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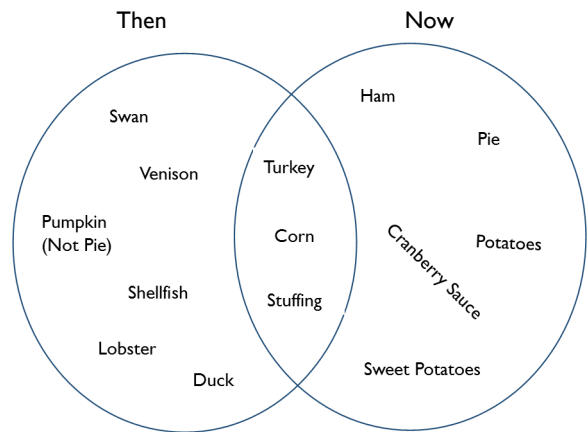
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Thanksgiving (Recipes on page 6)

By: McKinlee Miller and Halie Pfeiffer

Thanksgiving has been celebrated since 1621 when the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians met and had the "First Thanksgiving" together. Many Americans gather to eat food, watch football, and met with family they haven't seen in a while. Just how far do people travel to spend Thanksgiving with their family?

Thanksgiving Feast Then and Now



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Christmas Poll (Recipes on page 2)

By: Bryce Hutson and Sabrina Alcorn

The carols, the lights, the presents, the food, the meaning, the family, the friends, the trees, the angels... Isn't Christmas great? Everyone has a tradition. Even if you don't realize it, you do. We asked a few people about their traditions and here are the polls...

- Normally get sweaters for Christmas: 13%
- Normally goes caroling: 13%

- Watches or reads The Christmas Carol: 20%
- Have got coal for Christmas before: 20%
- Puts star on tree: 47%
- Have been sick for Christmas before: 53%
- Normally goes sledding: 53%
- Watching Elf: 60%
- Makes snow angels: 67%
- Puts an angel on tree: 67%
- Normally goes to church services: 80%

- Makes snowmen: 80%
- Going to Grandparents' houses for Christmas: 93%
- Baking cookies: 100%
- Open presents: 100%
- Open stockings: 100%
- What do you do for Christmas? How much of our poll would you be on? Think about it.

Christmas Recipes (cont. from page 1)

Chocolate Cherry Thumbprint

What you need:

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup plus 1 tablespoon unsweetened Dutch-process cocoa powder
1 teaspoon salt
8 ounces (2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened
1-1/3 cups sugar
2 large eggs, separated
2 tablespoons milk
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1-1/2 cups finely chopped almonds
3/4 cup cherry preserves
1 cup chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Sift flour, cocoa powder, and salt into a small bowl. Cream butter and sugar with a mixer until pale and fluffy. Reduce speed to medium, and add egg yolks, milk, and vanilla. Scrape sides of bowl. Beat in flour mixture until just combined. Roll dough into 1-inch balls, and dip each in egg white and then roll in chopped almonds. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheets. With the handle of a wooden spoon, press gently in the center of each to create an indentation. Bake, rotating sheets halfway through, until cookies are just set, about 10 minutes. (If indentations lose definition, press centers again.) Let cool slightly on baking sheets. Transfer

cookies to wire racks, and let cool. When cool, spoon 1/2 teaspoon of cherry preserves into the indentation of each cookie. Place chocolate chips in a zip-lock plastic baggie. Microwave for 30 seconds; remove bag, knead to mix up chocolate, and microwave for 20 seconds more. Repeat until chocolate is melted but not too hot (or the baggie will burst). With a sharp scissors, snip off a very small corner of the baggie. Drizzle melted chocolate over cookies.

Makes about 68



Peanut Butter Blossoms

What you need:

1 bag (8oz) Hershey's Kisses
1 egg
1/2 cup shortening
2 tablespoons milk
3/4 cup peanut butter
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/3 cup granulated sugar
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/3 cup packed light brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
additional granulated sugar (red and green is pretty)

Heat oven to 375F. Remove candy wrappers.

In large bowl, beat shortening and peanut butter until well blended. Add the 1/3 cup of

granulated sugar and all of the brown sugar; beat until light and fluffy. Add egg, milk and vanilla; beat well. Stir together flour, baking soda and salt; gradually add to peanut butter mixture. Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Roll in the additional granulated sugar; place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 8-10 minutes or until lightly browned. Immediately place kiss on top of each cookie, pressing down so cookie cracks around edges. Remove from cookie sheet to wire rack. Cool completely.

Makes about 48



Holly Cookies

What you need:

- 1/2 cup butter
- 3 cups miniature marshmallows
- 1/2 tsp. almond extract
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 tsp. green food color
- 4 cups corn flakes
- red hot candies

Melt butter, add marshmallows, stirring until all marshmallows are melted. Add extracts and food coloring; stir until it is a uniform green color. When mixture is smooth, add corn

flakes; mix well but gently so as not to crush the cornflakes. Form into 3" mounds on sheets of waxed paper, decorate with red cinnamon candies and silver dragées. Let cool.

Makes about 12



Buckeyes

What you need:

- 2 lbs. Peanut butter
- 1 pound butter
- 3 pounds powdered sugar
- two 12-ounce packages of semi-sweet chocolate chips. Use a high quality chocolate.
- 1/2 of one bar of paraffin wax
- toothpicks for dipping
- waxed paper

Place wax paper onto cookie sheets and set aside. Cream peanut butter and butter until combined. Add sugar a little at a time. Make sure it is mixed well. Roll peanut butter mixture into approximately 400 1-inch diameter balls. Insert one tooth pick into each small peanut butter ball. Set all of them aside. Melt chocolate and paraffin (paraffin helps the chocolate become shiny when it cools) in a double boiler. Be careful not

to over-heat the chocolate. Dip the ball into the chocolate so as to ALMOST cover the entire ball. Leave small portion of ball uncoated. Let cool on waxed paper. Store in a cool place.

Makes about 400



Snicker Doodles

What you need:

- 1 cup butter or shortening
- 1-1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 2-3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 1 teaspoons baking soda
- cinnamon and sugar mixed to taste (about 1/4 cup sugar to 1/2 tablespoon cinnamon is a good mixture)

Preheat oven to 400F. Mix together butter and sugar until smooth, then add eggs, cream of tartar, and baking soda. Stir in flour until well mixed. Roll into balls about 1" in diameter and roll in cinnamon and sugar to coat. Place on ungreased cookie sheets and bake 8-10 minutes. Cookies are done when they are just barely browning.

Makes about 48



East Prairie Sports

By: Ashton Smith

This quarter brings in a new type of competition to East Prairie. Boys' basketball has started, and with that comes cheerleading. Girls' basketball finished this quarter too.

First up is girls' basketball. The 7th grade finished with a 20-4 record and won the conference tournament, regionals, and sectionals. The 8th grade girls finished with a 15-7 record. They finished second in

the second in the conference tournament and second at regionals. The girls did a fantastic job this season. Great job ladies!

Next is boys' basketball. The 7th grade boys finished this half of the season with a 9-1 record. The 8th grade boys finished with a 3-7 record. They are coached by Mr. Taylor and Mr. Bozarth. The turnout for the boys' tryouts was very good. Nice job guys!

The cheerleaders follow and support the boys' basketball at every game. This year's cheerleading squad consisted of both 7th and 8th grade girls. These girls are Sabrina Alcorn, Faith Hardwick, Abbie Heath, Sidney Watson, Jackie Watson, Sydney Hoel, Hannah Saril, Grace Snider, Kamryn Kresin, and Olivia Chester. Go Hornets!

Thanksgiving Recipes (cont. from page 1)

Pumpkin Pie Recipe

Pastry for 9-inch crust

2 eggs, well beaten

½ cup firmly packed brown sugar

2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice

1 tablespoon flour

½ teaspoon salt

1 can (15 ounces) pumpkin

1 can (12 ounces) evaporated milk

Spice Pumpkin Cake

1 package yellow cake mix

1 package vanilla instant pudding mix

1 cup pumpkin

½ cup oil

3 eggs

1 ½ teaspoon cinnamon ground

1 teaspoon cloves

1 pure vanilla extract

Spirit Week

By Robert Steepleton and Paul Nau

Spirit week is a week for people all there school spirit by dressing up. Red Ribbon week, which is the week after spirit week is essentially the same thing except for the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse.

Spirit Week started November 4, 2013. Monday was Hat Day for which you wear your favorite hat. Tuesday was Pajama Day for which you wear your pajamas and other nighttime wear. Wednesday was Class Color Day for which you wear as much of your designated grade's color. Thursday was Decade Day for which you dress up from a

different decade, and Friday was Red, White, and Blue Day for which you wear red, white, and blue, in honor of the veteran's day assembly. The two people writing this article are actually on year book and we've each gotten some really devoted East Prairie Hornets.

Red Ribbon week started on November 11, 2013. Monday was Pajama Day which you dress up the same way as the one in spirit week. Tuesday was Character Day for which you wear clothing like your favorite character from any TV show, book, movie, or anything. Wednesday was Nerd Day for which you dress up as your interpretation of a nerd. Thursday was Dream Job Day

for which you dress up in clothing that you would normally wear for your average day at your dream job. Finally, Friday was Wear Red Day to show your support against alcohol and drug abuse.

A lot of people dressed up for these days. We hope next year even more people dress up. One of the people writing this article is on spirit week committee and we would enjoy your input on next year. Stay drug free and have a lot of school spirit. Go Hornets!

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“PBIS stands for Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports.”

PBIS Reward Day

By: Lucas Burnett

Have you heard your child come home and talk about PBIS or PBIS reward day? Do you have questions about it? I am here to answer those.

First, what is PBIS? PBIS stands for Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports. PBIS is a system used by schools nationwide to encourage better behavior by students.

How does PBIS work? The key strategy for PBIS is prevention, not punishment. For example, if someone forgets their supplies, they will receive a deportment mark. When a student reaches three deportment marks, a detention is assigned. This is where prevention steps in because it teaches a lesson

not to forget your supplies.

This really encourages students to do their best.

Are students rewarded for following the rules? Of course! Any student who meets the requirements will be rewarded with all of the other students who met the reward standards, too. To earn the reward for first quarter, students must not have had 3 late works across the board (1 in grammar and 2 in history) and no more than 3 detentions. The reward for first quarter was a movie with trail mix and dodge ball. Another question many may ask about PBIS day is who started it? Mrs. Hatfield, East Prairie's social worker, started PBIS day for our school.

Who is in charge of PBIS on the national scale? PBIS Dr. George Sugai from the University of Connecticut, Dr. Robert Horner from the University of Oregon, and Dr. Tim Lewis from the University of Missouri.

East Prairie follows a “matrix” of rules. These rules fall under three categories: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe. The matrix is posted all around the halls of East Prairie. Special areas such as the gymnasium and library have their own set of dedicated rules.

Congratulations! You now know about PBIS and the PBIS reward day!

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