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Inauguration Day

By Sage Ferguson

On Friday, January 20, 2017, Donald Trump was sworn in as president of the United States. Donald Trump is the 45th president of the United States. His inauguration was held in front of the capitol building in Washington, D.C. Chief Justice John Roberts issued the oath of office to Donald Trump at noon. Trump took the oath with his left hand on the Bible that Abraham Lincoln used in his inauguration. There were many protesters at the inauguration, and there were arrests due to some violent protests. The Inaugural Parade was about two hours long. It began at the Washington Capitol and proceeded along Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House. The day-long celebration continued with traditional inauguration events. Hopefully, Donald Trump will lead America in the right direction, and the people will unite to strengthen America.



This Day In History

by Jaylin Nucifora

January 3, 1959 - Alaska was admitted as the 49th U.S. state with a land mass almost one-fifth the size of the lower 48 states together.

January 8, 1939 - Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Mississippi.

January 10, 1878 - An amendment granting women the right to vote was introduced in Congress by Senator A.A. Sargent of California. The amendment didn't actually pass until 1920, forty-two years later.

January 11, 1757 - Alexander Hamilton was born in Charlestown, Saint Kitts and Nevis.

January 31, 1919 - Jackie Robinson was born in Cairo, Georgia.

February 1, 1960 - Four African-American students ordered coffee at a lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina. They were refused service, but instead sat there all day.

February 3, 1870 - The 15th Amendment was ratified, guaranteeing the right of citizens to vote, regardless of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

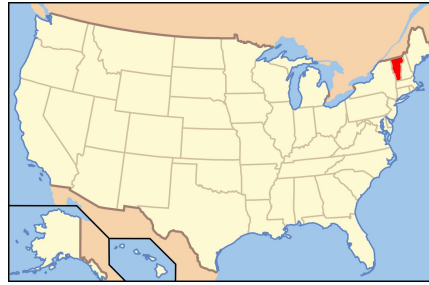
February 7, 1911 - Ronald Reagan, the 40th US president, was born in Illinois.

February 21, 1965 - Former Black Muslim leader Malcolm X was shot and killed while giving a speech in a ballroom in New York City.

February 24, 1867 - The House of Representatives voted to impeach President Andrew Johnson. The vote failed to remove him by one vote.

Places to Go: Vermont

By Rebecca Mikulski



Are you looking for a place in the U.S. that might be fun to take a trip to? Well, Vermont is a good place to go. In Vermont, you will see a white scene in the winter. Vermont's largest snow record was 145.4 inches in the years of 1970-1971! That is a lot of snow! Vermont doesn't consist of many people, which means that you don't have to wait to see cool tourist attractions.

Do you like maple syrup? Well, Vermont has tons of it! In fact, Vermont alone produces around 1.3 million gallons of maple syrup every year! But that's not all; Vermont has some really cool animals! They have around 3,000 moose; 6,000 black bears; and 45-50,000 turkeys. So, next time, when you're going for a road trip, stay in Vermont. I guarantee you will love the experience!

Did You Know?

by Jaylin Nucifora

About 10% of people are left handed.

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

Elvis Presley was a twin, but the other baby was stillborn.

A giraffe's tongue is about 20 inches long.

A hummingbird's heart can beat as fast as 1,260 beats per minute.

"Uncopyrightable" is the only 15 letter word that can be spelled without repeating any letter.

"Typewriter" is the longest word that can be typed using only the top row of a keyboard.

Months that start on a Sunday will always have a Friday the 13th.

Male bees cannot sting, only female worker bees can sting.



Cool Corny Jokes

By Dylan Kirk

Q: What do you call a sleeping bull?

A: A bulldozer!

Q: Why did the lady crash my car?

A: 'Cause she wanted to see how my Mercedes-Benz.

Q: Why was the snake looking for venom?

A: Because it's just bitten its tongue

Teacher: What does math mean?

Student: Mental Abuse to Humans!

Q: What band has the last name of a president?

A: Linkin park

Student Poll

The Walnut Street Middle School students were asked, "Which show is your favorite to binge watch?" Here are some of the top responses!

Grey's Anatomy 17

The Flash 15

Stranger Things 10

Pretty Little Liars 7

Full House/Fuller House 7

Walking Dead 6

Friends 6

Supernatural 3

Dance Moms 3

Gilmore Girls 2



Poetry Corner

By Hailey Schuyler

That tree is my tree,
My tree to nourish and love.
To hold and to help grow,
But today the tree is losing leaves.
Getting bare, exposing me,
Thinner and thinner my tree gets.
From morning air to daybreak and sunsets,
I am now a baby needing life.
And slower and slower to my delight,
So does summer bring new light.

Winter leaves and summer comes,
and my tree is starting to blossom.