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## New Year's Traditions Around the World

By Dominik Karai

Happy 2019! There are many different new year traditions. Hungarian people eat pork for good luck because they say chickens will scratch your luck, and fish will swim away with your luck. However, pigs dig out your luck and pork is made out of pig. They also eat lentils, lentil soup, jelly, cabbage rolls (which are filled with ground pork) for good luck because lentils or beans resemble wealth. At midnight, Hungarians wish each other a Happy New Year by saying 'Boldog Új Évet' and 'Buek.'

Germany's new year traditions are fireworks and sparkling wine. They eat sauerkraut with pork, seafood, fondue, salted bread, and pretzels for good luck. Germany's sauerkraut is good luck for jump-starting the cash flow in the new year and pork represents prosperity, heartiness, and good humor. Also 'Frohes neues Jahr' means Happy New Year.

Chinese New year is really interesting. Decorations are often red, and people are dressed and decorated red as well. They eat Chinese New Year dumplings which give wealth, fish which give fortune, and glutinous rice balls. They also have Chinese New Year dragons which are supposed to bring good luck. The longer the dragon dances, the more luck it will bring to the community. The dragon also means it gives power, dignity, and wisdom. On February 15th, the FIDS community will be able to watch Chinese New Year festivities led by Ms. Lee.

## Community Spotlight

By Shae Vasconcelos

You guys all know who Ms. Kat is... But maybe you don't know a lot about her! She's new here at FIDS! Ms. Kat was born in Ohio, next to Cedar Point and Lake Erie. She actually lived on a farm. When she was little, she had horses and hers was a pony named Twinkle. Before coming to FIDS, she worked for Miami-Dade County Schools. People sometimes call Ms. Kat "Ms. Kitty Kat," but... She hates cats! She used to have a dog named Bellaluna who was a Cockerpoo. A couple of fun facts: Ms. Kat is an advanced SCUBA diver and published writer.



## Cayden's Sports

By Cayden Kukreja

The history of basketball began with its invention in 1891 in Springfield, Massachusetts by Canadian physical education instructor James Naismith. After basketball became established in American colleges, the professional game followed. It consisted of peach baskets and a soccer style ball. He published 13 rules for the new game. Today we have ten basic rules. One of the rules we got rid of was no dribbling. An old basketball had those strings to help you grip that are on a football and felt like a soccer ball because back then they did not dribble the ball. They also played with a peach basket, which was basically just a basket that you collected peaches with.

If *you* like basketball, and want to cheer on the FIDS Sharks, they are playing games January 31st and February 7th against Miami Shores Parks and Recreation.