

THE VOICE OF PINE HILL MIDDLE'S STUDENTS

Superintendent Dr. Pringle Visits the Panther's Eye! by Mary Morris

Dr. Pringle, the superintendent of our schools, came to give Pine Hill a very special visit! You may be wondering why such a busy lady came to visit our school. She came due to interest in the Panthers Eye! Her visit is very much appreciated and we are so glad and honored that she could attend.

Many of our readers may be wondering what exactly is a superintendent. A superintendent is the administrator in charge over a school district made up of many public schools. To become the superintendent Dr. Pringle had to teach in a school, have been a principal, know how to manage a budget, and she needed great leadership skills.

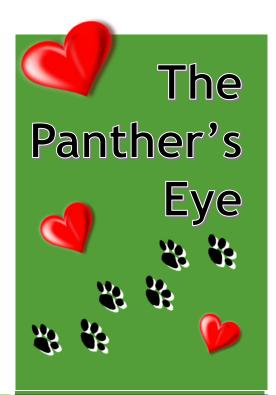
As the Superintendent of our schools she works together with ten board members to help give students the best education possible. Can you believe that she was the first female superintendent for Richmond County! Way to go Dr. Pringle!

Dr. Pringle was very excited about Pine Hill's student paper, The Panther's Eye, and made it known that it is very important for students to have a voice. She expressed that the student paper is a great way for students to be heard and to express themselves.

Literacy is very important to The Panther's Eye, as writing is the main way we express ourselves. In our interview we asked Dr. Pringle, "How important do you think literacy is to a person's education?" Her response was, "Literacy is the foundation of everything educationally. If you value literacy, it will help your future."

When asked, "What would you say to students who do not believe that writing and literacy are a worthwhile thing to do?" Her simple, yet powerful, response was, "You're missing out!" We certainly agree with you there Dr. Pringle!

Our superintendent shared with us



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that one of the most important goals for her is to get students college and career ready. She expressed that this goal is made easier when she has great principals to work with like our awesome principal Mr. Hadden!



Dr. Pringle Gives Feedback to Panther's Eye Student Journalists About Their Paper

There are two things Dr. Pringle said students need to be successful in life and in their careers.

Number one, for students to be successful in anything they need to set goals. Goals they set specifically for themselves, meaningful goals that will help them to have a driving force for their education and personal success. Once you know where you want to go, you can carve a path to get there.

Number two, students also need to have compassion. Less and less students have compassion

now-a-days, but compassion is a key ingredient for success.

If people work together they can become more successful. It's not just about the individual student, it's about all the others around them as well. Dr. Pringle said it best when she stated, "Compassionate people will have good things come their way." Words of wisdom from a very wise lady!

The Panther's Eye would like to thank Dr. Pringle for taking the time out of her busy schedule to come visit us! It was such an honor to have her take the time to come out and look at the hard work we do, and we thank her for visiting Pine Hill Middle! We hope the rest of Panther Nation felt our Pine Hill pride. Go Panthers!



Pine Hill Middle Spelling Champ Kameron Grissom Shares the Secret to his Sweet Success!

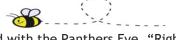
By Destiny Perdue

Pine Hill Middle has a brand new Spelling Bee champ, Kameron Grissom! Kameron was the spelling bee champ for the eighth grade hall along with Katherine Combs. Each grade had a spelling bee on their hallway and he defeated both the sixth and the seventh grade champs making him the overall winner for our school.

As our school winner, he went on to compete in the district bee on January 27th and finished in fourth place, which is mighty impressive considering all the students who participated. Go Kameron!

This is not the first time Kameron has won a spelling bee. He has won several elementary and middle school spelling bees. Kameron is a very experienced bee competitor and we knew he would do well in the district bee.

However, it's not all easy for him. Kameron practices a whole lot, and has a strategy.



He shared with the Panthers Eye, "Right when I got the spelling bee word list, I started to study them. I started off with the harder words so I could practice them more".

To prepare for the district bee, he used word roots to help him understand the words. Reading also helps him with spelling, as Kameron feels that it helps him to comprehend words better. As a matter of fact, Kameron is also a Reading Bowl champ. He is part of our school's Helen Ruffin Reading Club, which won first place last year in the Reading Bowl Competition.



Kameron Grissom 2018-2019 PHMS Spelling Bee Champ

Kameron feels very excited but also very anxious when he competes in a bee. He loves to participate but also does not want to disappoint himself or anyone else. Don't worry Kameron! The Panther's Eye and the rest of Pine Hill are proud of you and know that you always try your best so you can never disappoint us!

When Kameron isn't winning spelling bees or reading bowls, he can usually be found around his house reading. He loves to read, and it is his favorite hobby. Another awesome thing about him is that he is an honors student and is in the gifted program, chorus, and a participant of our first annual talent show. Go Kameron with your awesome self!



It's the Year of the Pigs, Panthers!

By Jasmine Joubert

The New Year is here! Yeah! Of course we all celebrated in our own fun way, but have you ever wondered how people in other places of the world celebrate this this amazing holiday?

The Chinese New Year is the most widely celebrated tradition in Asia. The tradition is usually celebrated on the first day of the first month on the Chinese Lunar calendar. This year it will fall between Feb.4-Feb. 10. This tradition is rooted in centuries-old customs and is one of the most popular public holidays in China. Apart from China, this tradition is also celebrated in many Asian countries like Korea, Taiwan, Vietnam, Singapore, Malaysia, and Japan.

There are many values and rituals tied with this tradition. For example, people would wear red clothing, decorate the house with red paper, and give children "lucky money" in red envelopes.

According to legend, it is said that red can drive away bad luck, which is why the color red is highly emphasized. In myths, ancestors would light bamboo stalks, believing that the crackling flames would scare off evil spirits. This is why fireworks and firecrackers are set off during this

special tradition.

Other values and traditions during the Chinese New Year dinner include eating specific dishes during the New Year's Eve Dinner, exchanging red envelopes, and cleaning the house as a family.

These traditions all emphasize one value: the importance of family reunion during the Chinese New Year. Family reunion is essential because it is a time to interact with family and friends who often times do not live nearby.

"There is a lot of great diversity throughout the world that we should appreciate."

Family and relatives will plan their schedules around the Chinese New Year dinner, instead of taking family for granted. This something everyone should do no matter what culture you are from! Family should be first.

If you have ever been to a Chinese restaurant you might have had the chance to see a Chinese calendar. In this cool calendar, each year is represented by a different animal. There are twelve animals that each mean a different thing.

It's all about pigs this year y'all!

These animals in order are: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Hors e, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, Pig. Depending on what year you were born in, will determine what animal will represent you. Check out the chart below to see which one represents you!

The year of 2019 is the year of the pig. You are a pig if you are born in any of these years 1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007, 2019, 2031. A pig represents luck, overall good fortune, wealth, honesty, and general prosperity. A person who is a pig is a hardworking, peace-loving, truthful, generous, indulgent, patient, reliable, trusting, sincere, giving, and sociable person with a large sense of humor and understanding.

The Chinese believe that no matter what year you were born in, you are most likely lucky in some way! The Chinese New Year teaches us that people ring in the new year in all different ways and in some places different times. There is a lot great diversity throughout the world that we should appreciate.

Find Out Which Animal Represents You. Look for the Year You Were Born on the Chart Below.

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	Horse	1942 1954 1966 1978 1990 2002 2014
7	Goat	1943 1955 1967 1979 1991 2003 2015
6	Monkey	1944 1956 1968 1980 1992 2004 2016
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	Tiger	1950 1962 1974 1986 1998 2010 2022
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Animal	Characteristics
Ox	Bright, Inspiring
Tiger	Aggressive
Rabbit	Peaceful, Affectionate
Dragon	Eccentric, Complex
Snake	Vain, High Tempered
Horse	Attractive, Impassioned
Sheep	Creative, Elegant
Monkey	Enthusiastic
Cock	Pioneering, Knowledgeable
Dog	Loyal, Honest
Boar	Noble, Filled with Strife
Rat	Ambitious

Pine Hill Middle's Helen Ruffin Reading Team Places in Reading Bowl

By Christian Ramsey

Do you enjoy reading books? If you do, you might want to join our accomplished Helen Ruffin Reading group coached by Ms. Nimmons, our media specialist.

Pine Hill Middle's Helen Ruffin reading team is a group of students who read books to compete in reading bowl competitions. The students in this group participate in it because they share both a love of reading and friendly competition.

If you are interested in joining them you would need to sign up in the beginning of the school year or wait for a spot to come open.

Helen Ruffin Reading team members Jasmin Joubert, Kameron Grissom, and Gregory Tripp shared that they take part in the group because they, "Really like reading and have a lot of fun working as a team to win competitions."

Our reading team recently took part in the Reading Bowl competition, where they had to face several competitors. The competition was tough and many schools participated including the magnet schools.

"Our main competition was the Freedom Park and A.R. Johnson teams," Jasmin and Gregory told The Panther's Eye.

To prepare themselves for the Reading Bowl, the team reads many books, study the facts and stories in the books, and do practice mock competitions between themselves in the media center. Ms. Nimmons gives them questions and they practice buzzing in as fast as they can. These activities help

"....It takes a lot of time, energy, and practice to do what they do."



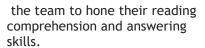




2018-2019 PHMS Helen Ruffin Reading Team with Their Trophy



Love me some reading!



When our reading team competed in the Reading Bowl they were able to take third place overall, which is excellent considering the amount of schools participating in the Reading Bowl.

We at the Panthers Eye congratulate our reading team as it takes a lot of time, energy, and practice to do what they do. On top of everything, it is a lot of pressure to compete against so many excellent schools, including the magnet schools.

After everything was said and done, the reading team felt, "a little sad about not taking first place but really good about being able to get third place out of all the other teams that competed."

Don't worry guys, in our eyes you are number one! The Panther's Eye and the rest of Pine Hill is so very proud of our Helen Ruffin reading team. Sincerely from the Panther's Eye we congratulate you on your hard work and diligence!

Hats off to Ms. Nimmons as well for all her hard work and effort to get the team ready for competition. You rock Ms. Nimmons!

Reading is where it's at homies!





Pine Hill Middle Sports



The Lady Panthers Basketball Team Returns Victorious from the Championship Games! By Samia Evans

There are five seconds on the clock! The Pine Hill Lady Panthers are ahead by two points, as the other team is steadily gaining on them! Destiny passes it to Justyce, and she passes it to Lauren. As she shoots, the clock goes off right when the ball goes in and the crowd goes wild!

After an upsetting defeat last year in the championship games, the Lady Panthers came back with the focus and sisterhood to win back the championship.

Another reason for success, was that this year the team was introduced to some astonishing sixth grade talent.

During an interview, the team shared that this year's sixth grade players were the most cooperative and sophisticated Pine Hill has seen yet. This fact really helped the girls work towards becoming the best team they could be.

According to Lady Panther Michaela Bogans, the girls were also more motivated and determined because of their rigorous practices. Our Lady Panthers practiced long, hard, and often to earn the title of the best middle school girls' basketball team!

Staying motivated is key if a team wants to be successful. When the girls were down score wise, they stayed motivated by cheering each other on or giving high fives.

During the games, when the girls had a rocky start, what has come to be known as "Mullis Madness" kicked in. Mullis Madness, which of course is named after Coach Mullis, is an energy described as being like the "cranking up of a car", because as soon as it starts the girls get in gear.

Coach Mullis has high expectations for his girls not only on the court but in the classroom as well.

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2018-2019 PHMS Girls' Basketball Team











He constantly goes to the Lady Panther's classrooms to see how they are doing and how well they are progressing. Coach Mullis pushes the girls to their limits trying to get the girls a better understanding of the game not only physically but mentally.

It is no wonder the girls were able to reach their goals. They have coaches Mullis, Grubbs, and Rogers behind them supporting them one hundred percent!

Coach Mullis motivated the girls by saying "Good is never good enough." That is to say, they should strive continuously for excellence. The Eye is always watching and we see your unique way of coaching. Keep up the good work Coach Mullis!

The Panthers Eye is very proud of our Lady Panthers. Not only did they meet our expectations, but they met the goals and expectations they set for themselves. Even after a difficult loss last year, the girls came back stronger than ever to join our softball Lady Panthers into victory by also winning their championship!

The Eye is always watching and looking for positive things happening around our school and we could not miss this amazing accomplishment. With this fourth consecutive championship win, this will go down in Panther History!!! Congratulations Lady Panthers!

Dear Abby Advice Column

The Problem:

I got a big problem. I like this boy, a lot. He is amazing. He is kind and cute and really smart. There is only one problem. My mom does not like him. She does not want me to be with him. She says I am too young to have a boyfriend and refuses to even meet him. His mom tried to call my mom to talk to her about meeting her so that I could see my boyfriend. My mom refused. I don't understand why she won't even meet him before she makes a decision about him. I think she is being really unfair about the whole thing and she even told me to break up with him because she is not allowing me to have boyfriends. What can I do?! I really like him!

Abby's Answer:

First of all, boys may come and go but mom will always be there. Never forget that. Mom knows you better than you know yourself and only wants the best for you, so value her opinion and what she has to say.

Second, you don't have to make any decisions right now about spending the rest of your life with him. I think that's important to recognize. You are still so young (I know you probably hate hearing that, but it's true!!) and there's no need to decide right now whether this is the guy you want to marry or be with for the rest of your life.

Why not take your time and just be friends? Albeit, he can be a very special friend but if mom is not going to budge I think it is best to respect her wishes.

Not doing so will lead to trouble and a lot of stress. If he really likes you, he will slow down and wait until things are right and you have permission.

This is a good time see what kind of person he is and if his feelings are genuine. If he waits and slows down then his feelings are in the right place for you.

It's great that you see a future with this person, but don't stress about rushing things. Mom wants her daughter to worry about what's important and that's education. Always remember A comes before B. Academics before Boys!!!!!



Dear Abby, I feel real bad because I let my friend talk me into stealing with her. She did the actual stealing and I was the lookout. I know it was wrong. We got caught and she let the blame fall on me. I didn't snitch because I know she would really get into some trouble because she has been caught before. The more I hang around her the more I realize that maybe she used me. I am thinking of telling the truth but at this point I don't think anyone will believe me. I really let my gramma down and wish I could make it better but do not know how. What do you think I could do?

Abby's Answer:

The truth shall set you free!! You took the blame for something you didn't do. Not a smart idea... The truth is always best even if it will get you in trouble. It will clear

your conscious and you will feel better about yourself and whatever happened.

Also, people will be more inclined to have compassion or consideration towards a person who tells the truth as opposed to someone who does not because it shows that they are trying to do the right thing in spite of their mistake.

Everyone makes mistakes, everyone. It is what you do after your mistake that counts.

I know that you may feel like a snitch, but in the end it is the right thing to do. If your friend didn't want to get in trouble, then he or she wouldn't have done anything to put themselves in a situation to get into trouble.

Equally disturbing is the fact that your so called friend threw you under bus to save him or herself. With friends like that who needs enemies! You would do well to t rethink this friendship.

Be the person that your grandmother raised you to be and that will help make things right. So be great, be smart, but most of all be you.

The Problem:

Dear Abby,

My sister betrayed me. She went behind my back and stole my boyfriend. I hate her for this. I can't believe she would do something so low. She knew I loved him. Just when I thought it could not get any worse I found out that she did things with him she should not have done. It broke my heart so bad. How do I get over this pain I



feel? I wish I could just go somewhere else to live. I can't stand seeing her anymore.

Abby's answer:

Blood is thicker than water my dear!! You have to remember, when this boy is gone your sister will still be there. Yes, she was wrong, but they are both equally wrong. Remember, it takes two to tango and that means he knew what he was doing as well.

You have a right to be angry and I understand why you feel hurt but think about this: have you ever made a mistake or done something you regret?

We all make mistakes and we all make them for different reasons. Why did your sister do what she did? There are probably some very sad reasons behind her decisions. Low self-esteem, revenge, perhaps she was taken advantage of, the reasons could be many but they all lead in one sad direction: a very great mistake.

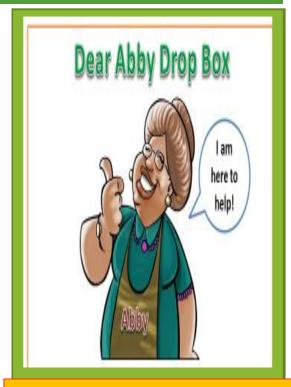
Give it some time and I promise you she will come to the conclusion that hurting you, her sister, was a mistake.

I think it is important for you to express how you feel, but without the hate. Try writing her a letter or text to let her know how you truly feel about the situation.

You can also ask a grown up you trust to help stand in and provide counsel and non-biased advice if you decide to speak to her face to face.

This is FAMILY, next year both of you will have forgotten who he is. This is a time in your sisterhood where you can grow closer. I understand the frustration, but this is your sister.

You should never allow anyone to rob you of your precious relationship with your sister. Whoever he is he can't be worth losing your sister as evidenced by his careless and heartless actions.



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!

Valentines Facts: So What's the Deal with the Flying Baby During Valentines?!

Cupid and Valentine's Day

Cupid — the winged baby that carries a golden bow and arrows — is one of the most famous symbols of Valentine's Day. His image, or sometimes one of a heart pierced by one of his arrows, is used to symbolize love. So how did a baby become such a big part of February 14th?

A Roman god

In Roman mythology, Cupid is the son of Venus, the goddess of love and beauty. And he is known as the god of affection. Legend has it that Cupid shoots magical gold-tipped arrows at gods and humans alike. By piercing their heart with an arrow, he causes individuals to fall deeply in love.

Two arrows for two feelings

Some legends also say that Cupid is known to change his mind a lot. Not only does he carry golden arrows to make someone fall in love, but he also carries another kind of arrow. This other arrow has a blunt lead tip that makes people fall out of love.

Modern-day Cupid

During the 14th to 17th centuries, painters created many works of art that showed Cupid as a baby angel. This same version began to appear on Valentine's Day cards during the late 1800s. Ever since, the image of Cupid as a flying infant who inspires love has stuck in people's minds. And it's the version of Cupid that we are most familiar with to this day.

















Trending Now Report: This or That By: Aaliyah Holland



Most Popular Valentines Gifts 🤇



Valentine's Day is about love -- and in this day and age, we tend to express our love through gifts. If you are wondering what to get that special someone, consider this list of the most popular valentine's gifts given last year.

- 1. Candy (especially chocolate): this valentine favorite continues to be the most popular valentine gift. You can't go wrong with this classic token of affection, that is unless your beloved is allergic to chocolate! Yikes!
- 2. Greeting cards: According to the Greeting Card Association, 145 million cards are exchanged each Valentine's Day, and that's not counting all the valentines kids get at school!
- 3. Take the person out: Many celebrate by going out to get a special meal or watching a romantic movie.
- 4. Flowers: Nothing says I love you like a rose but flower shops are reporting an increase of red and pink tulip sales during the Valentine's holiday.
- 5. Jewelry: Rounding out the list of the most popular Valentine's Day gifts is jewelry. Heart shaped jewelry and red rubies continue to be the best selling for obvious reasons.

Oh Baby! Celebrity Drama

CARDI B SLAMS TOMI LAHREN IN POLITICAL TWITTER BATTLE.

The beef between these two stared when Cardi B spoke out against the government shutdown in which thousands of government employees will not get paid for work they will perform until an agreement is made over money President Trump wants the government to give him for a wall in Mexico. Tomi Lahren is a government commentator and tv host who made a negative comment about Cardi not knowing anything about how the government works on twitter which started a trending twitter war.

Remember that crazy fight Nicki Minaj and Carbi had? Well she is reportedly willing to pay \$100,000 for the surveillance footage! Shame on her! Nicki don't you know government employees are not getting paid! You could put that money to better use!



In the Movies

Check these amazing blockbusters currently trending. You might want to take your sweetheart to see one of these on Valentine's day!

- 1. Aguaman
- 2. Dragon Ball Super: Browly
- 3. Bumblebee
- 4. Spider-Man: Into the Spider-
- 5. The Kid Who Would Be King





Fashion to Follow



Lookout for these trending 90's inspired fashion finds:

- Nike SB Dunk Purple Lobster sneaker
- > Air Jordan 3 in Mocha sneaker
- Air Jordan1 Retro High Origin Story sneaker
- > Champion brand clothing
- Fanny packs
- Mini backpack purses
- Brand name slides



Champion Makes a Comeback

Dear Abby Drop Box I am here to help!

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!

Net Cutting Ceremony & Spring Sports Pep Rally on Feb. 22



Let's celebrate our boy's and girls' basketball victories and kick off our Spring Sports with Panther Pride!

Pine Hill Hosts
Science Fair

When: Feb. 28

Are you ready for the big day?



Announcements

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



Shout Out Alert!

PHMS had the great honor of having some of our students selected for All County Band.

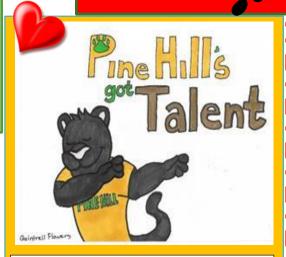
Congratulations:

- Arianna Diggs
- Megan Griffin
- Terri Willis
- Kyndell Brown
- Travianna Flinchum
- Katherine Combs

During the Winter Dance hosted by our Student Council, the Heralds club set up a photo booth where people could take fun and cool pictures with goofy props to remember this awesome dance. Mrs. Rosado and the Heralds set up the booth as a fundraiser to make funds to help out people in need and raise money for their vegetable garden. Good job Heralds! They raised \$50 for the Golden Harvest.





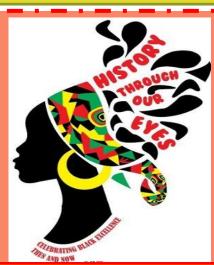


Our 1st Annual Talent Show Talent Show - Monday, February 04, 2019



Time: 5-7p.m.

Who Will Be Pine Hill Middle's Next Big Star!?



Pine Hill Middle presents Black History program from 6-7:30 in the auditorium. Come experience this beautiful celebration of African American art, music, and dance.



A bat and ball cost \$1.10.

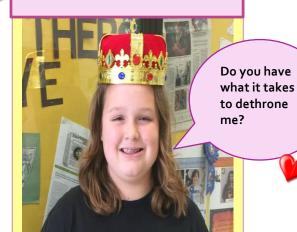
The bat costs one dollar more than the ball.

How much does the ball cost?

Beware it is trickier than it seems!!!



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

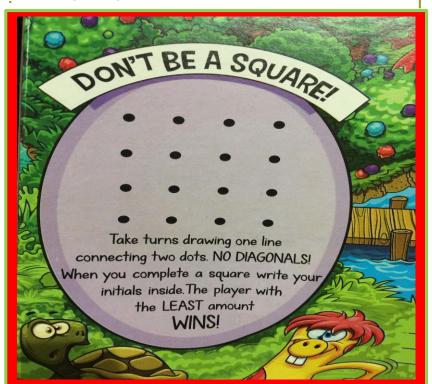
7th Grader Kaylana Krause the first to turn in the right answer and is the current reigning PHMS Math Whiz. All hail Kaylana!



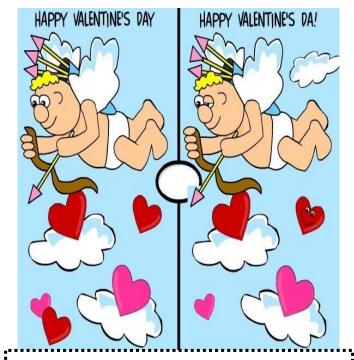
1. The Great Heart Hunt Challenge: How many hearts are featured in this issue?

2. Valentine's Riddle: Which one of Santa's reindeer can be seen on Valentine's day?

3. Valentine's Riddle: I have a heart that never beats, I have a home but I never sleep. I can take a man's house and build another's, And I love to play games with my many brothers. I am a king among fools. Who am I?







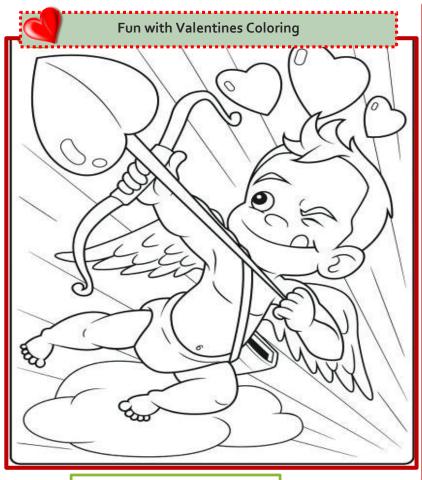
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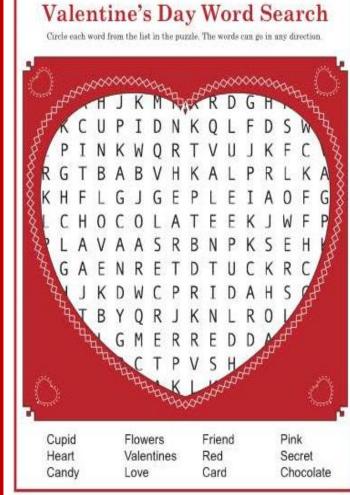
2. Cupid!

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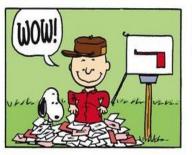


Valentine's Funnies







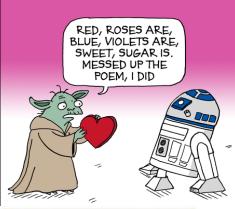


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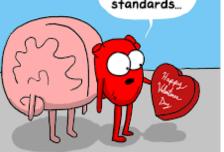








Talk about impossible body standards...



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