

IMPACT

To have a strong effect on someone or something.

5 Crazy Facts About Christmas!

By: Ellie Fredrickson

1. Early illustrations of St. Nicholas make him out to be a stern symbol of discipline rather than the jolly, overweight elf that children know today.
2. Engineers that designed the Voyager Space Mission planned things out so it would avoid planetary encounters during Thanksgiving and Christmas.
3. There is a village in Peru where people settle the previous year's grudges by fist fighting. They then start the new year off on a clean slate.
4. Telling scary ghost stories is an old Christmas Eve tradition that has died out in the past century.
5. Some zoos accept donated Christmas trees as food for their animals.



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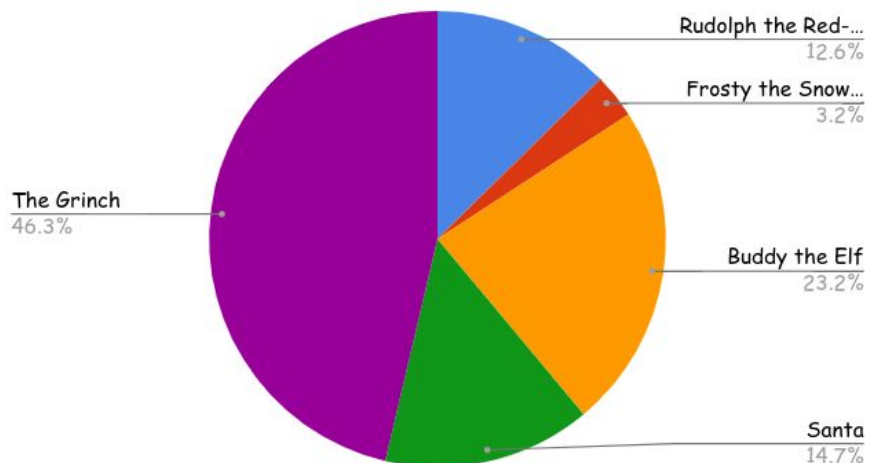
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December Poll

By: Marie DiPaola and Quinn Benolkin

We polled students: "Who is your favorite Christmas Movie Character?"
Here are the results:

Who is your favorite Christmas movie character?



Activities

Trivia

By: Maggie Flicek

1. After leaving Bethlehem, to which country did Joseph, Mary, and Jesus travel?
2. Christmas is celebrated on the 25th of December. Who is the patron saint remembered on the 26th of December?
3. Which country does St. Nicholas originally belong to?
4. What is the name of Ebenezer Scrooge's partner, from the play, *A Christmas Carol*?
5. Which was the last state in the United States that declared Christmas a legal holiday?

Have answers in by Wednesday, December 20th. Prizes this month are a no homework pass for the K-3rd grade winner and the 4th-8th grade winner!



Coloring Contest

By: Mikayla Simones



Coloring Contest entries are due Wednesday, December 20th this month. Prizes are a prize of your choice for the K-3rd grade winner and the 4th-8th grade winner.

