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Valentines Day

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Mwah! Mwah!, Valentine's day is here! Having a particular Valentine's Day is a very old tradition, thought to have originated from a Roman festival. The Romans had a festival called Lupercalia in the middle of February officially the start of their springtime. It's awesome right? Well when did we get the name Valentines day? Well, Valentine's Day is named after Saint Valentine, a Catholic priest who lived in Rome in the 3rd Century. There are many stories about St. Valentine and over time these stories grew into the legend we know today. Valentine's day is the time to impress your crush. And we all know couples love this time of year!(LoL!) Valentine's day is on February, 14. Valentines day may not just be about couples and love, but the real meaning of it is that Emperor Claudius II executed two men both named Valentine on Feb. 14 of different years in the 3rd century A.D. Their martyrdom was honored by the Catholic Church with the celebration of St. Valentine's Day. Valentine's day is amazing. And here are some fun factors about it, Did you know that the first Valentine was written from prison. Yeah cool stuff right? And did you know that Cupid began as a greek god? Well Valentine's Day is near. I hope you enjoyed my article. Sophie Out!

Rosa Parks Birthday

By Alejandra Sigala

Rosa Louise McCauley Parks was an american activist born on February 4th, 1913. Rosa's parents were James McCauley, who was a carpenter and Leona Edwards, who was a teacher. For most of her life she lived with her grandparents because her parents separated. She is a woman who is known for starting the civil rights movement. Her most famous act was on a bus. One day she got on the bus after a day of work. After paying, she sat down in the first row of the colored section of the bus. Then a white man came on. He wanted to sit in the seat that Rosa was currently sitting in. She refused many times saying no. She was later sent to jail for not giving up her seat. As a result of this arrest, 17,000 black citizens launched a Boycott. Rosa Parks died on October 24th, 2005. She will always be remembered as the mother of the civil rights movement.



Coronavirus Update

By Michael Rofaie

Due to Covid-19, our school has been greatly affected. For example, we cannot gather and morning assembly has been completely taken away. Our schedules have also changed greatly, rooms entirely. Unfortunately, many students are missing out on their education. Covid-19 has not only affected our school's infrastructure, but the way it teaches overall. We must stay in smaller groups, which is why the number of kids in each classroom is smaller. Although this is all troubling news, Covid-19 has also provided many opportunities. For example, it has given us a chance to appreciate our situation, and spend more time with our families. Though the coronavirus pandemic has caused so much trouble to our community, at last there is an end in sight. The Pfizer, Moderna, and now the Johnson and Johnson vaccine are very effective. They will be a great aid to fighting this pandemic. For now, we just need to keep our heads high and continue with life as it is. It seems that it will all be over soon.

-Michael Rofaie

Marbled Valentines Cookies

By Lupita Medina and Tobin Larkin

If you are looking for something to do or a present for a friend or family member for valentines day you may think about baking Marbled valentine sugar cookies. The preparation to make the cookies is 1hr 30 min, the time it takes to cook 12 min, and the total time is 1hr 50 min.

Ingredients

- ½ c unsalted butter softened
- ½ c granulated sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 ½ tsp vanilla extract
- ¼ tsp salt
- ½ tsp baking powder
- 2 c all purpose flour
- Gel food coloring (pink)

Instructions:

1. In a large bowl or stand mixer, beat together butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Mix in egg and vanilla, followed by salt and baking powder. Gradually mix in flour, increasing speed as needed until dough is fully incorporated and there are no streaks remaining.
2. Divide dough in half, transferring on into a clean bowl, set aside. Add a small amount of food coloring to the remaining dough. Beat until fully tinted and there are no streaks remaining.
3. Pinch off golf ball sized portions of dough, rolling into balls. Create a pattern of alternate colored balls of dough. Gently knead all dough together until swirls of color are visible. Do not over mix.
4. Shape into a disc and wrap in plastic. Chill for 30 to 60 minutes
5. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Prepare a baking sheet with a silicone baking mat or parchment paper
6. Roll out dough to ¼-inch thick, on a light floured surface. Cut out desired shapes. Space 2 inches apart on the prepared baking sheet. Freeze cookies for 15 minutes. Press together remaining dough and scraps, rewrapping in plastic and keeping chilled until ready to roll and cut again.
7. Bake at 350°F for 12 minutes. Allow cookies to rest on the pan for 2 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.
8. Store cookies in an airtight container for up to a week

The Magic Groundhog

By Bridget Walsh

Punxsutawney Phil the groundhog is the most famous of its kind. Every year without failure, on February 2nd, it comes out and by its shadow, will predict whether or not there will be six more weeks of winter or not. If he sees his shadow, then there will be six more weeks of summer, if he does not, then early spring will bless us. This takes place in Punxsutawney Pennsylvania. The day has been dubbed "Groundhog day" in celebration of him. A member of the Inner Circle, a group of people who are tasked with taking care of and communicating with Phil. The event formally started in 1887, although the roots go back even farther. The event is a festival with food and music.



★ National Random Acts of Kindness Day

Wednesday, February 17 th, 2021

Ideas:

- ❖ Leave a kind note for someone, no explanation needed
 - ❖ Make and give a thank you note to the people who take care of you
 - ❖ Compliment the first three people you talk to.
 - ❖ Write a handwritten note to a teacher.
 - ❖ Say good morning to everyone you see at school in the morning.
 - ❖ Pick up litter or help clean the classroom
 - ❖ Write and give uplifting notes to people around you or at school.
- Do you have other ideas?

Important February celebrations

★ Black History Month

Black History Month should serve as an exhilarating time to fill in the gaps left by textbooks and state curriculum standards. It should also inspire (us) to continue this education beyond February. (learningforjustice.org)

Good News: Teachers getting the vaccine!!

By Helena Nordhoff



Recently, the COVID vaccine has been positively affecting many people. In our MCS community, all of the teachers have gotten their first covid vaccine. Soon, they will be going in for seconds. It is so positive to see our community grow as we try and prevent this virus. You can help by making sure you are wearing your mask and keeping distance from one another. Stay healthy and safe!!