

Safety Patrols in the SPOTLIGHT!



Clara Martinez



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All About The New Year!

By Landon Masters

3, 2, 1 ... HAPPY NEW YEAR! It's finally 2024! But, you might be asking yourself, why do we celebrate the New Year? We celebrate the New Year because it represents kind of like a new step. Think of it like a video game: to reach the new step you need to complete the current level in order to go to the next level. That is kind of like what a New Year is: celebrating the completion of the last year and celebrating the New Year in front of us. Many people use the New Year to set goals, or resolutions for themselves to accomplish in the year ahead. Use the space below to draw or write about your New Year's Resolution for 2024!


**DRAW YOUR
NEW YEAR'S
RESOLUTION**



JANUARY NATIONAL DAYS

January 1st: New Years Day
January 2nd: National Science Fiction Day
January 3rd: National Chocolate Covered Cherry Day
January 4th: National Trivia Day
January 5th: National Whipped Cream Day
January 6th: National Bean Day
January 7th: National Play Outside Day
January 8th: National Bubble Bath Day
January 9th: National Static Electricity Day
January 10th: National Bittersweet Chocolate Day
January 11th: National Milk Day
January 12th: National Marzipan Day
January 13th: National Rubber Ducky Day
January 14th: National Dress Up Your Pet Day
January 15th: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 16th: National Fig Newton Day
January 17th: National Classy Day
January 18th: National Winnie the Pooh Day
January 19th: National Popcorn Day
January 20th: National Cheese Lover's Day
January 21st: National Hugging Day
January 22nd: National Blonde Brownie Day
January 23rd: National Pie Day
January 24th: National Compliment Day
January 25th: National Opposite Day
January 26th: National Peanut Brittle Day
January 27th: National Chocolate Cake Day
January 28th: National Kazoo Day
January 29th: National Puzzle Day
January 30th: National Bubble Wrap Day
January 31st: National Hot Chocolate Day



Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 15, 2024

By Narun Narmadhan

Do you know when Martin Luther King Jr. Day is? Martin Luther King Jr., Day is a holiday in the United States honoring the achievements of MLK Jr.

Have you ever wondered why MLK day is celebrated on different days? That is because it celebrated on the 3rd monday of January. In the USA. MLK Jr. day became a holiday in 1983. This day is celebrated by marching, parades, and acts of service.

MLK is really important because in his "I have a dream" speech he said: "we want freedom, equality and justice for all". Martin worked hard to create equality for everyone, no matter their skin color. He is still known today, because of his accomplishments towards this dream.



Dojo Leaderboards



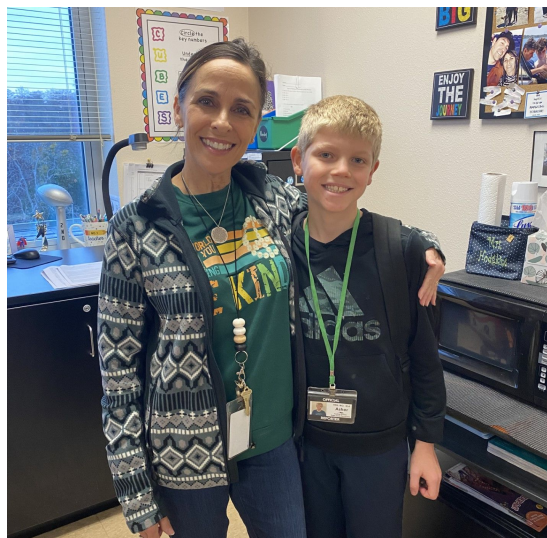


FEATURE TEACHER: *Mrs. Hodgkins*

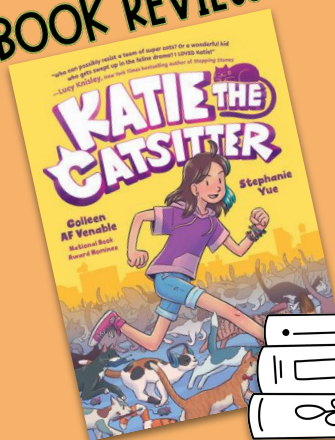
By Asher Rivkin

In case you don't know, Mrs. Hodgkins is a second grade teacher here in Eagle Creek Elementary. When I was in second grade, I was in her class. She is a very good teacher! She grew up in Moore Haven, Florida. Her first job was at a clothing store called The Body Shop-Boutique. She wanted to be a teacher when she became a mom. Then, she knew she wanted to teach. She has been a teacher for 19 years. She loves teaching second grade here! In fact, she said "second graders are life! This is my dream grade!" This year, she is teaching 21 children.

I love Mrs. Hodgkins and she loves me. I am very thankful for when she taught me! If you see her walking in the halls, please say "Hi" to her!



BOOK REVIEW



Katie the Catsitter

By Gabi Nascimento

Do you like cats? Do you think you could take care of a cat? Well in "Katie: The Cat Sitter" Katie takes care of a lot of cats. Katie wanted to go to camp with her friends so she started working. Katie tried watering plants but it didn't work then she tried carrying groceries but it also didn't work so she started cat sitting. When she was

cat sitting the cats were so bad, they destroyed the sofa, broke the walls, and broke things. When their owner was coming back they tiding everything quickly and started watching television. The cats were so bad that Katie thought they were disguised as super villains! Do you think Katie should let the cats destroy the house? Would you let the cats destroy the house if you were cat sitting?



Spelling Bee

By Sofia Andrade



Pictured from left to right: Ava Vu (2nd Place), Melody Kung (1st Place), Mrs. Cells, and Jadon George (3rd Place).

The spelling bee is a super exciting event that ECE holds. A spelling bee is a competition where judges say words that you try to spell correctly until there is only one person left. Each person who spells a word incorrectly, gets eliminated. The first spelling bee was actually first started in 1925 when nine newspapers came together to host the first spelling bee. They would have never imagined it would reach hundreds and thousand of students. The first spelling bee winner was Marie C Bolden, an African American teenager of 14. She must have felt very accomplished when she won. In 2023 the winner was Dav Shah. He won the Scripps National Spelling Bee. The Scripps

National Spelling Bee is considered the biggest spelling bee in America. The Eagle Creek. The Eagle Creek spelling bee works a little different. At Eagle Creek, only 4th and 5th graders can do it! All 4th and 5th graders do an official class spelling bee and that decides whoever will be going to the school's spelling bee. If you win the school's spelling bee, you can go to the county's spelling bee, and if you win that you can go to the national spelling bee! Well, that's all I have for you guys today! Congratulations to our Eagle Creek winners 1st Place - Melody Kung, 2nd Place - Ava Vu, and 3rd Place Jadon George, who are on their way to the county competition!!



BELIEVE IN YOUR "SHELF"
BUILDING RESILIENCY THROUGH READING

LITERACY WEEK

JANUARY 22-26

By Olivia Dencker

Literacy week is a fun way to jump into reading. For example, on Monday, February 5th author Jonathan Miller will be coming to our school. Students will be able to purchase a signed copy of his book, "The Adventures of Sammy the Wonder Dachshund." Monday is "Hats Off to Reading!" so please wear your favorite Hats. On Tuesday, is "Jump Back in Time With Your Favorite Decade." You will dress up in the 90's, 80's, 70's, or basically whatever year you want. Then Wednesday is "Word Scramble Wednesday" so wear clothing with letters, words, or sayings. Thursday is, "Reading is for Everyone!" Where you can dress like you're 100 years old to celebrate the 100th day of school! That's right! We've been in school for 100 days!!! Now last but not least, Friday is "Team up and Read!" So that means to wear a sport team shirt or jersey. So remember this week happens January 22nd though January 26th.



Family Dance

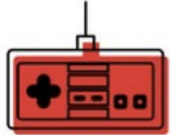
By Perola Cavalcanti

Hey ECE students! Today I am going to talk about the family dance! If you don't know what the family dance is, I am going to tell you. Every year they change the theme of the dance and this year the theme is HOLLYWOOD! Last year was 'Light the Night'. The dance starts at 5:30pm and ends at 7:30pm - so 2 hours of pure fun! Speaking of fun, the family dance is in the cafeteria and here are some some things that you can do there: dance contest, face painting, dj ,and the most important... dance with your family! This year the family dance will be February 2nd. All ages can participate and of course we are encouraged to wear clothes that are matching with the theme. Think of some dazzling Hollywood style clothes you can wear that will show off your dance moves. The family dance is always full of people, so you should buy your tickets quickly! Buy your tickets today at the PTA website! The cost of items for purchase are; Pizza by the slice - 2 Tickets, Soda - 2 Tickets, Water - 1 Ticket, Candy - 2 Tickets, Chips - 1 Ticket, Cotton Candy - 3 Tickets, Games - 5 Tickets for unlimited play wristband, Light Up Novelty Items - 3-5 Tickets, That's all Panthers! I hope I see you at the family dance!



VIDEO GAMES

By Haridhaan Kumaar



Do you like video games? Video games are one of the most favorite things that kids love. One of my favorite games is Fortnite. Fortnite is one of the most popular games in the world! It leads Roblox and Minecraft. Fortnite is based on strategy and speed. You also have to have good aim. You can edit characters and back blings (things you carry on your back). You can also customize your pickaxe. If you like to build up your own protection you can do that in Battle Royal mode. You don't have to build in no build Battle Royale mode. There are so many options! You can also play ranked battle royale where they rate how good you play in every round. Another option is to play solo, duo, trio, or squad. You can play maps made by other people and you can make your own map by going to creative mode. They even have Lego Fortnite!

If Fortnite is not for you, there are options like Roblox and Minecraft. In Roblox you can play games with family friends and other people. My favorite games on Roblox are Blox Fruits, Arsenal, and Jailbreak, but you can also play other games too. In minecraft you can build and you can defeat the Ender Dragon. If you manage to do that then you have defeated the final boss and you win the game!

What is your favorite video game?

