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Represented in Community Parade: FLS Float

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Great Winter Events for Term 0105:

- * Get ready to ski!
- * See a popular winter sport: Hockey!
- * Catch good post-holiday sales!
- * Go ice skating with friends!
- * Join the FAN!

On December 4th, Lock Haven held a Christmas parade, a traditional event, and we were involved in a wonderful experience.

There were lots of floats (a float is a decorated flat bed truck or a trailer that looks like it is floating down the street). The fire department, the Lock Haven University Band, some elementary school students, and others participated in it, along with Santa Claus.

FLS also had a float. We

put a big Christmas tree and a table and chairs on it, which represented host families spending Christmas with international students. National flags decorated both sides of the float (FLS has seven nationalities, so we painted those flags).

The parade started at Handerson and Water Street. We wore FLS T-shirts and sat on the float and threw candy to the people on the roadside watching the parade!

While we were throwing the

candy, we sang Christmas songs and waved one of our hands like Miss America does. I've seen a parade but I've never participated in one, so it was amazing for me!! I think we made a good impression on Lock Haven residents! And we also made good memories.

St. Nicholas Day

By Haruka Iino

St. Nicholas was a bishop who lived during the 3rd century in Myra, a part of Asia Minor. Myra is a city on the southern Mediterranean seacoast (which is now Turkey). Since he was a child he wanted to be involved in religion and decided to be a person who helped the poor. That is why he is one of the

most popular saints.

After he had become bishop of Myra, he never forgot his decision he made when he had been a child — to make many people happy. He also gave presents to children. People really liked him, so people began to celebrate his life after he died.

This day is on December 6, and is called St. Nicholas day. The day is

celebrated mostly in Europe. In Germany, boys used to dress like bishops and beg for the poor. In the Netherlands, people share candies. Children there leave their shoes out so that St. Nick may leave a small gift.

To learn more, visit
www.stnicholascenter.org

I'm Waiting for Santa!

by Hirokazu Onoe

I think everybody knows who the hero is on Christmas day: Santa Claus! But only few know where he is from and who he really was.

If you want to request many presents from him, you need to know more about him.

In 18th century Myra (Turkey), there were many slaves. Saint Nicholas was a priest. He always helped people who suffered from discrimination and disease. One day, a man who was slave had three girls with no dowries, so they could-

n't marry. After St. Nicholas heard about it, he went to their house late at night and anonymously threw three bags of gold through a window. One miraculous thing happened: those three bags fell into girls' stockings or shoes that were drying by the fire! You may already have noticed that this story is the beginning of Santa Claus. This is the original Santa!!

The
St.
Nick

Do you know who
Santa Claus
really is?

image has evolved since then, and now he lives at the North Pole and has to feed eight reindeer that like snow and cold weather. And now you usually won't hear about him at any time except during the Christmas season.

Do you have plans for the Holidays? Whatever you do, please make a wish list for Santa, go to bed early, and leave milk and cookies on the table for him. When you wake up on December 25th, you might be surprised with what you find under the tree!

Chocolate Heaven at Hershey Park

By Kyo Dong Kum (Jeff)

Do you like Hershey chocolate? I think that most of you have tasted Hershey chocolate bars or "Kisses", the most popular products of Hershey's. Hershey Park and Hershey's Chocolate World are in Pennsylvania. Even though the FLS activity was cancelled, I went to Hershey park with Hirokazu and my host family on December 11 anyway.

Hershey Park is actually a very historic and famous amusement park in the U.S. Milton S. Hershey, who was the founder of Hershey chocolate, had success in the milk chocolate industry in early 20th century. He

dreamed of making a community around his factory, and constructed a small amusement park for his workers in 1907. It has since expanded and become the popular amusement park we know today.

Hershey Park is near Harrisburg, probably two and a half hours from Lock Haven. After visiting great shopping malls in Harrisburg, we went to Hershey Park in the evening. First, we went into the Hershey's Chocolate World filled with a bunch of chocolates and their sweet smell. We rode a tour tram through the chocolate factory and learned the history of

Hershey chocolate and the process of making it. It was awesome! And although we didn't do this, you can also make your own chocolate with your name printed on it.

After that, we went to the amusement park itself. It was decorated with Christmas ornaments and lights, so at night it was really beautiful. And there were many attractions. We could look at real reindeer - it was my first time to see them.

It was a cold day but a really interesting one. I strongly recommend visiting this place. I think it is educational and you will have a lot of fun!

Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 150-200 words.

One benefit of using your newsletter as a promotional tool is that you can reuse content from other marketing materials, such as press releases, market studies, and reports.

While your main goal of distributing a newsletter might be to sell your product or service, the key to a successful newsletter is making it useful to your readers.

A great way to add useful content to your newsletter is to develop and write your own articles, or include a

calendar of upcoming events or a special offer that promotes a new product.

You can also research articles or find "filler" articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of topics but try to keep your articles short.

Much of the content you put in your newsletter can also be used for your Web site. Microsoft Publisher offers a simple way to convert your newsletter to a Web publication. So, when you're finished writing your newsletter, con-

vert it to a Web site and post it.

Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 100-150 words.

The subject matter that appears in newsletters is virtually endless. You can include stories that focus on current technologies or innovations in your field.

You may also want to note business or economic trends, or make predictions for your customers or clients.

If the newsletter is distributed inter-

nally, you might comment upon new procedures or improvements to the business. Sales figures or earnings will show how your business is growing.

Some newsletters include a column that is updated every issue, for instance, an advice column, a book review, a letter from the president, or an editorial. You can also profile new

employees or top customers or vendors.

"To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here."

Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 75-125 words.

Selecting pictures or graphics is an important part of adding content to your newsletter.

Think about your article and ask yourself if the picture supports or enhances the message you're trying to convey. Avoid selecting images that appear to be out of context.



Caption describing picture or graphic.

Microsoft Publisher includes thousands of clip art images from which you can choose and import into your newsletter.

There are also several tools you can use to draw

shapes and symbols.

Once you have chosen an image, place it close to the article. Be sure to place the caption of the image near the image.

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How many languages can you say, "Merry Christmas" in? Even though most countries say it in English, here it is in each language. If you can say everything, you must be clever. Let's try them!!

by Hirokazu Onoe

Kurisumasu Omedetou! (Japanese)

Sung Tan Chuk Ha! (Korean)

Joyeux Noel et Bonne Annee! (French)

Noeliniz Ve Yeni Yiliniz Kutlu Olsun! (Turkish)

Fröhliche Weihnachten und ein glückliches Neues Jahr!
(German)

Sretan Bozic! (Croatian)

Feliz Navidad y Prospero Ano Nuevo! (Spanish)

Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo! (Italian)

Pozdrevlyayu s prazdnikom Rozhdestva i s Novin
Godom! (Russian)

Shen Den Chei Kwi Loa! (Taiwanese)

Crossing Cultures and Ages: An Elementary School Visit

by Yi Chieh Huang (Una)

Last week we went to an elementary school to teach different cultures. Students from Taiwan talked about the Chinese New Year, the Koreans taught children how to use chopsticks, and the Japanese taught them how to fold paper (origami). The students from Chili, Columbia, and Venezuela played games with Salsa music and taught them some Spanish.

This was a great opportunity to introduce my country. Taiwan is a small, flourishing island where some Chinese customs and traditions remain. On the first

day, we introduced the origin of the Chinese New Year and handwriting decorations because Chinese New Year is the most significant festival in China. However, I didn't prepare colorful pictures for some things that were difficult to describe, so it was harder to explain. We repeated the same content six times in different classrooms, so everyone was exhausted by the end of the morning. Some students were very loud and active.

On the second day, I changed the topic to Chinese writing. When words first came about, they were made by imitating true objects. We call these "pictographs".

For example, the character for "moon" was made from the picture of a moon; the character for "turtle" was made from the picture of a turtle. No wonder one student said that Chinese characters are just like the actual pictures. It's very interesting that we still use this kind of old character system nowadays. Not only students but also teachers were curious about these simple words. The young kids were lovely and they didn't have as many questions as the higher grades did. All in all, it was a neat experience for FLS students, and I hope all the kids liked it.
