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Holiday Traditions Around the World

By Cayden Kukreja

Everybody celebrates holidays differently. Let's talk about Germany first. In Germany there is a Christmas tradition where you hide a pickle ornament in the Christmas tree. Here is how it works: Parents put the pickle in the tree at night, and kids look for it the next day. The first one to find it, gets to open the first present! Let's move on to The Netherlands. On December 5th, the eve of Saint Nicholas Day, Dutch children are told that Sinterklaas comes to Holland from Spain on a boat. On that night, Sinterklaas's helpers give presents to the good kids. But when you're bad, his assistants kidnap you and take you back to Spain! Now, on to Russia. In the days of the Soviet Union, Christmas was not celebrated very much. New Year was made into the important time. In 1917, Christmas was banned as a religious holiday, and in 1929 Christmas trees were banned! However, in 1935, people decided to make them "New Year" trees! If people did want to celebrate Christmas, they had to do it in secret just in their families. Finally, in 1991, people were free to celebrate Christmas. To this day, many in Russia still celebrate on January 7th.



Sinterklaas



Pickle
Ornament

Community Spotlight

By Dominik Karai

Today's Community Spotlight is about the new 4th and 5th Math and STEM teacher Mrs. Rosa. When Mrs. Rosa was a child, she loved teaching. She would read to her animal plushies and pretend to teach them! She also loved poetry. Poetry inspired her to teach because she says that when your reading poetry to someone, it feels like your teaching a lesson to someone. She was really good at poetry and almost won three international poetry contests! Mrs. Rosa also loved science. She was always so interested on how the world worked. In her personal time, Mrs. Rosa loves traveling to California because she says everything is there (mountains, water, and cities). She also got married there!

Shae's Life Hacks

By Shae Vasconcelos

One life hack is when you're eating Oreos with milk! Instead of dumping your whole hand in the milk, get a fork and poke it into the cream so your hands don't get wet. Another hack is for when you're drying clothes. Put a couple of ice cubes into the dryer and set it to max heat so the ice melts. It causes steam so the wrinkles come out of your clothing! The next life hack is helpful for stains. If you're cleaning, and you find a stain that won't come out, get some white vinegar and it will come right out. It works on any stain! Good luck trying these things out. Let me know if they work for you!