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**PyeongChang 2018**



Hello fellow Eagles! The 2018 Winter Olympic Games began in PyeongChang on February 4th, 2018. What I'm going to be talking about Olympic history, individual countries, athletes, as well as the mascot. All of our 3rd grade through 5th graders have done a poll of their favorite sport.

## Highlights

1. Snowboarder Red Gerard's run of a lifetime
2. Chloe Kim wins gold

## History

I think all of you are wondering what the 5 rings mean they mean the five continents that are playing in the Olympics. The first modern Olympics were held in Athens, Greece in 1896. A man came up with the idea in 1894.

## Some Countries That Are Playing

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|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| • Australia   | • Brazil        | • Canada      |
| • Denmark     | • Great Britain | • Iceland     |
| • Japan       | • Mexico        | • Netherlands |
| • New Zealand | • Peru          | • Turkey      |
| • USA         | • Cuba          |               |

## People On USA That Are Playing

Chloe Kim  
Jamie Anderson  
Jamie Greubel

Gus Kenworthy  
Kelly Clark

Shani Davis  
Erin Hamlin

## Mascot

According to *Olympic.org* "The mascot for the 2018 Games is a white tiger named Soohorang. The white tiger is considered Korea's guardian animal according to the Olympic website. Sooho translates to protection in Korean and rang comes from Horangi which means tiger in Korean".

## Conclusion

These are all the history, countries, people that are representing the USA, and mascot that are a part of the 2018 Pyeong Chang winter Olympics. "Go USA" signing off Aidan Kennedy'.



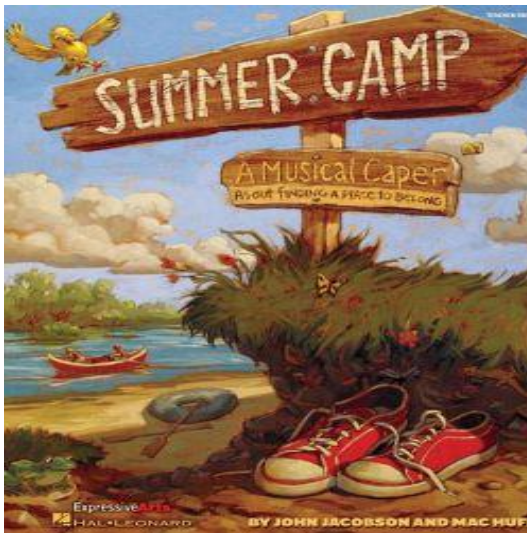
## Pros and Cons of Student Days Off

*By Riley Likes*

Usually when you hear your teacher say that you have a day off sometime this or next week you might be super excited, but in reality, a day off might not be as good as you think it is!

Pros:	Cons:
- Don't have to be at school	- Can have make up days at the end of the year
- Can do whatever you want whenever you want	- Can fall behind on a subject because you were out the day your teacher taught it





## School Play: What's Going On?

By: Sophie Wojtkowiak

As most of you might know the **Summer Camp Musical** practices already started. If you didn't know already everybody in the musical doesn't go to every practice. You won't be bored because we worked hard on this play to make it energetic, entertaining, with lots of music, and most of all fun! In this article you will learn "behind the scenes" of how the school musicals rock!

One of the ways we practice our lines and work on being loud, so the audience can hear us is that we spread around the auditorium and shout our lines scene by scene. This helps us a lot because some of the kids are very shy and fear speaking in front of an audience. My tip on how to remember a big line is to read and memorize the first sentences and then keep going until you memorize! So, remember this musical takes dedication and hard work so appreciate the musical.

## Valentine Crafts

By Samora Elam

Hey Eagles! It's Samora, and today I will be showing you some Valentine crafts you can make for the special holiday, **Valentine's Day!**

### 1. Glitter Valentine Rocks Materials: Small rocks, glitter, and glue.

**1st Step-** Gather small and smooth rocks; Then wash & dry the rocks.

**2nd Step-** Apply glue. You can use white Elmer's School Glue or Mod Podge. Just so you don't make a mess, you can squeeze a little bit of glue into a dish. Then, take a paintbrush, dip it into the glue {you do NOT need to dip a lot of glue onto the brush}, and try to make a heart on the rock with the paintbrush as best as you can {if your heart isn't perfect, don't worry because, this is just for fun!}

**3rd Step-** Sprinkle the glitter onto the rock. You can use whatever color you want. But between now & the next step, DO NOT let this dry!

**4th Step-** Shake the glitter off. No glitter should come off the heart, since there is glue on top.

**5th Step-** Finally, you can now admire your rocks or, you can give them to your special Valentine!



### 2. It's Raining Hearts

Materials: empty a cardboard cereal box, white tissue paper squares, school glue, red construction paper, string, scissors, and tape.

**1st Step-** Start by cutting a cloud shape out of an empty cereal box. Put school glue {which is basically a glue recommended by teachers} on one section at a time of the cloud and cover it with crumpled white tissue paper squares. Continue until the entire cloud is covered in the crumpled tissue paper squares.

**2nd Step-** Now, after the glue has set, tape 5 strands of string or yarn to the back of the cloud. You would want them to be about 12 in. long each. For the next step, you will need to leave the cloud face down, so the side of the cloud that the string is taped on should be facing up.

**3rd & 4th Step-** Add another layer of tissue paper over the tape. Then, cut hearts out of red construction paper. Make them whatever size you'd like. After, take a heart, place it underneath the string and place a piece of tape over the string to hold the heart in place.

**5th Step-** After you are finished taping hearts to all of the different strings, turn it over to reveal your gorgeous cloud raining hearts.



## Black History Month

By: Molly Mayes

### When and Where Is It?

Black History is in the months of October and February. This holiday lasts for the whole month. It is celebrated in places like Canada, Netherlands, the United Kingdom, USA, and many other places. It was originally called



“Negro History Month”, but was changed, because it was associated with negative feelings. It is also known as African- American Month in the United States. In the United Kingdom, Netherlands, and Canada, it is known as Black Achievement Month.

### What Is It in America?

Black History Month is a month to celebrate the achievements and history of the African American citizens everywhere. Black History Month started in 1915, half a century after the 13th Amendment ended slavery. A Harvard trained historian named Carter G. Woodson invented the Association for the Study of African American life and history, also known as ASALH. This association was founded on February 12th, 1909. His partner in crime was a minister named Jesse E. Moorland. President Gerald Ford made the holiday official in 1976.

I hope you eagles enjoyed learning about Black History Month! This is Molly Mayes, signing out!

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Watch out for the Flu!

By Maia Psocik

Everybody knows about how much sickness is going around by your parents constantly reminding you to wear a jacket! I got a few tips on how to prevent illnesses going around!

### Preventions

- Disinfect surfaces such as: counters, door knobs, and faucets.
- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and warm water.
- Stay away from people who have the illness.
- Don't go to the doctor's office while lots of people have the virus.

If you get the illness or if you have it these are some tips to get rid of it.

- Drink lots of water (The flu can leave you very dehydrated)
- Sip Soup (Chicken soup may help with symptoms of upper respiratory tract infections)
- Be a couch potato! It's better to get some rest!

### How to know if you have the flu

- Fever temperature of 100
- Cough
- Sore Throat
- Runny/Stuffy nose
- Muscle or body aches
- Headaches
- Fatigue(tiredness)
- Some people have nausea it is (most likely in children than adults)

I hope this article helped with preventions and tips to get rid of it. For more information visit these

sites

<https://www.rd.com/health/wellness/flu-symptoms/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/habits.htm>

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/consumer/prevention.htm>

# New Year's Resolutions

## Soaring Resolutions for The New Year

As I bet you already know Eagles, our first day of 2018 has come and gone! As a part of the New Year, you've probably made a New Year's Resolution. I have interviewed some relatives and students about their New Year's Resolutions. Maybe some of these ideas will give you resolutions of your own (I know that New Year's was a long time ago)!

### New Year's Resolutions:

#### Amanda Laughter: Mom

"To eat healthy, exercise more, and spend less time on screens!"

#### Ross Laughter: Dad

"To exercise more."

#### Ayla Earley: Sister, 2nd grader

"To get all above the lines in school and be good."

#### Giana Hasbun: 5th grader

"To be nicer to people."

#### Mrs. Erb: 5th grade teacher

"To read more instead of watching TV."

#### Areyonna Wilder: 5th grader

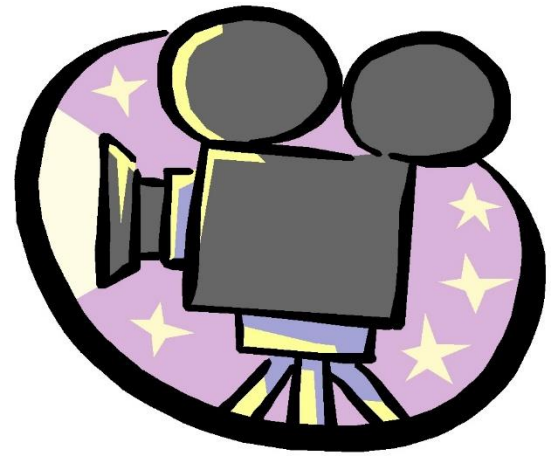
"To try new things."

Hopefully some of these ideas have inspired you for your own resolutions. But whether you have one or not, it's always good to have goals. Who knows? If you never give up on your goals, you could accomplish something big. Just don't give up!

What's your New Year's Resolution?

-Maranda Earley ;D

## Movie Time



We all have a movie that we are just waiting to come out already, but there are great movies you can see in February!

First, we have *Happy Family* which is coming out February 9. The movie is about a family in which the mom is trying to be perfect, and the dad is struggling with business and the teens feel misunderstood. So one day the mom wants to take her family to a costume party but ends up getting cursed by a witch, so now they go on a crazy adventure to release the curse. Now I know Halloween is over but please be open minded, Halloween can be any day in the year if you make it! This movie is rated PG

Here's another, it is a movie by the name of *Peter Rabbit*. Coming out February 9 this PG movie is about a rabbit who competes with a farmer [Mr. McGregor] for the affection of a warm-hearted animal lover that lives next door. Who do you think will win?

The next movie is a must see very funny comedy about cavemen who discover the bronze age, the movie is called *Early Man*. This movie comes out February 16 and is very funny. Please see the trailer when you have the chance. *Early Man* is rated PG.

Another cool one is called *The War with Grandpa*, a funny story about a boy, Peter that do not want to give up his room, this movie comes out February 23 and is a comedy and for the family!

Well I hope you see at least one of these movies because they all sound great and if you do I hope you enjoy them! And don't forget the popcorn!

-Hannah Bonnell



**Valentine's Day**

Valentine's Day is celebrated February 14 and is all about how St. Valentine saved love from being banished between people. The story starts when Claudius II [the second] decided that single men should be soldiers and not married. Soon enough he made a law for young men not to get married. St. Valentine thought that it was wrong and found out a way to sneak marriage. Did you know once Claudius II found out he immediately put St. Valentine to death?

**Groundhog Day**

Groundhog Day is celebrated February 2 and is about how a groundhog comes out of its hole and decides by its shadow what season will happen next. The rules are when the groundhog peeks out of his hole if he/she sees a shadow of himself it will be three more weeks of bad weather, on the other hand if he does not see his shadow that means it will be in early spring. This year the groundhog saw his shadow so we are predicted to have bad weather.

**Chinese New Year**

Would you like to stay up late and eat long noodles? If so, this is the holiday for you. It is celebrated February 16 and is mostly about a Chinese lunar calendar, 3 [listed down below] and it is also where families reunite with each other and have a feast for 15 days.



ROOSTER	DOG	PIG	RAT	OXEN	TIGER
2029	2030	2031	2020	2021	2022
2017	<u>2018</u>	2019	2008	2009	2010
2005	2006	2007	1996	1997	1998
1993	1994	1995	1984	1985	1986
1981	1982	1983	1972	1973	1974
RABBIT	DRAGON	SNAKE	HORSE	SHEEP/GOAT	MONKEY
2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980

**Bring Lunch vs. Buy Lunch**

I have asked many sorts of people would they rather buy or bring lunch?

I interviewed Parkwood High ninth grader, Erin Green. She said she has always brought her lunch from the start of 9th grade! She said she likes to bring her lunch, so she has different choices in lunch varieties. She normally has a fruit or veggie with a healthy salad wrap.

I also interviewed 5th grader Sophie Wojtkowiak she normally brings her lunch. I also asked her why she normally brings lunch, she said "I bring lunch because I do not like to wait in the long lunch line."

5th grader Riley Likes also said she prefers to bring her lunch. I asked her why she likes to bring her lunch? She said "I like to bring my lunch because if you are not a big fan of what they serve and if I were to buy something I am not going to eat, it would be a waste of food."

Lastly, I asked Miranda Earley what her thoughts were, "I normally buy my lunch because in the morning I get up so early and I don't normally have time to make lunch, so I normally buy my lunch".

Well there you have it folks do you normally bring or buy?

By: Morgan Green



## Technology Camps in Waxhaw By: Ali Abbas

### Waxhaw Kid Coders

If you like robotics Waxhaw Kid Coders is the place for you. Waxhaw Kid Coders is a place filled with valuable pieces of technology for you to learn from. Also there are Waxhaw Kid Coders' summer camps and workshops that will help you learn a lot. The workshops have already passed but if you want to go to the summer camps you need to hurry because they are starting this summer. If you register I hope you have a lot of fun!

### According to the Website

"Waxhaw Kid Coders (WKC) was created for kids who love technology, enjoy tinkering and have a burning curiosity for figuring out how things work. WKC takes time to test the latest hands-on technology created for kids. WKC chooses only the best products with the highest educational value when they design their innovative workshops and summer camps.

WKC's expertise and engaging format with exciting challenges makes learning the fundamentals easy. From the minute students step into WKC's workshops they are provided with the tools and the encouragement to start conquering the world of technology."

### The high-tech classes for kids at Waxhaw Kid Coders

MIT's scratch: All ages

Stencyl: All ages

Lego Mindstorms EV3: Ages 10-14

Lego Wedo: Ages 7-9



kids face you can tell they had fun too.

If you and your family want to see a Checkers game click the link down below to get tickets.

<http://gocheckers.com/>

### **Checkers National Anthem**

by Morgan Green

Hello Eagles, as some of you know that some of you or your classmates sang the Star-Spangled Banner at the Checkers hockey game. There were a lot of students that showed up. I know we all had fun! Also, some students got picked to do special activities like the chicken dance. There were free checkers hats! Isn't that awesome! I had a lot of fun and by the smiles on the other

## **Running in Disney** By: Morgan Green



Hello Eagles, you might know a nice person named Mrs. Fazzino. Last week I interviewed her. She is so nice and kind for taking time out of her day and letting me interview her. She is really a nice lady. Did you know she runs at Disney? I interviewed her, and I think you will want to see my questions and her answers.

Q: How many medals have you won?

A: Over 50!

Q: How many races have you done so far?

A: At least 50 probably more!

Q: How many years have you been doing it?

A: 3 years so far just turned into three years in February.

Q: What year was your first year?

A: 2015

Q: How many times do they have it each year?

A: 4 races per year