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People celebrate Thanksgiving together with COVID restrictions

Angel Villalobos Reporter

Thanksgiving is a national holiday celebrating harvest and other blessings in the past year and people give their thanks for the things and people. In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Native Americans shared an Autumn harvest feast that is known today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. For more than two centuries, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states.

Traditions on Thanksgiving are all different and people have a variety of ways to celebrate Thanksgiving and with different foods.

“I celebrate by making a dish called Gumbo. My mother in law taught me how to prepare it,” said Ms. Alana. Ms. Alana will celebrate Thanksgiving with her husband and children.

8th grader Daksh Bains said, “I will celebrate Thanksgiving with my family and some close family friends.”

Teachers and students both enjoy the week break they get from this holiday, and they enjoy the time spent with family and friends.



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Thanksgiving is a holiday celebrated to give gratitude to friends and family. People will continue to celebrate this holiday with COVID restrictions. Vaccinations can help reduce the risk of contracting COVID.

Leadership class hold food drive to help others during the holidays

Ashley Hernandez Ayala Reporter



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The Leadership class takes initiative to collect as many cans from homeroom donations.

The food drive is necessary because for some people don't have money to buy enough or have food. The people donating feel happy that they at least have something to eat.

Ms. Alves said, “It helps our community who are having a hard time and need help getting food for their families. The food will be going to the Tri-City Volunteers Food Bank, right here in Fremont.”

She also added, “Some years it is harder for students to gather cans.” Other years she has collected 7 to 8 barrels filled with food. This year she is hoping to get more than normal, hoping to collect at least three cans from each student. There is a homeroom competition to see who can bring in the most food items. Leadership students have been organizing and counting food items the whole week.

Masks still needed in school despite more people being vaccinated

Jayden Van Syckle Reporter

On December 11, 2020, the COVID vaccine was available to anyone sixteen and older. Recently the vaccine has become available to those five and older. Because of most people being able to get the vaccine, many people wonder, should we still wear masks?

Some people may agree that we shouldn't wear masks, but they might regret it in the future. If people stopped wearing their masks, it is most likely that the rates of getting COVID would go up. The COVID vaccines are not 100% effective, so even if those who got the vaccine didn't wear masks, they would still have a chance of catching COVID.

Joshua Del Rosario, an 8th grader, stated, "Even though I am tired of wearing masks, it would



Photo by Anika Phair

Students and staff still wear masks on campus even though vaccination rates are up.

probably be safe to just keep them on."

Fazel Mojadidi, an 8th grader, commented, "There are still some people in the school who haven't gotten the vaccine, so if we stop wearing masks, the COVID cases would go up in Walters."

According to some students, they are used to wearing masks. For other students, they wish they didn't have to wear one.

Miranda Van Loon, an 8th grader, said, "Even though most people have been vaccinated, COVID is still out there." Many students could catch COVID. Even if we don't wear our masks for some time, we will have to quickly put them back on due to how contagious COVID is. "Plus, the vaccine doesn't fully protect us," she added.

As much as it may be sad to most people, it is likely that we won't be taking off our masks for some time.

Racing for a turkey



Photo by Kushi Aravinda

Ms. Alves monitors the Turkey Trot on November 16 at lunch. Winners took home a coupon to get a free turkey at the grocery store.

November/December Calendar

November 22-26: Thanksgiving Break

November 28: Hanukkah Begins

December 1-2: Flag Football Signups

December 5-9: Lunch Football games

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Weather slowly changes as we approach the winter months

Katherine Reed Reporter

With the end of fall, nature displays distinct features in the surrounding landscape which give the impression that the start of winter is just around the corner. Some characteristics of the environment which show that winter is coming are dressing warmer, animals migrating, and leaves falling. It makes some people wonder how fall actually changes into winter.

Some people think the weather gets colder because the earth moves away from the sun, but Mr. Bae, robotics and 8th grade science teacher, stated, "The Earth orbits around the sun on a tilt. Depending on the tilt, sunlight hits certain parts of the Earth less, which results in less daylight hours, and ultimately, cooler temperatures."

The weather change from fall to winter is not an instant change. "It's actually a gradual change. The average temperature drops a few degrees Celsius from one week to the next. We'll occasionally get some

random warm days. Some reasons could be warm winds coming in, air pressure changes, etc.," commented Mr. Bae.

Knowing that colder weather is coming, some people are dressing warmer. A 7th grader named Nayeli Godinez-Mendoza said, "I wear more jackets and I wear more warm things and I drink hot chocolate." Nayeli also likes to spend her winter seasons in her house next to the fireplace.

Unlike Nayeli, 7th grader Angie Ramirez mentioned, "I spend my winters in Lake Tahoe."

Lake Tahoe is known as a winter wonderland because there is usually snow in every corner and frost on every flower.

Even though people may be huddled up to a fire or in the mountains of Lake Tahoe, it is still important to stay warm. "It's getting colder. People get sick more easily," said Mr. Bae. "Layer up, everyone!"



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As the Earth starts to rotate, the weather begins to get colder since we are approaching winter.

Free school lunches for all students

Rishi Pal Reporter

This year and the next year, the school lunch at Walters is free for every student, regardless of their family's income. Before this year, you had to pay a few dollars for lunch. If you wanted free or reduced priced lunch, you had to fill out a form.

Even though the lunches are free, the quality of the lunch has not gone down. Saraj Ali, a 7th grade student, said, "The school lunches are pretty good."

Since the lunches are free this year, some students think they should be free every year. Anson Lin, a 7th grade student, stated that the school lunches should be free every year at Walters.



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The school district decided to make school lunch free for every student in the district.

Malala gets married

Activist for female education and Nobel Peace Prize winner, Malala Yousafzai, got married on November 10, 2021 to Asser Malik. The couple got married in a small Islamic ceremony in Birmingham, England.



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New Speech and Communications elective increases speaking skills

Shrinidhi Ivaturi Reporter

Speech and Communications is an elective class for 7th and 8th grade students, and it is a semester long. Students improve their communication skills by speaking in front of their classmates.

During the start of the semester, the students learned how to write speeches. Later on, with smaller assignments in between, the students had three big speaking assignments.

The first being a 30 second speaking period, the second a 1-minute speech, and the third assignment a TED Talk. For the first two assignments, the students had to get their topic out of a hat, and for the last they got to choose their topic.

7th grade honors English teacher Mr. Kinnear, who now also teaches Speech and Communications, explained that students in his class learned how to converse with people,



Photo by Anika Phair

Students in Communications with Mr. Kinnear practice presenting TED talks for an upcoming assignment.

and strategies to talk to people. He also said that students learn how to write and present speeches, TED Talks, and debates.

Aaliya Teli, a 7th grader said, "My favorite assignment was our second speech (assignment) where I had to be in the position of a lawyer." The 7th grader

thinks that the class will help improve her speaking skills.

The latest assignment was a TED Talk with a topic of the students choosing. The TED Talk has to be 5-18 minutes long. 7th grader Snehal Bhaira mentioned that she would be doing a TED Talk about mental and physical health.

Editorial: Running the mile in PE can be tough but it's necessary

Roger Gonzalez Reporter

Do you ever arrive at school and then all of a sudden you get told to run the mile, but you don't feel like it? Well, that brings up the question all students ask: Should we be running the mile?

Some students would not like to run the mile for multiple reasons. One reason is it's tiring for them and after a mile students' legs start to hurt. Another reason is that it seems like a waste of time and there are more important things than running. It is very hard to run the mile in the first place.

However, I believe that there are good things about running the mile. One of the good reasons to run the mile is students are building their stamina with every mile. There are many overweight people in the United States and running the mile could



Photo by Sana Kamlesh

Students run the mile, and try to get a better mile time.

prevent there being even more plump people in the USA. I personally think that running the mile is beneficial for us.

8th grade Alan Romero commented, "The mile gets you healthy and the progress you have made." Alan also said that it is important and that we should do it about every two weeks and get

warned ahead of time. Alan also said was that he didn't like getting timed when running the mile.

8th grader Mission Ranabhat said, "I would not like to run the mile on a hot day." I agree with this statement because running on a hot day will make you more tired and the sun will slow you down. Mission also said it was important to run the mile.

8th grader Thet Nay Khant, who agrees with me, stated, "It's healthy for you and can see your mile time decrease." I personally think that it's satisfying seeing your mile time lower and lower every time you run the mile.

After all of this, I think it's healthy to run the mile because we need to be healthy when we are young and to stay healthy once we are adults so that we can do the things we love.

Veterans Day celebrates the veterans who fought for our country

Tate Ailing Reporter

Veterans Day, on November 11, celebrates veterans who fought in wars.

Veterans Day, also known as Armistice Day, celebrates the end of World War I. World War I was a large war that was fought from 1914 to 1918. It is known as “the war to end all wars,” because more than 9 million soldiers lost their lives in the battle.

To be specific, the Great War ended on November 11, 1918, at 11 o’clock AM. According to VA.gov, “World War I – known at the time as ‘The Great War’ officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France.”

However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied Nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.”

Unfortunately, this truce was one of the reasons World War II started. Since the Treaty of Versailles reduced Germany’s armed forces and war goods to almost nothing, the Germans wanted to get revenge. During the mid and late 1930s, The German dictator at that time, Adolf Hitler, came to power, and started to secretly build the German armed forces back up. Then, he started



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Veterans Day honors veterans who fought in the world wars, including the ones who have died.

taking over Europe, and when he invaded Poland, World War II began.

Six years later, in 1945, World War II ended. In that war, an estimated 75 million were killed. After that, the US made it a national holiday on November 11, 1954. Today it celebrates veterans who served in WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and the Middle East.

Veterans Day is celebrated by some other countries, such as the UK, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and more. In the UK, they celebrate Remembrance Sunday, which is on November 14. In Australia and New Zealand, people celebrate ANZAC (Australia and New Zealand Army Corps) on April 25.

According to nationaltoday.com, “The importance

of Veterans Day is to celebrate and honor all of America's veterans for their bravery, sacrifice, and love for their country.” People celebrate Veterans Day because veterans have protected our country and should be respected for their bravery and sacrifice.

“I have an uncle who was a Staff Sergeant in the Army, who served in the Middle East,” 7th grader Jacob Myles Cash said. He celebrates by going places with his family and watching military movies.

Sashish Singh, a 6th grader, also has veterans in his family. “My great grandfather fought in the Vietnam War in the Air Force,” he said. He thinks that Veterans Day is really important because the veterans risked their lives for us. “We take five minutes to remember the veterans in our family,” he stated.

Another student, Helena Dylericz, 6th grader, said, “I think celebrating Veterans Day is important because veterans should be honored,” she commented. Jordan Garcia, a 7th grader doesn’t know of any veterans in his family, but talks about veterans with his family and teachers.

One of the simplest ways of celebrating is by saying “thank you for your service” to a veteran you know.



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