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New Year's Day is among the most celebrated holidays in the world. It is often observed with fireworks at the stroke of midnight.

Other global New Year's Day traditions include making New Year's resolutions and connecting with friends and family!

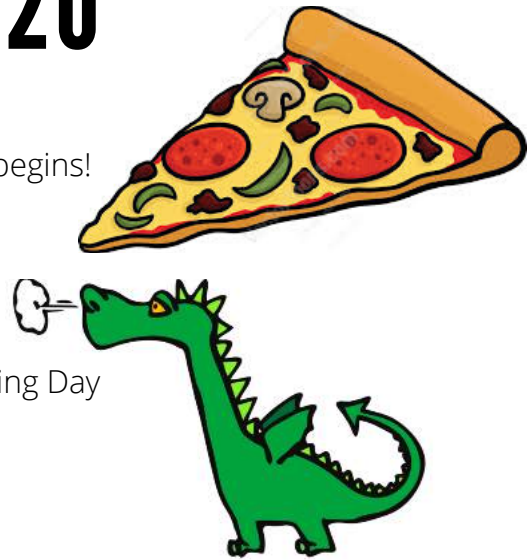
New year, *same* me —
because I'm already
freakin' *fabulous*.



(Clockwise from left) Chas tries on Zachary's new sunglasses, Cindy, Zachary serenades Colleen, Katie and Jason celebrate their first wedding anniversary (on November 11th!).

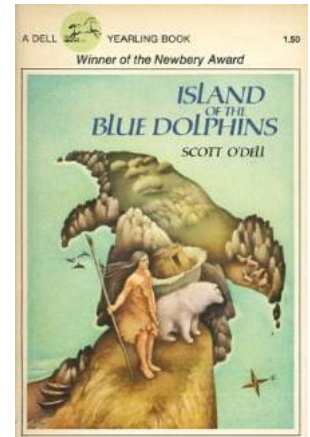
JANUARY 2020

January 1: New Years Day
January 5: National Bird Day and National Pizza Week begins!
January 8: Bubble Bath Day
January 15: Strawberry Ice Cream Day
January 16: Appreciate a Dragon Day
January 20: Draw a Dinosaur Day
January 21: National Hugging Day and Martin Luther King Day
January 24: National Compliment Day
January 25: Chinese New Year
January 29: National Puzzle Day
January 31: Backwards Day



JANUARY IS NATIONAL READING MONTH! WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BOOK?

- Katie enjoys *The Secret Garden*.
- Iris enjoys *Russian Folktales*.
- Todd is a fan of Dr. Seuss' work.
- Andrew M. loves *Mighty Morphin Power Rangers*.
- Thea recently enjoyed *The Soul of an Octopus*.
- Connor enjoys books about aviation.
- Matthew enjoys *The Laughing Sutra*.
- Yvette loves *The Island of the Blue Dolphins*.
- Bruce loves *A People's History of the United States*.
- Amy has many favorite books including the wonderful Harry Potter series and the Al Capone books.
- Andrew N. likes the Star Wars series.



Welcome to new instructor Matthew Stone!

Matthew is a creative writer and author. He exercises every day and sometimes he says, "oy!" He studies religion, philosophy, and anthropology in his spare time. Matthew practices martial arts and he is looking forward to getting to know you.



JANUARY IS "IT'S OKAY TO BE DIFFERENT MONTH!"

"Why fit in when you were born to stand out?"

Dr. Seuss



Be who **YOU ARE**
and say what **YOU FEEL**
BECAUSE
Those who **MIND**
don't **MATTER**
and those who
MATTER
don't **MIND.**

- Dr. Seuss -



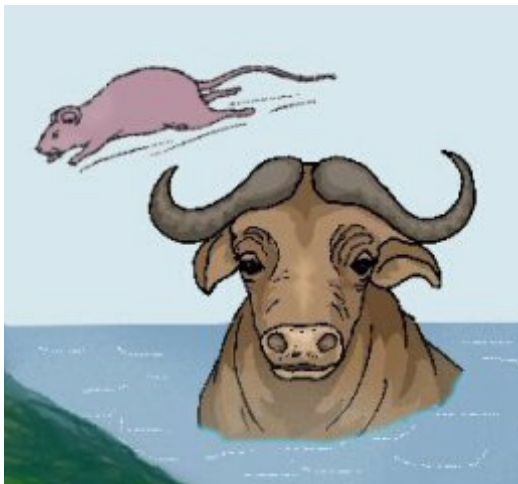
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Chinese New Year January 25, 2020

Chinese New Year is celebrated in some countries around the East Asia, including China. It is the first day of the lunar calendar. Chinese New Year is celebrated with food, families, lucky money (usually in a red envelope), and many other red things for good luck. The Chinese year will last from January 25, 2020 to February 11, 2021.

Chinese Year of the White Metal Rat



The Rat is the first of all zodiac animals. According to one myth, the Jade Emperor said the order would be decided by the order in which they arrived to his party. The Rat tricked the Ox into giving him a ride. Then, as they arrived at the finish line, Rat jumped down and landed ahead of Ox, becoming first. Rats are clever, quick thinkers; successful, but content with quiet and peaceful lives.

Carolyn (who was born in the year of the Snake) turns 55 years old on January 25, 2020! She'd appreciate many red envelopes filled with money! ;-)



love, peace, joy and Santa hats!



Why is this comic (on the right) funny?



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KNOWLEDGE CLASS FACTS:

Bob Marley:

- Bob Marley has 11 children that are documented.
- In his heyday, Bob's income was 1/10 of Jamaica's income.



One-Hit-Wonders:

- #1 highest grossing one-hit-wonder of all time is the Macarena. Katie does a mean Macarena!
- "Who Let the Dogs Out?" is one of Zachary's favorite songs.



Hippopotamuses:

- Hippos are the most ferocious mammals on the planet. More people are killed by hippos in Africa than any other animal.
- The average female weighs around 3,000 lbs. (1,400 kilograms), while males weigh 3,500 to 9,920 lbs. (1,600 to 4,500 kg), according to the San Diego Zoo.
- Hippos sweat red oil, not blood.

Villains:

- There is a Disney cat villain club which includes Scar (Lion King), Lucifer (Cinderella), Felicity (Great Mouse Detective), Shere Khan (Jungle Book), Sabor (Tarzan), Si and Am (the "Siamese if you please" from Lady and the Tramp), Gideon (Pinocchio), Yzma (Emporer's New Groove), Madam Mim (The Sword and Stone), and Prince John (Robin Hood).

Disneyland:

- Disneyland took less than one year to build!
- Admission was \$3.50 when Disneyland opened in 1955.
- Jennifer's first date was at Disneyland and she (accidentally) stole a giant pickle from a snack cart.
- Disneyland opened with 18 attractions (14 are still operating).

Hedgehogs:

- Hedgehogs can float on their backs.



Downtown Novato is getting SMARTer!

The new Novato station Grant & Railroad Avenues, near Life College, had a ribbon cutting on December 14, 2019.

Novato now has two SMART train station stops, so we must be getting SMARTer, right?



News of the Weird



KitKat Japan is replacing plastic wrappers with paper versions you can fold into origami

RECOMMENDED 2019 FILMS



MAIDEN

Critics Consensus

Enthralling viewing even for audiences with little to no knowledge of or interest in sailing, *Maiden* pays powerful tribute to a true pioneer.



98%



97%

TOMATOMETER

AUDIENCE SCORE

Total Count: 112

Verified Ratings: 213

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TOY STORY 4

Critics Consensus

Heartwarming, funny, and beautifully animated, *Toy Story 4* manages the unlikely feat of extending – and perhaps concluding – a practically perfect animated saga.



97%



94%

TOMATOMETER

AUDIENCE SCORE

Total Count: 421

Verified Ratings: 53,134

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THE PEANUT BUTTER FALCON

Critics Consensus

A feelgood adventure brought to life by outstanding performances, *The Peanut Butter Falcon* finds rich modern resonance in classic American fiction.



95%



96%

TOMATOMETER

AUDIENCE SCORE

Total Count: 177

Verified Ratings: 4,698

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