

The Falcon's Nest



Fall Holidays

By Katrina Silva

Around this time of year, the world celebrates several holidays that were developed from many cultures. Here is some information on a few:

Christmas

Christmas is the most popular holiday celebrated at this time of year, on December 25. It is celebrated worldwide and is derived from an event in The Bible, when Jesus was born in a stable. Many Americans still celebrate it believing this, while some believe in Santa Claus, a fat man with a white beard that travels down chimneys to deliver gifts to girls and boys that behaved well that year. Children and adults, regardless of what they believe, receive gifts on the morning of December 25, and

many attend church on Christmas Eve. It's an amazing holiday!

Hanukkah

Hanukkah is an 8-Day celebration that happens in December. It is a Jewish holiday. It can also be spelled Chanukah. The holiday commemorates the rededication during the second century of B.C. when Jews allegedly rose up against their Greek-Syrian oppressors in a revolt known as the Maccabean Revolt. Hanukkah is a rather popular holiday in America and many other countries as well. It's a great holiday!

Kwanzaa

Kwanzaa is a popular holiday celebrated by millions of people around the world (many of them

being either African or of African descent). It celebrates the culture and traditional values that Africans share, and is celebrated from December 26 up until January 1 each year. It has seven core principles around which it revolves and also involves a Kinara, which is several candles lined up to represent the holiday and its traditions. It's a fun-filled holiday!

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Falcon Calendar

- January 1-2: Winter Holiday
- January 3: Teacher Planning Day
- January 4: Students Return
- January 11: Report Cards
- January 12: LC Spelling Bee
- January 16: MLK Holiday
- February 8: Progress Reports
- February 17: Falcon Card Dance
- March 10: End of 3rd 9 Weeks/ Spring Carnival
- March 13-17 Spring Break
- March 20: Teacher Planning Day
- March 21: Students Return
- March 29: Report Cards

Sports Spotlight

By Paige Carrigg

Fairview is on a winning streak this season with district champions in boys soccer. Girls basketball was also very successful winning every single game they played this year.

This has been an awesome year for Falcon sports. Coming up is boys basketball, girls soccer and track. Let's get out there and support our team. GOOD LUCK FAIRVIEW FALCONS!



Falcon Funnies

School Jokes

Q: Why did the student throw his watch out of the school window?

A: He wanted to see time fly.

Q: What's a teacher's favorite nation?

A: Expla-nation.

Knock, knock
Who's there?
Broken pencil
Broken pencil who?
Oh, never mind it's pointless!

Knock, knock
Who's there?
Orange
Orange who?
Orange you glad we are out of school?

Teacher: Give me a sentence with the word "fascinate" in it.

Student: If I had a sweater with ten buttons and two fell off, then I would only have to fascinate (fasten eight)!

Teacher: Fred, the story you handed in called "Our Dog," is exactly like your brother's.

Fred: Of course. It's the same dog.

Holiday Jokes

Q: What's another name for Santa's elves?

A: Subordinate Clauses.

Q: What do Santa's elves drive?

A: TOY-otas!

Santa: Knock, knock.

Jane: Who's there?

Santa: Hello! Can you let me through the chimney? I need to deliver your presents!

Tim: Winter is here.

Tom: Don't answer the door.

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Ask Miss Middle School

Do you have a question that you're too afraid to ask? Do you really want some advice, but don't know who to ask? Ask Miss Middle School! Submit any questions about school, parents, politics, relationships, etc. to Ms. Kirkendoll or Ms. Houston and Miss Middle School will answer you in our next issue. Remember, keep it anonymous.

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