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Sunday, December 31, 2017

News to Remember

**Wednesday, December 21, 2017-
Wednesday, January 3, 2018**
Christmas Break

Thursday, January 4, 2018 @ 7:48 a.m.
School Resumes

Friday, January 5, 2018 @ 8:30 a.m.
K-5th Grade 1st Semester
Awards Assembly - Auditorium

Friday, January 5, 2018 @ 2 p.m.
9-12th Grade 1st Semester
Awards Assembly - H.S. Gym

Monday, January 8, 2018 @ 3 p.m.
Theater Arts Mtg. - Music Room

Wednesday, January 10, 2018 @ 9 a.m.
C.A.C. Honor Band - Glasgow
J.H. Student Council Mtg.

Wednesday, January 10, 2018 @ 3 p.m.
J.H./H.S. Art Club - Art Room
Theater Arts Mtg. - Music Room

Monday, January 15, 2018
No School
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 16, 2018 @ 8 a.m.
"F" List Runs

Wednesday, January 17, 2018 @ 3 p.m.
Theater Arts Mtg. - Music Room

Thursday, January 18, 2018 @ 9 a.m.
Saving Sight Vision - ECC Building

Thursday, January 18, 2018 @ 6 p.m.
Board of Education Mtg.

Monday, January 22, 2018 @ 8:15 a.m.
J.H./H.S. Student of the Month Assembly
H.S. Gym

Monday, January 22, 2018 @ 3 p.m.
Theater Arts Mtg. - Music Room

Wednesday, January 24, 2018 @ 9 a.m.
J.H. Student Council Mtg.- Big Bend

Wednesday, January 24, 2018 @ 2:10 p.m.
ECC Fire Drill

Wednesday, January 24, 2018 @ 3 p.m.
Theater Arts Mtg. - Music Room

Thursday, January 25, 2018 @ 7:48 a.m.
Elementary Star Student Assembly
Auditorium

Monday, January 20, 2018 @ 8 a.m.
"F" List Runs

Monday, January 20, 2018 @ 3 p.m.
Theater Arts Mtg. - Music Room

Wednesday, January 31, 2018 @ 9:15 a.m.
All School Intruder Drill

Wednesday, January 31, 2018 @ 3 p.m.
Theater Arts Mtg. - Music Room

Monday, February 5, 2018 @ 8 a.m.
"F" List Runs

Monday, February 5, 2018 @ 3 p.m.
Theater Arts Mtg. - Music Room

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Special

Christmas

Edition



Christmas in Russia

By Hayden Grigsby

The way Russians have celebrated Christmas throughout the years has changed. There was a time period in history that Russians were not allowed to have Christmas trees or celebrate in a religious manner. Another practice that is commonly practiced in Russia is fasting, which is when a person does not eat until the night. Among other traditions that are treasured and honored by the Russian people is the story of Babushka .

Did you know that Russia, formerly known as the Soviet Union, outlawed Christmas as a religious holiday until 1929? Also until 1935 if you wanted a Christmas tree you could not get it because they were outlawed. Most people in Russia celebrate Christmas on January 7th. Only a few of the citizens celebrate on December 25th.

Some of the dishes served on Christmas are vegetables, fruit, and mushrooms, as well as meat, fish, cheese and desserts made of berries. Some of the sweeter dishes served are candy, cakes, angel wings, and biscuits. During the day people fast which means that they will not eat at all that day until night. These are some of the foods and dishes that Russians eat while celebrating Christmas.

The story of Babushka is about a lady who is always cleaning her house. One night a bright star appeared overhead and she did not see it because she was cleaning. Then in the morning three kings came to her door and asked if they could rest at her house because it was the cleanest house. She rushed around cleaning and asking questions and when they left at nightfall she fell asleep rather than go with them. When she woke up it was morning and she grabbed a toy and rushed out of her house to try to catch up with the kings. She stopped at all of the villages, cities, and kingdoms. While at one kingdom she was told that the three kings were going to Bethlehem. When she arrived in Bethlehem she went to a hotel keeper and asked if the three kings had been there. He said that they had gone into the stables two days ago but have now returned to their kingdoms. Legend has it that she is still running around and looking for the lost kings.

All in all this is how Russians celebrate Christmas. They could not celebrate Christmas at one point. Also they eat similar foods as us. Finally they have a story about Babushka that was not even written by a Russian. This is just some of the ways Russians celebrate Christmas.

Merry Christmas or счастливого Рождества.

Christmas in England

By Isabella Meyer

Have you ever wondered what Christmas is like in England? Like in the United States decorating is a practice that is loved by the British. They also have many favorite dishes that they eat throughout the holiday season. Presents are also shared among family and friends at Christmas time in England, along with other traditions. These are just a few of the traditions that are celebrated in England during this time of year.

In England, decorations are part of the Christmas tradition. Some people decorate with lights and some do not. Other people decorate their tables with tablecloths and ceilings with stickers. Some people have Christmas trees that are decorated with ornaments, lights and tinsel. Other people celebrate with fireworks.

People don't really eat large dishes in England. Foods eaten at Christmas celebrations are cheetos, cakes like fruit cake covered in marzipan and icing. Most British people have pudding for Christmas, also. Normally people eat roast turkey, beans, peas, carrots and sometimes fruit during their celebration.

Many British people gather together and open presents. Traditionally people create a list of items they want for Christmas and then throw their list in the fireplace. It is said that Santa will come and get the list. It is interesting that some churches will allow Christmas carolers, while others will not. During this time of year, people like to make snowmen, which some people call it the snowman while other people call it the snow dog.

In conclusion, these are some of the ways that the British celebrate Christmas in England. Many of their traditions are similar to the traditions in the United States, but some are very different. It is always interesting to learn about what other countries do to celebrate Christmas.

Merry to Christmas to everyone!

Christmas in Italy

By Sierra Slate-Jenkins

Have you ever wondered how Christmas is celebrated in Italy? In Italy the Nativity Scene or Crib Scene is used to celebrate Christmas. Italy's traditions when compared to the United State's traditions are similar but also very different. Italian children have many ways that they celebrate Christmas. Christmas in Italy is celebrated in many different ways.

Italy celebrates Christmas with the Nativity Scene, but they refer to it as a Crib Scene. This practice began in 1025 and in the 16th century these scenes were placed in the homes. On December 8th the Crib Scene are put out but the main character, which they refer to as Bambino, is not placed in the crib until December 24. Often times people will put the Bambino in a pyramid along with a star. This pyramid has large shelves, candles, candies, fruit, and presents that are above the main part of the pyramid, where the bambino is placed. This pyramid is known as The Tree of Light and is called Cepp.

There are many traditions that are continued today in Italy during Christmas time. Some food that Italians eat during the holiday are fish and vegetables. The types of fish eaten during Christmas time are Baccata, salted cod; clams, calamari, sardines, and eel. Many different types of fruit are also enjoyed. Other traditions that are continued are the zampognari and pifferai bagpipe players and flute players dressed in costumes to entertain people at the religious shrines. Finally, in Italy a Yule Log or Creppo is lit and must stay lit until New Year's Day.

In Italy, Santa Claus is known as Father Christmas or Babbo Natale and children write to him asking for present during the holiday. Italian's also recognize La Befana, a witch that fills the children's stockings with candy on Epiphany which is the main day for gift giving. If children have been good La Befana will leave them candy or i dolciumi and if they have been bad she leaves coal or il carbone. Finally, the children write a letter to their parents telling them how much they love them. On Christmas Eve, the father would take the letter from under his plate and read it to everyone at the end of dinner.

Christmas in Italy is celebrated with many religious traditions. The Italian's main decoration is the Nativity Scene or Crib Scene. They also have many other traditions that involve food, costumes, and music. Many different characters bring the children gifts during this holiday. So while many children in the United States are celebrating Christmas this year, we now know that some children are celebrating in Italy also.

Buon Natale (Merry Christmas)

Christmas in Germany

By Javon Moore

Have you ever wondered what Christmas is like around the world? This is an article about Christmas in Germany where there are many Christmas traditions. There are so many icons that the Germans recognize during the holiday season. Also, there are special Christmas German foods that are traditionally served.

Germans consider Christmas to be the most important holiday. They were the first to ever have a Christmas tree in the Middle Ages. They celebrate by reading the Bible and singing Christmas carols. Germany is famous for its Christmas markets that open the Friday before Advent start. The Christmas markets sell ornaments, foods, and decorations.

Mainly at school and work is where presents are exchanged. Sternsingers or Christmas carolers visit homes from Dec 27th to Jan 6th sharing their special talents for charity. The main song that people sing in Germany is "Silent Night" (Stille Nacht). Most Germans think it is bad luck to know who sent them a present. This is very different from the presents that are exchanged in the United States.

Advent Stars is a part of a German Christmas. An Advent Star is a commonly made star that you hang somewhere in your house. Kids in Germany write to Christkindl asking for presents, but in some parts of Germany they believe in Santa Claus. Santa is also followed by Black Peter (Schwarzen Peter) who carries a small whip. In Germany, St. Nikolaus is not officially part of Christmas, however Krampus who is with Santa, punishes the naughty children. Santa Claus and Father Christmas bring the most presents on Dec 24th. Lastly, Christkindl has to visit hospitals, old people's homes, and children's nurseries during this time.

Germans have a few Christmas foods that are traditionally eaten for dessert on Christmas Day. Stollen or christstollen is a popular food eaten for dessert all over Germany. t. Did you know that Stollen was created in the year of 1545? Lastly, it important to know that each piece of the Stollen Bread is very special. Another decoration that can be seen in German during Christmas time is the Adventskranz, which is a decoration of rings of fir branches that have four candles.

These are the traditions, icons and foods in German and how they use them to celebrate Christmas. This holiday is very special to them. So how do you celebrate your holiday traditions?

Merry Christmas (Fröhliche Weihnachten) to all.

Christmas in Spain

By B.J. Johnson

The Christmas season is celebrated in Spain by most people going to Midnight Mass or 'La Misa Del Gallo' which means "The Mass of the Rooster". The main Christmas meal is eaten on Christmas Eve and is called 'Pavo Trufado de Navidad' which is turkey stuffed with truffles. These truffles are not the chocolate kind but made of mushrooms. Following the Midnight Mass people can be found walking through the streets playing guitars, tambourines or drums while carrying torches. They believe that Christmas Eve is a good night and is not one that should be slept through. Dia de los santos inocentes is on December 28th and is much like the United States April Fools Day. People try and trick each other on this day.

Another festival celebrated in Spain that is part of Christmas is Fiesta de Los tres Reyes Magos, which means "The Festival of the Three Magic Kings". This is celebrated in January 6th. During this festival children are given presents that they believe are given to them by the Kings. Children write letters to the Kings on Boxing Day, December 26th, asking for toys and presents. Then on January 5th they leave shoes on windowsills, balconies, or under the Christmas tree to be filled with presents. If the children are bad the Kings will leave them a piece of coal made out of sugar in the presents.

It is true that many of the traditions in Spain are like those celebrated in the United States, but there are some that are quite different. It is interesting to look at other countries to see how the children celebrate the Christmas holiday.

Christmas in Canada

By James Gilpin

Canada is a vary diverse country where many people of different cultural backgrounds live. Therefore, Canada has many traditions and celebrations that are recognized during the holiday season.

The residents of Canada do send Christmas cards as well as open gifts on Christmas Eve. They also decorate their homes with Christmas trees, lights, and other decorations in order to prepare for Santa's arrival.

Another tradition in Canada is the Christmas meal. This meal is often roast turkey with vegetables, and mashed potatoes. The favorite dessert during the holiday is Christmas/Plum Pudding and Mincemeat Tarts. Also, Christmas crackers are very popular, as well as a rich fruit Christmas Cake. These are just a few of the many types of foods that are eaten in Canada during the holiday due to the diverse culture.

While Santa Claus' arrival is anticipated by many there are several other activities that people enjoy during this time of year. Many people go skiing, skating, and tobogganing if there is snow. There is the Santa Claus Parade in Toronto, which is one of the oldest and largest parades in the world! This tradition began in 1913 and has taken place for over 100 years.

These are a few of the many traditions that take place in Canada over the holiday season. It is very interest to see how other people celebrate the same holiday that we do.

*Happy
Holidays*

