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Band, Chorus, and Orchestra

by: Ava Nace

In the month of December the band, orchestra, and chorus held their concerts. They all did great. It got the school in the holiday spirit, all the teachers and students really enjoyed the concerts.

The Advanced Band played three songs. They were March of the Romans, Festivo De Noel, and Jingle Bells.

The Advanced Orchestra also played three songs. They were Dreidel Song, Slavic Dance, and Christmas Sampler.

Both the Advanced Band and Orchestra had a combined concert at Paxinosa.

The third grade chorus sang Santa's Coming, Here We Come A-Singing, and We Wish You a Merry Christmas. Fourth grade chorus sang Holiday, Joyful Joyful Hanukkah, and A New Year's Wish. Fifth grade chorus sang Christmas is a Time to Love, Ha'Neirot Ha'Lalu, and Silver Bells. The combined chorus sang What do I Want in my Christmas Stocking?



Christmas Sing Along

by: Adiana Roman

Remember when Mr. Hartman had us do the Christmas Sing-Along? That was really fun! Well, here is what all the grades sang:

5th grade: Mrs. Mayer- Feliz Navidad, Mrs. Rowe- Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer, Mr. Moffitt- Frosty The Snowman, and Mrs. Wheeler- Christmas don't be late (by Alvin and the Chipmunks).

4th grade: Mrs. Kane- Rockin Around the Christmas Tree, Mrs. Trinidad- Up on the House Top, and Mrs. Mihalik- It's Beginning to Look a lot like Christmas.

3rd grade: Mrs. Carter-Sell- Winter Wonderland, Mrs. Lawson- Jingle Bell Rock, and Mrs. Ricker- Here comes Santa Claus.

2nd grade- Miss. Guadagnino- Let it Snow, Mrs. Miller- Santa Claus is Coming to Town, Ms. Taormina- Oh Christmas Tree, and Mrs. Kummer- All I want for Christmas is my Two Front Teeth.

1st grade: Mrs. Broderick- Holly Jolly Christmas, Mrs. Costenbader- Deck the Halls, Mrs. Werely- We Wish you a Merry Christmas, and Mrs. Winchenbach- Dreidel.

Kindergarten- Jingle Bells.

Wow, that's a lot of songs, but it was so fun... Thank you Mr. Hartman! You might ask, How many years have we done this? Here is the answer from Mrs. Kummer. It's been "12 years!" What a tradition!



Red Ticket Extravaganza

By: Ava McFarland

The Red Ticket Extravaganza started at the beginning of December and went until Christmas break. The Red Ticket Extravaganza started in 2022 and we were excited to continue it this year. Why do we do The Red Ticket Extravaganza? We do the Red Ticket Extravaganza to help us be kind, and caring to our surroundings and to others. The Red Ticket extravaganza also had prizes, some of the prizes were Squishmallows, Phantoms tickets, Game Stop gift cards and so much more. The Red tickets are more fun then Yellow Tiger Tickets in my opinion. If you didn't win a prize that is ok we still have The Blue Ticket Extravaganza to look forward to. I hope you were caring and got a lot of Red Tiger Tickets and if you didn't then you might get a Blue Tiger Ticket, who knows? They chose the winners on announcements and had a big assembly to hand out the rest of the prizes. At our Red Ticket Extravaganza assembly we had some guests... The Grinch and Cindy Lou Who. I hope you enjoyed the Red Ticket Extravaganza and are looking forward to the Blue Ticket Extravaganza in the spring!



Peace Candle

By: Natalie Bellinghausen

Have you ever seen a 75 foot candle? If so, you might have seen the Peace Candle in Downtown Easton. Around late November or early December the candle is lit. The peace candle hasn't always been this big. It used to be only 50 feet tall, that's tall but not 75 feet tall! This candle has brought so many people together and every year more and more people have come. This year around 500 people attended the lighting of this large candle. During COVID 19 the candle still got lit but

didn't have a large gathering of people. If you have seen the peace candle you might have seen the Winter Village huts. The village consists of hot cocoa, ornaments, Christmas decorations, and Christmas gifts. Downtown Easton brings people together. Have you ever been to the Peace Candle lighting?



Winter Holidays

By: Makayla Hudgins

Christmas.... Have you ever wondered how Christmas started? Christmas is on the 25th of December. Some people in the world have Christmas as a religious holiday to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Christmas day has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1870. Back in those days the things they got for Christmas were corn husk dolls, sachets, carved wood toys, pillows, foot stools, and embroidered hankies, but

today, people our age would not know what a lot of that stuff is.

Nowadays we get skincare, bracelet making kits, Vbucks, Robux, candy, and things like that.

What is kwanzaa? Well I got the answer for you my friend. Kwanzaa is a holiday that a lot of African Americans celebrate. It starts the day after Christmas which is the 26th of December. This holiday will last for 7 days. Kwanzaa comes from a phrase called Matunda ya Kwanza, which means First Fruits in Swahili. It started in 1966. Kwanzaa was created by Maulana Karenga, a professor of Pan-African American studies black culture leaders.



Hanukkah is a holiday that a lot of Jewish people celebrate. Did you know that every year the time changes for Hanukkah? This year Hanukkah started on the 7th of December. One of the oldest things that people have celebrated for years is lighting the candles. Every year the people who celebrate Hanukkah light 8 candles every day until the last day of Hanukkah. What people normally eat during the 8 days of Hanukkah are latkes, sufganiyot, challah, and apple sauce for the meals. And the gifts that the kids or adults normally receive are. Dreidels, board games, and fancy meats. Some people may also receive gelt, or gold and silver coins. These coins are all made out of chocolate so not real coins.



New Years

By: Kaiden Sterling

3...2...1... HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

2024 is finally here. In this article I will be talking about new years history.

New years started in 2000 BCE and the celebrations have changed a lot over the years. For example people used to not do a ball drop!! Could you imagine a world with no ball drop? I sure couldn't.

On the Roman calendar new years started on march first. The Tamil celebrate the new year in the winter!! Which means we would be

celebrating the new year now!! The Scottish ballad Auld Lang Syne was often sung on new years some people still sing it today. In India the Hindus make obligations to the gods. In Japan visits are made to Shinto shrines of tutelary deities or to Buddhist temples.

That is what some countries do on New Years to celebrated.



2023 Person of the Year

By: Keira Jordan

Every year Time Magazine picks a person of the year. This year they picked TAYLOR SWIFT!

Taylor Swift is the Person of the Year because she builds a world of her own, that makes a place for so many people. She spins her world into a globe legend, and everyone knows her for that.

As most people know Taylor Swift had a worldwide tour known as the "Eras Tour." A couple of years ago she had her reputation tour, and this year she wanted to make a tour with all her albums. "Yeah it's going to be called the eras tour!" see you there," She said. Lots of people all over the world went to it. Many people dressed up as a specific album known as Taylor Swift, fearless, Speak Now, red, 1989, reputation, lover, folklore, evermore, and midnights. They also got wristbands that glow up for each song which all of the Swifties loved. If you don't know "Swifties" are people who LOVE Taylor Swift and are big fans. On Taylor's song "22" she gives her iconic "22" hat to one lucky fan, that is front row. Lots of people would love to have the hat. Including me! Also, fans take their time to make bracelets it is a big thing, and they have so many on their wrist when they leave the Eras tour.

When she goes on every tour she has Two surprise songs. None of the Swifties would ever think she would sing. They all go crazy! if no one has ever noticed, she has amazing costumes and changes them every album/ song.

Taylor Swift is now a billionaire which is a big achievement for her and all of her fans.

I wonder how many people in just are school are "Swifties"? You can count me on that vote! Sometimes when walking around the building I see some kids wearing Taylor Swift shirts. They make me smile.

I hope this article made you want to be a Swiftie, and maybe you can listen to a song or two!

Groundhog's Day

By: Mason Carr

Groundhog Day is celebrated on February 2nd every year. Every year a groundhog named Punxsutawney Phil comes out of his hole and predicts whether we have six more weeks of winter or spring comes early in Punxsutawney Pennsylvania.

Many folktales say groundhogs have magical powers. When the groundhog comes out of his hole, if it is sunny out he will see his shadow and he will get scared causing him to run back to his hole, which means six more weeks of winter. If it is dark out he will not run back to his hole because he will not see his shadow and spring comes early.

The truth is that the groundhog doesn't actually predict whether or not spring will come early. It's just a fun tradition that we celebrate every year.



This year Punxsutawney Phil said... early spring!!

Chinese New Year

By: Sophia Dombrowski

This year the animal is a dragon. A dragon shows traits of good luck, health, and strength. Every year it changes, last year it was a rabbit this has been happening for many many years. It has been said that the first Chinese new year happened in the 1400's. The starter of it was called "Emperor Wu of the Han dynasty". People celebrate by giving money to loved ones, cleaning your house, and family gathering.

There are a total of 12 animals that go around and switch every year. People hang a symbol on their door to bring in good luck the symbol means "fu". In the new year people wear or decorate with red. It helps to push the evil spirits away. A fifth of the world celebrates the lunar new year

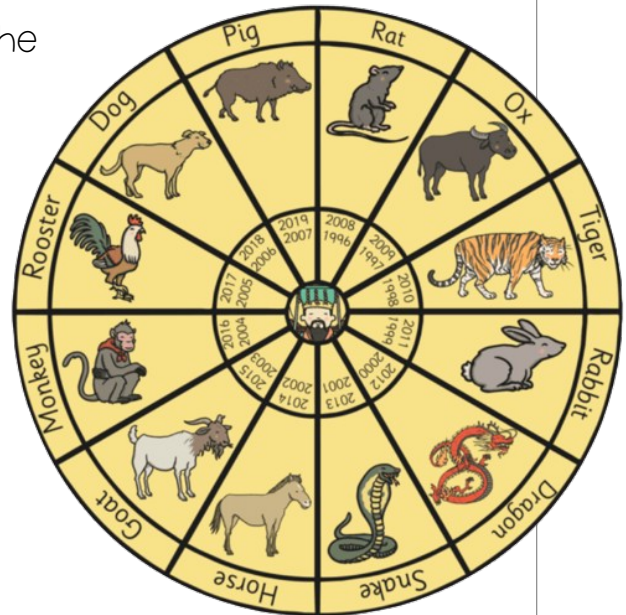
for many, many years and the biggest holiday in Asian culture. You will eat food like, steamed fish, sticky rice balls, and longevity noodles on this day.

This holiday lasts 15 or 16 days and celebrated with a big parade that has a huge dragon.

As a result that is what is most important to the Chinese new year. I hope you had learned something about this culture and what people do for their holiday!

Please keep on enforcing to learn about new and different cultures and to always keep an open mind.

If your wondering what animal you are this is a wheel to find out!



Superbowl

By: Dahlia Frutchey



Do you know what the Super Bowl is? If not it is a national football game that all the NFL team's compete for. It was not always called the "Super Bowl". It was originally called the AFL-NFL World championships until the "Super Bowl" moniker was adopted in 1969, Super Bowl III. It started in 1966, and the first team to ever win was the Green Bay Packers 35 to 10 against the Kansas City Chiefs.

Here is the list of the last 10 football teams to win the Super Bowl!

2024 - Kansas City Chiefs

2023 - Kansas City Chiefs

2022 - Los Angeles Rams

2021 - Tampa Bay Buccaneers

2020 - Kansas City Chiefs

2019 - New England Patriots

2018 - Philadelphia Eagles

2017 - New England Patriots

2016 - Denver Broncos

2015 - New England Patriots

This year the Chiefs and 49ers played in the 2024 Super Bowl! I predicted that the Chiefs would win the Super Bowl... did you? The "Souper" bowl was close this year. There were 16 boxes for the 49ers and 17 boxes for the Chiefs. Now let's talk about the halftime show... Usher performed the 2024 halftime show and I liked it a lot ! Did you like it?

Valentine's Day

By: Stewie Rigby

The History of Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is a day about love. Many children send their largest and fanciest cards to their parents and teachers. Older students hold Valentine's Day dances and parties. Many people send flowers, a box of candy, or some other gift to their wives, husbands, or sweethearts. Most Valentine candy boxes are heart shaped and tied with a red ribbon.

Valentine's Day is also celebrated in other countries. Here are a few examples of the ways they celebrate it. In Europe, people celebrate Valentine's Day in many ways. In some parts of England, British children sing special songs and receive a gift of fruit, candy, or money. People also bake Valentine buns with caraway seed, plums, or raisins. People in Italy celebrate by having a nice Valentine's Day dinner. In both the UK and Italy, some unmarried women get up before sunrise on Valentine's Day, because they believe that the man they see first will be the man they marry in a year or less.

Fun fact:

Esther A. Howland of Worcester, Massachusetts became one of the first U.S. manufacturers of Valentine's Day cards. In 1847, after seeing a British Valentine card, she decided to make some of her own. She made samples and took orders from stores. Then she hired a staff of young women and set up an assembly line to produce the cards. One woman glued on a paper flower, another added lace, and another painted leaves. Howland soon expanded her business into a \$100,000-a-year enterprise.



Spring Scavenger Hunt

By: Aurora Brandt

Finally, spring is coming! Fresh air, birds, butterflies! It's pretty cool when you start to see these things in the beginning of spring, but it's super fun to go on a nature walk with your family and see what you can find. Can you find all the nature?

Try to find:

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| ☒ A squirrel | ☒ Morning dew | ☒ A Blue Jay |
| ☒ A Cardinal | ☒ A caterpillar | ☒ A butterfly |
| ☒ A cocoon | ☒ 5 different color leaves | ☒ A rabbit |

However, you and your friends and family can make it competitive. Do it for points! Make it a race! It doesn't even have to be nature, it could be a pink car you have to spot! Try this for a more competitive race:

A pink car: 20 points

A chipmunk: 15 points

A berry bush: 15 points

A apple tree: 25 points

You could even have items to collect!

The third drink in your nearest vending machine: 50 points

A Snickers rapper you found

blowing in the wind: 40 points

A painted rock: 30 points

Also, you can look in your very own backyard and you might find a salamander, a frog, or a toad! I hope you have a fantastic spring!



Tracy Tigers who IMPACT

By: Angelina Kohl

Ridge Reffler has made an impact on me as a teacher. The growth and maturity that I have experienced first-hand with Ridge since the beginning of the school year is exceptional. I am inspired as an educator when I see a student come so far in such a short amount of time. The positive impact Ridge has made on me this year makes me strive to be a better teacher.

- Mrs. Manos (Kindergarten)

Reese Jennings makes a significant impact on our classroom. Reese is a hard worker, she listens and follows directions, and is a great friend. Reese is very responsible and I can trust her to run "errands," and to help me within the classroom. Reese is a wonderful role model, and I am so proud of her!

- Mrs. Demko
(Kindergarten)

Parker Hintosh makes a big impact on our second grade classroom. He always comes in with a positive attitude, ready to start the day! Parker is a role model to his classmates because he is responsible, respectful, and kind.

- Miss. Guadagnino
(2nd Grade)

Nolan Dennis is a remarkable student who consistently influences his peers positively. His keen enthusiasm for learning and willingness to assist others has created an uplifting atmosphere in the classroom. Nolan's collaborative approach fosters a sense of community among students, making him a valuable asset to the classroom environment.

- Mrs. Jamison
(Kindergarten)



Rocco Piccione makes a big impact in our first grade classroom. He comes into the classroom prepared and ready to learn. He is actively engaged in our class lessons and independent time. He is helpful to others in the room and a good role model. He works hard daily.

- Mrs. Costenbader
(1st Grade)

Amy Thomas Impacts me as a teacher because she is always excited to learn and she is self motivated. This also Impacts the students around her to always try their best as well.

- Mrs. Broderick
(1st Grade)

Justin Patterson makes a big impact on our first grade classroom. He is always ready to participate in class discussions and activities, help a friend and work hard to do his very best work.

- Mrs. Winchenbach
(1st Grade)

Josefina Sofronie makes a big impact on our first grade classroom. Every day she gives it her all. She embraces responsibility and is always prepared. She participates frequently and is a role model for others to follow.

- Mrs. Werley (1st Grade)

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Isaac Barrantes has made a big impact this year in 2nd Grade. He gives it his all everyday and is always willing to help out where and when needed.

- Mrs. Kummer (2nd Grade)

Laylah Rutt makes an Impact on students in our class. During recess she makes bracelets for her classmates. The students look forward to what she will create each day.

- Mrs. Kane (4th Grade)

Hayden Patterson makes a big impact in our classroom with her positive attitude and work ethic. Her fellow classmates look to her as an example of good behavior and hard work and strive to do the same.

- Mrs. Ricker (3rd Grade)

Luciana Gomez Carmona makes a huge impact on our classroom. Every day she gives it her all. She embraces responsibility and is always prepared. She participates frequently and is a role model for others to follow.

- Mrs. Miller (2nd Grade)

Everett Greg makes a positive impact on our classroom. He is a great friend and helps everyone. He is always ready to learn and has a positive attitude. As a class we have even adapted his favorite phrase, "LET'S GO".

- Ms. Taormina (2nd Grade)

Leah Johnson's supportive nature and positive peer relationships have an impact on those around her.

- Mrs. Lawson (3rd Grade)

Aiden Barbini is a very kind student. He is a wonderful problem solver and creative thinker. He impacts others within the classroom because he shares his ideas with others. He is very well behaved and follows the rules. He sets a fantastic example for classroom and academic expectations.

- Mrs. Mihalik (4th Grade)

Natalie Bellinghausen is a positive role model in the classroom. She pushes herself to achieve high success and also impacts her peers to do the same. Natalie encourages others to do well and try their best.

- Mrs. Wheeler (5th Grade)

Anna Gary continues to impact our classroom and school by being a positive role model to her classmates and peers. She is always invested and ready to learn as well as be there to offer help to anyone who needs it. She is simply, Tigerrific to be around! :-). Thank you for pawsitively impacting everyone you come across, Anna! Keep it up!

- Mrs. Carter-Sell (3rd Grade)

Brielle Arias is kind to everyone. She impacts her classmates in a positive way by being an example and encouraging her friends to treat everyone with kindness.

- Mrs. Trinidad (4th Grade)

Daniella Kamta has earned more stickers in "FirstinMath" than any other 5th grader in the entire school district. Her hard work and dedication has impacted other students to earn stickers on "FirstinMath" as well. Resulting in her class being one of the highest classes in the state of Pennsylvania.

- Mr. Moffitt (5th Grade)



Aurora Brandt impacts our classroom culture by always being positive and helpful. She has a strong work ethic and her classmates look to her for encouragement and guidance.

- Mrs. Mayer (5th Grade)

Cameron Swenson is a leader in the classroom where his peers look up to me. He has impacted his classmates by encouraging and motivating them to become better learners in and outside of the classroom.

- Mrs. Rowe (5th Grade)



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