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Bored Bored Bored

By Abigail Conroy

So, lemme guess. You're bored? Yeah, I get it, I am too. Luckily, I have put together a short article which will be updated monthly. Each update, there will be two new suggestions on things to do when you're bored.

Number 5

Make a Time Capsule

I have not done this yet, but honestly, I've wanted to for a very long time. Time Capsules are boxes, jars, or letters which contain special items from a certain point in time. So, grab a container, some friends or family, and a few special items and create your own! Then, decide on when to open it next. Some date back to the 1700's!

Number 6

Join a virtual program at the George H. and Ella M. Rodgers Memorial Library

The library offers a variety of different activities, including Graphic Novel book club on Mondays, Snack Attack and Animal Crossing on Tuesdays, Percy Jackson and Pokémon club on Thursdays, and Kids Writing Workshop on Fridays. On certain Fridays, Bingo is also an option.

Holidays and Important Dates

5/1: May Day

5/3: Return from April Break

5/5: Cinco de Mayo

5/9: Mother's Day

5/16: Love a Tree Day

5/31: Memorial Day (No School)

HMS FOCUS of the Month

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Recently, HMS has come up with monthly goals to focus on!

Our Social and Emotional Goal, is to work on Adaptability and Empathy. This means working on adjusting to changing conditions and understanding and feeling what another person is feeling, aka standing in someone else's shoes.

Our Academic Goal and it is to work on Critical Thinking and Problem Solving. Critical Thinking is all about analyzing the facts surrounding a problem to come up with a conclusion or judgment. And Problem Solving is coming up with ways to solve problems.

By working together to reach these goals, we can help create a better place to learn, and eventually, a better world.

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WHAT'S UP AT HMS?



Cookie In a Mug

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Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon melted butter (salted)
- 1 tablespoon white sugar
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar (packed)
- 3 drops/splash of vanilla extract
- Pinch of salt
- 1 egg yolk*
- 1/4 cup flour
- 2 tablespoons chocolate chips

Directions:

Combine in mug or bowl, then microwave for no more than 40-60 seconds. Going over that time can turn it into a rock. I know from personal experience.

Enjoy!

*egg yolk can be substituted with a spoonful of plain yogurt

(Pinterest)



I didn't know what to put here, so you guys get a picture of Thomas Jefferson, third president of the United States.

May is...

Asian Pacific American Heritage and Jewish American Heritage Month

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Asian Pacific American Heritage month was created for "recognizing the contributions and influence of Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States (Wikipedia). It starts on Saturday, May 1st and ends on Monday, May 31st.

Did you know that May was chosen as Asian Pacific American Heritage month for two specific reasons? One was to celebrate the anniversary of the first ever transcontinental railroad, "a transcontinental railroad or transcontinental railway is a contiguous railroad trackage that crosses a continental landmass and has terminals at different oceans or continental borders"(Wikipedia), being created on May 10, 1869. Most of the employees that were partaking in the work for this railroad were Chinese immigrants. Some of the work they did was dangerous, and included lying the tracks down for the train to ride on.

The other reason was to honor and pay tribute to the first Japanese immigrant to come to the United States on May 7, 1843. A boy named Manjiro (man-jeer-o), came over on a whaling ship, at just fourteen years old.

Jewish American Heritage Month is a month to commemorate the actions taken by Jewish Americans to help better the country. They first arrived here in a place called New Amsterdam in the year 1654. On February 14, 2006, Congress put out House Concurrent Resolution 315 which says, "Resolved ... that Congress urges the President to issue each year a proclamation calling on State and local governments and the people of the United States to observe an American Jewish History Month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities" (Library of Congress).

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Short Story of the Month

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I lay silently in my bed, waiting for an ounce of motivation to move. The ceiling caught my attention for some reason every morning lately, I have no idea why. I sighed and finally got up to get dressed for the day. Once I got downstairs, I cooked some eggs and toast, but I was running late so I had to scrap the food entirely. I figured it was for the best, given that I was trying to lose some weight.

I ran out to catch the bus, but when I got on, I could tell something was off. I didn't know why, but for the first time in forever since I was a kid, I felt scared to board the bus. I shook off the feeling best I could and sat down in my seat.

Suddenly, the bus lurched forward without warning, causing me to fall forward into the middle of the aisle. I clambered up to my seat, but when I sat down again and turned around, the bus driver was staring at me with intense black eyes.

As I opened my mouth to ask what he was doing, he suddenly exploded into some thick black substance that I could only describe as ink. I tried to scream but nothing came out. The whole bus began to melt into ink as well, trying to drown me as I called out for help. I felt the cool substance up to my neck when suddenly I jolted awake.

I was utterly confused, but then reassured to myself repeatedly "It was only a dream".

I looked over at the clock which read 2:19am and attempted to fall back asleep. I rolled over and just as I was about to drift off into sleep again I swear I could see black ink all over my walls and pictured the bus driver covered in ink again. This time it seemed like the man was muttering something, but I couldn't make out what he was saying. As I finally fell back asleep, I heard "Sheep, sheep, sheep. It's time for sleep. Rest your head, it's time for bed and in the morning you'll all be dead".

Stay tuned for next month's story!



JUST FOR FUN!



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“That man is playing Galaga! Thought we wouldn’t notice, but we did.”
— Tony Stark/Iron Man

MEME OF THE MONTH

Government: No one should panic, corona virus is not that serious

Government shortly after:



HELPFUL TIP OF THE MONTH

Be careful! It is now tick season!!

Make sure to check your clothes, skin, hair, and pet for ticks after venturing outside.

RECOMMENDATION(S) OF THE MONTH

“A Curse so Dark and Lonely is a great book. It is a retelling of Beauty and the Beast and the first book of a trilogy. 100% recommended. Another book I recommend is The Silence Between. The book is about a deaf girl who has to go to a hearing school for the first time since going deaf. I love it.”
-Abigail C. 7th grade

INTERESTING FACT OF THE MONTH

There are more than 4,000 varieties of potatoes.

International Potato Center

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