



Central Scoop

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Pronunciation Debate

Is it pronounced caramel or carmel? Does crayon have two syllables or one? How do you pronounce pecan; pee-KAHN, pi-KAHN, PEE-kan, PEE-kahn? In this issue of Central Scoop, we will finally reveal which pronunciations are correct.

Caramel - The correct spelling is “caramel,” but both pronunciations are technically correct. Carmel is actually a name for people and places, while caramel is the candy many people have had pronunciation arguments about for a long time. “Carmel” is more popular west of the Ohio river. “Caramel” is more popular east of the Ohio River.



Crayon - Both common pronunciations for “crayon” are correct. It is more commonly pronounced with two syllables, “cray-on,” but many people say it with one syllable, sounding like “cran.” Fun fact, crayon is also a verb meaning “to draw with a crayon.”

Pecan - In the dictionary, only two correct pronunciations for “pecan” are listed: “pə'kän” and “pē,kan.” The two sound like “pee-KAHN” and “pi-KAN.” Some dictionaries list other pronunciations, but those are the most commonly listed as correct.

Route - If you say route like “rowt” or “root,” you are saying it correctly. However, “root” is the more British pronunciation. “Rowt” (rhyming with “trout”) is the more American pronunciation.

Take our pronunciation poll here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdKfwoZDFHHmBtmkj_oqjJSmhC7Mix4a1NJpd_qLSvNQEWKXQ/viewform

Crazy Dates in December

- 1 Eat a Red Apple Day
- 2 National Fritters Day
- 3 Advent begins, date varies
- 3 National Roof over Your Head Day
- 4 Santa's' List Day - we hope you are on the "Nice" list
- 4 Wear Brown Shoes Day
- 6 St. Nicholas Day
- 6 Mitten Tree Day
- 6 Put on your own Shoes Day
- 7 International Civil Aviation Day
- 7 Letter Writing Day
- 7 National Cotton Candy Day - would you like some fairy floss?
- 7 Pearl Harbor Day
- 8 National Brownie Day
- 8 Take it in the Ear Day
- 9 Christmas Card Day
- 9 International Children's Day - Second Sunday in December
- 9 National Pastry Day
- 10 Human Rights Day
- 12 Chanukah - date varies
- 12 Poinsettia Day
- 13 Ice Cream Day
- 13 Violin Day
- 14 International Monkey Day
- 14 Roast Chestnuts Day
- 15 Bill of Rights Day
- 15 National Lemon Cupcake Day
- 16 National Chocolate Covered Anything Day
- 17 National Maple Syrup Day
- 18 Bake Cookies Day
- 19 Look for an Evergreen Day
- 19 Oatmeal Muffin Day
- 20 Go Caroling Day

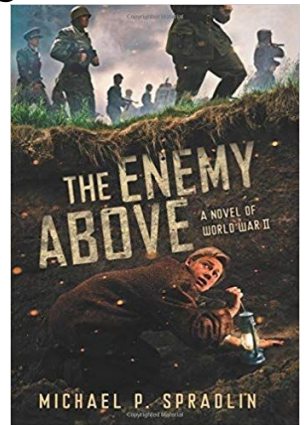
21 Crossword Puzzle Day
21 Forefathers Day
21 Humbug Day
21 Look on the Bright Side Day
21 National Flashlight Day
21 Winter Solstice - the shortest day of the year, date varies
22 National Date Nut Bread Day - or September 8!?
23 Festivus - for the rest of us
23 Roots Day
24 National Chocolate Day
24 National Eggnog Day
25 Christmas Day
25 National Pumpkin Pie Day
26 Boxing Day
27 Make Cut Out Snowflakes Day
27 National Fruitcake Day
28 Card Playing Day
29 Pepper Pot Day
30 Bacon Day
30 National Bicarbonate of Soda Day
31 Make Up Your Mind Day
31 New Year's Eve
31 Unlucky Day

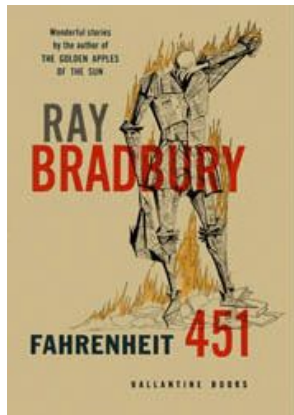


Book Suggestions

Summary: “A web of underground caves seems like the perfect place to hide. But danger lurks above the surface. Ruthless Major Karl Von Duesen of the Gestapo has made it his mission to round up every Jew in the Ukrainian countryside. Anton knows if his community is discovered, they will be sent off to work camps...or worse” (Spradlin).

Genre: Historical Fiction
A.R. Level: 5.0
A.R. Points: 6 points





A classic novel

A.R Level: 5.2

A.R Points: 7

Summary: Fahrenheit 451 is a dystopian novel about Guy Montag, who is a fireman. All his life he had always assumed firemen only burnt down houses with books in them rather than stopping the fire. His wife, friends, and coworkers always ignore the fact they are burning books. Until one day he meets his new neighbor, Clarisse, who makes him think otherwise. This gave him a new mindset and nobody could stop him from reaching it...nothing.



Champion By Marie Lu

**Genre: YA Fiction
(Dystopian)**

Book One: Legend

Book Two: Prodigy

A.R. Level: 5.7

Points: 15.0

June and **Anden** have a lot of work to do: keep the Republic from losing the war, cure the plague, keep the people in check, negotiate assistance from Antarctica, hunt down all of the dissenters (and Thomas and Commander Jameson), train a new Princeps-Elect, and everything else a failing nation requires to pull through a war. Plus, the Colonies are out to kill her, and she might not even survive this war in the first place, let alone deal with it. But, more importantly, how will her love for **Day** survive if her guilt of causing him so much pain causes her to pull away? **Day** is losing his mind. The side effects of the Republic's experimentations on him are gradually killing him; he's no longer the guy he used to be. He can barely watch as **Tess**, **Eden**, **Kaede**, and **June** give their all to the war efforts--for the better or for the worse--while his body fails him. How much longer does he have to live? And how will his love for **June** live on if she's the one who bring him so much grief every day?

The war between the Colonies and the Republic is escalating. It's taking its toll on Anden, June, Day, and the rest of the country. How will it all end? Though, will they even survive long enough to make it to that point?

Student Spotlight

This month, we are highlighting students from sixth grade that have done an outstanding job with staying on top of things and putting in extra effort with their everyday work. These

students are Madeline Roth, Erica Wiese, Ella Bugos, Julian Ortiz, Ethan Kopinski, and Jake Faulkner. Congratulations!

Staff Spotlight

For this month, we asked some sixth grade students who their favorite teachers were. The two they came up with the most were Mrs. Uftring and

Mrs. Martin. Congratulations on creating captivating and interactive classes that many of your students enjoy!

Extracurriculars

The sign-language is an academic club that meets every month. It's run by Mrs. Fogle and she helps the students learn different parts of sign-language. There are two different levels of this club-- the regular and advanced clubs. To be in the advanced club, a student must have at least one year of prior experience in the club.

Narrative

Something Unknown by Ellie Reetz and Lilly McGreevy

All around me, people walked around with colorful lights in tiny, thin boxes. They tapped on the boxes and put their ear up to the boxes. Some of them talked to the boxes. I approached a child sitting on a bench, staring at a box. There were people inside the box! They were singing a strange song. "How did that person get stuck in there!" I yelled. The child turned around and screamed. What was he so startled of? I ran from the bench into a crowded place.

As I walked by, children pinched their noses. Did I smell bad? Embarrassed, I entered a strange building. Something smelled very pleasant. I wondered if it was the perfume that the wealthy royals wore back home.

“Can I help you?” a woman asked.

“What is that delightful fragrance?” I responded.

“It’s our latest perfume collection. Only fifty-nine dollars.”

“Dollars?”

“That’s right.”

To be continued in the January Central Scoop

Fun Facts

- President Coolidge started the National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on the White House lawn in 1923. Teddy Roosevelt banned the Christmas tree from the White House for environmental reasons.
- December is the Human Rights month.
- Male reindeer shed their antlers in winter, so the reindeer pulling Santa’s sleigh are more than likely female.

Jokes of the Month

Q: What is the fear of Santa Claus called?

A: Claustrophobia

Ba Dum Pshh.....

Q: Why does Santa Claus like to go down the chimney?

A: Because it soots him

Ba Dum Pshh.....

This Month’s Poll

Click <https://linkto.run/p/WI165IZE> to vote.

Click <https://linkto.run/r/WI165IZE> for results.



Comic

By Nick Tallon



Thanksgiving Trivia Results

Thank you to all who attempted the Thanksgiving Trivia! Here are the overall results:

- The average points earned on the Trivia quiz was 3.79 out of 7
- The most often missed question was: There are __ cities/towns/etc. in the USA named related to turkeys. The correct answer was 4 and 68.4% of the people who answered got it wrong.

CURRENT EVENTS

RIP STAN LEE

1922-2018



*He was a beloved icon and an amazing role model.
The world will remember you, Stan. Heroes never die.*

EXCELSIOR!

[Marvel remembers Stan Lee](#)