TMS PRIDE

February 2024

News from Mr. Burk

The weather is starting to warm up out there and the month of February has been great! The students loved Valentines Day, as they handed out their Valentine's gifts to their friends, wow the number of flowers and balloons that we got in the office reminds me of those days when I was in Junio High and High School! The staff continues to rock it with providing students at TMS with a great education. More staff have attended the Ron Clark Academy and when they get back, the reviews are amazing and watching the 1% improvement is transforming TMS. We have more staff attending the RCA February 28-March 1 and another round going in mid-April.

Our THS Wildcats and Lady Cats, both ended the regular basketball season as district champs and now await the team they will be hosting this Friday and Saturday. We have started spring sports at THS with track, baseball and softball. The JV Baseball team travels to Capitan this Saturday and take on the Tigers of Capitan, while softball and track start soon.

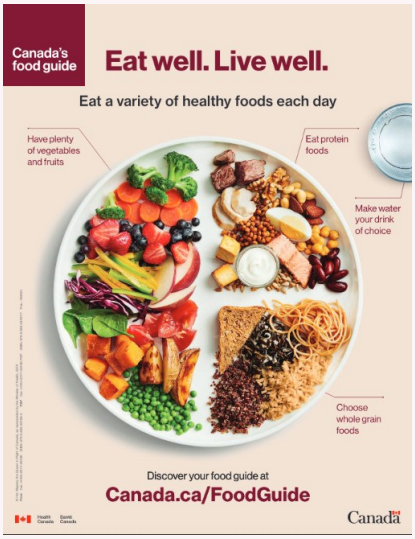


I grew up in New Mexico, and the older I get, I have less need for contemporary culture and big cities and all the stuff we are bombarded with. I am happier at my ranch in the middle of nowhere watching a bug carry leaves across the grass, listening to silence, riding my horse, and being in open space.

— Tom Ford —

AZ QUOTES

February News from the Nurse's Desk



Tips to stay HEALTHY:
Drink plenty of water
Get adequate sleep
Eat Healthy
Exercise 60 Minutes a Day
Wash Hands Frequently
Cough and Sneeze into elbow or tissue, not your hand
See your doctor about getting a flu shot

Healthy Snacks
*Pretzels
*Popcorn
*Rice Snacks
*Vegetable Chips
*Graham Crackers
*Fresh Veggies
*Fresh Fruit
Remember Portion/Serving Sizes

How do I know if my heart is healthy?

Find out if your heart is healthy using Life's Simple 7™. They are:

Be physically active every day.

Eat a heart-healthy diet.

Keep a healthy weight.

Keep your blood pressure healthy.

Keep your total cholesterol healthy.

Keep your blood sugar healthy.

Avoid using tobacco products.

To find out more visit http://www.heart.org/HEARTORG/HealthyLiving/HealthyKids/LifesSimple7forKids

February is Heart Healthy Month

Normal Heart Rate		Normal Blood Pressure	
Children		Children	
		Systolic /	Diastolic
Ages 6-11	75-118	Ages 10-11	102-120/61-80
Ages 12-15	60-100	Ages 12-15	110-131/64-83
Adults	60-100	Adults	<120/<80

Your blood pressure numbers and what they mean
Your blood pressure is recorded as two numbers:

- **Systolic blood pressure** (the upper number) — indicates how much pressure your blood is exerting against your artery walls when the heart beats.
- **Diastolic blood pressure** (the lower number) — indicates how much pressure your blood is exerting against your artery walls while the heart is resting between beats.

Counselor's Corner

Quarter 3 is coming to a close on March 8 and report cards will follow. Be sure you are caught up with your missing assignments. At the end of Q3, your grades will be made historical and can affect high school extracurricular activities and sports. Hang in there, Spring Break (March 25- April 2) will be here before we know it!

With the end of February, the love month, here is a beautiful quote, by S. McNutt, we can all apply to our lives.

"Fall in love with taking care of yourself. Fall in love with the path of deep healing. Fall in love with becoming the best version of yourself but with patience, with compassion and respect and to your own journey."

We must take care of ourselves so we are able to take care of others. Be patient and keep trekking even when the going gets tough. You matter and we care about each and every one of you.

Love,
Mrs. G

P.S. Remember to keep it classy. ;)



TMS Staff Visit RCA



Mr. Sorden, Jessica Chavez, Ron Clark, Tanya Fazio, and Regina Mares. The staff had an amazing visit in the Ron Clark Academy. The rooms were painted with amazing murals, the students were energized and the experience was positive and uplifting. Thank you Tanya for sharing these awesome photos.






RCA







FFA News





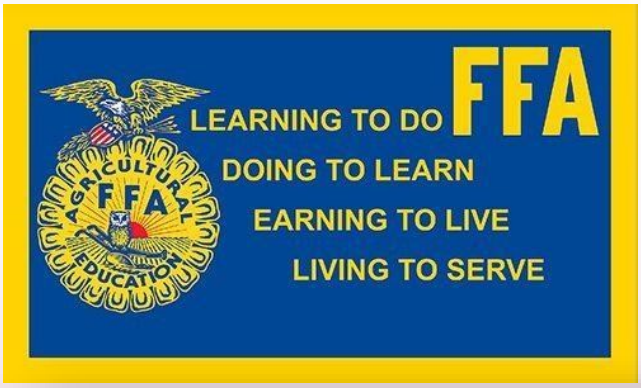
The TMS FFA team traveled to Albuquerque, NM to compete at the state level for quiz competition and the prepared speaking competition. The quiz team made second round with 15 points earned. They lost in the second round by one point. Mrs. Day stated that the team did an amazing job, the other team was just faster.

Robert Maes competed in the prepared speaker competition. He did not place but did a great job. Thank you to all of these amazing young people for representing TMS and the Tularosa community.

FFA Month






FFA
LEARNING TO DO
DOING TO LEARN
EARNING TO LIVE
LIVING TO SERVE
AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION
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FFA News

TMS students and staff were treated to a fun week of activities for FFA week, Feb. 17 to 24. This week-long tradition began in 1948 when National FFA board of directors wanted to recognize George Washington's legacy as an agriculturist and farmer. It is also a time to acknowledge how FFA has developed school-based youth leadership, offered career pathways to job in agriculture, STEM, education, communications and more. According to the FFA website, through education, experiences and service opportunities, this sets the stage for young people to grow into leaders, ultimately preparing for a career-ready workforce.

Big shout out to Mrs. Day and the FFA students who made the week fun and educational. Thank you to all who brought in canned goods for the canned food drive. Mr. Sorden had the most canned goods and won the honor of kissing the goat. Thank you Mr. Sorden for being a good sport. The teachers also beat the students in the annual basketball game 60 to 34. Thank you everyone for participating in the week long activities.

















TMS teachers beat the students in the basketball game during FFA week. Way to represent teachers!!

FFA News














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Understanding the
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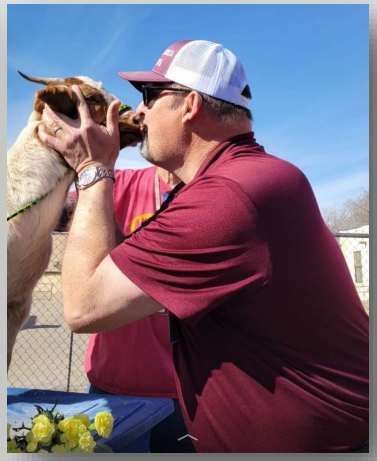

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY




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7th Grade Science Lesson in Dissecting

TMS 7th grade science classes are learning about dissecting. Mrs. Day demonstrates to students the dissection of a fetal pig to teach them about anatomy. The fetal pig is the closets thing to a human when learning about anatomy. The students learned about internal organs, veins, and skeletal structure.











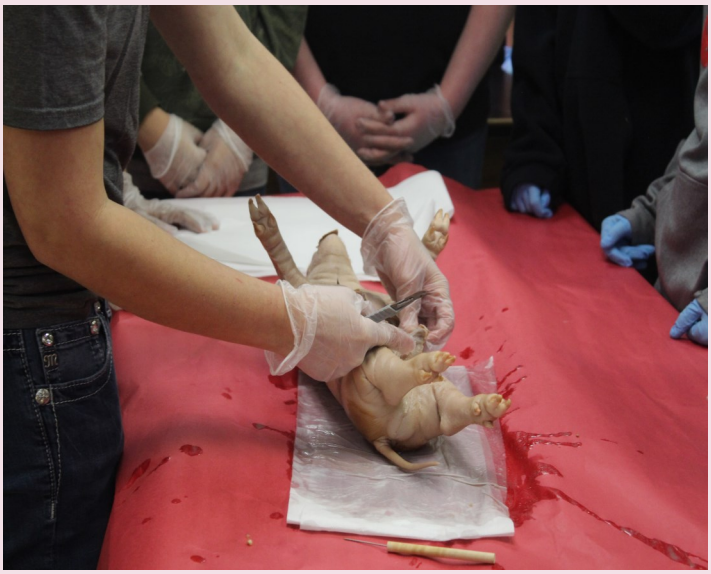


7th Grade Science Lesson in Dissecting













TMS Baseball



TMS Baseball

Xander Blaylock
Ivan Muniz
Daniel Yuzos

Head Coach: Patrick Garcia
Assistant Coach: Steven Garcia



2024 BASEBALL Schedule

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TEAMS	TIMES
March 4	Monday	Hatch	Hatch	JV/JV	3/5
March 7	Thursday	Alamo C Team	Alamogordo	JV/JV	4/6
March 14	**Thursday**	**Alamo C Team**	**Tularosa**	**JV/JV**	**4/6**
March 18	**Monday**	**Hatch**	**Tularosa**	**JV/JV**	**3/5**
March 21	Thursday	Hatch	Hatch	V/V	4/6
March 23	Saturday	Hot Springs	Hot Springs	JV/V	12/2
March 26	Tuesday	Ruidoso	Ruidoso	JV/V	4/6
March 28-30	Thurs-Sat	TBA	Dexter Tourney	V	TBA
April 1	**Monday**	**Hot Springs**	**Tularosa**	**JV/ V**	**3/5**
April 2	**Tuesday**	**Hatch**	**Tularosa**	**JV/V**	**3/5**
April 4-6	Thurs-Sat	TBA	Santa Rosa Tourney	V	TBA
April 8	Monday	Alamo C Team	Alamogordo	JV/JV	3/5
April 9	**Tuesday**	**Santa Rosa**	**Tularosa**	**V/V**	**3/5**
April 13	**Saturday**	**Estancia**	**Tularosa**	**V/V**	**12/2**
April 18	**Thursday**	**Capitan**	**Tularosa**	**V/V**	**4/6**
April 20	Saturday	Mescalero	Mescalero	V/V	11/1
April 23	Tuesday	Lordsburg	Lordsburg	V/V	3/5
April 27	**Saturday**	**Mescalero**	**Tularosa**	**JV/V**	**11/1**
April 30	**Tuesday**	**Lordsburg**	**Tularosa**	**V**	**3**
May 2	Thursday	Capitan	Capitan	JV/V	3/5

May 8-18 State Tournament

TMS Softball



TMS Softball

Alana Gomez
Kayleigh Bigas
Ani Sambrano
Abrielle Sanchez

Head Coach: Bryan Telles
Assistant Coach: Syanne Telles



2024 SOFTBALL Schedule

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TEAMS	TIMES
March 19	Tuesday	Alamogordo	Tularosa	JV/JV	4/6
March 21	Thursday	Ruidoso	Tularosa	JV/V	4/6
March 23	Saturday	Cobre	Cobre	JV/JV	12/2
March 26	Tuesday	Ruidoso	Ruidoso	JV/V	4/6
March 28-30	Thurs - Sat	TBA (Tournament)	Rio Rancho	Varsity	5 Games
April 2nd	Tuesday	Dexter	Dexter	V/V	4/6
April 4th	Thursday	Cobre	Cobre	V/V	4/6
April 6th	Saturday	Robertson	Tularosa	V/V	11/1
April 9th	Tuesday	WLV	Tularosa	JV/V	3/5
April 12th	Friday	Lordsburg	Lordsburg	V/V	3/5
April 16	Tuesday	Mesilla Valley	Mesilla Valley	JV/V	3/5
April 18	Thursday	Mescalero	Mescalero	JV/V	3/5
April 23	Tuesday	Capitan	Tularosa	JV/V	4/6
April 25	Thursday	Mescalero	Tularosa	V/V	4/6
April 30	Tuesday	Mesilla Valley	Tularosa	V/V	4/6
May 2	Thursday	Lordsburg	Tularosa	JV/V	3/5
May 7	Tuesday	Capitan	Capitan	V/V	3/5

TMS ART NEWS

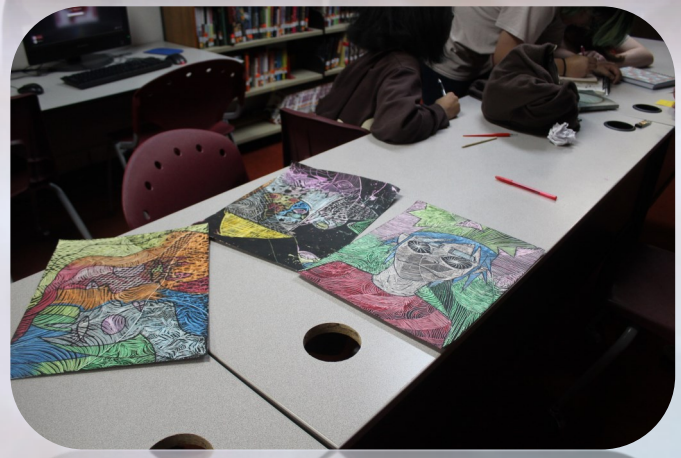
TMS art classes have been busy working on the mural in the TMS library. It will be a combination of southwester scenes, local scenes, and Native scenes. They are doing an amazing job on creating and painting the mural. We are all excited to see the final product.













TMS ART NEWS







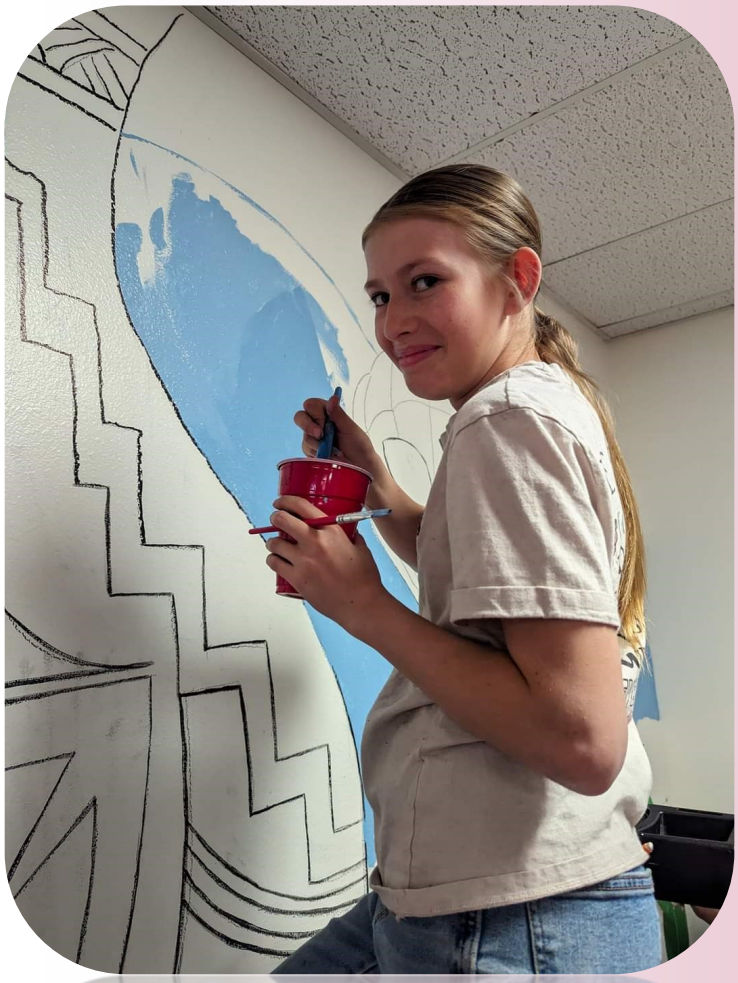





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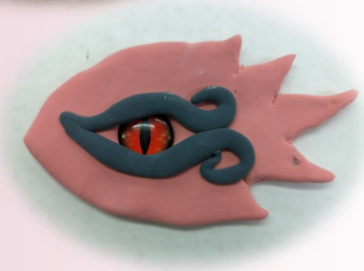


TMS ART NEWS

TMS art classes are in the process of creating dragon's eyes. The students are using clay and eye pieces to create these cool looking dragon eyes. Great job students.

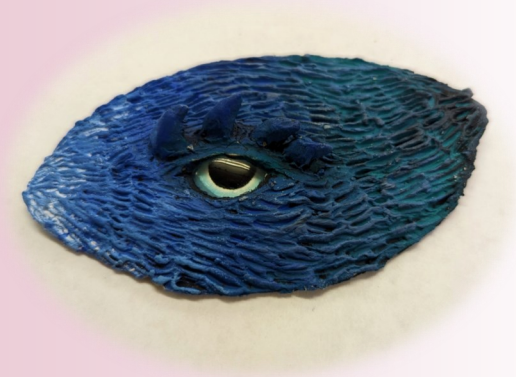


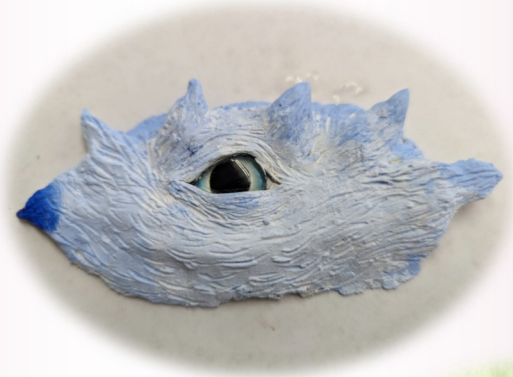




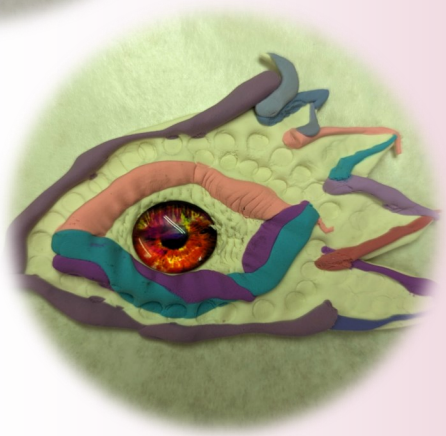










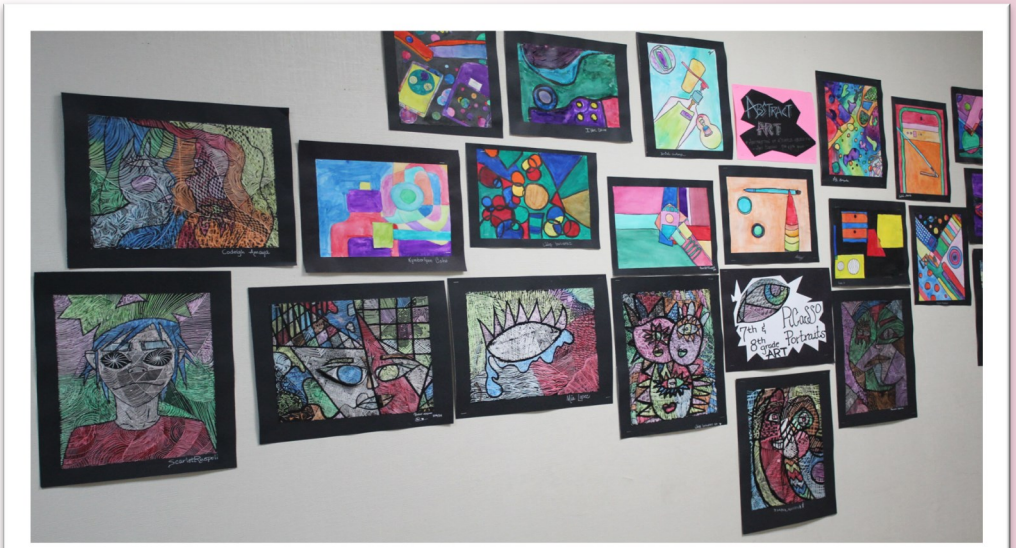


TMS ART NEWS









TMS Shop Talk

TMS shop classes are learning to use the new saw mill machine. They have been cutting logs for projects and learning how to safely operate the machine. The students are also learning the basics of welding so that they will have basic skills going into high school.

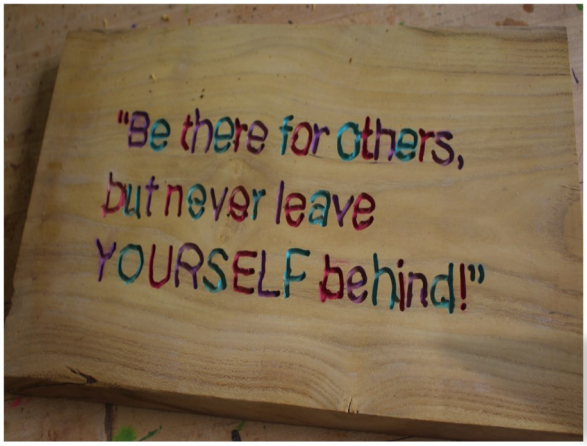
The shop classes are also busy building projects for different schools throughout the district. It is always interesting to see the projects when they are complete. They recently finished their signs and corn hole projects. Great work students!














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The Day the Music Died

By : Angelita Guilez

The day the music died on February 3rd, 1959, is really the day three of Americas rising rock stars died in a plane crash. Experts say that the cold weather caused the wings to freeze up and cause a malfunction. Those three rising rock stars are Ritchie Valens, Buddy Holly, and “The Big Bopper” they were on their way to Moorhead, Minnesota for a concert that they would never make it to.

Ritchie Valens

Richard Steven Valenzuela, better known as Richie Valens, was born May 13, 1941 in Los Angeles, CA. He was a very popular Mexican American guitarist , singer and song-writer. Some of his more popular songs are— “ La Bamba “ “Donna” and “Come Om Lets Go” .

Buddy Holly

Charles Hardin Holley, better recognized by his stage name Buddy Holly , was born September 7, 1936, in Lubbock ,Texas . He was another famous American singer with Ritchie Valens. Some of his top hits in music were— “ That’ll Be The Day” , “ I’m looking for someone to love” and “Words of Love”

The Big Bopper

Jiles Perry Richardson Jr., better known as “ The Big Bopper “, born October 14, 1930, in Sabine Pass ,Texas, was a popular American Musician that played with Ritchie Valens and Buddy Holly. Some of his top hits are - “ Big Bopper Wedding “ “The Purple People Eater” and “ Strange Kisses “.



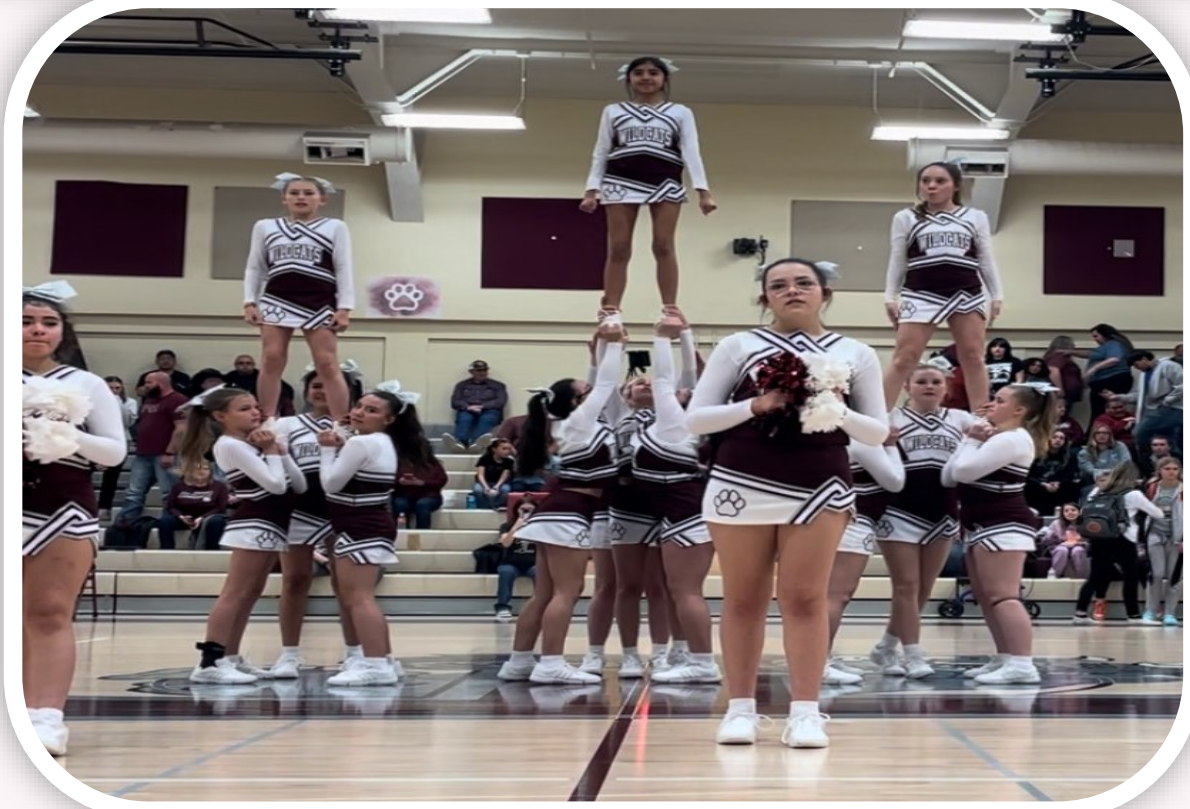
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TMS Cheer Chatter

The TMS cheer team have been working hard on their competition routines. They have been busy cheering at the high school basketball games.





Teen Dating Violence

By Rylea Gomez

Teen dating violence (TDV), also called, "dating violence", is an adverse childhood experience that affects millions of young people in the United States. Dating violence can take place in person, online, or through technology. It is a type of intimate partner violence that can include the following types of behavior:

- **Physical violence** is when a person hurts or tries to hurt a partner by hitting, kicking, or using another type of physical force.
- **Sexual violence** is forcing or attempting to force a partner to take part in a sex act and or sexual touching when the partner does not consent or is unable to consent or refuse. It also includes non-physical sexual behaviors like posting or sharing sexual pictures of a partner without their consent or sexting someone without their consent.
- **Psychological aggression** is the use of verbal and non-verbal communication with the intent to harm a partner mentally or emotionally and exert control over a partner.
- **Stalking** is a pattern of repeated, unwanted attention and contact by a current or former partner that causes fear or safety concern for an individual victim or someone close to the victim.

Teen dating violence profoundly impacts lifelong health, opportunity, and wellbeing. Unhealthy relationships can start early and last a lifetime. The good news is violence is preventable, and we can all help young people grow up violence-free.

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. Center for Disease Control and Prevention. "Violence Prevention." *cdc.gov.* 29 June 2023, https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/aces/index.html.

National Domestic Violence Hotline

Hours: 24/7

800-799-7233

National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline

Hours: 24/7

1-866-331-9474

S.E. Hinton

American Writer

Susan Eloise Hinton was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She has always enjoyed reading but wasn't satisfied with the literature that was being written for young adults, which influenced her to write novels like The Outsiders. That book, her first novel, was published in 1967 by Viking.

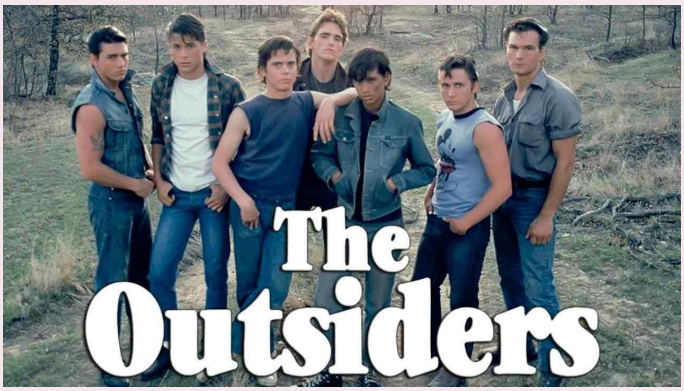
Once published, *The Outsiders* gave her a lot of publicity and fame, and also a lot of pressure. S.E. Hinton was becoming known as “The Voice of the Youth” among other titles. This kind of pressure and publicity resulted in a three year long writer's block.

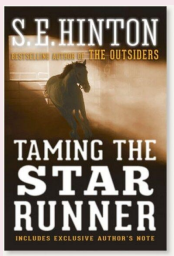
Her boyfriend (and now, her husband), who had gotten sick of her being depressed all the time, eventually broke this block. He made her write two pages a day if she wanted to go anywhere. This eventually led to That Was Then, This Is Now.

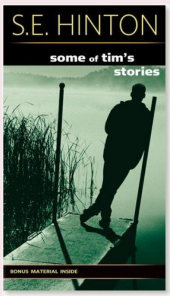
That Was Then, This Is Now is known to be a much more well thought out book than *The Outsiders*. Because she read a lot of great literature and wanted to better herself, she made sure that she wrote each sentence exactly right. She continued to write her two pages a day until she finally felt it was finished in the summer of 1970, she got married a few months later. *That Was Then, This is Now* was published in 1971.

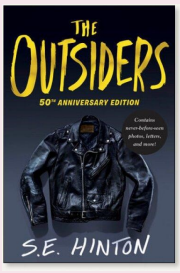
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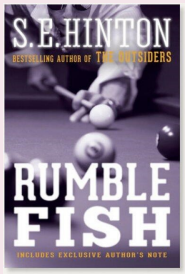


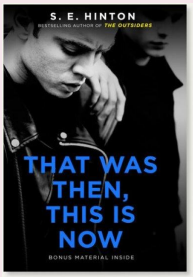


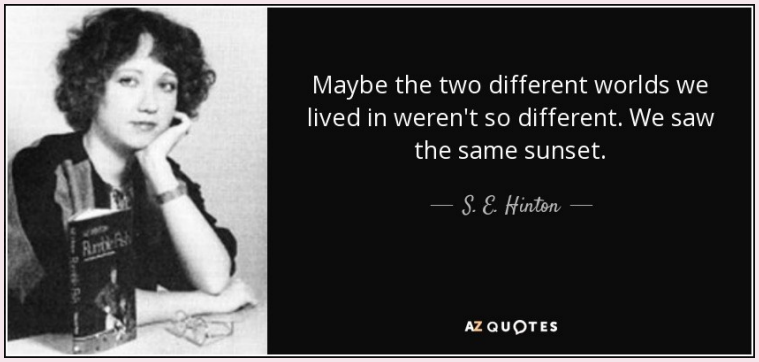


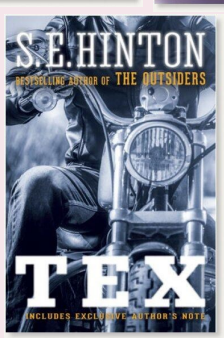


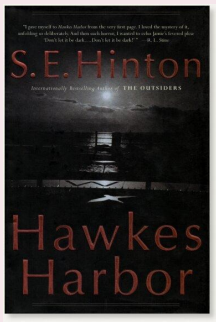


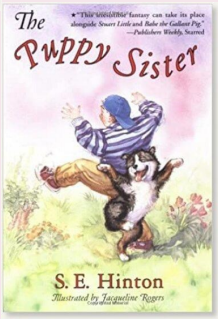












Cherry Pie Recipe

By Kashle Gililland

CHERRY PIE SUPREME

Two all-time American favorites—cherry pie and cheesecake—are subtly mingled in this applause-winning recipe. The result is a delightfully different dessert that is as elegant and exciting as it is easy-to-make.

9-inch unbaked pie shell
1 can (1 lb, 5 oz) cherry pie filling
4 pkg (3 oz) soft cream cheese
½ cup sugar
2 eggs
½ teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup dairy sour cream

1. Preheat oven to 425F.
2. Prepare pie shell. Spread half of cherry pie filling in bottom; set rest of filling aside.
3. Bake shell 15 minutes, or just until crust is golden. Remove from oven.
4. Reduce oven temperature to 350F.
5. Meanwhile, in small bowl, with portable electric mixer, beat cheese with sugar, eggs, and vanilla until smooth.
6. Pour over hot cherry pie filling; bake 25 minutes.(Filling will be slightly soft in center.)
7. Cool completely on wire rack.
8. To serve: Spoon sour cream around edge of pie. Fill center with remaining cherry pie filling.

Makes 8 servings.

BLUEBERRY PIE SUPREME

Follow above recipe,substituting 1 can (1 lb, 5 oz) blueberry pie filling for cherry pie filling.

"Cherry Pie Supreme Recipe Card-Vintage." *Recipecurio.com.* 2006-2024, https://recipecurio.com/cherry-pie-supreme-recipe-card-vintage/.





Bubble Gum Day

By Kashle Gililland

National bubble gum day is celebrated on February 2nd.

NATIONAL BUBBLE GUM DAY ACTIVITIES

1. Supply the gum

You may not keep bubble gum around the house, but on this day make sure your kids are supplied with a few pieces when they head to school. You might even try out a few different flavors. Taste tests show the most popular flavor among kids is strawberry.

2. Teach your kids about charity

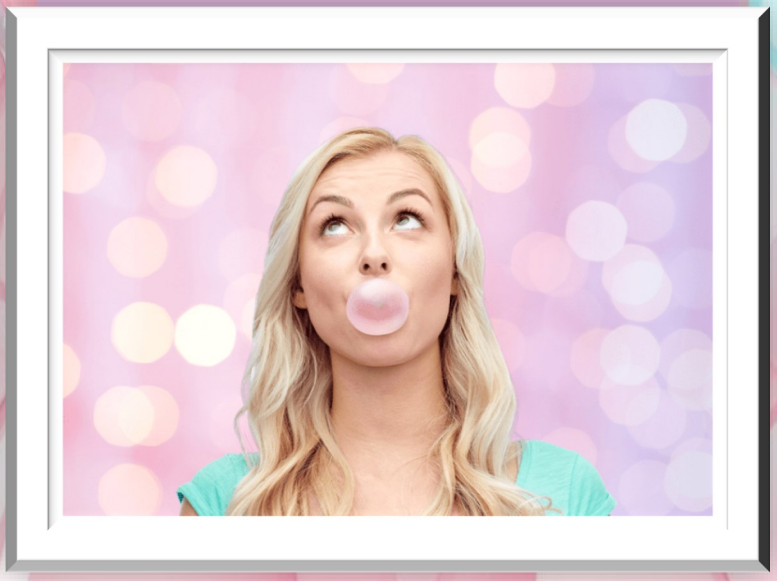
Learn more about the causes receiving those two quarters from your child. Maybe that 50 cents can lead to volunteer opportunities or other ways to raise money, such as a lemonade stand or car wash. Giving is a good feeling.

3. Hold a bubble blowing contest

If you're a schoolteacher or administrator, recess or lunch time might be perfect for staging a bubble- blowing contest. Give away prizes for the biggest bubble (some real balloons, perhaps) as a way of making the day more memorable for students.

TOP BUBBLE GUM

1. Dubble Bubble
2. Big League Chew
3. Bubble Yum
4. Hubba Bubba
5. Bazooka



"National Bubble Gum Day-February 2, 2024." nationatoday.com. 2024, https://nationaltoday.com/national-bubble-gum-day/

Top Ten Valentine's Gifts

By Sadie Portillo

1. Flowers
2. Jewelry
3. Chocolate
4. Stuffed animals
5. Cologne/perfume
6. Matching pajamas
7. Clothes
8. Handmade gifts/love letters
9. Lego sets
10. Gift cards



Valentine's Day Movies

By Imya Dennis

1. The Notebook
2. 500 Days of Summer
3. Be Valentine, Charlie Brown
4. Valentine's Day
5. The Proposal
6. Falling Inn Love
7. One day
8. While You Were Sleeping
9. Titanic
10. Sleepless in Seattle
11. The Princess Bride
12. 10 Things I Hate About You
13. Crazy Rich Asians
14. Pride and Prejudice
15. The Last Song

Stein, Megan. "60 Best Valentin's Day Movies…" *Country Living*. Countryliving.com. 11 Dec. 2023, https://www.countryliving.com/life/entertainment/g25810122/valentines-day-movies/.

15 Valentine's Candies

By Serinity Vierra

1. Fun dip
2. Chocolate covered strawberries
3. Starbursts
4. Ferrero rocher
5. Gummy bears
6. Sweetarts hearts
7. Air head mini strips
8. Hershey's kisses
9. Sour patch kids hearts
10. Little turtles
11. Chocolate roses
12. Ghirardelli
13. See's Hot Hearts
14. Chocolate peanut butter heart
15. Cupid Candy Corn

"Top Sweetest Valentine's Day Candies." candydistrict.com. 2024, https://www.candydistrict.com/blogs/sweet-talk- blog/top-12-valentine-s-day-candies.

Top 10 Valentine's Day Songs

By Lillee Ness-Brooks

"I Will Always Love You," Whitney Houston

"All of Me," John Legend

"Your Song," Elton John

"Thinkin Bout You," Frank Ocean

"At Last," Etta James

"Running Up That Hill," Kate Bush

"I've Got You Under My Skin," Frank Sinatra

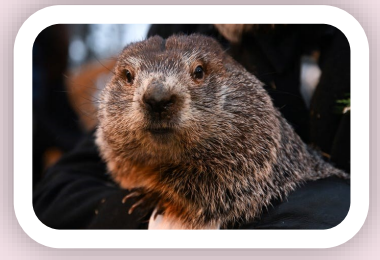
"Drops of Jupiter," Train

"A Thousand Years," Christina Perri

"Baby Love," The Supremes

"Top Valentine's Songs." Spotify.com. 2024, https://open.spotify.com/track.

Groundhog Day 2024



Groundhog Day is on Friday, Feb. 2, 2024. Though not a federal holiday, Americans tune in to see if the famed groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, sees his shadow every year on the same day, Feb. 2.

The festivities take place at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. The celebration is free to attend and spectators can enter the grounds starting at 3 a.m. The Punxsutawney Groundhog Club celebrates

In the American tradition of Groundhog Day, the nation's most well-known groundhog takes a stance on the season ahead. If he sees his shadow, he predicts six more weeks of winter. If he doesn't, it's a forecast of an early spring.

The first official Groundhog Day happened on February 2, 1887, in the very town it is celebrated in today. The holiday made a permanent home at Gobbler's Knob the following year. According to History.com, it was a newspaper editor and groundhog hunter who declared Phil, a groundhog from Punxsutawney, the true predictor.

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https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2024/01/24/when-is-groundhog-day-2024.

Library Lovers' Day

Library Lovers' Day was initially started in Australia in 2006 by the State Library of New South Wales (NSW). The day became a national holiday in 2007 when the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) joined in on the campaign to promote their passion for books. Though the aim was to raise awareness regarding the services some great libraries offer, the day soon became one that provided solace to those who were 'dateless' on V-Day.

Today is a day that celebrates love, yes, but it's also Library Lover's Day on February 14, dedicated to book lovers across the globe. The day honors libraries and the amazing life-changing books they hold within them. Before you ask why libraries need to be celebrated, digest this fact — there was a time when libraries didn't exist! The word 'library' is actually a Latin word that literally means 'a place that stores books.' Therefore, libraries were simply places appointed by the state to 'stock' books and important manuscripts for the longest time.



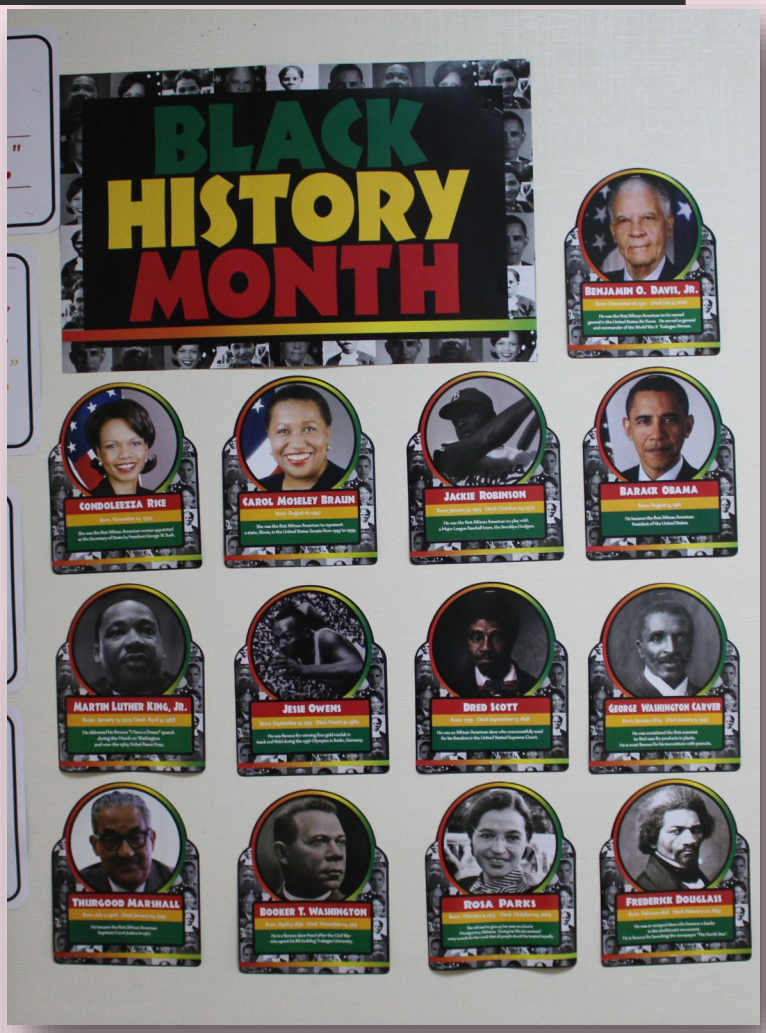
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The World's Most Beautiful Library Is In Prague, Czech Republic .

Black History Month

TMS students have been learning about Black History Month. Each day a student is picked to read a quote by a famous American honoring the history of African Americans in history. Student have read about the Black History of our country in an effort to honor the contributions of those who changed our world.













Jhene Aiko

by sadie portillo

Jhene Aiko is a famous music artist. She is a six time Grammy winner. She is 35 years old and her birthday is March 16, 1988. She was born in la. And her nationality is African--American ,Spanish, Dominican, Japanese, Native- American with German-Jewish descent. She is a very inspiring music artist. She sings mainly RnB and has a "feathered tone voice" says the Capital xtra website. She has 2 kids. She has 3 music albums, 21 music videos, 1 EP, and 19 singles. She is an amazing singer and shows no signs of stopping anytime soon.



"Jhene Aiko." Capitalxtra.com. 2024, https://www.capitalxtra.com/.

XXXtentacion

By Serenity Vierra

XXXtentacion was born on January 23, 1998 in Plantation, Florida. His birth name was Jahseh Dwayne Onfroy. Some people call him triple X Tentation. He was a America rapper, singer-songwriter and actor. He is known for Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse. His parents names are Cleopatra Bernard and Dwayne Onfroy. He died on June 18, 2018 in Deerfield Beach, Florida by multiple gunshot wounds. I picked him because I believe he was a good person and people need to learn more about him for his good deeds instead on focusing on his bad deeds. I also love his music and that he supported LBGTQ+.





"XXXtentacion." imdb.com. 2004, https://www.imdb.com/name/nm9133958/bio/.

Tupac Shakur

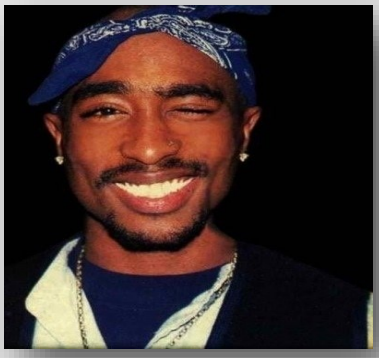
By Lillee Ness-Brooks

Tupac Shakur was an American rapper who is considered one of the most the most influential and successful rappers of all time, rapper and actor Tupac Shakur embodied the 1990s gangsta-rap aesthetic and, in death, has become an icon symbolizing noble struggle. Tupac began his music career as a rebel with a cause to articulate the still-relevant travails and injustices endured by many Black Americans.

Tupac was born on June 16 1971 in new your city. He dies on September 13 1996 (age 25) The cause of death was drive by homicide.

Latest News:
Duane "Keffe D" Davis, a former member of the Crips street gang, was arrested and indicted on one count of murder on September 29, 2023, for his role in the 1996 killing of rapper Tupac Shakur.

Biography.Com Editors and Colin McEvoy. "Tupac Shakur." *biography.com* Hearst Digital Media. 29 Sep. 2023, https://www.biography.com/musicians/tupac-shakur.



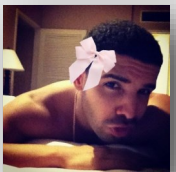


DRAKE

by Rylea Gomez

Aubrey Drake Graham, known as Drake was born on October 24, 1986. In Toronto Canada. His parents divorced when he was 5. He attended an all day Jewish school, in which he didn't feel included because he was mixed. Drake started working in the music industry when one of his classmates had a dad that was an agent who wanted funny people to future on Degrassi the show. He released his first mixtape called "Room for Improvement." in 2006 he sold over 6000 copies. Just as he thought things were working out for him he was removed from the show Degrassi for not making enough income. That same night he got an unexpected call from Lil Wayne asking him to board his flight to attend his Carter III tour. After recording many mixtapes with Lil Wayne he finally released his song. "started from the bottom" which he said he really did come from a long way and never expected to be where he is now, He now has a son and owns a Cannabis company in Canada. He continues to release songs and stick with his alter ego " I nitta max wynn."

Biography.com Editors. "Drake." biography.com. Hearst Digital Media. 2024, https://www.biography.com/musicians/drake.







Michael B. Jordan

By, Kashle Gililland

Michael B. Jordan began his career as a model and actor, and his first significant break was an appearance on The Sopranos in 1999. He later landed major roles in landmark TV shows like *The Wire* and *Friday Night Lights*. Jordan garnered acclaim for his role in the film festival favorite *Fruitvale Station* (2013) and for his role as a boxing protégé in 2015's *Creed*. He returned to the big screen in early 2018 in the wildly successful Marvel superhero flick *Black Panther.* In 2020, Jordan was named *People* magazine's Sexiest Man Alive. Michael Bakari Jordan was born on February 9, 1987, in Santa Ana, California. The son of a caterer and a high school guidance counselor, Jordan moved when he was 2 with his parents to Newark, New Jersey, where he spent the remainder of his childhood.

Newark could be a tough place to grow up; in a later interview, Jordan admitted to having friends who sold drugs and stole cars. The future actor stayed above the fray, and with the encouragement of his parents, he began modeling for newspaper ads at the age of 10.

Along the way, he also auditioned for commercials and TV shows. His first break came when he landed a small role on the Bill Cosby sitcom, Cosby. Other minor parts followed, and in 1999 he made an appearance in *The Sopranos*.

Biography.com Editors. “Michael B. Jordan.” *biography.com.* Hearst Digital Media. 2024,

https://www.biography.com/actors/michael-b-jordan .












Chief Keef

By Imya Dennis

Chief Keef is a famous American rapper, singer, songwriter, and record producer born and raised in Chicago. Chief Keef lived his early teenage life with his grand-mother in Chicago. He was born Keith Farrelle Cozart and grew up in the southside of Chicago.

He started rapping at a young age using a Karaoke machine and tapes to record his music. He is mostly known for his songs *Love Sosa* and *I Don't Like*. Chief Keef has released five studio albums. He is ofen seen as a representation of the Chiraq gangsta rap culture that is present in Chicago. The nickname Sosa is a reference to the drug kingpin in the movie *Scarface*. He has been arrested numerous times and has been in and out of jail for drugs, theft, and assault. He was only 16 when he had his first child and has fathered two more children since. In 2018 he was shot at in New York City but was not hit. He continues to lead a troubled life and is in and out of feuds with other artists.

Editors of Wikipedia. "*Chief Keef.*" Wikipedia.org. 2024, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chief_Keef.





The Notorious B.I.G.

By Allyxus Parker-Sandoval

His birth name was Christopher George Latore Wallace. He was born on May 21,1972 in Brooklyn, New York. His death date is March 9, 1997. His stage name was the Notorious bB.I.G., Biggie Smalls, or simply Biggie. Biggie was an American rapper. He is rooted in east coast hip hop and particularly gangsa rap. He is considered the greatest rapper of all time. His biggest song of all was "Juicy" (1994). Biggie had two children C.J. Wallace and Tyanna Wallace. Biggie was a straight A student . He was killed by an unidentified assailant in a drive-by shooting while visiting Los Angeles. He had 2 albums released after he was killed with over 28 million copies sold.

"The Notorious B.I.G." *Wikipedia.org.* 2024, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Notorious_B.I.G.





International Day of Women and Girls in Science, 11 February

International Day of Women and Girls in Science is an annual observance that celebrates the achievements and contributions of women and girls in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). This day recognizes the importance of gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls in the scientific community. In this article, we will explore what International Day of Women and Girls in Science represents, when it occurs, its significance, and how it is observed.

What is International Day of Women and Girls in Science?

International Day of Women and Girls in Science, established by the United Nations (UN), is a day dedicated to promoting gender equality in STEM fields and encouraging more women and girls to pursue careers in science and technology. It aims to break down barriers and stereotypes that have historically limited the participation of women in these fields.

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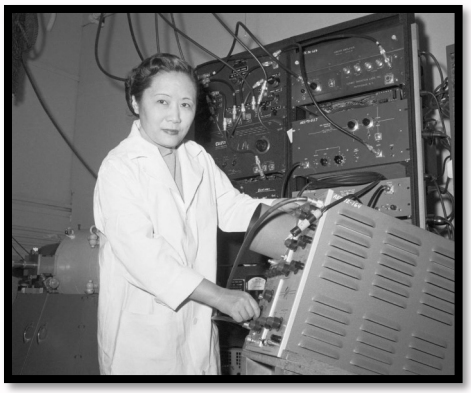
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Ada Lovelace, Mathematician
Dec. 10, 1815-Nov. 27, 1852



Marie Curie, Physicist and Chemist
Nov. 7, 1867-July 4, 1934



Chien-Shiung Wu, Physicist
May 31, 1912-Feb. 16, 1997



Janaki Ammal, Bonanist
Nov. 4, 1897-Feb.7, 1984



Katherine Johnson, Mathematician
Aug. 26, 1918-Feb. 24, 2020
Johnson's calculations of orbital mechanics as a NASA employee were critical to sending the first Americans into space. She is featured in the movie, *Hidden Figures.*

Tularosa High School Spanish Classes Create Family Trees







The Battle for Iwo Jima: February 19, 1945-March 26, 1945

Volcanic island 660 miles south of Tokyo Size: 2 miles wide by 4 miles long (8 sm) Background: Summer/Fall 1944 Even before ground operations to secure the Mariana Islands of Guam, Saipan, and Tinian ended, U.S. Naval construction battalions were already clearing land for air bases suitable for the new B-29 “Superfortresses.” These huge bombers had a range capable of reaching the Japanese Home Islands. The first B-29 bombing runs began in October 1944. But there was a problem— Japanese fighters taking off from tiny Iwo Jima were intercepting B29s, as well as attacking the Mariana airfields. The U.S. determined that Iwo Jima must be captured.

The Battle:

U.S. Marines invaded Iwo Jima on February 19, 1945, after months of naval and air bombardment. The Japanese defenders of the island were dug into bunkers deep within the volcanic rocks. Approximately 70,000 U.S. Marines and 18,000 Japanese soldiers took part in the battle. In thirty-six days of fighting on the island, nearly 7,000 U.S. Marines were killed. Another 20,000 were wounded. Marines captured 216 Japanese soldiers; the rest were killed in action. The island was finally declared secured on March 26, 1945. It had been one of the bloodiest battles in Marine Corps history. After the battle, Iwo Jima served as an emergency landing site for more than 2,200 B-29 bombers, saving the lives of 24,000 U.S. airmen. Securing Iwo Jima prepared the way for the last and largest battle in the Pacific: the invasion of Okinawa.

The Flag Raising:

The flag-raising atop Mt. Suribachi took place on February 23, 1945; five days after the battle began. Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal took the famous photograph of five Marines and one Navy corpsman raising the flag. The flag raisers were Cpl. Harlon Block, Navy Pharmacist’s Mate John Bradley, Cpl. Rene Gagnon, PFC Franklin Sousley, Sgt. Michael Strank, and Cpl. Ira Hayes. Three of these men—Strank, Sousley, and Block—were killed before the battle for Iwo Jima was over. The photograph was quickly wired around the world and reproduced in newspapers across the United States. The image was used as a model for the Marine Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery.

Awards:

Twenty-seven Medals of Honor (our country’s highest military award for bravery) were awarded for action on Iwo Jima—more than any other battle in U.S. history. "Among the men who fought on Iwo Jima, uncommon valor was a common virtue" —Admiral Chester W. Nimitz



The American flag was raised atop Mt. Suribachi five days into the Battle of Iwo Jima, on Feb. 23, 1945. The images of the flag raising that day have served as inspiration and a reminder of the bravery shown by U.S. Marines and sailors on Iwo Jima.

Names: Ira Hayes, Harold Schultz, Harold Keller, Michael Strank, Harlon Block, and Franklin Sousley. (Raised the flag)



FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL CANCER PREVENTION MONTH

The federal government estimates that nearly 2 million Americans were diagnosed with cancer (other than non-melanoma skin cancer) during 2023, and that more than 600,000 died from their disease. Research shows that more than 40 percent of these cases and nearly half of the deaths can be attributed to preventable causes – smoking, excess body weight, physical inactivity, and excessive exposure to the sun, among others.

This means that steps such as quitting smoking (or never starting in the first place), maintaining a healthy weight, exercising regularly, protecting your skin from the sun, and getting vaccinated against the pathogens that cause certain cancers, can dramatically reduce your risk of cancer in many cases.

AACR. “February is National Cancer Prevention Month.” *aacr.org.* American Association for Cancer Re search. 2024, https://www.aacr.org/patients-caregivers/awareness-months/national-cancer-prevention-month/.



President’s Day

George Washington was the first president of the United States of America. His first term as president was from 1789 to 1793 and his second term from 1793 to 1797. Before he became president, he played important roles in the military, leading the American Continental Army to victory over the British in 1783. Washington is often seen as the father of the United States and is probably the best known American politician ever.

The likeness and name of George Washington can still be seen in many places in the United States. There is the portrait of him and three other American presidents carved into Mount Rushmore National Memorial in South Dakota. His image is also used on the one-dollar bill and the quarter-dollar coin. The capital of the United States, Washington D.C., Washington State and at least three universities are named after him.

Washington's Birthday was first celebrated as a holiday in the District of Columbia in 1880. It was made a federal holiday in 1885. The holiday was originally held on the anniversary of George Washington's birth, on February 22. In 1971, this holiday was moved to the third Monday in February.

This holiday is legally designated as "Washington’s Birthday". Though other institutions such as state and local governments and private businesses may use other names, it is the federal government’s policy to always refer to holidays by the names designated in the law.

President’s Day is celebrated on Monday, February 15, or the third Monday in February.

https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/washington-birthday



