

Tiger Tribune

Letter from The Editor:

Welcome to the February edition of *The Tiger Tribune*! In this month's issue, you will find some historical articles tied to February, funny holidays, book suggestions, poems, and more! As you know, we are always open to new writers joining our staff - just follow the directions at the end of the newsletter, or, if you don't want to be a staff writer but want to contribute jokes or short stories, the instructions for that too are at the end. We wish you a happy new month and hope you enjoy this issue!

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



January Survey/Staff Question

By Rida Abdulwasay

“What's your favorite funny joke (for friends) or pickup line (for Valentine's Day)?”

Amir	"Are you a cat? Because I'm feline a connection between us."
Anaya	As a casual joke or you're just desperate, I really like this pickup line: "I'm trash, take me out." 10/10 best pick up line.
Rida	Joke: "A magician tells his audience, "I will disappear on the count of three." He begins to count down in Spanish. "Uno.....dos....." And then he disappears, without a tres.
Anonymous 1	A wise friend once said, "We live in a liberal state. Freedom of speech through censorship."
Anonymous 2	Are you from McDonald's? Cause I'm lovin' it!
Melody Moy	Q: What does a bear wear on his feet? A: Nothing. He has bare feet.

Notable Dates of February

By Abdallah Khan

February 1, 2003 - Sixteen minutes before it was scheduled to land, the Space Shuttle *Columbia* broke apart in flight over west Texas, killing all seven crew members. The accident may have resulted from damage caused during liftoff when a piece of insulating foam from the external fuel tank broke off, piercing a hole in the shuttle's left wing that allowed hot gases to penetrate the wing upon re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere.

February 2, 1990 - In South Africa, the 30-year-old ban on the African National Congress was lifted by President F.W. de Klerk, who also promised to free Nelson Mandela and remove restrictions on political opposition groups.

February 3, 1870 - The 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, guaranteeing the right of citizens to vote, regardless of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

February 4, 1985 - Twenty countries in the United Nations signed a document entitled "Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment."

February 8, 1910 - The Boy Scouts of America was founded by William Boyce in Washington, D.C., modeled after the British Boy Scouts.

All dates and Information are taken from www.historyplace.com.



“If you could be any person in history, who would you be . . . ?”

By Jannah Khan

I've thought about this question a lot, and I've decided that, to be honest, there's no person I'd rather be than myself. This is because I believe every individual ever in existence has had their own purpose and destiny to fulfill. I would rather find my own purpose/destiny and reach my own full potential than someone else's. Many times, we wish that we could have been a certain person instead of who we are because of how their life appears to be to us. What we don't stop to consider is that we don't know all of their story. No one's life is perfect, even though it may seem so from the outside, and those people likely went through and had to deal with predicaments none of us ever have or will ever know about.

The troubles that I have were meant for me, so I could grow stronger and become a better person through overcoming them, and I'd rather deal with them than with

someone else's. Thus, in the end, I'd really rather be me, even if my life isn't perfect. If I live my life the right way, I could end up being more as myself and in my own way than any person in history was. That's not to say that I'd be more famous, or more influential, or more rich, but more successful in the sense that I'd have accomplished my own mission and realized my own purpose in this world.



Abraham Lincoln

By Melody Moy

"Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." Does this sound familiar? This is the start of the famous Gettysburg Address that the 16th president of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, delivered in 1863. He was born on February 12-in a log cabin in Kentucky. He had little education growing up. His mother also died when he was nine. Despite these tragedies, he managed to teach himself and get jobs such as surveyor, shopkeeper, and postmaster. His family moved several times, first to Indiana, then to Illinois, where he became a state legislator.

He became a U.S. Congressman in 1846 and then a lawyer. He was against slavery. He lost the next race he ran for - the U.S. Senate. He tried again, for the presidential race, and he won! He was president for the bloodiest war the United States had seen - the Civil War.

He married Mary Todd Lincoln and they had four children. Their firstborn, Robert Todd, would be the only one to survive to adulthood. One child died when he was four. The other two children were Willie and Tad.

Lincoln was reelected by the major popularity vote of 55%. He freed the slaves by the end of his presidential term. This was called the Emancipation Proclamation. This paved the way to the 13th Amendment that was a law that proved that slaves had to be free. Lincoln still had problems with the South. The Civil War continued, and by the end, in 1865, the South, led by Robert E. Lee, had officially surrendered at Appomattox Courthouse.

The war was over. It was a time for reconstruction. The South was in disarray, but Lincoln wanted to prove that the United States was still united. He made a plan of reconstruction during his second term. Unfortunately, something terrible happened before he could carry this plan out.

John Wilkes Booth, a man from the South, crept up behind the president while he was watching a play at Ford's Theatre. (It should have been guarded, but the guard got

immersed in the play and went down to the main audience seats.) Booth shot Lincoln and Lincoln died from the wounds the very next day. The whole country mourned. While we remember Lincoln for different parts of his life, he was most known for freeing slaves and was an extraordinary leader in the Civil War. Now there is a memorial to remember him in Washington, D.C. It reminds us of his legacy and the mark he left on history, and how he changed America.



Tell a Fairy Tale Day!

Misbah Syed

Gather 'round the fireplace, and get comfy... Tell A Fairy Tale Day is all about sharing stories, old and new, told and untold. From ancient myths to made-up stories, search the dark corners of your mind and see what you find!

Explore the magic of telling adventures that you crave to do, or stories you have always loved! Share your ideas and imagination with your family and loved ones!

Top Thirty Fairy Tales:

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| 1. Aladdin | 16. The Frog Prince |
| 2. Alice in Wonderland | 17. The Little Mermaid |
| 3. Beauty and the Beast | 18. The Emperor's New Clothes |
| 4. Briar Rose: The Sleeping Beauty | 19. The Snow Queen |
| 5. Cinderella | 20. The Elves and the Shoemaker |
| 6. Goldilocks and the Three Bears | 21. The Selfish Giant |
| 7. Hansel and Gretel | 22. The Fox and The Hound |
| 8. Jack and the Beanstalk | 23. The Three Little Pigs |
| 9. Little Red Riding Hood | 24. The Ugly Duckling |
| 10. Peter Pan | 25. The Gingerbread Man |
| 11. Pinocchio | 26. The Twelve Dancing Princesses |
| 12. Puss in Boots | 27. The Princess and the Pea |
| 13. Rapunzel | 28. Tom Thumb |
| 14. Rumpelstiltskin | 29. Thumbelina |
| 15. Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs | 30. The Little Match Girl |

Do a Grouch a Favor Day

Misbah Syed

We all knew a grouch sometime in our lives, and we all probably have had phases of grouchiness ourselves! And the feeling you get when someone does you a favor is usually good enough to get you out of grouchy mode. Yes, there is probably someone who hates the color of your house, your pet fish, the way your car starts....I think you get the idea. But, how about if *you* can get that person into a happy mood? Well, that's

what this day's all about.

So...what exactly can you do? You can't repaint your house or sell your fish. But you can do the grouchy person a favor. Maybe you could offer to mow their lawn, or give them fruits from your backyard. Or even just give them a smile! Most people may be grouchy because they're going through hardships in their lives, and a simple smile would leave them in higher spirits.

Famous American Grouches and Grumpy Characters!

- Children learn all about grumps from everyone's favorite green grump - Oscar the Grouch.
- One is most certainly grumpy in Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.
- The Wizard of Oz has quite a few cranky characters, including Miss Gulch and/or the Wicked Witch of the West and the Wizard himself.
- Ebenezer Scrooge is an old and bitter miser who suddenly transforms when some unexpected events occur.
- James Stewart and Donna Reed star in this classic popular film, *It's a Wonderful Life*.
- Walter Matthau stars in the 1993 remake of *Dennis the Menace*.
- The famous feline grump... Grumpy Cat!

Polar Bear Day

By Amir Chermat



Polar bears: the obviously superior bear.* Well, all bears have their strengths, and everyone is entitled to their own opinions, but I have always had a fondness for the polar bear. When I heard there was a whole day dedicated to them, I was excited! However, Polar Bear day is about more than babbling about the superiority of polar bears. International Polar Bear Day was actually formed to raise awareness for the polar bear's habitat. The Arctic is warming up, meaning it is no longer a suitable place for polar bears to live. Every day in the Arctic they face challenges like a lack of sea ice (which they require to hunt). Some scientists predict that polar bears could possibly go extinct in the near future. This is where International Polar Bear Day comes in. On February 27, you can reduce your carbon emissions by lowering your thermostat. This could slow or even stop the global warming that affects polar bears. Of course, there are more things you can do to help the polar bears and none of them are restricted to February 27. Make every day a polar bear day and help save the superior bear!

**Note: this opinion is that of the author and not of the Tiger Tribune as a whole. Unfortunately, not everyone can see who the best bear is.*

The Book Column: February Edition

By Tasneem Nasim

February marks the beginning of the second month of the year. And while for many, this month gets lots of love (pun intended) for being the month of love and hearts, it should also be recognized for something much more important- Black History Month! This month's high school pick is a book that gives insight into the courage, perseverance, and strength displayed by many African Americans during the dark times of American History.

Middle Schoolers: *Small Spaces* by Katherine Arden



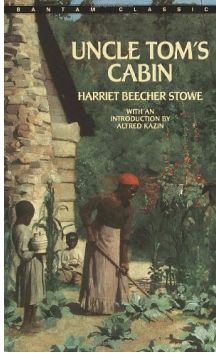
For this month's Middle school section, we have a book recommendation from a fellow CWCS student and book column reader! This creepy novel will keep you hooked until the end and will leave you checking behind your back for the smiling man. I've read this spooky novel myself, but here's what Emily has to say:

"The book *Small Spaces*, one of my favorite books, is a creepy but amazing book written by Katherine Arden. It is about three middle schoolers, Ollie, Coco and Brian whose school bus broke down miles away while they were on a field trip. With help from Ollie's mother's watch, they escape from some evil scarecrows and take down the smiling man! But beware, he will come back! (In an amazing sequel!) So when the mist rises, and the smiling man comes walking, you must avoid large places at night. Keep to small spaces."

~Emily- 5th grade



High schoolers: *Uncle Tom's Cabin* by Harriet Beecher Stowe



This classic novel is often credited with contributing to the start of the Civil War by personalizing slavery and helping some people empathize with those who were oppressed by slavery. The novel tells the story of Uncle Tom, who originally belongs to a humane slaveholder named Shelby. Tom is sold, however, to a vicious slave trader named Haley after two other slaves attempt to run away. On his way to New Orleans, Tom befriends a white child named Eva St. Clair and ends up saving her from drowning. She begs her father to buy Tom for their plantation, and he agrees. Tom leads a comfortable life on the St. Clare plantation, until Eva becomes ill and dies, as well as her father. Her mother then sells Tom to Simon Legree, a notorious slave trader. Stowe gives a painfully truthful description of the life of a slave and leaves out no details which may be considered too vivid or brutal*. This novel gives the true insight into slavery without holding back any of the “ugly” details. The book is an important part of history, and reading it allows you to really understand why many credit this book for causing the Civil War, and one of the first insights into the struggles and journeys of African American slaves.

*This novel contains brief, but mature content, which may be a sensitive topic for some readers. Please check [review](#) before reading.

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