THE TRACY TIMES

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Indigenous Peoples Day

by: Ava Nace

Columbus Day is celebrated on the second Monday of October every year. The first Columbus Day was celebrated on October 12, 1792. We celebrated this day to honor Christopher Columbus who discovered America in 1492. You may have learned about this holiday in school, but you also may have heard about Indigenous Peoples Day. People started celebrating this day in 1992. This day celebrates Native Americans.

Why do we celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day?

When Christopher Columbus sailed to America, there were Native American tribes already living here. Columbus didn't treat the Natives with respect. Instead, he forced them off their land and forced them into slavery. He also brought a disease called Smallpox. This disease killed a lot of the Natives too.

People want to celebrate not only Columbus but also the Native Americans because not everything he did to them was kind.



Alphabet Parade

by: Aurora Brandt



The alphabet parade is a fun event that happened on October 20, 2023. The kindergartners make vests out of paper bags dedicated to a certain letter of the alphabet. The kindergartners then walk around the building and outside.

The kindergarten teachers do ABC boot camp for 26 days. Each day the kindergartners learn a new letter, and celebrate with a parade at the end of boot camp.

We asked some of the kindergartners what their favorite part of the alphabet parade was, and here are their responses:
Tommy from Mrs. Jamison's class said he liked working as a team with his class and making the vests.
Charles who is also from Mrs. Jamison's class said his favorite part was seeing his mom at the school.
Natalie from Mrs. Manos's class said her favorite part of the parade was seeing everyone and waving at them.
Bryson from Mrs. Demko's class said he liked walking around the building.
Ophelia, also from Mrs. Demko's class said she loved seeing her parents there.
Kinsley from Mrs. Jamison's class said her favorite part was seeing her mom and her Grammy there.
And last but not least, Anisha who's also from Mrs. Jamison's class said her favorite part was going outside to see the parents.

The alphabet parade is such a fun event that the kindergartners love. I hope Tracy can do it a fourth time next year!



Class pets

By: Mason Carr

Class pets... should we have them or not? If so what would they be?
I am going to list some positives and negatives.

Positives: They need care from the class so it can teach kids responsibility.

Negatives: They can distract the kids with their noise.

I interviewed three of my classmates and asked them for a negative or a positive. These are their responses... A positive is that they can encourage the kids to get their tasks done. Another positive is that they can calm some kids down when they get stressed. A negative is that they can cause allergies.

What do you think??? Should we or should we not have class pets?

Trunk or Treat

By: Ava McFarland



Truck or Treat was so much fun! Our parking lot was filled with great costumes and trunks.

I talked to a few people about why they decorated their trunk as the theme they did. The police officers had a scary trunk. One of the police officers said, "It's Halloween", so that is why they picked a scary trunk.
Audrey picked a mythical creature trunk.
Jamie picked a Barbie cause she loves the new movie and saw the movie with her daughter and best friend.
Shana picked a Hamilton trunk because it is her family's favorite musical.

The costumes were also really creative.
Kimberly Pogernicki picked to be a pirate because her favorite movie is Pirates of the Caribbean.
Adiana picked Coraline because she was easy and it's her favorite movie.
Natalie picked a butterfly because that is her favorite animal.
Mason C. picked a teenager for his costume.
Matthew picked to be a stick man figure.
Dolly picked to be an M 'n' M.
See a lot of creative costumes.
What were you for Halloween?
No matter what you chose, I hope you had a Happy Halloween!

Fall Festival

By Stewart Rigby

On Friday, October 27, 2023, Tracy Elementary School had its annual Fall Festival which included a Halloween parade and classroom parties. Students in kindergarten through grade 5 all participated in this nice fall day. Every year students look forward to this day.

All of the costumes were funny, scary and creative. To me, the funniest costume was a bag of Cheetos worn by Lilian in 5th grade. The scariest costume was a clown worn by Cam who is also a 5th grader. Overall, the costumes were very cool, and students had tons of fun walking around the school. Even the parents enjoyed watching their children show off their costumes.



All of the classrooms had parties, like Mrs. Mayer's in the 5th grade. The students and teachers had a lot of fun at the parties. People brought games and food. Some of the foods at the different classroom parties included granola bars, popcorn, and pretzels.

At the end of the day, all of the students had a lot of fun walking around and participating in the parade and parties. I noticed that Mr. Warren was Ken from the 80s Barbie movie. Every student had a fun day and a great Halloween night!

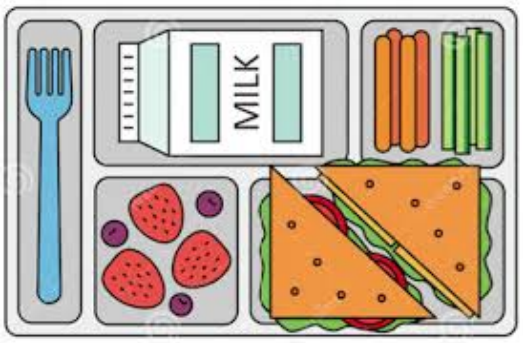
School Lunch

By: Adiana Roman

Do you like buying lunch or packing lunch?

Here are some comments from students in Mrs. Mayers class:
Mason M: "I like to pack because I don't like the school food, but I don't always have the time in the morning"
Ava M: "I like to pack lunch because I never know what it is, so I may not like what they have on the menu"
Colin W: "I like to pack because I like home food better than school food"

Although the students I spoke with favor packing their lunch there are several Pros to school lunch.
- They may have something new you may like on the menu.
- You get to know the fabulous lunch ladies!
- Getting lunch saves time in the morning.





Pep Rally

By: Kaiden Sterling

Every year we anxiously await the BIG game, but first we have to have our pep rally and tailgate parties! One of our own football players JC Wilson thinks that Easton will beat P-burg 35-21. He also says that the rivalry is a great time for the community to have fun and root for Easton. His thoughts on P-burg being 7-0 during the regular season are they are a good team but he doesn't like their jerseys. One of our cheerleaders, Heavin, thinks we will win 21-7. Her thoughts on P-burg being undefeated are us having a lot of hope and that we can beat them.
Go Easton!!!

Turkey Day Game

By: Dahlia Frutchey

The Easton vs P'Burg Game is historical and happens every year on Thanksgiving. Many people come to see this exciting football game. The rivalry started in 1905 but was not originally played at Lafayette College. The teams started playing at Lafayette in 1926.

I met with some people to get their thoughts on the turkey day game. Emma Pacchioli is a band member. Let's see what she thinks!
What's your favorite part about the turkey day game?
"My favorite part is the bus ride because the police escort all of us."
What do you play? And for how long?"
"I play the alto saxophone and I have been playing for 8 years."

I also met with Jasir Frutchey, one of Easton's wide receivers.
What's your favorite part of the turkey day game?
"My favorite part is seeing all the P'Burg fans sad faces when they lose!"
What are you looking forward to when you're a senior next year?
"Playing in the all star game."

Last, I met with a cheerleader! Her name is Carly Castrovinci.
What is your favorite part of cheering in the turkey day game?
"My favorite part is how excited our team gets to support the football players.There's so much more energy then any other game!"
What is your favorite cheer? Why?
"I like get up and clap your hands because we interact with the crowd!"



Kindergarten Interviews

By: Angelina Kohl

What do you like most about Tracy?

Parker and Bryson from Mrs. Demko's class love recess. Nolan and Kinsley from Mrs. Jamison's class love everything about school. Ava from Mrs. Manos class loves recess and Teagan likes everything.

What's your favorite special?

Parker, Bryson, Ava, and Teagan all agree that Gym is their favorite special. Nolan really enjoys Library and Kinsley is having a great time in Art!

What's your favorite thing about Kindergarten?

Parker like drawing inside of his classroom and Bryson likes the projects he does in his class. Nolan likes going to his specials and Kinsley likes her teacher! Ava and Teagan enjoy the projects they do in their class.



Easton Farmers Market

By: Natalie Bellinghausen

Have you ever been to the Easton Farmers Market? The market is held every Saturday at Scott Park Riverside. There are various choices on what to buy from the many vendors, such as Apple Ridge Farms, Mia and Maddie's bakery, Green Vida, Zekraft, and Holy Cow Flower Farms.

The market is also full of history. Did you know that the Easton Farmers Market was established in 1752. It is America's longest continuously running open air market! For more than 2 1/2 centuries, farmers and merchants have come to sell their goods. In fact on July 8, 1776 the Great Square, now known as Center Square, was a site for only one of the three public readings of the Declaration of Independence!

The 2020 pandemic didn't stop them. During the pandemic, they moved to Scott Park Riverside for more space to keep the market going.

If you want some fresh fruit, flowers, and veggies, come to the Easton farmers market today!



Local Sports

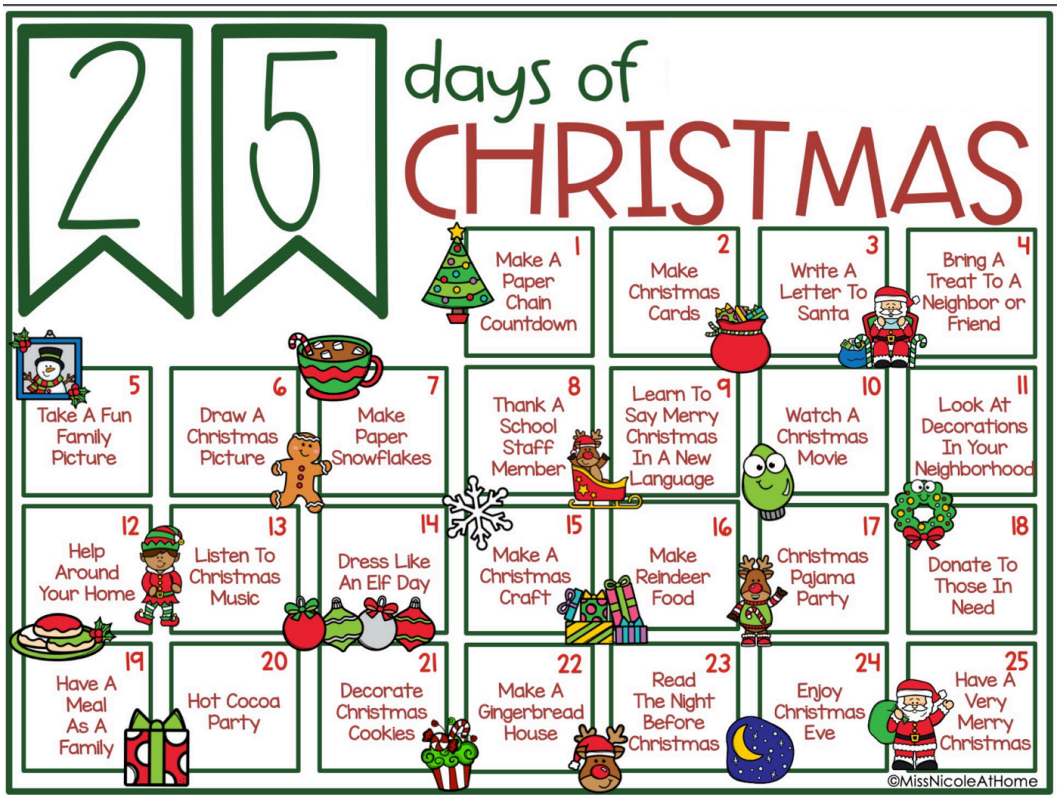
By: Makala Hudgins

There are many options for sports in our area. I am going to highlight one of the sports I play... field hockey. The 5th and 6th field hockey team ended their season undefeated with a great win against Upper Mount Bethel with a score of 6-0. There were a lot of accidents with players getting hit but no one got hurt really bad. We finished at the top of our league and ended our season with jackets that their coach had made for us. We did have two additional tournaments after the end of our regular season. In the Nazareth vs Palmer game we were able to win without a goalie, that is not easy but we were able to do it because we used teamwork. Sometimes all you need in life to win a game is to use teamwork and keep going. If you are interested in field hockey you should try it out.



December Activity Calendars

By: Sophia Dombrowski



COUNTDOWN TO HANUKKAH 2012/5773

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						
						Dec 1 Make a Hanukkah paper chain countdown!
Dec 2 Play a fun dreidel game!	Dec 3 Learn about the history of Hanukkah!	Dec 4 Paint a memorah!	Dec 5 Make a paper dreidel!	Dec 6 Make a Hanukkah dessert!	Dec 7 Spend time with your family!	Dec 8
Dec 9	Dec 10	Dec 11	Dec 12	Dec 13	Dec 14	Dec 15

Kwanzaa December 2023

A Celebration of Family, Community and Culture



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 Make a paper chain count down!	2	3 Play a Kwanzaa game!
4	5 Have a sing a song to your favorite songs!	6	7 Make your favorite Kwanzaa food!	8	9 Decorate for Kwanzaa!	10
11 Ask your parents about what each candle means!	12	13 Read a kwanzaa poem!	14	15 Learn about the history of Kwanzaa!	16	17 Make a wish list for a gift you want each day!
18	19 Play in the snow if it snowed!	20	21 Play in the snow if it snowed!	22	23 Make a Kwanzaa desert!	24
25 Make a Kwanzaa craft!	26 KWANZAA GREETINGS!	27	28	29	30	31

Tracy Tigers who INSPIRE

By: Keira Jordan

Leo always has a smile on his face and is kind and friendly to everyone. Leo works very hard on First in Math and inspires others to work hard. He is always cheering others on!

- Mrs. Manos (Kindergarten)

Hudson inspires others to try their best. He is always encouraging and cheering others on as they are completing activities in class and when they are reading he tells them they are doing a good job.

- Mrs. Costenbader (1st Grade)

Gavin greets me every morning with a huge smile. He is genuinely so happy to be in school! He works very hard throughout the day, even when times are challenging. He never gives up! He is a rockstar in math, and continues to grow each day with his letters and sounds. Gavin is also kind, and compassionate towards his classmates. He is respectful, well mannered, and embodies all the qualities of a Top Tiger! I am so happy Gavin is in my class, and he inspires me to be the best teacher I can be!

- Mrs. Demko

Anisha is not only a student who excels academically but also possesses qualities that motivate and uplift her classmates. I observed Anisha helping and encouraging another student learning how to kick and throw a ball during gym class. In the classroom, Anisha has a kind and gentle way of helping classmates who are struggling. Her willingness to help others succeed makes her a source of inspiration for her fellow students.

- Mrs. Jamison (Kindergarten)

Ruby is always willing to help her friends. She also always has a smile on her face. She inspires others to always try their best and to never give up.

- Mrs. Broderick (1st Grade)

Levi always follows our Tracy Tiger Traits. He is a hard worker and is very helpful to his classmates and teachers.

- Mrs. Winchenbach (1st Grade)

Mia inspires others by being helpful, kind, and caring. Mia follows Tracy Tiger Traits and inspires others to follow them as well. Mia encourages her friends to try their best and always lends a helping hand.

- Miss. Guadagnino (2nd Grade)

Chloe inspires others by always following all Tracy Tiger Traits.Chloe also helps others in the class and cheers them on to do their best.

- Mrs. Werley (1st Grade)

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Sophia always follows our Tracy Tiger Traits. She arrives at school very excited and ready to learn. She is a hard worker and is very helpful to other students.

- Mrs. Kummer (2nd Grade)

Kennard Is such an inspiration to others. He is a great listener, works hard, and puts forth his best efforts in all areas. He respects everyone and is helpful to his classmates.

- Mrs. Miller (2nd Grade)

Ian is inspiring because he always gives 100%. He leads by example. He also Inspires his classmates by showing great work ethic, positivity, and kindness.

- Mrs. Kane (4th Grade)

Owen is inspiring because he is a fantastic leader and puts 100% into everything he does! He is a respectful, kind, and hardworking student that I can always count on to make good decisions.

- Mrs. Ricker (3rd Grade)

Leila is a wonderful student. She is always shows positive Tiger traits and is very helpful to her classmates and always encourages other to do their best.

- Ms. Taormina (2nd Grade)

Celeste always inspires others to try their best and give 100% effort in tasks presented.

- Mrs. Lawson (3rd Grade)

Marlow consistenly inspires others to the best they can by always modeling tigerifficly pawsitive, respectful, and mindful behavior. :-)

- Mrs. Carter-Sell (3rd Grade)

Nora has a contagious smile on her face. She gives her best effort and she has fun with whatever she is doing.! All of these things show why she is such an inspiration to others.

- Mrs. Mihalik (4th Grade)

Keira is a positive role model and exceeds all Tracy Tiger expectations. She advocates for herself and always asks questions. Keira is a hard worker who is always willing to help others, too.

- Mrs. Wheeler (5th Grade)



Andrea has been working extremely hard to improve her Math skills. She is helpful to her peers and inspires others to do their very best. You can count on Andrea to walk into class with a smile on her face and ready to learn.

- Mrs. Trinidad (4th Grade)

Clayton inspires others by always lending a helping hand to whoever needs help in math class. He is patient and kind to all who need help.

- Mr. Moffitt (5th Grade)

Niva always gives 100% to whatever she is doing. Her work ethic combined with the kindness she shows to others is inspirational.

- Mrs. Mayer (5th Grade)

Chole is a role model student. She always follows school expectations, and is kind to all her peers. She is always willing to help anyone!

- Mrs. Rowe (5th Grade)



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