

PTI NEWS

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Valentine's Day

By Emma W.
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On February 14, we celebrate Valentine's Day. It all started in the third century. One legend has it that a priest named Valentine spread marriage much to Emperor Claudius II's disapproval. When he found it out, he decided to kill Valentine. Before Valentine died, when he was in prison, he sent his first ever love card to a young girl whom he fell in love with.

In the fifth century, Pope Gelasius I decided to make the day of Valentine's death Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day was created to commemorate the death of St. Valentine, and to Christianize the holiday. Its traditions changed a lot, like in the Middle Ages in Europe from the fifth to the 15th century. Back then, people started exchanging love cards and notes to each other. Also, during that time, South African women had hearts attached to their sleeves and their crushes' names on their shirtsleeves. And that's how Valentine's Day was created!

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February has been a great month for community engagement at PTI! We are hosting lunches and breakfast meetings for groups who want to learn about PTI and our Champion Campaign. We owe a BIG thank you to Chase Alcott and Chick-fil-A for providing food for our lunches! So far, PTI has hosted 40 people who are ready to support PTI. I love showing off PTI and telling people about all we offer. The students and staff have been an inspiration to many people who can see for themselves how important our students are to the community. If you have a business or social group that would like to meet at PTI to learn about the Champion Campaign and the opportunities PTI provides for our students, send me an email, and I will get your Chick-fil-A ordered!

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We are starting preparations for Autism Awareness month in April. If you don't have a blue light bulb for your house, let me know. I would love to see all of Bartlesville lit up blue for autism awareness! This year we have multiple fun activities planned for April 30th! I won't give all the details until our next newsletter, but reserve the day on your calendar!

Executive Director

Clair Bartley

FEBRUARY 2022

February is Black History Month, which honors the contributions of African Americans to our nation. The stories of one woman whose arrest for disobeying the bus laws in the 1950's led to improvements in the civil rights laws for African Americans, and a musician who spread good will around the world are described below.

Rosa Parks

By Emma W.

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Rosa Parks was an American activist during the civil rights movement. She was known as “the first lady of civil rights” and “the mother of the freedom movement.” In 1955, a white bus driver told every black person, including Rosa, to move from the front row to the back row. She didn’t want to listen, so she was arrested.



Louis Armstrong

By Sam W.

Louis Armstrong, a trumpeter and singer known as Satchmo by many, was one of the people who helped in the 1950s during the Cold War era. He was followed by a famous reporter, Edward R. Murrow, on a worldwide tour as the Ambassador of Jazz. During his tours, he visited Africa, Europe, and Asia.



This fact is one of the lesser known bits of American history that should be recognized this year during Black History Month due to Louis Armstrong’s contribution during the Cold War era. Louis Armstrong is an African American legend and is well respected by people even today.

STUDENT MOVIE REVIEWS OLD & NEW



Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief

Reviewed by Kyson B.

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"Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief" is a story about Luke Castellan stealing Zeus's master lightning bolt.

In the begining Percy Jackson encounters one of the Furies, discovers his dad is Poseidon, and goes to Camp Half-Blood. Then Percy meets Hades, goes on first quest to find Zeus's master bolt, and goes back to the underworld.

In the Underworld, he discovers he was set up by Luke. He goes on another quest to find Luke and finds him near the entrance to Mount Olympus. Percy and Luke battle, and Percy finally wins. He takes the master lightning bolt to Zeus and meets his dad for the first time.

It is a good movie and reminds me of the cartoon movie Hercules.



Frosty the Snowman

Reviewed by Emma W.

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"Frosty the Snowman" is a TV special that came out in 1969.



On a snowy day, before recess, the kids' teacher showed a clumsy and inexperienced magician named Mr. Hinkle. When it was recess time, the kids built a snowman and named him Frosty. Suddenly, Mr. Hinkle's hat makes Frosty come to life. They decided to have some fun for a while before Frosty goes to the North Pole.

After realizing they had no money for tickets, they were forced to sneak into a cold room in a train to the North Pole. After they got off, they searched for warmth, only to find a greenhouse. They decided to get in, only to be locked by Mr. Hinkle. The greenhouse warmed Karen up, but much to her dismay, Frosty was all melted. Santa sees this and brings Frosty back to his original state, warning Hinkle that he won't get another present until he apologizes. Together, Santa and Frosty brought Karen home. During the credits, Frosty and the children have a parade before they said goodbye to him, while he goes to the North Pole.

Everything about it is spot on, from the animation to the voice acting! I think it's a great movie!



Jurassic Park

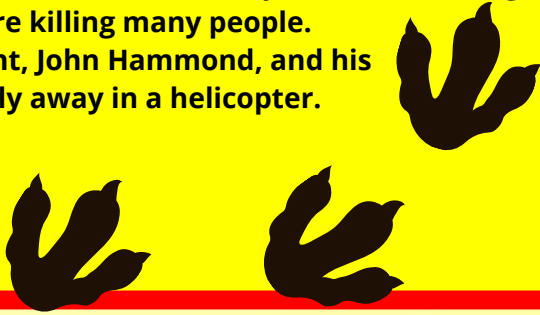
Reviewed by Skyler L.

PTI student



First a gatekeeper is attempting to transfer a velociraptor to its holding pen. Next, John Hammond, the owner of Jurassic Park, invites Dr. Allen Grant, a paleontologist, to visit the theme park. Then Dr. Grant goes to Jurassic Park and sees real dinosaurs. John Hammond shows Dr. Grant how they created the dinosaurs.

Finally, the dinosaurs escaped from their cages and were killing many people. Dr. Grant, John Hammond, and his family fly away in a helicopter.



BACK TO THE FUTURE

Back to the Future

Reviewed by Cameron D.

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First a boy named Marty met a doctor of science, they travel back in time in a time machine car called the DeLorean. He met his mother as a teenager, saved the past, went to a dance, traveled back to the future where a bully from the past now served his dad.

In my opinion, "Back to the Future" reminds me of the Rick and Morty episodes.

Scooby-Doo

Review from an interview with PTI adult client Tim M.

The characters are Shaggy, Scooby, Scrappy, Fred, Daphne, and Velma. Three of my favorite characters are Scrappy, Scooby-Doo, and Shaggy. My favorite is Scrappy. He turns human and mean. One monster character is a mix of people and goblin.

The characters find scary ghosts and capture them and put them in jail. The characters (the good guys) go on vacation with their friends.

Me and my friends like to hang out and watch Netflix together. Scooby-Doo is my favorite kind of movie on Netflix. It has pirates, ghosts, and skulls and bones. So little kids might freak out and run if they watched it.



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