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St. Patrick's Day

By The Newspaper Club



St. Patrick's Day is a special holiday celebrated on March 17th each year. It's a time when people all around the world wear green, enjoy parades, and celebrate Irish culture. But do you know why we celebrate St. Patrick's Day and where these traditions come from? Let's dive into some fun facts about this festive day!

Who Was St. Patrick?

St. Patrick was a real person who lived a long time ago in Ireland. He wasn't actually Irish – he was born in Britain! When he was a teenager, he was captured by pirates and taken to Ireland as a slave. After escaping and returning to his family, he had a dream where he felt called to go back to Ireland and spread Christianity. St. Patrick became a bishop and spent many years teaching and helping people in Ireland.

Shamrocks and Green

One of the symbols of St. Patrick's Day is the shamrock, which is a type of clover with three leaves. St. Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Christian idea of the Holy Trinity – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit – to people in Ireland. That's why you'll often see shamrocks on St. Patrick's Day! And why green? Well, it's said that wearing green makes you invisible to mischievous leprechauns, who like to pinch people who aren't wearing green on St. Patrick's Day!

Parades and Celebrations

St. Patrick's Day parades are a big part of the celebrations, especially in places like Ireland, the United States, and Canada. These parades often feature marching bands, dancers wearing traditional Irish costumes, and floats decorated with green and gold. People also enjoy traditional Irish music, dancing, and food like corned beef and cabbage, Irish stew, and soda bread.

Leprechauns and Pot of Gold

Leprechauns are small, mischievous creatures from Irish folklore. Legend has it that if you catch a leprechaun, they have to tell you where they've hidden their pot of gold! But leprechauns are tricky and hard to catch – they'll do anything to escape and keep their gold safe. Even though leprechauns are just make-believe, they're still a fun part of St. Patrick's Day festivities!

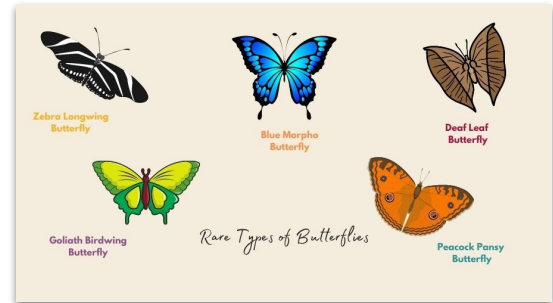
So, whether you're Irish or not, St. Patrick's Day is a great opportunity to learn about Irish history, enjoy some delicious food, and join in the festivities with friends and family. Don't forget to wear your green and keep an eye out for those sneaky leprechauns – you never know where they might be hiding their pot of gold!

MARCH NATIONAL DAYS

- March 1st: National Pig Day
- March 2nd: National Old Stuff Day
- March 3rd: National Dress in Blue Day
- March 4th: National Play Outside Day
- March 5th: National Cheese Doodle Day
- March 6th: National Oreo Cookie Day
- March 7th: National Cereal Day
- March 8th: National Proofreading Day
- March 9th: National Barbie Day
- March 10th: National Pack Your Lunch Day
- March 11th: Dream Day
- March 12th: National Plant a Flower Day
- March 13th: National K9 Veterans Day
- March 14th: Learn About Butterflies Day
- March 15th: National Shoe the World Day
- March 16th: Panda Day
- March 17th: St. Patrick's Day
- March 18th: Global Recycling Day
- March 19th: Let's Laugh Day
- March 20th: First Day of Spring
- March 21st: National Countdown Day
- March 22nd: World Water Day
- March 23rd: National Puppy Day
- March 24th: National Chocolate Covered Raisins Day
- March 25th: International Waffle Day
- March 26th: Wear a Hat Day
- March 27th: International Scribble Day
- March 28th: Children's Picture Book Day
- March 29th: World Piano Day
- March 30th: National Little Red Wagon Day
- March 31: National Crayon Day

Learn About Butterflies Day

'Learn About Butterflies Day' is celebrated on March 14th. This day is celebrated each year to bring awareness of the variety of butterflies in the world, and and their importance to our survival.

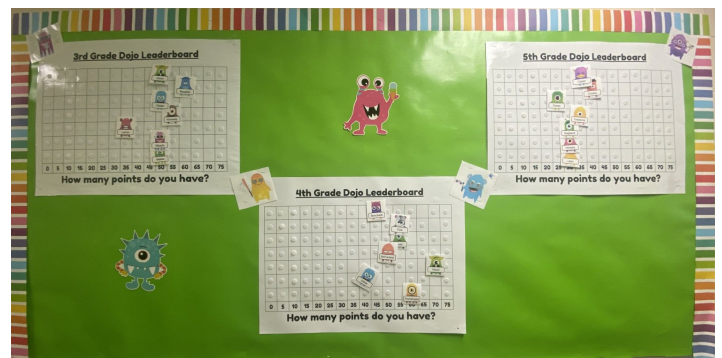


By Olivia Dencker

Spring break is a time to stretch and relax, also to sleep in. spring break started in 1938 with a swim forum event in fort lauderdale and it usually is 1-2 weeks long with a lot of fun packed into it. Like disney is a fun thing to do and spend time with your family . Also you can go to boxi park. boxi park is a place where you can eat food and play. Or just simply just take a calm walk and enjoy the quiet. But if it's a rainy day you could make cookies or if you don't have the supplies to make cookies you could invent a new recipe. Also make a craft or play a board game like monopoly, or the game of life, those games can last a long time. I hope now you what to do on spring break!!!



Dojo Leaderboards





By: Landon Masters

Have you ever watched March Madness? March Madness is a College Basketball tournament that takes place every March, and runs all the way through April. In March Madness, 68 of the top teams will compete against each other in a race for the College Basketball Championship. Games in March Madness are played in many different stadiums, however, the championship game will be held in State Farm Arena in Glendale, Arizona. If you lose in March Madness, you are eliminated from the tournament. In March Madness, there are four #1 seeds, which in the first game will all play one of the four #16 seeds. There are many different rounds in March Madness. The first round is simply called the first round, eliminating half of the teams who played in the first round. Similar to the first round, the second round is called the second round, eliminating half of the teams from the round. The third round is called the Sweet Sixteen, which eliminates half of the thirty-two teams from the round. The next round is called the Elite Eight, eliminating eight teams from the Sweet Sixteen. After that, there's the Final Four, deciding who will play in the championship. In the championship, one game decides if you win, or go home. Last year's winner was the University of Connecticut Huskies (UConn), beating the San Diego St. Aztecs 59-76. As of right now, the top five ranked teams in College Basketball are the: #1 ranked Houston Cougars, #2 ranked UConn Huskies, #3 ranked Purdue Boilermakers, #4 ranked Tennessee Volunteers, and the #5 ranked Arizona Wildcats. Did you know that you can try to predict the winner of every single game? Some people call that impossible. The odds of you predicting every single game correct are 1 in 120.2 billion! That is very hard to accomplish. I hope that you are able to watch March Madness this year, because it is known as one of the most exciting events in sports to watch!



Field Day

By Asher Rivkin



Field day is a really fun day. It is when the PE coaches set up fun and cool stations in the PE field for all of the Eagle Creek students to experience. In fact, it is one of my favorite days of the whole school year! You can even ask your parents come to chaperone for a station. Or, if all the spots are full and you still want them to come, they can! Your parents can come to the field and watch you behind a rope that they put up for the parents to stand behind. Also, it is the day right before spring break (This year it is on Thursday, March 14th). So, if your parents come, you might even get lucky and they could bring you home after your Field Day! Then, you can already start your spring break! Furthermore, Field Day usually has a popsicle station! I LOVE the popsicle station because it feels so good to get a nice, tasty, cold popsicle in your mouth after a good exercise from a few stations (the popsicle station is usually at station 10). Overall, field day is such a great day. There are so many fun activities on this day! I love Field Day and I hope you like it too because it's coming up really soon.

1	"WATER-CUP" RELAY RACE	This will be a relay race where the students will be transferring water from cup, to cup, in their Teams line, trying to fill their clear container, quicker than the other two Teams. Each class will be split up into 3 Teams
2	"WET-HEAD" RELAY RACE	During this relay race the students will be split up into 4 equal Teams. The students in each team will take turns running down to their water bucket, fill their cup, and return the cup to the beginning, where they will empty its contents into a container. The Team that has collected the most amount of water in the end, will be the Winners
3	BALL HOPPER RACE	Each class will be split up into 2 different lanes. Each lane will have their own ball hopper. Students will get a chance to take turns and race the other students by sitting on the ball while holding the handle, and bouncing all the way down to a cone and back. No problem if you fall off, just get back on and keep hopping!
4	Limbo (How low can you go?)	The students will stay in a single file line as they try their best to make it under the limbo pole. When the leader goes under the pole, they will make a loop around and lead their line back to the beginning. Each time the line makes their way back to the beginning, the volunteer will lower the pole one spot. See how low you can go without letting your hands touch the ground.
5	The Statue of Liberty Race	The class will be separated into 3 different groups. Each group will get in a line. The first person in each line will get ball which is balanced on a toilet plunger. On the start signal, the first person in each team will have to balance the ball on their plunger while running their way down to the end line and back. When they get back they will give the torch to the next person in line. The first team to finish everyone in their line will be the winning team.
6	Noodle Bean Bag Relay	The class will be split up into 4 teams. Each team will line up in a single file line with the line leader holding the noodle with the beanbag balanced on top. On the go signal, the player with the noodle will have to make their way down to their teams cone, go around their cone, and make their way back to the next person in line to pass them the noodle and beanbag. If it drops they can pick it up, but they must do 3 jumping jacks first.
7	Jumbo Egg & Spoon Relay	The class will be split up into 6 teams. Each team will line up into a single file line with the leader holding the paddle and wooden egg. On the go signal, that player must quickly make their way down to their cone, go around the cone, and make their way back to their line, without dropping the egg. If the egg drops, they must do 3 jumping jacks before they can pick it back up and balance it again.
8	TUG O' WAR	The class will be split up into 2 groups with each group on a side of the rope. When the volunteer blows the whistle to begin, pull with all your might. When the volunteer stops the activity with their whistle, please stop pulling the rope and do not let go until you are told to let go. Always listen to the volunteer.
9	OBSTACLE COURSE	Each class will be split up into 2 different lanes. Each lane will have their own obstacle course to run through. The players on each team will take turns running through the course. When they reach the end of the course, they will run back to their team by running back along the side of the obstacles. The next student can go when the first student runs back across the line. Only 1 student should be running through the course at a time.
10	ICE POP STATION	Each student will be given one ice pop. Please, remember the saying, "you get what you get, and don't pitch a fit". If students would like to trade colors with a friend, they may. All wrappers need to find a trash can.....



FEATURE TEACHER: *Mrs. Moreno*

By Sofia Andrade & Olivia Dencker

This month's teacher feature is Mrs. Moreno. She is a 2nd grade teacher here at Eagle Creek Elementary and she's been working here since 2015, which was when the school opened. First we asked Mrs. Moreno what she does when she is not at school. She told us she likes to spend time with her family and take care of her mom, her daughters and her dog, Snickers (he is super cute!!). Also, when she was child she didn't want to be a teacher, she wanted to be a pilot! Crazy right!! A pilot and a teacher are very different careers! Next, we asked her about her favorite food and she said it was Italian and Mexican food. Do you like Mexican or Italian foods? If you do, make sure to tell her how you have something in common. Finally, we wondered what was her favorite subject to teach. She said "I love math with all of the numbers." So, now that you know all these fun facts about Mrs. Moreno, make sure to say "Hi" in the hallway!!!



Daylight Savings Time

By Sofia Andrade



SPRING FORWARD
SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD AN HOUR

Do you know what daylight saving time is? This year, daylight saving time is starting Sunday, March 10 to Sunday, November 3. It started in the 1890s when George Vernon Hudson suggested a time shift to increase daylight. In the early 1900s William Willett, a British homeowner, said people weren't enjoying the daylight so that also helped the law get put in place.

You get a few extra hours in daylight saving time so be productive! A lot of people take naps but you could exercise, play outside or do other things you didn't have time for during the day. A lot of people are more productive during daylight saving time because they get one more hour of sleep. Have you ever noticed daylight saving time?

Kennedy Space Center

By Haridhaan Kumaar & Perola Cavalcanti

Hello ECE! Did you know that fifth grade went on a field trip?! They did! If you still don't know where, they went to the Kennedy Space Center! Well, today I am going to tell you all about it. First off all, did you know the largest rocket at the Kennedy Space Center is the SATURN V ROCKET? The Kennedy Space Center is one of the largest space centers which is also a property of NASA. Another fact about the Kennedy Space Center is that they have a zero gravity room. Did you know that

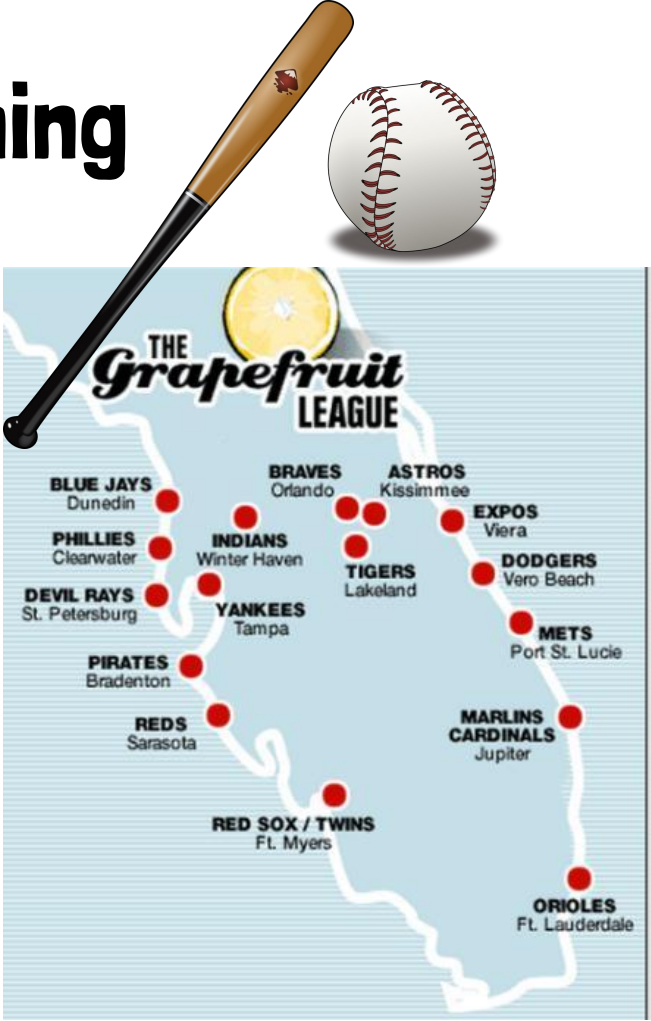
the Kennedy Space Center has a training room to learn how to fly a space shuttle? They have an attraction where you can even meet an astronaut. Each day at Kennedy Space Center visitors get the rare opportunity to meet veteran NASA astronaut. Maybe you have even already done this before, it is so fun! There is food and you can talk with a real astronaut. In the end, you get a coin with a photo saying "I MET AN ASTRONAUT." Did you know that the Kennedy Space Center was named after president John F. Kennedy? He was our 35th President. The space center is situated in an area prone to lightning strikes. If you go to Kennedy Space Center you should go to the Vehicle Assembly Building. If you are going for a tour, I recommend full day tour with airboat safari ride and astronaut training experience. You should also go to the shuttle launch attraction and Apollo/Saturn V Center. If you are lucky, you will visit the Kennedy Space Center on a day when there is a rocket launch! I hope 5th grade had a great time on their field trip!



Baseball Spring Training

By Landon Masters & Nihit Gunasani

Did you know that MLB Baseball Spring Training is going on right now? Spring Training kicked off on February 22nd, when the Dodgers beat the Padres 14-1. Spring Training ends on March 26th, when the Los Angeles Dodgers play the Los Angeles Angels. Did you know that there are 15 Major League Baseball teams that are playing Spring Training in Florida? Some teams playing in Florida are the New York Yankees, the Houston Astros, the Atlanta Braves, the Philadelphia Phillies, and so many more teams. One of Spring Training's biggest stars is Shohei Ohtani, who has just signed a deal for \$70 million per year for the Los Angeles Dodgers, and his Spring Training batting average is .500. That means that Shohei Ohtani hits the baseball 50% of the time! Teams play their players that are usually on the bench in the regular season, so they can watch them improve in Spring Training. Major League's 2024 Spring Training is underway with most of their teams assembling in Florida and Arizona to prepare for the new season of baseball.



Star Student: Lina de Mayo Loesch

By: Gabi Nascimento



Today I'm going to interview Lina from Mrs. Heredia's class. First of all she is from Curitiba, Parana, Brazil. She had lived in Brazil for nine years. One day soon, Lina is going to have a cat called Mochi. Her two favorite hobbies are drawing and reading. Her favorite food is tuna salad. Her favorite sport is track and field. Her favorite colors are black, blue and white. Also, she is a safety patrol at our school. Her favorite movies are How to train your dragon 1, 2, 3. Her favorite animals are Cats, Dogs and Wolves. Lina is such a nice person. If you happen to see her in the hallway be sure to say hello!



What's Your Favorite Thing to do on Spring Break?

Write your answer on the lines below, cut this part off, 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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The New Middle School

By: Narun Narmadhan & Aarish Nalagandla

Did you know that there is a new middle school opening up and that students from Summerdale, Eagle Creek, and Laureate Park could be going to this brand new middle school?! How neat! The new school will have sports like soccer, tennis, basketball, track and volleyball. There are other things this school has to offer too, like three floors! One floor each for 6th, 7th and 8th. 6th grade is on the 1st floor, 7th grade is on the 2nd floor and 8th grade is on the 3rd floor. They give 4 minutes to switch to a new class and a 30 second warning while you are switching so you are not late to your class. Right next to the school is the courtyard. You can eat lunch outside but you can *only* hang out there until 9:00, 9:30. Instead of going outside for P.E., they have gym. The new middle school will also offer intramural sports. Intramural sports are just like regular sports, but you don't compete. That's all we know so far about what the school has to offer! It might add even more things in the future.



Can you help the leprechaun get to the pot of gold?

