

The Tiger Tribune

Letter from The Editor:

It's January! While January is always an exciting month (new beginnings, new year's resolutions, start of a new semester, etc.), this year it is extra special because we've entered a new decade as well! Ten clean, brand new years just waiting for us to fill them with amazing new memories. In this month's issue of the Tiger Tribune, we have two very inspiring short stories, articles on fun January holidays, jokes, and more! As always, if you would like to contribute to our newsletter, information is provided on the last page.

The staff of the Tiger Tribune wishes everyone a Happy New Year (and decade!) and hopes you enjoy this issue!

Sincerely,
Jannah Khan
Editor-in-Chief
The Tiger Tribune

January Survey/Staff Question

By Rida Abdulwasay

"What is your favorite memory of the previous decade?"

Amir	My favorite memory in the past decade would be my recent visit to Disneyland, where I proved that I wasn't a wimp and went on all of the roller coasters.
Anaya	Hmmm, this is a difficult one. I guess my favorite memory was when I got to go to Disneyland and they had decorated Space Mountain as a Star Wars Adventure. They called it "Hyperspace Mountain". Haha!
Melody Moy	When I got two new baby cousins
Emily Lunger	My favorite memory of the previous decade was going to Washington, DC in 2017 to advocate for people living with epilepsy.
Thanhthanh Nguyen	Welcoming new people into my life! My brother was born in 2014, and I met so many great people over the last decade who encourage me and watch over me. I am very grateful to them all.

Pizza Week

By Amir Chermat



As I write this article, I find myself wishing for pizza. Of course it's not unusual to crave for crisp oven-baked dough covered with melted cheese, perhaps topped off with pepperoni or your topping of choice; I also began thinking about why I wanted pizza so much. Of course it's not unusual to crave for crisp oven-baked dough covered with melted cheese, everyone gets it; pizza is delicious. However, there's more than just taste involved with humankind's almost natural love for pizza. Pizza is ingrained in our history. New York City is known for two things; rude people and their deep dish pizza. Almost every movie you see will have pizza in some shape or form. Another reason we could love pizza so much is because pizza is often thought of as a treat. How many times have you been told, "if you're good, we'll go out for pizza?" Or maybe you associate Friday with pizza nights. (Both of them are a salvation after the weekdays, so potato potato-oh.) Whatever the reason may be, society clearly has a deep love for pizza. So, on Sunday, January 13, take that love for pizza and shove it in your mouth.

Strange New Year's Traditions

By Rida Abdulwasay

For most of us, New Year's Eve is a time of happiness and celebration. The sky is lit up with brightly colored fireworks, people are laughing, families are bonding, and gifts are being exchanged. All around you, people are having a great time. The possibilities are endless and there is no definite way to celebrate New Year's Eve. People all over the world celebrate in different ways. Each tradition is unique in its own respect and is valuable to many people.

Here are six remarkable New Year traditions from around the world:

Dropping Ice Cream

In Switzerland, people actually drop scoops of ice cream on the floor. For some people, this might be a dream come true. It's literally raining ice cream!



Coin Cake

In Bolivia, people put coins in their cakes on New Year's. It is thought that whoever gets a slice with a coin embedded in it will have good luck for a year!



Bread Fight

In Ireland, people throw bread against the wall on New Year's to "ward off evil spirits." Talk about superstitious!



Cracking Dishes

In Denmark, people crack dishes and tableware against their neighbor's houses. Strangely, the family who breaks the most dishes is considered lucky, and neighbors whose homes have been hit are proud.



Water Fight

In Thailand, people smear gray talc and throw buckets of water on each other on New Year's.



Ball Drop

Every year at midnight, New York drops its Times Square Ball for 60 seconds. The ball descends a total of 141 feet!



Amelia Earhart's Greatest Flights

By Melody Moy

Amelia Earhart is known for being lost at sea, but she's also known for being an inspirational role model before that happened. She accomplished so much before she died in such a short time span, and we want to commemorate her for it. First of all, she was the first in breaking many records, such as: The first woman to fly the Atlantic, the shortest time to cross the Atlantic, the first person to cross the Pacific, the first person to fly from Los Angeles to Mexico City, and the first person to fly from Mexico City to Newark, New Jersey. She was even the first person to fly from California to Hawaii! There seemed to be nothing Amelia Earhart could not do. She spoke to kids everywhere and even made a visit with President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Amelia wanted to reach for the skies. Her last flight was in 1937 with her coworker Noonan. She planned to fly around the world. She made it across Africa, Asia, and New Guinea. On July 2, they planned to go to Howland Island. It was in the Pacific Ocean, but Amelia and Noonan disappeared on that flight. Nobody has heard from them since that day. Earhart was officially declared dead in 1939. While it was notable that she got lost at sea, the fact that she accomplished so much in her short life is even more noteworthy. And like all people, she had her quirks, like drinking hot chocolate on her long flights and not wearing goggles. She also refused to drink tea and coffee. She was a person just like us, and was very motivated to reach for the skies.

The Importance of Anger Management

By Jannah Khan

Sometimes, I come across articles, witness people arguing against something they don't know about, or see someone blaming someone else for something that isn't their fault, and it makes me really sad. Why are people so desperate to attack and blame others for their problems? Why does fear outweigh people's sense of justice? Why do people form opinions on matters that they are really uneducated on?

These people need to learn that the world isn't black and white. There are many shades of gray in between. They need to learn respect. Everyone, even your worst enemy, has emotions. As long as they are human, they can feel, and no matter how much you hate them, you must come out better on top by being the one who respects them, and takes the time to get to know them for who they see themselves as, and not how you see them.

Because, in truth, there isn't just good and bad in the world - it's all just different points of view.

Everyone has a different way of thinking. If, instead of yelling curses at each other, people sat down and talked out their problems, rationally and maturely, the world might be an easier place to live in. So many times, people who are hurt hurt others because they have no other way to vent their fury. While this is understandable, it's wrong. That's continuing the cycle. That's ensuring that a chain of hurting will extend forever into infinity because no one stops the hurt. Anger doesn't help anybody. Anger only hurts, and destroys all that may have been good. The tiniest slip of temper can ruin a friendship, end a relationship, or sever ties. Anger management is difficult but necessary.

Strength is shown not in how many pounds you can lift, but by your ability to hold in your emotions when you are raging, because it's very often that anything you say while angry is something you will regret.

"A moment of patience in a moment of anger prevents a thousand moments of regret."

Thank you for listening!

Jannah

The Time I Misjudged Someone

By Sahar Farooq

Ever since I misjudged the girl who turned out to be my best friend, I have tried my best not to judge someone before I get to know them. I am not, and I never have been, a very prejudiced person. I always try to be fair when judging someone I just met, but when the new girl Amanda joined my school in the middle of fifth grade, I was anything but rational.

When I was a ten year old fifth grader going to a private school in Dubai, I was a simple happy girl. I had a lot of friends, but none of them were really close to me. My friends found me trustworthy, but they didn't always tell me everything. I was good at sports, I got high grades, and I was basically happy with life the way it was. That was until Amanda came along.

Amanda was the prettiest girl in class. She was smart, funny, and basically everything I wanted to be but couldn't be. Every time she looked at me, she squinted, making my spine tingle. She almost never said a nice thing to me; she always spoke rudely. Everybody liked her and tried to get on her good side. Everybody but me. I hated her.

A few years later, I began to notice a few changes. Amanda wasn't as rude to me as she was before, and she didn't tease me as often, although she still squinted at me. I tried talking to her and was surprised to find that I actually liked her. I asked her why she squinted at me, and she seemed shocked that I noticed. She told me she was short sighted, and her Mom often told her that she was squinting, despite her trying her best not to. When I asked her why she teased me so much, she said she always teases people she likes.

From that day onwards, Amanda became my friend. Ever since I misjudged her, I have made it a rule of my life to never "judge a book by its cover" and to always give everyone a fair chance. Amanda is now my best friend - she has been for the last two years - and we might have been friends for longer if I hadn't let my pride get the better of me.

My Life-changing Experience

By Sahar Farooq

For a huge portion of my life, I was never grateful for what I had. My parents treated me like a princess, giving me almost everything I wanted. Looking back on my life now, I can't believe that that spoiled girl who had more clothes than her wardrobe could fit was me.

Back when I was a ten-year-old girl in fifth grade, I used to go to a private school in Dubai. Almost all my friends had their own phones, so I thought I'd ask my parents. My mom told me to ask my dad, and my dad refused. I remember I was mad for days, screaming and showing tantrums. My dad said I was too young, and that no one under the age of 16 should have a phone.

I was upset for days after that, not laughing or smiling the way I usually did. I was hoping my dad would give in, but he wouldn't budge. My parents started giving the family lectures on being grateful for what we had, but I knew that they were aimed at me so I never paid any attention.

That summer, we flew for Pakistan for our summer vacation, and I was complaining because our car's AC wasn't working and the sun was scorching me. My mom pointed out of the window towards a group of badly sunburnt men who were walking without shoes. They were smiling. I stared at them, ashamed of myself and extremely grateful for the shoes covering my feet.

A few days later, I saw an elderly man with a missing hand. He was playing with his eight-year-old grandson, looking perfectly happy. It was that day that brought a new meaning into my life and taught me to look at things from a different perspective. That experience taught me that material things don't necessarily make me happy, but that happiness comes from within. I am no longer selfish, extravagant and bratty; rather, I am kind, compassionate, and grateful for everything I have.

Audrey Hepburn: A Cultural Icon

By Emily Lunger

If you are an avid movie-watcher, you may recognize a certain similarity in the following film titles: Breakfast at Tiffany's, Roman Holiday, Sabrina, Two for the Road, Funny Face -- the list goes on. Though their plots and settings differ, each of the films listed features Audrey Hepburn as the famed lead actress. Audrey Hepburn's prolific film repertoire established her as one of the greatest actresses during Hollywood's Golden Age, and as the twenty-seventh anniversary of her death approaches this January, we are reminded of the significant cultural impact this film icon made through her cinematic

achievements and humanitarian efforts alike.

Before becoming an actress, Audrey Hepburn pursued ballet studies in London. This exposure to performing arts eventually led to her being cast as the lead role in the Broadway musical, *Gigi*. Hepburn's first large role in a film was in *Roman Holiday* alongside co-star Gregory Peck. The great amount of success that Audrey Hepburn experienced from her roles in *Gigi* and *Roman Holiday* allowed her to establish herself as a skillful actress, and through determination and her passion for acting, Hepburn managed to win a myriad of other memorable roles, for instance, the distinctive Holly Golightly in *Breakfast at Tiffany's* and the bold Eliza Doolittle in *My Fair Lady*. These cinematic achievements have endured in our culture today, and their lead star, Audrey Hepburn, remains an embodiment of cinematic greatness.

In addition to being a talented actress, Audrey Hepburn was also a charitable humanitarian who traveled throughout the world supporting causes such as UNICEF. As a devoted supporter of UNICEF, Hepburn helped with funding and raising awareness of children's rights. She had the opportunity of advocating for children before the US Congress and was later awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1992. Moreover, through Audrey Hepburn's work in humanitarian causes and her roles in timeless films, she has managed to secure herself a place as a cultural icon in today's modern society.

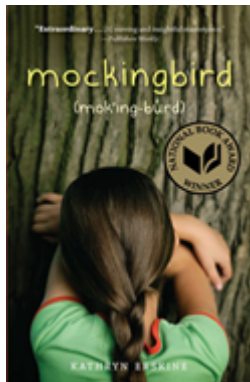


The Book Column: January Edition

By Tasneem Nasim

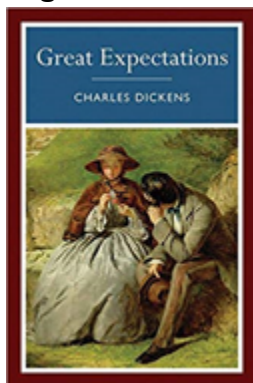
The month of January marks the beginning of a new year (and this time, a new decade!) - a clean slate ready for a new beginning, and the start of a second semester at CWCS! It's a time of "new year's resolutions" and hustle to transition between, hopefully, a fun filled Winter Break and a busy, productive Spring semester. January also happens to be National Book Month! This month's book choices follow the theme of new beginnings. Here are two selected books to help kick off the semester!

Middle Schoolers: *Mockingbird* by Kathryn Erskine



This National Book Award winning novel tells the story of ten-year-old Caitlin Smith, who has Asperger's syndrome. The world, according to her, is black and white, good or bad. At the age of three, Caitlin loses her mother to cancer, and as a result, is very attached to her older brother Devon, her only source of stability and support when things are gray (confusing in Caitlin's world). But when Devon and two others are dead after a horrific school shooting, Caitlin's already confusing world turns upside down. Caitlin wants her life to go back to the way it was before, but doesn't know how to do exactly that. She soon discovers the word closure, and realizes that it is what she needs. And on her way to find closure and begin a new chapter of her life, she realizes that life is not black and white, but full of color. I read this book in 5th grade and it has, ever since, been one of my favorite books. Caitlin's pain, sadness, and joy can be felt throughout the novel- be prepared to be moved to tears!

High schoolers: Great Expectations by Charles Dickens



This classic novel written by Charles Dickens tells the story of Pip- an orphan boy adopted by his unpleasant sister and her husband- who has good luck and great expectations, but soon loses both. One day, Pip helps a convict escape by bringing him food and a file for his leg irons. The convict protects Pip by claiming to have stolen the items himself, but this experience sticks with Pip for the rest of his life. Later, he is requested to pay visits to Miss Havisham, an elderly woman who is rich but driven half-mad, and her orphaned ward, Estella. Pip, an ordinary young man, falls in love with Estella, a beautiful rich young woman, but is turned down. Pip is crushed but decides to try to become a gentleman-which he believes will give him a chance with Estella-but he doesn't have enough money to become one. Surprisingly, he comes into fortune by

means of an anonymous benefactor and heads to London to become a gentleman. There is a surprise twist in the end, but you'll have to find that out by reading the book yourself! Readers have also voted Great Expectations as their favorite work by Charles Dickens. As you follow the life of Pip, and his pursuit of his ambition and desire to raise himself, think about your dreams and goals, and how they affect those around you, and yourself.

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The Letterbox

Q: Why did the students eat their homework?

A: Because the teacher told them it was a piece of cake!

- Submitted by Emily Moy

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