

Phantom Times

Valentine's Edition

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Happy Valentine's Day!

Principal's Corner

By: Carson Jones and Grace Polson

Let's find out some interesting, and maybe surprising, new things about Ms. Hawthorne. Did you know that Ms. Hawthorne is an excellent cook? She is not afraid to explore new things and personalize her cooking. How about scallop tacos with kiwi pico? Ms. Hawthorne says the kiwi, peppers and onions make for a yummy sweet and sour flavor. Ms. Hawthorne can cook any pasta, turkey and even brussel sprouts with goat cheese to perfection. Does Ms. Hawthorne have any pets? Since she spends most of her time at school with us scholars, she doesn't feel it would be fair to own a pet. Growing up, she desperately wanted a hamster, but her parents said no. She did have beautiful big fish in a large aquarium. They were very pretty, but cleaning the tank took all day and was not so much fun. Ms. Hawthorne also had two dogs, a cocker spaniel and a mutt. Ms. Hawthorne's dream vacation is relaxing in a hut over the water in Bora Bora. I think we all can agree that this would be an awesome vacation!

Like most of us, Ms. Hawthorne is nervous on the 1st day of school. To help calm her nerves, she lays out her outfit for the next day the night before. She has a tradition on the 1st day of school of being out front, greeting all the scholars with signs and cheers. Ms. Hawthorne shows her school spirit by going to as many events and games that she possible can to support her scholars, and most importantly, to let them know they are all important to her. Her favorite sport to watch is basketball because of all the strategy that goes into the game. She enjoys the fast pace and quick transitions. Ms. Hawthorne even played basketball in school. Lucky for us, she never made it to the WNBA, or she never would have been our principal.

Lastly, the one superlative Ms. Hawthorne would use to describe herself would be "most talkative." Interestingly, her friends would use the words "fierce, confident, strong, independent....AKA Supergirl" to describe her. I think we can all agree that Ms. Hawthorne's friends know her well. In the words of Ms. Hawthorne, Goooooo Phantoms!!!

Phantom Jokes

By Carson Jones

Q. Why do the French like to eat snails so much?

A. They can't stand fast food!

"Knock knock"

"Who's there?"

"The love of your life!"

"Chocolate doesn't speak, you liar!"

The History of Valentine's Day

By George Ristollari & Aby Dominique

We all know that in modern times, Valentine's Day is for chocolates and love for everyone. But where did this all began? This question is unanswered for most people. Around the year 260 A.D, the tyrant of Rome was Claudius the second. He wanted the largest army possible as any leader would want. To do this feat, Claudius the second banned the marriage of young men to keep those soldiers coming to the army. Very demanding! Some people disagreed with this pact, and so in the deep dark alleys of ancient Rome in the year 260, you might see marriage happening despite the ruler's laws. Well, it was more like a hidden place in the church. As most people knew, you needed a priest for a marriage to happen. Now, these love rebels of Rome were smart and knew this. So, one young priest named Valentine volunteered to host these joining of 2 different people.

As Mark Twain said, "To get the full value of joy, you must have someone to divide it with." So, Valentine went on to host many marriages behind the government's back. Soon, word got out that this magical priest called Valentine was hosting marriages. This infuriated Claudius. Soon after Claudius heard, he wanted this "Valentine" executed. On February 14th, 270 A.D, Valentine was killed. Then the holiday tradition was born. When Valentine was slain, Claudius was still in power. And so, well, William Shakespeare says it better, "Good night, good night! Parting is such sweet sorrow, that I shall say good night till it be morrow." This is what I think when soldiers saw their loved ones at night. Do you think it was fair that Valentine was killed?

"Love is not what the mind thinks, but what the heart wants." -George Evans

Valentine's Day Word Scramble

By Madison Westrich

1. ancdy _____
2. lworfes _____
3. rtehas _____
4. adcen _____
5. eovl _____
6. basre _____
7. tenvelaisn _____
8. rsdca _____
9. dciup _____
10. oclaeastcoh _____

The Extras By Julia Kennedy

"Sometimes I want to leave," said Maxim as he peeped through the door. This man stares at me through a key hole in his door. I really do sympathize with this man. His mom and dad passed away when he was only old enough say their names. He was raised by his grandma and faced many difficulties with bullying in school. "Hey how long are you going to ignore me for" Maxim yells. "Oh sorry," I grab the knob and open the tiny room. He pushes past me and runs to the stairs and hurriedly leaves the building, but I follow closely. We pass by tall boards with advertisements that say "Extras will ruin the world," and I just chuckle to myself as I read these kinds of words. Maxim stops and points at an alleyway then beams his eyes at me. I nod and go down the path on my own and wait for the signal from the others. I walk until I reach a large garbage bin, and I hide behind it. Time flies as I slowly grow weary, but then I hear a chirp in the pattern 2-3-2 chirps. That's it. I allow heat to pass through the creases in my hand and bolts of electricity escape and hit a large car that passed in front of the alley. Many people leave the car after it landed from flying up in the air. I knew 2 of the people there and knew this was going to be fun. Before I could do anything, Maxim appeared in a cloud of dust, and then me and my companions felt a push of air and swift of the area around. We are now in a new place, my house, which I'd never call new. "We messed up the mission," Maxim screamed. "Well who's the one that miscalculated the number of enemies and doesn't even know where our target is?" said Corona, a short little quirky yet creepy girl with light blonde hair and eyes as dark as her intent pierced in her heart. Maxim just scowled back at her. I looked at them both and averred, "It's fine. I got tabs on our target. The Queen will not get upset with us, we only have to do as she says and she told us to be there." Corona smiled at me and another voice said, "your job was to capture Mr.Turbo and it clearly failed so I might as well disband the Extras and send all of you back to your homes right?" "I turned around and saw the face of the beautiful one and only Queen of Aranama. I don't want to go home, I have no home, I don't know what to do anymore. I need to find help.

If you enjoyed this story, look for the continuation in the second edition of the Phantom Newspaper.

Advertising Electives and Clubs

By Brianna Bardo

Are you interested in writing, drawing, media production, and having your work published in the official MFMS newspaper? Then joining the journalism club is the way to go! Every Thursday from 8:40 to 9:40, the journalism club is in action from interviewing Ms. Hawthorne to drawing comics! There are so many ideas and possibilities for you to do and publish! If you don't like writing, then there is always media production (recording) to do. Media production is where we record multiple people in the club announcing important news relating to the school. If you are interested, come see Miss Arof in the gifted hallway for more details.

Do you like board games? What about strategy or outwitting your opponent? Then chess is for you! Even if you don't know how to play, there are chess experts in there that can come and teach you. Every other Thursday, we have a tournament to prove your dominance. You can even include a fun aspect to it. You and your friends can play some music to add a fun background, or even make up a game to go along with it. If this sounds fun, see Ms. Holton to join.

Do you want to take sign language as one of your electives next year? If you think that sign language isn't for you then ask yourself these questions: Do you want to learn another language? There are multiple benefits to taking this class. First, you can learn how to communicate with the deaf, hard of hearing, and people with autism or downs syndrome. Second, it's easier to express your emotions since part of sign language is facial expressions. Third, you can have a private conversation with friends and be able to talk in places you usually can't. For example, underwater, movies, at a loud concert, and lots of other places! Sign up for sign language as your elective next year.

STUDENT SURVEY By: Justyna Kukula

Color:

| | | | | | |
|-----|--------|--------|-------|------|--------|
| Red | Orange | Yellow | Green | Blue | Purple |
| 13 | 10 | 4 | 5 | 18 | 15 |

Music:

| | | | |
|-----------|-----|---------|-----|
| Classical | Rap | Country | Pop |
| 5 | 15 | 3 | 27 |

Subject:

| | | | | | |
|--------------------|---------|----|------|------------|---------|
| History/ Civics | Science | AA | Math | Literature | Writing |
| 20 | 9 | 14 | 9 | 1 | 6 |

President Trump's Impeachment

By Ming Newell

Valentine's Day recipes

By Nithya Nayegandhi

Red Velvet Cake:

Ingredients:

Cake:

- 2 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 ½ cups sugar
- 2 tablespoons unsweetened baking cocoa
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 ½ cups vegetable oil
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 bottle (1 oz) red food color
- 2 eggs

Frosting:

- ½ cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1 package (8 oz) cream cheese, softened
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3 cups powdered sugar, plus more as needed

Directions:

Frosting:

1. In large bowl, beat softened butter and cream cheese with electric mixer on medium speed 2 to 3 minutes, scraping bowl occasionally, until smooth and creamy.
2. Stir in vanilla, then stir in powdered sugar. Add more powdered sugar as needed until frosting is a thick spreadable consistency.
3. Spread or pipe frosting on cooled cake or cupcakes.

Cake:

1. Heat oven to 350°F. Grease bottoms and sides of 3 (8- or 9-inch) round pans with shortening; lightly flour.
2. In large bowl, beat all cake ingredients with electric mixer on low speed 30 seconds, scraping bowl constantly. Beat 2 minutes on medium speed, scraping bowl occasionally. Pour into pans.
3. In large bowl, beat all cake ingredients with electric mixer on low speed 30 seconds, scraping bowl constantly. Beat 2 minutes on medium speed, scraping bowl occasionally. Pour into pans.
4. In medium saucepan, mix 1/2 cup flour and 1 1/2 cups milk with whisk until smooth. Cook over medium heat until mixture is very thick, stirring constantly. Remove from heat; cool 10 minutes. In large bowl, beat 1 1/2 cups sugar and the butter with electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy. Gradually add flour mixture by tablespoonfuls; beat on high speed until smooth. Beat in vanilla. Fill and frost cake, using 1 cup frosting between layers. Store covered in refrigerator.

Recipe by <https://www.allrecipes.com/>

First off here are some terms you need to know for this article.

1. Impeachment- The process of which someone from the legislative branch will be set up for questioning for alleged crimes that have been committed. Not necessarily being removed from office but won't be able to run for the office, currently.

2. Senate-The smaller part of the US congress, 2 representatives/state. What you need to know about the impeachment of President Donald Trump

By popular vote, President Trump has been chosen for an Impeachment trial. First the very first thought of impeaching Trump has to go through part of the House of Representatives. The person of that House must then talk to the U.S house committee. To hold a hearing, you must get the majority of the committee to vote or else the hearing will not go through. If the hearing goes through, it will be sent to the House of Reps, if the majority of that house approves the impeachment, he'll be impeached.

A trial will be set and the Senate will be the judge of what happens next. Trump will be able to have attorneys or managers at his prosecution. Their job will be to defend against the crime he is accused of committing. His charges were abuse of power (looking to get personal return from the Ukrainian president) and obstruction of justice. The people defending him with the evidence that he's not guilty, will also be presented to the U.S Supreme Court.

Finally, the Senators will vote. Trump would need two-thirds of the Senators to vote him guilty and send him out of office. On February 5th the last part of the trial was held and less than two-thirds of the senators said guilty. Trump is proved not guilty and there for can run for office 2021.

Word Scramble Key

1. Candy
2. Flowers
3. Hearts
4. Dance
5. Love
6. Bears
7. Valentine
8. Cards
9. Cupid
10. Chocolate

Valentine's Day?
By Rainey Loeffner



24 hours later



ALRIGHT Y'ALL!
TODAY IS A VERY
SPECIAL DAY! NOT
VALENTINE'S DAY
BUT...
QUEEN OF
HEARTS DAY!

HAPPY QUEEN OF HEARTS DAY!



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