

Safety Patrols in the SPOTLIGHT!



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Valentine's Day

By Sofia Andrade

Valentine's day is a day to celebrate love, friendship and admiration. Valentine's Day is celebrated every year on February 14th. People first celebrated Valentine's Day to honor St. Valentine after his tragic death. St. Valentine died for other people's beliefs. As a bishop, St. Valentine secretly performed weddings against the order of a roman emperor. We still celebrate St. Valentine to this day! Just a bit different. Now, we celebrate by giving our friends and loved ones cards, flowers, and chocolates. Many classes and schools have a Valentine's Day party and many teachers give out goodie bags to all the kids. We celebrate Valentine's Day to honor St. Valentine and what he did by bringing people together. I hope you all have a wonderful Valentines Day!



Color Me

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 Gumdrop 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
- February 29th: Leap Day!

Leap Day! February 29, 2024



Did you know this year is a leap year? In an ordinary year, if you were to count all the days in a calendar from January to December, you'd count 365 days. This is roughly the number of days it takes the Earth to complete one orbit, or rotation, around the sun. But 365 is actually a rounded number! It actually takes the Earth 365.242190 days to orbit the Sun, or 365 days 5 hours 48 minutes and 56 seconds. This is known as the "sidereal" year, which is slightly longer than the calendar year. Because of this, approximately every four years, February has 29 days instead of 28 so, there are 366 days in those years. This is called a leap year! Since February is the shortest month, the extra day was added onto it.

Leap years are important so that our calendar year matches the solar or sidereal year — the amount of time it takes for Earth to make a trip around the Sun. Subtracting 5 hours, 48 minutes and 56 seconds off of one year might not feel like a very big problem, but, if you keep subtracting this amount every single year for a lot of years, things can really get crazy!

For example, think about July. It is known as a warm summer month in the U.S. If we never had leap years, all those missing hours would add up into days, weeks and even months! Eventually, in a few hundred

years' time, July would actually take place in the cold winter months! Doesn't that sound pretty crazy?

We have our leap years to thank for keeping things on track with our seasons!

4 Things You Didn't Know About Leap Years

1. Technically, it's not every four years
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2. People born on Leap Day are called "leaplings" or "leapers"
3. It's a day that legally doesn't exist
4. A tradition states that women are allowed to propose to men on this day



Dojo Leaderboards





**Kansas City
Chiefs**



VS



**San Francisco
49ers**

By: Landon Masters

Do you watch the Super Bowl? The Super Bowl has happened once every year since 1967. This year the 58th Super Bowl happened on February 11th at 6:30 PM. Fun Fact: Did you know that almost 115 million people watched the Super Bowl on TV last year? This year, the Super Bowl was the most watched Super Bowl in Super Bowl history, with a little help from Taylor Swift. The two teams who played in the Super Bowl this year were the San Francisco 49ers and the Kansas City Chiefs. Some of the best Kansas City Chiefs' players are Quarterback Patrick Mahomes, Tight End Travis Kelce, and Wide Receiver Rashee Rice. Some of the best San Francisco 49ers' players are Running Back Christian McCaffrey, Wide Receiver Deebo Samuel, and Tight End George Kittle. Last year, the Kansas City Chiefs beat the Philadelphia Eagles 38-35 and won the Super Bowl. Many people didn't know who would win the Super Bowl this year because the Kansas City Chiefs have won the Super Bowl 3 out of 5 times, but the 49ers have arguably the best defense in the league. In the first half, the San Francisco 49ers were dominating the Chiefs. At the end of the first half, the score was 10-3, with the 49ers winning. But, at the start of the first half, the Chiefs were stopping the 49ers offense. It was a back and forth game, and it eventually went into overtime. The 49ers kicked a field goal to take the lead, 22-19. That gave the Chiefs an opportunity to win the Super Bowl, but the Chiefs couldn't fumble it, or have an interception. The Chiefs marched down the field, and they were at the three yard line. Patrick Mahomes took the snap, rolled to his right, and made a dump pass to Mecole Hardman, who didn't start playing for the Chiefs until the middle of the season. That means the Kansas City Chiefs won the Super Bowl 25-19. This year, nearly 124 million people watched the Super Bowl, the most watched TV program since 1969, when the US put the first man on the moon.

Random Acts of Kindness Day

By: Gabi Nascimento

On the 17th of February we celebrate Random Acts of Kindness day. Random Acts of Kindness day is a day to be kind to others! This day began in 1995 in Denver, Colorado. It spread around the world and we now celebrate this day annually. This is a perfect day to talk to a classmate you haven't spoken to before, say compliment to a friend, or hold the door open for someone. You can celebrate this day just by smiling. You can even just say have a good day. Everyone can participate and you don't need anything but a good attitude to contribute your own kindness to the world. The idea in this holiday is to make the world a better place by spreading a bit of happiness around.





FEATURE TEACHER: *Ms. Crosby*

By Perola Cavalcanti

Hey panthers, how are you? Well, I am very excited because we are going to talk about Ms. Crosby!!! First of all, Ms. Crosby was born in Georgia. Go Georgia! She teaches math and science but her favorite subject is math. She has been teaching for 2 years now and her inspiration to teach happened when she was young. She had good teachers and that inspired her to be a teacher, too. Mrs. Crosby went to college at the University of Georgia and got a masters degree in education. Her favorite thing to do out of school is to go to Disney! Maybe you can run into her there! That's all Panthers! Next time you see Ms. Crosby you will need to ask her about the last time she went to Disney.



Black History Month

By Narun Narmadhan and the Newspaper Club



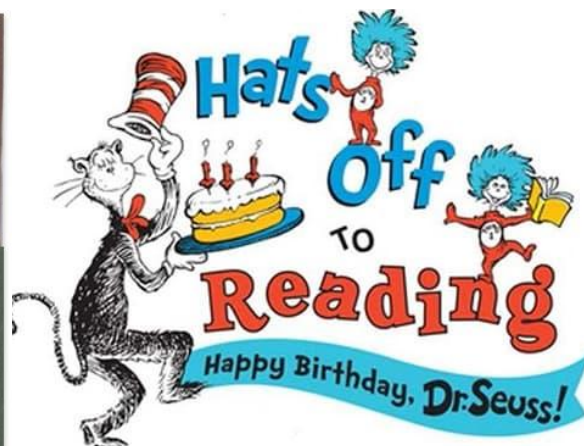
Every February, people in the United States celebrate Black History Month. This celebration began to highlight the achievements and contributions of African Americans throughout history. This celebration began in 1926 when educator Carter G. Woodson worked to encourage people to celebrate black history. February was chosen

because the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln are in February. This was originally a week-long event, but it officially became "Black History Month" in 1976 when U.S president Gerald Ford made it a month long recognition of African American accomplishments.

Author Visit & Read Across America Day!

By Olivia Dencker

Did you see the author that visited Eagle Creek?? Author Jonathan Miller came to our school to sign copies of his book and teach us how he illustrates his stories! He is the author of Sammy The Wonderland Dachshund. Students were able to complete a form and get signed copies. I hope you ordered yours! The visit from Jonathan Miller came at a perfect time - right before Read Across America Week! Read Across America (RAA) week is a time where students can get excited About reading. RAA happens each year around Dr. Suess' birthday. Eagle Creek usually celebrates with dress up days to get you excited for reading. The author, Jonathan Miller, was here to support reading too! So, if your class stops by the library, make sure to pick an interesting book and read it!



Board Games

By Aarish Nalagandla



Did you know that board games have a long history? The first board game can be found as far back as 3500 BC. and egyptians played board games since over 5000 years ago! I'm here to tell you about 2 board games you should play.

1. Chess, chess is a board game which you have to defeat the king to win there are 2 sides and each piece has different movements like the pond which can only move 2 spaces on its first turn for each of them. They can move 1 space after that turn and can move diagonal if they defeat a piece and if they make it to the end of the board they turn into any piece, another piece is rook. Rook can move as long as the board it can go any direction except diagonal, Bishop is another piece. Bishop is a piece that can only move diagonal. Queen is another piece. Queen works just like the bishop and rook it can move in any direction, AND THE LAST PIECE, THE KING. King is a piece that can move any direction only one space though

2. Catan, is a strategy board game where the objective is to get 10 points and to get points you build something like a house which is worth 1 point and a city which is worth 2 points and to make a city you have to replace a house and you make 2 roads to make a house. Roads are worth 0 points to make any of those buildings and to make buildings you need to get resources and to get resources you need to make houses near any place to get that type of resource and there are numbers which have dots under them which tell how much chance of rolling the dice of that number and the resources are rock,brick,hay,sheep,wood and there are ports. Ports are things that have a boat with a symbol usually the symbol is a resource but it could have a question mark but ports are things you could trade resource for another resource, ex: there is a port with a brick symbol if you trade 2 bricks for 1 resource. And the question you all have been waiting for is how to build and get resources. Let's start with resources when you are the last person to roll the dice gets to place 2 houses and houses and cities is how you collect resources and resources is depending on the place your house is on if it is on a mountain like landscape you get a rock if you are in a dirt based landscape you get brick if your in a plain with sheep landscape you get sheep if your in a hay farm landscape you get hay. Now to make houses or settlement to make that you need wood brick hay sheep and to make cities you need 2 hays and 3 rocks and to get a development card which is very helpful you need hay sheep and a rock. There is more you will learn.

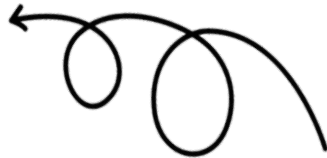


Life Sized lego Car

By Haridhaan Kumaar



Did you know that there is a life size lego car? If you don't, you can learn all about this life size car right here! It is called the Bugatti Chiron. This car took about 1,000 hours to build and is made of about 1 million legos. It has a steering wheel and wheels, just like a regular car! It also has lights that are actually functionable and glow in the dark. The Bugatti Lego Car has red lights for the back and turning lights. It is one of the biggest pieces lego has ever built! The lego technicians made the same models, but smaller. It takes at least two hours to make the model cars. Can you imagine driving a car made out of legos?

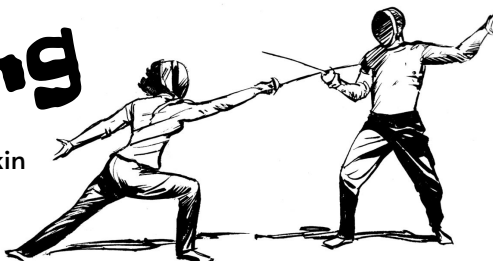


To find out more about this cool Lego car, check out a video by scanning the QR code!



Fencing

By Asher Rivkin



Fencing is a really cool sport. In case you don't know, fencing is a sword-like fighting event where you try to stab the opponent. If you are worried about being stabbed, don't be! The fencing sword isn't sharp. Fencing became an official sport in 1896.



4th Grade Field Trip: Saint Augustine



The fourth grade field trip this year was to St. Augustine. St. Augustine is a place where Spanish founded and built the Castillo de San Marcos the fort. The Spanish also saved the Atlantic trade route. St. Augustine is famous because it was a fort and has been standing for about 300 years. Don't you think that's crazy? There is also a lot of shopping and food options. St. George Street is where you can buy souvenirs and find a lot of restaurants. The old school house was the first school and it was also strict. For example, if you misbehave you would go to the dungeon. Did you also know that the Fountain of Youth is there? Legend has it that if you drink water from the fountain you will stay young. Flagler College is located there and is a beautiful college founded by Henry Flagler. St. Augustine is a beautiful city with a lot of history so you should visit!

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