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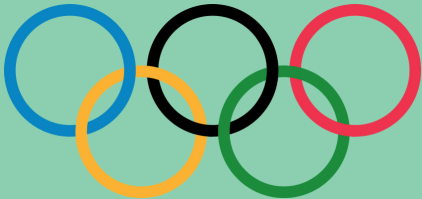
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FRIENDSHIP

A POEM FROM THE POET LAUREATE

BY KIANA H | GR 8 | POET LAUREATE

Friendship

Friendship is everlasting care
 Whether your happy or sad, your
 friends will be there
 a form of support that can't be
 thrown away
 It grows with love and affection each
 day
 A friend is loyal and will never lie
 They pick you back up whenever you
 cry
 If you have a true friend, don't ever let
 them go
 Nobody likes riding solo

HAPPINESS BUCKET

BY: SHANI E. | GR. 6

One part of the Touchstone that I like is that positive feelings make our school brighter and more inclusive. The reason I like the Touchstone is that of something called a happiness in a bucket. A bucket is a visible object which can represent someone's emotions and thoughts. When the bucket is full, it is a happy bucket, and when the bucket is empty or half full, the bucket is either sad or angry. By this representation, we can tell what the emotions of that person are. The purpose of the buckets is to encourage friendship and inclusivism around the school. This will also encourage all of us to do good deeds to each other to fill their buckets, so let's make them!

First, you need a bucket, then cut off paper eyes and a happy face mouth, then you tape or glue the eyes and the happy face on the bucket. After, put glitter, silly string, colorful paper, to make it unique. Then you place it all in the bucket and you're done! I encourage all kindergarten classes, grade 1s, grade 2s, and grade 3s, to join me in this school-wide friendship project.

THE EDITORIAL

BY IMETH I | GR 8 | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The month of February in 2018 has significant themes around it. The themes being Black History Month, friendship, Anti - Bullying, World Day of Social Justice (UN), Lunar New Year - Year of The Dog, Olympics, National Flag of Canada Day (Feb 15th), Family Day, Pink Shirt Day, and Saint Valentines Day. I believe that in today's society, it is essential that everyone as a community accepts each other for their differences, and works cohesively together to accomplish common tasks. This month truly demonstrated this with multiple spirit days, teamwork and initiatives. In our school environment The Touchstone Council, committee members, student-led groups, the student body, staff, and teachers worked together to achieve and spread, Healthy Living, Environment, and Diversity. I would like to congratulate and thank everyone who has submitted this month and for the effort, and school spirit shown throughout the month. Keep it up!

GLEE CLUB

BY: KAYLEE S. | GR. 3



AT THORNHILL WOODS PUBLIC SCHOOL, THERE IS A GLEE CLUB FOR GRADE 3'S. THE CLUB IS RUN BY MRS. WAGMAN, OUR SCHOOL LIBRARIAN, ALONG WITH SOME OTHER TEACHERS. EVERY TUESDAY, AT LUNCH, THE GROUP MEETS IN THE LIBRARY TO PRACTICE. SOMETIMES, WE DO VOCAL WARM-UPS. SOME OF THE SONGS THE GLEE CLUB WILL BE PERFORMING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR ARE; "I'M FLYING" AND "I WON'T GROW UP" FROM THE PETER PAN MUSICAL, "LOST BOY" BY RUTH B, "STITCHES" BY SHAWN MENDES, AND "JOURNEY" FROM THE SHOW "GLEE". PERSONALLY, I LOVE SINGING WITH THE GROUP AND I AM HAVING SO MUCH FUN! GLEE CLUB ROCKS!



TWPS DRAMA CLUB

BY: ANN M. | GR.4

THE ACTING CLUB IS A AN AMAZING, SAFE, AND COMFORTABLE PLACE FOR THE GRADE ONE AND TWO'S. IN THE ACTING CLUB, OUR TEACHERS ARE SEPARATED IN THREE GROUPS, SINGING, DANCING, AND ACTING. OUR KIDS ARE ALSO SEPARATED IN THESE THREE GROUPS. SOME DAYS, WE GO INTO THESE GROUPS, AND OTHER DAYS WE REHEARSE OUR PLAY, "DANCE OFF"; AN ORIGINAL PLAY MADE BY ONE OF THE TEACHERS ANN M. THE TEACHERS IN THE ACTING CLUB ARE SOPHIE G, EMMA W, LAUREN A, MAKAYLA F, AND ANN M. IN THE ACTING CLUB, WE HAVE A TEACHER SUPERVISING US MRS. NERCES, A KIND, LOVING TEACHER WHO IS NICE ENOUGH TO GIVE HER TIME TO SUPERVISE THE CLUB. THAT IS ALSO ONE OF THE REASONS WHY ACTING CLUB IS SO SAFE. WE ARE HAVING SOME UPCOMING EVENTS TO PREFORM IN LIKE ARTS NIGHT. WE DO ACTING CLUB EVERY THURSDAY AT LUNCH RECESS IN ROOM 223. OUR GOAL IS THAT TO MAKE SURE WHEN KIDS COME OF THE ACTING CLUB THEY FEEL SAFE, COMFORTABLE, AND RESPECTED BY EVERYONE IN THE ACTING CLUB INCLUDING BY THE TEACHERS.

GRADE 2 INTRAMURALS

BY: ADEN B. | GR. 8

On Friday, January 26, 2018, the gym was packed with grade 2's ready to play dodgeball. The intramurals had four teams, which were the Purple Lions, Yellow Penguins, Blue Tigers, and Red Bears. Teams consisted of 10 to 11 players, and four coaches, Liam MD, Shayne T, Josh A, and Evan S. The four teams battled in an intense dodgeball match. Each player demonstrated great sportsmanship and participation throughout this event. We give a big thanks to the coordinator, Mr. Moliterni, for running this amazing program for us!



ROY THOMPSON HALL

A True Musical Experience

Guitar Ensemble Field Trip

BY: ASHLEE. G & ABBY. K | GR.7

On Tuesday, February 6, 2018, Mrs. Whyte's Guitar Ensemble went to Roy Thomson Hall to watch the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, also known as the TSO, perform. During the performance, we listened to the Star Wars theme song, Ode To Joy, The War of 1812, and many more songs. Some of the instruments that were played were the xylophone, the harp, drums, the violin, and the cello. We had an amazing opportunity to watch this wonderful show, and also to go backstage with Mrs. Hinn's mother, who performs in the Toronto Symphony Orchestra as a violinist. In the backstage tour, we had the opportunity to view the stage equipment, different stations and where they store all the music. We would like to thank Mrs. Whyte for taking us to see the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, and for starting the Guitar Ensemble!

FACTS OF THE TSO

Approximately 37,000 young people participate in the TSO's curriculum-based education programs each season.

The TSO is a not-for-profit, charitable organization.

The TSO is one of Canada's longest-standing symphonic ensembles.



OLYMPICS

Pyeongchang Winter Olympics

MRS. BLACK'S CLASS OLYMPIC FRIENDSHIP DOOR

By: Sam J Gr. 7

In honor of the 2018 Winter Olympics in PyeongChang and our school's friendship door competition, Mrs. Black's class created an amazing and unique Olympic door design. We incorporated Olympics and how they bring friendships from far and wide together. On the door, we have a drawn poster with flags from all around the world, pictures of many Olympic sports and Olympic rings showing unity between 5 continents. We also have the two Olympic mascots, Soohorang and Bandabi holding hands with their names written in both English and Korean. Beside the door we are working on a globe with people, representing our class' students holding hands all around the world drawn by our class and a Maple leaf cutout. Athletes from all around the world meet at the Olympic Village and celebrate their country and sport, so that is why our class chose the Olympics for our door.

LUCA'S FACTS AND QUOTES

Hey Thornhill Woods! I'm Luca, and from now on, you'll be seeing my section of facts and quotes every month. To start off, since we recently had the Winter Olympics, I thought I'd share a cool fact with you about the Olympics. The gold medals haven't been made out of pure gold since the 1912 Stockholm Olympics. I also have another fact to share. Did you know about the sad fact that during the 1900 Paris games, they deliberately harmed animals... poor pigeons. Thankfully, that was the only event in history to ever do that.

THE TALLY BY JORDAN S GR.8

Our class is making a tally on how many gold, silver, and bronze medals Canada wins in the Olympics, so far it has been a success with them winning tons of medals already! We are doing this to show pride and love for Team Canada and their sportsmanship in the 2018 Pyeongchang Winter Games.

OLYMPICS

Pyeongchang Winter Olympics

SOOHORANG AND BANDABI TAKE OVER PYEONGCHANG

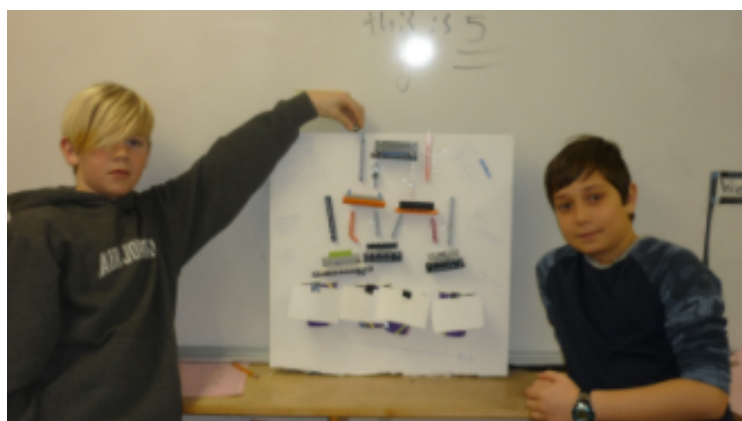
By: Sam J Gr. 7

The 2018 Winter Olympics in PyeongChang South Korea are expected to be a big hit! But no Olympic games are complete without their mascots! Meet Soohorang the official mascot and Bandabi the Paralympic mascot, a Mythical White Tiger and a Asiatic Black Bear. Soohorang and Bandabi have swept Korea and have had people fall in love with them worldwide. Soohorang is a the trustworthy mascot who protects athletes, spectators and all participating in the Olympic Games. Bandabi is the friendly mascot for the Paralympics, he has the shape of a half moon on his chest to give resolution and strong will to all participants. The dates the mascots were chosen were September 15, 2014 to September 30, 2014. On June 2, 2016, the Olympic Committee approved the mascots for the games. The symbols on their chests mean each mascot's name. "Sooho" is the Korean word for protection, and "Rang" comes from the Korean word for tiger, Bandabi's name is also formed from two Korean symbols: "Bandal" and "Bi" , the meaning "half-moon" to show the crescent on his chest. Bandabi is the 8th Paralympic mascot and Soohorang is the 13th mascot for the Olympics. Soohorang and Bandabi were designed by MASS & CG, a book company. We are so excited for the 2018 Winter Olympic Games, and Soohorang and Bandabi will see you there!



GRADE 6 MATH

PROBABILITY CENTRES



PROBABILITY CENTERS

BY: PRESLEY K & ETHAN B | GR 6

On February 21, our class presented the unique probability centres we built at home, and got to learn about probability in a fun and engaging way.

To start off, probability is the likelihood of something happening. Before this fun and exciting activity, we learned to describe how likely an event is to happen and how to express probability through fractions. In addition, we were also taught about theoretical and experimental probability.

Our teacher decided, since we were learning about probability, we could build our own fun activities that would test our knowledge of theoretical probability, and classmates got to test out others' activities first hand. Each center had a theoretical probability question that other classmates had to answer. After answering the question, students got to test the experimental probability activity. For example, for one of the activities, students would have to close their eyes and draw out of a piece of paper and depending on what it says on the paper, that is what flavor candy you win.



POPCORN SALES

By: Adam L | Gr.7

In Thornhill Woods Public School, in early February, our school sold delicious popcorn for \$1.50 each bag or \$5.00 for four bags. This initiative was suggested and purchased by Ms. Bader and carried out by Vice President of Healthy Living, Kiera B, and the Healthy Living Committee. The students loved the 6 amazing flavours; white cheddar, salt and vinegar, butter and salt, sriracha, dill pickle, and kettle corn. In the first three days there were only 4 flavours and they got completely sold out raising over \$550. Then they ordered an additional two flavours, Sriracha, and Dill Pickle. It has been a daily initiative for the month of February so far, and is hoping to be continued for the rest of the year. Much more money has been raised in the last 2 weeks. All of the proceeds are going to the Make a Wish Foundation, the schools charity focus for the year.



WINTER WALK

WRITTEN BY KIERA B | GR.7
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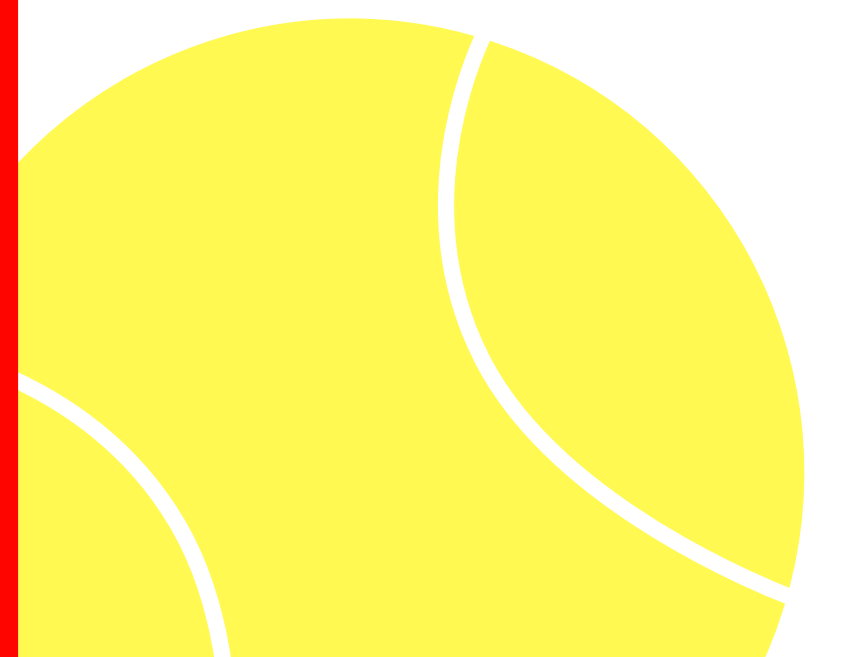
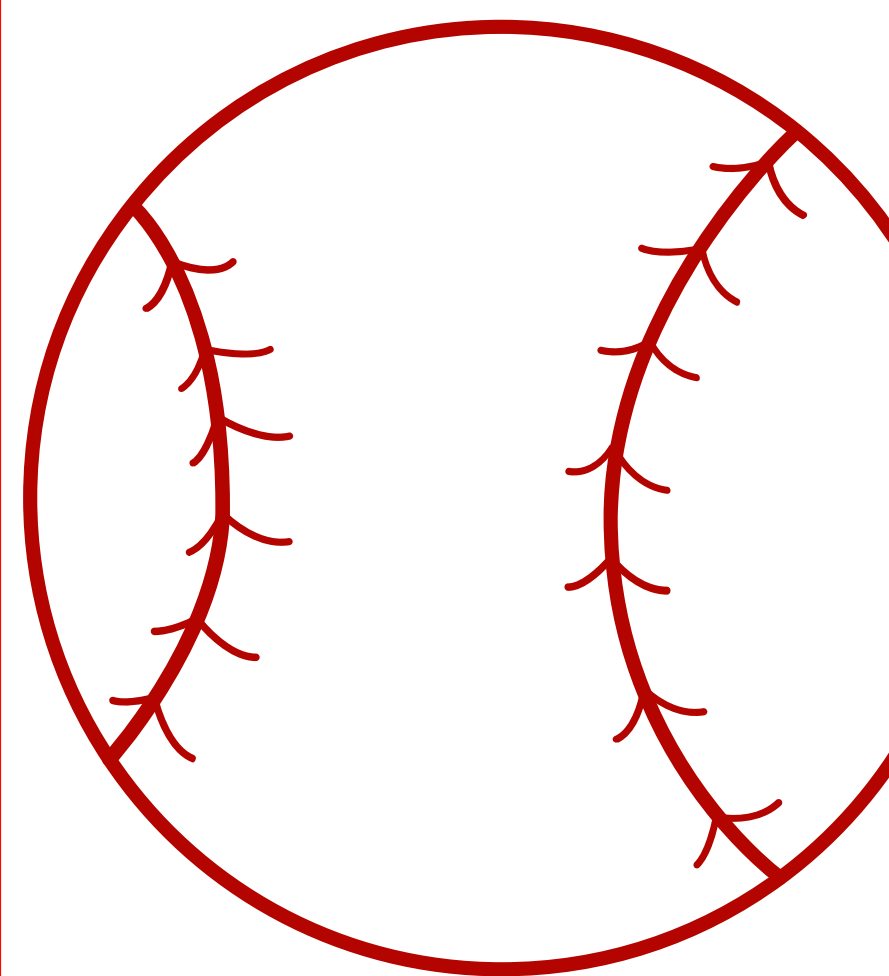
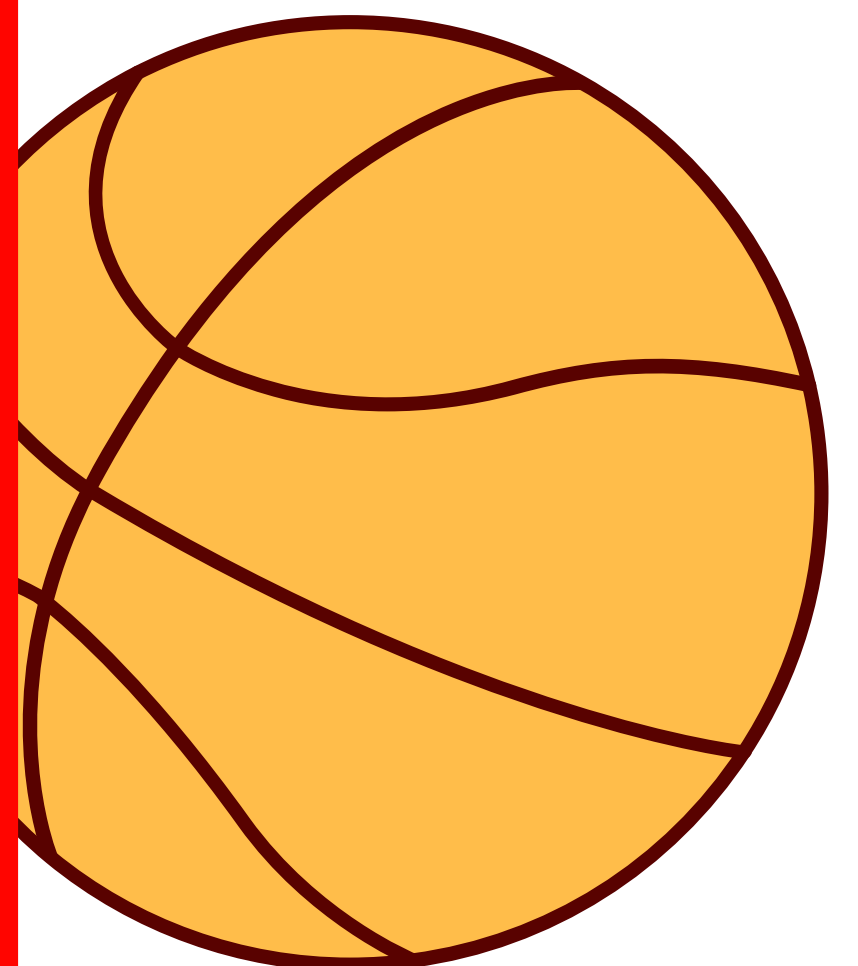
On Tuesday, February 13th, of 2018, everybody participated in a school-wide Winter Walk. Four routes were created by the Touchstone Council and Eco Committee members. This amazing event was organized by the Vice President of Eco, Jake R. and Vice President of Healthy Living, Kiera B. Each division (Kindergarten, Primary, Junior, and Intermediate) took different routes around the school. Everybody walked outside for 15-20 minutes. Junior and intermediate students took a longer route that went around field one, two, and three, while younger grades took shorter routes around the tarmac and field one. This walk was organized for the students to get more physical activity and enjoy the beautiful Canadian winter nature around us. Overall, the walk went very well. Many students enjoyed themselves and everybody went outside into the fresh air. The Touchstone Council is hoping to organize more walks, as warmer weather approaches.

SPORTS DAY

Written By: Adam L. | Gr.7

Thornhill Woods Public School held its annual Sports Day on the 22nd of February 2018.

Students came to school dressed in their favourite sportswear. This included toques, hats, jerseys, shirts, sweaters, and more. During this day, an unbelievable 327 students came to school showing their school spirit, dressed up in sportswear. Additionally, a total of approximately \$162 was raised to support the Make A Wish Foundation. We would like to thank the students who showed pride and sportsmanship and participated in this event as well as all the people who donated. Most of all, we would like to thank our school's Touchstone Council for holding this event and we hope that they hold more fun events like this one.



PINK SHIRT DAY

Bringing Awareness For Anti-Bullying

What Started Pink Day

BY: JAKE R | GR. 8

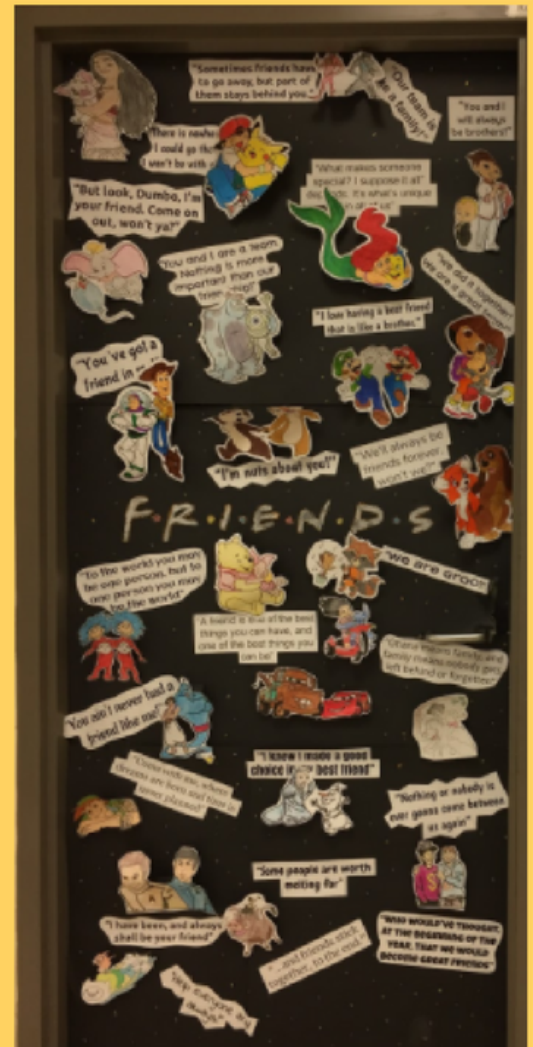
On February 28th, Thornhill Woods participated in Pink Shirt Day. This event started when a student in Nova Scotia was bullied for wearing a pink t-shirt. Two senior students at his school stood up to the bullies by getting 80% of the student body to wear pink. Our school stood up to bullying and wore pink. Students in Ms. Gallop’s and Mr. Moliterni’s class lead discussions about bullying. The topics addressed were being kind, avoiding conflict, not picking on others and accepting everyone. Each student at the school got to write a statement about bullying on a pink slip of paper. These papers were joined together to create one long chain.



Valentines Day

By Kabir P. | Gr. 7

FOR VALENTINE'S DAY, THERE WAS A DOOR DECORATING COMPETITION. EACH CLASS WAS ASKED TO CREATE AND DESIGN A DOOR BASED ON THE THEME OF "FRIENDSHIP". EVERY CLASS DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB OF DECORATING AND DESIGNING THEIR DOOR, AS EVERY DOOR DESIGN WAS ORIGINAL AND UNIQUE. IN EVERY CLASS, STUDENTS COLLABORATED WITH ONE ANOTHER AND PUT LOTS OF EFFORT AND HARD WORK INTO CREATING THEIR STUNNING DOOR. ON VALENTINE'S DAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018, MR. BIRENBAUM AND MRS. VANDERZON JUDGED THE DOORS MADE. AS A SCHOOL, WE ALL WANT TO THANK MR. BIRENBAUM AND MRS. VANDERZON FOR ORGANIZING ANOTHER DOOR DECORATING COMPETITION! EVERYONE ENJOYED THIS FUN-FILLED EVENT, AND WE HOPE TO HAVE MANY MORE HOLIDAY-RELATED ACTIVITIES IN THE NEAR FUTURE!



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