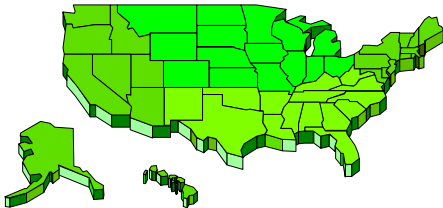


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Many Cultures Bring Holidays to the United States

Tom Room 24

The U.S.A. has the greatest mix of different cultures of any land. This makes our country strong.

1. Except for Native Americans, one of every 12 people were born elsewhere.
2. African American culture brought a holiday here. It is Kwanzaa, a seven day holiday celebrating the harvest. The word *Kwanzaa* comes from *matunda ya Kwanzaa*, which means "first fruits."
3. Nearly 5 million Americans come from countries in Asia and especially Philippines, South Korea, Vietnam, China, and India.
4. One of every 6 people can trace his or her family back to Ireland.
5. One of every 4 people in the United States can trace their families back to Germany.
6. There are 2 million Native Americans in the U.S.

Facts from the *Weekly Reader* 11/17/95 Issue 10

December 14, 1995

Hi Kids,

What's up? Did you know that there is more than one holiday in December? Yes, that's right, there is more than just Christmas. One of them is Kwanzaa. Kwanzaa was started by the Black Americans.

December 6th is St. Nicholas Day. December 12th is Poinsettia Day. December 13th is Santa Lucia Day. Posadas Day is December 16th. Hanukkah begins the 18th. The first day of winter is December 22nd. The day we have all been waiting for is on December 25th.

Some famous people have birthdays in December: Diego Rivera, Lois Pasteur, Rudyard Kipling, and Christina Rossetti. Last, but not least, is the discovery of the South Pole on Dec. 14th. Also, the Wright Brothers took their first flight on December 17th.

I hope you all enjoy the paper and have a happy winter vacation.

Your friend,
Kate

Mr. Wilkie's Computer Trivia.....

In my after school classes I've been talking about different parts of the computer... Let's see what you know. One of the main parts of a computer is called the **Mother Board**. My first question to you: What is a mother board and what does it do? Next question: What is a **peripheral** and can you name a few of them? Last question: If you were to open a **diskette** or a **floppy disk**, what's inside? Now remember if you can't figure out the answers to the questions, I will post them in the next issue of the *Jr. Seahawk News*.

Answer to last month's trivia question: If you said the human brain holds more information than a 500 megabyte hard drive you're absolutely right.

If you are reading the *Jr. Seahawk News* on the Internet and would like to answer questions by e-mail my address is:

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Arbor Heights Students Write...

Winter Holiday Survey

by Alyssa- Room 25

Hi! Well you probably know that I usually do a survey in the newsletter. Well this time my survey was on winter of course, It's Christmas time. So back to the survey. The lucky rooms were Mr. Dorr's, Mr. Allness' and Ms. Sato's rooms! Thank you. Thank you. Well, one of the questions was, What was your favorite Christmas memory? Oh man, I can't remember my favorite memory, but here are a few of your ideas.

1. Last year because I got a puppy... Krystal
2. Finding part of Santa's suit... Kris
3. We sat down and our parents gave us our stockings... Alissa
4. The birth of my sister and my cousin... Robert
5. Eating Christmas breakfast... T.J. F.

Oh, yeah! The survey...

Well, lots of people chose 500 hundred toys. Personally, I would want the 300 dollars worth of candy!

But hey, that's my choice!

Here's a few ideas about Santa from the survey:

1. No, he's not real because I caught my parents filling my stocking... Janae
2. No, because if he was real he'd eat all of the cookies and milk... Tristan
3. Yes, because he'll give me a ton of toys... Lauren
4. Yes, because he will bring me video games... Jack
5. Yes, because he'll give me money... Chance



Have a winter break.

great

Under Construction: Poetry from Room 25

The Power of the Word by Emily

They can say many things,
but some can break a heart,
and others can heal one.
They can form a book or poem,
A word has tremendous power,
written or spoken.
The word has tremendous
power,
written or spoken,
The word can teach wisdom,
or give praise.
What do words mean to you?

The Pine Tree by Alyssa

There is a tree that's higher than me
It stays all green
It never leans
I love it so
Especially when it snows
I think of it by day and night
I sit under it and I never spite
I care for the tree and so should thee
My special pine tree

Galileo meets Jupiter by Ryan Room 21/22

In room 22 we have been reading about the spacecraft, Galileo. It landed on Jupiter on December 7, 1995. The spacecraft Galileo has been traveling in space for six years to get to Jupiter. It is a crewless ship. Galileo left Earth October, 1989. It has taken six years to get to Jupiter!

Cameras aboard Galileo will take pictures of Jupiter and transmit, or send the images to the waiting orbiter, Atlantis. Then they will be sent to scientists at NASA. Scientists hope to find out things like: What powers the winds on Jupiter? What causes the colors? What really lies beneath Jupiter's swirling clouds? Scientists hope to learn more about the weather patterns on Earth. Scientists also hope to learn about the formation of our solar system by studying Jupiter and its moons.

Kid's— watch the news to see what people say about Galileo or go to: <http://quest.arc.nasa.gov/galileo//About/about-template.html> Nasa K-12, Online from Jupiter—About Galileo on the Web Information from *The Weekly Reader* December 1, 1995

Classroom News by Arbor Heights News Reporters

Room 21— Sonya, 5th grade

In our class we are making needle point projects and they are very neat. We can make boxes, baskets, picture frames, and many more things. We are doing animal classification in science, we are studying the thirteen colonies in social studies, and we are reading Winter Camp, a sequel to Tough-boy and Sister. Room 21 hopes you have an enjoyable time with family and friends over winter break.

Room25— Sarah, 5th grade

Most kids in our school celebrate Christmas, but there are some who celebrate other things for the holidays like Hanukkah. Lots of us celebrate Hanukkah. I'm pretty sure that everyone knows what you do at Christmas time and some people in our school know about Hanukkah, too, but lot's of you don't. If you want to know more about Hanukkah, read Sonya's article on page five. Have a nice Winter Vacation!

Room 24— Alissa, 5th grade

Salmon Report: Some of the salmon in the aquarium have eyed-up and some actually have their gold rim. Eyed-up means that you can see the salmon's eyes in the egg. The

gold rim is just a gold rim around the egg.

Room 24 and 25 went to the Seattle Aquarium to see other marine animals and learn more about salmon. There are many stages in the salmon life cycle. We'll write more about the salmon's life cycle in the next issue.

Room 23— Mary and Jesse, 5th grade

Dear Santa,

I know you don't want me to whine so I promise to be nice. I won't whine—no teasing, and no hitting.

In our classroom we are talking about how to be buddies. We talk nice by saying good morning and helping each other with our school-work.

Christmas is a special time. Jesse's favorite song is "Jingle Bells" Mary's favorite song is "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer."

Jesse wants a Talk Boy plus a pen and Mary wants a Sony Walkman.

Room 23 wishes everyone a Merry Christmas .



Room 19—Hannah, 1st gr.

We are going on a field trip to the Boeing Museum of Flight. We have been coloring airplane pictures. We have been reading books about airplanes, too. We have been writing about our dreams and we've made Santa!

Room18—Joseph, 2nd grade

We made screen prints for cards for the holidays.

In social studies we are studying dinosaurs.* We are collecting bones to make fossils with clay. *(A paleontologist is a scientist who studies dinosaurs. They study the bones.)



Room 17—Ashley 1-3rd grade

We are doing story problems in math. See if you can figure this one out. If 3 apples are worth 2 oranges, how many oranges are 24 apples worth? To check your answer, ask a 3rd grader in Room 17.

In reading group we are reading a book called Triplet Trouble and The Talent Show Mess.

For the holiday program we will be doing two songs. They are "O-Chanukah" and "Thirty-two Feet and Eight Little Tails.

More Classroom News

Room 16— Ashley, Grades 1,2,3

We are making patterns for calendars in our classroom. It is fun designing your own patterns.

Our class went on a field trip to see the play "Mrs. Pigglewiggles." It was about a lady that had an upside down house except for the kitchen, bedroom, and the stairs. The play was really funny. We read the book in class.

Room 15— Amanda and Alex Grade 1 and 2

We made hot cocoa. We made it out of milk and cocoa. It was fun and it was good. We are reading Little House in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder and the second year students are reading The Littles and the Big Storm by John Peterson. We went on a field trip to the Seattle Children's Museum for the Festival of Lights. We are studying quilt block history and making quilt blocks.

Room 14— Tony and Hilary Gr.2

We made a bulletin board about peace. We made stars and wrote what peace means to us. Then we decorated the stars with glitter and markers.

We are studying communities. On Thursday a man from the water department is coming to talk about his job.

For the winter program we

will sing two songs, "Shalom Chaveruim" and "From a Distance."



Room 12— Shannon Grade 3

Hi again! It is fun to write to kids in Australia. It is hot in Australia now! The kids will get out of school Dec. 1, 1995. When they come back from vacation, they will be in the next grade. We will still be able to write to them.

In English we are writing a story about ourselves. Mr. Ahlness said that every day we will be making a story about something. I think it will be fun.

**Christmas is near.
What do you hear?**

**Sleigh bells ringing,
Listen to the singing.**

**I see snow.
Where should we go?**



Room 9— Wendy Grade 3

Hi, I'm Wendy from Room 9. We are making cards for Christmas. We are also making a patchwork quilt. Room 9 can't wait until the holidays. We are all so excited. Do you have any holiday traditions? Well, I've got to go so I'll talk next month. Bye...

Room 8— Giang and Elysia Grade 4

In room 8 we are going to make gingerbread houses for our Christmas project. We have to bring the stuff for the gingerbread houses. We are the only class making the gingerbread houses.

In our class we are going to be swimming at Evergreen Pool very soon.

The fourth graders are going to sing "Jingle Bell Rock" for the Christmas program. In social studies we are learning about Paul Revere's Ride and the Colonists that declare independence. We finished division in math. We got to factoring. In Ms. Lukes reading group we are reading Castle in the Attic. In music we are singing a Spanish song. Every Friday we have something called Games Day where we play games like "Wheel of Fortune," Hangman, and Heads Up—7Up.

Instrumental Music



The Instrumental Music Program for the fourth and fifth graders is now well under way. There are a total of 30 students taking music lessons each Thursday. There are 20 first year students and ten second year students. Students are taking lessons on the violin, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, and drum.

The first year students need to learn how to: (1.) to assemble the instrument, (2.) to properly hold the instrument, (3.) to blow the correct sounds on the instrument, and (4.) to finger the notes on the instrument. This is quite a task for the students to learn but not an impossible one. Through constant practicing, they can learn to play an instrument successfully.

Mr. Ken Aoki

Instrumental Music Teacher



Hanukkah by Sonya - Room 21



In the middle of winter the sky is dark when you get up in the morning, and it is almost dark again when you come home from school. Just then, when you need it most, the holiday of light arrives. For eight days Hanukkah candles shine on the window sill and brighten the night. Grand parents, aunts, uncles, and friends come to help light the Menorah (Hanukiyah) and to sing songs and eat sizzling latkes. We exchange presents and play games of dreidle and then we tell the story of brave, stubborn Judah Maccabee.

More than two thousand years ago, A Syrian King named Antiochus, tried to force the Jews to give up their religion. Judiah Maccabee led his people in a fight to drive the Syrians out of Israel. (Maccabee means hammer.)

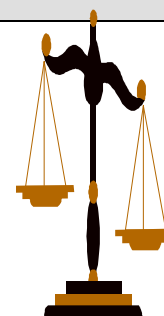
The Jews finally won back the holy temple in Jerusalem. They scrubbed and cleaned it and polished the huge Menorah. But when the Rabbis were ready to begin

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the services they could only find a small jar of pure oil to burn in the Menorah, only enough to burn for one day. A miracle happened and the Menorah burned on and on for eight days!

A common food is the Latke, potato pancake, cooked in oil to remind us of the oil burned during the eight days of Hanukkah. The dreidle is a sort of top with four sides. Each side has a different letter—nun, gimel, hey, and shin which stands for Nes Gadol Hayah Sham which means a great miracle happened there. When you go to Israel they have dreidles that say Nes Gadol Hayam Po which means a great miracle happened here.

Think Science Fair!!!



February 22, '96

Arbor Heights School

More Classroom News

Room 7— Stephanie Grade 4

Room 7 is looking forward to Christmas. In the winter program we are going to sing a Spanish song and then we will sing "Jingle Bell Rock." We get to use tamborines, maracas, and xylophones for the first song.

In reading we're on chapter eight in Castle in the Attic. This lady, Mrs. Pillips, gave this kid, William, a castle and a silver knight. When William took the castle upstairs to the attic to play with it, the knight came alive. It has been a good story to read.

Room 1— Adam and Cheri- dan Grade 1

We are learning short "a" words in writing. For the holiday program we will sing "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

In art we are drawing and painting our faces.

In science we are learning about outer space. We are learning the names of the planets.

Room 4— Domodos K

We made giant trees and put a star on top. We are making small trees to take home. We are making Congo hats for the Holiday Program. We will be singing "Jingle Bells" in the program. We will make gingerbread men at our stations. We do our A,B, C's.

Room 3— Tim and Kendall K

We dressed our bears for the holidays. We put on Santa Hats. We made a Christmas bell paper chain. We made mittens for the Winter Program.



Arbor Heights Science/Technology/Art Fair Coming Soon— February 22nd by Klim

Hey, we're having a science fair. Each class room will get to make a project, and if they do it will be a fun science day for everybody. Each classroom will get to show off. Some of the students will be making their projects at home and bringing them to school. Our class might be making rockets. There will be someone who would come in and show us how to make them and how to launch them successfully. Then we will launch them in front of the school.

So get thinking about science !!!!!!!

World Wide Web— Save these URL's

Each edition of this newsletter is published on the **World Wide Web...** More Arbor Heights student work is published on **Cool Writers' Magazine...** *Maya's Sea Turtle Page* and Cordell's page on *Wolves* are great resources for kids. Cordell sponsors a wolf named Clementine. You can see Clementine's picture on Cordell's web page. Rian, in Mrs. Salter's room, is doing a page on ants.

Here are the URL's (Web Addresses)

<http://www.halcyon.com/arborhts/arborhts.html>

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