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Narragansett's Important Dates

March 10	Trimester Ends
March 15	Early Release
March 17	Parent/Teacher Conferences
April 5	Early Release
April 12	Talent Show for Parents
April 17-21	Spring Break / No School
May 17	Early Release
May 29	Memorial Day / No School

Mark your Calendars

TALENT SHOW!

Parents are welcome
Wednesday April 12
6:00 pm

April 14
school only

Student Author Highlight Meet Tabitha Lavigne, 3rd Grade

"I am a Shirt" Creative Writing/Fall 2016 from Ms. O'Donnell's Classroom

My name is Tabitha and my birthday is May 20th. I was born in Gorham. My favorite color is teal. I love jimnastics. I hope you will enjoy my story, "I am a shirt."

I am a shirt. I am folded in a drawer it is dark. I am smushed and crinckled I can't move I am light pink. What is

that? Light the draw is opening! All the sudden the girl picks me up and puts me on I am free at last! First Isy goes to school with me on. Then on the bus

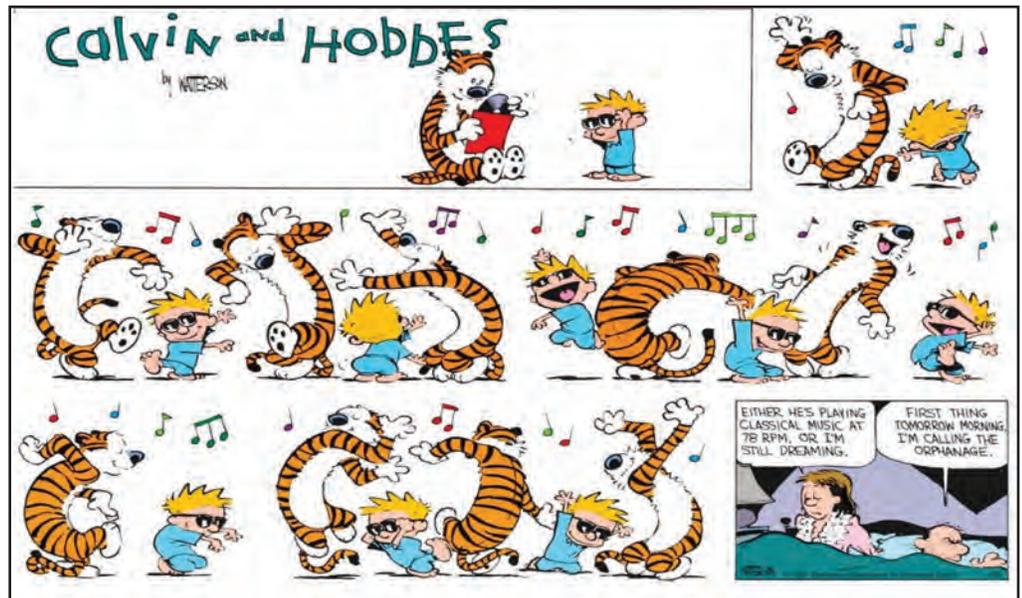


everybody admires me. Then the girl arivs at school I get pencils shav-ings and marker all over me! Then it is time for lunch she gets in a jumbo food fight spaghetti flies thro the ari and onto me! Then the girl gets home her mom yels at her and her mom puts me in this wird water siping turning mishein I am shankin.

When I come out I am wet. And I go in anuther spinning michen and when I come out I am dry and clean. Back in the draw I go boo hoo.

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In honor of Black History Month and International Woman's Day

Ella Baker, Civil Roots

Grassroots Organizer

by Ella Downing, 5th grade

You are probably wondering two things right now. Number one, why am I writing about Ella Baker instead of someone more well known, like Dr Martin Luther King Jr or Rosa Parks? Number two, who in the world is Ella Baker? Well in this short article, I will answer those questions, and many more! To answer your first question I'm writing about Ella Baker because we always learn about the same people. I wanted to teach people about someone else, someone just as important.

Number two, Ella Baker was born in 1903, Norfolk, Virginia and she moved to North Carolina when she was very young. Ella's grandmother used to be a slave and she taught Ella that slavery was wrong and unfair. She graduated from Shaw University in 1927. Baker helped start the Young Negroes Cooperative League which let the members work together, combine their money and pay for their goods and services, because African Americans did not get paid as much as other people.

In 1940, She joined the NAACP and she traveled to raise funds and recruit new members. The NAACP is short for Na-

tional Association for the Advancement of Colored People. This organization works to ensure equality for all people and eliminate race-based discrimination. In 1946 Baker became NAACP's national director of branches. Later, she quit her job because she thought it required too much travel. So she settled

down in New York and joined many organizations, like the New York Urban League.

In 1957, she worked with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in the SCLC (Southern Christian Leadership Conference) which was a group of African American people that obviously also believed in equal rights. Baker also formed the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). She left the SCLC in 1960 but still led protests and gave her thoughts to organizations around the country.

Ella Baker spent her whole life trying to end discrimination and without her we probably wouldn't be like this today. Sadly she died in New York City the year of 1986. Now you know the name of someone that worked just as hard as the people you hear about all

Ella Josephine Baker

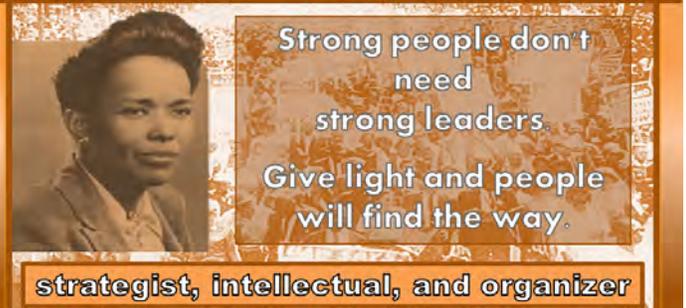


photo credit: <http://untcdlibrary.blogspot.com/2014/02/ella-baker-was-unsung-civil-rights.html>

the time. Unfortunately, her story does not get told as much as it should, so I would be so grateful if you could share what you learned, and maybe even try to learn more from History.com.



African-American Firsts: Women

credit: Biography.com

Born into slavery, Mary Jane Patterson is recognized as the first black woman in the United States to graduate from an established four-year college. She became an educator.



Misty Copeland is the first African-American performer to be appointed as a principal dancer for American Ballet Theatre.

SAVE THE DATE

Student Advancement In Learning
Celebration
on
Thursday, May 11, 2017
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
at the
Gorham Middle School

DIGITAL ART Student Lead ROBOTICS
NEWSPAPERS
MATHEMATICS
GET OUT problem solving PAINTINGS
Odyssey of the mind
word study MUSTC SKETCHBOOK BROWDS
book exchange BARRIATIC LEARNING PROJECTS

This Event is for SAIL students, their parents and teachers.

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The Planet Mars

By: Taylor Farr (5th Grade)

Scientists think that making life on Mars is very possible. There are ways it is possible, and there are ways it's not possible. Regardless it's definitely the next best planet to live on other than Earth.

Many people assume that the planet Mars is very hot because it appears red. That is not true. In fact Mars get triple digits below zero at night making it basically impossible to provide life on Mars. Mars is also 249,000,000 miles away from Earth and it takes 7 to 8 months to get there. Spending that much time in a small space capsule could send someone into panic so it takes the right person to go to Mars too. On the bright side Mars has ice caps on its north and south poles which is water which



<http://mars.nasa.gov/allaboutmars/extreme/>

makes life! Sadly it's not that much though. Another good thing is that Mars is full of carbon dioxide which can be turned into oxygen.

Personally I think living on Mars is impossible due to the lack of water, and the freezing temperatures. Some scientists still think it's possible though, and Mars is still definitely the next best planet for providing life other than Earth.

Why Do Trees Have Multiple Colored Leaves?

By: Finn Henderson (4th grade)

The photosynthesis is in the cells of the plant and in the leaves the plant. Take in the sunlight and use that energy to help turn minerals and water from the soil into food for the plant to grow into a bush a hedge or a tree some trees live for a long time Some trees can live up to about to 100 years old. One Redwood tree is over 2,500 years old. Redwood trees can get to be a very old trees.

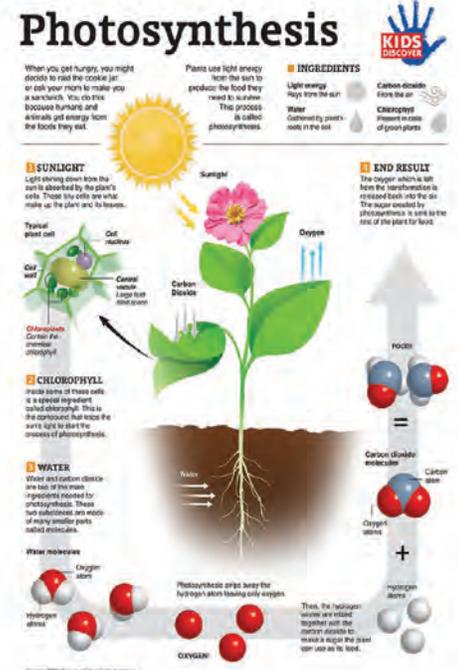
Ground Hog Day

Researched and shared by Luna Button, 2nd grade

Groundhog day was on Thursday, February 2, 2017 and everybody want to know: Will Punxsutawney Phil see his shadow at Gobbler's Knob? And what does it mean if he does?

According to stories passed down by word of mouth, a groundhog's behavior can predict the weather. A sunny day allows the groundhog to see his shadow will send him scurrying back into the burrow. A sign of six more

weeks of winter which seems weird to me because a nice sunny day is usually a spring day. Punxsutawney Phil is the most famous groundhog. A cloudy and therefore shadowless day is a sign of spring encouraging the groundhog to stay above the ground like I said before it is weird! Because it would look more like a winter day to me. <http://www.groundhog.org/about/history/>



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Spirit Week!



Weird Foods

Researched and shared by Grace Desmond, 5th grade

- Haggis[sheep heart] - Scotland
- Cooked starfish - China
- Tripe [stomach lining] - Everywhere
- Khash [cow feet & heads] - Parts of Europe
- Tuna eyeball - Japan
- Black pudding [blood sausage] Africa/Europe
- 1000 year old egg - China
- Fried spider - Cambodia
- Witchetty Grubs - Australia
- Larvae of ants - Mexico
- Silkworm - Korea
- Stink bugs - Africa
- Pickled egg - UK
- Horsemeat - Japan
- Frog legs - France & Southeast Asia
- Kangaroo - Australia
- Crocodile - South Asia & Africa
- Guinea pigs - South America
- Animal Organs - Japan
- Cobra heart - Vietnam
- Dog - Korea, China & Vietnam
- Whale - Japan & North America

READ ACROSS AMERICA DOORS



DID YOU KNOW?

The Narragansett 4th and 5th grade students are learning to use **Google Slides** to write and create a book on Native American's as part of their study of the Westward Expansion. Mrs. Gauley was great at showing them all how to use this fantastic tool.