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“I Have a Dream”

By Linsey Wolfe

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a federal holiday held on the third Monday of every January. This holiday celebrates the life and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., an influential American civil rights leader. He is well-known for his speeches and campaigns to end racial segregation in public transport and for racial equality in the United States. His most influential speech was his “I Have a Dream” speech. He became the youngest man to receive the Nobel Peace Prize, but was later assassinated 1968. It was in 1986, soon after Martin Luther King died, that a campaign was started for his birthday and was later to become a holiday to honor him. Martin Luther King Jr. Day was first observed in 1986, and observed in all the states in 2000.

Drama Club Production

By Madison Hernandez

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As usual, the drama club is holding their yearly show, with Mrs. Szymusiak as the director. They have in-school meetings every Friday in homeroom and after-school meetings almost every day until 5:30 P.M. This year, the name of the play is “**Krazy Kamp**, and it is about two camps—John Smith and Pocahontas. Camp John Smith is in danger of being shut down, and Camp Pocahontas is willing to help out. Meanwhile, the owners of John Smith come up with a scheme to get their camp back in working order. To find out what happens to these two crazy camps, come to see the play in the high school auditorium on Friday, March 5th at 7:00 PM, Saturday, March 6th at 7:00 PM, and Sunday, March 8th at 2:00 PM. Tickets cost \$3 for students and \$5 for adults.

Lady Jackets

By Aimee Weaver and Samantha Moss

The Lady Jackets have been doing great with their record of 7- 3 under coach Mike Urban and assistant coach Lori Dodson. The team consists of Carly Priest (captain), Brittney Baumbaugh (captain), Brittney Eisenhuth, Gabby Kull, Elizabeth Chobany, Ava Genovese, Haley Richard, Shay Woodlin, Katie Orris, and Samantha Grow. During the season, **Brittney**

Eisenhuth captured the best season average of scoring with 25 points per game, 11.1 rebounds, 3.9 steals and 3.6 blocks, while **Carly Priest** achieved the best season average of assists with 2.6. Good luck to all the Lady Jackets for the rest of their season!



Boys' Basketball

By Aimee Weaver and Samantha Moss

The Ferndale boys basketball has done well with their season so far with their record of 8-3. The team consists of Nate Davidson, Trevor Mattis (captain), Jordan Taranto (captain), Ryan Guant (captain) Ian Havener, Hayden Stumpo, Chad Eisenhuth, Brady Gates, Zach Sanna, Alex Taylor, Justin

Bodenschatz, Mike Dorchak, Dave Horvath, Cayen Poindexter, and Coach Mark Wissinger. Senior **Ryan Gaunt** has the best season average of scoring with 27.3 points per game, 6 rebounds, and 4.7 assists. Also, senior **Trevor Mattis** has the best season average of steals per game with 2.0, and junior **Hayden Stumpo** has the best average of blocks per game with 2.9. Good luck to the team during the rest of their season.

HALT! Bullying Program

By Sam Persuhn

We meet up on Tuesdays every two weeks to talk about the bullying in our school. When I asked Miss. Birch why we started this program, she explained, “We are doing this because it is important for safe learning environment”. When I asked her how we were going to do this, she answered, “In classroom meetings-- to talk about issues like bullying, harassment, and diversity. And teachers meet up once a

week.” Seventh grader Nick Kasisky, says that he doesn’t think the program is working because he sees people still getting picked on. Eighth graders Sam Moss, Aimee Weaver, and Jalynn Lopresti say that they feel like it’s helping no one. Seventh and Eighth grade teacher Ms. Kasper says “She thinks that more kids are sharing more information.”

All the Right Notes

By Ryan Sweeney

This year, Ferndale is delighted to have four students successfully audition for PMEA ensembles at the district level: **Brittany Wiesheier** (alto saxophone), **Ryan Sweeney** (clarinet), and **Chelsea Chobany** (clarinet) are members of the District 6 Band, and **Hannah Genovese** (baritone saxophone) is a member of the District 6 Jazz Band.

Entry into the bands is based on an audition process in which students are judged on their instrumental abilities against other members of their instrument section. It differs from county bands, however, in that only sophomores and older students are eligible. During the days preceding their concert, they are auditioned again for their

chair placements. The top player in each section—the “first chair”—traditionally plays the solos for that section, and the musicians with the top chairs are selected to advance to the PMEA Region III band.

The final concert for the District 6 Band is slated to be on February 13th, 2010 at Northern Cambria. Come for a great evening and an excellent opportunity to support the performing arts.

The Useless But Interesting Study of the Month

Provided By Chrissy Weaver

When you think about psychologists, you probably automatically think of brains and therapy sessions. But recently, a number of psychologists gathered together and studied how people's personalities and how they eat Oreo cookies are alike. Here is what they found:

First, select how you eat an Oreo:

1. The whole thing all at once.
2. One bite at a time
3. Slow and methodical nibbles examining the results of each bite afterwards.
4. In little feverous nibbles.
5. Dunked in some liquid (milk, coffee...).
6. Twisted apart, the inside, then the cookie.
7. Twisted apart, the inside, and toss the cookie.
8. Just the cookie, not the inside.
9. I just like to lick them, not eat them.
10. I don't have a favorite way because I don't like Oreos.

Now,

Your Personality:

1. The whole thing

This means you consume life with abandon, you are fun to be with, exciting, carefree with some hint of recklessness. You are totally irresponsible. No one should trust you with their children.

2. One bite at a time.

You are lucky to be one of the 5.4 billion other people who eat their

Oreo's this very same way. Just like them, you lack imagination, but

that's ok, not to worry, you're normal.

3. Slow and Methodical.

You follow the rules. You're very tidy and orderly. You're very meticulous in every detail with every thing you do to the point of

being anal retentive and irritating to others. Stay out of the fast

lane if you're only going to go the speed limit

4. Feverous Nibbles.

Your boss likes you because you get your work done quickly.

You

always have a million things to do and never enough time to do

them. Mental break downs and suicides run in your family.

Valium and Ritalin would do you good.

5. Dunked.

Every one likes you because you are always up beat. You like to

sugar coat unpleasant experiences and rationalize bad situations into

good ones. You are in total denial about the shambles you call a life.

You have a propensity towards narcotic addiction.

6. Twisted apart, the inside, and then the cookie.

You have a highly curious nature. You take pleasure in breaking things apart to find out how they work, though not always able to

put them back together, so you destroy all the evidence of your

activities. You deny your involvement when things go wrong.

You

are a compulsive liar and exhibit deviant, if not criminal, behavior.

7. Twisted apart, the inside, and then toss the cookie.

You are good at business and take risk that pay off. You take what you want and throw the rest away. You are greedy, selfish,

mean, and lack feelings for others. You should be ashamed of yourself. But that's ok, you don't care, you got yours.

8. Just the cookie, not the inside.

You enjoy pain.

9. I just like to lick them, not eat them

Stay away from small furry animals and seek professional medical help -

immediately.

10. I don't have a favorite way, I don't like Oreo cookies.

You probably come from a rich family, and like to wear nice things and

go to up-scale restaurants. You are particular and fussy about the

things you buy, own, and wear. Things have to be just right.

You like

to be pampered. There's just no pleasing you.

Source:

<http://members.multimania.co.uk/cjokeaday/tests3.htm>

Punxsutawney Phil

By Linsey Wolfe

Groundhog Day is held on February 2nd in the United States. It is a popular element of American culture in which a groundhog comes out of its home to “predict” the weather. The tradition is that if the groundhog comes out and sees its shadow, it will be frightened and go back into its burrow, thus giving us six more weeks of winter. If it does not see its shadow, then spring is on its way. We know this most famous groundhog as Punxsutawney Phil. He held his first Groundhog Day in the United States in the 1800’s. According to legend, Punxsutawney Phil was named after King Phillip.

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