

The Wildcat Corner

Upcoming Events:

- Feb. 1: WIDA begins
- Feb. 12-15: Mid Winter Break
- Feb. 17: Gleaners Food Drive-11AM-1PM
- Family Tech Support & Library Curbside Pick Up Thursdays -1:30-3:00PM
- Meal distribution every Friday- 10:30-1:00 PM



Chinese New Year: By Jamal Morshed

For thousands of years, the Chinese New Year has been celebrated in China. The original tale tells of a lion-like creature that terrorized Chinese villagers called Nian. One year, the villagers were told by a wise monk to use noisy noises along with red paper cutouts hanging over their doors to scare away Nian. This succeeded and Nian was able to be overcome by the villagers. The day Nian was defeated became the day he died. The Chinese government switched to the western Gregorian calendar in 1912. They changed the name of the Chinese New Year to the Spring Festival since January 1st was already the beginning of the year. When Mao Zedong established the People's Republic of China in 1949, he felt the celebrations were too religious. As a result, the holiday has not been celebrated for several years in mainland China. Feb. 12 marks the beginning of the Year of the Ox. According to astrologers, the second animal of the Chinese zodiac, the ox, signifies the hard work, positivity and sincerity that will be manifested in all of us in the coming 12 months.



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Inauguration Day By: Ayaat Shiaab

On January 20th, we witnessed the inauguration of Joe Biden. The inauguration is when a president is sworn into office. Biden's family all attended the inauguration as well as the 44th president and First Lady, Barack Obama and Michelle Obama. Donald Trump and his family refused to attend it and left the White House in the early morning. Lady Gaga and Jennifer Lopez both performed at the inauguration. Joe Biden and Kamala Harris both swore on the bible and took their oaths.

Biden: "I do solemnly swear [or affirm] that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

Harris: "I, Kamala Harris, do solemnly swear [or affirm] that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So help me God." As of noon, all powers went to Biden and Harris and Trump and Pence were now ex-presidents.

Word search. Select a difficulty level and your timer starts!



Video by: Ranya Nasher



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Groundhog Day by: Jamal Morshed

In Pennsylvania, the roots of Groundhog Day can be traced to German immigrants. February 2nd was celebrated as Candlemas Day by these settlers. There will be six more weeks of winter conditions on this day if the sun comes out today. At some point, individuals started to look at the groundhog to make this forecast. In an 1841 journal entry, the first reference to the groundhog is in an 1841 journal entry. In 1886 the Punxsutawney newspaper declared February 2nd as Groundhog Day and named the local groundhog as Punxsutawney Phil. Since then the day and tradition has spread throughout the United States.

Happy Groundhog Day!



New Books February 2021

Curbside book pickup is every Monday from 1:00-2:30PM and every Thursday from 1:30 to 3:00PM.



Riddles

1. Imagine you are in a room with no windows or doors. How will you get out? By Nayem Omar 4th Grade
2. I shave everyday, but my beard stays the same. What am I? By: Rayanne Altaweel 4th Grade

[Answers on last page.](#)



Photo of Lapeer Park By Abdulmalek Hussein

Answers:

1. Stop imagining
2. A barber

Society By: Ahlam Hujran

Today in an overweight society, The type of society that deals with anxiety, Today in the eyes of an underweight tragedy, Influenced so greatly by an overweight society, Young minds believe what they see. Morphed into the tragedy of society. A society where eating disorders strive A society where an 8 year old can consciously starve themselves to feel pretty. The definition of pretty based simply on TV. Yet nobody questions this more than imperfect society. Elementary age children being fed fat then forced to stand in front of a mirror. Put a toy in poison and call it magic. Oh yes, what a fantasy. A fantasy forcing you into reality. The reality becoming your worst nightmare. The reality of your fears driven by society. A society where mental illness strives. Why can't people open their eyes? Spoon feeding children poison and expecting them to love themselves. Oh Anorexia, my new inspiration. Make me feel pretty. Just like the skinny girls on TV. Losing pounds, one by one. Still weighed down by a ton. The weight of pleasing it. The nightmare society created. Influenced by what we see. Finally morphed into the tragedy of the normality of this weight obsessed society.