

Herbert Green Chronicle

Flag Ceremony: Remembering Pearl Harbor.

by Hunter Bebout and Morgan Bishop

December 7th, 2021 marked the 80th anniversary of Pearl Harbor. 80 years ago, on this date, at 7:55 AM, 353 Imperial Japanese aircrafts attacked Pearl Harbor, a naval base, in Oahu, Hawaii. 2,403 Americans were killed in the attack, 68 of which were civilians. The Japanese did critical damage to our 8 ships, sinking four of them. The Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor to prevent the Pacific fleet from helping in World War II. The attack on Pearl Harbor lasted 1 hour and 15 minutes.

To celebrate this occasion our school gathered in the bus circle for a flag raising ceremony. Mr. Garibay's class raised the flag at 7:55 A.M. The flag was raised at this time because it was the exact time that the attack started. To honor the great soldiers and people that sacrificed themselves in this battle they raised the flag to half mast, and had a moment of silence. This ceremony was held on the 80th anniversary of the attack. The ceremony was a fun and respectful event to commemorate this important day in American history.



Celebrating our Custodians

by Felix Ray and Baily Reynolds

On December 1st, the school held a small celebration to appreciate the custodians that do a lot for us here at Herbert Green. Mr. Garibay's class raised the flag as the rest of the connections classes gathered together and watched in honour of the work the custodians have done for all of us at Herbert Green.

It took place at the bus circle during all of the connection classes, so there wasn't too much time to say enough for all of the work they've done, but we still appreciate all of their hard work!

The President of Leadership, Josselyn Diaz, gave a small speech to the other classes, as well as Austin Owens. The rest of Leadership made signs together and held them up for the custodians as celebration! They even played some music after the celebration ended, having all the classes to go back to their rooms.

It was a small, yet special celebration, and we should all take the time to thank our custodians for doing such an amazing job every single day!



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Origins of Thanksgiving

by Taylor Fletcher and Mariah Lerch

The United States of America is not the only country that celebrates Thanksgiving. We decided to do some digging and here is what we learned about; Canada's, Germany's, and Liberia's Thanksgivings.

In Canada, Thanksgiving is celebrated on the second Monday in October every year. Originally, back in 1578, Thanksgiving was about an expedition led by the English navigator, Martin Frobisher, held a ceremony in what is now Nunavut, giving thanks for the safety of their fleet. Today, Thanksgiving is almost the same way we celebrate it in America including eating turkey, and watching football. America is not the only country that celebrates Thanksgiving besides Canada.

The German version of Thanksgiving is Erntedankfest (Harvest Festival of Thanks). Erntedankfest takes place on the first Sunday in October each year. Originally, German Thanksgiving first started in the 16th century, because it was to celebrate the harvest and other blessings of the past year. Back then, originally on September 29th Thanksgiving was celebrated when celebrants carried Erntekrone ("Harvest Crown") of grains, fruit, and flowers to the church in solemn procession, and feast on such hearty fare.

In Liberia, Thanksgiving takes place on the first Thursday in November, in the early 1880's Liberia's government made the law that the first Thursday every November would be Thanksgiving. Today it is a Christian holiday, churches auction off big baskets filled with lots of local fruits, such as papayas and mangoes. Instead of turkey and pumpkin, they do spicy roast chicken, and cassavas (a starchy root that comes from tropical trees), they also have singing and dancing as a part of their tradition.

These are just some of the countries that celebrate a Thanksgiving; there are so many more.

Native American Heritage Month

by Kalani Olanio

November is Native American Heritage Month. Long before Christopher Columbus sailed the ocean blue in 1492, Native American tribes called North America home. In 1986, U.S. President Ronald Reagan Declared November 23rd - 30th "American Indian Week". All presidents since 1995 have proclaimed November as Native American Heritage Month. The month is a time to celebrate rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of Native American people. Heritage month is also an opportune time to educate the general public about tribes, to raise a general awareness about the unique challenges Native people have faced both historically and in the present.

Origin of America's Thanksgiving

by Lillian Espinoza and Baily Reynolds

In September 1620, Pilgrims, in pursuit of religious freedom, left England on the Mayflower and sailed to the "New World"; America. When they arrived in America, the 102 Pilgrims were not prepared. Fortunately they met an Abenaki and Patuxet tribe member who taught them how to grow different crops so they could survive through the winter. They ended up needing a lot of help because of how sick and weak they were from their journey. The pilgrims were taught how to grow corn, extract sap from trees, catch fish, and were taught which plants were safe and which ones were poisonous.

When the corn was ready to be harvested, the Governor, William Bradford ended up organizing a feast, and invited the native tribes. This feast was considered as the "first Thanksgiving" and lasted 3 days, taking place in 1621. This feast consisted of only 53 pilgrims, and then 90 natives.

In 1830, New York was the first state to adopt the annual day of Thanksgiving as a permanent holiday. Later, other states chose to adopt it as a holiday. Today, Thanksgiving is celebrated, so we can be thankful for everything that has happened throughout the year.

The History of Soccer

by Nathan Allen and Hunter Bebout

Soccer started over 3000 years ago in the ancient Mesoamerican cultures. The game was played using a rock that sometimes represented the sun during different types of ritual occasions. The rock would represent the sun, and would cause the losing team's captain to be sacrificed to the gods. They started soccer for religious purposes. Tlachtli was the original name of soccer and was very important to the Aztecs and was played for mainly religious purposes. The game was played on courts, but most of the time played near temples to emphasize the sacred meaning of the game.

Another version of soccer was played in 2nd and 3rd century China and was named Cuju and was played with a round leather stitched ball. This game went away in China but was left to be revived. Then, this same game of Cuju was brought back up by the Australlians in the 1800's. About 60 years later in 1860 modern soccer was brought together in England when it detached from rugby and became super popular. This new form of soccer was played in British public schools, with no defined size of the ball. In addition, in modern soccer there are over 210 mens league's out of the 211 FIFA members association. Finally, the modern game of f`u`tbol or soccer is played with 11 players on the field, a size 5 soccer ball, a 9 ft 10 inches wide and 6 ft 7 inches high goal, and a 115 yd by 75 yd field or pitch.

In conclusion, the number 1 country for soccer in the world is the Belgian national team leading with 1832.33 points. Overall, soccer is a super fun sport to play throughout all ages and is the most popular sport played and watched in the world.



Middle School and Scholarships

by Lillian Espinoza and Baily Reynolds

California Junior Scholar Federation (CJSF) is a statewide organization founded for the purpose of early access to scholarships. CJSF is for 7th and 8th grade middle schoolers. These scholarships are to give money to college students to help pay for school. If you have qualifying grades and are interested in signing up, you can apply each trimester. To join, students must fill out an application when eligible, each trimester. Mrs. Brown hosts a meeting one Thursday a month in her classroom (room 31).

So far, in the 2021 - 2022 school year, CJSF students have volunteered to do community activities, such as volunteering to serve coffee and donuts to veterans and wrapping gifts for elementary students.

Recently, in their last meeting, on December 9th, CJSF students discussed making Christmas cards for senior homes, elected officers, and reviewed the board of directors rule. The next meeting is on Tuesday 12/14, and they are going to discuss community service activities for 2022. If you are interested in or need more experience in community service activities and high school organizations, you should join CJSF.

by Lillian Espinoza

Yearbook Club is a group of 7th and 8th grade students led by Mrs. Brown. In yearbook, they take pictures of school events and of what happens at school, and publish it on a page to later, put in the yearbook itself. To create these pages, the students use an online web program that organizes everything easily, like arranging photos, clip art and text. Yearbook meets up every Friday at school lunch, and after school every Monday. To sign up, you need to see Mrs. Brown or attend one of the meetings. The first meeting is January 7th at lunch, so attend if you are interested.

Yearbook

KHGS

by Morgan Bishop and Hunter Bebout

KHGS is our school's weekly news to keep you up to date. It includes updates to our school, new rules, or new dress code. This trimester, the news is produced by Christina Case, Jasmine Gonzalez, Josselyn Diaz, and Brody Lyons. The roles of each KHGS member varies. Christina edits and films, Jasmine, Josselyn, and Brody host, with sometimes other guest hosts or teacher/class interviews. They film announcements, interviews, and clips around campus from Friday to Tuesday, so the weekly KHGS video can be emailed to teachers by Wednesday or Thursday. Even though there are many details and props in these videos, the Leadership team wants to add many more things to it including involving students, more fun information, adding props, filming in different places around campus, using greenscreens, and making a Minershack commercial. Most of the news is filmed against the back wall of Mrs. Atkinson's room, in room 5.

Currently, the KHGS news team films with a Chromebook and the reporters use another Chromebook to display their scripts. Although the news reports take a lot of editing, our Herbert Green Leadership team does a great job of creating and delivering the news that is watched each week in our Connection's class.



Hands for Hope



by Felix Ray

Everyone has heard of Hands For Hope, right? Every so often we hear the announcement of a Hands For Hope meeting from the office. But what is Hands For Hope exactly? The mission of Hands4Hope is "to inspire and empower youth in leadership and service."

Lori Whittle, the head of Hands For Hope Club here at Herbert Green Middle School, took the time to sit down with the Herbert Green Chronicle to answer some of our questions.

Hands For Hope is a non-profit organization that is trying to help kids from kindergarten through high school to try and make a difference in their school and community. This can also include helping out with community service projects, and many other activities.

Jennifer Bassett, the founder of Hands For Hope, started all of this when wanting to inspire her sons to try and give back to their community, and try to make the world a better place, and that inspiration spread throughout the community and is now the main foundation for creating Hands 4 Hope. Jennifer is honored to have the opportunity to lead an amazing cause.

Hands 4 Hope now holds meetings during Thursday lunch at the tables behind the Office. If you are interested in learning about more, please checkout their website at www.hands4hopeyouth.org or email Lori at lori@hands4hopeyouth.org.



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Christmas's Around the World

By Taylor Fletcher and Mariah Lerch

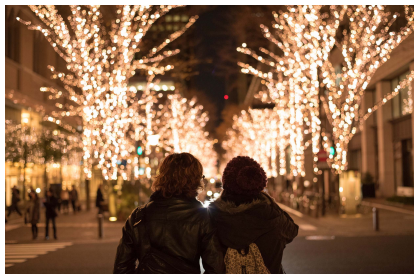
Christmas is celebrated all over the world, in different ways and traditions, as an example, Christmas in Japan is not a religious thing, it is just to spread kindness; kinda like Valentine's Day. Some of the countries traditions will be talking about are, Mexico, Japan, Netherlands, Vietnam, and India.



In Mexico, Mexicans celebrate Christmas by lighting candle processions, elaborate

nativity scenes, Spanish Christmas carols, dancing and fireworks. While traditions like Christmas trees and Santa Claus have found a place in Mexican festivities, the holiday celebrations are firmly rooted in Spanish and indigenous culture.

Japan's Christmas, Christmas is known as a time to spread happiness



rather than a religious celebration. Christmas Eve is thought of as a romantic day, in which couples spend time together and exchange presents. Young couples like to go for a walk and look at Christmas lights. On Christmas day people eat Fried Chicken from KFC and a traditional Christmas cake is made out of sponge cake.

The Netherland's Christmas eve is celebrated on December 5th, Christmas Day is called 'Sinterklaasavond' or 'Pakjesavond', December 6th just 4 days away! They spell Santa this way; Sinterklaas. A Christmas party is held and presents are in a sack outside by the door. While treasure hunt games are played with poems and riddles giving clues. They follow the clues to find presents left by Sinterklaas. Special biscuits and sweets are also eaten at the party. Biscuits are called; 'letter blanket' or 'banketletter.

Russia's Christmas, Christmas in Russia is celebrated on January 7th. Many Russian Christmas traditions originated with the pagan culture that predated Christianity in Russia. Long-standing Russian Christmas customs include caroling, fortune-telling, and following a strict Nativity Fast for forty days leading up to Christmas Eve. They eat Olivier salad, Pirozhki (Stuffed buns), Dried Mushroom Soup, Kulebyaka (russian salmon pie), Peljmeni (Russian meat dumplings), Kutya/Sochiv, and Pryaniki (Russian spice/gingerbread cookies).

In Vietnam, Christmas Eve is often more important than Christmas Day. People celebrate by throwing confetti, taking pictures and enjoying the Christmas decorations and lights of big hotels and department stores. People also like to go to Midnight Mass services to watch the Nativity plays and hear Christmas music. Lots of cafes and restaurants are open for people to enjoy a snack! A 'reveillon and has a 'buche de Noel' (a chocolate cake in the shape of a log) for dessert. Once home, dinner usually consists of chicken soup while wealthier people eat turkey and Christmas pudding.

A widespread tradition in India it to put a burning earthen lamp on their roofs. This practice symbolizes that Jesus is the light of the world. In north-west India, the Christians narrate the Christmas story and sing melodious carols in their own dialects. The population in India is over 1 Billion, so there are over 25 million Christians in India! Indian people cook a variety of foods, including biryani with chicken or mutton, chicken and mutton curry, followed by cake or sweets like kheer. Long established Christian communities such as Goan Catholics have pork dishes and beef dishes as part of their main course of their Christmas dinner.

As you can see, there are lots and lots of different traditions around the world.

National Christmas Light's Day

by Michael Mongeon and Christian Mancilla

National Christmas Lights Day is celebrated on December 1st. This holiday didn't start with the invention of electric lights in 1879.



of lights, families would balance candles on the branches of their Christmas trees—a risky practice that naturally led to several house fires. The tradition came from Germany. Germans developed a tradition of attaching lit candles to the branches of trees with melted wax and pins. Also, the creator of the lightbulb was also the first person to make Christmas lights. If you don't know, it's Thomas Edison. Today it is estimated that 150 million people buy Christmas lights each year, more than 2 billion people celebrate Christmas.

Myth of Fact? Christmas Edition

by Jordan Sanchez

Prince Albert invented the Christmas tree. In 1871, Prince Albermade a Christmas tree for German soldiers in a temporary hospital. Prince Albert is credited for introducing the Christmas tree to England in 1840. However, Christmas trees first started making an appearance in Germany in 1605. This is a myth.

The Herbert Green Chronicle is starting a new series, is it a fact or myth? Please send your submissions into hgchronicle@mlusd.net.



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Calling all Writers!



Winter Writing Contest

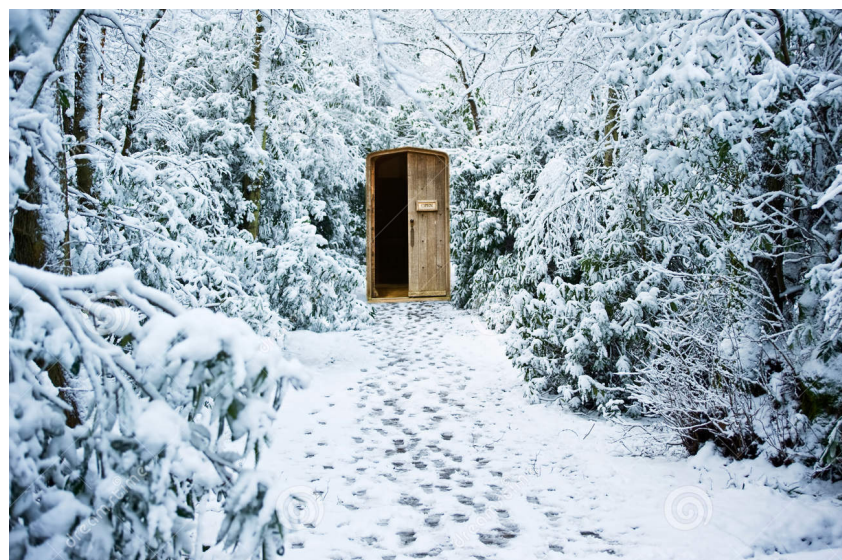
Maybe your character gets stuck in a snow storm or finds a door that leads to a magical wintery world.

For this writing contest, there are no limits, not even the sky. You just need to write a story that incorporates a winter element.

Email submissions to hgchronicle@mlusd.net
All submissions are due by Friday, February 25th.

Need Inspiration?

Check out these photos!





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Kwanzaa



by Nathan Allen and Hunter Bebout

Kwanzaa is an African American celebration held from December 26 - January 1st. The word Kwanzaa comes from the phrase "first fruit". Maulana Ndabezitha Karenga, an American Professor of African studies at California State University, Long Beach, is the founder of Kwanzaa.

Karenga created Kwanzaa because of the Afro-Americans response to the commercialism of Christmas.

The three principles of Kwanzaa are Umoja (unity), Kujichagulia (self-determination), Ujima (collective work and responsibility), "is focus". Umoja is about striving for and maintaining unity in the family, community, nation, and race. Kujichagulia is focused on defining, naming, creating, and speaking for oneself. And the third principle of Kwanzaa is Ujamaa, which stresses self-reliance in building, strengthening and controlling the economics of one's own community.

On the fifth day of Kwanzaa, or the fifth principle they light the candle representing the principle Nia, which inspires people to set personal goals, and to choose goals that benefit the community.

As the sixth principle of Kwanzaa, Kuumba means to always do as much as we can, if we are able, to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.

The last principle of Kwanzaa is Imani, meaning faith, and believing our dreams are in reach. This is the most powerful principle especially because during difficult times it brings us closer to making our dream become a reality. Lastly, a modern Kwanzaa celebration consists of drumming, music selections, many religious practices, readings, and the reflection of many Pan-African colors. In conclusion Kwanzaa is a great celebration for the Pan-African American culture.

Caroling



by Keelyn Cumings

It's that time of year! The time of year when you go outside and get an overwhelming burst of the fresh minty cold air, your nose and cheeks red from the frost. The time of year when children are playing outside in the snow or cuddled up in blankets in the living room drinking hot cocoa while spending time with their family. Speaking of family, another thing that people do as a family in winter is Christmas Caroling! What is Christmas caroling?

The first Christmas hymns are traced back to 4th century Rome, "Jesus Refulsit Omnium." Later on in the 9th and 10th centuries, Christmas Carols were introduced as the Christmas "sequence" or "prose" in Northern European monasteries developing under Bernard of Clairvaux into a sequence of rhymed poetry. In the 12th century, they began to derive music from popular songs, introducing something closer to the traditional Christmas carol we know today. Many carols which have

gained popularity today were a collection of late medieval Latin songs. Carols gained popularity after the Reformation in the countries where Protestant churches gained prominence. Today carols are regularly sung at Christian religious services. However, not all carols are religious. Another way that people will contribute to caroling is by going door to door and singing beautiful songs, similar to a choir.

Have you ever been caroling? Let us know at hgchronicle@mlusd.net.

Operation Santa Paws

by Creighton Fleming

From December 1 - December 24th, animal shelters across the United States and the world conduct a charity called Operation Santa Paws. Justin Rudd founded Operation Santa Paws in 2001 as a part of the hot dog organization in Long Beach, California.

The campaign goal of Operation Santa Paws is to stock the shelters with much-needed supplies. Our four-legged friends need to feel loved during the holidays just like we do. The organization helps animals by donating toys and food to animals in shelters.

There are over 6.5 million animals in shelters, maybe next December, you can help organize a drive for Operation Santa Paws here at Herbert Green Middle School.



Visit from UM



by Felix Ray

On Wednesday, January 19th, the 8th Graders were called up for a special announcement during 2nd period; it was for a very good, and important, reason! They were gathered into the cafeteria to discuss their 8th grade promotion and what would be waiting for them next year in high school!

Two staff members from Union Mine High School talked about the different classes offered at the high school. 8th graders not only learned about the general classes, but also heard about the clubs and electives offered at Union Mine. Students from the AVID program shared about their high school experience and explained a little about AVID.

Students were given a packet, where students are to identify the classes they want to take next year. This packet is due February 11th.

On February 9th, 8th graders have the option to go visit Union Mine and have a tour of the school for the first time. It's crazy to think that in less than 50 days, Herbert Green's 8th graders will be leaving us and moving on to high school.

Upcoming Events

by Hunter Bebout

From January all the way to the end of the year, our school has some really fun events planned.. One of those events is the Valentine's Dance. The Valentine's Dance will be after school on February 11th, for 7th and 8th graders. If you are interested in dancing the afternoon away, tickets will be sold the week leading up to the dance. In addition, the week of February 7th, the Herbert Green Leadership team will be selling holiday grams. Holiday grams are notes tied to a piece of candy that you can



buy and have sent to a friend or staff member at school. You can choose to purchase gummy bands for \$1.00, and Air Heads for 50 cents with the holiday gram.

Another event happening at school is the Winter Writing Contest, hosted by the Herbert Green Chronicle. This contest is going to be winter themed and the winners will be put in the March issue of the Herbert Green Chronicle. Students will have until February 28th to turn in their stories, so pull out your pens and write a fun and interesting story. On March 18th, there will be a whole school dodgeball tournament. This for all grades. For this tournament you pick your own teams and play after school. There is also a team of staff members that will play against a team of 8th graders! In closing, we hope to see you out and having fun at these interactive Herbert Green events.

the west African coast and into the Atlantic Ocean. To make the ships, the class colored and cut out paper models and then glued them into a 3-D ship. Mrs. Owens taught her class about how Europeans first came to America.

The class then discussed why countries set out to explore and how they began trade and building settlements. Following the project, Mrs. Owens displayed the caravel ships around the classroom for everyone to enjoy.



Cool Happenings: 5th Grade

by Bailly Reynolds



In Mrs. Owen's class, students made caravel ships. Caravel ships are highly maneuverable sailing ships made in the 15th century. They were used to explore

Garden Rejuvenation

by Aubrey McWilliams and Felix Ray

Have you heard of Herbert Green's garden? Well, if not, you're hearing about it now! Mrs. Brown and her Miner Block class have recently been trying to improve our school's old garden, and they have been having a blast doing so.

Around 4 years ago, the school completely refurbished the entire garden. However, since Covid hit, nobody has been able to keep it going, which is causing the garden to wilt and die off. Mrs. Brown decided it was time to step up and support students in taking care of the school garden. Mrs. Brown's Miner Block has been doing a great job! The garden is clear and the class has enjoyed the process of bringing life back into the garden.

Donations from local stores and families have supported the flourishing of Herbert Green's Garden.

If you are interested in helping rejuvenate the school garden, email Mrs. Brown at bbrown@mlusd.net to request to be in her Miner Block in the next rotation.

Welcome!

New Assistant Principal



by Nathan Allen, Morgan Bishop, and Christian Mancilla

Herbert Green Middle School has a new Vice Principal, Mrs. Magee. One cool fact about Mrs. Magee is that she has worked

here before! 6 years ago, Mrs. Magee was Herbert Green's school psychologist. Mrs. Magee took the time to meet with the Herbert Green Chronicle for an interview. One of the things that we learned is that she loves all the students and staff. She wants to make sure students are safe and having a great time at Herbert Green.

We also learned that Mrs. Magee's favorite color is any shade of blue. Mrs. Magee has a pitbull named Oliver (Olli for short) and she is a hobbist. This means she enjoys doing a lot of hobbies. Some of the hobbies that Mrs. Magee enjoys are: growing and canning vegetables, baking, riding motorcycles, going to the ocean, traveling, and doing DIY projects around her house.

If you run into Mrs. Magee on campus, make sure to say hello and make her feel welcomed.

8th Grade Girl's Basketball



by Lillian Espinoza and Baily Reynolds

The girl's 8th-grade basketball team's tryouts were on January 4th. Nine players were selected to be on the team; Baily Reynolds, Delilah Guzman, Kyra Wooden, Ruby Diaz, Aurora Geary, Bridgette Helmer, Allison Ryan, and Barissa. Both the eighth and the seventh-grade team is coached by Macy Ball.

This is Macy's first year coaching at Herbert Green and she is doing a great job. Before the girls' Basketball season started, she coached Herbert Green's boys basketball team.

Practices are on Mondays and Wednesdays after school. Games are on Tuesdays and Thursdays, sometimes at Herbert Green, sometimes at other middle schools. Before the games, the players warm-up and do different stretches and layup lines, or shooting drills. So far, the

teams have gone into overtime twice. The 8th-grade team has lost both games, one game by only one point, and the other by a basket.

Mother Lode Wrestling

by Isaiah Vasquez

In January, wrestling for Indian Creek Elementary School and Herbert Green Middle School started. Just like any sport, it started with practice. Wrestling practice is at 4:30 in Herbert Green's cafeteria. The wrestling team has a meet coming up on 2/12/2022 at local schools.

Some of you may not know a lot of wrestling. Wrestling is all about a combat sport involving grappling-type techniques such as clinch fighting, throws and takedowns, joint locks, pins and other grappling holds. Wrestling is divided into weight classes, so that players are competing against those of a similar size. To win a wrestling match, wrestlers need to pin their opponent. Wrestling matches last about six minutes and pinning an opponent is easier said than done. To compete, athletes must wear safety gear, because wrestling can be dangerous. Wrestlers must wear shorts or sweatpants, wrestling shoes, and wrestling headgear. Note the word wrestling, the safety gear is made specifically for the sport of wrestling.

Wrestling is not just a middle school sport. Athletes can go onto play in high school, college, and even the olympics! If you would like to learn more about our school's wrestling team, or would like to join next season, go speak with the office.

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History of New Year's

by Erik Jiminez

New Year's Day was instituted by Caesar on January 1st as the first day of the year, partly to honor the month's namesake: Janus, the Roman god of beginnings, whose two faces allowed him to look back into the past and forward into the future. New Year's Day is a festival celebrated around most of the world on January 1st. Another festival celebrated is New Year's Eve, which is the day before New Year's Day which is also celebrated around most of the world. The celebration part is obvious as our birthdays do, New Year's Day provides us a chance to celebrate having made it through another 365 days. However there are many ways people celebrate these traditions around the world. Common traditions include attending parties, eating special New Year's food, making resolutions for the new year and watching fireworks displays, but one of the most popular traditions is the ball drop most popular in Times Square NYC is a tradition celebrated around most of the world where a huge crowd of people gather and watch a ball drop at midnight depicting the New Year.



by Taylor Fletcher and Mariah Lerch

Lots of Countries around the world celebrate New Years, most people go and watch fireworks or go visit family. Today we are going to talk about how New Year's Day is celebrated in Vietnam, Australia, Egypt, and Japan.

In Vietnam, children will receive red envelopes with money from their older relatives. New Year's Day is celebrated with people in the streets making loud noises, using firecrackers, drums, bells, and gongs to ward off evil spirits. There is also a

parade that takes place on this day with a dance that symbolizes driving out evil and bringing good luck and health. They celebrate New Years on Tuesday, Friday 1. In Vietnam people say Happy New Year like this; Chúc Mừng Năm Mới and Cung Chúc Tân Xuân (gracious wishes of the new spring).

Australia's New Year's traditions look much different than Vietnam's. Many Australians celebrate New Year's Eve on boat cruises, urban parklands, or beaches. Others hold special parties or barbecues at their own homes. As the clock strikes midnight to mark New Year's Day, fireworks are launched to farewell the old year and to welcome the new year.

Similar to Australians, Egyptians usher in the New Year with fireworks, parties, and family gatherings. However, something that is unique to Egyptian New Year's is cabbage. Egyptians eat cabbage for good luck and prosperity.

Japan's New Year's tradition looks similar to many others with fireworks and family gatherings. However, something unique about Japan's New Year's is ozoni. Ozoni, also known as ozoni or zoni, is a soup dish that is traditionally eaten on New Year's Day. Although there are many variations, the dish usually consists of mochi, chicken, various vegetables, and sometimes tofu as well.

Chinese New Year



by Creighton Fleming

Chinese New Years, just like the New Years we celebrate each year, is celebrated all around the world. Chinese New Year, also known as Lunar New Year, is a festival that celebrates the beginning of spring. Lunar New Year starts on February 1 and ends February 16th.

The holiday is believed to have started sometime during the Shang Han Dynasty between 1600-1046BC.

Today, Chinese New Year is full of festivals, celebrations, dancing and food. The food people eat during Chinese New Year's is not just because it tastes good, the food they eat also holds significance and symbolizes different things. People eat fish for prosperity, dumplings and spring rolls for wealth, spring rolls, sweet rice balls for family togetherness, fruit for fullness and wealth, and noodles for happiness, longevity, and good fortune.

Korean New Year's



by Morgan Bishop

The Korean New Year is celebrated on Tuesday, February 1. The celebration usually lasts three days: the day before Korean New Year, Korean New Year itself, and the day after Korean New Year. During this time, many Koreans visit family, perform ancestral rites, wear hanbok, eat traditional food, and play folk games. Additionally, children often receive money from their elders after performing a formal bow. The Korean new year is one of the most important holidays for Korea because it is a national holiday commemorating the first day of the Korean calendar. An interesting fact about New Years in Korea is that it is called Seollal. Korean New Year generally occurs in January or February on the second new moon after the winter solstice, unless there is an intercalary eleventh or twelfth month in the lead-up to the New Year. In such a case, the New Year falls on the third new moon after the solstice.

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Career:

Professional Video Gamer

by Destden Flynn

Did you know that the Nintendo Gameboy was the first video game in space?

In modern times, video games have become similar to sports; so much so that ESPN now has an E-Sports channel, which covers professional video game competitions all around the world. Many students at Herbert Green Middle School enjoy playing video games. Similar to those who play sports, middle school video gamers have aspirations to become professional video gamers. How cool would it be to get paid to play video games?!

To become a professional video gamer is not as easy as one would like to think. The first thing you will need is a Youtube or a Twitch account. You do not need a \$2,000+ computer to start your professional gaming career, all you need is PS4/PS5. Personally, I recommend the PS5, whenever you get a notification with a PS4 the screen turns blue when you're streaming and a grey and black bar appears at the top of the screen (this shows up in your stream video). However, with the PS5, when you get a notification, it doesn't show on your stream. The PS5 also has a lot better quality than the PS4.

Another way to enter into the realm of a professional video gamer is to play in video game tournaments. Some tournaments are in-person and others are online.

Having a love for video games does not mean you need to go professional, maybe designing, creating, and/or testing video games is a future career option. Would you be interested in learning more about this? Email us at hgchronicle@mlusd.net and you might just see that article in our next edition of the school newspaper.

The 49ers

by Creighton Fleming

In 1946, Tony Marabito founded the San Francisco 49ers football team. The name 49ers is inspired by those who came to California in 1849 in search of gold. The 49ers didn't make an appearance or win a

Super Bowl until 1986; 36 years after they were founded.

On January 24th, 1982, at Super Bowl XVI, the 49ers won their first Super Bowl, defeating the Cincinnati Bengals 26 - 21.

This year, the 49ers almost made their 8th appearance at a Super Bowl. However, on Sunday, January 30th, the 49ers lost in the playoffs to the Los Angeles Rams 17 - 20.

Video Game of the Month: Riders Republic

by Michael Mongeon and Isaiah Vasquez

On October 28th, Ubisoft released Riders Republic, a new video game on multiple platforms, the platforms include ps4,ps5,pc ,xbox1, xbox series x,stadia and luna. Riders Republic is where you go online with multiple players and are able to ride bikes including mountain bikes and others, you can also hang glide, snowboard, ski, and a few other things. You can have a max of five players in your team. There is no main quest for it, but you can play open world. Open world means that you can walk around the video game landscape freely and with no objective.

The purpose of this game is to earn points by doing tricks, not crashing, and travelling in a straight line.

This game is rated T for Teens and Common Media Sense states that this game is appropriate for children 13 years and older, although children have rated this appropriate for kids ages 8 and up. If this game sounds like something you would like to try, make sure to get parent or guardian permission first.

The Baltimore Ravens

by Christian Mancilla

The Baltimore Ravens are a professional American football team based in Baltimore, Maryland. The team plays its home games at M&T Bank Stadium and is headquartered in Owings Mills, Maryland. The Ravens were founded in 1996 and made their first appearance in the playoffs in 2000.

In 2001, the Ravens won their first Super Bowl in 2001 against the New York Giants,

winning 34 - 7. At this Super Bowl, Super Bowl XXXVm Ray Lewis earned MVP honors and Defensive Player of the Year.

Twelve years later, under the leadership of a different quarterback, Joe Flacco, the Ravens took home their second Super Bowl win. In Super Bowl XLVII, the Raven's defeated the 49ers 34 - 31. I wonder if 34 is their favorite number!

On December 5th, 2021, the Ravens lost 19 - 20 against the Pittsburgh Steelers, taking them out of contention for the 2021 - 2022 playoffs.

Rare Sea Creatures

by Taylor Fletcher

In Newspaper, we start class by watching CNN 10, a 10-minute news show designed for middle school and high school students. On a recent episode, Michael Azuz was reporting on a rare sea creature that was spotted off of the coast of Australia; this inspired me to research rare sea creatures that I have never heard about. Have you ever heard of the Halimeda Ghost Pipefish and Vampire Squid? Until this article, I know I haven't.

The Halimeda Ghost Pipefish may look like a plant, but it's actually a fish in disguise and floats nearly motionless, with its face facing downwards. This fish can be found in the Indian Ocean, in the Western into-pacific, from the Maldives to Marshall Island. They feed on tiny crustaceans, sucked inside through their long snouts. It can mimic perfectly with Halimeda algae leaves and it's almost impossible to think it's not a plant!

Vampire Squid can be found in the Ocean depths from 2,000-3,000 feet. This squid was found during the Valdivia Expedition in 1898-1899. The Vampire Squid are cephalopods that look a lot like a football. They get their name "vampire" because of their dark-blood-red coloration colors. This squid's body is covered with light-producing organs called photophores, giving the squid the unique ability to "turn itself on or off" through a chemical process called "Bioluminescence". The squid can also camouflage in the dark when the photophores are off.

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National Cookie Day



by Lillian Espinoza

National Cookie Day is celebrated each year on December 4th. This day is all about celebrating your love for cookies!

The word cookie is derived from the Dutch word koekje, which translates to "little cake." Dutch bakers used to take little amounts of cake batter to test the temperature of the oven. Cookies were then discovered to be a sweet, sugary snack, and people continued to make cookies after the discovery.

Every year on December 4th, people warm up their ovens and bake their favorite cookies. Many people share their newly baked goods with friends and family.

Staff Survey:

What's your Favorite Cookie?

by Isaiah Vasquez

December 4th is National Cookie Day. The national holiday was invented in 1987 by Matt Nader, founder of the Blue Chip Cookie Company in San Francisco.

In honor of National Cookie Day, we decided to poll our staff and teachers here at Herbert Green Middle School.



Here are some of the teacher's favorite cookies:

- oatmeal chocolate chip
- snickerdoodle
- oatmeal with cranberries and dark chocolate chips
- white chocolate chip
- molasses
- oatmeal raisin
- peanut butter
- any cookies without fruit
- carb-less cookies
- gluten free and keto friendly cookies
- vegan gluten free chocolate chip

In our poll, we learned about a cookie that was new to us, alfajores (Ms. Ana's favorite cookie). Alfajores remind us of oreos. Instead of chocolate wafers stuffed with icing, it's vanilla cookies, stuffed with dulce de leche (caramel like sauce), and coated in coconut.



No School January 17th. Why?



by Felix Ray

Recently, we had a 3 day weekend, the week of January 17th. The three-day weekend was to honor the Civil Rights advocate Martin Luther King Jr.,

Martin Luther King Jr was one of the most passionate and visible spokesmen for Civil Rights for people of color. His most famous speech is his "I Have A Dream" speech. In this speech, he shared his vision about everyone being equal, regardless of their skin color.

In 1983, President Ronald Reagan officially signed a bill that declared the third Monday was January to be an official federal holiday. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday is actually on January 15th.

While it was announced as an official holiday, not all of the 50 states recognized the holiday at first. It took almost 20 years for all 50 states to truly see and recognize the new holiday in 2000.



