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December Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
28 Kudela: 3,4,6 & 7	29 Kudela: 3,4,6 & 7	30 Kirsch (Lab): 2,4,6	Dec 1 Kirsch (Lab): 1,3,5	2
5 Guidance: All Day Guidance (Lab): 2 & 6 White: 1 & 7	6 Kirsch (Lab): 1,2,3,4,5,& 6 White: 1 & 7	7 Guidance (Lab): 2 & 6	8 White: 1 & 7	9
12	13 Lias: 2 & 4	14 Lias: 2 & 4	15	16 Kirsch: 1,2,3,4,5, & 6
19 Kirsch: 1,2,3,4,5 & 6	20	21 Kirsch: 1,2,3,4,5 & 6	22 Christmas Vacation	23

Technology Applications

Triptico

<http://www.triptico.co.uk/>



The **Triptico** resource application allows you to create, save and share engaging interactive learning activities with one free download. It currently contains 23 different interactive resources all of which are easy to edit, adapt, save and share. It works well with an interactive white board.

Smilebox

<http://www.smilebox.com/>



Smilebox is a free software download that lets you upload photographs, music and video clips to create multimedia projects. Design types include scrapbooks, slideshows, Ecards, photo albums, postcards, recipes and invitations. Finished projects can be emailed, sent to a blog, burned to a DVD or printed. The possibilities are endless.

Docs Teach

<http://docsteach.org/>



DocsTeach brings together more than 3000 primary sources and seven online activities, each designed to reinforce specific historical thinking skills. You will be

able to create interactive learning activities with primary source documents that promote historical thinking skills.

Soungle

<http://soungle.com/>



Soungle has over 100,000 royalty free sound effects to use in multimedia projects. There is no need to register and it is extremely user friendly.

Note: the Library has a page devoted to holiday sites:
<http://www2.firelandsschools.org/library/myweb%201/Christmas%20Sites.htm>



*"Christmas is
doing a little
something extra
for someone."*

Charles Schulz

Words of the Month Hark & Herald

\härk\ *verb*

Definition : to pay close attention :
listen

Example: Upon hearing the
offending ringing, the teacher sar-
castically cried, "Hark! Could that
possibly be a CELL PHONE?"

Origin : Middle English *herkien*;
akin to Old High German *hörechen*
to listen, Old English *hieran* to
hear. First Known Use: 14th cen-
tury.

\her-əld, he-rəld\ *noun-*

Definition : an official at a
tournament of arms with duties
including the making of announce-
ments and the marshaling of com-
batants *b* : an officer with the status
of ambassador acting as official
messenger between leaders espe-
cially in war *c (1)* : OFFICER OF
ARMS *(2)* : an officer of arms rank-
ing above a pursuivant and below a
king of arms : an official crier or
messenger: *a* : one that precedes or
foreshadows *b* : one that conveys
news or proclaims : ANNOUNCER *c* :
one who actively promotes or
advocates : EXPONENT

Example: The early flowers are
heralds of spring.

Mercury was the *herald* of the
Roman gods.

Origin: Middle English, from An-
glo-French *heraud*, *herald*, from
Frankish **heriwald-*, literally,
leader of an armed force, from
**heri-* army + **wald-* rule; akin to
Old High German *heri-* army,
waltan to rule —

Technology Applications continued

3D Vinci

<http://www.3dvinci.net/ccp0-display/splash.html>



The mission of 3DVinci is to help everyone think and create in 3D. Their hands-on projects make it easy. They offer 3D design as a great motivational and instructional tool. It exercises both left-brain and right-brain skills and appeals to students of all abilities.

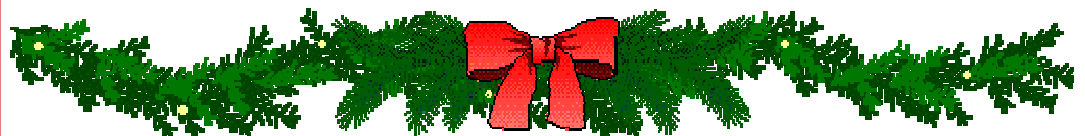


Merry Christmas around the World

Afrikaner (Afrikaans) ~ "Geseënde Kersfees"
Argentine ~ "Felices Pascuas"
Bohemian ~ "Vesele Vanoce"
Brazilian ~ "Boas Festas"
Chinese (Cantonese) ~ "Saint Dan Fai Lok"
Danish ~ "Glædelig Jul"
Dutch ~ "Vrolijk Kerstfeest"
English ~ "Merry Christmas"
Filipino ~ "Maligayang Pasko"
Finnish ~ "Hyvaa Joulua"
French ~ "Joyeux Noël"
German ~ "Froehliche Weihnachten"
Greek ~ "Kala Christouyenna"
Hawaiian ~ "Mele Kalikimaka"
Hebrew ~ "Mo'adim Lesimkha"
Icelandic ~ "Gledileg Jol"
Indonesian ~ "Selamat Hari Natal"
Irish ~ "Nollaig Shona Dhuit"
Italian ~ "Buone Feste Natalizie" - [Natale italiano](#)
Japanese ~ "Kurisumasu Omedeto"
Korean ~ "Sung Tan Chuk Ha"
Lithuanian ~ "Linksmu Kaledu"
Malay ~ "Selamat Hari Natal"
Maori ~ "Meri Kirihimete"
Norwegian ~ "God Jul" - [Jul i Norge](#)
Romanian ~ "Craciun Fericit"
Peruvian ~ "Felices Fiestas"
Portugese ~ "Boas Festas"
Slovakian ~ "Vesele Vianoce"
Spanish ~ "Feliz Navidad" - [Cyber Navidad](#)
Swedish ~ "God Jul" - [Jul i Sverige](#)
Welsh ~ "Nadolig Llawn"



Christmas around the world



History of the Christmas Tree

Christmas trees have a long and exciting history. During the pre-Christian era, people and tribes often had holy groves and trees where they sacrificed to the gods. The trees were most often oak or ash, and they symbolized a connection between heaven and earth. Similar ideas are found in the Old Testament – trees symbolized wisdom and life.



The Christmas tree is a strong symbol of Christmas. It serves as the family's center of attention. In fact, it is the center of most Christmas ceremonies all over the world. Christmas is about traditions and memories, and symmetric and beautifully decorated Christmas trees are something that the entire family will always value and remember. Every year, between 25 and 30 million Americans celebrate Christmas with Christmas trees, thus, the scent of a freshly cut Christmas tree enlivens the Christmas spirit among most Americans.

In 16th-century Germany fir trees were decorated, both indoors and out, with apples, roses, gilded candies, and colored paper. In the Middle Ages, a popular religious play depicted the story of Adam and Eve's expulsion from the Garden of Eden. A fir tree hung with apples was used to symbolize the Garden of Eden -- the Paradise Tree. The play ended with the prophecy of a savior coming, and so was often performed during the Advent season.

The Christmas Tree was brought to England by Queen Victoria's husband, Prince Albert from his native Germany. The famous *Illustrated News* etching in 1848, featuring the Royal Family of Victoria, Albert and their children gathered around a Christmas tree in Windsor Castle, popularized the tree throughout Victorian England.

Brought to America by the Pennsylvania Germans, the Christmas tree became popular in the United States during the middle of the 18th century. An image of the English royal family standing in front of a Christmas tree was copied and brought to the USA in 1850. This resulted in the American upper classes embracing the Christmas tree. In the following decades, the tradition of Christmas trees in living rooms became popular among the rest of the population.

In the early days, Germany dominated the market of Christmas decorations. The most popular items were hand-blown glass balls and later, also silk threads, angels, and butterfly wings. Not until the beginning of the 1940's did the United States enter the market for Christmas tree decorations. One of the reasons for this was that an American company succeeded in producing 2,000 Christmas balls per minute on a specially designed machine. In 1973, mass production really took over when the company, Hallmark, published a wide variety of Christmas products for Christmas trees.

Today, decorations for Christmas trees vary from family to family, and from country to country. In the United States, Santa Claus is frequently used as decoration; the same is the case with candy, fruit, animals, and artificial snowflakes.

Today, the lighting of the United States' National Christmas Tree has become a major event. The tree is located south of the White House in Washington D.C. In fact, it has already become an important symbol for the nation for many years now.

Did you know that...

- ▲ Christmas trees have been selling commercially in the United States since the 1950's.
- ▲ With 3,000 Christmas lights, a towering Eucalyptus tree, 80 meters (262 ft) tall, became the tallest ever Christmas tree in the world. This record was set in Tasmania in 1999.
- ▲ Thomas Edison's assistant, Edward Johnson, came up with the idea of electric lights for Christmas trees in 1882.
- ▲ In the first week, a tree in your home will consume as much as a quart of water per day.
- ▲ There are over 10,000 cut-your-own farms for Christmas trees in the United States alone.



O Christmas Tree

O Christmas Tree! O Christmas Tree!
Thy leaves are so unchanging;
O Christmas Tree! O Christmas Tree!
Thy leaves are so unchanging!

Not only green when summer's here,
But also when 'tis cold and drear.
O Christmas Tree! O Christmas Tree!
Thy leaves are so unchanging!

O Christmas Tree! O Christmas Tree!
Much pleasure thou can't give me;
O Christmas Tree! O Christmas Tree!
Much pleasure thou can't give me;

How often has the Christmas tree
Afforded me the greatest glee!
O Christmas Tree! O Christmas Tree!
Much pleasure thou can't give me.

O Christmas Tree! O Christmas Tree!
Thy candles shine so brightly!
O Christmas Tree! O Christmas Tree!
Thy candles shine so brightly!

From base to summit, gay and bright,
There's only splendor for the sight.
O Christmas Tree! O Christmas Tree!
Thy candles shine so brightly!

O Christmas Tree! O Christmas Tree!
How richly God has decked thee!
O Christmas Tree! O Christmas Tree!
How richly God has decked thee!

Thou bidst us true and faithful be,
And trust in God unchangingly.
O Christmas Tree! O Christmas Tree!
How richly God has decked thee! !"

Author & Composer Unknown



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The purpose of our Library News Letter is to further the goals of the Library Media Center which are to support the curriculum, teach successful research strategies, and foster lifetime literacy.

If you have any suggestions for the library staff please let me know. Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. We hope you will find this issue helpful.

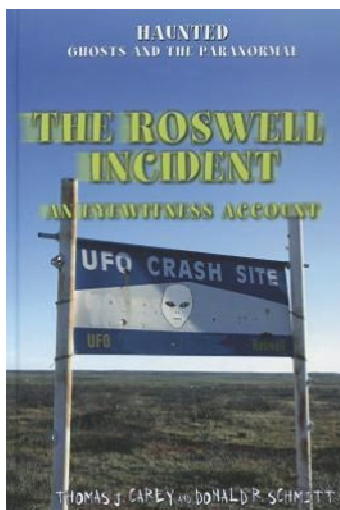
Merry Christmas

*May your holidays
be happy days,
Filled with love
and laughter.*

*And may each day
Bring joy your way
In the year
That follows after!*

Cathy & Trudy

Book Review



"The Roswell Incident"

By

Thomas Carey

Synopsis

This book offers exciting accounts of sightings of alleged aliens and UFOs in Roswell, New Mexico. Surrounded by intrigue, Roswell has been a hotbed of speculated paranormal visitors for decades. Building on actual documentation, this book offers perspective to these mysterious accounts. Sidebars add another layer of fact-or-fiction filled fun.

