

WHAT IS THE BUZZ AROUND THE BUILDING .....

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### Wacky Winter Holidays by Meriem

Ever heard of wacky holidays like National Popcorn Day or Appreciate a Dragon Day? Some holidays are just that wacky. No one hates fruitcake as much as me. On annual Fruitcake Toss Day, on January 3rd, it's time to toss that old fruitcake away. Gather with your friends who have received a fruitcake and toss away in an open field to



see who can throw it the farthest. Just make sure not to throw it at your sibling who keeps annoying you and make sure to toss it away or you'll have to keep it until next year. It's time to simmer in that nice bubble bath on January 8th, Annual Bubble Bath Day. It's the perfect day to enjoy and relax in a nice hot bath. Just don't forget your rubber duckie. If you love cheese, then this holiday was made for you. January 20th is National Cheese Lover Day. The creator of this holiday is unknown, but he must love cheese! It is a day to relax and eat cheese which will make you feel gouda. Ever feel stressed when working? Well put down that frown and get ready for Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day on January 28th. Feel your stress disappear with a simple pop, pop, pop. So grab a piece of bubble wrap and run wild. So make sure to watch out for these wacky holidays this January and go to town having fun.

### Winter Holidays Around the World by Roman

In different places around the world, people celebrate different



holidays. In Africa, the people that live there like to celebrate Kwanzaa. The word Kwanzaa is translated to "first fruits." It is celebrating family life and unity. The holiday goes from December 26th, to January 1st. The people celebrating decorate their houses with fruits and vegetables. People in certain places celebrate Mardi Gras the Tuesday before

Lent. It is known for the food, party beads, and the crazy parades. Catholics around the world celebrate Christmas on December 25th, or the birthday of their savior Jesus. In Europe, they celebrate St. Nicholas Day and St. Lucia Day. The people celebrate St. Nick's day as a celebration to the creator of Santa and the man who always helped children. It is celebrated on on December 6th when they put small toys in the shoes of children. On St. Lucia's Day, December 13th, many girls go and dress up as Lucia brides. The Lucia brides wear white gowns and red sashes. For 8 days in November or December, Jewish people celebrate Hanukkah. They celebrate it by lighting 8 candles placed in a menorah. They celebrate the 1 day of oil that lasted for 8 days instead. They also eat potato pancakes called latkes. These are some of the winter holidays that are celebrated all around the world.

#### **Michael Jordan by Amirah**

Do you know who played basketball and has his name all over popular sneakers? Michael Jordan was born

February 17, 1963 to James and Deloris Jordan. Michael has two sister Roslyn and Deloris Jordan. Michael also has two brothers Larry and James Jordan Jr. Michael's nickname is MJ. Michael Jordan played on the Chicago Bulls and the Washington Wizards. MJ played for 15 seasons from 1984 to 2003.



He was known for his dunk. That is where the name Air Jordan comes from. A fun fact about basketball when Michael Jordan played is that they wore short shorts.. He has been busy since he

retired. He is now making sneakers with all different sizes, colors, and designs. MJ creates one shoe then he will make them different by changing the colors and designs. He also has his own steak house. MJ has three daughters Ysabel, Jasmine, Victoria and two sons Jeffrey, and Marcus. A fun fact is that Yasable and Victoria are twins. In my opinion, Michael Jordan is the best retired basketball player. If he was playing this year they would have crushed the Golden State Warriors.

#### **Fostertown Science Club by Ryan**



The Fostertown Science Club is a very interesting club. It is awesome with so many things to do. The Fostertown Science Club holds a lot of events for the school such as all of the dances, family science night and a building wide recycling program. The people that are in charge of Science Club are mainly Mr. Garzione, Mrs.

Dowling, me, and my two friends Maeve and Tina. Every Thursday after school, we stay after for about an hour and a half. You get to go on trips with the science club. Some of those trips are Liberty Science Center, Black Rock and this year we are planning to go on two trips to Camp Herlich. Camp Herlich is a wonderful place with many things to do with nature. It also has basketball, archery, rock wall climbing, fishing and much more. This year the science club will be doing a winter trip in the new cabin they constructed. Only 4th and 5th graders can be in Science Club. If you want to join you need good grades, good behavior, and you need to have at least two people refer to you as a good member. And that is how you get into this awesome club!



**Fluffy Santa Slime** 

by Divine



Besides grownups, who here doesn't loves slime? Slime is a smooth, gooey, slippery substance that you can play with. Use slime when you are bored and for help getting you relaxed. If you want to make slime, I have a recipe for Fluffy Santa Slime! If you haven't made slime ask for help. The things you will need are red glitter glue, 1/4 cup of water,

1/2 teaspoon of baking soda, 4 cups unscented shaving cream, liquid red food coloring, 2 tablespoon contact solution. Most of these items can be found at Walmart or Target. First, empty your bottle of red glitter glue into a bowl and mix in the water. Now mix in your baking soda. Then add your 4 cups of shaving cream and mix. Now squeeze it while continuing of add in your contact solution a teaspoon at a time. Store your your slime in a jars or a container. No go have fun with your Fluffy Santa Slime.

#### Sweet Frog Review by Jayde

Have you ever been to Sweet Frog? Let me tell you about it. Sweet Frog (it used to be called Hoopla) is a self serve frozen yogurt shop where you pick your own frozen yogurt flavor, add any toppings you may want and then pay. Some of their frozen yogurt flavors are vanilla, chocolate, strawberry, green apple, key lime, acai berry, chocolate fudge, mango sorbet, apple pie, cotton



candy, white chocolate mousse, toasted marshmallow, and s'mores. The kinds of toppings are candy toppings, cookie toppings, and fruit toppings. My favorite combo is vanilla frozen yogurt and waffle pieces. Sweet frog mascots' names are Scoop and Cookie. A fun fact about Sweet Frog is that Mrs.Dominguez's daughter, Emily, works at Sweet Frog. Another fun fact is that Sweet Frog has merch such as lunch bags, color changing cups, t-shirts, and plushies. Sweet Frog is open 12:00 -9:00 Sunday through Thursday and 12:00 -10:00 on Friday and Saturday at 217 NY-300, Newburgh, NY 12550. If you want some frozen yogurt come down to Sweet Frog, it is a really cool place!

#### **Stan Lee Biography by Roman**



Have you ever thought who made that Spiderman comic you read? Who should you thank? Stan Lee, of course, the maker of many iconic superheroes, the man who always said excelsior (meaning "ever upward" in Latin), and the inspiration to many comic book authors around the world. It all began on the 28th of December,

1922. His dad was a dress cutter in the great depression and he had 2 siblings. The whole family with 5 people lived in a 1 bedroom apartment in poor conditions. He attended the DeWitt High School in the Bronx. He also worked many side jobs and wrote in the newspaper for obituaries. As a child, he liked to read and watch movies. He dreamt to one day be the one who wrote the great American novel. He started to work in the Timely Comic as an intern editor. He created one of the first Captain America and it was was published. He stayed in the Timely Comic for 31 years. His creativity kept escalating, but he went into the Army in 1942 and left in the 1950's. Soon after, he

came back to his home, family and friends. His obsession to create was fulfilled because he started to work in the newspaper with his friend on a comic strip called "My Friend Irma." In the late 1950s, when DC comics became competition, his publisher asked him to create a new superhero team. He then created the amazing Marvel Universe including, Hulk, Spider-man, X-men, Doctor Strange and so many more amazing characters. All the characters became products and movies. On November 12, 2018 he passed away from natural causes. He will always be remembered for his super hero characters and the funny cameos he had in all his movies.

#### **LOL Corner by Dharma**

Q: How did Jack Frost get to work?

A: An icicle!

Q: In the winter what can you catch with your eyes closed? A: A cold!

Q: What do you call ten rabbits hopping backwards through the snow together?

A: A receding hare line!

Q:Why did the boy keep his trumpet out in the snow?

A: Because he liked cool music!

Q:What often falls in the winter but never gets hurt? A:Snow!

# Winter Word Scramble

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How many words can you make out of the word

# snowflake

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