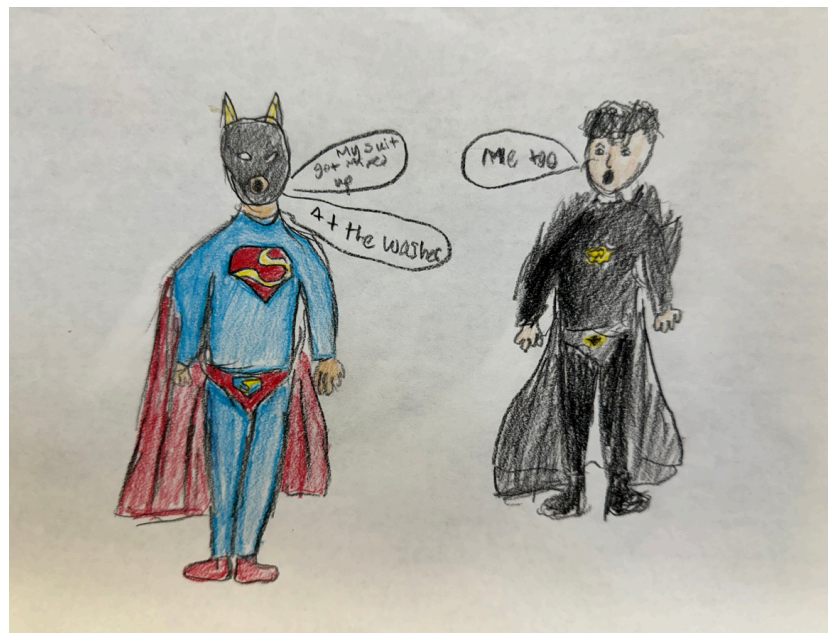
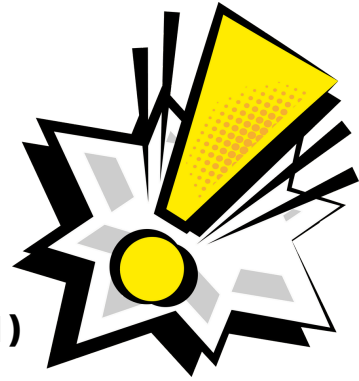
Hoped you liked our devotional! Have a good day !!!

COMICS!

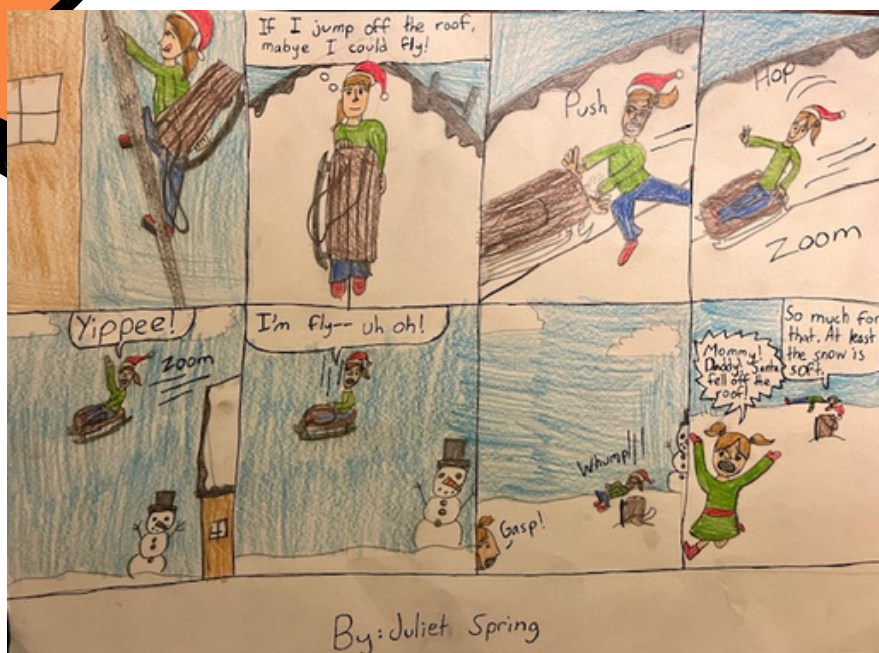
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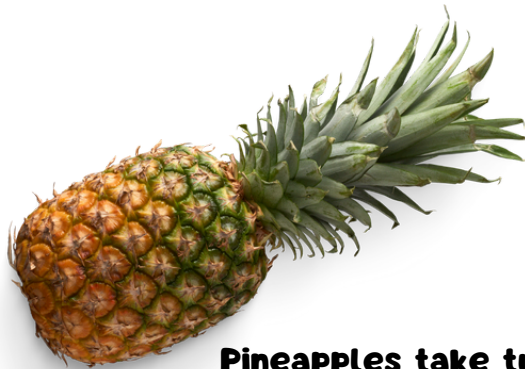
RANDOM FACTS, for FALCONS!

CREATED BY:
ISAAC GAY (6TH)



Avocados are not
vegetables!

The average
adult's skin
weighs around
8 pounds!



Pineapples take two
years to grow!



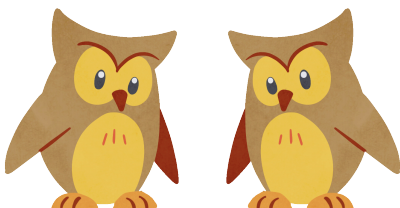
The oldest living
land animal on earth
is a 192-year-old
tortoise named
Jonathan.



A silverback gorilla can lift
over 1,763 pounds!



There are seven colors of the
rainbow, seven chakras, seven
days of the week, seven
continents, and seven wonders
of the world. The number seven
is featured extensively in
Christianity and other religions,
along with the number seven
forms the basis of Western
musical scales.



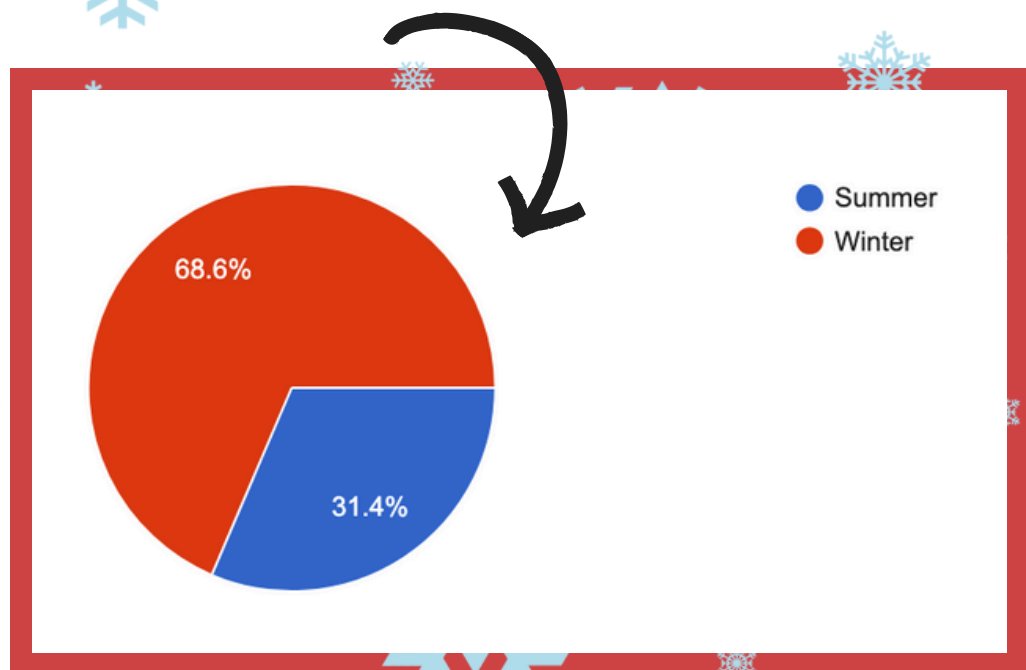
A group of owls is
called a parliament!

CHECK OUT OUR POLLS!

CREATED AND DESIGNED BY:
VIOLET KEETER (6TH) AND HOLDEN MUTH (6TH)

Be sure to click the link for our January Polls in the email! Below are some results from last month's polls.
We hope you enjoy it!

WINTER WINS!



Advice Column

WRITTEN BY: KATY NOONAN (7TH)

Since it's been quite a year, organization has been pretty tough for some. So how do I organize myself? Well here are some ideas to help you with that.

COLOR CODING:

Color coding and labeling helps with noticing how important a task is. I use the colors red, green, and blue.



Red: Need to get done soon.

Blue: Need to start on it.

Green: Have time. Don't have to begin it.



KEEPING A PLANNER:

Having a planner gives me a spot to write down what I have to do. Here are some things that help me remember to fill it out.



-Writing down what's on the board

-Asking friends what's due.

-Checking Renweb



HAVE AN ACCORDION FOLDER:

If you have an accordion folder, then you can label the tabs to keep things organized. It also helps with papers not crumpling up!

CONCLUSION:

Do you have any ideas or ways to stay organized? Try them out! They don't have to be up here! However, we hope you liked our ideas!

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