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A Search for the True History of Christmas: Do You Know the Origin of Our Most Beloved Holiday?

by Jasmine Joubert

When you think of glimmering Christmas trees, tasty gingerbread cookies, rosy cheeked Santa Clauses, and that beautiful baby Jesus in his manger do you really know the background of these wonderful things associated with Christmas? Many people do not really know the true origins of Christmas so The Panther's Eye decided to do some investigating!

It is thought that Jesus, which many consider the reason for the season, was actually born in the springtime instead of in the winter like everyone assumes. A Pope, Julius I, chose December 25th for the celebration of his birth in the 4th century -- to include a Christian element in the long established mid-winter festivals which typically had no real Christian association.

Also, in the 4th century, a bishop in Turkey who came to be called St. Nicholas was known for his good deeds towards children. St. Nicholas is illustrated in medieval and

renaissance paintings as a tall and dignified man. His feast day on December 6 was celebrated throughout Europe until about the 16th century.

Afterwards, he continued to be known in Protestant Holland as the good and cheerful man who loved children. Dutch children would put shoes by the fireplace for St. Nicholas or "Sinter Klaas" and leave food out for his horse. He'd gallop on his horse between the rooftops and drop candy and cookies down the chimneys into the children's shoes.

Meanwhile, his assistant, Black Peter, was the one who popped down the chimneys to leave gifts behind. Dutch settlers brought the legend of Sinter Klaas to North America -- where we came to know him as Santa Claus. Clement Clarke Moore first described the "jolly old elf" with his sleigh drawn by reindeer, in the poem "The Night Before Christmas" which he wrote in 1823.

Since Moore's poem children all over America dream of the Santa that we all know and love who brings them their favorite gifts on Christmas morning.

The tradition of the Christmas tree originated in Germany in the 16th century, when trees were brought into homes to be decorated. The first person to decorate the Christmas tree with lighted candles is believed to be Martin Luther.

Although it was never celebrated in biblical times, today Christmas is celebrated in local churches across our country in praise of the fact that God loved us so much that he sent his one and only son to earth.

Jesus is a holy God and was a holy man. Whereas we have succumbed to the temptations of this earth, Jesus was able to overcome all temptations and live a sinless life. He was then crucified as the perfect sacrifice for our sins.



One cannot understand why we celebrate the birth of Christ without seeing the other end of his life. He was nailed on a cross and killed for our sins and came back from the dead so that we may be saved from the consequence of our sins.

Christmas is so important to our culture and traditional celebrations that it was officially declared a Federal Holiday in America on June 26, 1870 under the government headed by President Ulysses S. Grant.

In order to understand why Christmas is so important to our culture a few people from our school were interviewed about what Christmas means to them.



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Sarah Linton, Mrs. Lee, Hunter Caroll, Colden Driggers, Kaylana Krauss, and even our principal Mr. Hadden all said that Christmas meant that it was a time to spend with your family and to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Now that you have learned how Christmas began, we should preserve the true meaning of Christmas. Whether Christmas ends, today, tomorrow, or five hundred years from now we should understand that Christmas is an opportunity to spend time with family and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.



The Holidays Are Here Again, But What Does It All mean?!

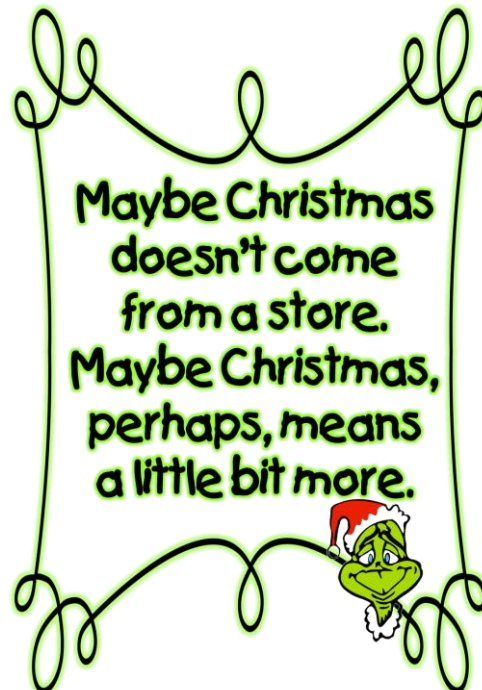
By Mary Morris

Whether you celebrate Christmas, Kwanzaa, Three Kings Day, or Hanukah, it has become all too obvious that many people have simply lost the true meaning of this holiday season. If you need some convincing, simply visit the mall or other shopping complex and you will become a believer.

If asked to think about the winter tradition they celebrate, most people immediately think Gifts! Gifts! Gifts!

This would be because our culture has filled our brains with the message that our holidays are all about getting.


We forget that we are supposed to be the ones giving, and that spending time with the people we love is in fact the best gift. We should be focused on spending time with our loved ones and making others happy with the power of giving.



It is important not to forget that the actual gift is not what is important. It is the love behind the gift that should really matter. Giving others gifts should not become a competition to see who gave the most or the best.

Giving should just be a simple act to show the ones we love that we care and love should never be measured by how expensive or grand a gift is. Even if your gift is just a hand drawn picture, the person you gift it to should be grateful. We must remember it is the thought that really counts.

We shouldn't be comparing the prices or quantities of gifts we give one another. We should be saying thank you and giving each other a hug as we smile brightly. We all need to reconnect and find the true meaning of our winter celebrations: love, joy, thankfulness, and peace!



Who knew writing could be that good?!!

Writing So Good You Can Almost Taste It!

By Samia Evans

I was sitting down eating some Taco Bell and it hit me. What do people think when they hear the word society? Does this word bring about a good or positive meaning? I put my food down and thought, "how am I going to find out this type of information?" I sat there contemplating for a minute. Then I said to myself, "The best way to find out is to ask the people around me!"

The next day in class I asked my classmates, "What comes to your mind when you think of the word society?" Half of them looked at me like I was crazy, but I got some good answers!

When I got home I put the computer on my lap, my heart was beating as rapidly as my fingers were typing. Suddenly I realized picking up that laptop and jotting down my thoughts was the best feeling I had ever experienced!

That day I had encountered my first love. No it wasn't some immature boy who doesn't even know what love is, or fashion like it is for so many girls. It was writing.

There's a difference between school writing and journalism. School writing has limitations you're not as free as you could be. You're not allowed to be as open as you want to. In journalism you're free, but you are not only writing for you, your writing for others too. It is so much more than just yourself. You have a responsibility to others, to your community, to your society.

"Writing is like a drug that I am addicted to. Like food to my soul that is so good I sometimes think I can taste it."

When students read my articles I bet they think, "Why does this girl write about stuff that I don't even think about nor understand?" My purpose is to not to just write about sports or trending issues but it is to actually open your mind up to bigger things.

I write in a complicated way because it gets the reader's attention by having to think

just a little bit harder. I want the people who are reading my articles to be driven and motivated and to want to know more and understand more. I also want them to stand up and have the courage to do something they could not do yesterday. To me that is the core purpose of writing: to inspire, educate, and motivate.

Writing is like a drug that I am addicted to. Like food to my soul that is so good I sometimes think I can taste it. I write when I am sad, mad, and happy. Writing is like my meditation. It cleanses my soul and my mind. When I am writing it is like I reach that high and I forget about everything that I may be going through or everything that's around me. Writing is more than just typing or putting something on paper. It's about expressing yourself in a way that you can't even put into words. When you write you're fearless and it's your time to shine.

So the next time you're writing whether it's school related writing or not. Think of it as something bigger than just placing a pencil on a piece of paper or putting your fingers to keys. If you do this your mind will take you places you never thought you could go!



INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 1 cup light molasses
- 1 cup vegetable shortening
- 1 tablespoon baking soda
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 tablespoon ground ginger
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon ground cloves
- 4 to 4 ½ cups all-purpose flour, more for rolling dough
- Royal icing and cinnamon candies, for decorating, optional.

PREPARATION

1. In a small saucepan, combine brown sugar, molasses and shortening. Place over medium-low heat and stir until mixture is melted and smooth. Remove from heat and mix in baking soda and 1/4 cup cold water. Set aside and allow to cool to room temperature.
2. Add egg, salt, baking powder, ginger, cinnamon and cloves; stir to mix well. Add 4 cups flour and mix well, adding up to 1/2 cup more if dough seems sticky. Shape into a ball, cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours, up to 24 hours.
3. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line baking sheets with parchment paper and set aside. On a lightly floured surface, roll out dough to 1/4-inch thickness, and cut into gingerbread boy shapes with a 5-inch-long cookie cutter. Arrange on baking sheets 1 1/2 inches apart, and bake until risen and no longer shiny, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat and allow cookies to cool. If desired, decorate with royal icing and cinnamon candies. Store in an airtight container.

From Beginning to End: The Survival Game

By Christian Ramsey

The start of life is a fuzzy subject, with many different theories that explain how it actually started. However, no one can argue that it began with cells. These cells, over the generations, evolved and created ancient organisms, which began to evolve and gain intelligence. They hunted, feasted, and grew, developing into ancient creatures that roamed the Earth.

The Dinosaurs evolved from this start, these marvelous giants once ruled the world. Until they became extinct due to a large meteor impact that killed them all about 66 million years ago.

Fast forward to the age of humans. When the time for humans came, developing complex brains, life evolved from primates to intelligent human beings. This fact leads to an important question: if we humans are so intelligent now, and life for humans is good, why is the natural environment of this planet suffering from our decisions?

Our planet's environment, including its animals, is in danger. We can help our planet, yet humans decide to do nothing, except for those few that care enough to protect it and groups of scientists that do everything they can to help this planet.

Yet, from the start until the end, it's our responsibility to do what is best for our planet. Let's look at how life began, appreciate how far it has come, and preserve what we can by actively saving the environment.

“If we are the evolved species we claim to be, then we should be smart enough to see that we are slowly killing our environment and in doing so killing ourselves.”

If we do help the environment, we can create a better future for the planet and the organisms that live on it. We can do many things to help and we can start by STOPPING global warming. We can do this by eliminating the source of this problem which, is air pollution.

Air pollution is the main cause of global warming. Air pollution does this by trapping the heat that tries to go out of the atmosphere from the sun's heat. We may not stop air pollution but we can stop the long-term effect of it.

This can be done if we stop the amount of emissions we release in the air. The main causes of air pollution are exhaust from cars, burning fossil fuels, and factories. This can be the first step to helping our planet Earth.

There are some solutions to this problem. (1) you can limit your energy use; (2) start carpooling to limit your fossil energy, and (3) reduce, reuse, and recycle.

If we are the evolved species we claim to be, then we should be smart enough to see that we are slowly killing our

Hopefully people will do the right thing and I will have future generations to deliver presents to Rudolph!



environment and in doing so killing ourselves. We should be intelligent enough to protect our environment for ourselves and the survival of our future generations.

If you would like some more information on what you can do to reduce air pollution in our community check out this link:

<http://tiki.oneworld.org/pollution/pollution10.html> or scan this QR with your phone (if you have an iPhone you can pull up your camera and act like you are going to take a picture and it will scan code for you automatically).





Pine Hill Middle Sports



Our Boys Basketball Team: On the Road to Victory

By Jada Hawkins & Samia Evans

The game is neck and neck. Every time Pine Hill scored, the other team scored. There is thirty seconds on the clock and the team is tied with the other team. Bryant races down the court he sees that Deshaun is open. He passes the ball to Deshaun. He shoots, he scores! The crowd goes bonkers, because they realize the boys are determined to defend their championship win!

When most people think of basketball, they think of people just running up and down the court. Yet, to basketball players Bryant Simpson, Deshaun Lewis, and Ja'cory Strickland "basketball is more than a sport it's a lifestyle."

This meaning that basketball is a way of life for our Panthers. They are deeply committed to training and winning another championship. The Panther's Eye and the rest of Pine Hill wants to know how they plan to accomplish this.

As we all know the players wouldn't be able to play successfully without the guidance they need to lead them in the right direction. They receive this guidance from their coaches. Coach Beard is constantly pushing

them to their limits, but also tries to give them a better understanding of the game not only physically but mentally too.

When Coach Beard thinks of Basketball he thinks of a contact sport that requires strategy. Therefore, he has his players doing a drill called "in and out." This is a drill that helps players practice their handles.

If you don't play basketball and don't know what handles are let The Eye illuminate you. In basketball, handles refers to the various ways the ball is handled. This is a skill needed when trying to guard someone or even to play the game of basketball in the first place.

Our boys also spend a lot of time practicing their technique and conditioning so they are in top shape to face their competitors. The competition doesn't stand a chance boy! You best believe Panthers!

The rest of their strategy is top secret and so needs to stay under wraps. The one thing that is no secret is that our Pine Hill boys' Basketball Team has the drive, motivation, and agility to win another Championship!

As long as they keep their Panther pride they will push all the other teams aside. The Eye is always watching and boys we see your hard work and dedication, and as long as you keep it up Pine Hill can have the bragging rights of success once again!

"Our Pine Hill boys' Basketball Team has the drive, motivation, and agility to win another Championship!"



Boys' Basketball Monumental Championship Win



Dear Abby Advice Column

The Problem:

Dear Abby, I need some advice. I have a bad reputation that I am not proud of. I can accept that I am to blame for my reputation. I have not made very good choices lately. It is really kind of embarrassing to tell you the truth. I don't know why I did the things I did and now everyone is talking about me. I am really tired and ashamed of people talking about me and want to change. I know that even the kids that are supposed to my friends talk about me behind my back. I also really like this person now and I don't think the person will give me the time of day with my reputation. I guess I can't blame the person. I can only blame myself. What can I do to fix my reputation?

Abby's Answer:

Maybe you've made some bad choices, and the gossipers are now using them against you. Or maybe someone is making up lies about you, simply trying to hurt you. Gossiping is such a popular way for people to spend their time, and tragically, the damage it can do spreads like a virus, until someone's reputation is seriously damaged. You may feel like there's no chance to counteract the horrible things they are saying. It's going to take some time, but trust me, you can rebuild your reputation. Here are some ideas on how to do it: Ignore the negative. It is very important to stop listening to all the bad things being said about you it will only bring you down and leave you feeling discouraged and hopeless.

I will share with you some of my own personal experiences.

Abby's experience: *I was driving myself crazy, listening or even trying to imagine what other people were saying about me. I had to stop. Then I could finally move on.*

Abby's Tips:

Plan out your future self: Figure out what kind of person you want to be, and then work on showing that to other people. You're well aware of how you don't want people to view you. How do you want them to view you? When you figure out the answer to this question, then make the necessary changes to achieve your goals.

Find a friend you can confide in:

Find one other person you can talk to who will remind you of the person you want to be, and believes the best about you. If you can't find anyone, be that person for yourself. Think, are your friends adding to, or taking away, from your reputation? If they are taking away, maybe it is time to find a new group of friends. You don't have to treat these old friends badly, or start talking ugly about them, but you might want to add some new people into your life people who are known to say encouraging and act in positive ways.

Make a little change:

Sometimes changing something as simple as your hairstyle or your clothes will make a ton of difference in how people view you. Your look might sending the wrong message about you. Be creative, and don't be afraid to conform just a little bit to what seems to be the current looks. But, Don't ever try to turn into something not.

Be patient: It takes time to build a good reputation. And even more time to rebuild a damaged one. In time, the truth about you will be known. A good reputation is hard to destroy. Let your new actions and behaviors speak for themselves. Besides, eventually people go on with their own lives, and forget what was said about you.

Abby's experience: *I had people saying bad things about me. But after a while, people just kind of forgot about it. You just have to be patient and stay confident. Time heals all things.*

The Problem:

Dear Abby, please give me some advice. My dad left me and my mom a couple of weeks ago and I don't know what we are going to do. My mom looks really sad. I see her crying all the time and it is breaking my heart. She is worried too because we don't have a lot of money. I don't even want to think about Christmas this year. It is going to be awful. I don't know how to help my mom. She does not want to talk about it but it is like all the life is gone out of her. I am so worried about her. I don't know what to do to try and make it better.

Abby's Answer:

Your mom is important to you, so it can be really hard to see her feeling down. If you are looking for ways to cheer up your mom, there are some simple things that you can do. **Ask what is wrong.** If your mom seems upset about something, and you are not sure what it is, then the best

way to figure out what is going on and to help her feel better is to ask her what's wrong. Try talking to your mom when she is on her own and you have time to sit and talk. For example, you could try talking to your mom after dinner or over the weekend. You don't need to say anything fancy, just say something like, "I have noticed that you seem a little sad. What's wrong?"



Offer to help. Your mom might have something really specific that she is worried about, which can give you an opportunity to offer your help. For example, if your mom tells you that she is stressed about getting the house cleaned up before your grandparents come to visit, then you could offer to help her clean up. Keep in mind that it is also possible that your mom is just feeling a little blue. This happens to lots of people and it is normal after a break up. However, if your mom continues to feel sad, then she might need to talk to her doctor about it.

Give her a hug. Hugs are great for cheering people up. The help to reduce stress and cause our bodies to release a hormone called oxytocin, which helps us to feel closer and more connected with other people. Try giving your mom a big hug to let her know that you care about her.

Say something

supportive. Your mom might also feel better if you say something nice to comfort her. Some nice things that you can say include: "I love you." "You are important to me." "I care about you." "You're not alone."

Clean your room. Making sure that your room is clean is also a good way to cheer up your mom. You can tidy up your bedroom without being asked to do so and then she will be surprised the next time she

comes into your room. You can also tidy up other areas of the house without being asked. For example, your mom might appreciate it if you tidy up the bathroom, living room, or kitchen.

Tag her in a Facebook

post. Posting a message for your mom that all of her friends will also be able to see and comment on can help to cheer up your mom. Try posting something that you know will make her smile, such as a silly cat picture or even just a sincere compliment. Remember that small things matter most to moms, and moms are made to be strong so don't worry she will pull through.



The Problem:

Dear Abby, I really liked this person for a long time and finally the person started liking me back. I was so excited and happy about it until the person started asking me to send pictures of me that I am not comfortable with. I know it is not a good idea to do this. I am not dumb. I have heard of many people getting exposed after sending private pictures. How can I make the person understand that even though I don't want to send these pictures that I still like the person and want to be with the person?

The Answer:

How do you respond to such a wildly inappropriate request as this? Well, the easy and obvious answer is to just say 'NO!' Logically, we can see what is wrong with his request. Yet, everyday, thousands of women and girls were solicited just through a hashtag while online by strangers to send inappropriate pictures. The situation is becoming a real epidemic.

We would never just walk out our front door in the buff for the world to see and if some creep on the street came up and said, "Take off your clothes" we would either mace him, or run as fast and as far away from the person as our legs would take us. Many of us would **NOT** entertain such a request in 'real life.' Still, for some of us, as much as it does not logically make sense, we find ourselves entertaining the idea when in the cyber world of the internet and on our phones. It is like people naively feel safe behind the veil of the internet. I know. I get it. I have been there. But **BEWARE: A picture is not 'just a picture!'**

You have heard the saying, "A picture speaks a thousand words." If you send off a picture of your body to a person who has not committed to you, who may not even know you, what is that picture saying about you?

More than that, what doesn't it say about you. It does not say that you are a hard-working young lady with hopes and dreams of becoming something great one-day worthy of respect. It reduces you to body parts on a screen, something easy, something for him to get pleasure from without having to invest anything. Once this photo is sent you will never get it back. It can be sent to a 1,000 places and maybe on the screen of your classmates, parents, future boss, children, family etc.!!!

If the person that you are with can't respect you and your body, then they are not the person for you. Anyone who truly cares about you would not ask you to do something you are not comfortable with or that would harm you. You are a young lady and shall and will act as one. **Don't Do It!!!**





Arts & Entertain



Trending Now Report: This or That

By: Aaliyah Holland



Things to Do During Christmas Vacation



We all love Christmas vacation, that is for sure! But sometimes things can get a little boring with nothing to do. Try some of these awesome fun spots with your favorite friends for some holiday fun!

1. **Go ice skating!** Tis the season! You can ice skate in town at the Augusta Ice Sports center or at the Augusta on Ice/Lights of the South center.
2. **Laser Tag:** You can get your laser tag on with your friends at Augusta Georgia Laser Tag Arena.
3. **Paint ball:** Since we probably will get no snow to have a snow ball fight, try having an exciting as a paint ball war instead! Get your friends to meet you at Augusta Paint Ball and let the fun begin!
4. **Lights of the South** is a wonderful Christmas time wonderland of lights. It is perfect to go and get festive with family and friends. They have lots of Christmas time activities and treats.
5. **Adventure Crossing:** one stop shop for fun with mini gulf, arcade, go carts, laser tag and so much more!
6. **Bowling:** Challenge your friends to a game of bowling at Brunswick National Lanes
7. **Go Roller Skating:** Red Wing roller skating rink is the place to be when you want to hang with your friends and groove to some music!
8. ***Panther's Pick*-Stars and Strikes:** Get your gaming on with laser tag, escape rooms, bowling, virtual reality games, bumper cars, trampolines, ball pits, slides, and so much more at this ultimate experience entertainment hot spot.

Oh Baby! Celebrity Drama

Cardi B and Offset breaking up after Cardi suffers major upset over newest Offset cheating scandal. Break up will mean a messy divorce and of course lots of baby daddy drama. Offset has posted messages of missing her and wanting her back. Poor Cardi. I guess it is true what they say. Money can't buy you love.

In other news, Quavo was caught making fun on Nicki Minaj. If you want details go to youtube and check out what happened. Quavo exposes fling with Nicki in new song: Huncho Dreams. Hey, I thought you were not suppose to kiss and tell?!

Speaking of Nicki and Cardi, lets hope these two end their long standing beef with each other. One of these days one of the two is going to end up in jail if they don't. Cardi said she is going to drop it but she has said that before. I guess money can't buy you sense or class either!



In the Movies

Check these amazing block busters currently trending this holiday season!

1. Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse
2. Dr. Seuss's the Grinch (2018)
3. Mary Poppins Returns
4. Aquaman
5. Once Upon a Deadpool



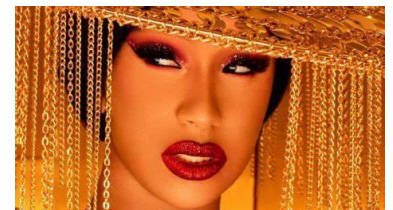
The New Grinch Movie

In Music



Best of 2018 Hits

1. Money by Cardi B
2. You by Jacquees
3. Thank U, Next by Ariana Grande
4. Sicko Mode by Travis Scott
5. Zeze by Kodak Black
6. Drip Too Hard by Lil Baby & Gunna
7. Trip by Ella Mai



Cardi is Still on Top!



Announcements



Dear Abby Drop Box



Do you have a problem you need help with but don't want everyone to know about your business? Then write Dear Abby and put your problem in the yellow Dear Abby box. Abby will write back and no one will know it is you!



Do you know of someone or something that deserves recognition? Then come see the Panther's Eye today! Let the community and school know about that special someone or thing today!



Our Pine Hill cheerleaders host Toy for Tots for children in need of a Christmas present. PHMS thanks you for your time, effort, and generosity. You are awesome! You are making someone's holiday a little brighter!



Pine Hill Middle Baking Competition



Help Us Raise Money for Teacher Appreciation Activities!!!

We would like to invite everyone to take part in Pine Hill Middle's first ever bake off competition hosted by the PTA in partnership with the Teacher Appreciation Committee. The bake off will happen on Tuesday Dec. 18th from 5:30 to 6:30. You can participate in the competition or pay a dollar to sample the different categories of desserts for just one dollar. All proceeds will be used for much needed morale building activities that will benefit our teachers which, deserve recognition and appreciation. We appreciate your support in this important fundraiser! Winners will receive ribbons, fanfare in the Panther's Eye school newspaper with feature article, and be placed on the school website. The "Best Overall" winner will receive a special prize gift! If you have any questions please see Mrs. Majors in the blue 7th grade hall.



Mr. Stallings is hosting a Christmas concert on December 18 at 6:00 p.m in the auditorium. Come one, come all! Everyone is invited!



Merry Christmas :)

Can you solve this math puzzle?

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 \text{Elf} + \text{Tree} &= 13 \\
 \text{Tree} - \text{Gift} &= 4 \\
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Be the first to figure this Math Challenge out and you will be crowned the new Math Whiz and be featured in the next Panther's Eye!

Reigning PHMS Math Whiz



Do you have what it takes to dethrone me?

8th Grader Mary Morris was the first to turn in the right answer and is the current reigning PHMS Math Whiz . All hail Mary!

Panther Fun!

1. **The Great snow flake Hunt Challenge:** How many flakes are featured in this issue?52

2. **Brain Teaser Challenge:** "I planted five rows of four Christmas trees each." The man boasted to his boss. The boss looked at him and said, are you saying you planted 20 Christmas trees in one day? No, the man said, I only planted 10 trees. How did he do it?

Christmas Laughs! Santa You So Crazy!

Q: Which Christmas carol do teachers and parents like the most?
A: Silent Night

Q: What happened to the thief who stole a Christmas calendar?
A: He got 12 months

Q: What do you call Santa if he goes down a lit chimney?
A: Crisp Cringle

Q: What was the elf allergic to?
A: Sh-ELF-ish

Q: What do you get when you cross an apple with a Christmas tree?
A: A pineapple

Q: What kind of music do elves listen to?
A: Wrap



Can You Spot All 6 Differences? 👁️👁️



1. 61 counting the ones on the Santa Sleigh
2. Just imagine a 5 pointed star, and then plant one tree at each point, and one tree where the sides intersect.

Answers

Fun with Christmas Coloring

Christmas Word Search



C R O F S A M T S I R H C R F R
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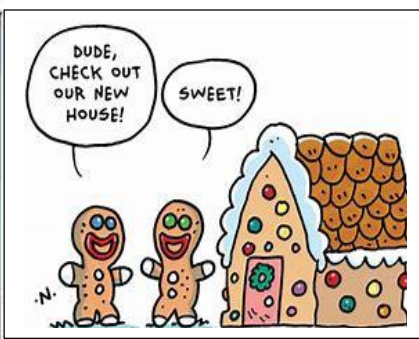
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Christmas Funnies



How to catch Santa



Meet The Panther's Eye News Staff



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Mary Morris



Senior Writer/Reporter
Samia Evans



Writer
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Writer/Tech Support
Destiny Perdue



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Writer/Reporter
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