

The Celtic Times



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY BEN FRANKLIN!

BY: ANDREW W. & ZACHARY C.

Ben Franklin was born on January 17, 1706. He died on April 17, 1790. He was a founding father of the US, leader, politician, postmaster, inventor, and



statesman. He invented the lighting rod and the Franklin Stove. He earned the title of "The First American". He was the author and spokesman in London. He grew up

in a working class family. He was also governor of Pennsylvania for 3 years. We think that Ben Franklin is a great inventor and important in history.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING

BY: CLAUDIA M.

Martin Luther King, Jr. (January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968) was an American clergyman, activist, and prominent leader in the African-American Civil Rights Movement. He is best known for being an iconic figure in the advancement of civil rights in the United States and around the world, using nonviolent methods following the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi. King has become a national icon in the history of modern American liberalism.

A Baptist minister, King became a civil rights activist early in his career. He led

the 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott and helped



found the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in 1957, serving as its first president. King's efforts led to the 1963 March on Wash-



ington, where King delivered his

"I Have a Dream" speech. There, he expanded American values to include the vision of a color blind society, and established his reputation as one of the greatest orators in American history.

In 1964, King became the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize for his

work to end racial segregation and racial discrimination through civil disobedience and other nonviolent means. By the time of his death in 1968, he had refocused his efforts on ending poverty and stopping the Vietnam

War.



BOOK REVIEW: MAGIC THIEF LOST BY: EMMA B. & WILLIAM B.

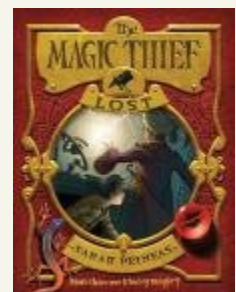
Magic Thief Lost is a continuation of the Rebecca Caudill book, *Magic Thief*. In this book Conn, who has lost his locus magicalicus, decides to do pyrotechnics. A locus magicalicus is a special stone that helps wizards talk with magic. He ends up blowing up his house, Heartsease, and is exiled from his home town of Wellmet. The magic that talked to him when he did his pyrotechnic experiment wanted him to go to Desh, a nearby town that might be the answer to the mysterious shadow creatures that attack Wellmet. They attack mostly at night for they don't like

sunlight. The duchess of Wellmet had been hurt by a shadow, and sent her daughter, Lady Rowan on an envoyage to Desh. Conn eventually catches up with his good friend, Rowan, and becomes part of the expedition while seeking answers to his own mystery.

Conn goes with the envoyage to Desh to the Sorcerer King's castle, to try to break or demolish the Sorcerer King's locus magicalicus. Later on Conn finds out that the Sorcerer King's locus magicalicus is making the shadows. When Conn was

fighting the Sorcerer King, the Sorcerer King tried to put Conn under a spell. Conn let him but then got out of the spell and turned the Sorcerer King's locus magicalicus into dust. The Sorcerer King was under the power of Arhionvar. Arhionvar was the bad magic. The Sorcerer King thought that if he jumped out the window Arhionvar would save him. The Sorcerer King jumped out the window of the top floor of his Fortress. Arhionvar did not save the Sorcerer King, and he died. Conn had now defeated the Sorcerer King and the shadows! The rest of the envoyage was

outside waiting for him to see if he had defeated the Sorcerer King. The envoyage had defeated the Sorcerer King's guards. The envoyage was about to go home when they remembered Conn was exiled from Wellmet. They thought that since Conn had defeated the sorcerer King and the shadows, the duchess wouldn't care. If you would like to read more of The Magic Thief books, read book 3 for more exciting and breath-taking adventures!



DECEMBER AND JANUARY BIRTHDAYS BY: NATALIA M.

DECEMBER 1 ST	ALEXIS U
DECEMBER 2 ND	JEREMY D
DECEMBER 3 RD	HOLLY P
DECEMBER 4 TH	CONNOR B
DECEMBER 6 TH	KEVIN O
DECEMBER 7 TH	BRIDGET K
DECEMBER 9 TH	WILLIAM T
DECEMBER 10 TH	MEAGHAN M
DECEMBER 10 TH	BRENDAN M
DECEMBER 13 TH	NATHAN M
DECEMBER 14 TH	JULIA M
DECEMBER 14 TH	KATELAND K
DECEMBER 15 TH	RYAN M
DECEMBER 16 TH	LUKE C
DECEMBER 19 TH	ABIGAIL M
DECEMBER 24 TH	JAE K
DECEMBER 25 TH	ELIZABETH P
DECEMBER 29 TH	AIDAN M
DECEMBER 29 TH	NATALIA M
DECEMBER 31 ST	JACK M
JANUARY 3 RD	GRACE G
JANUARY 4 TH	MICHAEL P
JANUARY 5 TH	JACOB K
JANUARY 6 TH	JACE W
JANUARY 6 TH	JOHN H
JANUARY 8 TH	ROBERT D
JANUARY 9 TH	RYAN D
JANUARY 10 TH	ISABELLA M
JANUARY 11 TH	VINCENT C
JANUARY 12 TH	GABBY M
JANUARY 13 TH	MICHAEL P
JANUARY 21 ST	ELA S
JANUARY 21 ST	THOMAS S
JANUARY 22 ND	ALEXANDER P
JANUARY 24 TH	RYAN B
JANUARY 29 TH	CONNOR M
JANUARY 29 TH	LUKE M
JANUARY 30 TH	ALESSANDREA S
JANUARY 30 TH	GERARD K
JANUARY 30 TH	SOPHIA S
JANUARY 31 ST	BRETT P



MUSIC REVIEW: BIG TIME RUSH, ELEVATE BY: MEGAN A.

Kendall, James, Carlos, and Logan have done it again! Big Time Rush's second album, Elevate, is packed with peppy, upbeat music that will make you want to get up and dance. There is not one song that you won't like. A lot of the songs are written by the band, too. If you are a fan of the show, you should be familiar with some of the songs that are on the album. If you have never seen the show before, it is about four hockey-playing best friends from Minnesota who travel to LA to become famous. It shows all of their adventures on the road to fame. It is on Nickelode-

on at 8:30 pm on Fridays. This album is really great. I hope you enjoy it.



STUDENT FEATURE: ABBY M. BY: GRACE M.

Hi Abby Magdziarz! I have a few questions to ask you. Let's begin!



Q. How many people are in your family?

A. I have 5 people in my family. I have my mom and dad, and my 2 sisters, Grace and Lauren.

Q. Do you have any pets? If so, what is it and what is its name?

A. Yes, I have a dog named Mugsy.

Q. What do you do in your free time?

A. I play volleyball, bake, and hang out with friends.

Q. What is your favorite animal?

A. My favorite animal is a dog or a horse.

Q. What grade are you in?

A. I am in 7th grade.

Q. What school activities are you in?

A. I am in volleyball, yearbook, and NJHS.

Q. What is your favorite food?

A. My favorite food is spaghetti with meatballs.

Q. What is your favorite dessert?

A. My mom's toffee squares!

Finally, what is your favorite candy?

A. My favorite candy is Reese's!

THE HISTORY OF THE MAJI BY: CLAUDIA M.

The **Magi** who come from a Greek Origin, also referred to as the **Three Wise Men, Three Kings, or Kings from the East**, were, according to Christian beliefs, a group of distinguished foreigners who visited Jesus after his birth, bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. They are regular figures in traditional accounts of the nativity celebrations of Christmas and are an important part of the Christian tradition.



The visit of the Magi is commemorated in most Western Christian churches by the observance of Epiphany, 6 January. The Eastern Orthodox celebrate the visit of the Magi on 25 December.

The identification of the Magi as kings is linked to Old Testament prophecies that have the Messiah being worshipped by kings in Isaiah 60:3, Psalm 72:10, and Psalm 68:29. Early readers reinterpreted Matthew in light of these prophecies and elevated the Magi to kings. By AD 500 all commentators adopted the prevalent tradition that the three were kings, and this continued until the Protestant Reformation.

Some religious traditions take a critical view of the Magi. Jehovah's Witnesses do not see the arrival of the Magi as something to be celebrated, but instead stress the Biblical condemnation of sorcery and astrology in such texts as Deuteronomy 18:10–11, Leviticus 19:26, and Isaiah 47:13–14. They also point to the fact that the star seen by the Magi led them first to a hostile enemy of Jesus, and only then to the child's location — the argument being that if this was an event from God, it makes no sense for them to be led to a ruler with intentions to kill the child before taking them to Jesus. Likewise, as Matthew 2:12 informs, the Magi were warned by God not to return to the homicidal King Herod. Thus, they believe, it seems reasonable to consider that

the star, which evidently only the Magi could see was the product of God's archenemy designed to perform an unholy act upon an innocent young child, Jesus.

This is from The New Revised Standard Version of Matthew 2:1–12 describes the visit of the Magi:

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another path.



TRIP REVIEW: MY VISIT TO ALABAMA BY: PHINU P.

Over Thanks giving break, I went somewhere pretty fun. I went to Alabama with my cousins and we had a blast! We went to the Joe Wheeler Park which is in the north side of Alabama. My sister, brother and I went with our uncle and his family to Alabama. Once we got there, I was amazed at what I saw. Even though I saw pictures of the house, I was still amazed. The house was almost in the middle of nowhere and it was surrounded by trees. The inside of the house was pretty cool. The entrance had a TV with a couple couches. The hallway was pretty long because there were thirteen rooms next to each other and across from each other. The room had two queen-sized beds with their own little tables. Then in the middle of the hallway, on the side, there is a kitchen. The kitchen had a buffet table and there was a large grill in the kitchen. When I got there, I played with my favorite cousin and we had some fun. We threw the football around, I showed him how to do some things on his game, but we did get into some trouble. We went to the lake without telling anyone and the aunts got mad at us.

The Thanksgiving dinner was the best. There was honey ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, salad, stuffing, and pie. The turkey

was the best because it was smoked, and in my opinion smoked turkey is the best because all the flavoring stays inside the turkey. Everything was fantastic because the cooks that made all of the food were the cooks of the family. We had a really fun time when I was there.

I had two favorite parts in my trip to Alabama. One of them was really funny after I thought about. On the first night, I shared a room with my two younger cousins who are in fourth and fifth grade. Our room was right next to the men's bathroom and my cousins had the bed that shared a wall with the boy's bathroom. They then got onto my bed and it got really squished up. Then my cousin pointed out that "Josh" is written on the wall on red. We got so scared that we got the bible, hid under the cover, asked God if he could save us from Josh and we read the Bible. We did eventually fall asleep but it took us a while.

My second favorite part was when we were on the boat. Me and a couple of my cousins went with some uncles and rented a boat. After a while, the kids were able to drive and it was nice, but it was the second time I got to drive a boat. Then we stayed at the marina and helped my cousin with his book re-

port. The I went on the boat again and we tried to go fishing, but we didn't catch anything. Then we dropped off all the aunts and the kids went on a ride. We went into the water, then out of the water. Everyone on the boat got splashed at least once or twice. The people who were standing by the side exit got splashed the most. I had the most fun on the boat then I have ever had on a boat before.

My trip to Alabama was a blast. I went boating, had the best Thanksgiving dinner, and had the most memorable Thanksgiving in the whole world. I cannot wait until next year to get this cabin again and have the best time of my life.



TRIP REVIEW: WILDERNESS TERRITORY BY: JOEY S.

Over the Thanksgiving break my family and I went to the Wilderness Territory resort in the Wisconsin Dells. We even stayed for Thanksgiving! It was such a fun time being with my cousins from Florida and Colorado. We went down gigantic water slides, played in arcades, and we ate Saganaki (fancy, fried cheese) in our condos. It was like a party all week!

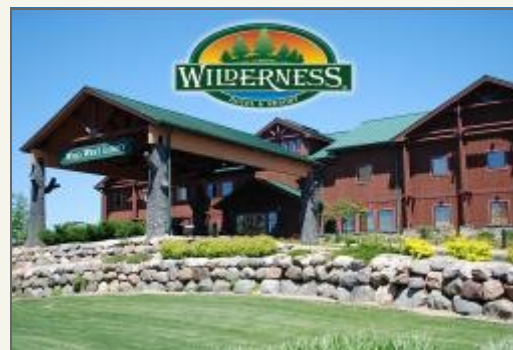
One of my favorite waterparks there is Klondike Canyon. This waterpark has two basketball areas and one of them is outside! This waterpark has the famous water slide the Hurricane. It also has a lazy river. There's also the waterpark the Wild West. This one has two famous waterslides! It has the Black Hole and the Fantastic Voyage. Out of the three waterslides I like the Hurricane the best.

Other than going to the waterparks we spent lots of time as a family. (Like I said in the first paragraph) We ate Saganaki every night except for Thanksgiving, we made our own pizzas, we went to the Northern Lights Arcade, we went mini golfing, we played laser tag, and we played my cousin's PS3 (PlayStation 3) in our condo.

Last but not least there was the Thanksgiving dinner. We were all cramped in

one little condo (well at least I was), it was like an all you can eat buffet, and it was very decorative. When I said decorative I mean it was very pretty and well-decorated. My favorite part of the dinner was the Grace. My Aunt Kim videotaped us reading a book called *Let's Be Thankful* and us saying what we're thankful for and why. All the adults thought it was very sweet.

I give the Wilderness Territory five stars!!!



HAPPY NEW YEAR!
BY: THE CELTIC TIMES

HAPPY NEW YEAR

RECIPE: THE BEST CREAM CHEESE
POUND CAKE
BY: CLAUDIA M.

3 sticks butter
1 (8 oz.) cream cheese
3 c. sugar
6 eggs
3 c. all-purpose flour
1 tsp. vanilla flavoring
1 tsp. lemon flavoring

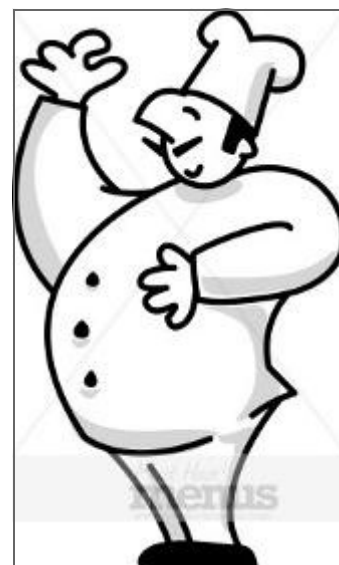
ICING:

1 stick softened butter
1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
1 box confectioners' sugar

Butter, cream cheese and eggs should be room temperature. Preheat oven to 275 degrees. Blend softened butter and cream cheese together. Gradually add sugar. Add eggs, one at a time (mix for 30 seconds each). Gradually add flour, then flavorings.

Bake for 1 1/2 to 2 hours.

ICING: Blend butter and cream cheese together. Gradually add confectioners' sugar. Spread on cooled cream cheese pound cake.



HOLIDAY RECIPE: GINGERSNAPS BY: JOEY S.

From the kitchen of my mom's friend Kristine

This Recipe yields 11 cookies.

<i>Ingredients</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Unit of Measurement</i>
Softened, Butter	1 ½	Cup(s)
Sugar	2	Cup(s)
Eggs	2	
Molasses	½	Cup(s)
All Purpose Flour	4 ½	Cup(s)
Baking Soda	3	Teaspoon(s)
Ground Cinnamon	2	Teaspoon(s)
Ground Ginger	1	Teaspoon(s)
Ground Cloves	1	Teaspoon(s)
Salt	½	Teaspoon(s)
Ground Nutmeg	½	Teaspoon(s)

(Additional Sugar)

Directions:

In a mixing bowl, cream the butter and sugar. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in molasses. Combine the flour, baking soda, cinnamon, ginger, cloves, salt, and nutmeg; gradually add to creamed mixture. Refrigerate for 1 hour or until the dough is easy to handle.

Roll into 1-inch balls; roll in additional sugar. Place 2-inches apart on ungreased baking sheets.

Bake at 350 degrees for 8-12 minutes or until puffy and lightly browned. Cool for 1 minute before removing to wire racks.

Make sure that pans are completely cooled before adding more dough to bake because it'll cause the cookies to spread too much and burn.



PHOTOSTORY: ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT ST. ALS-ST. PATS



The 4th Graders enjoy some holiday activities. They decorated cupcakes like reindeers and played holiday bingo.

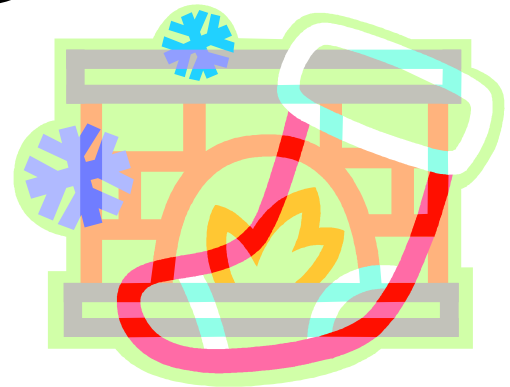
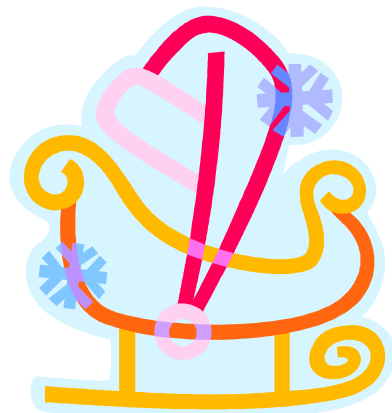


Students help with the Adopt-A-Family Prayer Service above.
To the left, 8th graders help load presents to be delivered to Adopt-A-Families.





Students enjoy their time at their class Christmas party.



PHOTOSTORY: LEGO FIELD TRIPS





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authors, one month at a time.*

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**Joey S. (6th), Maggie O. (7th),
and Natalia M. (5th)**



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PHOTO STORY: LEGO FIELD TRIP

