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Welcome back

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*Winter has definitely come. The end of the term is near and we are getting ready for our students' exams. Before Christmas arrives we have too much work, but then we will have our reward, some days in good company with family and friends. Here, at Skyline, we continue our **SKYLINE FOOD RACE**, in some days we will take all the food we have raised with the help of our students and staff to the Food Bank, let's hope for a high number of kilos!*

In this issue, you will find some of the work our kids have been doing, you can check how much effort they are making and its result, we are so proud of them. One of our students, who is a regular when writing for the magazine, is sharing with every one of us one of her favourite stories, a true story which is beautiful and moving, have your paper tissues on hand because you might cry a bit! Our teacher, Danielle, takes us to her hometown, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. As always, we offer you some ideas for your free time during December, with the incomparable help of Marta who we welcome back after her maternity leave. This time, the recipe that you can try is perfect for Christmas! In addition, you will learn some things about Santa Claus and its reindeer, try to learn all their names, it will be fun!

I hope you enjoy the reading and remember that teaching you is our priority, you inspire us every day.

Learn well

Merry Christmas



MAY DAY

I get up at half past seven

I have breakfast at quarter to seven

I brush my teeth at eight o'clock

I go to school at half past eight

I have lunch at quarter past eleven

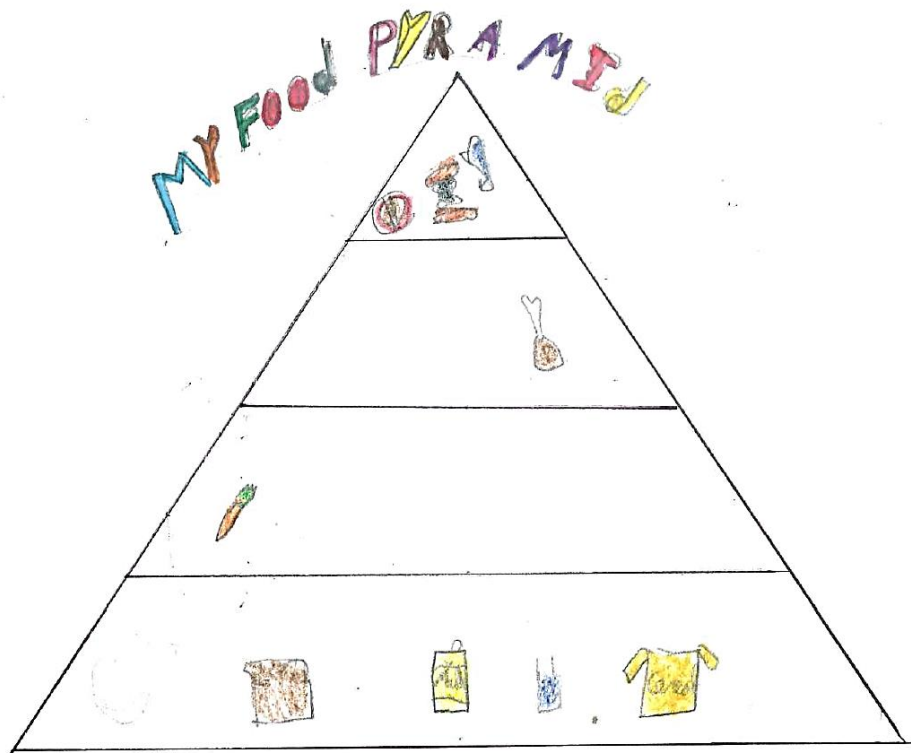
I play in the park at five o'clock

I have dinner at eight o'clock

I go to bed at nine o'clock



Julia, 7



I don't eat any biscuit.

I eat bread everyday.

I drink milk everyday.

I eat meat four days a week.

I drink water everyday.

I eat carrots six days a week.

I eat burger one day a week.

I eat fish one day a week.

I eat cereal everyday.

Avalanche

What is it?

The avalanche is a natural disaster that happens when the snow falls from the mountains. It is terrible.

Where does it happen?

The avalanches happen in the high mountains for example Alps or Himalays.

When did it happen?

An avalanche happened in Alps in 2012. Two Italian skiers died. The avalanche began on Monday 12th at 4.200 metres over the sea level (the Mont blanc for France).

Consequences

The rescue team found two French people: a man and a woman that were dead. 27 people lost their houses. 20 policemen and 5 farmers examined the zone. It is the terrible avalanche!



Marino, 10

My science lesson

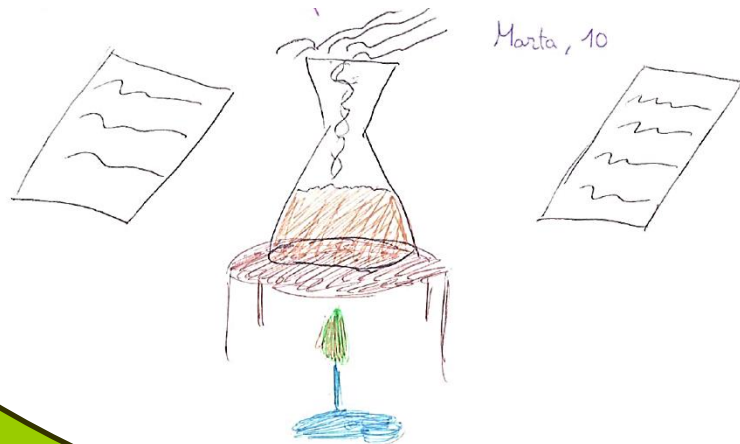
I don't like science lessons because there is much to study I prefer Maths and P.E.

I have science lesson three times a week

Last month, we studied the skeleton and the plants Now I can describe the nutrition of plant I can name all the bones

This topic was exciting This month we are learning about the Earth There are eight planets in the solar system

It is amazing we don't usually go to the laboratory I don't use goggles gloves and apron



Marta, 10



Tweets of the month



RaquelMC @Raquelmadariaga

27 Nov

I don't care if you're sick as a dog or in bed with Beyonce. I call, you show



Kat Graham @KatGraham

25 Nov

"You know the security guard is the first to go in horror movies"- my security guard to me when I called him after hearing strange noises



Neil Patrick Harris @ActuallyNPH

21 Nov

I'm a big fan of, punctuation and "it's" correct usage;

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Kunal Nayyar @kunalnayyar

1 Nov

If someone is mean to you, kill em' with kindness, it takes away their leverage.



Ellen DeGeneres @TheEllenShow

1 Nov

I ate so much candy. I dunno why people say sugar's bad for you. Now If you'll excuse me, I'll get back to crying on the floor for no reason

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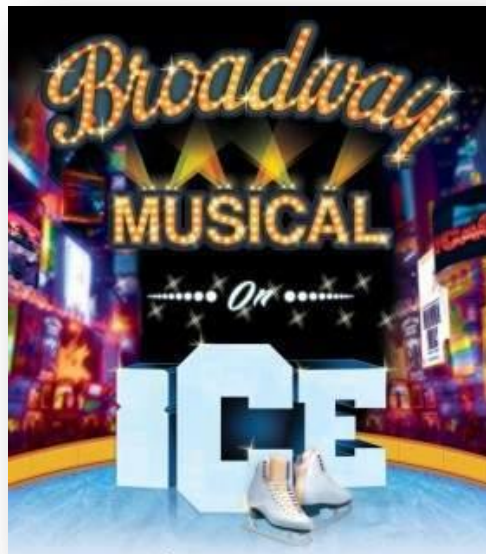
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News

Theatre

Broadway Musical on Ice

If you like music and a good show, you can't miss "Broadway Musical on Ice", it comes to Valladolid on 28th and 29th December to Zorrilla Theatre combining the best of New York musicals with dancing on ice. Price: 20-24 €.



The Nutcracker

If you are a ballet lover, this is definitely for you. The Nutcracker comes to Carrion Theatre on 23rd December at 19.00. Set in Germany at the end of the 19th century, this ballet based on the tale by Ernst Theodor Amadeus Hoffman is full of fantasy, magic and fun. The prices varies from 28 to 32 €.



Exhibitions

Plastistoria de la ciencia

La Casa Revilla offers us the opportunity until 15th December to learn about science in an innovative way. We can see dioramas of the most famous moments in science, since the discovery of fire to new technologies. What makes this exhibition different is that the material used to create the scenes is modeling clay. Free entrance.



1933. El sueño de un Museo de Escultura para toda una nación

The National Sculpture Museum celebrates its 80th anniversary with a documentary to see its history through photos, letters, newspapers and other pieces. It analyzes the reason why Colegio de San Gregorio was chosen to be the site of what was a new museum. This exhibition will be available until 31st December.



News

Music

El Cohete Musical

Calderon Theatre welcomes on 23rd December the Lunnis and the Rainbow City in “El Cohete Musical”, a show based on their new TV show in which they visit a different planet everyday. An educational and fun show for all the family.



Diana Navarro

On 11th December we can enjoy the voice of Diana Navarro singing pieces of her new album, “La Esencia” teaming up with the Boys of the Choir in some songs. In addition, she will introduce her new show “Diana Navarro Sinfónica”, accompanied by the Aljarafe Symphonic Orchestra.



Hachikō

story of a loyal dog

Will Rogers was an American actor and humorist, he once said: “If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went”. After all, the dog is the best friend of the human, and this story is proof of this. First, we have to travel in time nearly a century ago.

Hachikō was born on November 6, 1923, in a farm near Odate city, he was an Akita dog with white fur like snow. And, although it was ninety years ago, his story is more alive than ever.

At the beginning of 1924, he was gifted to Eisaburō Ueno, professor in the agriculture department at the University of Tokyo. But his wife didn't want him, they had had another dog time ago and her death was sad for them. Finally, the daughter insisted a lot and they kept him.

Hachikō was sent to Shibuya Station in a box (two days of trip in a luggage van). When the puppy arrived to the destination he looked very bad, almost dead. Professor Ueno carried him home, there he a bowl of milk put in front of the dog, and Hachikō revived!

The professor paid attention that the puppy had crooked front legs, so he decided to call him "Hachi" ('eight' in japanese), because he thought that the 'kanji' (japanese letter) of the number eight (八) was similar to the legs of the puppy.



Hachikō

story of a loyal dog

The friendship of Professor Ueno and Hachikō was amazing, they doted each other. So much that the dog followed the professor everywhere. Every day, he had to take a train at Shibuya Station to work and come back at the end of the day. All mornings he went accompanied by Hachikō, at the evening the dog returned to the station to received him and they came back home together.

This daily routine happened for years and was cause of admiration and surprise for all the people that everyday saw this unbelievable friendship.

The pair continued their daily routine until May 1925. That morning Hachikō went to Shibuya Station with Professor Ueno, they said goodbye to each other like all days and, in the evening, the dog came back to station. He waited for hours, but his dear professor never came back...

That day, Professor Ueno suffered a brain hemorrhage while he was teaching in the university, and he died. Hachikō waited until the next day, the next, the next... In front of the door of the station, his place. But the professor never returned to the train station where Hachikō was waiting.

The family tried to take him at home, even the people of the station who knew him tried without luck. But from that day, Hachikō decided that the station would be his new home.



Hachikō

story of a loyal dog

Hachikō started to attract attention of all; a lot of people that had been witness of how Professor Ueno always was accompanied by Hachikō before his death. They were who fed and took care of Hachikō.

The adoration that the dog felt towards his deceased owner touched the heart of everybody. He was dubbed "Chūken" Hachikō (the loyal dog).

In April 1934, a statue of bronze was put up in his honor at the Shibuya Station, Hachikō was there the day when it was inaugurated.

On March 8, 1935, nine years had passed since the day that Professor Ueno didn't come back to the station. Hachikō was lying down in front of the station, like every day. He was seeing the faces of all those people that were going out the station, and his owner didn't appear. That was another night more of those nine years of wait. Hachikō began to feel his eyes very tired, they were closing slowly and suddenly all was dark. He heard voices calling him, when he opened his eyes he saw his dear professor that was in front of the door of the Shibuya Station. Professor Ueno called him with open arms and Hachi jumped to him. "Good boy, Hachi". Together, at last!

A monolith with the name of Hachikō was built in the grave of the professor. He died of cancer. Hachikō's stuffed and mounted remains are kept at the National Science Museum of Japan in Ueno, Tokyo.

The statue of Hachikō had to be molten - 1944, Second World War- but two years later a new statue was put up. Now, it is a popular place to meet, but it is so popular that sometimes meeting there is difficult. On March 8, every year, there is a commemoration of Hachikō in the place in front Shibuya Station.





Movie of the month

THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE



When Suzanne Collins wrote *The Hunger Games* in 2008, she probably did not think that her other two books would make such an acclaimed trilogy that would shortly after become a saga of successful movies.

In 2012, young (and not so young) adults received with open arms what apparently was going to be one to add to the list of the fan phenomenon. However, after three books and two movie installments, it has proved to be more than that.

The film was released in November and it has already got a profit of more than \$300 million. It is obvious that, with these ratings, the franchise is going to continue. It will do so with two more movies, this means that Lionsgate, the producing company, will split the third book, *Mockingjay*, in two parts to be released in November 2014 and 2015 respectively. This marketing move is quite fashionable these days and we have previously seen it in other franchises such as *Harry Potter* and *Twilight*.





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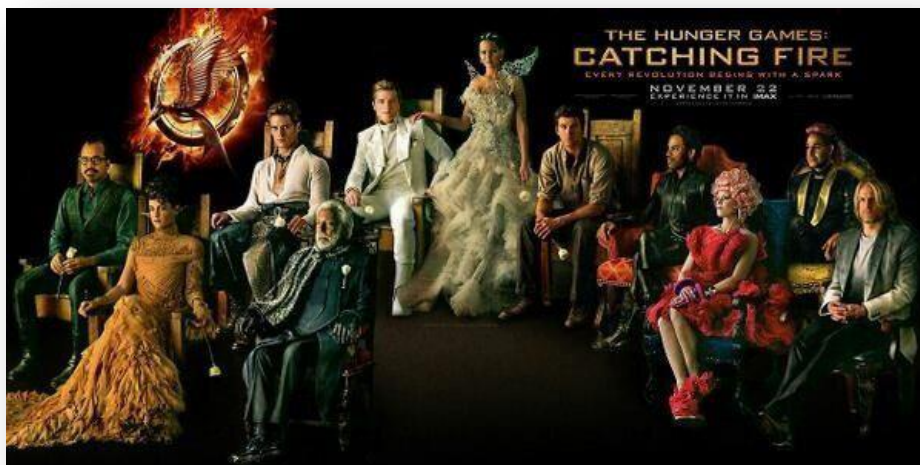
THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE



It is said that sequels are never as good as the originals, with some exception as The Empire Strikes Back, The Two Towers or Terminator 2. However, we can definitely add Catching Fire to the list. One of the biggest changes from the first to the second part has been the director. Gary Ross did an acceptable job in The Hunger Games, but I must say that it was just acceptable.

On the contrary, Francis Lawrence took over Catching Fire and the result is outstanding. Before Lawrence was finally chosen, other directors were considered, among them, the Spanish Juan Antonio Bayona (The Impossible). As for the actors, there are some big names in the cast: Donald Sutherland, who plays President Snow brilliantly, Elizabeth Banks has an outstanding performance as Effie and so on. The main two characters improved considerably since the first Hunger Games, Jennifer Lawrence has shown the world what a good actress she is by winning the Academy Award for Silver Linings Playbook, she is perfect for the part as she shows the vulnerability and strength that Katniss has. As well, Josh Hutcherson, Peeta, has evolved with the character, he seems to be more comfortable in Peeta's skin and we start seeing the Peeta that appears in the books.

The stunts are worth watching and the music is quite appealing but, as in the first one, the costumes are definitely impressive.





Movie of the month



THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE

For someone who has not read the books or seen the movies, The Hunger Games might only be a movie about teenage love, some action to attract a broader audience and some modern visual effects. As a matter of fact, that was my opinion last year. What makes this story original is how Suzanne Collins makes a fierce satire of reality television, nowadays sense of show and how political forces use all that to control society. Of course, she does it in an extreme way because none of us conceive a world in which kids kill other kids on live television. This is what makes it a movie more for adults, it is cruel and bloody, and it encourages you to think who the true enemy is.

The movie consists of three acts: the tour, the preparation and the games. While in the first installment the games were the climax, in Catching Fire, the other two parts are more attractive since they show the political background and the reason why things happen the way they happen.

Katniss and Peeta are about to go on a nationwide tour celebrating their victory in the 74th annual Hunger Games. It is supposed to be the beginning of a wonderful life of leisure, but thanks to the defiant way they won those Games, things are beginning to change everywhere.

More than half the film unfolds before the 75th annual Hunger Games actually begin. Much of that time is spent expanding our understanding of this ruthlessly oppressive society and raising the stakes for the uprising in store.

The movie fulfils its purpose and as the credits appear on screen, the audience rabidly wants to see the next one, although we will have to wait for another year.

All in all, I recommend this film and if you can, read the books. We will see what they do with the next two installments, for sure, if they do anything like Catching Fire, it would be worth it.



Santa Claus



Around 280 A.D., a boy called Nicholas was born in Patara, near Myra, in what we know today as Turkey. That boy would grow up showing a great devotion to God in extraordinary generosity to those in need. He would become a monk and the bishop of Myra later on. Saint Nicholas came to be subject of many legends. One of the best known is that he saved three sisters from being sold into slavery or prostitution by their father by providing them with a dowry so that they could be married. Thanks to this and other actions, his popularity spread and was known as the protector of children and sailors. At some point he was one of the most popular saints in Europe, even after the Protestant Reformation, especially in Holland. That is why we know him today as Santa Claus; St. Nick's Dutch nickname was Sinter Klaas, a shortened form of Sint Kicolaas. Apparently, Dutch immigrants who went to America honoured the anniversary on his death on December 6th (as a matter of fact, in some countries in Europe, children receive their presents on this day). In the 18th century, some newspaper reported this Dutch tradition and that is how Americans started to learn about him.

Fun Facts



♥ The tradition of Santa Claus entering our houses through the chimney is shared comes from the pre-Christian Norse tradition, Odin would often enter through chimneys and fire holes on the solstice.

♥ In the United States and Canada, children traditionally leave Santa a glass of milk and a plate of cookies; in Britain and Australia, he is sometimes given beer and mince pies instead. In Ireland it is popular to give him Guinness or milk, along with Christmas pudding or mince pies.

♥ British, Australian, Irish, Canadian and American children also leave a carrot for Santa's reindeer, and were traditionally told that if they are not good all year round, that they will receive a lump of coal in their stockings, although this practice is now considered old-fashioned.

Santa Claus

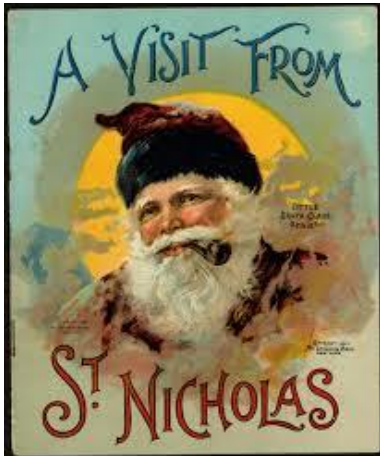


Modern Image of Santa Claus

In 1809, Washington Irving wrote his book, *History of New York*, and described Santa as everything from a "rascal" with a blue three-cornered hat, red waistcoat, and yellow stockings to a man wearing a broad-brimmed hat and a "huge pair of Flemish trunk hose".

1821 brought some new elements with the publication of the first lithographed book in America, the *Children's Friend*. This "Santa Claus" arrived from the North in a sleigh with a flying reindeer. The book also notably marked S. Claus' first appearance on Christmas Eve, rather than December 6th.

The jolly elf image received another big boost in 1823, from a poem destined to become immensely popular, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," now better known as "The Night Before Christmas."



He was dressed all in fur, from his head
to his foot,

And his clothes were all tarnished with
ashes and soot;

A bundle of toys he had flung on his
back,

And he looked like a peddler just opening
his pack.

His eyes—how they twinkled! his dimples
how merry!

His cheeks were like roses, his nose like
a cherry!

His droll little mouth was drawn up like a
bow,

And the beard of his chin was as white as
the snow;

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his
teeth,

Santa Claus



The image was solidified before Haddon Sundblom, in 1931, began thirty-five years of Coca-Cola Santa advertisements that further popularized and firmly established this Santa as an icon of contemporary commercial culture. Santa's home, the North Pole is also Part of that pop culture. He lives there with the elves that make toys at Santa's workshop and take care of the reindeer.



Shopping Mall Santas

During Christmas you can see, all over the world, people dressed as Santa Claus at the entrance door of malls. However, in USA, this goes further than that. For more than a century, the Salvation Army has played an important role at Christmas. Around 1820 American stores began to advertise their Christmas shopping and in 1840s there were separate sections on newspapers for this kind of advertisements with images of Santa. Children started to like Santa and wanted to see a life-size Santa model. The Salvation Army needed money to pay for the Christmas meals that they provided to people in need and they decided to dress up unemployed men in Santa Claus suits to get donations in the streets of New York. This tradition continues alive in every corner of America with every Santa who rings a bell.



Santa Claus



Santa Claus and the Reindeer

Santa Claus travels on a sleigh pulled by nine reindeers: Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, and Blitzen. Their names are also included in the 1823 poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas".

Rudolph, "the most famous reindeer of all," was born over a hundred years after his eight flying counterparts. The red-nosed wonder was the creation of Robert L. May, a copywriter at the Montgomery Ward department store. In 1939, he wrote a poem about this reindeer as a marketing strategy and sold almost two and a half million copies of the story the same year. When it was reissued in 1946, the book sold over three and half million copies. Several years later, one of May's friends, Johnny Marks, wrote a short song based on Rudolph's story (1949), "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer. This story became so popular among children that there are even movies about it, versions of the song... Both the poem and the song tell the story of a young reindeer who was teased by the rest of reindeers because of his red nose. However, one Christmas Eve, it was so foggy that Santa could not see a thing and asked Rudolph to guide his sleight with his bright nose. From that moment on, Rudolph became popular with the other reindeer and all the children who love the story.



TRAVELLING CORNER



Philadelphia



If you're looking for a new place to travel in the US, and you want to see more than the usual tourist hotspots like New York City and California, I have just the place for you. This city has it all, from culture and history to a variety of attractions that appeal to anyone and everyone. So you might wonder, where is it? I'll give you a clue. What do cheesesteaks, "Rocky", the Declaration of Independence, and the first US capital have in common with stars like Will Smith, Pink, Bradley Cooper, Kevin Bacon, Bill Cosby, Richard Gere, and Grace Kelly? They are all from the "city of brotherly love", in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Growing up on the outskirts of the city, I was privileged to have this great city at my fingertips. There are so many things to see and do, that I'm still amazed to find something new and interesting every time I go back. And if you're a history buff like me, this city is the ideal place to learn about the beginnings of American history. Philadelphia was the original capital of the USA and also where the Declaration of Independence was written and signed by American heroes such as Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson.



TRAVELLING CORNER



Philadelphia



Today, you can tour the historic streets of Philadelphia by "Benjamin Franklin" himself. Along the way, you will see Independence Hall where both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were drafted. Also, because Philadelphia was important in American wars such as the Revolutionary War and Civil War, it is proclaimed to have many haunted sites where you can see ghosts of restless soldiers who died in battle. Or, you can visit the Pennsylvania State Penitentiary to see mobster Al Capone's ghost that haunts his jail cell...very popular to visit, especially during Halloween.

If the arts and sciences are what attract you, then must-see attractions would include visiting The Franklin Institute which is a hands on science center, the Philadelphia Zoo, or the Adventure Aquarium. You can also go to the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and if you have the energy, run up the same famous steps that Sylvester Stallone did in the movie "Rocky". Or, walk down South Street to see street performers and browse in the variety shops. This city boasts on many outdoor concerts and performances too. At any time of year you can run into wine or beer festivals, fireworks, and cruises along the Delaware River separating Pennsylvania and New Jersey. It is also a must to try the famous Philadelphia cheesesteak. A cheesesteak is a long, crusty roll filled with thinly sliced sautéed rib eye beef and melted cheese, using usually American or provolone cheese. In addition, you can go shopping, there's many restaurants to try, you can see an Eagle's football (American) game, '76ers basketball game, Flyers hockey, or the recently added Union soccer team.

All in all, there are an abundance of activities to do in Philadelphia. I only mentioned a few things for which the city is famous, however, you'll never be bored or disappointed. Hope to see you there!



COOKING CORNER

Christmas Eggnog

Ingredients

- 4 cups milk
- 5 whole cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 12 egg yolks
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 2 1/2 cups light rum
- 4 cups light cream
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg



Combine milk, cloves, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla, and cinnamon in a saucepan, and heat over lowest setting for 5 minutes. Slowly bring milk mixture to a boil. In a large bowl, combine egg yolks and sugar. Whisk together until fluffy. Whisk hot milk mixture slowly into the eggs. Pour mixture into saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly for 3 minutes, or until thick. Do not allow mixture to boil. Strain to remove cloves, and let cool for about an hour. Stir in rum, cream, 2 teaspoon vanilla, and nutmeg. Refrigerate overnight before serving.

LEARNING CORNER



IDIOMS

- ✓ **A chip on your shoulder:** to be upset for something that happened in the past.

Chell still has a chip on her shoulder from the argument we had.

- ✓ **A leopard can't change its spots :** You cannot change who you are.

Marriage won't change him, a leopard can't change its spots.

PHRASAL VERBS

- ✓ **Call on:** To ask for an answer or opinion.

The professor called on me for question 1.

- ✓ **Get back into:** To become interested in something again.

I finally got back into my novel and finished it.

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Diana



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