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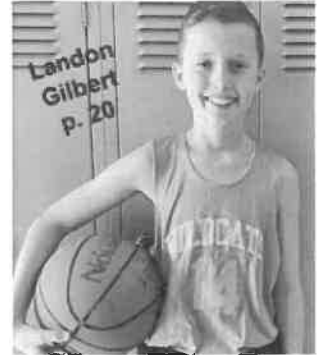
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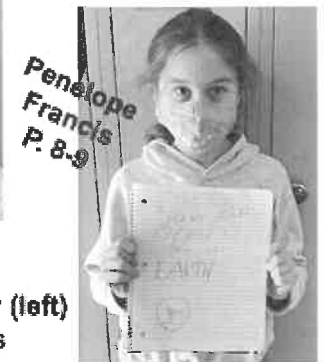
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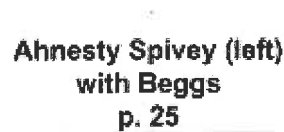
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The Seasonal Scoop

By: Bryce Neff and Morgan Schrock

What kind of holiday traditions does your family have? There are so many family traditions that people do around the holidays. Here are just some common traditions that we polled students on. We wanted to see which family tradition is the most common out of five we chose.

“Christmas is the day that holds all time together” says Alexander Smith.

The traditions that we chose for our poll were: putting up Christmas lights, making gingerbread men or houses, hanging up stockings, setting out milk and cookies for Santa, and going caroling. We polled 30 students on which traditions their family does around

Christmas. Twenty-five students said they put up Christmas lights, 19 students said they make gingerbread men or houses, 28 students said they hang up stockings, 20 students said they set out milk and cookies for Santa, and eight students said they go caroling. The most popular tradition among our 6th grade poll is hanging up stockings. You may ask why people hang stockings and why is it so popular?



Hanging up Christmas stockings originated in the generous deeds of a noble man named Nicholas who was born in 280 A.D. in Asia Minor. He dedicated his life to following the principles of Jesus Christ, using his wealth to help impoverished and suffering people.

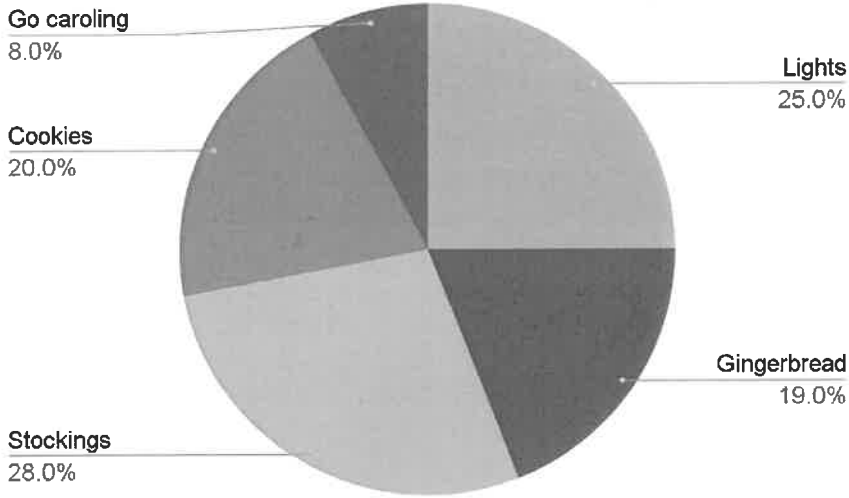
Stockings

“The stockings were hung by the chimney with care in hopes that St. Nicholas would soon be there.”-Twas The Night Before Christmas

The tradition of putting up stockings started with a family that was in need of money and the parents couldn't get married. That night they hung their stockings by the fire to dry and Nicholas came down their chimney and put gold in the stockings. In the morning they found the gold and used it to get married and buy food.

“It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving”-Mother Teresa

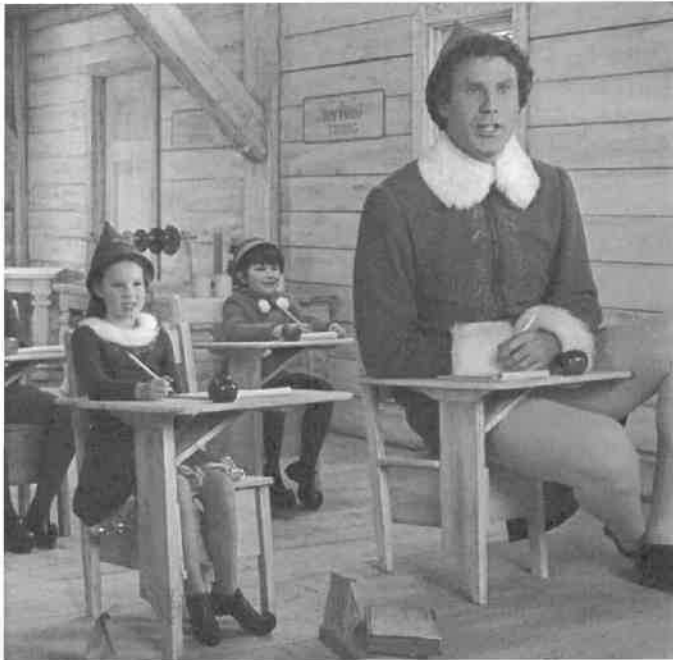
In conclusion hanging up stockings is the most popular tradition out of the 6th graders that we polled 30 said they hang up stockings. This is likely the most popular tradition because it has been around for a long time and people like the idea of hanging them up to find presents on the morning of Christmas day.



Our 6th Grade Christmas Poll
This pie chart shows how many people chose each topic.

Weird But True Fact For Christmas:

- Some of the original British settlers in North America banned Christmas and fined anyone who was found celebrating it.



“The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear”-Will Ferrell (Buddy the Elf)



A ten year old girl who wrote the hit song “I want a hippopotamus for Christmas” she got one (but donated it to a zoo)

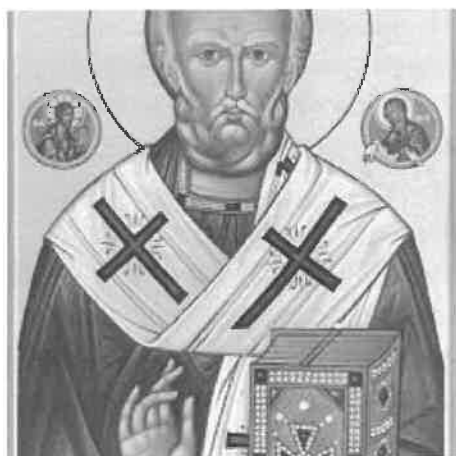
Keeping the Spirit Alive

By: Lacey Carpenter

Nine in ten Americans celebrate Christmas, but where did the story of Santa Claus begin? Let's take a trip down Santa Claus Lane and find the origins of the man in the red suit.

"The giver of every good and perfect gift has called upon us to mimic God's giving, by grace, through faith, and is not of ourselves." - Saint Nicholas

The legend of the man in the red suit goes back centuries, it was traced back to a monk named St. Nicholas who was born sometime around 280 A.D. in Patara, near Myra in modern-day Turkey. He became the subject of many legends. Some say he



gave away all his inherited wealth and traveled the countryside, helping the poor and sick. Nicholas's popularity spread and he was then known as the protector of children and sailors. On Dec. 6, 343 A.D. Saint Nicholas died, Dec. 6 is now considered a lucky day to get married or make a large purchase.

Now that you know all about Saint Nicholas, I have something to say to you. On December 13 through December 17, I am proposing a challenge in which I am calling "The Christmas Spirit Challenge". Now allow me to explain. The reason I'm holding this challenge is to

encourage everyone to let the Christmas spirit in them shine through and let people be as creative as they can. There will be 5 people in each assist classroom of which I have already spoken with and have agreed to be on my committee of people who are judging the

kids in their assist classrooms to see who does the most to spread Christmas cheer.

These people are:



- Chloe Gardener (Mr. Hall)
- Hailee Mauk (Mrs. Pugh)
- Ella Luke (Mrs. Risser)
- Mackenzie Lenhart (Mrs. Lugibihl)
- Emma Lawrence (Mrs. Wiltsie)
- And yours truly (Mrs. Renner)

Now, these people are not allowed to be picked to win the challenge because that wouldn't be fair to the sixth grade. The rules for the challenge are:

- You cannot break school rules
- You cannot go against the school dress code
- If you break school rules and get in trouble, I cannot be blamed
- You do not have to participate in this challenge
- Your Christmas spirit should not disrupt class instruction and learning
- If you break these rules you will be disqualified from the challenge

So what these girls will be doing for that week is rather simple. For every day that week they will be deciding who they think spreads the most Christmas cheer. For example, they might wear Christmas clothing or something along those lines, whatever they do should follow the daily theme. Now let me explain the daily theme, each day will have a certain theme to follow, here are the days:

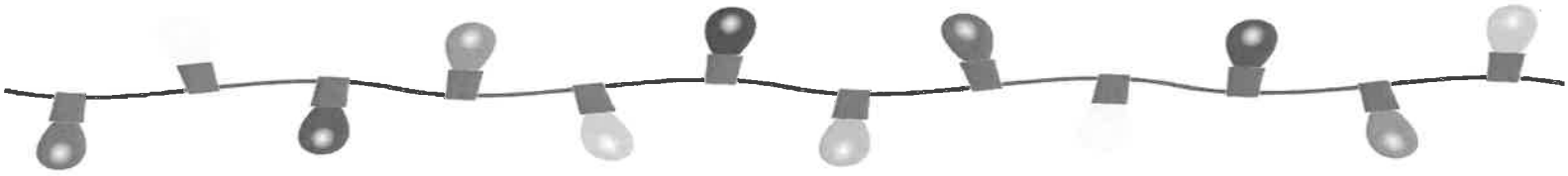


- On **Monday**, the theme will be **Mad about Plaid**, on this day, wear plaid.
- On **Tuesday** the theme will be **Deck the Halls**, on this day decorate yourself for Christmas (Just wear Christmas clothing).
- On **Wednesday**, the theme will be **Christmas Tree Day**, dress as a Christmas tree.
- On **Thursday**, the theme will be **Reindeer Day**, dress as your favorite one of Santa's Reindeer.
- On **Friday**, the theme will be **Ugly Sweater Day**, wear your favorite ugly Christmas sweater.

At the beginning of the week the committee members will ask their class who wants to participate in the challenge. If you do not wish to, then you do not have to; if you wish to be added to the list later in the week, then you may. Now, one person can be picked for multiple days of the week if they are the one who spreads the most Christmas cheer. The committee will all get together at some point during assist and decide who won for that day. At the end of the week the committee will decide who the overall winner was out of all of those days. The winner will get their locker decorated by me!

While you're decorating and getting caught up in the holidays "*Just remember, the true spirit of Christmas lies in your heart*" - The Polar Express

In short, we should all aim to spread as much Christmas cheer as we can. I wish you all a happy holidays, and who knows? Maybe it's *your* locker I'll be decorating.



Emma's History Channel:

Christmas Trees

By: Emma Dunlap

Have you ever wondered about the history of the traditional Christmas tree? Germany is where it all began. Germans began using Christmas trees in the 16th century, and have used them ever since.

"Christians weren't the first to admire and decorate Christmas trees," said Cass Deemer, a Christmas tree and decorations expert at Fantastic Gardeners based in the United Kingdom.

Before Christianity, several countries believed hanging up plants and trees that remained green throughout the winter kept witches, ghosts, evil spirits, and illnesses away.



Then how were Christmas trees brought over to America? Well that's a good question. The first Christmas tree that was ever recorded in the United States was brought into Pennsylvania in the 1830's by German settlers. German settlements in Pennsylvania had community trees by 1747. As a result, in the 1840's

Christmas trees were seen as offensive and not accepted by many Americans because this wasn't a tradition Americans practiced.

In the mid-sixteen hundreds, Oliver Cromwell, a Puritan English general who developed into a powerful parliament leader of England, announced that he was against anything Christmas related. Then in 1659, the general Court of Massachusetts declared that if there was any awareness of someone celebrating Christmas, (other than for a church service) they would receive a fine.

"It's not what's under the Christmas tree that matters, it's who is around it." - Charlie Brown.

If you want to learn more information about Christmas trees, go to:

<https://www.history.com/topics/christmas/history-of-christmas-trees>

<https://www.whychristmas.com/cultures/germany.shtml>

<https://www.accuweather.com/en/weather-news/10-interesting-facts-about-christmas-trees/339898>

Essentially, Christmas trees are a very important tradition for people all around the world. People should be able to experience happiness and joy on Christmas day and throughout the winter season.



A Modern Day Christmas Tree

Now, people all over the world celebrate the holiday season with Christmas trees.



Saving the Environment

Preventing Christmas waste

By: Penelope Francis

Tis the holiday season and you know what that means? Parties and presents! But have you ever thought about how much is going to waste? Well the answer is 1,000 pounds of extra waste per household!

“Between Thanksgiving and New Year’s Day we see about 25 percent increase in volume or about 1,000 pounds of extra waste per household” says Jeremy Walters, Sustainability Ambassador for Republic Services.

So what can we do to reduce the amount of paper waste during the holidays? We can avoid shopping at Amazon and shop local. I know it’s easy and you all love it, but by doing this we are avoiding shipping material waste and you are supporting your local economy! Additionally you can use recyclable materials, it’s so easy! All you have to do is find recyclable wrapping paper. Furthermore, you can make homemade reusable gift bags and you can do so much more! Also, Instead of buying Christmas cards that are just going to get thrown away try sending digital Christmas cards! This is a great way to avoid paper waste!

“I wrapped my Christmas presents early this year, but I used the wrong paper. See, the paper I used said ‘Happy Birthday’ on it. I didn’t want to waste it so I just wrote ‘Jesus’ on it. Says Demetri Martin.

In five years we will have discarded about 400,000,000,000 pounds of waste! All that scrap is going to go to rot. It will end up in oceans and landfills. So I think that we should try to protect our planet besides the only planet we have!

Want more ways to protect our planet during the holidays? Go to the websites listed below!

- Click here then go to the red holiday link at the top of the screen
<https://www.ecoenclose.com/>
- <https://www.nbcnews.com/better/lifestyle/cut-down-holiday-waste-the-se-recycling-tips--ncna1097221>
- <https://jojotastic.com/2018/12/05/how-to-reduce-waste-during-the-holidays/>
- <https://thediynuts.com/easy-homemade-wrapping-paper/>

How to make homemade eco friendly wrapping

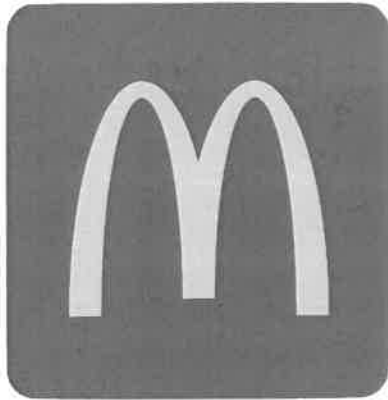
Supplies

- Brown paper bag/craft paper
- Tape
- Scissors
- Bow, ribbon, sticker stamps etc...

How to

1. Cut your brown paper bag or lay out your craft paper
2. Wrap gift like you normally would
3. Add stickers!
4. Put on a bow or ribbon





McDonalds' History

From: FFH (Fast Food History)

By: Brayden Brostrom

I bet you've probably had McDonalds before. What did you get? You might have gotten a big mac or chicken nuggets, but have you ever wondered where McDonalds came from? In today's article we're going to find out.

TheStreet.com, a stock market website, explains, "The brothers are credited with inventing the modern service model of fast food restaurants (the drive through) seen world wide today."

The main journey of the McDonald brothers actually started in 1937 when the brothers opened their own hotdog stand, their first venture into the food industry. Three years later they opened their first real restaurant, a BBQ located in San Bernardino. This would later become the first ever McDonalds. By 1948 the brothers converted the barbeque to the first ever McDonalds which sold burgers, milkshakes, and fries. Just five years after opening their first McDonalds they opened their first franchise in Phoenix, Arizona. Shortly after, Ray Kroc, a traveling appliance salesman, visited McDonalds to find out why a small restaurant needs as many milkshake machines as they do. After seeing the potential he bought the right to franchise across the rest of the country. Just a year later, Ray Kroc opened his first franchise in Des Plaines, Illinois. In 1961 Ray Kroc bought out McDonalds entirely for 2.6 million dollars which as of 2019 is 22.3 million. The brothers did keep their original restaurant and renamed it the Big M, but not for long, as Kroc opened a franchise nearby that drove the original McDonalds out of business. In 1962-1963 McDonalds launched the golden arches and Ronald McDonald. Public stock opened soon after. And in 1984 Ray Kroc passed away. In the 37 years to come, McDonalds grew its popularity and net worth until today, where McDonald's net worth is \$186.82 billion and is one of the most famous restaurants in the world.

"While some people credit the brothers for the creation of the modern fast food model the brothers actually credited Henry Ford for it because they got the inspiration from his car assembly lines in Detroit" (According to TheStreet.com, a stock market website.)

When McDonalds first started they won over the competition by serving hamburgers for half the price and in half the time of opposing restaurants. Do you wonder how they were faster at making food than the competition? Well it's actually because McDonalds made their food ahead of time and used high powered heat lamps to keep it warm. Now, looking back at Mcdonalds history, we can all thank a hotdog stand and premade food for those golden arches some love so much.



Big Mac The Big Mac is actually the second best selling item on the menu. It comes second to the one and only golden crispy fries which is no surprise to me.

Websites:

https://www.google.com/search?q=when+did+mcdonald%27s+open&rlz=1C1GCEA_enUS956US956&oq=when+did+mcdonalds&aqs=chrome.1.69i57j0i10i512i3j0i512j0i10i512j0i512i2j0i10i512i2.11074j1j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8&safe=active&surl=1&tbs=li:1, https://www.google.com/search?safe=active&rlz=1C1GCEA_enUS956US956&tbs=li:1&q=mcdonald%27s+founder&spell=1&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjgtrv_qqL0AhWOJTQIHRqKCFyQBSgAegQIARAw&biw=1366&bih=625&dpr=1&surl=1, <https://www.thestreet.com/markets/history-of-mcdonalds-15128096>, https://www.google.com/search?q=mcdonald%27s+net+worth&rlz=1C1GCEA_enUS956US956&oq=mcdonalds+net+w&aqs=chrome.1.69i57j0i10i433j0i10i8.6435j0j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8&safe=active&surl=1&tbs=li:1.

Spirit Animals

By: Holly Clark

People believe in numerous things like, for example, spirit animals. I think that people overlook this topic because they don't believe in spirits, but in fact it could be fun knowing what animal is watching over you. Some anthropologists suggest that the Paleolithic cave paintings famously discovered in southwestern France may have been meant for animal deities. They could represent prayers by early peoples to help with the hunt or have been a form of thanks to these animal deities. Scholars who study spirit animals agree that these spiritual entities are believed to offer help to man, whether a person realizes it or not.

"But some animals, like some men, leave a trail of glory behind them. They give their spirit to the place where they have lived, and remain forever a part of the rocks and streams and the wind and sky." said Marguerite Henry (1902-1997) is one of the best-known writers of animal stories for children. Her books continue to be widely read, and her legacy of exciting, touching stories will long be remembered.

Spirit animals may or may not overlap with a person's Zodiac sign. Some metaphysical researchers suggest that a person has one main spirit animal, while other spirit animal helpers may assist as needed. Alternatively, a person may have several spirit animals. Indigenous people of Siberia believed that each member of the community had a reindeer spirit animal. Dogs could mean loyalty, lions could symbolize courage, and bears could represent protection. In other results from the previous Estonian study, narrators usually presented only a limited diversity of spirit animals, including wolves, deer, bears, horses, and eagles. Additionally, although Estonian narrators often referred to Native American kinship in their animal spirit beliefs, these beliefs were otherwise usually free of any other context. Those who refer to the spirit animals harboring little historical or cultural knowledge of the phenomena, mixing elements from many different cultures, and stereotyping of animal roles. In other words, their promotion of animal spirits could represent a form of takeover.

This is how you find out what your spirit animal is. Pay attention to your dreams, our dreams are intimately connected to our waking lives, so every time you see an animal in yours, write it down the next morning, think about your past connections to certain animals, journal about the animals that you feel drawn to, pay attention to patterns of leaves in trees or bushes, cloud patterns, and reflections in water.

Some common and uncommon spirit animals are the bee spirit animals that have a strong work ethic and symbolizes hard work and dedication. Wolf spirit animals are *loyal, love family and friendship, they like teamwork, protection, wildness, freedom, they follow their instincts, and like to play*. The lion is a very diverse symbol. Its most common traits are, *majesty, strength, courage, justice, and military might*. The phoenix spirit animal represents a magical and gentle soul. It brings good *luck, harmony, peace, balance, and prosperity*. This magical



creature symbolizes fire and passion – the flames of true inspiration. The phoenix is also the firebird symbol. Even the mythology relates owls to this *wisdom* and femininity. The owl was a symbol for Athena, goddess of wisdom and strategy, before the Greeks gave their Gods human forms. The raven is often associated with loss and ill omen. Yet, its symbolism is complex. As a talking bird, the raven also *represents prophecy and insight*. Historically, serpents and snakes represent fertility or a creative life force. As snakes shed their skin through sloughing, they are *symbols of rebirth*, transformation, immortality, and healing. The Infinity symbol is a sign of eternity and continual renewal of life. Cat meaning and symbolism includes *elegance, curiosity, independence, protection, magic, and other notable qualities*. For thousands of years, people have been captivated by cats. Even before wild cats became domesticated, ancient cultures believed in the cat spirit animal. Tiger symbolism and meanings include *strength, cunning, majesty, independence, and immortality*. As they are associated with fertility and springtime, the rabbit is also *a symbol of renewal and new beginnings*. Rats can represent *unwanted thoughts*. From a distance, the symbolism of the rat appears to be undifferentiated and chaotic, but there are, in fact, common symbolic representations given to a wide range of rodents. The bear symbol is one of the most common signs in the Native American tribes. This animal is thought to have magical and healing powers and is used as a bear medicine being. They see it as an *emblem of strength and wisdom* and use the spirit animal bear in various divine ceremonies. Dogs were depicted to symbolize *guidance, protection, loyalty, fidelity, faithfulness, alertness, and love*. Fox symbolism and meaning include *cleverness, independence, playfulness and mischievousness, beauty, protection, and good luck*. The general symbolic meaning is a *jokester, playfulness, adaptability, seeing the truth behind it, a complex and cunning personality, wisdom, and cleverness*.



Fox and bunny spirit animals Fox symbolism and meaning include cleverness, independence, playfulness or mischievousness, beauty, protection, and good luck. Besides being a religious icon, the bunny spirit animal is a symbol of cleverness, vigilance and deftness, lechery and fertility, self-protection, wit, and of course, of the Moon.

The coyote represents two sides of the same coin, being a troublesome creature, but a good fortune sign. Deer symbolize the powers in nature that are not easily subdued. They are native to every continent except Australia, thus they are able to adapt very well to many habitats. They represent *instinctual energy, independence, and regeneration*, which stems from their antlers being shed and re-grown each year. Hawk symbolism and meaning includes *intelligence, independence, adaptability, messages, clairvoyance, and spiritual awareness*. Hawks inhabit every continent on Earth except Antarctica. Thus, hawk meaning and symbolism can be found in the stories and mythologies of cultures all over the world. Falcons symbolize *ambition and aspiration, superiority and dominance, freedom and victory*. Butterflies are deep and powerful representations of life. Butterflies are not only beautiful, but also have mystery, symbolism and meaning and are a metaphor representing *spiritual rebirth, transformation, change, hope and life*. The speedy and stealthy Cheetah is a symbol of *survival, strength, and persistence*. Keep in mind that it's rude and disrespectful to call someone your spirit animal in certain cultures.

A Quote by a French poet that won the 1921 Nobel Prize in Literature ***“Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened.”*** said Anatole France, he died on October 12, 1924 at the age of 80.

What some 6th grade teachers and students say about believing in Spirit animals

Mrs. Renner - “I don’t necessarily believe in spirit animals, but I do feel I have an immense sense of connection or admiration for certain animals - like dolphins, and sea turtles, and my dog Oakley. When I took Holly’s spirit animal quiz upon her suggestion, I found out my spirit animal is a bee, which really surprised me as I am usually scared of getting stung by bees. However, I really liked what the explanation said about the bee and what it symbolized about me. I guess it’s just kind of a fascinating topic to me.”

Ms. Pugh - “I don’t believe in spirit animals, but if I did I’m a dolphin.”

Ms. Risser - “Part of me does, but part of me doesn’t. I believe that I have traits of a scorpio but I also feel my spirit animal could be a dog.”

Lacey Carpenter - “I believe in spirit animals, not everyone does but I’m 100% a butterfly.”

Bella Willoughby - “I don’t believe in them, but if I did I’m probably a butterfly.”

Nevaeh Smith - “I don’t exactly believe in spirit animals, although I feel like I would be either an owl or a fish.”

Penny Francis - “I don’t believe in them but I think that I would be a Tiger ‘RAWR.’”

Cole Helmig - “I like the idea of spirit animals like your fate but when you take it too far I don’t like it, I think my spirit animal would be a panda.”

Brylee Hardesty - “I believe that spirit animals are very real, and my spirit animal is a Cat! I love cats so much! They can hunt pretty well, and they can catch prey like mice, birds and bugs! They are very intelligent creatures!”

I definitely believe in spirit animals because I think that many people don’t bring up the fact that it’s a tradition. We accept new traditions, but we all have our own doubts. Sometimes I don’t believe in spirits, but at the moment I do, my spirit animal is a wolf.”



Wolf Spirit Animals Wolf symbolism and meaning includes loyalty, family and friendship, teamwork, protection, wildness, freedom, instincts, playfulness, and other noble traits. In addition, the wolf spirit animal is a sacred figure to many people who feel a kinship with these special animals.

Corgi Extravaganza

By: Kinley Burger (The Dog Lover)

Corgis are a breed of dog that are known for being smart. Corgis always look like they are smiling but don't be fooled because they won't be when you try to cuddle with them.

"Corgis are a cuteness overload with their long pointy ears, stumpy feet, wiggling their fluffy behinds when they walk, and their emoji-like facial expressions!" -<https://dogmomhub.com>.

There are some good things about corgis like how they are sociable and very good with other dogs. Corgis are also very easy to potty train. Corgi dogs can tend to bark a lot which could be a good or bad thing. If you have a pool, pond, or any body of water corgis do not like to swim but are very strong swimmers. Corgis have a lot of energy and like to play. If your corgi needs a snack maybe you can feed them carrots and cheese (make sure they do not eat too much of this.)



"I am not short, I'm fun sized," taken from Sweet Corgi Quotes For You.

Corgi's fun in the sun: This is a corgi that is playing in the fall weather.

Corgi dogs can be aggressive so if you have young children (around 5 and under) please be careful. Corgi dogs can also tend to have back and eye problems so you have to take good care of them. If you are interested and want to learn more a good website is <https://dogmomhub.com>.

As you can see corgis are very sociable and energetic dogs. They seem like a lot of fun but a lot of work.

Missing, Murdered, Gone

By: Zoie Bayliff

"All I've wanted - all I've ever wanted is to have my child back." That is what Helen McCourt's mother said after Helen was murdered. Helen disappeared on February 9, 1988 while walking by Ian Simms' house near her home in the UK.

"Whatever tiny bits or pieces there are, it's my daughter, and I want them back. And I can't have them now." Said Helen's mother

The day before her murder, passing Ian Simms's house on the way home, Helen had an argument with a woman on the sidewalk. The day of Helen's murder, a man walking by that had just gotten off a train heard a loud scream that was cut short coming from the Ian's home. Helen was never heard of or seen again after that. Simms was taken to trial for suspicious behavior. Simms denied killing Helen and said that someone must have broken into his house, stolen his clothes, dressed in them and attacked and killed Helen without his knowing. Then Simms said a car was used to dispose of her body and then left his clothes at the scene to frame him. Simms admitted to being in the restaurant from 4:20P.M to 6:00A.M. He could not, however, explain how the other "murderer" could have gotten in or stolen his clothes to murder her. Simms was eventually convicted for killing Helen, but the police couldn't find her body. So, Simms was one of the first people in a murder case to be convicted on DNA evidence without the victim's body being discovered. To find evidence against Simms, scientists combined Helen's mom and dad's blood to see if the blood matched the blood in the restaurant. It did, and Simms was given a life sentence with a minimum tariff of 16 years. He has never told where Helen McCourt's body is, which is one of the reasons that all of his appeals for release had been denied.

" I held it together when my daughter Helen McCourt went missing but I eventually fell apart." said Helen's mother

Simms is now 63 and was released only 16 years later, after Helen's mother lost a legal bid to keep him behind bars. Helen's mother had previously urged the government to deny parole to killers who do not disclose where the victim's body is, but nothing ever came from this.

With this, I see where Helen's mother is coming from and I agree, I do not think that Ian Simms should have been released. If they left him in jail, then they may have been able to blackmail him into telling where the body was hidden. Even though Ian Simms was let go from prison, he will always have to live with the fact that he killed Helen McCourt.



Over the Years: This is Helen McCourt (victim) on the left and Ian Simms (accused murderer) on the right

Sunday Night Spotlight

written by: Kaidyn Garrity

It was November 23, 2014 a Sunday night game between the New York Giants and the Dallas Cowboys at MetLife stadium. It was the first play of the second quarter and Eli Manning took the snap, looked to his right and he saw Odell Beckham Jr. Eli threw the ball about 50 yards Odell reaches up and grabs it one-handed. This is what I consider to be the best catch in football history.

And you know Odell loves the game of football. For example here is a quote from Odell himself "Football is my sanctuary. It's where I go to escape. It's where I'm most happy."

Odell Beckham Jr was born on November 5, 1992 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. For college he attended LSU which is in Louisiana. In his first season there he had played all fourteen games and for the season he had 41 receptions, 475 receiving yards and 2 receiving touchdowns . In his second season he played all thirteen games and for the season he had 43 receptions, 713 receiving yards and 2 receiving touchdowns. In his third and final season at LSU he played all thirteen games and for the season he had 57 receptions, 1,117 receiving yards and 8 receiving touchdowns.

May 19, 2014 was a special night for Odell. He was selected 12th overall to the New York Giants. He also signed a 4 year contract for 16.28 million dollars. In his rookie season he played twelve games due to an injury but he still managed to get 91 receptions, 1,305 receiving yards and 12 receiving touchdowns. In his second season he played fifteen games due to an injury but he had 96 receptions, 1,450 receiving yards and 13 receiving touchdowns. In his third season he played all sixteen games and for the season he had 101 receptions, 1,367 receiving yards and 10 receiving touchdowns. His fourth season with the team he played only four games due to injuries but for the season he had 25 receptions, 302 receiving yards and 3 receiving touchdowns. For his fifth and



The Catch

Odell is falling back but the ball is thrown to him so he reaches up as high as he can and catches it with one hand.

final season with the Giants he played twelve games due to an injury but for the season he had 77 receptions, 1,052 receiving yards and 6 receiving touchdowns. Before the start of the 2019 season Odell and his teammate Olivier Vernon were traded to the Cleveland Browns for safety Jabrill Peppers and guard Kevin Zeitler and the 17th and 95th picks in the 2019 draft. For his first season with the Browns he played all sixteen games and for the season he had 74 receptions, 1,035 receiving yards and 4 receiving touchdowns. For his second season he played seven games due to injuries but for the season he had 23 receptions, 319 receiving yards and 3 receiving touchdowns and his first career rushing touchdown.

Like Odell once said "There's always going to be bumps in the road. There's always going to be this and that, adversity. You just overcome it. It's what I've done all my life."

Recently on November 5, 2021 he got released by the Browns because he and the quarterback Baker Mayfield were having an issue about passing the ball to Odell. Then on November 11, 2021 he got signed by the Los Angeles Rams. So far this year Odell has 24 receptions, 331 receiving yards and 1 receiving touchdown.

In 2014 Odell won Rookie of the year and offensive Rookie of the year. He also made the pro-bowl in 2014, 2015, and 2016. In conclusion, this is the reason why I think the catch was the best of all-time and why Odell is a great player.

Jim Thorpe

By: Niah Horn

What would you do if you saw someone break your school's high-jump record in their work clothes? This is exactly what Jim Thorpe did in 1907 at Carlisle Indian Industrial School in Pennsylvania. Born as James Francis Thorpe on May 28, 1887 in present-day Prague, Oklahoma, he was a child of Sac and Fox and Potawatomi bloodlines.

"I was never content unless I was trying my skill... or testing my endurance." -Jim Thorpe

Jim Thorpe learned to hunt and trap prey at an early age, developing his legendary endurance in excursions through Indian Territory. He was grief stricken when his twin brother and both his parents died during his childhood. As a college student in 1907, he joined a practice track-and-field session. In his work clothes, he launched himself over a 5'9" bar to break a school record and catch the attention of coach Pop Warner. He soon became a star athlete in track, baseball, hockey, and lacrosse.



All-American star

Jim Thorpe was very good at many different sports.

Football though, was what made him a nationally renowned star. As a starting halfback, place kicker, punter, and defender, Carlisle went a combined 23-2-1 over the 1911-1912 seasons, earning him All-American honors both times. In the 1912 Olympics, he won two gold medals for both the pentathlon and decathlon.

However, he got stripped of them when they found out he had been paid to play baseball in 1909 and 1910. He played professionally in baseball and football and was named the

first commissioner of the NFL. He died of a heart-attack on March 28, 1953 in Lomita, California and was later inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1963.

"I thought of how proud it made everyone to see us Indians win on the field of battle against the biggest and best schools in America. We were showing the world what Indians could do, that we were just as good as anyone -if not better. Carlisle wasn't just a place, it was also the people who weren't here, struggled and succeeded against all odds." -Joseph Bruchac, Native American author

Jim Thorpe is undoubtedly one of the greatest football players of all time. He was also an olympian athlete and doesn't get much praise because he lived a long time ago.

The Basketball Rules Have Changed

By:Landon Gilbert

Swish. That is the sound of the basketball going in the net. The net used to be a lot different; however, it was changed in 1906, which is one of several changes that have been made over the years. The hoop itself and even the rules of the game have changed.

One of greatest basketball players, Micheal Jordan, once said "I can accept failure, everyone fails at something. But I can't accept not trying."



As you can see the basket looks different than back then.



The game of basketball has changed a lot especially since the basket is different. They first used a peach basket for the hoop; however, now they use iron to make the rim and then they put a net on it with a hole in the bottom so that the ball can come out. In the beginning the first purpose-built basketballs were made from panels of leather stitched together with laces and rubber on the inside.

Now the basketballs are made out of basic types of material leather which can be synthetic (also known as composite) and rubber. When the pros play, they're using leather basketballs.

Old basketball New basketball



As you can see the basketball has changed a lot

The NBA league has changed its rules ahead of the 2021-22 season in order to discourage offensive players from making "overt, abrupt or abnormal non-basketball moves." Essentially, the NBA referees will no longer reward offensive players who launch themselves into defenders.

Always remember this quote from Michael Jordan, "You must expect great things of yourself before you can do them."

In summary, basketball has changed over time especially when you look at the ball, the rules, and even the hoop. Don't you think?

Fun Fact: The inventor of basketball was James Naismith of Springfield, Massachusetts in 1891.





Social Media: Good or Bad?



By: Delaynee Jenkins



We have all heard from adults in our lives that “social media isn’t good for you.” Is this because they want us to do more chores, or is it actually bad for us?

Social media has been around for a long time now. I know my mom posted a picture of me an hour after I was born for her “internet world” to see. That proves it has been around longer than I have. Since I can remember, I have been told social media is dangerous and unnecessary. If this is the truth, why do all these “smart” adults use it? Adults want to protect their teens but what exactly are they protecting us from?

According to findmykids.org, Tiktok has the most dangerous content. Viral challenges have become popular with tiktok users. Videos show violence, profanity, and inappropriate behavior. I am a TikTok user. While I have restricted access, I still come across profanity and other bad behavior. I do enjoy TikTok because there are a lot of funny videos, and I enjoy seeing my friends make fun content. You can learn TikTok hacks on how to make your life easier, and it is great for exercise. Moreover, all the dancing keeps you moving. While it has good and bad sides, I think good decision making is the key to success.

I asked a few moms of teens, “What is the reason you let your teen have social media?” Ashley Smith said, “I let my daughter have social media to communicate with her friends, share videos and make memories.”

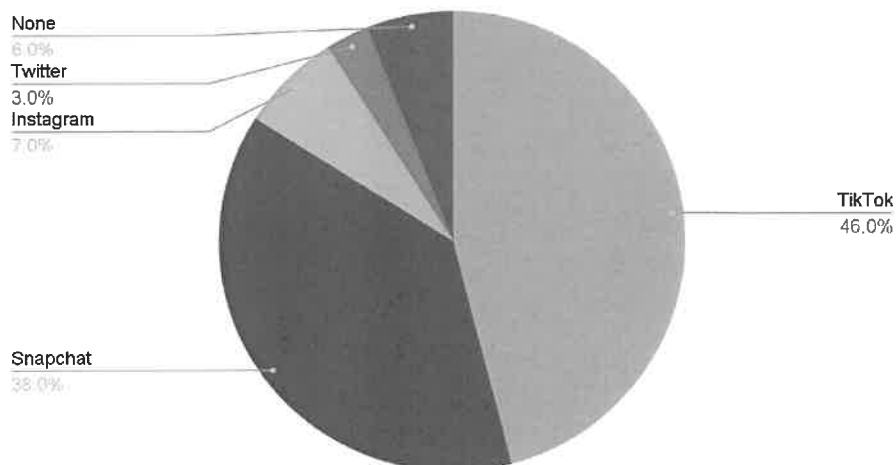
Before I dug into this topic, I was using social media to share videos and chat with friends. I never thought about my mom's sermons at night about being safe. I found out we can be exposed to dangerous people. Cyber bullying is very real and can have a negative effect on us. We can overshare info that is personal, and this puts us in danger. Did you know if someone gets your password, they can log into your account and post something on your behalf? Who would do that? I don’t think we wanna find out!

Did you know Instagram can track your location? Snapchat allows someone to screenshot anything you post! All of this is really mind blowing. Furthermore, researchers found that these sites affect teens'

body image, mental health, and sleep patterns. My mom doesn’t let me cross the road alone, so why in the world am I using social media?

I surveyed 131 sixth graders and asked what social media platform they use most. The majority chose TikTok, and Snapchat was a close second.

Most Used Apps



One mom's concern was the fact that teens think what they post online disappears. Most of the feedback from moms is negative, so let's move to the kids. I asked 6th graders what the benefits of having social media were. Mia said "You get to stay connected with people that don't live around here." I agree with this. I can see what my cousin in Florida is doing all the time. Kinley said, "You can learn new things from social media." I did have some answers on the other side as well. Addy said, "People could spread rumors." Logan said, "Once you start watching something you can't stop." (She actually said "I don't know", but I convinced her to answer.)

According to A.A.C.A.P (American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry) there are some benefits to social media use. You can meet new people, share art or music, express yourself, find support, and stay connected. While social media can be dangerous, there are some positive things it can bring into our lives.

Is social media a good or bad thing? I guess it all depends on how you use it, who is monitoring you, and the decisions you make. So to answer the question, it is up to you to use social media in a way that spreads kindness and positivity.

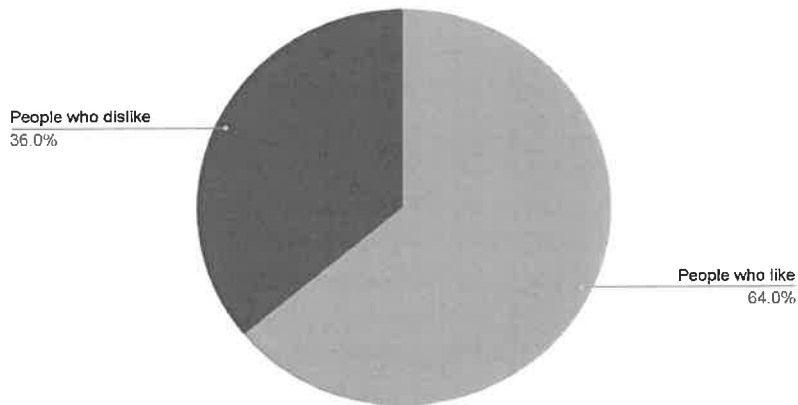
Worst Rated Movies Ever



By: Levin Lewis

Welcome to the worst rated movies I could find. In this month's edition we cover the

Percentage of people who liked the movie



movie Alvin and the Chipmunks. It is about three chipmunks who are really good at singing. The main characters are Alvin, Simon and Theodore.

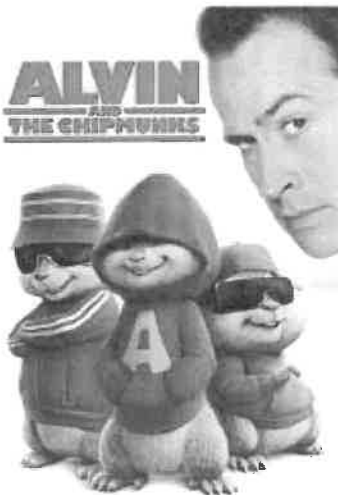
“Filled with cheap slapstick, annoying high-pitched singing, and a variety of fart gags, all of which amused my daughter but not me.”- David Cornelius (critic for Rotten Tomatoes)

In this movie we dive into the world of the

chipmunks. The main point of the movie is that after the tree they live in is cut down and shipped to Los Angeles, talking chipmunks Alvin, Simon and Theodore find a new home with songwriter Dave Seville. Despite a rocky start to this new arrangement, Dave eventually discovers that the spunky critters have rare singing talent. When the three perform in front of record executive Ian Hawke, he immediately signs them. Although the infectious group rapidly gains in popularity, their loyalty to Dave is soon tested.

“My personal belief is that no chipmunk in its right mind could be made to sing ‘tiny-tang-walla-walla-bing-bang’ at gunpoint.” - Ken Hanke (critic for Rotten Tomatoes)

In the end, I rate this movie 3/10 stars. It is definitely for little kids and the acting and script is pretty bad. Other sources such as Rotten Tomatoes (28%) and Metacritic (39%) and last but not least IMDB(5.2/10 stars) have rated this movie, and the ratings are not very good. Thank you for tuning into this month's edition of the newspaper, and ‘till next time-bye.



Cover for Alvin and the Chipmunks movie 2007.

The Opinion Minion On the Hit Movie Soul

By Cole Helmig

Have you seen the movie *Soul*? If not, I highly recommend that you do because it's really funny! I'm going to be reviewing the movie "Soul" made in 2020. It was created by Pixar, the makers of *Luca*, *Inside Out*, and *Coco*.

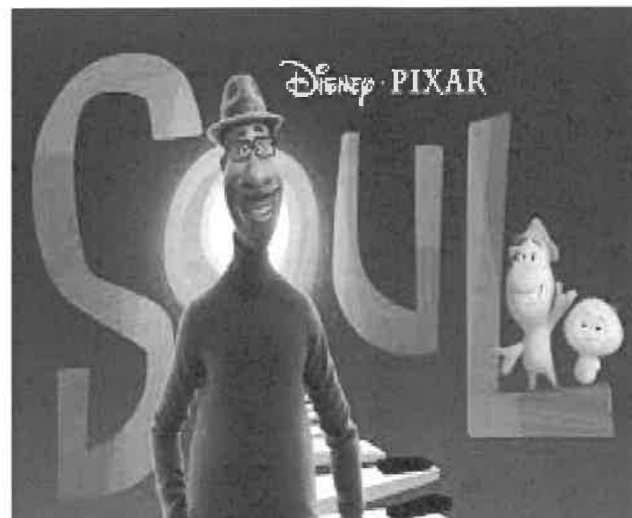
"What follows is an absolute delight. It will make any viewer cherish the life they have and want to live it more fully, every single day, ideally with lots of laughs along the way," which is an accurate quote in my opinion by Stephen Romei a movie critic

Soul is an animated movie that mainly follows Joe, a middle-school band teacher whose life hasn't quite gone the way he expected. His true passion is jazz -- and he's good. But when he travels to another realm to help someone find their passion, he soon discovers what it means to have a soul. To have a soul means to be human, have emotions, feelings, reactions, and thoughts. I enjoyed it and think it's a very laughter-filled movie .

In my opinion, this movie is more steered toward children like most Pixar movies, but all ages would enjoy this movie. One thing I especially liked about the movie was that Soul Number 22 got to try pizza for the first time. And I thought it was really funny when she got so excited about pizza and was drooling. On the other hand, something I didn't like was how his parents treated him. They wanted him to have a boring job and do what they wanted, not what he wanted. With over 5000 reviews, 88 percent said it was a good movie. Along with this, "Soul" received a 4.3 out of 5 average rating, as well as earning an 8.30 out of 10 average rating.

"It's got a bebopping spirit that's difficult to resist", which in my opinion is another accurate quote from Nick Schager, a top movie critic.

I am sure that you should try the movie "Soul", and that you will enjoy it. The lesson we learn is to love life and not waste it, and follow your dreams. We learn this from Joe, our main character when he tries to get back so hard because he loves life that much.



Joe with his soul and Number 22. This is one of the pictures that Pixar used for the movie *Soul*.

Jaw-dropping Jaicee

By: Ahnesty Spivey

Compassionate. That is just the word to describe Jaicee Beggs. I would say Jaicee is compassionate because she is thoughtful, empathetic, friendly and overall a very gracious person.

When I interviewed Jaicee I asked her “ Who is someone you truly admire?” and she said “ I would have to say my stepdad because he really stepped up and was a great role model for me.” I really feel like it was very sweet how she looks up to her stepdad like that.

Jaicee Beggs was born on July 31, 2009 in Lima Ohio. Jaicee has four siblings, two of them are older than her. She likes to cheer and dance, and in her free time she likes to call her friends. Jaicee’s favorite class is social studies, and her favorite kind of books would have to be any kind of Nazi books. She has two dogs and one cat, but her favorite animal is an elephant. If Jaicee could go anywhere in the world it would be in Hawaii because she has never seen the ocean. When she graduates high school she wants to go to Ohio University to be a Veterinarian. One food that Jaicee likes is steak, and her biggest fear is a snake biting her. If Jaicee had the chance to get in a time machine, she would go back into the '90s because she liked the style. And speaking of clothing, her favorite stores to shop at would be “ American Eagle” and “ Rue 21”. A color that Jaicee likes is the color blue. Finally, her favorite movie is “Clueless”, and one good Netflix series she likes is “Family Reunion”.

I also asked Jaicee “What is something you would like to say to your 6th grade?” Jaicee replied with, “Out of everyone I have ever known, these people at this school have to be the strongest people I know.”

If you want to get to know Jaicee a little better, make sure you catch her at lunch C.

Even though Jaicee isn't the most popular person I know at our school, I still feel like people should talk to her and get to know her. I say this because she is motivated by her hobbies, kindhearted to her family and friends and even people around her, she has smarts and brilliance in every class she's in (even if she doesn't think so) and finally she is polite to teachers and even strangers at stores and restaurants. Naturally you can tell that Jaicee is such an amazing, thoughtful and compassionate person, and this is why I chose her for my article this month.



Jaicee Beggs a 6th grader at Bath Middle school year 2021-2022.