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COMMERCE MIDDLE SCHOOL TIGER TALES

Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree



The Student Council sponsored a food drive and tree decorating contest between ER classes. The winning class receives a pizza party. The judging took place Tuesday Dec. 12th after school. Pictures are of classes working on their trees. (more pics on pg. 8)



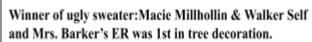






















Unusual Christmas Traditions Around the World

By Julian

Bad Santa is celebrated in Australia. An evil accomplice of Santa goes around scaring bad children. A Cobweb Christmas is celebrated in Ukraine.Residents mimic the natural forming of spider webs as decorations. Colonel Santa is celebrated in Japan. Although Japan does not celebrate Christmas, it became a habit to eat KFC in December because of a marketing campaign. Pickle in the Tree is celebrated in Germany. They hide a pickle in the tree for the child to find and then they receive a gift. Roller Skate Mass is celebrated in Caracas. The tradition is so well established that the streets are closed so people can skate more safely. Festive Sauna is celebrated in Finland. On Christmas Eve it's traditional to respectively relax in the sauna Shoes by the Fire is celebrated in the Netherlands. Dutch children put their shoes by the fire in hopes that Sinterklaas will fill their shoes with treats.



December Birthdays

Kaliah T.-5 Charbel G.-7 Trendon R.-9 Ethan L.-10 Nicholas L.-10 Hayden H.-11 Beatriz G.-12 Kagan W.-13 Makaelah W.-14 Rocky M.-15 Kimberly F.-16 Jamie S.-16 Paige D.-17 Yennifer P.-17 Seth B.-23 Shantall P.-28 David M.-27 Aslyn A.-29 Danny F.-29 Adanely S.-29



PRIZE RIDDLES By: Ethan Thomason

#1 You walk into a room on Christmas eve that contains a match, a kerosene lamp, a candle and a fireplace. What would you light first?

#2 What is red and white, red and white, and red and white again?

#3 If otters keep their money in riverbanks, where does Frosty the Snowman keep his money?

If you know the answer to THREE riddles, find Ethan for your prize.

Christmas drawing By Brayden Cody

















TIGER BASKETBALL IS IN ACTION

























SLAM DUNK TIGERS

PHOTOS BY AMBER BONHAM





DECEMBER EMPLOYEE AND STUDENTS OF THE MONTH











Dean North Maintenance

Jerry Smith-8th

Cooper Trease-7th

Myleigh Dunn-6th

Pride of Commerce Band Wins Again by: Michaela Churchill







The band won the Silver Bells Award at the Miami Christmas parade for best band performance. Pictured is band director, Jason Dunn, accepting the plaque from the Miami Chamber of Commerce.

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Commerce Christmas Parade





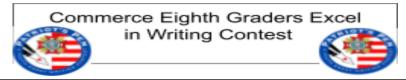












Breanna Munoz won the VFW Patriot Pen Essay Contest for the local post located in Bernice. Commerce captured the top three places with Shyanne James placing second and London Swimmer taking third. The 400 word essay titled, "My Pledge to our Veterans," was judged on knowledge of theme, theme development, and clarity of ideas. There were over 80 essays submitted from local middle schools: Vinita, Wyandotte, Miami, Grove, and others. Breanna moved on to place third in the district competition. She will be honored at a luncheon on February 5th. All three winners will receive their medals and cash awards at an assembly after Christmas. Congrats to all. Pictured L to R is London, Breanna, and Shyanne.

Creative Writing Students Celebrate December With Poetry

"White Christmas

I love December and the snow falling down
I love that it covers everything around
Children outside creating snowmen
Others at church praying amen
Everyone playing with Christmas presents
Fluffy snow raining down _ being pleasant
Friends gathering to drink eggnog

While singing in harmony a Christmas song .

Wintry mornings wrapped in snow,
Evenings cold and still,
And twinkling snowflakes dance
around.
On this new month we create a
reason to smile and live.
We make our memories with the
love of December.



December Frost

December brings Winter frost
Leaving all the roads glossed
The snowflakes falling in a Dance
Leaving me Entranced
Christmas lights in a blaze
A Blinding light on Christmas day

A Winter Night

The sky is dark, the ground is white.

The world is peaceful on this wintry night.

No one Around not a sound to be heard.

Nat a laugh, nat a cry, nat even a bird.

For a moment It's just the snow and me.

I smile inside.

I feel so free.



It's That Time of Year

It's that time of year
And the holidays are near
As the days grow colder
The year gets older
And we wait for next spring
To see what the new year will bring
families gather around
And all will sleep sound
As the holidays come to a close





On Nov 15, TSA attended their annual Fall Leadership Conference. Members in attendance participated in workshops, leadership sessions, and listened to an industry panel about careers in Oklahoma. They were also given several community service opportunities such as; million dollar minute for ACS, making dog toys for shelter dogs, writing Christmas cards for veterans, and creating pink ribbons to distribute in support of cancer research.











Christmas Mystery Word If you can unscramble this word, find Danni or Rosalinda between classes to claim your prize. 2 winners



CMS and CHS TSA Christmas Party









TSA had their annual Christmas party Dec. 11th from 4-6 They played board games, watched movies, ate, and had tons of fun.











Food Drive BIG Success!

CMS ER classes participated in the holiday canned food drive. We collected almost 400 food items. Ms. Stebbins had the most collected with 137. Mrs. Martin's ER class was the overall winner of the tree decorating and food drive combined. Thank you everyone.



Santa's Spotlight Elves





What is your favorite movie? Elf What is your favorite book? The Lightning Thief What is your favorite hobby? sports

If you could go back to any class what class would it be? third grade



What is your favorite food? burritos What is your favorite sport? football What do you like to do for fun? play video games

How old are you? 12



What is your favorite thing to do out of school? hang out with my friends

What is your favorite class? American history

What is your favorite sport?

What is your favorite holiday? Thanksgiving



What is your favorite fruit? watermelon If you could go back to any grade what grade would it be? first grade Favorite color-green

Favorite flower-sunflower