

Safety Patrols *in the* SPOTLIGHT!



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Season of Love!

By: Newspaper Club

TEACHERS

FAMILY

FRIENDS

ECE

February is often thought of as the month where you show your LOVE. In February we celebrate Random Acts of Kindness Day, Valentine's Day, and even Love Your Pet Day. We take this month to celebrate and recognize the people in our lives who take care of us, are there for us, and help us to get through each and every day. In recognition of this 'Season of Love' we (The Newspaper Club) would like to share our Top Ten List of Things We Love. <3 Thank you to all of the parents, teachers, family members, friends, and even pets that help make all of our days better and brighter.

Top 10 List of Things We Love:

1. We love our **FAMILY** for always being there for us no matter what!
2. We love our **PETS** for always cuddling with us on the good days and the bad.
3. We love our **FRIENDS** for always always being around when we need them most!
4. We love our **HOME** for giving us shelter when we need it.
5. We love our favorite **FOOD** when we are needing a bite to eat!
6. We love having **FLOWERS** around to brighten our day!
7. We love having **MONEY** to buy things we want!
8. We love **SPORTS** that keep us active and healthy.
9. We love **MEMES** that keep us laughing all day long!
10. We love our **ELECTRONICS** that keep us connected to the world!

Feature Teacher: Ms. Heredia!

By: Kate Behrens & Mia Figueroa

Today we are here with 5th grade teacher, Ms. Heredia! We have asked her some questions and below you'll find her answers. Be sure to say hi to Ms. Heredia if you see her around the school!

Mia: Why did you become a teacher?

Ms. H: I like kids, you guys keep me young! I love reading. You combine reading and kids and there, I am a teacher!

Kate: Have you ever tried being a math or science teacher?

Ms. H: I have been a teacher for K-6th grade and I was a science teacher for 3 years.

Mia: What is the hardest grade you worked with? Why?

Ms. H: Kindergarten, because you have to get along with the kids and the parents.

Kate: How long have you been teaching?

Ms. H: I have been teaching for 30 years.



Mia: If teaching wasn't a job, what job would you pick? Why?

Ms. H: An Air Traffic Controller, I love organizing things!

Kate: What is your favorite thing about teaching?

Ms. H: Reading and writing, and teaching kids.

Mia: Do you sponsor a club at ECE? If so, which one?

Ms. H: Yes! K-kids, we do things to make other people feel good and help the community!

Mia: Lastly, what's your favourite grade to teach?

Ms. H: My favorite grade to teach is 5th grade and my favorite subjects are reading and writing.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A NEWSPAPER CLUB STUDENT

By: Ethan Andre Wooten

The Newspaper Club at Eagle Creek Elementary (ECE) has so much to offer students like sharpening your writing and vocabulary skills as well as helping you stay up to date on current events. This is one day in the life of students in the Newspaper Club at ECE.

Newspaper Club meets every Thursday. First, we arrive to ECE by 7:25 in the morning. Once we arrive inside the Newspaper Club room, we drop our backpacks and find a seat. After we find a seat, we grab a laptop and log into our accounts. Then we discuss the newspapers as a group and then start typing our articles or adding on to it. At 8:15am, we start getting packed up to head to our classrooms. The Newspaper Club is a great place for young triumphant kids to thrive.



Black History Month

By Ethan Andre Wooten and Saarth Bhardwaj



Have you ever heard about Black History Month? Black History Month (BHM) is a very important and special month for many people. How did Black History Month begin? To begin with, due to the lack of information and studies on African Americans (which was also caused by racism), a group called the "Association for the Study of African-American Life and History" helped create and fund BHM. This led to the creation of Black History Month, which takes place each year during the month of February. The creation of Black History Month is extraordinary.

The purpose of Black History Month is to focus on African-American contributions. BHM honors Americans like Rosa Parks, Arthur Ashe, Serena Williams, Ruby Bridges, Muhammad Ali and so many more. We can learn things like how Barack Obama was the first African-American 44th U.S. president. Black History Month is an important month to celebrate African-American contributions and a great opportunity to honor the amazing things African-Americans do and did to make the world a better place.



FEBRUARY NATIONAL DAYS

- February 1st: National Freedom Day
- February 2nd: Groundhog Day
- February 3rd: National Wear Red Day
- February 4th: National Play Outside Day
- February 5th: National Weatherperson's Day
- February 6th: National Chopsticks Day
- February 7th: National Fettuccine Alfredo Day
- February 8th: National Kite Flying Day
- February 9th: National Pizza Day
- February 10th: National Umbrella Day
- February 11th: National Inventors' Day
- February 12th: National Pork Rind Day
- February 13th: National Cheddar Day
- February 14th: Valentine's Day
- February 15th: National Gumdrops Day
- February 16th: National Almond Day
- February 17th: National Random Acts of Kindness Day
- February 18th: National Red Sock Day
- February 19th: National Chocolate Mint Day
- February 20th: National Love Your Pet Day
- February 21st: National Pancake Day
- February 22nd: National Cook a Sweet Potato Day
- February 23rd: National Banana Bread Day
- February 24th: National Tortilla Chip Day
- February 25th: National Clam Chowder Day
- February 26th: National Set A Good Example Day
- February 27th: National Polar Bear Day
- February 28th: Rare Disease Day

National Love Your Pet Day

By Kate Berins



Did you know that dogs are the most popular pet in the United States? "National Love Your Pet Day" is on February 20th each year. This day focuses on showing extra consideration and care for your pet(s). Some ways that you could appreciate you pets are to take your pet out for a treat, maybe get them new toys, and play with them for a little bit. Any pets would appreciate this and enjoy spending time with their owner. I hope everyone has a great day with their pets on February 20th!

PANDAS



Roarr! We are panthers but we should take some time to learn about some other animals that live in the world around us! Today I will be telling you some more about a wonderful animal, pandas! Most pandas live in the high dense, misty, rainy mountains of southwest China. Pandas eat almost nothing besides the shoots and leaves of the bamboo trees. Occasionally,

they eat other vegetation, fish or small mammals however 99 percent of their diet is bamboo. Pandas eat 12 hours a day and babies drink their mothers milk 14 times a day! The other 12 hours in the day, pandas communicate with one another through vocalization and scent marking. Baby pandas love to play. They enjoy climbing trees and use this technique to avoid enemies. If they aren't eating or playing, they are probably taking a nap!

Pandas are fascinating animals! Be sure to check out some books about them in the Media Center, or head to a zoo to see one in person! The closest zoo with pandas to Florida, is the Atlanta Zoo in Georgia.



K-2 All Stars of February



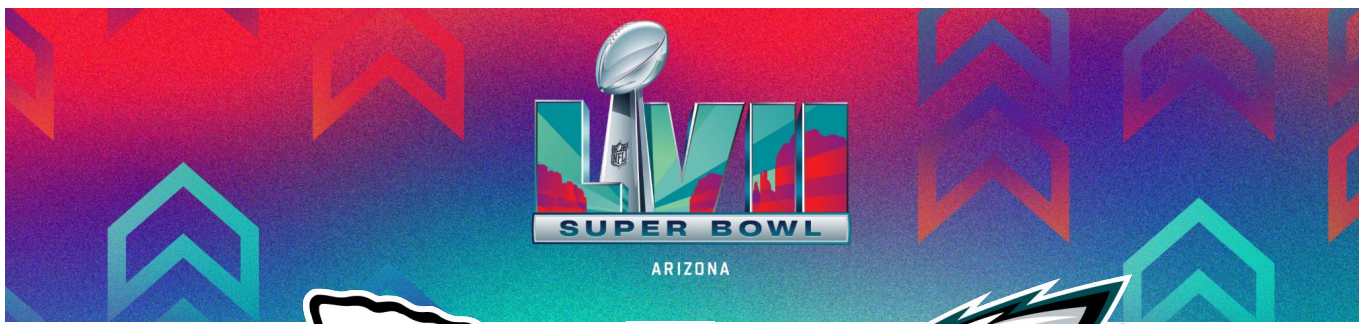
Ms. Rivera's Class
kindergarten



Ms. Nieves' Class
first grade



Mrs. Moreno's Class
second grade



**Kansas City
Chiefs**



VS



**Philadelphia
Eagles**

By: Landon Masters

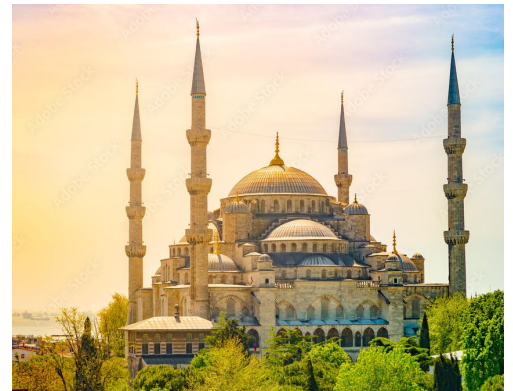
Did you know that the Super Bowl is the most watched sports event in the United States? The Super Bowl is a very big day in sports in the U.S. The Super Bowl started on January 15th, 1967. In the 2015 Super Bowl, a record was broken for the most people watching, with 114.44 million people tuning in to see the game. Last year, there was 99.18 million

people watching the Super Bowl. For this year's game, there are two teams left. The Super Bowl will be played in Arizona and the Philadelphia Eagles will be playing the Kansas City Chiefs for the trophy. The game is on February 12th at 6:30PM. At the time of writing, the Philadelphia Eagles are favored by 1.5 points. This means it is going to be a very close game!



Istanbul, Turkey

By: Sarah Samie



Turkey is a country and Istanbul is its famous city. This country or nation is located in both continents of Asia and Europe. You can find some people in Istanbul wearing a cloth over their head and this is called a hijab. Girls wear this over their head, to signify that their religion is Islam. In Istanbul, there is a significant site called the Blue Mosque, also known by its official name, the Sultan Ahmed Mosque. This site was once a church and it was then changed to a mosque. Today, it is a museum. There is also another historical site called the Hagia Sophia, which was once a church and now a mosque. These are just two of

many beautiful buildings that have a lot of history. Turkish people are known to be very generous, especially to their guests. Hosting a guest is considered an honor. Many Turkish people will only handle food with their right hand. The left is associated with cleaning and should not be used to pass, offer or serve food. Another fun fact about Turkish culture is that they are known to respect their elder siblings and frequently the elder sibling has the most responsibility. Istanbul is a very beautiful place filled with beautiful people. Be sure to check out more about this amazing country!

Presidents Day

By: Janna Prewett



Presidents Day is a celebration of former president George Washington's birthday. George Washington was born on February 22, 1722. With George Washington being the leader of the Army in the American Revolutionary War and being the first president of United States.

Though many people believe president's day is a celebration of two presidents, Abraham

Lincoln, who was born on February 12, 1809, it was never recognized or officially approved.

Today, we celebrate President's Day the third Monday in February. Many people celebrate this day for all presidents past and present. It is a day to remember those that have lead our country, that we are a country of democracy, and of our freedoms granted in the constitution. That will be all about Presidents Day!

Saint Augustine

By: Saarth Bhardwaj



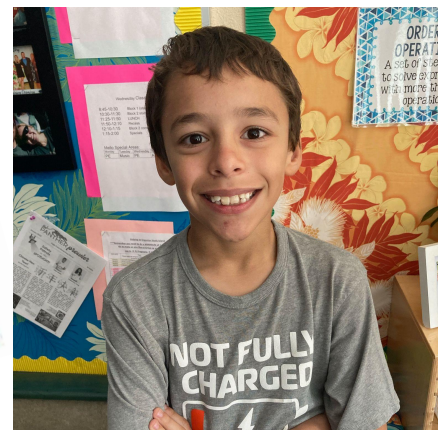
Saint Augustine is an upcoming field trip adventure for 4th grade students in February. If you haven't been to St. Augustine, it is a really cool place and a fun field trip. There are forts, amazing shops (that sell candy) and even toys. There is even a spooky ghost story about the town! Furthermore, there is also a Pirate museum, and one Pirate experience, that you can listen to while you are there. St. Augustine also has the oldest wooden Schoolhouse. Plus, they have an alligator farm, and they have Ponce de Leon's one and only Fountain of Youth. St. Augustine is a great field trip spot full of history and activities and other things.

Star Student

By: Jacob Echeverry

Cash Derrick Ransom is a 5th grader in Ms.Carter-Melo's class. He is currently 10 years old. His favorite subject in school is science and his favorite song is "World Cup." He loves the Harry Potter movies and his favorite sport is football. Even though football is his favorite, he also plays soccer and basketball! Do you play any of those sports? He was cast as Maui in last year's school play, Moana and did an amazing job. He helps the environment by biking to school and making everyone feel welcome.

Be sure to say hi to him if you see him in the halls or or at recess.



What's Your Favorite Kind of Candy ?

Cut this out, answer the questions, and turn it into the Newspaper Bin outside Ms. Johnson's door by room 211. Be sure to check next month's paper to see all of the results!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate candy
(like M&Ms or
Reese's PB Cups) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sour Candy
(like Sour
Patch Kids) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sweet Candy
(like Skittles or
Starburst) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (write in answer) |
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All About Miss. Giguere

By: Janna Prewett and Sophia Quintero



Miss. Giguere is our school's music teacher, but that's not all she does! When she is not teaching our specials class, she is teaching the Chorus Club, tutoring music lessons, and she is even putting together a kindergarten show this month! She is also one of the teachers who is directing the musical, Frozen. It is a musical for 5th, 4th, and 3rd grade students that will take place in May of this year. Miss Giguere also does so much for us to enjoy music. She plans all of our lessons to make music fun for all students. She also takes so much time and dedication to show us how to play the recorder. Miss. Giguere has been an amazing addition to Eagle Creek Elementary and we are so glad she is our music teacher!

A Craft for Valentine's Day

By: Piper Simpson

This craft is called scratch art! Follow the steps below to try this fun craft for Valentine's Day!

1. First, get a blank white sheet of paper and cut it into any shape you want.
2. Then, Color it fun different colors.
3. Next, poke a hole in it on the top.
4. Then, paint it black let it dry.
5. After that, you can scratch it off with pennies or any other coin.
6. Then, put yarn through the hole and tie it.

After your all done give it to your a friend or family member!

