



**Gackle-Streeter  
Public School**

**Newsletter  
January 2022**

From the Superintendent's Desk

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I certainly hope everyone had an awesome holiday season filled with love, laughter and family. The holiday break has allowed us to recharge our batteries and we welcome 2022 with a bright chipper attitude. The nice weather we had in November and December has certainly shortened the winter season already. More of the same would be great in 2022. The staff here at Gackle-Streeter School has worked to prepare for the return to classes and to ensure every student gets a great start to the "new year"!

Donny Metz has decided to retire from driving bus at the end of the calendar year. Mr. Metz has been an awesome bus driver and a favorite of many, many students over the years. Gackle-Streeter School District will certainly miss him. Happy Retirement Donny!

The calendar is full of events over the next couple months. Lots of athletic events, Sno Week All State Music just to name a few. Please come out and enjoy an evening of girls basketball on Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> and a boys game one Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>. The highly anticipated soup/chili cookoff will also be Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>. Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> the junior high boys will play here in Gackle.

As we head down the winter stretch, please remember to support students in their efforts at school. The teachers are providing a high level of instruction that requires student engagement and dedication to succeed. It takes a team to support quality education. Thanks for being a team player!

Have a GREAT 2022!

Mr. Berg

# PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

FROM THE DESK OF MRS. BUCKEYE



## Happy New Year--2022

Hope this letter finds everyone happy and healthy after the holiday season. It is with great pleasure that I introduce our newest staff member. Logan Klitzke will be joining our team. Logan is a recent graduate of Trinity Bible College in Ellendale. He will be teaching our K-12 Physical Education and Health classes. Logan is also going to be the assistant boys basketball coach. Welcome to our TEAM Logan. We are really looking forward to having you here with us.

Just a quick reminder to parents if your child is not going to be in school, please call the office and let us know. With the cold weather and winter road conditions, your child's safety is my top priority. If they are not here, you will most likely be getting a call from me if I haven't heard from you.

Elementary parents please be sure you are sending warm winter clothing with your child as they will be going outside before school and after lunch. We keep the kids inside when the windchill is -15 degrees or colder.

## WHAT'S COMING UP

### JANUARY SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

- 1/7- Madison Leean  
Western Day
- 1/12- Kaitlyn Homola  
Cops and Robbers
- 1/14- Dauson Ferrin-Kleingartner  
Formal Day
- 1/19- Azariah Foerderer  
70's and 80's Day
- 1/21- Kaden Rue  
Car Show Attire
- 1/26- Jada Reiser  
Goth Day
- 1/28- Jayce Rivinius  
Farmer Day

## Senior Spotlight

We will be honoring our seniors throughout the month of January. There will be a bulletin board in the front entrance of the school. Stop by and get to know a little about our seniors. Throughout the month of January each senior has chosen a designated day. On these days each senior has chosen the meal for the day, the dress up day, and will enjoy the day all about them.

## NAEP Testing

Our eight-grade class has been chosen by the state to participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). These results will help us to better understand how our students are performing academically across the United States. Our students will represent thousands of students across the United States. This test will be administered on January 26<sup>th</sup>.

## Come Support Our Teams

Gackle-Streeter will be hosting a junior varsity and varsity girls basketball game vs. Lisbon in our beautiful gym on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:00.

We will be hosting a junior varsity and varsity boys basketball game vs. Oakes at 5:30 on January 11<sup>th</sup>. This will also be the night of the annual CHILI COOKOFF.

We will also be hosting a junior high boys basketball game vs. Edgeley-Kulm-Montpelier here on January 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00.

## SCHOOL RESUMES

January 3<sup>rd</sup>

JV/Varsity Home basketball game vs. Lisbon at 6:00 at Gackle-Streeter School

## COVID CLINIC

January 6<sup>th</sup>

Gackle-Streeter School...Time will be announced.

Register Online @

<https://bit.ly/GackleVaccine>

## COFFEE W/ KIDS

January 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00-9:30

## EARLY DISMISSAL

January 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:30

Professional Development for the teachers

## NO SCHOOL

January 17<sup>th</sup> --Martin Luther King Day

## NAEP TESTING

January 26<sup>th</sup> -- 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be tested in either Math or Reading

## MONTHLY SHOUT OUTS

The following students have been recognized this month for going out of their way to being **EXTRA AMAZING**. Thanks students and keep up the

great work. Alaina, Eastyn, Colter, Emmett, Lindi, Clay, Jenna, Charlee, Ben, Karly, Abby, Ali, Jada, William, Emma, Mabelyn, and the entire senior class.

# Coffee with the Kids!



Gackle Streer Public School Student Council invites you to come to our "Coffee With The Kids" Event!

Where: Gackle Streeter Public School Gymnasium

When: January 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 9:30

Bring your favorite mug, and we will fill it up with some tasty coffee while you listen to a

Special reader share a few stories with you!

Tell your friends, ask your neighbor, call grandma and grandpa, or anyone special to you...

Please come let our students share their skills with you

**WE ARE EXCITED TO SEE YOU!**



Thanks for your support,

GSPS Student Council

# COVID-19 SHOT CLINIC



**LOCATION:** GACKLE SCHOOL

**DATE:** JANUARY 6, 2022

**REGISTER:** ONLINE @  
<https://bit.ly/GackleVaccine>

**WHO?** *Vaccine available for adults  
and students (5 years +)*

*Time will be determined. Please  
check school website for updates.*



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Central Valley Health District

*protect yourself & your community!*

# \*January 2022\*

## Senior Spotlight

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# Kindergarten News

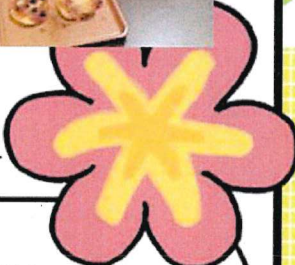
December was a month spent learning about position words, shapes, and breaking apart numbers in Math.

In science we finished habitats and started our weather unit.

Social Studies we learned about Holidays Around the World.

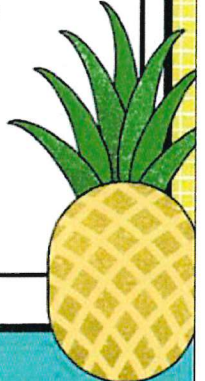
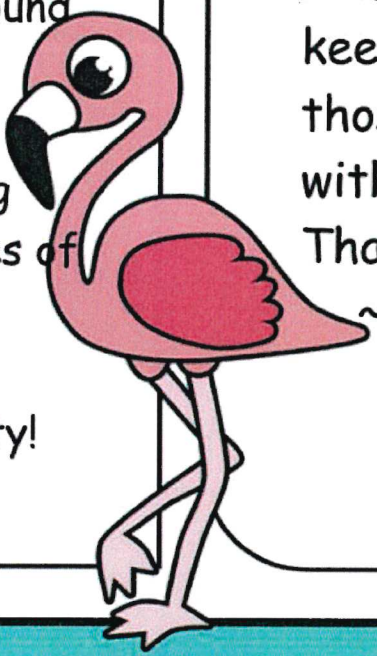
We have been working with syllables, compound words, and beginning sounds in Phonics.

We have been talking about different types of food in reading class which lead to a homemade pizza party!



Reminder: Please keep practicing those sight words with your child!  
Thanks so much!

~ Mrs. Sealey





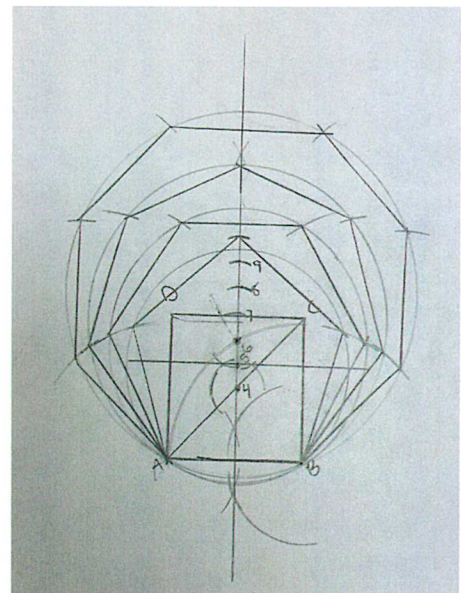
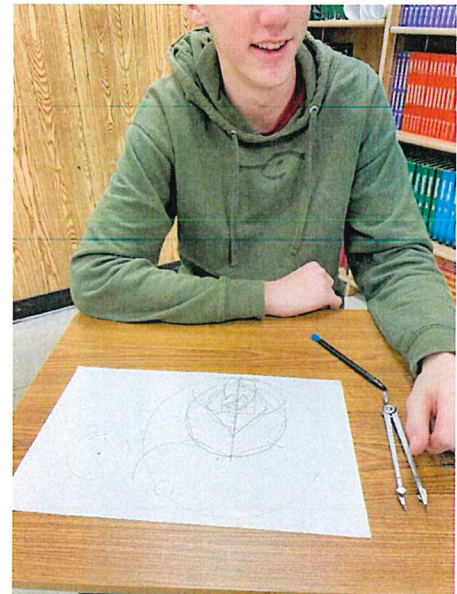
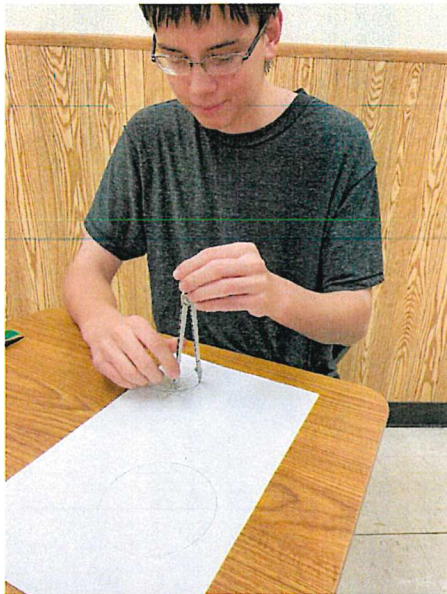
How many math teachers does it take to find the broken Christmas light?

We might not be able to change out the broken light, but we can surely prove that the light problem exists.

As we are nearly the end of the semester, we are in go-go mood. Wrapping up the chapters and preparing for finals. As finals come along, we all need to remember even through the time may be stressful, we get a little break afterwards. I know that the students, myself, and I even think that the technology is ready for a little break.

But that doesn't mean we aren't having fun. Geometry was able to construct many different shapes prior to learning about their polygon unit. After they understood the pattern, the construction when a little smoother.

What a fun and fast first semester we had here in math! Wishing you all a Safe & Happy Holiday Season!  
Miss Mairs





# Agriculture Education

Wow we are already getting into 2022! It has been an exciting year already. On January 8 seven members will be attending the Winter Leadership Conference in Bismarck. They will participate in sessions on leadership, personal growth and career success.

Congratulations to the following on receiving their own jackets through the ND FFA Foundation: Brenden Zenker, Cash Rivinius, Cooper Rivinius, Gentry Nenow, Luke Graber and Cora Muller. They will receive their jackets in January. Watch for this awesome bunch of 7th graders as their begin their FFA membership.

Thank you to everyone that ordered fruit, pizza or jerky in our annual fundraiser. We had a great one again. The monies raised will help members attend conference and conventions.

Be watching for the exciting Gackle-Streeter FFA Scholarship auction items soon. The members are working on building some really cool items this year.

Be on the look out for our activities on the school website.

Here is to a Happy New Year and success in all our activities.

*Mrs. Hatlewick*



# ARCHERY

Those in 4-12th grades may participate in the NASP program. The season starts January 3 with setting up the course, rules, regulations and parent information. Time is 3:30 on Mondays and Wednesdays after school. That first night we will set up bows as most have new strings installed. We will also schedule some 3D practices once bullseye practices start.

The 2022 State NASP tournament will be on March 18-19 at the ND State Fair grounds in Minot. Tournaments are being set up now online and I will have more information on that January 3.

Remember to keep your sights on the **BULLS EYE!** Not only in archery but academically and personally. Our success in life depends on your goals you strive to achieve.

*Coach Hatlewick*

## SPEECH SEASON IS HERE!!!!

Be a part of something great!! It's not too late to join us!

Our speech team has been busy getting their pieces ready for competition this season. We are always looking for students to come and join us!

If you know for sure you want to try it (all I ask is that you try it out...if you go to one meet and absolutely hate it, I won't make you keep doing it!!) you can come to the library every day at 3:05 pm to look at materials and practice.

There are 14 categories: Humorous, Serious Prose, Dramatic, Storytelling, Speech to Inform, Speech to Persuade, Speech to Entertain, Impromptu, Extemporaneous Programmed Reading, Extemp. Speaking, Poetry, Humorous Duo and Serious Duo, and Radio Broadcasting.

Our first meet is **January 22** in Linton, so we have plenty of time to prepare.

In a nutshell, speech consists of preparing and practicing a piece of literature or your own Informative piece and performing it at meets. You do not need to memorize it!! Duos consist of two people, so if you aren't sure of doing one yourself, you can prepare either a humorous or a serious duo with a partner. I have a lot of pieces to choose from!

There are basically no time commitments except for the meets we go to. You do not need to stay after school every day to practice. You can practice on your own at home. I just need to hear you a few times and make sure you're within the time limits. Time limits run anywhere from 6-8 minutes depending on the category.

If you are still unsure, come to a practice at 3:05 and talk to some of the veteran speech team members!!

# Helping Children Learn<sup>®</sup>

Tips Families Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School



January 2022

## Ask questions that help your child practice a variety of thinking skills

In order to master school subjects, students need to be able to think about the material in lots of different ways—sometimes at the same time. When you talk with your child about what he's learning, ask questions that encourage him to:



- **Recall** specific facts. "When did our state become a state?" or "How many continents are there?" Words that will help with this include *who*, *when*, *what*, *where* and even *list*.
- **Understand**. Ask your child to describe or explain what he knows about a topic. "Can you explain what happens in the water cycle?"
- **Apply** knowledge. Ask questions that let your child use what he's learned to think about new situations or predict outcomes. "If water evaporates in the sun, what do you think would happen to it in the oven?"
- **Analyze**. Talk about how things are organized. Many things can be divided into groups, for example. Have your child compare and contrast groups of things. "How are fish and humans different? How are they alike?"
- **Evaluate**. Ask your child to draw his own conclusions. "What do you think was most important to the American colonists? Why?"
- **Create**. Ask your child to design his own way to solve a problem. Use words such as *invent* and *what if*.

Source: "Revised Bloom's Taxonomy—Question Starters," College of Education, Illinois State University.



## Emphasize the power of reading

Reading is a powerful skill. Understanding its many uses and connections to things in her life and in the world will help your child appreciate its value. Teach your child that reading gives her the power to:

- **Obtain needed information.** Have your child read a recipe to you as you cook. Read a manual aloud that explains how to put something together. Challenge her to read to find answers to questions, such as "How can I get a grass stain out of your shirt?"
- **Communicate.** Talk about the ways people use reading and writing to communicate with others—through signs, mail, email, texts and notes. Suggest that your child exchange letters with a friend. Have her make posters to promote a cause she cares about.
- **Enjoy herself.** Help your child plan a relaxing end-of-the-day reading routine. Then help her find books that will give her a good laugh or take her on an exciting adventure.

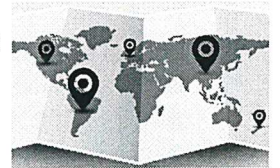
## Make every minute count

Time management skills become more essential as students get older and have more homework. Help your child:

- **Stick to a regular study time** (but don't let schoolwork be the last thing he does before bed).
- **Prioritize assignments.** What's due first? Is he more efficient when he starts with the easiest or the toughest task?

## Play Where in the World?

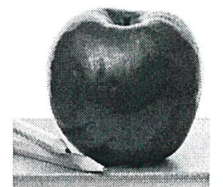
To have some fun with maps and make geography relevant for your child:



- **Look for labels** on things around your home to see where they were made. Cereal from Michigan? TV from Taiwan? Together, find the places on a map.
- **Locate the places** where her ancestors came from on the map. If possible, help your child learn about the routes family members traveled to get here. Where do relatives live now? Again, check the map.

## Recommit to attendance

If your child misses just one day a week of school, he'll miss more than two years of class time before he graduates! Absent students also miss things they often can't make up, like discussions and demonstrations. To keep your child from missing out:



- **Track** your child's absences.
- **Take** appropriate health precautions to make sure your child stays well.
- **Don't let your child** miss school to catch up on sleep.
- **Seek help** for family struggles that make attendance a challenge. Ask the school counselor about resources.

# Helping Children Learn

Families Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

January 2022



## Q&A Perfectionism is hurting my child. What should I do?

**Q:** When my fourth grader makes a mistake, you'd think the world was ending. She's really very capable, but I can't make her see that. How can I help her stop being so hard on herself?

**A:** Many children fear mistakes. They see each mistake as proof that they're not good enough. Not only does this damage their self-esteem, it takes away their courage to try new things.

To address your child's perfectionism:

- **Make it clear that no one is perfect**, and you don't expect her to be. Pay more attention to what your child does right than what she does wrong, and avoid comparing her to anyone else.
- **Establish a family ritual** that whenever family members give themselves a put-down which focuses on a weakness, they must give themselves two "put-ups" which focus on their strengths.
- **Talk about mistakes.** Begin by mentioning a mistake you made. Describe what you did, how you felt, and how others reacted. Kids need to learn that most people don't take much notice of someone else's errors.
- **Expand the discussion** to include exploring solutions: "Here's what I can do so that I don't make this same mistake again ... ." Emphasize that mistakes are a normal and correctable part of the learning process.



## Parent Quiz

### Are you raising a self-reliant learner?

Every child asks for help with schoolwork once in a while. But if your child asks every day, he may need to work on self-reliance. Are you encouraging your child try to solve problems independently? Answer *yes* or *no* below:

- \_\_\_ **1. Do you say** that you think your child can figure things out if he tries?
- \_\_\_ **2. Do you ask** questions rather than offering easy answers? "What did you learn about that in class?"
- \_\_\_ **3. Do you help** him think about ways to break problems down into smaller pieces?
- \_\_\_ **4. Do you remind** your child of times he has stuck with a problem and solved it?
- \_\_\_ **5. Do you congratulate** your child when he solves a

problem, even if it's not the way you would have done it?

#### How well are you doing?

*More yes answers mean you are helping your child become an independent learner. For each no, try that idea.*

"Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can."

—Arthur Ashe

## Resolve to make the most of family reading time

Your child is more likely to see himself as a reader if everyone around him is reading, too. To make this a great year for family reading, resolve to:

- **Review favorite** books or stories from the past year. Have everyone choose a few favorites and talk about what they liked about them.
- **Up your game.** How much time does your family spend reading together? Could you add another hour each week?
- **Branch out.** In addition to books, your family can read plays, poetry, newspapers, cookbooks, catalogs and circulars—anything and everything!



## Keep screens in their place

Recreational screen media may have a place in your child's life, but it shouldn't be in her bedroom. Research shows that kids with screen devices in their rooms spend less time reading, do less well in school and are more likely to be obese. Limit recreational screen use to areas where you can supervise.

Source: D. Gentile and others, "Bedroom media: One risk factor for development," *Developmental Psychology*.

## Hit restart on goal-setting

If your child set some goals earlier in the school year but didn't really follow through, January is the perfect time to start again. To make this the year your child meets her goals, encourage her to:

- **Talk about her goals** with others. This builds commitment.
- **Plan in detail** what she'll do to meet her goals. Help her choose realistic steps.
- **Cheer herself on!** Positive self-talk is a proven motivator.

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## Daily Learning Planner: Ideas Families Can Use to Help Children Do Well in School—Try a New Idea Every Day!

- 1. Encourage your child to start a diary or journal for 2022.
- 2. Tonight, take a walk with your child. What sounds can you hear?
- 3. Brainstorm with your child about something you would both like to learn, such as how to play chess. Check out a how-to book.
- 4. Choose a number from one to 12, then have your child list all the things she can think of that come in that number.
- 5. Write an encouraging note to your child and tuck it in her lunch box or a school book.
- 6. Teach your child to take his pulse. Have him jump up and down 15 times and take it again. Has it changed?
- 7. Send your child on a treasure hunt. Make a map that will lead her to a small treat.
- 8. Have your child replace adjectives on a printed ad with their opposites.
- 9. Together, plan your child's recreational screen time for this week.
- 10. Help your child interview family and friends in career fields that interest him. What is a typical day like for them?
- 11. Have your child set a goal and write a plan to achieve it by the end of the school year.
- 12. When your child asks a question you can't answer, write it down. Keep a list of questions to look up later.
- 13. Think of several words that start with the same letter. Can your child use them in a sentence that makes sense?
- 14. Choose a news story. Cut off the headline. Challenge your child to read the article and write his own headline.
- 15. Ask your child what she thinks are her strong skills and why.

- 16. Organize something with your child, such as a closet.
- 17. Trace your child's outline on paper. Then have him research and "map" the inside of his body.
- 18. Teach your child to call 911 in an emergency. Together, practice what to say.
- 19. Explain to your child how people reach compromises. Give an example.
- 20. Read a poem aloud. Stop to let your child guess what the next rhyming word will be.
- 21. Together, role-play a difficult situation your child may face.
- 22. Give family members marshmallows and uncooked spaghetti. See who can build the tallest tower.
- 23. Look for a new kind of transportation to try with your child.
- 24. Have your child predict the results of flipping a coin 10 times. Try it and see if she's right.
- 25. Hold a family meeting. Discuss your family's goals and successes.
- 26. Write fractions on cards. Mix them up. Have your child put them in order from smallest to greatest.
- 27. Have a family jump rope contest. How many jumps can you do in a row?
- 28. Make a chore chart with your child. List his chores and when they should be completed.
- 29. Talk with your child about things people use that come from plants.
- 30. Invent a word with your child. Help her write a definition as it would appear in the dictionary.
- 31. Have your child read the label on a food he eats. What vitamins does it contain? How much sugar is in it?

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## Daily Learning Planner: Ideas Families Can Use to Help Children Do Well in School—Try a New Idea Every Day!

- 1. Have a silent dinner. Then, during dessert, have family members share what they were thinking about.
- 2. It's Groundhog Day. How many words can your child make from the letters in the word GROUNDHOG?
- 3. Talk about all the things your child does right. List as many things as you can.
- 4. Have each family member write a funny sentence. Put them together to make a story.
- 5. Share an inspirational quote with your child.
- 6. When you read aloud, choose an suspenseful place to stop. Ask your child, "What do you think will happen next?"
- 7. Ask your child to name her favorite sport, and say why she likes it.
- 8. Watch the news with your child. Choose a person of the week. Together, read more about that person.
- 9. See how many words your child can use to describe the sky today.
- 10. With your child, estimate how many bowls of cereal you can pour from one box. Keep track until the box is empty.
- 11. Figure out the average of something with your child, such as family members' ages.
- 12. Visit a local or online art museum with your child and talk about the paintings.
- 13. Have your child write a special Valentine's message to someone who is sick or lonely. Help him send or deliver it.
- 14. Remind your child that you enjoy her company and let her know you love her.

- 15. Pick a category (cities, animals) and a letter. How many items from that category can your child name that begin with that letter?
- 16. Does your child need new books? Help him organize a neighborhood book swap.
- 17. Give your child weekly tickets worth 30 minutes of recreational screen time each. Let her cash in unused tickets for small treats.
- 18. Have your child design a new cover for a much-loved book.
- 19. At dinner, ask everyone to share something that made them happy this week.
- 20. Schedule a 20-minute family D.E.A.R. time (Drop Everything And Read).
- 21. At bedtime, allow a few minutes after the light is off for a quiet conversation with your child.
- 22. It's the birthday of George Washington. How many facts can your child list about this famous president?
- 23. Talk with your child about a choice you have made. Then talk about the consequences.
- 24. Look for a TV program on science or history. Watch it with your child.
- 25. Have family members write reviews of books they've read.
- 26. Have everyone in the family spend 30 minutes picking up the house. Many hands make light work.
- 27. Look at a blank map of the country together. Can your child name the states or provinces that surround yours?
- 28. Make up trivia questions about your family. Quiz one another at the dinner table.

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January is **National Clean Up Your Computer Month** and **National Hot Tea Month!** Here are some more fun things to celebrate in January:

- **January 1:** Z Day (On this day, those whose last name begins with “Z” get to go first instead of last.)
- **January 3:** National Chocolate-Covered Cherry Day
- **January 6:** National Bean Day
- **January 8:** Elvis Presley’s Birthday
- **January 10:** National Houseplant Appreciation Day
- **January 14:** National Dress Up Your Pet Day
- **January 20:** National Penguin Day
- **January 22:** National Answer Your Cat’s Questions Day
- **January 29:** National Puzzle Day



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