

SUNNYSIDE SLATE

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Super Bowl Fifty-One

By Carter S.

Super Bowl LI was held at NRG Stadium Houston, Texas, on Sunday at 4:30 P.M. February 5, 2017 on Fox, featuring the New England Patriots and the Atlanta Falcons. At halftime the Atlanta Falcons were up 21 to 3. Lady Gaga performed multiple songs for the halftime show. After halftime the Patriots tied up the score 28 to 28. This Super Bowl was the first one to go into overtime. During overtime the Patriots were down near Atlanta's 20 yard line. They lobbed it up to their tight end, Martellus Bennett, and he dropped it, but wait, it's a pass interference on the two yard line! The Patriots have the ball on the second yard line! Sadly for the Atlanta Falcons, the Patriots' running back John White runs it in for a touchdown. The final score is Patriots 34 and Atlanta 28.



Puppy Bowl

Emilee C

Did you know that there is a puppy bowl? Yes there is! The Puppy Bowl is just like the Super Bowl. The Puppy Bowl is when two teams, Team Ruff and Team Fluff, made up of all kinds of puppies compete for fun. The puppies have many toys they get to play with and try to get them to the touchdown line. The Puppy Bowl was on February 5, 2017 at 3:00 pm on Animal Planet. Half time entertainment was Kitty Gaga and the Rock Cats. The Puppy Bowl is very fun to watch and write about. You can also adopt a puppy from the game.



Fan Bowl Fun

By Violet S.

How does your family spend the Super Bowl? This is how my family and I spent it this year. We watched it on a large T.V. We used to go to my grandma's house to watch it on her big T.V., but ever since we got a big theater T.V., we watch it on there. Because the T.V. is in my parents' room, we all squish together on my parents' bed. My family loves to be loud and jump around and stuff, but my mom is pregnant so we couldn't jump around so much. Also my auntie and her baby are staying with us. We had to shut the door so our loudness wouldn't bother the baby. My family always has a pizza and we did this year also. My family was rooting for the Falcons, but they gave it away the last quarter when it was a tie. Did you know that the Super Bowl has not ever had a tie? Just FYI, my family is very competitive and we just love watching the Super Bowl very much!



Groundhog's Day

By Sophie D.

This year, on February 2, the groundhog saw his shadow, so that means six more weeks of winter. The groundhog is the only animal that has its own holiday. Groundhog's Day is when a groundhog named Punxsutawney Phil, who was named after King Phillip, comes out of his burrow to see or to not see his shadow. Did you know that Canada celebrates Groundhog's Day too? According to Groundhog Day folklore, if the groundhog emerges from his burrow and sees his shadow (sunny morning) winter will last another six weeks. If the groundhog does not see his shadow (cloudy morning) then spring will come early. We have Groundhog's day to honor an old tradition.

Groundhog Fun Facts

Chloe B.

Wood chucks are the same as ground hogs which are rodents, and the largest of the squirrel family. They can chuck 700 lbs. of wood. They are the only animal with a national holiday. They have one of the most watched weather forecasts. When they come out to look for food, they don't often get disturbed. They do have some enemies which include foxes and humans.

By Megan B.

Groundhog's Day began in the 1800s, 1887 to be exact, as a way to see if there would be a longer or shorter winter. The Punxsutawney Phil celebration is the number one viewed Ground Hog's Day celebration in America. Canada's groundhog is called Wiarton Willie. Fun Fact: Wiarton Willie is an albino which means he has white fur. Ground Hog's Day is celebrated in America and Canada. If you go to one of these celebrations, expect speeches, betting tables, dancing, and etcetera. If you would like to learn more, research it at www.holidays.com.

St. Valentine's Day

By Bailey H.

Every February 14, we celebrate St. Valentine's Day. St. Valentine was a man in the fifth century who secretly married the Roman soldiers to their wives. He married them in secret because their emperor did not want them to get married. The emperor thought single men made better soldiers. Today we celebrate Valentine's Day to remind us about love and kindness. Lots of people give their friends and family gifts such as chocolates and Valentine cards. In fact, St. Valentine's Day is the second most popular day for writing cards. Only some countries celebrate this holiday. My class is celebrating by passing out treats and having free time. In my opinion Valentine's Day is AWESOME.

Happy Valentine's Day

St. Valentine's Day Colors

By Alyssa W.

The colors of Valentine's Day are usually red, white and pink to celebrate love, life, war and death. On this holiday, like always, colors mean different things. Red means in love, and is one of the main colors of the holiday. Green is not a known Valentine's Day color, but it still has a meaning: I am waiting. White, another Valentine's Day color, means already booked. Pink means proposal accepted. Other colors: blue and orange mean love invited and going to propose, black and yellow mean rejected or broken up. On Valentine's Day people are usually going places, buying gifts, and going on dates. Well, since all that is happening, you want to look good so people usually dress in the Valentine's Day colors. If it's super serious, for girls a dress or a skirt and for guys a suit and tie. Have a great Valentine's Day!

Presidents' Day

By Corman C.

Presidents' Day is the day that people in the United States celebrate all of the Presidents of the United States. Many people observe George Washington's birthday on this day. Banks also close on this day. Schools are usually closed on Presidents' Day.

By Sophie D.

Presidents Day or Washington's Birthday officially honors the life and work of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. This day commemorates past presidents of the United States of America. Some states pay particular attention to Abraham Lincoln, because his birthday is also in mid-February. On these days schools often plan certain events. Many stores hold sales on this day, and some schools close for the whole week for mid-Winter. Washington's Birthday was first celebrated as a holiday in the District of Columbia in 1880. It was made a federal holiday in 1885. Presidents' Day was officially moved to a Monday in 1971 as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers.

Jump Rope for Heart

By Carolyn T.

American Heart Month is February. The purpose of American Heart Month is to commit to have a healthy heart and to donate fundraised money to give to kids that don't have a healthy heart. Here at Sunnyside, we have jump rope activities and competitions in Physical Education with our amazing Mr. Tusick. Also if we win a jump roping competition, you can either get a Gatorade or an ice-cream bar. To donate you can both fill in a packet and hand it back in to the school, or you can go online to jumpropeforheart.com and donate from there. Jump Rope for Heart is funded by the American Heart Association. I hope that you readers are generous enough to donate to the children in need. Thank you for reading the *Sunnyside Slate*.



Women's History Month

By Chloe

Although many accomplishments have been lost in the history books, women have played a vital role of human civilization. From raising families or leading armies, women have made history. There were no women allowed at the first Olympics. At the first winter Olympic Games women could only figure skate. In 1853 Antoinette Blackwell became the first American to be ordained a minister. Today there are many female ministers. The earliest recorded female physician was Merit Ptah, a doctor in ancient Egypt in 2700 B C. The first step of success in America was in February 1980, when President Carter issued the first presidential proclamation declaring March Women's History Month.



Mardi Gras

By Megan B. and Carolyn T.

Have you ever heard of Mari Gras? Did you know that it is the French celebration of the questing and finding of their land? Mardi Gras is celebrated all around the world in many different ways. In the United States, many big cities celebrate Mardi Gras, but the main celebrations are in Mississippi, Alabama and eastern Texas. But the biggest celebration of all is in New Orleans, Louisiana. This year Mardi Gras is going to be celebrated on Tuesday, February 28. Mardi Gras in French actually means fat Tuesday; it can also be known as Shrove Tuesday. On Mardi Gras, people have parades, special food and much, much more. On Mardi Gras you can wear dresses, masks, Mardi Gras necklaces and a whole lot more. The Mardi Gras traditional colors are gold, green, and purple. Thank you for reading, and just in case you want to learn more, check out history.com.



Girl Scouts Day

By Kysiah

Girl Scouts Day is on March 12. Girl scouting in the United States began on March 12, 1912, when Juliette Gordon Low organized the first troop meeting. At the first meeting there were 18 girls who showed up. Juliette organized enrichment programs, service projects, and outdoor activities and adventures. Since the first troop meeting, Girl Scouts has grown to over 3.7 MILLION members!! National Girl Scouts day celebrates the birthday of the girls Scouts of America in the United States.

Daylight Saving Time, 2017

By Violet S.

Daylight Savings Time (DST) will start Sunday, March 12, and will end Sunday, November 5, 2017. Daylight Saving Time is the practice of advancing clocks during summer months by one hour so that evening daylight lasts an hour longer, while sacrificing normal sunrise times. The main purpose of Daylight Saving Time is to make better use of daylight. Countries have different change dates, according to some sources, Daylight Saving Time saves energy and that is why we have Daylight Saving Time. Montana is currently looking to vote to stay on Mountain Standard Time. **Senate Bill 206** is a one-page proposal that includes the names of 29 other lawmakers from the House and Senate who support the idea. It lets the state remain on Mountain Standard Time. It passed its third and final reading in the Senate on Wednesday, February 22, 2017, with a 36-14 vote and is now heading toward the House. Osmundson said he does not expect that body to vote on it before March 12, 2017.

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The Ides of March

By Alyssa

The Ides of March is a day on the Roman calendar that corresponds to March fifteenth. It was marked by several religious observances and became notorious as the date of the assassination of Julius Caesar in 44 B.C. The death of Caesar made The Ides of March a turning point in Roman history, as one of the Roman Republic to the Roman Empire. Because the Ides of March corresponds to when Julius Caesar was assassinated, it is seen as a superstitious day of possible bad luck.

Green on Saint Patrick's Day?

By Emilee

The color green is most popular on Saint Patrick's Day. Originally the color was blue. Saint Patrick's Day is mostly celebrated in Ireland and the United States. Ireland's nickname is "The emerald isle" so because of this, green became a more popular color on this holiday. Due to this holiday, lots of people in Ireland have parades. The people in Ireland also look for leprechauns. So make sure you look for leprechauns. Make sure you have fun! That is why the color green is celebrated on Saint Patrick's Day.

Leprechauns

By Sophie D.

Leprechauns are a type of fairy in Irish Folklore. According to legend if a human catches a leprechaun, that leprechaun has to grant the human three wishes in exchange for his freedom. Did you know that there are no female leprechauns? Some stories say that leprechauns hide their gold coins in a pot at the end of the rainbow. Leprechauns are known to be shoemakers, and they also like to play tricks on people. The original name for leprechaun is *lobaircin* meaning small-bodied fellow. According to legend leprechauns danced the Irish Jig so much that they wore out their shoes, so that is how they became shoemakers. Some legends say that leprechauns carry one gold coin for each year they are alive. Some students have built traps for leprechauns that usually get triggered every year they make one, they usually only get triggered because leprechauns are really fast.



Student Council

By Liddie M.

I am the secretary of student council, and I take the notes at the meetings. We have a meeting the first Tuesday of every month. At each meeting, we talk about the upcoming events in the current month. This month, we talked about the sucker sale, I Love to Read Month, and the flashlight reads. For the sucker sale, we sold six-hundred-fifty suckers in two mornings. For I Love to Read Month, we dressed up on Wednesdays as our favorite book character; twin day, dressy day, and crazy day. Also, for the flashlight reads, we brought our own flashlights and our books and read in the library. I think student council is awesome because I get to help the school with their solutions to their problems.



BOOK REVIEWS

Percy Jackson and the Olympians

By Carolyn T.

Percy Jackson is a five-book series by Rick Riordan with two follow-up series *The Heroes of Olympus*. This amazing series is about gods, demigods, monsters, and lots of Greek mythology. The main characters in the first series are Percy, son of Poseidon the sea god, Annabeth, daughter of Athena the wisdom god, Clarisse, daughter of Ares the war god, Grover, the Satyr, Tyson, the Cyclopes and the descendant of Poseidon and many more. In these books, they go on many nerve-racking adventures, including going on a boat through the Sea of Monsters, cruising through the underworld, the Titan and god war and much more. Then in *The Heroes of Olympus* series, a lot of confusion is going on. Two people lose their memory and are sent to each other's camps and another war is brewing!

DRAGONSDALE

by Salamandra Drake

By Quinn

This particular story is now my favorite. The story is all about a young girl, Cara, and her adventures with a rare dragon named Sky. She and her dragon have many adventures in this book. First they meet and then they hang out with each other. The adventure begins when Cara is cleaning Sky's stall. Cara loves Sky, but he always wants to play. He begins to play with her, but she is trying to clean his stall. She tells him to stop, but he will not listen. He continues to try and play. Finally Cara is done scooping up his droppings and says, "I will come back as soon as I get all my chores done. Then I will play with you." Well, if you want to know more about their adventures, check out *DRAGONSDALE* and find out what happens next.

LIMERICK

[lim-er-ik]

Noun

1. A humorous verse of five lines, in which the first, second and fifth lines rhyme with each other. The third and fourth lines are shorter, but rhyme with each other. (aabba)

Example:

Is Algebra a fruitless endeavor?
It seems they've been trying forever,
To find x, y, and z.
And it's quite clear to me:

If they've not found them yet, then they'll never.

Graham Lester



Can you write a limerick for this picture? If so, turn your limerick in to the Sunnyside library. Have fun.

I Love to Read Month

Flashlight Reads



Have you ever crawled under your covers with a flashlight and read a book? Or built a fort out of blankets and sheets and read a book? Well, every Friday in February, flashlight reads were held in the library. Students brought pillows, blankets, books and flashlights to the library, where they could be found under tables, forts, and nooks and crannies created with sheets and blankets. The lights were off and soft music played to create a relaxing atmosphere. Some may have even fallen asleep, but most escaped into their written worlds.

Word competition

Students in fourth and fifth grades had a word challenge for I Love to Read Month. Classrooms read and tested on Accelerated Reader books. Miss Staples created a bracket and the contest was recorded for words per week. The goal was 25 million words; the contest to this point is as follows:

- ✓ Week 1 **5,356,800**
- ✓ Week 2 **4,625,308**
- ✓ Week 3 **4,774,810**
- ✓ Week 4 **3,228,798**

*Please check out the final count and classroom winner in our next edition, as the bracket is nearing the final four! We have two weeks left!

Total number of words counted from February 1 to February 28 for ALL classes at Sunnyside was:

- ❖ 4th grade: **8,484,408**
- ❖ 5th grade: **15,262,830**

Grand Total Number of Words

23,747,238



SURVEYS

A survey was conducted with fifth grade students. Students were asked the following questions:

If you could add one academic element to Sunnyside Intermediate School, what would you add? (*The suggestions numbering more than 25 are listed.*)

- Art class
- More field trips
- After school clubs (chess, robotics)
- Book clubs
- Math competitions
- Science fair
- Science experiments
- Cooking/baking class
- Woodworking class
- Classroom pets
- Hands on projects
- Research projects with models
- More school supplies in school store

What would you keep?

- Trade fair
- Field trips
- School store
- P. E. every day
- Student Council
- Music
- Library

Wishful Thinking?

- ❖ Vending machine with juice
- ❖ Vending machine with healthy snacks
- ❖ Bigger library
- ❖ Bigger lockers
- ❖ Longer lunch-time to eat

March Birthdays

M P A R U D P A A N T W U D S
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D A V I D E E N I A R O Y C E

ABIGAIL
ADISYN
ALLYSON
ARABELLA
BRAEDEN
BRAYDON
CAMILLE
CARTER
CHRISTINE
DALTON
DANIELS
DANIELT
DAVID
DRAKO
EMILY
GRACEE
JACOBY
JALIAH

JAZLYN
JEANESSIA
JERRY
JORDAN
JULIANNA
KOLE
KYLA
LINDSEY
MACKENZIE
MATTHEW
PAYTON
PIA
QUINN
RAINEE
ROYCE
TUCKER
ZACKREE



February Birthdays

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Amira

Cadence

Cahlan

Daniel

Dawson

Gabriel

Gage

Gavin

Johnathan

Koby

Kylie

Marlee

Rachel

Spencer



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