

## NOVEMBER SUMMARY

In November we did some cool things. We enjoyed the Veteran's Breakfast on 11/10. We had the honor of having eight veteran's and their escorts enjoy a delicious breakfast.

If students ordered school pictures, they were sent home earlier this month. Also speaking of pictures, our yearbook for the 2021-2022 school year is nearly complete.

Later in the month we decorated our Christmas Tree at Alton's Christmas Wonderland lights display. All classrooms decorated 'emoji' themed ornaments for the tree. A few lucky students took a field trip to decorate the tree, and our wonderfully artistic staff member, Sandra, created a beautiful handmade sign to adorn the tree. Make sure to vote for tree #20 if you attend the lights.

As we headed into Thanksgiving break our staff enjoyed a much-deserved loaded baked potato and salad bar with all the fixings. We also had a fun romp of Scavenger Hunt Trivia with staff buzzing around, and even taking selfies with our director Chad. It was a hoot.

We are gearing up for a strong December with lots of activities planned for students and staff. So, with that I say until next time Eagle Post readers...



## **THANK YOU, VETERANS!!**

## DECEMBER NATIONAL DAYS

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Rosa Parks          | 16 Underdog             |
| 2 Special Education   | 17 Wright Brothers      |
| 3 Play Outside        | 18 Twin                 |
| 4 Sock                | 19 Oatmeal Muffin       |
| 5 International Ninja | 20 Go Caroling          |
| 6 Miners              | 21 Winter Solstice      |
| 7 Pearl Harbor        | 22 Re-Gifting           |
| 8 Brownie             | 23 Festivus             |
| 9 Salesperson         | 24 Eggnog               |
| 10 Human Rights       | 25 Christmas            |
| 11 Stretching         | 26 Boxing Day           |
| 12 Gingerbread House  | 27 Fruitcake            |
| 13 Violin             | 28 Pledge of Allegiance |
| 14 Monkey             | 29 Tick Tock            |
| 15 Cat Herders        | 30 Bacon                |
|                       | 31 New Year's Eve       |



## WORLD POPULATION

**8,001,377,998**

### Top 5 Populous Cities in the USA

New York, NY	8,467,513
Los Angeles, CA	3,849,297
Chicago, IL	2,696,555
Houston, TX	2,288,250
Phoenix, AZ	1,743,469



### Top 5 Populous Cities in the World

Tokyo, Japan	37,435,191
Delhi, India	29,399,141
Shanghai, China	26,317,104
Sao Paulo, Brazil	21,846,507
Mexico City, Mexico	21,671,908

## NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

**CAMERON** has never met a stranger. He is friendly to all people. If you need help, he is your guy. If you are looking for a smile, look no further than Cam the Man! He is in class #8 with his teacher James. Cam is one of our older students who will be graduating this coming summer.

**CHLOE** loves to come to school. She is in class #3 with her teachers Leigh Ann, Rene, and Shelli. She loves to dance and listen to music. She is always looking for an instrument to play. She has a bit of a stubborn side, but it is her endearing little smile that touches the heart of those around her.



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Levi	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Chad	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Grandma Jeri	4 <sup>th</sup>
Rhonda	6 <sup>th</sup>
Mike	13 <sup>th</sup>
Ashlynn	15 <sup>th</sup>
Leigh Ann	17 <sup>th</sup>
Monica	20 <sup>th</sup>
Amanda	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Cameron	26 <sup>th</sup>



## WINTER SOLSTICE

Winter solstice occurs when the earth's semi-axis tilts farthest from the sun. This occurs twice with the planet earth each year. When the northern hemisphere is tilted farthest from the sun, which occurs on approximately December 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> each year, the northern hemisphere's winter begins. When the southern hemisphere is tilted farthest from the sun, which occurs on approximately June 20<sup>th</sup> to June 22<sup>nd</sup> each year, the southern hemisphere's winter begins. The maximum axial tilt of the earth is reached when the northern or southern winter solstices occur. When one hemisphere experiences summer solstice, the other hemisphere experiences winter solstice.

The word solstice is derived from Latin, meaning 'sun stands still' and was chosen because during a solstice the sun appears to remain still in its position in the sky.

When winter solstice occurs in the northern hemisphere it experiences its shortest day and longest night of the year. The opposite is true when the summer solstice occurs, and the northern hemisphere experiences its longest day and shortest night.

Some confuse the solstice with the equinox. Both occur twice a year, but the equinox occurs when the sun is directly above the equator, day and night are equal in length, and the equinox marks the beginnings of fall and spring, depending on the hemisphere.

Stonehenge, in Wiltshire, England is a popular spot during winter and summer solstice in the northern hemisphere. Newgrange in Ireland is another monument dating back thousands of years that appears to have been built in alignment with the solstice.

The winter solstice is also referred to as Midwinter, the Longest Night, and Yule.

Solstices have been used throughout history to time many important events each year, including the sowing of seeds for crops, mating of animals, harvesting of crops, and monitoring the reserves of winter food.

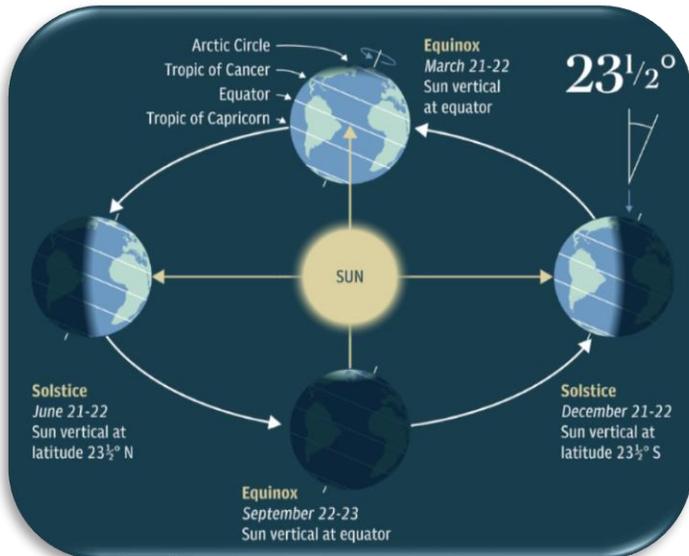
The actual moment that the solstice occurs cannot be observed by amateurs because the sun moves so slowly that astronomical data tracking must be used to pinpoint the actual moment of the solstice.

Following the winter solstice, the days begin to become longer while the nights begin to shorten.

Following the winter solstice, the temperatures become colder. In the northern hemisphere the coldest months are December, January, and February, while in the summer hemisphere the coldest months are June, July, and August.

During the solstice, whether it is summer or winter solstice, the sun isn't moving - it's the earth tilting to and away from the sun.

Although winter solstice marks the beginning of the astrological winter, the coldest winter days are yet to come, often not for a month or even two in some years.



## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Prom	12/1 Thursday
Staff Activity	12/6 Tuesday
Community Outreach	12/8 Thursday
Fundraising	12/12 Monday
Student Activity	Meet in January

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Winter Respite Day	12/3 Saturday
Music Therapy	12/5 Monday
Staff Rob Your Neighbor	12/7 Wednesday
Perfect Attendance Lunch	12/9 Friday
Music Therapy	12/12 Monday
Roxana Holiday Carols	12/14 Wednesday
Staff Sweet Treat Exchange	12/14 Wednesday
Santa's Workshop	12/15-16 Thurs, Fri.
1:30 Student Early Dismissal	12/16 Friday
Music Therapy Holiday Carols	12/19 Monday
Student Holiday Party Day	12/20 Tuesday
Staff Secret Santa	12/21 Wednesday
11:30 Student Dismissal	12/21 Wednesday
Holiday Break	12/22/2022 -1/2/2023
Return to School	1/3/2023 Tuesday