



Holiday Sing-Along

Rory Bayly

'Tis the season to be jolly, falalalalalalala! We have a holiday sing-along coming up! Every year, all the grades come together and listen to each other's songs. Last year in fourth grade, we sang "The Ugly Sweater" song.

The majority of people like the song "Christmas Is Upon Us". Each grade has a part to sing over and over again. Everybody loves outdoing each grade by shouting over each other at the end.

The classic song that never changes has been "Hot Chocolate". Usually, the 5th and 6th grade sings this song. It is a classic because they have been singing it for 10 years!

A lot of people wear decorations. Some people wear antlers and elf hats. This is one of the school's favorite activities. We perform at an assembly during the day and a Family Night for all Newman community members. Sing loud, sing proud at the Sing-Along!

Community Breakfast with Ms. Sharr

Brylee Maddox

The next community breakfast is January 28th, 2020. It is with our Superintendent, Dr. Lexi Cunningham. It is in our community room at 7:30am. We can't wait to visit with you and enjoy a delicious breakfast!

Thank You, PTA

Mia Parke

Gracias, PTA! We really appreciate all of the people who paid for all the poinsettias. The money will go to AR books. AR is a reading program used to track reading. We hope you enjoy your elegant, holiday flowers!



Utah Food Bank

Kaylee Graciano

Many of you probably have gotten food from the Utah Food Bank truck that visits our school. It comes every first Tuesday of the month afterschool. If you have not visited before, we'd like to invite you to stop by. The Utah Food Bank gives free food to kids and families who might need it. We are so grateful to have the Utah Food Bank. So come get healthy, holiday food for the family!

Coming Events:

December

12/3 Utah Food Bank @ 2:20-3:20

Hearing Screening for K, 2, 5 grades

12/18 Community Breakfast w/ Ms. Sharr

12/19 SCC Meeting @ 5:30-6:30

Family Night—Holiday Sing-along

12/20 Short Day

No Afterschool

12/23-1/6 Winter Break!

December Jokes

Ember Osness

What do you call a snowman melting?

A puddle

What's the point of a username when you can't use your name?

Rory Bayly & Emilie Kleinman

Counselor's Corner

Ember Osness

This month, Mrs. Van Epps is working on some different things in classrooms. She is working with the little kids on being their own problem solvers when things go wrong, like when they're having trouble with friends.

She also recommends an app called SafeUT. If you are having struggles with emotional or mental health, you can call or text a licensed therapist. This app is available 24/7.

We are also hosting guests from *Digital Responsibility*. They are coming to our school December 16-18 to talk about internet safety. Find out more about them at the following website. There is also great information for parents!

<https://respons-ability.net/digital-parenting/>



How to Make a Lazy Person Snowman

Brylee Maddox

Are you just too lazy to build an *actual* snowman? Well, I know that I am! Try this trick when the snow is too powdery to build one.

All you have to do is make a pile of snow (make sure there is no yellow snow in it!). It can be any size you want. I would make it as small as possible. Then you put a snowman face on it. You can use small rocks for the eyes and mouth, a baby carrot for the nose, and a scarf or hat if you'd like.

Use this trick just for fun, or to scare your neighbors! There you have it, a lazy person snowman!



How to Wrap Gifts

Emilie Kleinman

Things You Will Need:

- 16 nails
- Hammer
- Wrapping paper
- Bright Sharpie
- Present
- Raw meat

For the holidays, it is a great time to wrap gifts for your family or friends. Everybody knows that you want to make the gift look nice. So, follow all the instructions and you will get a festive treat!

First, take your wrapping paper and put your present in the middle. Take one of your nails and whack it at the present!

Repeat this with seven more nails.

Next, take a bright Sharpie and write your name ALL over it! That way, they know you spent your precious time wrapping it.

Lastly, take some raw meat and rub it all over so it smells disgusting!

Finally, ta-da! You have a present that took you exactly 4 hours to do! But the results are a lovely present you made for one of your loved ones. Happy present-making!

(Do NOT try this at home!)

Hour of Code

Rory Bayly

Hey, you know the Hour of Code? It is coming up this month! But first, what is the point of coding? I think people should code because it helps people later in life. If you decide to code websites, this can help you because you can learn more skills and qualifications.

Personally, I like the Hour of Code, but I have another coding website, just for you! This website is called *Scratch*. Instead of making a certain code, you can do whatever you like. *Scratch* has sprites (characters) that you can animate. You can make them walk and talk. They can even dance and eat! You can also draw and create your own sprites. This website is kid-friendly. You do need to make an account to code. This requires help from a parent or guardian. So go drag them to your device! If you like the Hour of Code, you will love *Scratch*! Hope you have a great time creating projects!

Heaven in a Ball

Mia Parke

Ingredients

1 package of peppermint Oreos

1 8 oz brick of cream cheese

1/4 cup of powdered sugar

24 oz melted chocolate (any kind)

Step 1. Take the peppermint Oreos and crumble them in a blender/food processor, but be safe! When they look like crumbs, they are done.

Step 2. Add the cream cheese and powdered sugar to your cookie crumbs. Mix well.

Step 3. Put the cookie mixture into a bowl and mix again.

Step 4. Roll them into 1 inch balls and place them on a cookie sheet.

Step 5. Chill for 30 minutes in the refrigerator.

Step 6. Have an adult help you melt the chocolate and mix the cookie ball into the chocolate.

Step 7. Top with sprinkles!

Step 8. Keep in refrigerator until you want to eat them. Enjoy!



Don't Sleep On This!

Soren Wangsgard

How many hours of sleep do you think you need every night (it's more than you probably get!)? 6 hours? 7 hours? Well, you're dead wrong! Children ages 6-13 need 9-11 hours of sleep every night.

Not getting enough sleep can cause crankiness, lack of concentration, anxiety, obesity, and/or even depression. If you are using an electronic device or having caffeine shortly before bedtime, you are less likely to get a good night's sleep.

But do not fear! There are ways to improve your sleep too! Having a consistent sleep schedule with the same bedtime and wake-up time can help you wake up feeling refreshed. Also, sleeping in a quiet, dark room is important. If there are loud noises around, you can try a white noise machine or app. There are lots of options!

Getting a good night's sleep can give you a healthier immune system, better grades, a better memory, and better mental health! See you later, Newman Tigers, but not too late!

The Snowman Story

Lilli Jensen

A winter breeze, both red and green a scarf so warm,

a carrot nose, some button eyes, all brought to life,

on a winter night, under the painted sky.

Winter Crossword

Aurora Gilmore

Across

4. boots for winter

9. trees, lights, blow-up penguins, wreaths

10. Santa's horses

11. covers your head and keeps out the cold

12. keeps your hands warm

13. refreshing, mint candy

Down

1. a cold man

2. frozen water that falls

3. a hot chocolate-y drink

5. nips at your toes and nose

6. a fuzzy ribbon worn for warmth

7. a cold season

8. edible, it's another word for "cold"

