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Christmas in Ferndale

By Linsey Wolfe and Chrissy Weaver



Christmastime is almost here, and almost everyone is excited! Here is what some students are doing for their Christmas holiday:

Seventh grader Ariel Ansell is spending time on Christmas Eve with the Ansell side of the family, while on Christmas day, she is going with her mom to visit the rest of her family.

Eight grader Alex Lopez is planning on spending time with his family, thinking of things for his new year's resolution, and playing with the new gifts he will receive.

Brenden Lovejoy, 9th grade, is hanging out with Shawna, while Shawna is hanging out with him.

Junior Megan McClain will be hanging out with her boyfriend and family.

We hope all goes well, and Merry Christmas!!

It is Time...

By Linsey Wolfe

IT IS TIME..... as you all know, signs have been placed all about our school recently reading "it is time". Many people have been giving many reasons for what this stands for, but one reason that many of the teachers agree on is that it is time to get more out of us students. They want to push us to get those good grades they all know we deserve, and they want to push us to work as hard as they all know we can.

The Legend of the Candy Cane

By Sam Persuhn

A long time ago there was a candy maker in Indiana. He wanted to make a candy that would symbolize the birth, life, and death of Jesus. He started with pure white hard candy that stood for the sinless life of Jesus, The red stripes stood for the blood of Jesus. Then the candy maker formed the candy into a “J” to represent Jesus’ name. And that is the religious legend of the candy cane.

The traditional meaning all started in the seventeenth century when people used candy canes as decorations for their Christmas trees. At this time they were just straight, white sticks of sugar. This tradition made its way into the Americas in the early 20th century.

Whether it’s just a pure sugar stick or an enjoyable snack for us to eat, the candy cane is one of the many symbols of Christmas and it reminds us of why we celebrate this holiday.

Why Do We Have Christmas Trees?

By Aimee Weaver

What comes to your mind when you think of Christmas? Candy Canes? Presents? Christmas Trees? When most people think of Christmas, they think about bright and colorful Christmas trees, but did you ever think of how they became a part of our tradition? Whether they are fake or real they came from somewhere.

The first known Christmas tree was recorded in Riga, Latvia around 1510. Then, Martin Luther decorated a tree during Christmas time, for his kids, to show how the lights shined though out the night.

These trees really didn’t get popular till around 1841, when Queen Victoria’s husband, Prince Albert, put up one for their kids. The tree was decorated with iron tinsel, candles, and ornaments. The queen and the prince were known all over the world and liked by many. Therefore, when everyone saw what they had done with the tree they wanted to do the same.

2009- Year in Review

By Ryan Sweeney

As we prepare to ring in the New Year, we all reflect on the year of ups and downs that 2009 has given us. Just eleven months ago, we looked upon a new President in Washington building with pride, but it suddenly turned to horror as we witnessed the public funerals of police officers killed in the line of duty in Pittsburgh. Joining the deceased are notable figures such as legendary reporter Walter Cronkite and entertainers Farah Fawcett and Michael Jackson. As surely as 2010 looms upon us, they will be remembered for eons to come.

On the national scale, to say that the American economy has been a roller-coaster ride would be an understatement. Despite the Dow Jones Industrial Average plunging below 1000 earlier this year, economists are now seeing “green spikes”, such as the gradual recovery of national and global markets as well as the continued buildup of several banks that had to be rescued by unfathomable sums of government funding to avoid bankruptcy and the consequent loss of jobs.

Above all, 2009 brought several reforms to our small high school of Ferndale. Our administration continues to push forward with several policy changes that have improved the overall morale of the student body, along with significant test score increases that are envied by other school districts. The signs posted literally everywhere confirm that “we’ve got a new attitude”—so let’s take it with us as we charge into the New Year.

AYSO

Soccer players – the American Youth Soccer Organization is gearing up for another season. Spring Registration will be held at the Southmont Volunteer Fire Hall on Thoburn Street. The dates are set for Saturday, January 9th, 16th, and 23rd. In case of snow, the make up date is set for January 30th. Registration times are between 9:00am and 12:00pm.

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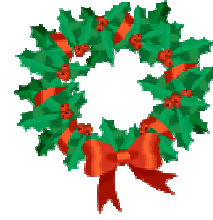
Christmas word search

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