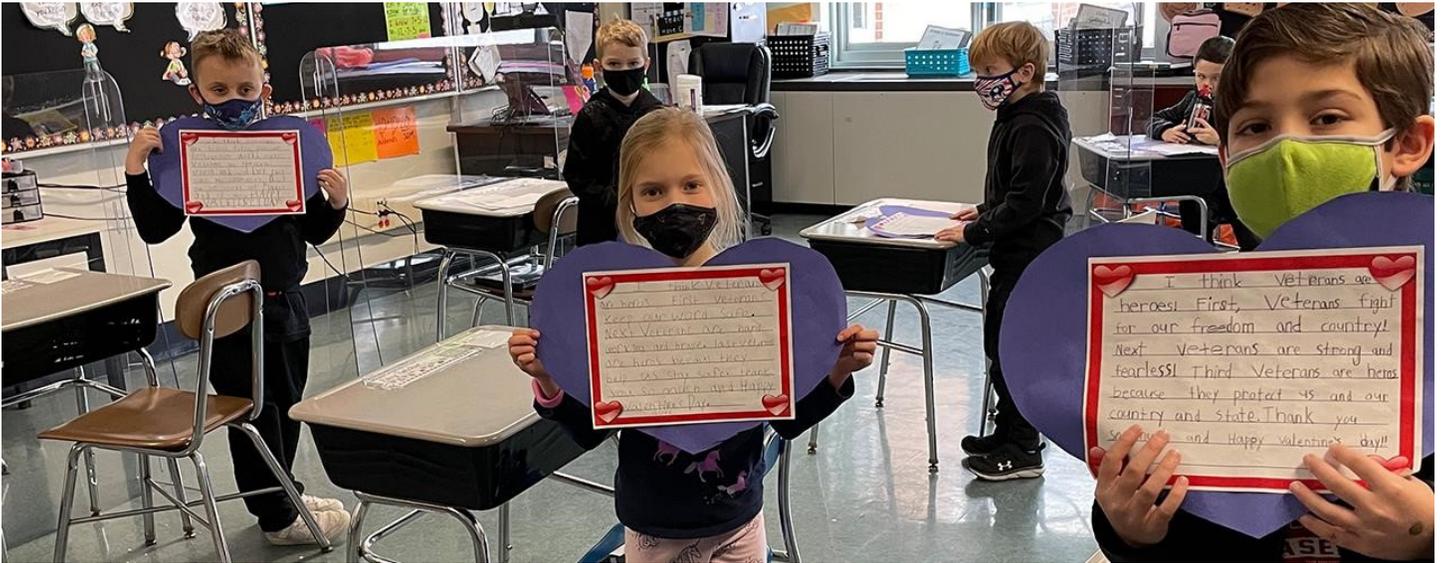


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Above: Students at Eggert Road Elementary School in the Orchard Park School District create Valentine Cards for Veterans.

Valentine's Day Fun Facts...

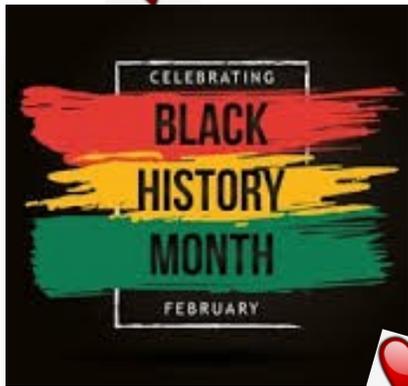
According to Hallmark, Americans send 145 million Valentine Cards every year. Teachers Received the most Valentine's Day cards, followed by children, mothers and wives...The first heart-shaped candy box was introduced by Richard Cadbury in 1861 - today over 36 million are sold annually. The Conversation Hearts started out as medical lozenges and were manufactured by the New England Confectionary Company or "Necco". They





have a shelf life of 5 years...43% of millennials chose Valentine's Day to get engaged...Men and women prefer candy to flowers....The favorite stand out in a box of chocolates is caramels, followed by chocolate-covered nuts, chocolate-filled, cream-filled, and coconut...3 in 10 Americans do not celebrate the holiday...Florists have their biggest day, selling 30% of their sales on this one day - followed by Christmas, then Mother's Day and Thanksgiving....California has the most chocolate makers (137) followed by Pennsylvania at (116)....Valentine Texas has a population of 125 people....Men found women wearing the color red or standing in front of red in a picture to be more sexually desirable...

Top Photo: Creative Display at Cheektowaga-Sloan School District. Middle Photo: National Honor Society Virtual Ceremony at Clarence Senior High School. Bottom Photo: Elementary Students in the Cheektowaga Sloan School District during their "If You Give a Child a Book" program.

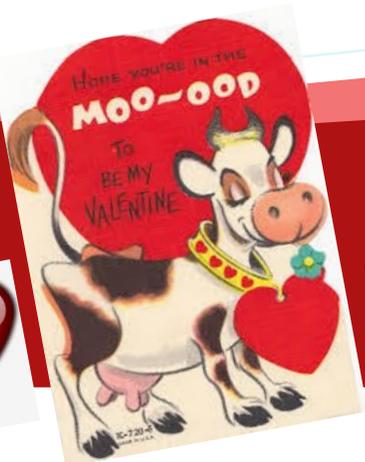


CHECK THIS OUT: <https://www.wscschools.org/cms/lib/NY02205793/Centricity/Domain/1006/2021%20Black%20History%20Month%20Slide%20Presentation.pdf>. *It is a BLACK HISTORY MONTH slide presentation on the West Seneca East High School Website! The program provides a brief historical perspective of Black History Month and highlights African Americans who are not only historical figures, but also contemporary figures.*



Faculty and Staff at Allendale Elementary School in the West Seneca Central School District celebrated Josh Allen Day as the Buffalo Bills entered the playoffs. Meanwhile the Faculty and Staff at Heim Middle School in the Williamsville CSD created their "Billie" video. I like the three staff members that celebrated with Chicken Wings from Duff's, Ted's Hot Dogs, Sponge Candy, Beef on Weck, and Bocce Pizza. <https://youtu.be/HkRq8v8hvIA>

In the KenTon UFSD the Annual Jerry Starr Sleep Out continued on February 5th. The proceeds benefited the Ken Ton Closet and the Family Support Center. If you would like to donate, go to the Ken Ton District website. Check out the video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_cQCsbVLBI&feature=emb_logo



Right: In the North Collins Central School District students were busy making treats for their Valentine's.





And the following letter from the Sweet Home School District elementary school principals provides guidance to parents regarding Valentine Day Celebrations in schools during COVID-19 pandemic to ensure that students and staff are kept safe, and yet are still able to take part in traditional activities.

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The 2020-2021 school year has demanded that our district institute new procedures and protocols to meet the challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, our goal throughout the year is to create the best student experience for each of our buildings. This year our buildings will be recognizing Valentine's Day and ask for your cooperation with the following protocols:

There will be no visitors or parent volunteers for classroom celebrations.

Students can bring in valentines for each of their classmates. (Teachers will send a list of students from each classroom)

All distributed materials should be sent into school by Tuesday February 9th (1 p.m.). This will ensure that 72 hours have passed before students receive anything from outside the building.

Any pre-packaged food distributed must be from the following list: Oreos, Honey Graham Crackers , Teddy Grahams, Pretzels , Raisins, Goldfish-original flavor only
As an alternative to food, parents may wish to consider sending in stickers, pencils, erasers, or other similar items.

We will not be able to accept or distribute anything received after February 9th. Any additional information regarding your child's classroom celebration will be sent by the classroom teacher via Seesaw messenger or email.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Warm Regards, Mrs. Dimitroff, Mr. Polino, Mr. Ryan, & Mr. Smorol



Top Left: At Cayuga Heights in the Depew UFSD students celebrate National Counselor Week (Feb 1st - 5th). Middle Left: A kindness tree at the Iroquois Middle School. Remaining pictures are from winter activities at Elma Primary school in the Iroquois Central School District.