

**Delaware 411**

**December 2024**



**Christmas time is here to celebrate all the festivities like Secret Santa, baking cookies, seeing your family, and so many more Christmas activities. Christmas is a wonderful time of the year. By Kelsie**

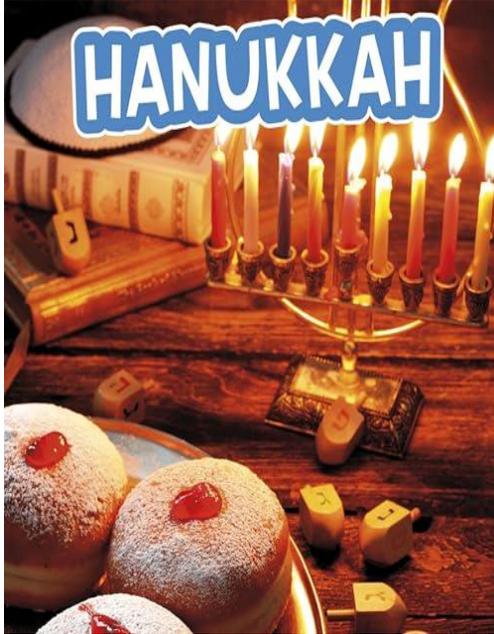


**Christmas is Near  
by Hunter**

**Christmas is almost here, everyone cheers, everyone celebrates and waits for presents under their tree, and spends time with their family and plays with the toys they got then they must wait 365 days for their new presents**

**HOHOHO Christmas is almost here. Christmas is a holiday on December 25 every year but one year it was not a holiday on December 25, 301 AD-400 AD Christmas was just made into a holiday. Jesus was born on Christmas. By Logan**

December 25, 2024? By Kelsie



Hanukkah is a loved Jewish holiday Hanukkah has eight days of celebration this year Hanukkah starts on December 25 which has not happened since 2005 this year Hanukkah ends January 2 that's the day after the start of the new year.

Hanukkah also has many fun celebrations like each night you light one of the nine candles except for the first night on the first night of Hanukkah you light two

candles you also open a present each night for the eight days.

Hanukkah also has some fun foods like latke, it's a potato pancake they also have Sufganiyot which is a jelly doughnut, beef brisket, matzo ball soup, and challah which is a braided egg bread.

A fun Hanukkah game is dreidel its where a player spins the dreidel depending on which side it stops on the player will either gets or receives game pieces from the pot.

<https://www.dogonews.com/2024/12/6/hanukkah-will-start-on-christmas-day-for-the-first-time-since-2005>

## New Years Eve by Emma



DID YOU KNOW  
NEW YEAR'S  
EVE IS ALWAYS  
ON THE 31ST OF  
DECEMBER?  
THAT'S  
BECAUSE THE

NEW YEAR STARTS ON JANUARY 1ST. DID YOU ALSO  
KNOW THAT BACK IN THE DAY IT WASN'T CALLED NEW  
YEARS EVE? IT WAS CALLED HOGMANAY! ABOUT 4,000  
YEARS AGO THE BABYLONIANS HAD THE FIRST NEW  
MOON FOLLOWING THE VERNAL EQUINOX ON THE DAY IN  
LATE MARCH WITH AN EQUAL AMOUNT OF SUNLIGHT  
AND DARKNESS. THAT'S WHEN THEY WOULD START THE  
NEW YEAR. IN CHINA THEY WOULD DO SOMETHING  
CALLED CHINESE NEW YEAR. IN CHINESE NEW YEAR AS  
A GIFT, THEY WOULD EXCHANGE A PAIR OF MANDARIN  
ORANGES AND RED PACKETS WITH AN EVEN AMOUNT OF  
MONEY INSIDE. THEY WOULD ALSO DO A LION AND  
DRAGON DANCE, WHICH IS A BIG PUPPET WITH PEOPLE  
INSIDE MOVING IT AROUND. NEW YEAR'S EVE IS A TIME  
WHERE YOU CAN SPEND TIME WITH YOUR FAMILY AND  
FRIENDS.

**HOPE YOU HAD FUN LEARNING ABOUT NEW YEAR'S EVE.**

# Welcome to DVES Mrs. Ryder by Jaelynn



Mrs. Ryder is another new teacher here at DVES. Mrs. Ryder became a life skills teacher because she had important teachers in her life and wanted to be important to another child. She went to ESBGU college Mrs. Ryder had to work very hard to achieve her goal of being a life skills teacher. Mrs. Ryder grew up in Montague, New Jersey. This is Mrs. Ryder's first year in life skills. Mrs. Ryder has 6 fantastic students. Mrs. Ryder says the hardest part of doing her job is

balancing everyone's schedule. Mrs. Ryder says her favorite part of her job is her students. Mrs. Ryder's birthday is April 10. Mrs. Ryders favorite book is the Hunger games series. Mrs. Ryder worked as a teacher at DDPS



## Welcome to DVES Ms. Pridham

Ms. Pridham is one of the new teachers here at DVES Mrs. Pridham struggled to read as a child, so she wanted to make reading easier for children. When she was a little girl, she wanted to be a teacher. Her teacher in Maryland inspired her to become a teacher. Mrs. Pridham went to college in 1991; she went to William Patterson in NJ. She got her teaching degree in Maryland at Hood College.

Ms. Pridham has been a reading teacher for 17 years. Mrs. Pridham's favorite part of teaching is watching a student's face light up when they accomplish something they didn't think they could do.

Ms. Pridham's hobbies are reading, crafts, playing with her dog and spending time with her family. Ms. Pridham has two children; her daughter is 21 and her son is 35. Her favorite book is book 4 in the Harry Potter series, and her favorite place to go is the beach.

## Holiday Poem by Jackson



Reindeer, Reindeer,

What a delight to all!

The kids love it, but the reindeer  
do not have magic of their own!

They do have some spirit then  
when Christmas comes the king of  
the winter comes out!

Santa Claus with a swift move he  
says, “On Rudolph, on Dasher, on  
Dancer, on Prancer, on Vixen, on  
Comet, on Cupid, on Donner, and  
Blitzen!”

## 2024 **Comedy Wildlife Photo Winners** by Hunter

There are many wildlife photos but here are the winners of the COMEDY photo shoot!



Here's two more pictures and my personal favorites!



Those are funny, no wonder they were some of the winning pictures. The people who took these did a great job!



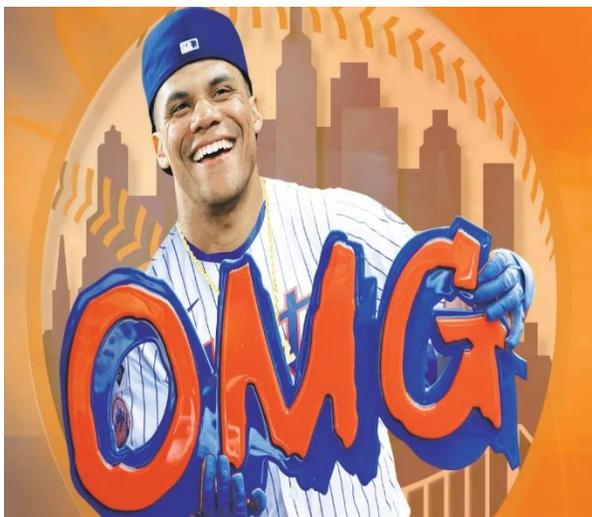


## **Kwanzaa by Hunter**

Kwanzaa is through Thu, Dec 26, 2024 – Wed, Jan1. Kwanzaa was created in 1966 by Mulan Ron. **The**

**colors are black, green and red. Kwanzaa centers around seven principles.** To honor the ancestors, affirm the bonds between them, and to celebrate African and African American culture.

## **JUAN SOTO Juan just got traded to the New York Mets. He signed a**



**contract for a WHOPPING \$765 million dollars. Juan was born in the Dominican Republic. Soto had a dance called the Soto Shuffle. He did most times there was a ball in the dirt. His current team is the New York Mets number 22 as a Right fielder. He got drafted to the Washington Nationals in 2018. He joined the Mets on December 9, 2024.**

**By Killian**



## The Naked Bagel by Hunter

**December 6<sup>th</sup> DV/TV  
reporters went to the  
Naked Bagel. The**

**students' names are Hunter Conklin,  
Emma Hill, Sarah Garrity, Colt Allen,  
Aubrey Guliano, and Mackenzie Flood.  
They interviewed Mr. Scott Oliver, the  
owner of Naked Bagel who showed the  
student how to make a bagel, the bagel he  
made was the fruity tutti. The oven  
reached 600 degrees Fahrenheit, and they  
do not boil the bagels they make, and they  
don't roll the bagels by hand, they use a  
machine. The Everything bagel is the most  
popular and the liverwurst is the least  
popular item in the store. His family  
members all work there, and he has a fun  
time working with them!**

# All about the fifth-grade teachers!

By Lihanna



**Mrs. Moglia:** I asked some questions like what your favorite color and she said, "it's red and blue." I also asked how long you have been teaching and she said, "30 years!" Her favorite day is Friday and her least favorite is Monday. Mrs. Moglia's favorite holiday is Christmas. Her favorite food is seafood.

**MRS. KUDRICH:** My favorite colors are purple and blue. She has been teaching for 35 years. Her favorite food is peanut butter, and her favorite holiday is Halloween. She went to Wilkes University.

**Ms. Atchison:** Ms. Atchison has been teaching for 20 years. Her favorite food is tacos, and her favorite day is Saturday, and her least favorite day is Monday. I asked why did you become a teacher? and she said, "I like to learn and watching the students learn." Her favorite animal is a cat.

## The 2024-2025 News Crew

Wishes you a wonderful winter break and  
fabulous New Year!

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