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This month Fairview's classroom spotlight is on room 34 and their wonderful teacher Mrs. Cline. The year for them has been very hectic. This year, room 34 is adjusting to a new schedule which has them learning a topic then instantly moving on to the next. When they're not squeezing in subjects, they're experimenting

Spotlighting Room 34

by Austin

with a writing program new to Fairview called MyAccess, which I'm sure most students have heard about. To room 34's relief CLP and history have stayed exciting, and most importantly the same. Now to get to the fun part here is what's happening currently. In math they are learning to use the distributive property effectively and properly. Mrs.

Cline's 8th grade history class just finished up learning about the labor movement and is now moving into mass culture of the 1900's. In writing they are just finishing up with the Martin Luther King writing contest. Then finally, in reading, they're learning how to use characterization to describe a character's personality.

Student Teacher by Vinnie H.

Have you seen an unfamiliar face in the 6th grade room 34 with Ms. Cline? If so, It's probably Ms. S.

First, I asked her what college or university she attends and she said "Alverno" And then I found out that she attended VCA (Victory Christian Academy) for middle and elementary school?

When I asked her what subjects she hopes to teach-

ing when she becomes a teacher, she replied social studies. Definitely social studies!

How do you like Fairview so far was answered with a big YES.

Lastly, I ask her what school she hopes to teach at when finished with her training, hoping to get a response of Fairview but she said "VCA ."

If you see her around, give her a welcoming gesture because she won't be here for long.

MY FAMILY CELEBRATES THANKSGIVING

BY TAYLOR

When it's Thanksgiving break, I go to Michigan with my family. My mom, TT Terynn and me are going to see a new movie, Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn part 1.

It's coming in November. It will be exciting to watch it at the cinema. I don't know which cinema has Twilight saga: Breaking Dawn part 1.

When we are going to Michigan, TT will go to Michigan too. We don't want to tell Dranny and Papa that TT will come with us to Michigan.

THANKSGIVING BY NICHOLAS

Thanksgiving is when you celebrate with a feast of turkey, or ham, or lamb. It can also be served with other kinds of food at the table. Thanksgiving is when people get together to have a feast and good time with family members.

ST. NICHOLAS DAY DEC. 6TH

BY DYLAN

St. Nicholas Day is celebrated on December 6, to start the Christmas holiday season. The kids that have been good, wake up on this day to find candy and presents left by St. Nicholas.

St. Nicholas was a real person who lived in the 4th century and a bishop of a church at Myra, Lycia, and Asia Minor. Not much is known about his life, but stories are told about his kindness and powers. Connecting his name with the giving of gifts may have come from his reputation for helping the poor. One of the legends told that he threw bags of gold into the homes.

Before the Reformation, St. Nicholas day was very popular for marriages and business transactions because people thought it was a lucky day. Although Christmas Eve and Christmas Day have become more traditional gift-giving occasions in much of the world,

Building a Snowman!

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BOXING DAY— DEC. 26 BY JAIONE

On December 26th is Boxing Day. Boxing Day is for people to give gifts to friends, family, or to the poor. It started in England around the 19th century when they were under Queen Victoria.

NATIONAL COOKIE DAY - DEC. 4 BY MARK

December isn't all about Christmas, it's also about cookies. National Cookie Day is December 4. Did you know that cookie comes from the Dutch word *koekje*, which means little cake? Dutch bakers used to test oven temperatures on small pieces of dough. It didn't take too long for the bakers to find out that these little bits of dough were pretty good. Thus the cookie was born!



HOLIDAY GIVING AND RECEIVING BY MATTHEW AND ETHAN

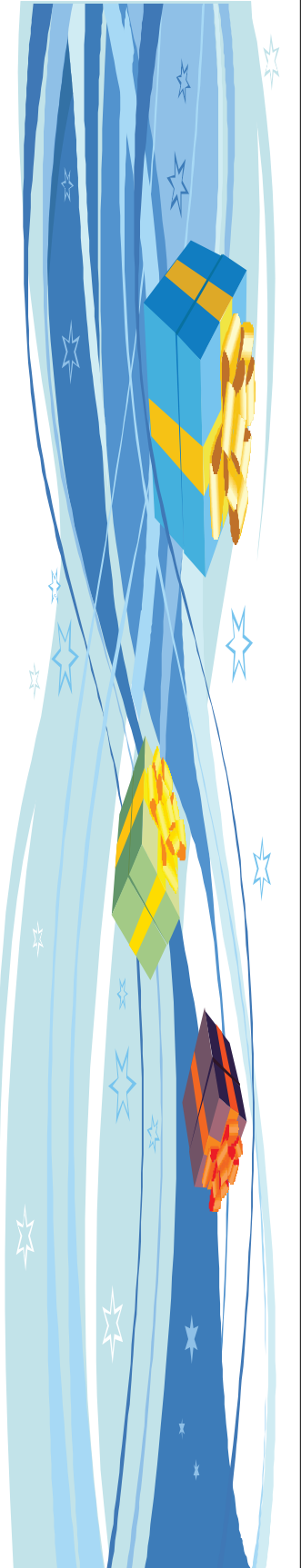
December is a great time of holiday giving and receiving. Christmas is a tradition that we celebrate every year. On this day, we give and receive gifts. Many people give presents to the poor who won't get presents any other way. Some people like to receive presents more than give presents.

Many people don't care if other people get presents as long as they, themselves get presents. But many of these people don't really know what they have until it's gone. They don't appreciate what they get. They always want more and something that is new that was on their Christmas list. They will always have a fit

if they don't get what they want.

It's the same thing they don't buy anything for others, they only want gifts that they get for free. They don't take into account others feelings and how hard they worked to get the gifts for that person.

It is a day of giving and receiving not just about receiving.



MOVIE REVIEWS BY VINNIE

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2:

This movie is the second and final part of the Deathly Hallows saga and the final Harry Potter movie in the saga. This film is based on the seventh and final book from chapters 25 to 37/Epilogue.

This movie is all about Harry, Ron, and Hermione who have found one of Voldemort's horcruxes, and have to destroy these items to finally defeat Voldemort once and for all. I would recommend this movie to anybody who likes Harry Potter.

Captain America - The First Avenger:

This movie is based on the Marvel comic *Captain America*. This is the film that'll lead to "The Avengers" coming out May 2012 in 3D. What happens is that you see a little wimp who wants to be

powerful, and can beat up the people that push him around. Later in the movie, he joins the army but the Generals realize he's too wimpy to do any damage. A German doctor messes with his DNA. Now the wimp he once was, is now a strong person. I'd recommend this to anybody who likes *Captain America* and action. If you do check this movie out, be sure to stay through the credits for *The Avengers* teaser trailer!

Boston Tea Party

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Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party December 16.

TIS THE SEASON BY BRANDON

It's about that time of the year where the leaves begin to change, and the weather becomes colder. Many students and parents are finding that we need to unpack the heavier jackets because sweatshirts aren't going to cut it anymore. Hats and gloves are starting to become more useful as this

month of November carries on into December. Driving down any road you can start to notice that trees are leafless. I feel that most people like to stay inside cuddling up in a blanket to keep warm, while others are enjoying the fresh air outside. Some enjoy it while some don't

want any part of the changing seasons.

Christmas is coming soon! That would definitely be something to look forward to with the change in weather. There are many different ways to adapt to this new season, which one are you doing?



NEW YEAR'S EVE BY ALIXANDRIA

Do you know what's coming up this year on December 31? I'll give you a hint, thousands stand crowded in Times Square waiting for one thing. Thousands stay up till midnight waiting for a new year! That's right its New Year's Eve! Time to wait for a new year. Will you stay up till midnight to watch the Global tradition take place?

The dropping of the New Year's Eve ball is a tradition that started in 1904 in Time Square, ever since that new years have been a world wide tradition! Thanks to satellite technology over one billion people watch New Years Eve take place all around the world. So say good bye to the year 2011 and say hello to 2012! What will your

resolution be? Are you going to make one? Don't forget about December 28, the public is invited to the fifth Annual Good Riddance Day. Say goodbye to your worst memory from 2011 once and for all on Good Riddance Day! Lets face it 2011 is over time to make new memories, and mistakes. 5 4 3 2 1! It's time for a new year!



CHRISTMAS EVE BY JOHNATHAN

Christmas Eve is close. What do you guys want for Christmas? What is the meaning of Christmas Eve? I think its a day of helping those in need and to give your own stuff to people that are more needy.

CHRISTMAS EVE

BY GIOVANNI

There is a time each year that we celebrate Christmas and the day before, Christmas Eve. Christmas Eve is on December 24, 2011. Christmas Eve is a time of fun where families get to meet each other face to face. Maybe your mom's family will meet your dad's family .

This is also the time were you get to meet your friends as well. We all like to meet

your friends, and family members. There are many different holidays in a year, and this is one of the happiest times of the year for me.

Abraham's Christmas

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Who has a Birthday *by Ana*

Who's Birthday is coming up???? As you all know, everyone has a birthday! But did you know that **Walt Disney's** birthday is coming up? Walt Disney's birthday is

on December 5th. He is known as the creator of **Walt Disney** cartoons. Walt Disney died on December 15, 1966. He was born on December 5, 1901. Walt Disney started his career at

a young age. He would draw pictures and sell them to his neighbors. When he was a child his family wasn't very rich with money. Walt Disney started to get famous in the year 1932, at 31 years old. With only \$20 and a suitcase he went to California to pursue his dream and love for cartooning.

Card Playing day

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December 28th is National Card Playing Day.

Hanukkah *by John*

Hanukkah begins at sunset on Dec 20. It is the Jewish holiday that lasts eight nights. It is also known as the festival of lights. Hanukkah is to celebrate the eight nights of Hanukkah where people light candles on a branched can-

dlestick called a menorah. They start with one candle and add a new candle each night. In addition to the lighting of the candles, gifts are exchanged and children play holiday games during Hanukkah.



What's in a Name *by Nelson*

We have a big update on our **What's In A Name project!** We have more unique names on the wall now. Here are some names that we found interesting. For example, one of them is the name Braulio. He's an 8th grader whose name means "shining, firey". The origin of it is Germanic or Spanish.

Yianni was another 7th grader's name that was really exotic to us. It means "God is gracious". If you can believe it, it actually originated from Hebrew or Greek.

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What can you do over Winter Break?

By Sebastian

Winter break is coming soon. It starts the 22nd of December.

There are many things to be done while out of school. Some people will travel with their families. Other people will stay home and relax. There are many holidays to celebrate like Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, Christmas, and New Year's. If you

don't celebrate these you could try them with your family. It would be a brand new experience, and you would learn more about different cultures.

You could also travel to the many great places in Wisconsin. Wisconsin Dells is a good place if you want to go swimming in the winter. Fans of the Green Bay Packers can go to Lam-

beau Field in Green Bay. Great tourist sites outside of Wisconsin are not very far away. Chicago is only a few hours away and has many cool places to visit such as the Museum of Science and Industry. With these tips, your winter break shall not be boring.

