



# HAWK TALK December

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## Christmas Pep Rally

By: Cassie Donaghey

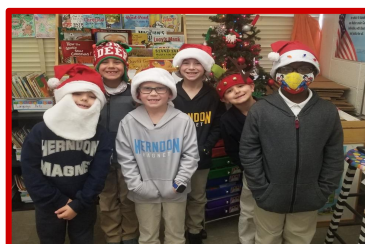
Since we have to follow CDC guidelines because of COVID-19, we had to virtually watch the Christmas Pep Rally in our homeroom. Everyone played a few games and watched different groups perform. in our school. The Pep Rally also included pictures of the teachers and students wearing or showing off their creative minds and joining the teachers in a student tradition of wearing different hats and other creative things. We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



## 10 Days of Christmas

By: Kandice Wilson

To get in the Christmas cheer on Monday December 7th - Friday December 18th the teachers and students from K-8th dressed up in different themed outfits. For the first week all the teachers dressed up first, the theme for that week was: Mele Kalikimaka, Your a mean one Mr. Grinch, Rockin, Around the Christmas Tree, Baby It's Cold Outside,,and Blue Christmas. The second week,the students were able to be include before leaving for winter break: Winter Wonderland, Silver Bells,Deck the Halls,Santa Claus is Comin' to Town,and Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas



## Winter Solstice

By: Sophia Smith

Winter solstice was Monday December 21. Which means we officially started winter over Christmas break. The winter solstice is when the sun reaches its minimum declination. It's also the shortest day and the longest night of the year. But why is it so important? It's important because there are many traditions that are held on this day that are important to different kinds of religions. One tradition is called the Hopi sun watcher where people stay up all night and wait and watch the sun come up at dawn.

## Gingerbread Houses

By: Maddie Willis

From kids to adults everyone enjoys to build and decorate gingerbread houses. Mrs. Allen's gateway math class made gingerbread houses. Kindergarten built gingerbread houses as well. They all decorated the houses with lots of sweet treats and icing. Both Kindergarten and Gateway enjoyed making gingerbread houses. It was a sweet treat for everyone.

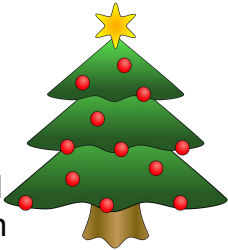




# History of Christmas

By : Savannah Jester

Louis Prang introduced the Christmas card to Americans. He has been called the "father of the American Christmas card." On June 28, 1870, Christmas was formally declared a United States federal holiday. Christmas is originally a Christian holiday that celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ. Later, early Church Fathers promoted the idea that the birth of Jesus Christ should be celebrated.



## Christmas Songs

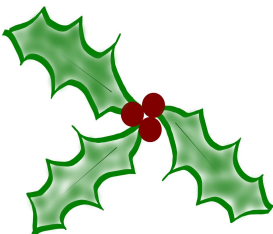
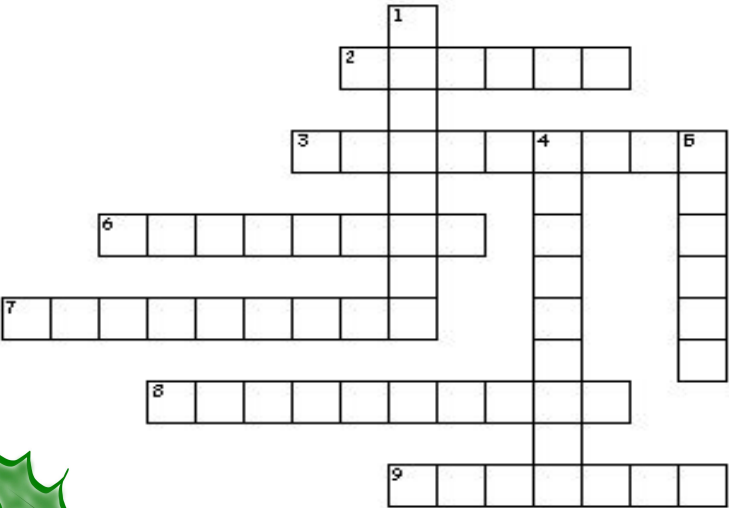
By: Josey Slack

- "Santa Tell Me" by Ariana Grande
- "All I Want For Christmas Is You" by Mariah Carey
- "Like It's Christmas" by Jonas Brothers
- "Mistletoe" by Justin Bieber
- "8 Days of Christmas" by Destiny's Child
- "My Gift Is You" by Gwen Stefani
- "Snow In California" by Ariana Grande
- "Where Are You Christmas" by Faith Hill
- "Baby It's Cold Outside" by Idina Menzel and Michael Buble
- "Candy Cane Lane " by Sia

## Christmas Concert

By: Cooper Jennings

This year Herndon's band did a virtual Christmas concert. The band classes took videos of them performing the Christmas songs. All musical groups and grade levels participated in the concert. It was a big hit among the parents musical students. The students who their instruments loved being able to play the songs on recording for others to listen to. The program is posted on the Herndon website.



# Virtual Carols

By: Cooper Jennings

This year, instead of in-person carols, Herndon did virtual Christmas carols. The Herndon choir class sang many holiday songs like: Hallelujah, Mary Did You Know, Winter Wonderland, Silent Night. Choir was very successful and sounded amazing. A recording of their performance is on the Herndon website.

## CHRISTMAS ON CAMPUS

By: Keriasia Alford

Herndon is in the Christmas spirit! The office, and halls are decorated with Christmas decorations. On Monday, the 14th of December, students accessorised uniforms by wearing Christmas socks; Tuesday, students were able to wear hats; Wednesday, jeans and a Christmas shirt could be worn, Thursday, middle schoolers wore street clothes, and elementary wore them on Friday. Also, the teachers have stockings outside of their classroom door for the students to fill with presents. In addition, teachers had a ugly sweater contest in which the students voted for the best One, on the virtual Christmas pep rally. Last, the Christmas parties were thrown on the last day before Christmas Break. Merry Christmas!!



## Christmas Crossword Puzzle

By: Keriasia Alford

- Across
- 2. a person who is mean-spirited
  - 3. grows in the branches of trees such as hawthorn
  - 6. they hang to be stuffed
  - 7. celebrated on December 25th
  - 8. the dolls are symbols of good luck
  - 9. Santa
- Down
- 1. they are placed underneath Christmas trees
  - 4. a plant that retains green leaves
  - 5. a seasonal drink similar to milk