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THE PIRATE EDITION

Pirates were (and are) not good—they commit horrendous acts, and yet they've become a pop-culture phenomenon. From 1716 to 1726, during the Golden Age of Piracy, thousands of sailors and privateers, unemployed by the end of the war of the Spanish Succession, turned en masse to piracy. Because pirates made their living by terrorizing, they were viewed in a very negative light.

The pop culture conception of pirates was born during this time. Tall tales and legends surrounded the most famous buccaneers like Blackbeard, Captain Kidd, Black Bart, Calico Jack, and others. As pirates began to appear in popular literary works, the public perception of swashbucklers began to change.



Have You Seen the Pirate Outside of the de Young Museum?

Artist Peter Coffin's aluminum "Untitled (Pirate)" has two hook hands, two peg legs, two patched eyes, two drawn swords; two parrots, one on each shoulder. It was created in 2007 and cast in 2009 and according to the SF Chronicle, "it glitters, either boastfully or self-confidently."

According to the artist, the pirate should stand "strong as a timeless hero or anti-hero here to defy authority and the status quo. He lives apart from the conventions of bourgeois society and breaks the rules to make new ones." Better than all of that pillaging and mayhem usually associated with pirates, don't you think?"

Scurvy Jokes for Landlubbers!

by Darnell



How much did the pirate pay for his peg and hook?

An arm and a leg! Arrr!

How do you make a pirate furious?

You take away the P!! (pirate minus p = irate)

What did the pirate say when he became an octogenarian?

Aye matey years old! ("I'm 80 years old!")

How do pirates communicate with each other?

With an aye phone! (iPhone) But aye to aye is always best!

What's the difference between a hungry pirate and a drunken pirate?

One has a rumbling tummy and the others a tumbling rummy

What does a pirate pay for corn?

A buccaneer! (A buck an ear!)

Why did the pirate go on holiday?

Because he was in serious need of some Arrr and Arrr

(R & R or Rest and Relaxation)

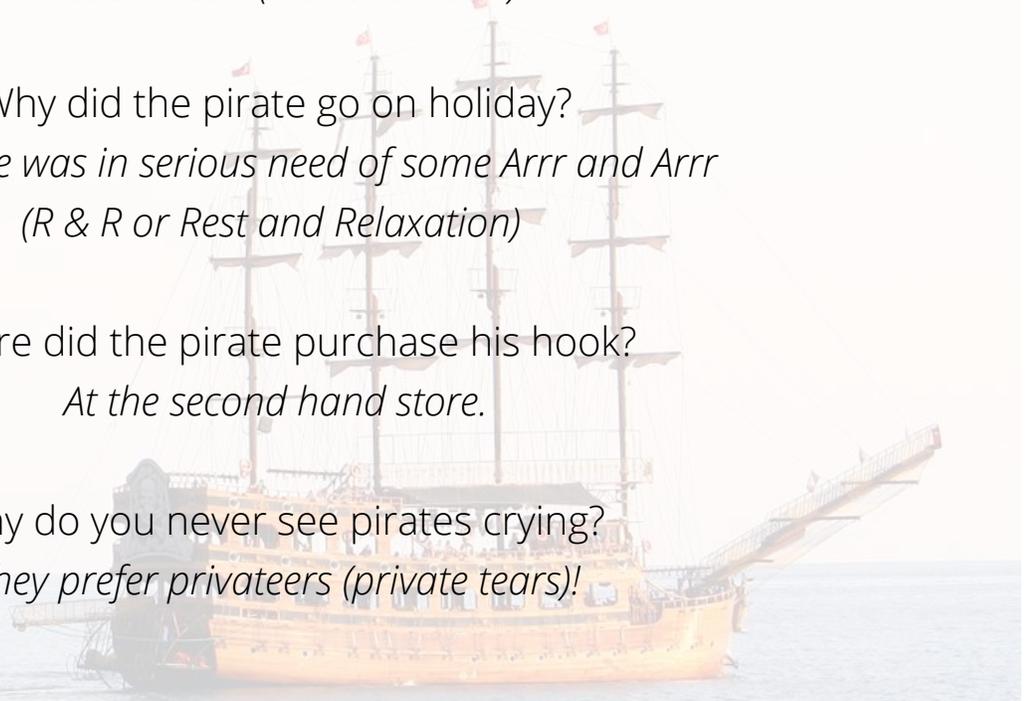
Where did the pirate purchase his hook?

At the second hand store.



Why do you never see pirates crying?

They prefer privateers (private tears)!



History of the Pirate Flag

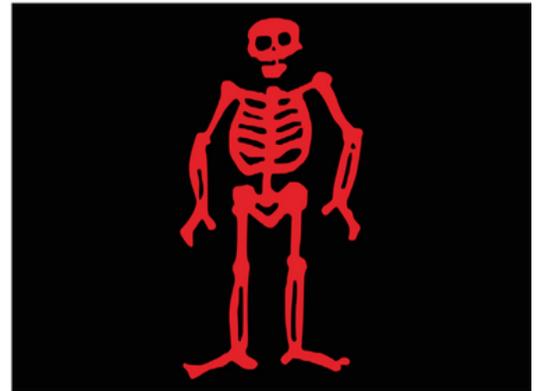
by Joe

What images come to mind when you think “pirate”? Hooks? Parrots? Striped pants? Eye patches? Treasure chests? How about the skull and crossbones? The famously menacing flag, also known as the “Jolly Roger” is an enduring symbol of piracy, but what are its origins? Let’s find out!

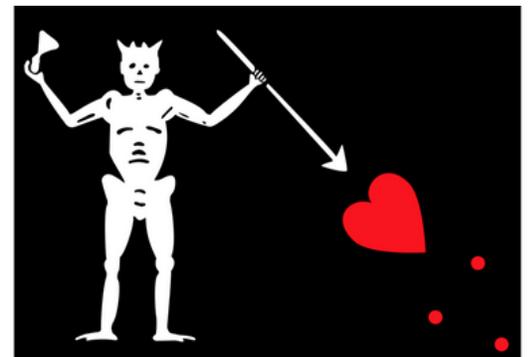
While the skull and crossbones may be the image we’re most familiar with, there were actually many types of flags flown by pirates during the Golden Age of Piracy. Hearts (impaled by darts or otherwise), skulls/skeletons, hourglasses, and swords were all commonly found on pirate’s flags during that era. The images almost always appeared on a black or red field, and they were usually placed in the center without any concern for pattern or repetition.

Pirates generally didn’t fly flags until they were in range of the prey ship, at which point they’d raise the Jolly Roger and fire a warning shot. By raising their flag, the pirates hoped to elicit surrender from the prey ship. The pirates also usually carried a variety of flags to fly in different situations because, you know, they’re pirates and they might have to pretend to be something other than pirates if they came across a naval vessel. In those days, it was a capital offense to be a pirate, after all.

In the early 1900s, Admiral Sir Arthur Wilson of the British Royal Navy decided steam submarines—still a somewhat new technology at the time—were unfair to use in war. To counter this he suggested the British Navy label all enemy combatants caught in submarines as pirates. The goal being capital punishment for those employing the underwater menace.



Edward Low, the notorious English pirate, flew a red skeleton flag from his ship’s mast.



“The Flag of Blackbeard” is often attributed to the famous pirate, there is no official record of Blackbeard ever using it. The only flags we definitely knew he employed were either all black, or “blood flags” (see below)



The “Blood Flag” meant “no quarter given” - a warning to enemies that no mercy would be shown to them. Conversely, a “Black Flag” meant those who surrendered would be spared.

More on the Pirate Flag

by Joe

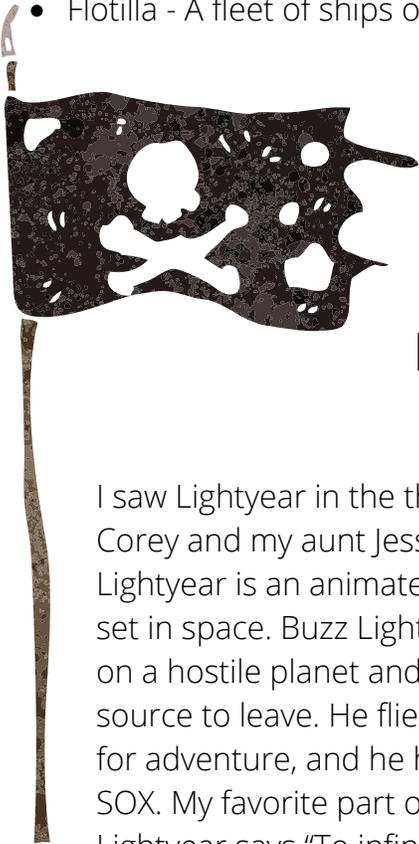
The Jolly Roger then became associated with submarine warfare. In World War II, a British submarine called the HMS Osiris sank an Italian Palestro. As a commendation for the achievement, the flotilla leader had a Jolly Roger made specially for the HMS Osiris. From that point on in the war Jolly Rogers were affixed to submarines that had sunk enemy ships.



The classic Jolly Roger, flown by "Black" Sam Bellamy in the early 18th century. This is what many of us might consider the standard Jolly Roger.

Vocabulary Words

- Field - The background of a flag
- Palestro - A type of Italian warship
- Flotilla - A fleet of ships or boats



Movie Review: Lightyear

by Yvette (as told to Jennifer)

I saw Lightyear in the theater with my cousin Corey and my aunt Jessica, and I really enjoyed it! Lightyear is an animated action adventure movie set in space. Buzz Lightyear is marooned in space on a hostile planet and tries to find a new energy source to leave. He flies a big spaceship heading for adventure, and he has a robot cat named SOX. My favorite part of the movie is when Buzz Lightyear says "To infinity and beyond!" I would recommend this movie to anyone who likes animated movies and science fiction, and anyone who is a fan of the Toy Story movies!.



Vexillology

by Joe

Now there's an interesting word. *Vexillology* is the study of flags, including their history, symbolic value, and usage around the world. A person who studies flags is what's called a *vexillologist*, while a flag designer is known as a *vexillographer*. The art of flag making is called *vexillography*.

Flags are usually made up of simple shapes and symbols arranged intentionally on a "field", or background. They are also usually rectangular, though Nepal, Switzerland, and Vatican City have bucked that trend. Every flag is different, of course, but let's take a look at one and see what we can learn:



Look familiar? Mexico's current flag was adopted on September 16th, 1968. The green, white, and red color blocks represent Mexico's independence from Spain. The image in the center is Mexico's coat of arms: a golden eagle perched on a cactus with a rattlesnake in its beak. The coat of arms is based on an Aztec legend in which the country's people knew where to build the city of Tenochtitlan/Mexico City when they saw an eagle eating a snake at a lake.

Fun fact: No country's flag uses **purple**, as purple dye was once very hard to get.

Pirate Coloring Pages



The Amazing Kiwifruit



Kiwifruit (all one word) originated in China and are sometimes called *Chinese gooseberries* since they are, technically, a berry. New Zealand was the first country outside of China to start growing the fruit. In the 1960s, America started to receive shipments of Chinese gooseberries and changed the name to "kiwifruit" because of the resemblance to the brown, fuzzy kiwi bird—New Zealand's national bird.

Some people think kiwifruit (nicknamed *kiwi*) is an unusual, exotic fruit (we're looking at you, Harold), but when asked, Linda, Valerie, Frank, Steve, and Bert have all eaten kiwifruit and enjoyed it. Same goes for Phoebe, Mike, and Tyrone.

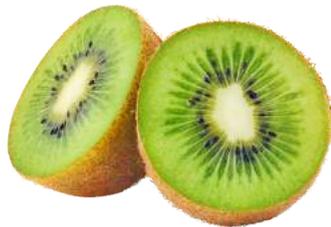


We kiwifruit lovers enjoy not only the flavor, but we also appreciate the nutrient rich, vitamin C-rich fruit during our kiwifruit knowledge class.

- Did you know that one little kiwifruit has as much vitamin C as an orange?
- Did you know two green kiwifruits provide just over 80 calories and 430 milligrams of potassium, or 12 percent of the RDA?



Did you know that some people scrub the furry brown skin and eat the entire kiwi skin and all? No, we didn't try that. We think kiwifruit are yum!



Fun Facts

- Kiwifruit can be used as a natural meat tenderizer.
- Kiwifruit is the most nutrient dense fruit.
- Kiwifruit grows on vines like grapes.
- Kiwifruit has twice the vitamin C of an orange.
- California produces 98 percent of the kiwifruit grown in the United States.
- China grows over 400 varieties of kiwifruit.
- Most people cut the fruit in half and scoop out the green fruit.
- The outer skin on kiwi is edible and nutritious.

CH&S September Birthdays



- 9/2 - Steve
- 9/3 - Cindy
- 9/13 - Jehann
- 9/23 - Pam C.
- 9/26 - Iris
- 9/30 - Frank

12 Questions with Steve

1. **What is your favorite magical or mythological animal?** A unicorn.
2. **What breed of dog would you be?** A collie.
3. **Best book you've ever read?** *The Amateur Carpenter*
4. **As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?** A dancer.
5. **What is your favorite holiday?** Memorial Day.
6. **What is your favorite time of the day and why?** Lunch.
7. **What fruit or vegetable would you most want to be?** A pea.
8. **Teleportation or flying?** Flying.
9. **What is your favorite TV show?** *Bones*.
10. **What is your favorite item you've bought this year?** A wristwatch.
11. **If you could bring back any fashion trend what would it be?** The sombrero.
12. **What's your favorite sandwich and why?** Bologna on white bread.



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Andrew's Corner

Ben Burtt, Sound Designer

Ben Burtt was born on July 12, 1948. Ben was the sound designer for both Indiana Jones and Star Wars. He also voiced R2-D2 and Wall-E. Here is how some of the sounds were made:



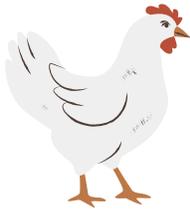
- The hum of the light saber was derived from a film projector combined with feedback from a broken TV.
- Ben recorded his own breathing in an old Dacor scuba regulator for the sound of Darth Vader's breathing.
- Ben Burtt also did the sound of E.T. where he made the voice of the main character by using the voice of an elderly woman he met at a photography shop.



- The background noise of the aliens in the cantina in episode 4 of the Star Wars series was made by people using helium.
- Ben also used an ice cube for the movements of C-3PO. I first met Ben Burtt in a Q&A and special guest intro for a showing of the Pixar film Wall-E at the Smithsonian Rafael Theater.



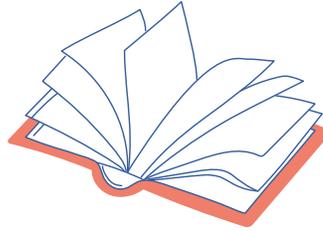
Bio: Andrew Newson is a student at Life College and is 23 years old. He likes comic books, video games, hiking, exploring new places with his mom.... and babies. He is an authority in all things Star Wars, Star Trek and great places to go in the Bay Area. He is currently learning Mandarin and loves to research and learn new things.



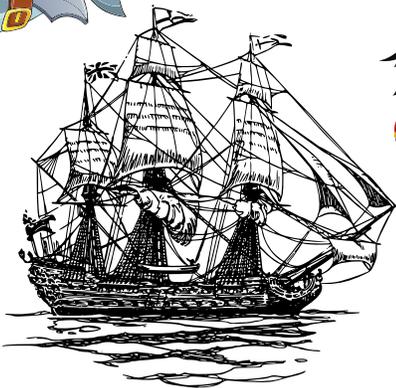
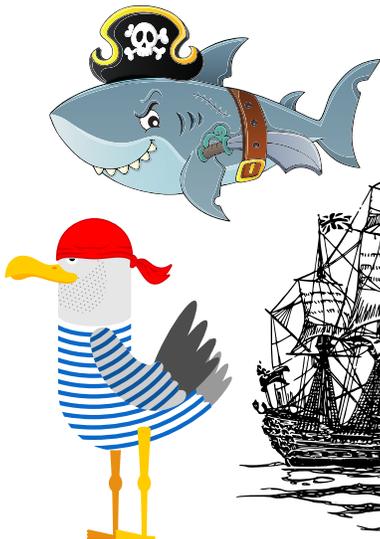
SEPTEMBER 2022 NATIONAL DAYS

National Courtesy Month
Chicken Month

- **9/5 - Labor Day Holiday CLOSED**
- **9/6 - Read a Book Day**
- **9/7 - National Salami Day**
- 9/8 - International Literacy Day
- 9/9 - Teddy Bear Day
- 9/10 - Chinese Moon Festival
- 9/11 - 9/11 Remembrance and Grandparents Day
- 9/12 - National Video Games Day
- **9/13 - National Fortune Cookie Day**
- 9/15 - Make a Hat Day
- 9/17 - International Red Panda Day
- **9/18 - National Cheeseburger Day**
- 9/19 - International Talk Like a Pirate Day
- **9/20 - National Pepperoni Pizza Day**
- **9/22 - Elephant Appreciation Day** and Hobbit Day
- 9/24 - Rosh Hashanah
- 9/26 - Johnny Appleseed Day



Pirate Cut Outs



Rhyming Words



We had a class on rhyming words. When we exhausted our word lists (such as, **right**, *bright*, *bite*, *light*, *tight*, *byte*, *kite*, and *height*, and **lap**, *cap*, *slap*, *wrap*, *rap*, *tap*, *sap*, *trap*, *map*, *nap*, and *zap*) we challenged ourselves by rhyming our names.

Valerie, Frank, Steve, and Linda had fun collaborating on rhyming name lists. Check out the word lists below. We left one fill-in-the-blank for *you* to complete (see picture hints to the right):

Val rhymes with pal, _____, and gal.

Frank rhymes with _____, spank, tank, sank, yank, drank, and stank.

Steve rhymes with heave, cleave, leave, and _____.

We were hard-pressed find words that rhymed with Linda so we went with **Lynn** which rhymes with pin, sin, _____, tin, fin, and min!



Rhyming is one of the steps toward phonemic awareness. Phonemic awareness is the ability to recognize that words are made up of separate sounds and the ability to manipulate sounds in speech.

Ahoy Maties: Female Pirates

by Darnell

We all know what pirates look like—a man with an eye patch, maybe a peg leg, and a big beard. But did you know that there were women that were pirates too? Some of the most formidable characters were women. Here are a few of the most notorious:

Cheng I Sao

The name Cheng I Sao is known as "Wife of Cheng" in the Chinese language. Cheng I Sao met her husband, already a powerful pirate, when she was working at a brothel. They married in 1801 and it was the pirate's life for her. They became an infamous pirate team, with an enterprise that boasted 50,000 men.

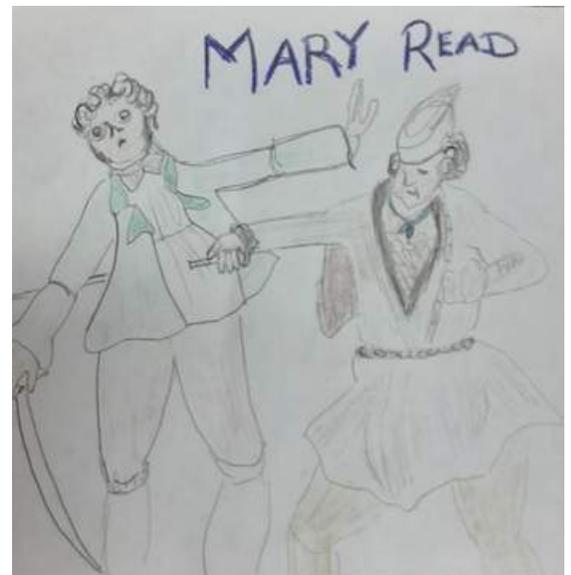
In 1807, Cheng passed away, leaving Cheng I Sao a widow. Did she stop her pirating ways? No way! She continued pirating and teamed up with a new partner, Chang Pao. Cheng I Sao became public enemy #1, but she also took care of her staff/co-pirates/crew via a rigorous code of conduct which protected her crew from assault by other pirates.

In 1810, Cheng I Sao made a kind of truce, agreeing to surrender her fleet and stop fighting in exchange for being able to keep her loot. She retired as one of the most successful pirates ever to grace the seas!

Mary Read

Mary Read was born in England in the late 17th century. Her mother coerced her into disguising herself as her deceased half-brother in order to scam relatives for money. Mary eventually adopted the name Mark Read and worked in several different traditionally male jobs.

Mary took up pirating in the late 1710s after pirates attacked the ship she worked on and she ended up serving the pirates instead. Mary later joined Calico Jack Rackam's ship and met another female pirate, Anne Bonny. She revealed her secret to Anne and they became fast friends. #PirateBFFs! Between them, they were a fearsome team.



More Female Pirates

by Darnell

Anne Bonny

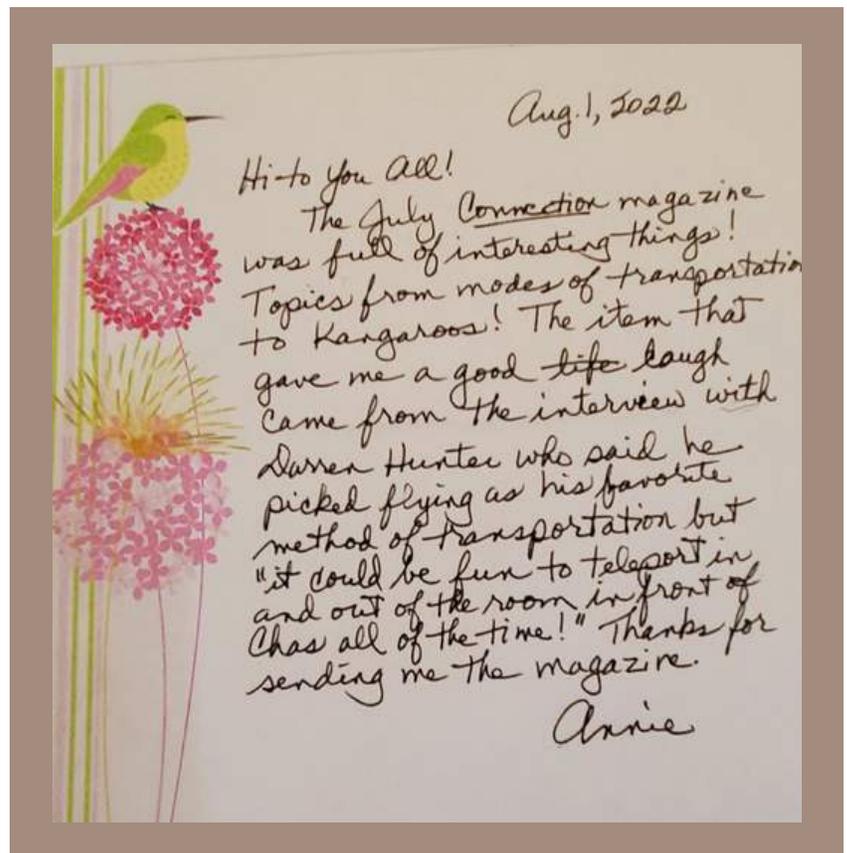
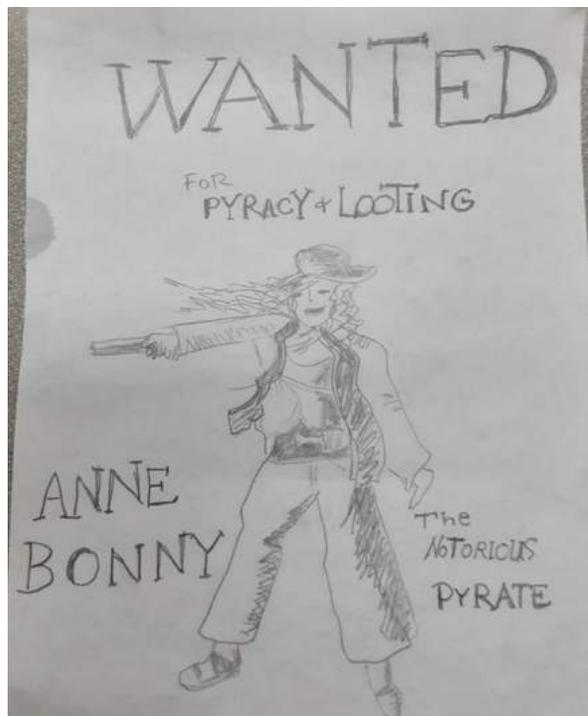
Anne Bonny began life in Ireland, and unlike her female pirate peers—she came from a relatively well-off family. She was an illegitimate child and she disguised herself as a boy in order to work as a clerk for her lawyer father. She ended up moving to America and married a sailor in 1718. She later left her husband for Calico Jack Rackam (aka "Calico Jack") who operated in the Bahamas and Cuba. Calico Jack must have been something to be able to lure both Anne and Mary!

Anne was known for a "fierce and courageous temper." There is a legend that she nearly beat a man to death when he tried to force himself onto her. Anne could keep up with male pirates—being pirates from guzzling rum to cursing to wielding various weapons.

The real fun started when Anne and Mary met. They led raids on fishing and trading boats in the summer and fall of 1720. But alas, the she-pirate good times couldn't last forever, and Calico Jack's ship was captured by pirate hunters. Calico Jack and several other men were executed, but Anne and Mary both escaped execution by revealing they were each pregnant.

I wonder what happened to those children?

Speaking of pirate children, to the right are my pirate boys:



Survey Says...

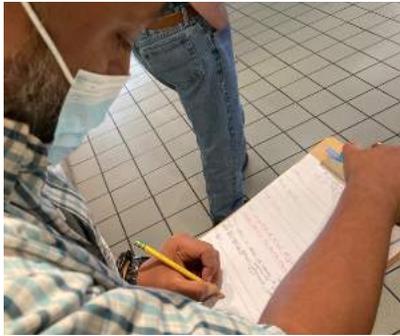
To help develop social skills, Chris gives Cindy and Jonas an assignment. They walk around to staff members to ask some great conversation starter questions. Staff members write their answers down. Here's some examples:

"If you could afford to live anywhere, where would you want to live?"

- Rickina: A nice, calm, beautiful area.
- Jehann: Seattle
- Zayde: Dubai
- Thea: A tropical island with good sailing.
- Melissa: A cabin in Tahoe or Seattle.

"Good morning, how are you today? What did you have for breakfast?"

- Joe: Good morning! I had a mango/peanut butter smoothie which sounds weird, but it worked for me!
- Zayde: Good morning, yes I had coffee and bread.
- Jehann: Good morning, I am doing okay. I had coffee and cookies.
- Thea: I am well. No, I did not have breakfast.



Teaching social skills and getting to know each other is an important part of our curriculum!

Pirates and Parrots

Long John Silver, the star of Robert Louis Stevenson's *Treasure Island*, was the first major fictional pirate character to walk around with a pet parrot. Although the book was fiction, the pirate-with-parrot trope was likely based on real life.

In Chris' art class we drew parrots. (Artists from left to right: Chris, Cindy, Russell, and Darnell.)



A.I. Art

Art teacher, Chris, used wombo.art to turn our students into pirates! Following our nautical/piratical theme, Cindy drew a crab (bottom right)

Can you guess the students below?



Answers:
A. Cindy
B. Jake
C. Jonas
D. Jian

Pirate Exercise

Here's another joke from Darnell: **What's a pirate's favorite kind of exercise?**

The plank!



Some of the pirates of Enterprise demonstrate their planking and wall sitting practice.

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