



History of the Easter Bunny

By Brianna Brandt and Christopher James

The exact origins of the Easter Bunny are clouded in mystery. Some sources say that the Easter Bunny first arrived in America in the 1700s with German immigrants who settled in Pennsylvania and transported their tradition of an egg-laying hare called 'Osterhase' or 'Oschter Haws.' Their children made nests in which this creature could lay its colored eggs. Another says the symbol of the rabbit stems from pagan tradition, specifically the festival of Eostre—a goddess of fertility whose animal symbol was a bunny. Rabbits, known for their energetic breeding, have traditionally symbolized fertility. There is another source that says it did originate in Germany and was originally a judge. He would decide whether or not children were being good or disobedient in behavior at the start of the season of Eastertide.



Japan Exchange Program Applications Due April 27th

Attention 6th and 7th grade Hornets! Are you drawn to the fascination of other cultures? Are you looking for the experience of a lifetime? Consider participating in the Ebetsu, Japan exchange program next year. Several students will have the opportunity to travel to Japan and represent McCarty in February 2018. Applications are available on the student info table in the commons and in the main office, and are due Thursday, April 27th. An email was shared with every student account as well. Questions can be answered by Ms. Bui in Room 20 or at bui2@gresham.k12.or.us.

April is National Poetry Month.

This is the month when the entire U.S. celebrates poetry. The Hornet's Buzz is going to celebrate by having a **poetry contest!** You can submit your poems (each student may submit a maximum of two poems) to Mr. Hickman in room 2 by Friday the 21st. The top two poems will be in the next issue of the Hornet's Buzz and win a prize!

To give you some inspiration, here are some Clerihew poems to share with you. A **Clerihew poem** is made up of two rhyming couplets that poke gentle fun at a celebrity. *The first line is always the celebrity's name.*

Beyoncé
Should be my fiancé.
She has a kid named Blue
And she's better than you.

Josh Perkins
6'3 and lurkin.
Gonzaga player
Hot like a lava layer.

These are some eggcellent Easter puns and jokes that will crack you up!

Why did the easter bunny cross the road?
- Because it was the chicken's day off!

What do you call a group of Easter bunnies walking backwards?
- A receding hare-line.

If the Easter Bunny were a farmer, what would he grow?
- Eggplants.

STOP EGGNORING ME! DON'T YOU LIKE MY EGGCELLENT PUNS!?!? By Noah Baird & Bard Bolt

BUSY BAND SEASON AHEAD

Band is picking up the pace with many events coming up this Spring! This month the Symphonic band is traveling to the OSU campus in Corvallis for the annual state festival. They will be playing against many other bands and hoping to get a good place. Last year's Symphonic Band earned 2nd place in the whole state and only a few points away from first! At the beginning of May the Jazz Band and Symphonic Band will be visiting elementary schools nearby and playing music. This is meant to excite the students and inspire them to join band when they enter middle school.

The Concert band will be having Concert in the Park again this year. They walk to Main City Park, play with Clear Creek, and then play kickball. The game gets very competitive. Another event that's coming up is the Rose Festival. The Jazz Band has been invited to play. They have been invited to play for many years and hopefully many more to come!

Dying Eggs for Easter a Long-time Tradition

Why we do it? If someone was asked why Easter eggs are dyed, they may not know, or just think it's for fun. Although no one knows exactly where the activity came from, dying Easter eggs has been practiced for quite some time. Eggs are not only commonly associated with spring, but they also symbolize rebirth and new life. Many of the eggs that were dyed during spring were given to friends and family as gifts. Later, the Christians adopted this practice for the symbolization of Jesus Christ. There are many reasons why people dye eggs for Easter and many new ways to dye them. Maybe you should try to get creative with your eggs this Easter.

Isabella Paredes

Gresham Summer Basketball Camps!

Gresham Basketball Families, Available at Dexter McCarty are camp brochures for our two Gresham Boys and Girls Basketball camps this summer. We will offer two camps, June 26-30 and then again July 17-21 at Gresham High School, from 9-12 pm for ages 6-17 years of age. Groups will be separated out by age group and we will have smaller hoops on site for the younger players.

If interested, please either email the application back to me or send to 14799 SE 130th Dr., Clackamas, OR 97015. Camp payment will be collected on the first day of camp at check-in. Details are included on the attached brochure.

Look forward to seeing you this summer!

Coach Lyslo,

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TRACK AND FIELD REPORT

Dexter McCarty kicked off its track season on Thursday with their first meet at Centennial M.S. It was a cold, blustery day but the competition was hot. Jakob Pedersen showed well for the 8th grade boys finishing in the top 2 for each of his 4 events. Berta Bishop Cruz ran to a 2nd and 3rd place finish in the 200 meter and 100 meter race for the 7th grade girls team.

Our distance team got two great performances from Ethan Hemstead (1st in the 800 meter) and Lucas Simmons (1st in the 1500 meter) for the 8th grade boys. This puts both of them ranked as #1 in the conference in their respective events.

The Hornets host their first home meet on Thursday, April 20th starting at 4PM. Plan to be there to see more great performances from your fellow students.

Upcoming Calendar:

April 18	8th Grade Panoramic Photo - Lunch
April 19	Late Start 10:05 AM
April 20	Home Track Meet - 4 PM
April 26	Track Meet at Gresham HS - 4 PM
April 28	Teacher Work Day-NO school!
May 2	Centennial Invite Only Track Meet
May 4	Track Meet at Hood River - 4 PM

Trail Blazers Update

By Leland Spencer

The Portland Trail Blazers have had a pretty good season! Especially since they have had their new center, Jusuf Nurkic. By the way they are playing I think that they will get far in the playoffs.

The Portland Trail Blazers traded Mason Plumlee to the Denver Nuggets for Jusuf Nurkic around the beginning of February. Nurkic averages 10.2 points per game. He has been dunking like a beast(probably why he is known as the "Bosnian Beast").

Damian Lillard broke a Trail Blazer record when he got 59 points against the Utah Jazz. Lillard believes he could top it. But more important than the points, at least to Lillard, was the win. Damian Lillard has had an outstanding season and I hope it continues.

The Trail Blazers beat the San Antonio Spurs 99-98 on Monday, April 10th. The Blazers are 41-40. They are placed at number 8 in the western conference. Hopefully they will make it to the finals.