



Youth of Today
Hope of Tomorrow



Christmas Time



Ruby George
Riojas Elementary

I cannot wait for Christmas time, here's some reason why.

1. I have a long vacation from school.; 2. It's nice and cool/crisp outside.; 3. Every store you

walk into has Christmas decorations.; 4. I get to donate to kids that aren't that fortunate.; 5. My parents take me to see all of the Christmas lights.; 6. I do secret santa with my friends.; 7. My dance team has a christmas party.; 8. I get to sleep in.; 9. My class gets to vote on what we do for our christmas party. and 10. I get to spend time with my family!

A lot of kids think that Christmas is about presents, and trust me, I did when I was little. It is really about giving and having a happy time with your family and friends.

Math Class



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For the past two weeks in math class we have been doing a project. In this project we had to find a recipe of anything that has up to six servings. Because of this, I chose pecan pie as my food because it is delicious

and the closet serving to six that I could find and because the lower the serving the less the work is. After we chose our food and wrote down the ingredients we had to start on the math.

For the math we had to divide our serving by the recipe number to find how low the ingredients numbers went down to. For example, if I had one teaspoon of corn syrup, I would divide it by my serving which was eight and that would be 1/8. So the 1/8 is how much corn syrup would be added for one person. We had to do the same thing but with the numbers twenty five, two, and one hundred.

Upcoming Intersession



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Intersession is a short break from classes. Intersession occurs Wednesday-Friday, January 3rd-January 5th. During this time, we get to learn or participate in any activity that we want, that is on our choice sheet. The activities may be learning something, it may be helping out in the community, or simply playing some games. Some choices from our choice sheet are, "All Things Harry Potter",

"Basic Car Maintenance", "Street Art and Mural Making", "Boxing with the Austin Boxing Babies", as well as 32 other choices. We have done this in the past years but each year, there are new choices and new activities to choose from.

I enjoy Intersession because it is not only a time to have fun, but it is a time to clear your mind from stress, homework, and testing. Intersession is set up in a system where an email is sent out to each grade level, one at a time for them to select their choice of where they'd like to go. We may only choose one Intersession and the order is Juniors, Sophomores, Freshman, 8th Grade, 7th Grade and lastly, 6th Grade. The problem is that once Intersession is full, it closes and is no longer allowed to be selected. We have to choose fast! Overall, this will be fun!

Winter Concert Time



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We are coming around to our "Winter Concert". This will be my first time to be a part of such a event. This Friday December 8th, will be our dress rehearsal. Our instructor told all the new ones to just try and relax. A little stage fright and nervousness is expected we were

told. We were told to don't chicken out and not show up. The actual event will be on December 15th. We have three bands. They are the Beginner, Concert and the Symphonic Band.

Our second six weeks has ended. The first time I only made the second honor roll. This time I made the first honor roll. There will have a small honoring ceremony. Last time math kept me off it.

I sometime feel that "bullying" will never end. Some have told me that when you become an adult it eases somewhat. Many have said that after graduation you rarely ever run into those bullies. Adults handle bullying differently. My grandfather told me of one time an ex-bully used his name as a reference for a job.

Giving Back



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On Sunday, December 3, the Cadettes from Girl Scout Troop #1587 participated in a service project at Helping Hand Home. Helping Hand

Home is a residential treatment center for children who have experienced extreme abuse and neglect. It has been in existence since 1893 They needed our help moving Christmas presents from one building to another. Our project was called "Christmas Elves Service Project."

It was a great privilege for us to be invited to participate in their work! I feel good when I do something that helps others. This is the Christmas season and a time of the year when many 'give back'. What is your plan?

Walking on Eggshells



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This entire week has been hinged on the dreaded Egg Drop.

If you don't know what the Egg Drop is, it's a physics project that requires you to make sure an egg doesn't crack when it hits the ground. It's dropped at least 20 feet up. And there is no parachute, no padding, and no faking the egg.

It's almost awkward how fragile that egg becomes when all you have to protect it is hot glue and wood.

My idea to protect it was to create a device that

would roll when it hit the ground, because sometimes people drop 30 feet and roll to not break every bone in their body. And they do that for fun.

It took me 3 days to build my egg-catching device, and when it came time to drop, my egg was safe from cracking, and my egg was safe from being scrambled.

That was over-easy. Here's a picture of my device! The idea was to have the arm hit the ground first and have the whole thing roll



Winter Concert



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At Kipp we are having a winter concert on Saturday. The winter concert involves dance and a performance of the recorder. If you are interested to know more then read on. I hope you enjoy my article.

First, I'm going to inform you about the dance performance. The performance goes along to the theme song of 'The Fresh Prince of Bellaire'. We are supposed to dress seventies and eighties hip hop style and we cannot wear pink, light green or yellow. Basically, we cannot wear light colors.

In music, we are playing the recorder and singing a song called 'Celito Lindo'. Everyone in fourth grade is performing unless of course someone is absent.

That's all I can inform you for now. See you next time. Thank you for reading my article.

Dreams



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Have you ever wondered what a dream really is? Well, a dream is a group of images, ideas, emotions, and sensations that occur during certain stages of sleep. The purpose of dreams are not fully understood, though they have been a topic of interest throughout history. Dream interpretation is the attempt at trying to find an underlying message. The scientific study of dreams is called oneirology.

REM sleep is when dreams mainly occur. REM sleep is revealed by continuous movements of the eyes during sleep. At times, dreams may occur during other stages of sleep. The 4 stages of sleep are awake, light sleep, deep sleep, and REM sleep. Here are the features of all of the stages; Stage 1: although you are asleep, you may wake up feeling like you did not sleep at all, your eyes will roll a little bit and your eyelids will slightly open, your breathing slows down

and your heartbeat becomes regular. Stage 2: it becomes harder to wake you up, your brain emits bigger waves, and your blood pressure decreases. Stage 3: your brain waves slow down and become larger, you can sleep through any disturbances without making a reaction and if you wake up during this stage you may feel disoriented. Stage 4: finally, during this stage of sleep this is when you have deepest and most powerful dreams. You can also sleepwalk and bedwet during this "stage." This stage can get longer and longer as the night goes by. If people are awakened during the REM phase, they are most likely to remember that dream. The average person has 3 to 5 dreams every night. Some people might even have 7 dreams but most times they do not remember the dreams.

Opinions about the meaning of dreams have changed through time. Many say that dreams reveal insight into certain desires. Others say that dreams assist in memory, and problem solving. Back in Greek and Roman times, the people believed that dreams predicted the future.

Dreams can at times make a creative thought or give a sense of inspiration. People have not figured out what the exact meaning of dreams so it is just what you believe in.



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