



Weibel Chronicles

Happy Holidays!

2015-2016 Issue 2

Wildcat Wizard

by Laasya and Kripa

The Wildcat Wizard is back this month! Feel free to ask any questions to the famous know-it-all.

Dear Wildcat Wizard,

I had a really bad day today. I fell sick and nearly threw up in class. I badly wanted to go home, but if my mom found out that I was sick, she would make me miss school tomorrow! Not that I like school, but there is a huge test tomorrow. I prefer doing it along with the class. But if I don't tell my parents, I will be sick tomorrow at school again! Should I tell them? I've never been in such a dilemma before! Please help me, Wildcat!!!

From,
The Sick Schoolkid

Dear Sick Schoolkid,

I think you should tell your parents that you are sick. I mean, you will suffer either way. Honesty is best. I would rather stay at home missing a test rather than going to school sick and vomiting everywhere. Plus, you get more time to study! I'm just suggesting you to skip school tomorrow so you can get better.

Sincerely,
The Wildcat Wizard

Home Alone 25th Anniversary

By:Samrit

On November 16,1990 Home Alone's fist movie was released. This year it is their 25th anniversary. A day before the McCallister family left to Paris, they had a family gathering. At the gathering Kevin and his cousin Buzz get into an argument about cheese pizza. Kevin creates a ruckus so his mother, Kate, orders him to go to the attic. Kevin wishes that he never seas his family again. During the night a power outage causes the family to wake up late. When the family wakes up, they forget about Kevin because they are in a hurry. Kevin's wish comes true. Kevin's mom realizes that her son is missing so she calls the police. The police come to Kevin's house to see if he is home. The police do not find Kevin so they think that the house is safe. To find out more about the movie watch it for yourself!

2015-2016 Spelling Bee

by Laasya

Once again, the Fremont Unified School District is holding an annual elementary spelling bee in each school (including Weibel). First, there will be elimination rounds in the classes (grades 4-6), for people who want to try out. Then, the top two finalists from each class will compete in the school contest. One or two people will be the school champions, and will be entered into the FUSD round, where they compete against the school finalists from ALL the public schools in the city of Fremont. THAT is a very hard competition. The FUSD contest will be held on January 28, 2016 at Weibel. The winners from that spelling bee will be transferred to the state finals, where you compete against Einstein-level spelling champions from all cities of California. Winning the regional finals is a rare occurrence. And possibly, if you are the top finalist of the regional level, you will get to travel ALL THE WAY TO WASHINGTON D.C.!!! Maybe, just maybe, if YOU can manage to spell more words correctly than all the kids from all the 50 states, then you might be able to be the best speller in the WHOLE of America. Who knows? YOU might be able to win over 75 million kids using your spelling skills. If you have the determination, passion, and skill, you can be America's Spelling Bee 2016 champion.

Endangered Species

By Amaelia

It may not seem like it, but there are many endangered species in the world. Most of these species are endangered due to illegal poaching of huntsmen. One of the top 5 critically endangered species is the Amur Leopard. There now exists only about 55 Amur Leopards in the world. The Northern Pacific Right Whale comes close behind with a population of about 50 due to poaching. 3rd on the line is the Javan Rhinoceros. These creatures are considered one of the rarest mammals on Earth and their population is estimated to about 40. 4th, we have the northern Sportive Lemur, whose population is estimated to be about 20. Poaching is the main cause of this decrease. Another species is the Ivory Billed Woodpecker. Their population has dwindled due to hunters and deforestation in the 19th century. In 2004, they were thought to be extinct, but then one woodpecker made a reappearance, and there are rumors that the supposedly 'extinct' ivory billed woodpecker still lives. This goes to show you that there are many endangered species out there, so I encourage you to spread the word.

The Lake

By Trisha

The shimmering lake,
was not like a snake.
It was pretty,
people thought it was a city.

The lake was blue,
not glue.
As two ducks waked,
they talked.

They advanced to the lake,
they knew it wasn't fake.
They went into the beauty,
they were quite moody.

The lake was glittering,
too bad people were littering.
If we want the stunning lake,
we must be awake and turn the quake.



Golden State Warriors

By Zayaan

The Golden State Warriors are now the only NBA team to reign supreme and undefeated. They have played many games so far and have not scored less than 100 points. The least score differential was four points. Other than that, each difference was 9 points or more. One game against the Memphis Grizzlies was a complete shut-out where they won by an enormous amount of 50 points. Lead by Andre Iguodala, the Warriors won the NBA last year for the first time in 40 years and were rewarded championship rings. Right now, Stephen "Steph" Curry is leading the amazing team with at least 20 points per game. Draymond Green and Festus Ezeli are also rocking the court. The Warriors are right now the best shooting team in the NBA and the best 3-point shooting team as well. Also, the entire team's defense is unbeatable. The solid team has 41 blocks per game! Looking at the stats now, the Golden State Warriors are on track for the win again. GOOOOOOO Golden State!

15 Totally Weird Random Facts That You Probably Didn't Know

by Rina

1. Bats are the only mammals that can fly.
2. Cats can't taste sweetness at all.
3. The average person wastes 2 weeks in total waiting for the red light to turn green.
4. When hippos are angry, their sweat turns a shade of red.
5. The average person produces enough saliva in their life time to fill 2 entire swimming pools.
6. It rains diamonds on Jupiter.
7. Strawberries and raspberries aren't really types of berries.
8. All octopuses have 3 hearts.
9. The word desserts is stressed backwards.
10. Most people walk the equivalent of 5 times around the earth's equator in their entire lifetime.
11. A hemidemisemiquaver is a 64th note in music.
12. An okapi's tongue is roughly 18 inches long.
13. The popsicle was invented in 1905 by an 11 year old boy named Frank Epperson. This invention was entirely by accident.
14. Cotton candy was invented by a dentist named William Morison in 1897.
15. It is impossible for a crocodile to stick its tongue out.

SCIENCE CAMP by:neha

Science camp was really fun. On the first day when we got there, my group got to pull broom. Broom is a type of invasive species which grow there. Then, in the night after dinner, we had s'mores and the naturalists did skits for us. Also, people told jokes. I got a lot of my friends in my cabin and we played lots of games until 10:00. On the second day, we had class in the morning after breakfast. The food at science camp was really good. Then, we had cabin time until we had to go to lunch. After our afternoon class, we had recreation time in the afternoon. There was a pool and a game room you could go to for recreation time. Recreation time was really fun because you could do whatever you want for 1 hour. The second night was really fun. We had a night hike. Our group went stargazing first and we saw a shooting star. Also, we learned about our night vision and our senses. We got to eat jellybeans to test our senses and we had to guess what flavor it was. Then, there came the solo walk. The solo walk was when your naturalist walked about a minute away from you group and you walked one by one until you reached the naturalist. We also got to eat "moon rocks" which were actually wintergreen mints that looked like they glowed when you ate them. The third day we had our day hike. The day hike was really cool because we saw lots of different plants and trees. We also did another solo walk except this time it was raining really hard and it was in the daytime. During our hike, we went to a creek and we climbed all around the land around the creek. It also started raining really hard and we all got soaked. It was very tiring, but also a good experience. Finally, Friday came and it was time to leave Science Camp. We had a morning class and then got back on the bus for a 1- 1 ½ hour ride. Science camp was awesome!



Aliens

by: Eshaan

What do you think of aliens? Probably little green guys with skinny limbs and giant egg-heads. Well, they could also be giant jellyfish with onion shaped organs. Or maybe red devils with a halo hanging over them(very unlikely). Or maybe... maybe, I don't know. Okay, you probably got the point, they could be anything! Here are a few tips on what to do when you see an alien:

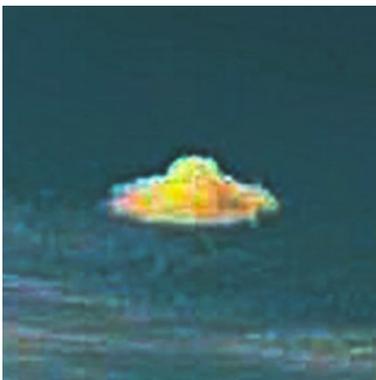
1. Run
2. Scream(don't stop running)
3. Trip the nearest person(so the aliens get them, not you)
4. Now, you are safe!

You know about the giant pyramids of Giza, right? Well, early scientists thought that aliens made them. (Crazy, right?). This was because they thought that the ancient egyptians didn't have the technologies to build such huge structures. (They were probably just jealous).

Whether you believe in them or not, the quest for finding aliens continues. N.A.S.A. just launched the NExSS project, or Nexus for Exoplanet System Science. I wonder if we'll ever find aliens, because if there aren't any, then we humans will be lonely in the universe. Say, if there aren't any other aliens and Earth is extinct, then there won't be any life forms in the universe. Now that is a very scary thought!

The Alien Sighting

By Shreya



Aliens. Sort of a weird topic if you ask me. Half the people think aliens are real while the other half think that aliens are just nonsense. Well, for you people out there who don't believe in extraterrestrials, boy have I got some news for you!! Just on November 29, a UFO was spotted in Greensboro, North Carolina. Apparently, the UFO has dome-like shape, which makes it easy to conclude that it is truly a real UFO. The picture shown shows the UFO, which was behind a cloud. COOL!!!

4-H By Mansi

In 1902, A.B. Graham, a school master in Clark county, Ohio, founded 4-H. 4-H was an after-school club that promoted good and new farming practices to kids in school. Today, 4-H has transformed into a club not only for rural communities but urban communities as well. It promotes leadership, communication, community service and many more skills through various projects, to enable youth to become good citizens. It is the youth development program of our nation's Cooperative Extension System & USDA

The 4 leaf clover that is pictured above is the emblem of 4-H. The four petals on the clover symbolize head, heart, hands, and health. The Head: for clearer thinking, Heart: for greater loyalty, Hands: for larger service, and Health: for better living; for my club, my community, my country, and my world. Originally the clover was 3- leafed and meant heart, hands, and head. A 4th leaf was proposed, and so "Health" was added.



To become a 4-H member one must enroll in a 4-H club. Local clubs are open to all community youths and adults. The 4-H club year is from September of the current year to August of the next year. The club meets often to discuss community service opportunities and club business. The meetings are presided by the youth president of the club. Every club has an elected president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, reporter, photographer, historian, sergeant-at-arms and other positions needed by the club, who are elected to the office every year. Adults of the club may become adult volunteers and lead one or more projects. A local community may have more than one club to cater to the needs of the community. The local clubs are part of a County, like Bayside 4-H, Fremont is part of Alameda County. A member may become a youth leader at county, region, and state level.

A youth member may join one or more project every year. Projects are lead by an adult volunteer, a youth may become the junior or teen leader of the project. With the adult as an advisor he or she may lead the project meetings. This lets members learn how to become good leaders. Many community services are organized by the club like volunteering at senior home, Meals on Wheels, and Halloween train at Ardenwood park.

More information about 4-H is available at www.4-h.org or www.ca4h.org. 4-H is a modern club with many opportunities for community service, youth development, and leadership opportunities. Many clubs have projects that let kids be good leaders.

The History of Black Friday

By: Timothy

20% off, 60% off, 90% off, when do these great deals appear in stores? Black Friday, of course! Why do we have great deals on Black Friday? Let me tell you the history of this crazy day.

Black Friday all started when the gold stock market crashed. Two financiers named Jay Gould and Jim Fisk tried to buy most of the nation's gold and drive the price of the gold sky-high. These two greedy businessmen wanted to make an astonishing profit. On that same Friday in September, those two people bankrupted a couple of the people Wall Street from barons to farmers.

Many stores lost business and the thriving stores gave many discounts to avoid losing all their customers. After an entire year of discounts, the stores found out that during the week of Thanksgiving, many people blew their money. Stores recovered from their financial loss and started only discounting items during the Friday of Thanksgiving. That is the history of Black Friday.

Some Jokes and Riddles to Crack You Up. LOL!

By Annabelle

Are you bored? Well, you can look at some of these jokes and crack up or trick some of your friends. I'll put a few jokes for each category. Enjoy!

Knock-Knock Jokes

Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Canoe.

Canoe who?

Canoe help me do my homework?

Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Adore.

Adore who?

Adore is between us. Open up!

Will you remember me in a minute? Yeah.

Will you remember me in a week? Yeah.

Will you remember me in a year? Yeah.

Knock, knock. Who's there?

I thought you would remember me.

Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Etch.

Etch who?

Bless you!

Christmas Jokes

Q: What do you call a cat sitting on the beach on Christmas Eve? (Hint: Have you watched *The Nightmare Before Christmas*? What did Jack Skellington call Santa?)

A: Sandy Claws.

Q: What is claustrophobia? (Decide for yourself if you think I refer to sentence structure.)

A: The great fear of Santa Claus.

Q: Why do mummies like the holidays?

A: Because of all the wrapping!

Q: Why don't aliens celebrate Christmas!

A: They don't want to give away their presence.

Animal Jokes

Q: What do you call a fish without an eye?

Q: Why do fish live in saltwater?

Q: Where did the sheep go on vacation?

Q: Where do mice park their boats?

Q: What do you call a thieving alligator?

Q: What do you call a cow that eats grass?

A: A fish!

A: Pepper makes them sneeze!

A: The Baaaaahamas.

A: At the hickory-dickory-dock.

A: A crook-odile.

A: A lawn moo-er.

Riddles!

Q: What is the longest word in a dictionary?

Q: What is at the end of a rainbow?

A: Smiles.

A: The letter W.

Life as a Turkey

By Natalie

If I were a turkey, I would want to be aqua with glitter all over me. If someone would try to eat me I would gobble until they would cut it out. It would be fine by me if another turkey was eaten, but if it was me no way that was happening. If I had an owner I would make it obey me. It would have put a beanie on me when it is cold and put a pair of shorts and a pair of shades on me when it is summer time. I would be the princess of "Turkey Land". I would escape from my owner, I would be free. Anyways, if I were a turkey I would stand out from the other weird old brown turkeys'. Once the time came (Thanksgiving) we would hide from those mean old humans that eat us! Once that was over I would again be the center of the attention. That is what would be like when I am a turkey!

Gobble! Gobble!

The Weibel Boys Basketball Team

By Zayaan

Recently, I discovered that I had successfully made the Weibel basketball team. We work hard with three practices each week. Our season lasts about two and a half months and consists of many games plus a tournament. The 24 minute long games are played against neighboring schools such as Warm Springs and Mission SJ. This year, we have a well-rounded team with good shooters and tall players. The boys basketball team consists of one coach, Mr. Kilby, a first grade teacher, and 14 players including me. The other 13 players include Ryan B., Ryan H., Matthew, T., Wesley B., Gavin C., Rishab S., Sachit S., Vivek G., Andrew L., Aaron C., Lewis H., Jai C., Joshua M. During the few practices we have actually endured, we have worked on shooting, lay-ups, passing, ball handling, plays, and much more. Our first game will be on the second day returning from winter break, followed by many more. Please come out to watch our games. This year, I'm confident we can take the title. Go Weibel Wildcats!!

Scavenger Hunt

by Kripa

Note: When you find objects, get a signature from a teacher in charge of the room or take a picture of it.

1. Find a poster of Stephen Curry playing near a volcano.
2. Find superhero-worthy positive empowerment about eating healthy food.
3. Find 5 team pennants belonging to a teacher.
4. Find a skeleton with a dislocated jaw.
5. Find Garfield the fat cat.
6. Find a stack of the latest Kid Scoop newspaper.
7. Find a first-place basketball trophy preserved in a glass case.
8. Find these words-"The Friday 50".
9. Find a teacher with a hyphenated last name.
10. Find the two teachers with the same last name.
11. Find the teacher with the initials D.D.D
12. Find the teacher who taught a fourth-fifth combo class.

HOLIDAY WORD SCRAMBLE

BY Samrit

Unscramble each word and then unscramble the underlined letters in each scrambled word to find the hidden word

1. Stemnornan
2. Stirmachs
3. Tayre
4. Ofod
5. Thlgerau
6. Nemihyc
7. Naast
8. tarsecniood

The Great Relic of Time

by Trisha

A long, long time ago, in a land far away, a great power lay, resting peacefully among the ruins of the Time Temple. Everyone was in harmony until Nanki decided to rule the world! Nanki was an evil wizard, wishing only for power. He absolutely did not care for the people of his land, so he decided to look for the Great Relic, which used to be located in Time Temple.

This ancient golden rod was created by the strongest wizard and witch of the world. It was meant to keep the world safe from harm and evil, but if it got into the hands of evil, the destruction of the world would begin. That had happened once already by Gorgean, the greatest evil wizard of all time. Luckily, the witch who had contributed in creating the rod was still alive, but she was old and fragile. Gorgean fought her to get to the rod. Seemalia, the great witch, couldn't hold back the young, evil wizard, but she protected the rod with the last of her strength. Seemalia disappeared in a bright burst of light, and Gorgean held the powerful rod in his hands. At about the same time she disappeared, the rod gave out streams of scorching light and even Gorgean couldn't stop the intense power. He melted immediately, and only his dark, black ashes remained. The Time Temple crumbled along with him. Since then, no one attempted to attain the immense power of the Great Relic.



Nanki's smile grew as his servants told him that his assistant wizard had figured out a detecting spell. "Great! Bring Zagrath here immediately!" he ordered.

"Yes, sir!" they spoke as they departed to find Zagrath. Zagrath was not as evil as his master, but he still was delighted to serve and live for evil. The servants arrived at his potions room a few minutes later, just as Zagrath was putting away a deadly poison. "The master would like to talk with you about the new spell, sir," one of them said as he escorted the assistant wizard to the throne room. The group bowed, and the servants left at a swift hand gesture from their master. "Now, Zagrath, have you located the Great Relic?" Nanki asked.

"Well, um sir, I uh... was busy... making the new potion," Zagrath stuttered.

To be continued in the next newsletter...

What happens next? Why did everything go black? Find out in "The Great Relic of Time" in the next newsletter! :)

POMPEII!!! by Neha

Pompeii is an ancient roman city. Pompeii is located in Italy near the Bay of Naples. The city once had about 20,000 residents, until one day in August of 79 A.D, when Mount Vesuvius erupted. It had erupted many times before, but this one was the most dangerous one yet. The eruption covered the city of Pompeii and about 2,000 people died. The eruption covered the city in 16 feet of volcanic ash. The volcanic ash destroyed everything in its path including the city of Pompeii. It covered about 200 square miles. When people found the city, it looked exactly how it was in 79 A.D. Bodies were found how they were in their last few moments of life in Pompeii. They were trying to escape, but weren't able to make it out in time. Not all of Pompeii is unburied though. About one third of the city is still buried. Pompeii has been a major tourist attraction in Italy for about 250 years. Pompeii is a very interesting place in history to learn about.

Eat At Your Own Risk

By Eshaan

1. Did you know that there have been a number of illnesses caused by potatoes? If left to turn green, they contain glycoalkaloid acid. This monster of an acid causes a period of weakness and confusion, followed by coma.



2. Guess what! Tomatoes also contain this acid. It causes extreme nervousness and will upset your stomach. Luckily, most of this poison is contained in the leaves and stems of the plant.



3. Never eat a raw bean! (You wouldn't want to anyway.) They contain phytohaemagglutinin, which causes severe gastrointestinal distress. These vegetables can be fatal if you eat them at high doses. To take out the phyto-whatever thingy, just boil them for at least 10 minutes. Canned beans are OK to eat.



4. Mushrooms also have been the reason for a significant amount of deaths. Never eat the death cap or the destroying angel mushrooms! (quite obvious, as it's in their names.) When you are in the forest and you see a mushie, don't eat it unless you can identify eat one and it is safe to eat.

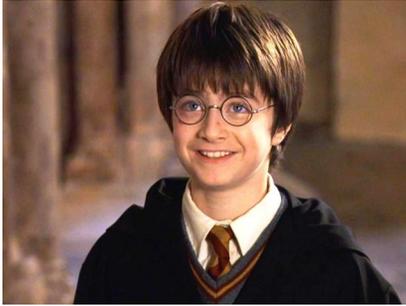


5. Cassava can kill if processed. It contains cyanide, a deadly poison. The best way to process it is to boil, roast, or cook them. This releases the cyanide in them. When you eat raw cassava, enzymes in your body combine with chemicals in the cassava and make cyanide.



Life as a Witch/Wizard

By Shreya



Familiar face? For years, the Harry Potter book series has charmed many people throughout the whole world!! J.K. Rowling has cast a spell on all of the readers that pick up any book in this series so that they won't put it down!! Here is my rating of this outstanding book series: from 1-10, I rate this book series at 10+ (infinity if possible:D)

Here is a question I am sure you have, if you have read the series: Q: How did Rowling come up with the idea for Harry Potter? A: She came up with the main plot when she was in a train

and elaborated off of that idea:D! I absolutely love Harry Potter as do many people across the world wide and I am sure it will continue to be a big success!! I need to go and practice my spells now so, until we meet again, goodbye!!!

Book Review By Amaelia

Series Title: Warriors

Author: Erin Hunter

Artist: Wayne McLoughlin

Short Summary:

If you really want to imagine the wild from a cat's perspective, this is the perfect series for you. It's about 4 groups of wildcats that live in the wild. Each of these groups or 'clans' have a special skill that helps them hunt and defend themselves from other clans. Every full moon, the clans join together for a truce and to share news and alert others for dangers such as foxes, badgers, or two-legs (humans). There are sets of 6 books, not including special editions. there are also books that describe some words you might not understand in the books, and a manga series of warriors. There is a warrior code that all the cats of the clans must obey, but some of the rules get broken every now and then. All I'm saying is, Warriors is an amazing series! Enjoy! :)



Friendly Tips on Building Snowmen

by Annabelle

During Thanksgiving and Winter Break, many families visit tourist destinations with snow like Reno or Lake Tahoe. The parents enjoy the view and take care of transportation; the children ski, make snow angels, and build snowmen. But... building a snowman is **not** as easy as it looks like in the movies. After going to Tahoe this Thanksgiving, I gained a lot of experience in building a good snowman easily. I have provided some friendly tips on how and why they work below. The facts section will teach you about real snow and explain why the size of the snowflakes in Frozen are blown out of proportion. Enjoy these tips and hope they're useful!

Tips on Building Snowmen!

-Do not try to form a second ball by piling snow on top of the base.

The base of the snowman is always the easiest to make. However... how are you going to make a second ball? When you Google 'how to build a snowman,' most results will tell you to 'roll a ball.' But the snow is either too soft or too hard. How are you supposed to roll a ball?! *The first time I built a snowman, I just started piling snow on the base to form a second ball. I'll tell you now: **Everything will just come sliding down!** After a long time in freezing weather, snow will go from soft to HARD. Brrr... I would recommend making a ball first, leaving it for an hour or two, then moving it to the top of the base. If you don't have time, then consider this next tip.*



- Just form a big pile of snow and decorate it for a simpler snow creation.

Making a three-part snowman is hard and time consuming. If you don't want to spend too much time, then pack a big pile of snow together and decorate it with a scarf, hat, rocks, and sticks, etc.

Piling the snow only takes 5-10 minutes; decorating takes seconds if you have everything ready. Why bother making a three-part creation when you can make a pile that looks just as great?

Interesting Facts About Snow!

-Let me tell you this--what you see in movies about snow are not always true.

You've watched *Frozen*, right? Well, don't compare what you see on the big screen to real snow. After my chilly experience in Tahoe, this is what I learned:

SNOWFLAKES ARE ACTUALLY TINY.

While coming back home, I was looking out the window, thinking and feeling pretty disappointed. *Sigh. I didn't get to see a snowflake even though it snowed this much. Just then, something tiny that looked like a flake of ice landed on the window. I looked closely at it -- a snowflake! There was a small pattern on it and the little flake was only as wide as my fingernail.*

SO! If you HAVE watched the beginning of *Frozen*, ACTUAL SNOWFLAKES ARE NOT AS BIG AS THEY LOOK. Trust me. They're only about 1-1½ centimeters in diameter.

ROLLING A BALL OF SNOW IS HARD.

As I mentioned in the second paragraph, you can't really roll a ball of snow. The snow is either too hard or too soft. When the snow is soft, everything falls apart when you try to pack it. When it's hard, you can't even pack it because it forms pieces that easily break apart.



This picture is from Frozen. Yes, I said that. Doesn't the snowman look...unrealistic?

For Frozen watchers, you should remember this scene. If you don't, too bad. Right before they dumped the ball onto the man-- they rolled it! And it was as easy as rolling a ball of clay! If you want to make a snowman like theirs, it would take a lot of experience. So if you don't succeed on your first try, just dust your pants off and try again!

Now you know that you can't always refer to movies for actual instructions. If you really don't succeed in making a "traditional" snowman, try the pile method! Just think twice about which scarf you're going to use because it WILL get wet...

Recipe for Making Santa Sugar Cookies By: Timothy

Ingredients:

3 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
1 cup butter, softened (1 cup = 2 sticks of butter)
1-1½ cups granulated sugar
2 eggs
1-1½ teaspoons vanilla extract
1-½ teaspoons almond extract
PAM Original No-Stick Cooking Spray
2 pouches (7 oz. each) red decorating cookie icing
2 pouches (7 oz. each) white decorating cookie icing
22 red candy-coated chocolate pieces
44 mini semisweet chocolate morsels
Reddi-wip Original Dairy Whipped Topping



Directions:

1. Combine flour, baking powder and salt in medium bowl; set aside. Beat butter and sugar in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy. Add eggs, vanilla and almond extracts; mix well. Gradually add flour mixture, beating on low speed after each addition until well blended. Divide dough into 3 portions; wrap each tightly in plastic wrap. Refrigerate dough 2 hours or until thoroughly chilled and firm enough to handle.
2. Preheat oven to 375°F. Spray baking sheets and 5-inch Santa face cookie cutter with cooking spray; set aside. Roll out 1 portion of dough to 1/4-inch thickness on floured surface with floured rolling pin. Cut out cookies with prepared cutter. Transfer with metal spatula to baking sheet, placing 1 inch apart. Repeat with remaining dough portions, spraying cutter with additional cooking spray as needed.
3. Bake 7 to 10 minutes or until edges of cookies are browned lightly. Cool on baking sheet 1 minute before removing cookies and placing on wire racks to cool completely.
4. Use red icing to fill in the hat, leaving the tip of the hat blank. Use white icing to fill in the tip of the hat, the brim of the hat, the beard and to make 2 dots in the center of the face for the eyes. Place a red candy centered between the eyes at the top of the beard for the nose and a mini morsel on each white dot to make eyes. Top beard with Reddi-wip just before serving.

Total Time: 4 hours

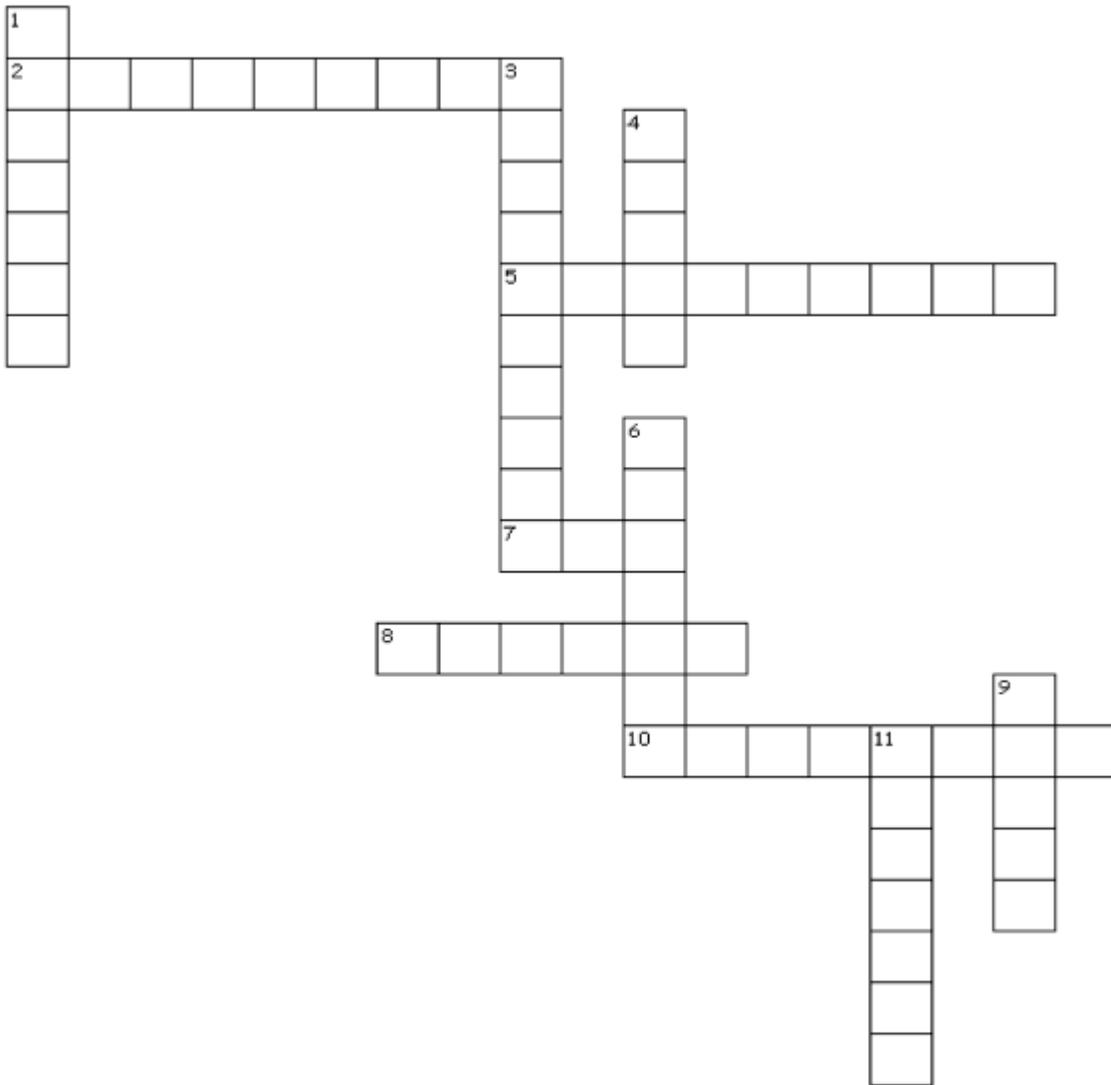
Nutrition Info: 323 calories, 11g fat

Tips: Royal Icing may be used in place of the purchased cookie icing, if desired. To make the icing, stir together 2 tablespoons meringue powder and 1/4 cup warm water until powder dissolves; mix in 3 cups confectioners' sugar. Tint with food coloring for desired color. Icing may be refrigerated in air-tight container up to 2 weeks.

**Adapted from Allrecipes.com

Fall and Winter Holidays

By Mansi



Across

2. type of tree used for Christmas
5. decorated with pumpkins
7. the sugar feast
8. the festival of light
10. festival that uses a candle holder with 7 candles.

Down

1. a special candlestick used during Hanukkah
3. where Santa's workshop is located
4. Deck the Halls with Boughs of _____
6. the reindeer with the shiny red nose
9. man in a red suit who gives presents
11. the festival that is decorated with bowls of fruit

Just for Fun ;)

By: Annabelle and Mansi

Brain Teaser

1 CCCCCCC	2 LE / VEL	3 GIVE GET GIVE GET GIVE GET GIVE GET	4 ABCDEFGHIJKLMN OPQRSTUVWXYZ	5 T O W N
6 LU CKY	7 HE'S / HIMSELF	8 BLOUSE	9 AID ← AID AID	10 V D E S T
11 GROUND FEET FEET FEET FEET FEET FEET	12 ECNALG	13 CYCLE CYCLE CYCLE	14 R E A D I N G	15 R O A D S
16 0 — M.D. Ph.D. B.Sc.	17 KNEE LIGHTS	18 J O U S T N E	19 MILONELION	20 PRO / MISE
21 TO CH U	22 1,2,3,...,38 39,40 LIFE	23 JACK	24 economy	25 UP 8
26 	27 	28 G N I K A M LOST LOST LOST LOST 	29 NO I N V O L U T I O N	30 STAND TAKE MINE TAKING 1 YOU 2 MY

Word Search

J J X B P S S J E N J M X G A
J D F R K A H D A E A M J D D
K V E X G T K N Z S I L I S L
Z R A P U N Z E L N M R U L M
G D L A N O D E N A E I E M I
A O C L X H D I S M A B N Z C
N L O Q Z A E L H B R W G E K
N Q L F E C E X E E O J V C E
A X C E Y O S L K N R M G A Y
X N C V R P L N F R U W F F D
A A D K A E I F J Q A W N T D
O O M C L T D L E I R A M I K
A V D Y I C I N P L U T O A S
Q H Q L A T E O I E G S U N E
J H U K H B X Z V C K I D A G

ANNA
ARIEL
AURORA
BAYMAX
BELLE
CINDERELLA
DONALD
ELSA
GOOFY
JASMINE
KIDA
MERIDA
MICKEY
MINNIE
MULAN
PLUTO
POCAHONTAS
RAPUNZEL
TIANA
TINKERBELL

Answers to Crossword Puzzle: 1.Menorah, 2.Evergreen, 3.North-Pole, 4.Holly, 5.Halloween, 6. Rudolph, 7.Eid, 8.Diwali, 9.Santa, 10.Hanukkah, 11.Kwanzaa

Answers to Just for Fun Brain Teasers:

- 1 The 7 seas
- 2 Split level
- 3 Without you
- 4 Lucky break?
- 5 He's beside himself
- 6 Backwards glance
- 7 Neon lights
- 8 One in a million
- 9 Broken promise
- 10 You are out of touch
- 11 Up before 8
- 12 I understand you undertake to undermine my undertaking.
- 13 Noel

Answers to Holiday Word Scramble

1. **Ornaments**
2. **Christmas**
3. **Party**
4. **Food**
5. **Laughter**
6. **Chimney**
7. **Santa**
8. **Decorations**

Secret Word—Holidays