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FOOD DRIVE



By Marissa Owens '16

Have you heard about the Food Drive? The Food Drives is held December 1st through the 18th. The Food Drive is managed by Mr. McCafferty and the Student Government. If you're interested in donating food to the school you're helping out families who are less fortunate this Christmas. People right in our community go hungry or don't get a meal every night and you can make that difference by helping them get the food they need. So don't throw away something you may not use but save it for someone who might need it. The food collected by the PHS will be donated to the Lion's Club Food Drive. Pennfield has worked with the Lion's Club on the Food Drive for years now and have been very successful. The goal is to provide for 45-50 Pennfield families that need some help making ends meet. We are trying to generate more interest and participation in the Food Drive by holding weekly contests with prizes as well as a final points. Each week has a theme. The first week's focus is on vegetables with bonus point for bringing in canned green beans or corn. The second week the focus is on cereal. The final week is pasta products. Every year pennfield does this to help families get the foods that they need to make it through the rest of this year. However, don't just take from your family's pantry, be sure to ask your parents before you donate anything! The Food Drive is helping families who are in desperate need to have food for the holiday. The food that you bring helps around 50 families to get food for their children and the parents. Knowing that you're helping 50 families or more just by bringing in food to people who are in need is a heartwarming feeling for all involved. Next year for the Food Drive, I challenge all of you to bring in more cans to feed up to 150 families who are in need of food.

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MERRY

Candy Cane Christmas Cookies

Diana Dalski '18

1 bag Hershey's Kisses brand Candy Cane Kisses
 1/2 cup butter, softened
 1 cup granulated sugar
 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 1 egg
 2 cups all purpose flour
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
 2 tablespoons milk
 Red and Green colored sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Remove wrappers from candies (approx. 35)

Beat butter, sugar, vanilla, and egg in large bowl until well blended. Stir together flour, baking soda and salt; add alternatively with milk to butter mixture, beating until well blended.

Shape dough into 1 inch balls. Roll in red and/or green colored sugar. Place on ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake 8 - 10 minutes or until edges are lightly browned and cookies is set. Remove from oven; cool 2 to 3 minutes. Press candy piece into center of each cookie. Remove from cookie sheet

to wire rack. Cool completely. Yields approximately 35 cookies.



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What Is Your Favorite Thing About Christmas?

Camarie Smith '16



Stephanie Martinez '16
 "Not being at school."



Keith Browand '17
 "Family and presents."



Mr. Boyd
 "2 week vacation."



Archie Smith '18
 "Spending time with my family."



Trevor Sutherland '19
 "My family."

Christmas Tradition

Diana Dalski '18

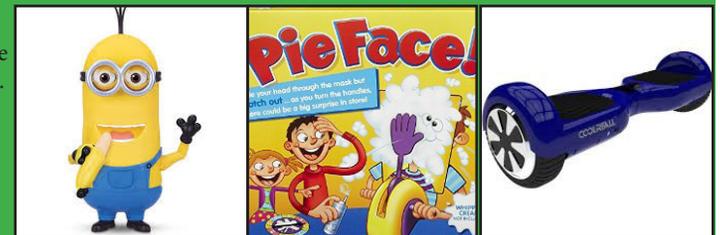
In the United States, Christmas is one of the largest and most celebrated holidays of the year. However, while it's massively celebrated in the US, not all countries celebrate Christmas the same way. In Japan, since it isn't an official holiday, Christmas is mostly celebrated by couples and children. In Poland, Christmas Eve is the main celebration, called "Wigilia", 12 dishes are placed on the table (to wish luck for the next twelve months), and dinner doesn't begin until the first night star is seen. In Spain, it is common to go to mass on Christmas Eve, and to feast on stuffed turkey prior to mass. Seafood is a common meal on Christmas day in Spain. Christmas in Canada is fairly similar to the US. In France, nativity scenes are common as household decorations. In addition, a Christmas Eve feast is held and in some parts of France, 13 different desserts are eaten! They also decorate Christmas trees, send out Christmas cards. In Egypt, only 15% of the population celebrate Christmas, and the majority of them don't celebrate Christmas on December 25th, they instead celebrate Christmas January 7th. Hong Kong celebrates Christmas by sending Christmas cards and Christians go to a church service. In addition, they decorate with poinsettias and nativity scenes. So many countries around the world celebrate in different ways than the US, and yet as the year comes to a close, a festive attitude is shared throughout the globe.

TOP PRESENTS

Avari Dayton '16

popular must-have toys of the holiday season are The Pie Face Game by Hasbro, where you have to roll a die, crank however many times it says to and hope the cool whip doesn't go smash in your face. There's also the Minion Kevin Banana Eating Action Figure, he laughs and rolls around. In addition, for the older kids, the Foot welt Mini Self-Balancing 2 Wheel Scooter with LED Light, it's just like a scooter or a bike but with no handles, you just stand on it and go. While we may be young adults, we're kids at heart so check out the top picks of this year.

It's officially Christmas time. The time of year when everyone wants presents and gives presents. Where children are writing down their Christmas lists to Santa. In case you're having a hard time deciding what to get your little brother or sister or even yourself, here is some advice. According to Toys R Us, Walmart and Amazon.com, some of the most



Where Are You Going For Christmas?

Avari Dayton '16



Bailey Gessner '16
 "I'm going to South Dakota to visit my mom."



Hunter Finley '18
 "I am going to Cali."



Jacob "Swaggy J" Hack '18
 "I'm going to have a wonderful time with my family in Lansing for an early Christmas."



Arabia Bacon '18
 "I'm going to Florida- AKA Universal Studios- Disney."



Wilson Armstrong '19
 "Nowhere, I am staying home with my family."

CHRISTMAS

Shining a Light Around the World
Erin Owens '17

We've all probably heard about the recent terrorist attacks around the world but let's take a look at how these recent attacks will affect the families who lost relatives in these attacks this upcoming Christmas. Those who lost loved ones in these recent terrorist attacks such as the massacre shooting in San Bernardino where 14 people were killed and 21 injured, and the Paris attacks where at least 128 people were killed and 350 people were injured. They will have a very different Christmas than they had planned on this year. In Paris many of the flights that had been scheduled for Christmas have been canceled. There will be tighter regulations for flights this Christmas especially where there have been recent attacks. However instead of the normally cheery atmosphere that there is around Christmas time this year those who have lost loved ones recently this year there will be only mourning for them and having little laughter as they remember the ones they lost. They are still waiting for holiday shopping and culture to come back to life the way that it was before these terrorist attacks had occurred. We have no clue how it truly feels to have lost a loved one in such a brutal way as we feel remorse for those who lost relatives this year and how it will greatly impact their Christmas. They will mourn those they lost this year on Christmas but in the following years the weight of the lost will diminish slowly over time but never completely fade away.



Riley Bowen '18
"I got a 55" Gallon fish tank."



Kevin MaCrossen '18
"I got money."



Collin Babcock '16
"I've gotten a half eaten tuna fish sandwich."



Jessie Livingston '17
"Pet Gorillas."

What is the best gift you have received?
Makayla Packer '19



Landon Perry '19
"I got a 7" inch flat screen T.V."
Lyndsie Groleau '19
"One of my favorite gifts was a "puppy."



Troy Hinds '18
"Toe nail clippers."

Strangest Gift

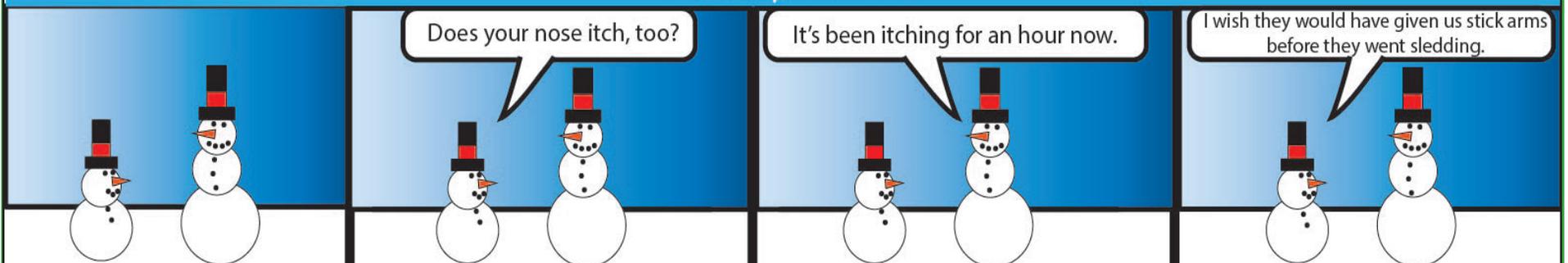
Marissa Owens '16



Brett Muller '19
"Duck Tape (Mustache)."

Diana Dalski '18

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BRONZE \$10

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Christmas Wordsearch

Makayla Packer '19

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ANGELIC
COLD
FAITHFUL
GOLDEN
HAPPY
JOYFUL
RED
WINTER

BLESSED
COZY
FESTIVE
GRACIOUS
HOLY
MAGICAL
SEASONAL
YULETIDE

CANDLELIT
DECORATED
GIVING
GREEN
JOLLY
MERRY
SNOWY

HALLWAY CHALLENGER LOGAN MESSENGER '16

Why are **green** and **red**
the colors of Christmas?



DaNeisha Smith '19

Trees and
Lights



Lexi Lower '18

Trees and
Santa



Tyler Ivy '17

A War Happened or
Something



Storm Vanhyfte
'16

Fruit Cakes

Answer: Because It's A Holly-Day.