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Intro to December

By: Fatima Hernandez

As the month of November comes to an end, it is now socially acceptable to play Christmas music in public and drink hot cocoa. With the Christmas lights and decorations coming out of the closet, the winter activities begin as well. In good ole Fort Morgan there aren't a lot of things to do, but the things we have are quite fun. Activities include sledding, building snowmen, having snowball fights, drifting, and Snowzilla.

Outside of Fort Morgan though is another story. Denver offers a lot of winter activities such as Zoo Lights, skating rinks, and sledding if there is enough snow. Heading farther west into the mountains activities include skiing, hot springs, and exploring the Rocky Mountains. December has a lot to offer not only activities and lights but also family movie nights with hot chocolate and the Christmas tree lit up. Whatever the winter occasion, a great hot chocolate always hits the spot. Here is a quick recipe for a delicious hot chocolate.

Ingredients

- 1 (14 Ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk
- ½ cup unsweetened cocoa
- 1 ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 6 ½ cups of boiling hot water
- Mini marshmallows (optional)
- Mini candy canes (optional)

In a large saucepan over medium heat, combine the sweetened condensed milk, cocoa, vanilla and salt; mix well. Slowly stir in water. Stir occasionally and make sure to not boil. Let cool down for a bit (optional). Pour in a cute holiday mug and top with marshmallows and candy cane if desired. Enjoy!



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YEARBOOK DEADLINES

- 1) **Senior Pictures—absolute deadline Dec. 15**
- 2) **Order books or purchase baby ads:**
go to bottom right corner of FMHS website at http://www.edline.net/pages/Fort_Morgan_High_School
OR
see Ms. Rich in room 204 to buy a book
OR
If you would like to set up a payment plan for your book (up to three payments) go to www.jostensyearbooks.com and search for Fort Morgan High School
- 3) **Senior Baby Ads:** Final deadline extended to Dec. 9, 2016. Think about an ad for you and your friends to memorialize those special high school moments.
- 4) **Submit pictures for consideration** in the book at www.replayit.com

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You can find us online at

http://www.edline.net/pages/Fort_Morgan_High_School

Interview With The Artist

By: Trystan Bohling

We have some amazing students at our school who have amazing talents. I myself am included among this group of people, but we are not here to talk about me. The student we are interviewing today is someone who can draw AND write amazing stories. To write and illustrate original stories and create characters to go with those stories requires an amazing imagination. So, without further ado our one and only Felicity Daniel.

Q: What was your inspiration to start to write and draw?

A: My inspiration came from my imaginary friends when I was a kid. Most imaginary friends have some cool powers like they can read your mind, or change into animals, or something like that. Well for me, my imaginary friends came from whole other worlds, usually in the form of a dragon, gryphon, or some other mythical creature. It changed all the time. Every time I made up an animal, or played pretend with my friends, I'd draw it, write about it. People seemed to like it, so I kept doing it.

Q: How do you come up with your story ideas and characters?

A: Sometimes it takes time and thinking, but other times it just comes to me. Each character and story is based on an experience: emotional and physical. I feel as though each character I make up is a part of me, so it only makes sense to write or draw them as myself. As for the stories, sometimes I use them to escape reality. Whenever I have a bad day, or I feel stressed out, I imagine myself somewhere completely different, another world, another life, another reality. Whatever I'm feeling, I take that emotion and intensify it in my mind, then I write it down, and the ideas start flowing.

Q: Who helps you with your stories and how do they help ?

A: There are plenty of people who help me in my story writing in ways that they probably don't even know. My friends and family inspire characters, storylines, emotions, all sorts of things. My younger sister has inspired many of my characters, and my little brother is always thinking of fun backyard adventures that I always find worming their way into my story. People I encounter through my daily life are always inspiring something for me. It's not just inspiration either, some people help motivate me to write. You, for example, encourage me to keep writing new stories just by giving me the courage and confidence to share them. My big sister, Luna, does the same thing, and so does Papa.

Q: Where did it all start out for you?

A: It's like I said, it all started with my imaginary friends, but to be more specific, it started with three particular friends. I made up and drew three dragons: a fire dragon, water dragon, and a desert dragon. I'd play with them and draw them all the time. I didn't write any stories about them until after deciding to be a writer. the first story I tried to write was about superheroes, each character based on me or a sibling, but it kind of lost it's potential. I just sort of moved on, and decided I didn't like it, mostly because I thought it wasn't original enough. Then I remembered my three dragons. I made some changes, added a fourth, and made them the elemental dragons. Then I gave them a protector, a character based on myself who could always protect them. The story grew and changed from there, but it was my first original. Now I have plenty of others; stories I'm saving so I can publish them, even if I still write others from time to time, I hold those close to me.

Colombia Plane Crash

By: Fatima Hernandez

A tragedy happened in the skies near Medellin, Colombia on Monday, November 28. An airplane coming from Santa Cruz, Bolivia headed to Medellin carrying 77 passengers including the Brazilian soccer team crashed in the Andes Mountain



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Range. The crash killed 71 of the passengers, including the members of Brazil's Chapecoense soccer team who were traveling to the Copa Sudamericana finals. The pilot flying the jet said the plane had run out of fuel and asked for permission to land. Three players of the team, two crew members, and one journalist survived the impact. The tragic news



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rocked the sports world, and as the gravity of it set in, up to 10,000 people joined together in the team's stadium for a candlelight vigil to mourn the loss. Our thoughts are with the families of the deceased.

Music Concert

By Nancy Balderrama Alonso

On December 19th @ 7:00 pm the Fort Morgan High School Music Department will be having their annual winter concert. The concert will be in the Glenn Miller auditorium with all high school music programs performing. The entire community is invited to attend and enjoy the mostly traditional holiday music.



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String and Symphonic Orchestra, Jazz Band, Morgan High Singers, Concert Choir and the Women's Choir will perform music for all ages. The program includes everything from "Jolly Old Saint Nick" to "Carol of Bells." This will be a fun family activity as we prepare to head into winter break.



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5 Computer Security Tips

By Jonathan Stone



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On November 30th, 2016, there are many national days to celebrate. National Package Protection Day, Mouse Day, even a Stay Home Because You're Well Day. Today we will be going over another significant November 30th holiday, National Computer Security day. Caring for your computer and keeping it safe brings peace of mind knowing you are in safe hands should you be hacked. Check out how to keep your computer safe with these 5 efficient computer protection tips!

#5 Patch your machine!

A patch is a piece of software designed to update a computer or its data, a recently patched computer will have more protection than an old patch, which has more vulnerability.

#4 Choose strong passwords

Having the same password for every social media may seem like an easy way to protect yourself, but you are actually putting yourself at more risk. There are many websites that can generate random numbers to form your password. Use one of these for each of your accounts to ensure safety.

#3 Use a secure connection

While connected to the internet, your data could get stolen via transits, so make sure you are connected to a safe hotspot.

#2 Use firewalls

Windows and Macintosh come with built in firewalls to protect you. Once installed or activated, the chances of being hacked lessen dramatically.

#1 Stay Updated

Stay current with the latest Windows, Mac, and Linux newsletters and, most importantly, stay safe.

Forensics Team

By Nancy Balderrama Alonso

The Fort Morgan Speech and Debate Team, aka the Forensics Team, has been competing for the past two months. They are excited to have doubled the size of the team from last year. There are currently 10 active members of the National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA), the honor society for speech and debate.

Students have successfully competed in Lincoln Douglas Debate, Original Oratory, National Extemporaneous Speaking, Informative Speaking, Dramatic, Poetic and Duo Interpretation of Literature, and Congress. They have earned awards at almost all seven tournaments they have attended so far. This is a great first half of the season.

Continuing NSDA members who have all earned another degree or level of achievement so far this year include Jay Armstrong, Heather Hoffman, Tristan Reyez and Aubrey Wells. New NSDA members include Makenna Carlock, Victor Chacon, Preston Gibbs, Daniel Marquez, Gavin Schauermaann, and Carmen Zhu. Victor and Daniel have even earned their second degree with NSDA.

The team still has three tournaments in December, including a trip to Cheyenne East High School, as well as four in January to finish the regular season. All of these invitational tournaments serve as practice for the State Tournament the last weekend in January and the National Qualifying District Congress and Tournament the first weekend in February and first weekend in March respectively. Good luck Mustang Forensics!

COMMUNITY MESSAGE BOARD

FMHS SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES 12/2-15/16

(home games indicated in bold type)

DATE	SPORT	OPP	H/A	TIME
12/2/16	G Basketball (V)	Vista Peak	Away	tbd
	B Basketball (V)	Vista Peak	Away	tbd
	Wrestling (JV,V)	Platte Valley	Home	6:00pm
12/3/16	G Basketball (V)	Vista Peak	Away	tbd
	B Basketball (V)	Vista Peak	Away	tbd
	Wrestling (V)	Windsor	Away	7:00am
12/6/16	B Basketball (C)	Sterling	Away	4:00pm
	G Basketball (C)	"	Home	4:00pm
	G Basketball (JV)	"	"	5:30pm
	B Basketball (JV)	"	Away	5:30pm
	B Basketball (V)	"	Away	7:00pm
	G Basketball (V)	"	Home	7:00
12/8/16	Wrestling (JV, V)	Vista Peak/Weld	Home	5:00pm
12/13/16	Wrestling (V)	Roosevelt	Away	9:00am
	B Basketball (JV)	Frederick	Away	4:00pm
	G Basketball (JV)	"	Away	4:00pm
	B Basketball (C)	"	"	5:30pm
	G Basketball (V)	"	"	5:30pm
	B Basketball (V)	"	"	7:00pm
12/15/16	Wrestling (JV, V)	Sterling	Away	6:30pm

12/3/16	Forensics to Chatfield Senior H.S.		All day	5:30am
	Knowledge Bowl to Vista Peak		All day	6:30pm

12/7/16	FFA District Leadership Conference	Brush		8:00am

12/10/16	Forensics	Home	All Day	6:00am

12/15/16	Mighty Mustangs Awards	Auditorium		6:00pm

From Counseling

SAT Test @ UNC December 3

ACT Registration Deadline

January 13

ACT Test (NJC) February 13

SENIORS: visit school web site for scholarships