



AHS NEWS



IMPORTANT MARCH DATES:
EARLY DISMISSAL 3/20, 3/21, 3/22
PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES 3/20, 3/21, 3/22
MARCH MADNESS 3/23
EARLY DISMISSAL 3/28
SPRING BREAK 3/29-4/7

National Love Your Pet Day

Written By: Lucy Devine



Scooter and Bobo
(the Burns family's cats)

Who doesn't love their pet? Did you know that *National Love Your Pet Day* is celebrated on February 20th? Although pet lovers show their love for their pets everyday, it's a day designated for just that. While you are at school, or playing sports or at play practice, your fur friend is waiting patiently for you to return home. Pets love us unconditionally. My dog Jac is not just a pet, but also a best friend. And, if you have ever watched *A Dog's Purpose*, *A Dog's Journey* or *A Dog's Way Home*, you would know that the bond between humans and pets is a strong one, maybe the strongest bond in the world.

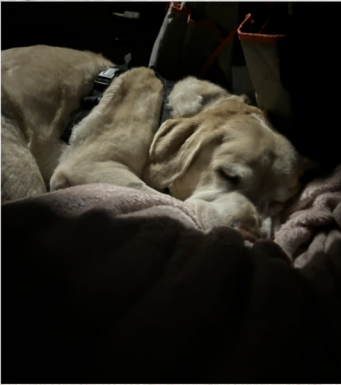


Max (the Burns family's dog)

Pets have been around for many centuries. Egyptians loved cats, Ming Dynasties loved dogs, especially Pugs, and all through American history there is always a bond of "human and dog" stories from *Old Yeller* to *The Impossible Journey*.

America is a nation that TRULY loves pets. Almost every household owns some kind of pet.

- 60 million households are dog owners
- 47 million are cat lovers
- 12 million fish lovers
- 8 million own birds
- And, finally 4.7 million have reptiles in their houses!!!!



Percy (the Graves family's dog)



Jac (the Devine family's dog)

Ironically, there are more cats than dogs in the United States. The reason being, many cat owners own more than one cat!!

So on February 20th be extra loving and kind to your pet, whichever it might be. Give extra treats, hugs, walks, and love whenever you can! And if you missed it this year, be on the lookout for National Love Your Pet Day next year!
Here are some pictures of pets you may know.



Ollie (the Lauber family's
5 month old calf)

NATIONAL AMERICAN HEART MONTH

Written By: Kaydence Lauber

National American Heart Month takes place in the month of February. This is the time to protect yourself against heart disease. Ways you can prevent yourself from heart disease is by doing heart-healthy activities, a healthier diet, cardiology check-ins, etc. This is also the time to recognize that heart disease is the number 1 killer of Americans. At the time, President Lyndon B. Johnson, among the millions of the people who have had heart attacks, issued the first proclamation in 1964. Since then, U.S. presidents have annually declared National American Heart Month. In addition, throughout the month, the American Heart Association "Heart to Heart: Why Losing One Woman Is Too Many" campaign will raise awareness of how 1 in 3 women are diagnosed with heart disease. The first Friday of American Heart Month, Feb. 5th, 2024, is National Wear Red Day. That being said, this February, take time to recognize those who suffer from heart disease and take the time to make sure you're not sustainable to heart disease.

To learn more about heart healthy activities, please visit the website provided:
[American Heart Association](#)

Can February March?
No but April May.

What outfit should I wear on the 2nd of February?
A tu-tu

What is the best month for coffee?
Fe-BREW-ary

What do you say on the last day of the second month?
Today is the last day February but we will March on

Whats the difference between February 14 and June 4th to someone who's single?
There isn't any because they are both independence day

Jokes by Alekx Gutierrez





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Teacher Swap

Reported by: Bree Burns

Q: Did you enjoy the teacher swap day? Who were you for the day?

A (Miss Lippincott - was Mrs. Yonney): I did! Now I can appreciate how other teacher’s days are. I’m not sure if I would like to do it again, because I prefer teaching what I teach.

Q: Did you enjoy the teacher swap day? Who were you for the day?

A (Mrs. Petrie - was Coach S): I thought it was fun, but I would rather be in my classroom. I enjoyed seeing students from all the different grade levels. I would prefer not to do it again.

Q: Did you enjoy the teacher swap day? Who were you for the day?

A (Ms. Lewis - was Mrs. Mowder): I did. I thought it was a fun way to interact with students that we don’t typically work with. I would like to do it again. It could be fun as a different idea to interact with all of the grades, rather than just one.

The Importance of Agriculture

Written By: Kaydence Lauber

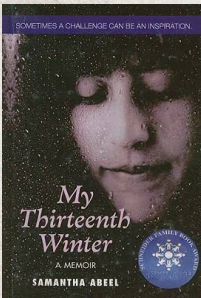
Agriculture is in our everyday lives. It is seen and used in our daily lives. Most people do not realize that without farmers and agricultural workers, we would not have a sustainable lifestyle. Our economy would fail, we would have a lack of supplies, we wouldn’t have food, we would have no clothing, we wouldn’t have fresh fruits and vegetables, no livestock production, and no medical supplies to keep us healthy. It is the world’s largest industry. It employs more than one billion people and generates over \$1.3 trillion dollars worth of food annually! That’s pretty important! According to Thomas Jefferson, “Agriculture is our wisest pursuit, because it will contribute most to wealth, good morals, and happiness.” Today’s agriculture impacts future generations and ensures life-long success in the global agricultural sector, building a more sustainable economic system. When agricultural operations are managed, they can preserve critical habitats, protect watersheds, and improve soil and water quality. It’s not just about providing fresh and healthy food, but it impacts our environment and wildlife. Hunting and fishing, also, plays an important role in agriculture, matter of factly. If we did not hunt, most of the farmers/ranchers livestock would fall ill due to diseases being transmitted from wildlife, or their animals could get killed from wildlife. Whether it is a farmer's beef cow or their chicken, animals provide the most production for them. As someone who has grown up on a farm and learned about the importance of agriculture my whole life, I can completely say that agriculture is the most important profession and it will continue to progress. Even if you do not agree with my opinion of agriculture being important, you should still respect all that work in the agricultural industry as they do a lot to provide a healthy, suitable lifestyle for all.



Book Review - My Thirteenth Winter

Wrttien By: Kaydence Lauber

I would rate *My Thirteenth Winter* by Samantha Abeel a 4.5/5. I would rate it that because overall this book was amazingly written and it taught me a lot about what people can go through in life. I admire Samantha for coming out and speaking about her struggles, and expressing how life isn’t always sunshine and rainbows. I felt as if I could relate to a lot of the things I was reading about. This includes the mention of anxiety/panic attacks and not being the best at math, but excelling in every other class. She also inspired me a little bit when she was struggling, yet she fought to get out of those hard times. However, the reason I wouldn’t rate it a 5/5 would be because I felt as if she went too fast when explaining life situations and when going through her life in general. Also, some of the vocabulary was a bit strong, but when I used context clues I figured out what most of them meant. I mostly think teenagers would enjoy this story as she goes through most of her teenage life struggling, while giving you advice. Overall, this memoir was beautifully written and very relatable in some aspects.



Presidents Day - Fun Facts
By: Bree Burns

Presidents Day is officially Washington's Birthday at the federal governmental level, and is a holiday in the United States celebrated on the third Monday of February. Presidents Day is a way to honor the legacies of all of our country’s presidents. Most people will have a long 3 day weekend and some parades happen to celebrate the lives of all our nation’s presidents. Below are some fun facts!

- President’s Day Wasn’t Enacted Until Almost One Hundred Years After George Washington’s Death
- President’s Day is Always Celebrated on Monday
- Only Two Presidents Signed the Constitution
- The First American Presidents Were Immigrants



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♥The History of Valentine’s Day♥

Written by: Vivian Sutter

Did you know Valentine's Day was not always a day of love? Saint Valentine helped people get married in secret and he did it for a long time. As the story goes, Emperor Claudius II of Rome banned marriage because he thought unmarried men made better soldiers. Valentine thought this was unfair and started to break the rules. But later on he was caught and killed. He was the first to write the first ever “Valentine” to his daughter before he died. Then, later in the 5th century Pope Gelasius, another man that ruled, declared the day of his death as St. Valentine’s Day. Hope you enjoyed the history of Valentine’s day!

Groundhogs Day

Written by: Vivian Sutter

Groundhog's day is celebrated in Canada and the United States. When German settlers arrived in the United States in the 1700s, they brought a tradition known as Candlemans Day. For the early Christians in Europe, it was the custom on Candlemas Day a day for Clergy to bless candles and distribute them to the people in the dark of Winter. A lighted candle was placed in each window of the home. The weather continued to be important to the early christians. A lighted candle was placed in each window of the home.



🍓Berry chocolate mug cake🍓

Recipe by: Vivian Sutter

Ingredients:

- Your favorite mug
- 3 tablespoons of Flour
- 2 tablespoons of cocoa powder
- 3 tablespoons of sugar
- 1 quarter teaspoon of baking powder
- 3 tablespoons of vegetable oil
- ¼ cup of milk.
- 3 tablespoons of chocolate chips
- Whipped cream to serve
- Top with blueberry, raspberries, and a mint leaf

Directions:

- 1.Spray the inside of a microwave-safe ceramic mug. Add flour, cocoa powder, sugar , baking powder and then mix.
- 2.Add oil, milk, chocolate chips and stir.
- 3.Microwave on high on high for 1 minute and 30 seconds. Cool completely.
- 4.Top with cream, berries and a mint leaf.



The Super Bowl Opinions

Reported by Bree Burns

Q: What was your favorite commercial?
A (Ms. Lewis): The trailer for Wicked commercial.

Q: What was your favorite commercial?
A (Audrey B.): The Eagles/Ravens commercial where they were pretending to fly through the sky like they were real birds.

Q: What was your favorite commercial?
A (Julian H.): The Ice Spice commercial.

Q: What was your favorite commercial?
A (Izayiah R.): The Kawasaki commercial with the mullets.

Q: What was your favorite commercial?
A (Ceci F.): The Cetaphil commercial.

Q: What was your favorite commercial?
A (Ewan F.): The Duolingo one.

Q: What was your favorite commercial?
A (Jael B.): The Duolingo one.

Q: What is your opinion on this year’s halftime show?
A (Ms. Lewis): I really liked the halftime show this year. Usher did an incredible job. I liked the choreographed roller skating.

Q: What is your opinion on this year’s halftime show?
A (Audrey B.): I really liked it, it was very entertaining. I liked how Usher performed with Alicia Keys because their singing sounded good together. I loved how Reba McEntire sang the national anthem.

Q: What is your opinion on this year’s halftime show?
A (Julian H.): It was fine, but at some times it didn’t match up to other ones that happened in the past. I think the ones before it were better.

Q: What is your opinion on this year’s halftime show?
A (Izayiah R.): It was pretty good, but it could’ve been better. I wish that the 49ers won.

Q: What is your opinion on this year’s halftime show?
A (Ceci F.): It was pretty good, but I think they could have added better songs. Kansas City should have lost.

Q: What is your opinion on this year’s halftime show?
A (Ewan F.): It was good.

Q: What is your opinion on this year’s halftime show?
A (Jael B.): It was okay.



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Oh, The Thinks You Can When You Think About Seuss

Written By: Lucy Divine

Every year on March 2nd, schools across the nation celebrate Read Across America Day in honor of beloved author Dr. Seuss's Birthday. This year, more than ever, it is timely that Alexandria Township School will participate in "Read Across ATS Day" as the Drama Club gears up to present Seussical Jr. on April 19, 20, and 21. I will be playing the Cat in the Hat in the show. As we have been rehearsing, I realized that because of all the technology in our daily lives, some of the younger students may not know all the Dr. Seuss stories that are woven together to create the magic of Seussical Jr. So, I decided that for my Girl Scout Cadette Silver Award project, I would help bring more Dr. Seuss to grades kindergarten through second grade to encourage the importance of reading books, and foster a love of reading, by celebrating Dr. Seuss and Read Across America Day, while also promoting Peer Leaders, and the Drama Club production of Seussical Jr.

Drama Club members who are also Peer Leaders will be out to read Dr. Seuss stories on Friday, March 1st (the day before Dr. Seuss's birthday) to students in grades K-2. I will also be hosting a Dr. Seuss Read-a-thon (March 4 - April 1st) for K-2 students. The class in each grade level that reads the most Dr. Seuss books, will receive a pizza party!

And finally, I will also be hosting a Dr. Seuss book drive during the three days of the performances of Seussical Jr.! The books will be donated to local food pantries so that families can grab a book while they pick up food. My Silver Award bulletin board will highlight the information of the project. My hope is that reading lots of Seuss stories, combined with seeing the Drama Club production of Seussical Jr., will inspire young readers to continue to explore Seuss, and READ MORE! Remember, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go" (Seuss).

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Some of the peer leaders before reading



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MID YEAR WEIGH IN

Grade Level Results:

Kindergarten: 1,100 grams

1st Grade: 118 grams

2nd Grade: 7,491 grams

3rd Grade: 1,350 grams

4th Grade: 1,688 grams

5th Grade: 3,610 grams

6th Grade: 6,861 grams

7th Grade: 1,066 grams



ATS has collected 23,284 grams or almost 51 pounds of Pop Tabs for The Ronald McDonald House.

WAY TO GO, ATS TIGERS!

We are behind our mid weigh-in total from last year, so keep collecting!!
The Fundraiser is still running through the end of May!

POP TABS

Name: _____ Date: _____



- AQUARIUS
- CANDLELIGHT
- CARNATION
- CHOCOLATE
- COZY
- CUPID
- FEBRUARY
- FIREPLACE
- FRIENDSHIP
- GROUNDHOG DAY
- HEART
- HUG
- KISS
- LEAP YEAR
- LOVE
- MARDI GRAS
- PINK
- PISCES
- PRESIDENTS DAY
- RED
- ROMANCE
- ROSES
- SKIING
- SNOW
- SWEETHEART
- VALENTINE
- WINTER

WORD SEARCH DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

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