



WILDCAT LIFE

WJHS VOLLEYBALL

The 7th and 8th grade volleyball teams have had a great season so far. Both teams have a winning record so far with a few games left. The WJHS girls have played hard and given their all throughout the season. They should be very proud of how well they have represented Westville Junior High. Way to give it your all Wildcat Volleyball!!!!



WJHS BASKETBALL



Congratulations to the 7th grade Boys Basketball team on becoming the IESA Regional Champions! Great Job Boys!

WILDCAT WRESTLING

We also want to give a shout-out to all the WJHS Wrestlers. They've had an awesome season so far and are working hard to improve everyday.



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HISTORY OF SPORTS



Volleyball

By Katelynn Ricketts

The history of volleyball comes from a wide range of sports. The ball comes from basketball, the net comes from tennis, and the idea for using hands comes from the game handball.

Volleyball didn't become an official sport until 1949. On July 7th 1896 the first official game of volleyball was held at Springfield College. The person that invented the game was William G. Morgan. The game of volleyball originated from the United States of America.

Beach volleyball was included in the Olympic Program for the Atlanta games in 1996. Brazil is the most successful at this event with a total winning of twelve gold medals.

VOLLEYBALL FUN FACTS

BY KATELYNN RICKETTS

- Volleyball came from the United States of America
- The first world championships were held in 1949 for men and 1952 for women
- Volleyball players jump about 300 times during a match
- The first two-man beach game was played in 1930
- The first special designed ball for the sport was created in 1900
- The longest recorded volleyball game was in Kingston, North Carolina, it took 75 hours and 30 minutes
- Volleyball is the second most played sport in the world today, exceeded by soccer
- Volleyball was called mintonette at first, but it later changed to volleyball



January Jokes

By Tayla Messmore



- What did the snowman say to The New Year?

Chill Out

- What do you say on January 1st?

You know, last year feels like yesterday...

- Where do you find Google during January?

The Winternet

- What do you catch during the winter with your eyes closed?

A cold

- What do you have in December that you don't have in January?

The letter D

- How does Jack Frost go places?

By icicle

- How do you farm during winter?

Use a snow plow

- What happened to the snowman on January 1st?

He was having a meltdown



January Quotes

By Tayla Messmore

"Celebrate endings—for they precede new beginnings." –Jonathan Lockwood Huie

"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day of the year." –Ralph Waldo Emerson

"The magic in new beginnings is truly the most powerful of them all." —Josiyah Martin

"The first step towards getting somewhere is to decide you're not going to stay where you are." –J.P. Morgan

"New year—a new chapter, new verse, or just the same old story? Ultimately we write it. The choice is ours." –Alex Morrit

"I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're doing something." –Neil Gaiman

"An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves." – William E. Vaughan





**The February astrology sign is
Pisces (February 19 - March 20)**

- ★ The Pisces symbolize the fish. It is said for Pisces
- ★ To be a flexible sign and adjust to their environment.
- ★ A pisces spirit animal is a chameleon.

Pisces are known for keeping people's secrets.



The Pisces gemstone is **Aquamarine**
 Aquamarine is a sunstone
 It changed its color by the ocean to get
 the bluish tint. Some say that the gem is
 associated with mermaids.



WITH KATELYNN RICKETTS

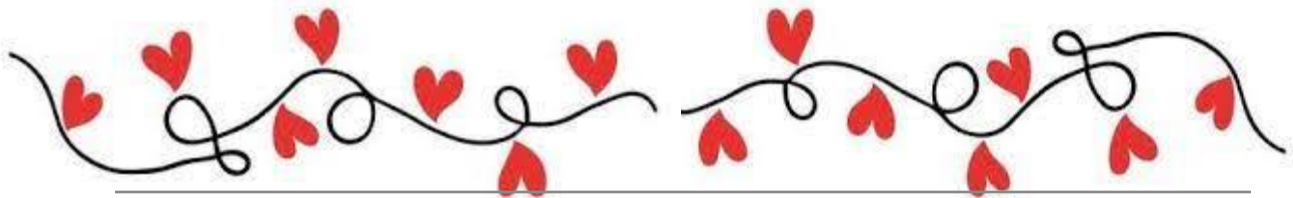
- **All purple clothing should be burned.**
- **Running is an enjoyable hobby.**
- **It's not weird to drink pickle juice out of the jar.**
- **Weddings are uniformly dull.**
- **Seltzer companies should rebrand all products as "spicy water."**
- **Pixar is better than Disney**
- **Cookies are gross**
- **The Beatles are overrated**
- **The Office is overrated**
- **Money can buy happiness**
- **Friends is a boring tv show**
- **Pugs aren't cute**
- **Country music is the best**
- **Vanilla ice cream is horrible**
- **Pizza is disgusting**
- **Hot dogs are way better than hamburgers**
- **Homemade french fries taste way better than takeaways french fries**
- **Nuts and chocolate does not belong together**
- **Pickles are disgusting**
- **Strawberries are absolutely disgusting**
- **Baseball is really America's sport**
- **Math is one of the most enjoyable subjects in school**



10 Facts About Valentine's Day

By Leylah Atwood

1. The Christian church put the St. Valentine's feast on February 15th in hopes of Christianizing the pagan holiday.
2. Valentine's day doesn't become romantic until the middle ages.
3. Cupid is based off of the Roman god Cupid.
4. According to The New York Times, it's possible Valentine's day is based on a combination of two men.
5. It's said that St. Valentine wrote the first "valentine" to a young girl he tutored.
6. There was a mid- February fertility festival in ancient Rome called Lupercalia.
7. Geoffrey Chaucer was the first to record St. Valentine's day as a day of romantic celebration.
8. Written Valentine's didn't appear until around 1400.
9. Valentine's day became popular around the 17th century.
10. Battle of Kettle Creek also started on February 14th.



February Jokes

By Tayla Messmore

- One sheep said to the other “I love you”

The other sheep said “You aren’t too baaaaaad yourself.”

- What does a ghou l call their partner?

Their ghoul-friend!

- What did the calculator say to the pencil on Valentine’s Day?

“You can always count on me!”

- What did one scientist say to the other?

You know, we have really good chemistry?

- What do you call a small valentine?

A VALEN-TINY!!!

- What did the stamp say to the envelope on Valentines day?

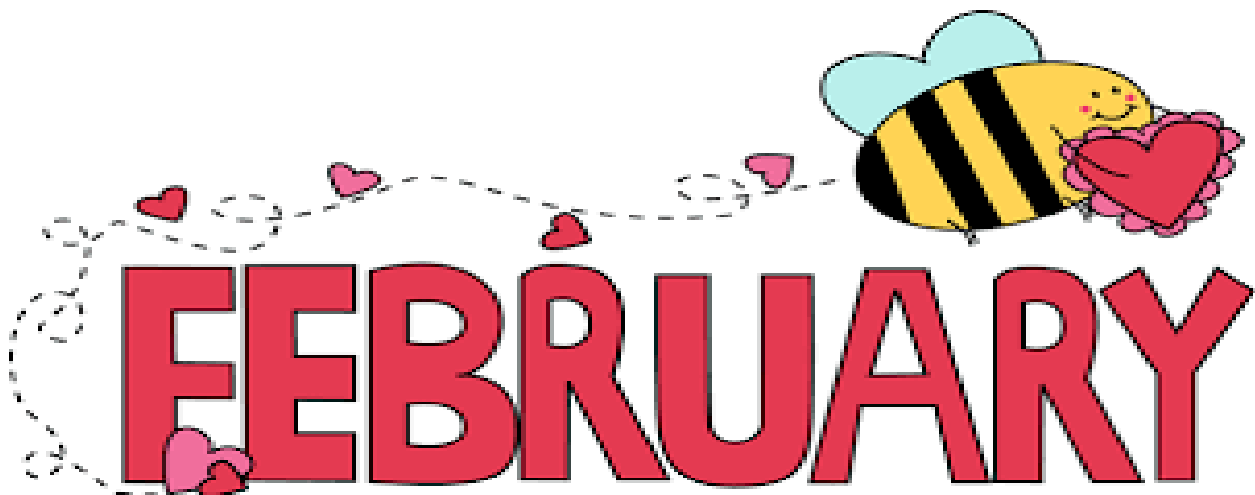
I’m stuck on you!

- What do sheep say on Valentine’s day?

I love ewe.

- Do skunks celebrate Valentine’s day?

Sure they do, they are very scent-imental.



February Quotes

By Tayla Messmore

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

"I used to want the words 'She tried' on my tombstone. Now I want 'She did it.'"

- Katherine Dunham

"In the coldest February, as in every other month in every other year, the best thing to hold on to in this world is each other."

- Linda Ellerbee

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart."

- Helen Keller



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