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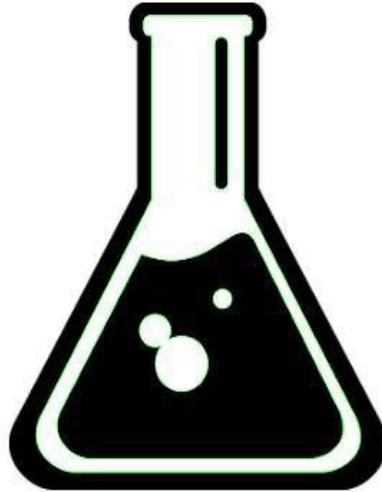


Morse Elementary Science Night

By Ethan Pham

The Morse Elementary Science Night took place on January 26 set up by Kraemer Middle and Valencia High School students. It was a fun time to interact with friends and family in a more scientific way.

There were different booths about different subjects of science such as geology, physics, biology, astronomy, meteorology, and much more. My favorite booth was the ice cream booth at the lunch tables. We made the ice cream from adding milk, ice cream salt, sugar, and vanilla extract, and if you wanted, you could add chocolate. Anyways, The Morse Elementary Science Night was an interactive and enjoyable experience. I also got to see some of my friends that were in 6th grade last year.



What I Did at Science Night

By Noemi Mejia

Our science night had many activities such as fingerprinting and ice cream making. Science night was hosted by Valencia High School. I know many of the people in robotics were there to show a robot that would launch frisbees and a robot that would go over obstacles.

After watching the robots, I made ice cream with two bags. In one bag there was ice with ice cream salt. The salt is to keep the ice very cold even when it is melted. Then they add the ingredients that the ice cream contains in another bag. After the ingredients are in the bag, you shake it until it gets thicker. If you wanted chocolate you would have to add chocolate milk mix.

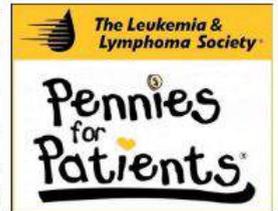


Later I went to where most people were gathering to see an exploding trash can. The first explosion was not as big. The second attempt did not work. The third time around was the biggest because the second and the third exploded at the same time. Clearly it was a lot of fun to see these amazing experiments and engineering come to life.

Pennies For Patients

By Jack Rivera

Morse Elementary School is yet again participating in the Pennies For Patients Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Fundraiser. Pennies



For Patients is a society that raises money for suffering kids with cancer. In 2017, January 23rd through February 3rd, our school's goal was to raise 2,000 dollars for kids with cancer. One of the ways that we raised money was to buy paper pennies for a dollar to put on paper jars. We also collected loose change in a box for our class to put in our class money. The last thing that we did was for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders to pay \$1 for 20 minutes to dance up on stage. For the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders, we sold mustache pencils for \$1. The winning class that raised the most money gets a FREE Olive Garden lunch.

Morse's Visitors

By Noemi Mejia

Every morning our visitors look for food that children have left behind. They enjoy the free treats that we leave. They are either brother and sister or companions. They are called the Egyptian geese.

Keep an eye out for these light brown creatures on the grass and black top, and observe these beautiful geese and their lifestyle.



Newspaper Club

By Alexandra Clymer

Edited By: Andrew Shin

For all the articles we write we never tell you how it all happens or how it comes to mind. Most upper graders know we meet every Tuesday after school. Sometimes we tell our friends what we are writing about, but we never share the inspiration or how fun it is in Newspaper Club.

If you don't have anything after school, I will suggest that you consider joining Newspaper Club since it is a fun thing to do both with your friends or because you like writing (see Mrs. Skokan). In my case, it's both. We always open a board and it shows who is doing what. Then we pass out snacks and start writing. Sometimes we work together or just separate. We want to try to finish two articles for each printing.

What we write about... We usually pick one article we want to write, then Mrs. Skokan assigns us one to write. You could write about a book you just finished, or what is going on in school, or really anything you want your fellow students and teachers to read. I hope you enjoy reading our newspaper.



Trump's Inauguration

By Nicholas Sandoval

On January 20, 2017 our 45th president, Donald Trump, was inaugurated. The vice president, Mike Pence was also sworn in on that day. Afterwards, there was a parade. At the end of the day, there was a ball to celebrate.



By Estella Fritz

During the school year, 6th graders went to Cal State Fullerton, CSUF. We did lots of activities and got a tour of the campus. First, we went into a room with students from Tynes and Brookhaven Elementary and talked about what we were going to do that day. Next, we went into a classroom and talked about our dream job. We also made paper airplanes and were allowed to fly them to see how far the paper airplane would fly. Lastly, we got to see Tuffy the Titan and take pictures with him. At the end, we went back into the room where we started and ate sandwiches from Subway before going back to school.

What is 4th grade doing?

By Aaron Rivera

WHO?

My teacher, Mrs. Leiva, is trying to get us to be independent students, problem solve, and rely on ourselves to get the job done.

WHAT?

We learned how to write, experiment, multiply, add, divide, subtract, and travel around the globe sophisticatedly.

WHY?

Mrs. Leiva is preparing us to be college and career ready with AVID. AVID helps kids that want to go to college and have a good career.

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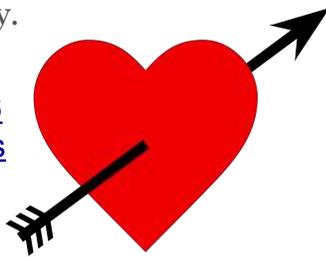
Holidays & other Happenings

Valentine's Day History

Annotated By: Ethan Pham with Brandon Pham

The history of Valentine's Day is obscure and further clouded by various fanciful legends. The holiday's roots are in the ancient Roman festival of Lupercalia, a fertility celebration commemorated annually on February 15. Pope Gelasius I recast this pagan festival as a Christian feast day circa 496, declaring February 14 to be St. Valentine's Day. Over the centuries, the holiday evolved and by the 18th century, gift-giving and exchanging handmade cards on Valentine's Day had become common in England. Handmade valentine cards made of lace, ribbons, and featuring cupids and hearts eventually spread to the American colonies. The tradition of Valentine's cards did not become widespread in the United States until the 1850s. According to the Greeting Card Association, 25% of all cards sent each year are valentines. Till this day, Valentines Day is still celebrated as a National Holiday.

<http://www.npr.org/2011/02/14/133693152/the-dark-origins-of-valentines-day>



Annotated By: Ethan Pham

April Fools' Day, sometimes called All Fools' Day, is one of the most light-hearted days of the year. Its origins are uncertain. Some see it as a celebration related to the turn of the seasons, while others believe it stems from the adoption of a new calendar.

Ancient cultures, including those of the Romans and Hindus, celebrated New Year's Day on or around April 1. In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII (13th) ordered a new calendar to replace the old Julian Calendar. The new calendar called for New Year's Day to be celebrated Jan. 1.

According to a popular explanation, many people either refused to accept the new date, or did not learn about it, and continued to celebrate New Year's Day on April 1. Other people began to make fun, sending them on "fool's errands" or trying to trick them into believing something false. Eventually, the practice spread throughout Europe.

Morse Talent Show

By Christian Agama

The Morse Talent Show will be May 4th at 6:30 p.m. at



Valencia High School in the auditorium. Students will be able to show off the amazing things they can do like dance or sing or do a cool magic trick. Parents and family members will be

there to see them. The teachers will also be performing a number.



Previews & Reviews



The Last Kids On Earth By Max Brallier Illustrated By Douglas Holgate

A Review by Alexander CLYmer



I loved this book because it had an adventurous story plot, and it was not easy to put down even to get some sleep. I can't wait to read the next book to find out their next adventures.

Have you ever wanted to be in a zombie apocalypse? Well Jack, Quint, Dirk, and June do and go on that adventure, as well as find an unbreakable friendship that not even a huge zombie like the Blarg can break apart.

This story is about how the last kids on Earth survive in a place with thousands of zombies, some way bigger than others. All they have is a tree house and a car to get them around. Will they survive?

The History of St. Patrick's Day



Annotated By Ethan Pham

St Patrick's Day is celebrated annually on March 17th, the traditional religious feast day of St. Patrick and the day he is believed to have died in 460 A.D. The Irish have observed this religious holiday for thousands of years, but how did we come to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in the United States?

Who is St. Patrick?

St. Patrick is the beloved patron saint of Ireland. The Irish are famous for spinning exaggerated tales; quite little is actually known about his life. We do know that St. Patrick was born in Britain and that at the age of 16 was captured by Irish raiders who attacked his family's estate. He was then transported to Ireland where he was held captive for six years. It was then that he became a devout Christian, embracing his religion for solace. From his writing, we know that a voice, which he believed to be that of God, spoke to him in a dream, urging him to leave Ireland. He did. Walking nearly 200 miles, Patrick escaped to Britain and undertook serious religious training.

After 15 years of study, Patrick was ordained as a priest and sent to Ireland. His mission was to minister to Christians and to convert the Irish, then pre-dominantly pagans, to Christianity. Because Patrick was familiar with the Irish language and culture from his years of captivity, he chose to incorporate Irish ritual and symbols into his teachings rather than to eradicate Irish beliefs. Thus, was born the Celtic cross. Patrick superimposed the sun, a powerful Irish symbol, onto the traditional Christian cross so that the result would seem more natural to the Irish.

(<http://www.history.com/topics/st-patricks-day/history-of-st-patricks-day>)



Tang

Teacher Feature

By: Alex Clymer

Why did you become a teacher?

Mrs.Tang wanted to become a teacher to make a difference in people's lives, which is great if you ask me.

What inspired you to become a teacher?

She grew up with many people that were also teachers, such as her mom and three of her aunts. When she was in 6th grade, Mrs.Tang had a really fun social studies teacher; and she wanted to be like him. She became a teacher in 1994 (which it being 2017, she has been teaching for 23 years!)

What is your favorite and least favorite part about teaching?

Mrs.Tang enjoys seeing people have those "lightbulb" moments. Her least favorite part of being a teacher is keeping up with all of the grading during the week and weekend.

What would you be if you were not a teacher?

If Mrs.Tang was not a teacher, she would have been an optometrist, because they seem pretty interesting to her; and she thinks it would be fun to do the little eye games which are really intriguing as well.

What would you change about your class?

The only thing she could think of for changing her classroom is having a bigger classroom with less students - to me she does pretty well with the space she has. Being a teacher can be really fun, but it is also a little difficult to prep everything.

What is the hardest part of being a teacher?

When she first became a teacher, she wasn't sure on what to do; but as the years passed, she figured it out and became a great teacher.

Do you enjoy giving out homework?

Mrs.Tang doesn't enjoy giving out homework, but it is a part of getting a strong education. It is also important that the students, like me, practice the concepts we are learning in class.

What do you enjoy about teaching?

Mrs.Tang loves her job but also likes to relax and spend time with her family in the summer. Her favorite subject is Math, and she really enjoys teaching DBQ's. Even though grading takes a long time to complete, she enjoys working with her students!

Mrs.Tang is a great 6th grade teacher!

A Scary Moment in My Life

By Nicholas Sandoval

On Friday February 3, I was in Warner Springs on a campout with my Boy Scout Troop. The next day we headed out to Warner Springs Airport to fly in gliders. I was the first first person to go on a glider. An old crop duster would tow us up into the sky. We could either have a fun enthusiastic ride, or just glide around. I chose the "rollercoaster" one, even though it was shorter. Once I was towed off the ground about 125 feet in the air with my pilot, the cable towing us up SNAPPED. The pilot was able to steer the plane to land right by the runway. I got to go again, but in a different glider. That ride went smoothly. I earned my Aviation Merit Badge. This was a story to remember.

