

THE PAW PRINT POST

March Issue

Journalism Elective

The Burger King Ban

By Marvin Merceland and Ella Dever

Our school, Indian Ridge, is no longer allowing their students to go to Burger King before or after school. On March 29th the school met with the headquarters of Burger King in Miami and came to a grim conclusion. Effective April 2nd, no Indian Ridge students are allowed into Burger King before or after school without adult supervision. The reason why this is going into effect is because Indian Ridge staff has found multiple Burger King bags littered throughout campus. The manager also had some complaints, commenting that our students are being disruptive and rude inside of her restaurant.

There are some upsides to the fact that Burger King is getting banned, as bad as it seems. One reason is because there will be less litter around the school which was why it got banned in the first place. Another reason is that “children can’t engage in inappropriate behavior before and after school, they think they can do anything they want at Burger King.” says Vania Guadarrama. Another problem is the Burger King crowns. Students get to the point where they will fight for them. Also, with this ban, the kids will be eating less junk food, not coming to school with coffee or ice cream first thing in the morning, or ingesting foods like the Whopper, which has a shocking amount of fat and calories.

Although there are good reasons to be banned from Burger King, there are some negative effects. Dani Larios, a 7th grader brings up some good points about why we shouldn’t be banned. “I get picked up there after school, so it is really inconvenient for my parents.” Right after school, kids go to Burger King to wait for their parents inside the restaurant. Some kids have parents who don’t allow them to hang out with kids out of school and going to Burger King to wait for their parents allows them to talk to their friends. This ban is unnecessary for many people, students, parent, and maybe even Burger King itself, since they will be losing out on the huge profits our students bring in! April Fools’! There is NO Burger King ban! Got ya!



Dani Larios, a 7th grader is on the side that it is unfair that we are banned.



Vania Guadarrama, a 7th grade believes that it is fair for us to be banned from Burger King.

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What's Trending?

Momo Challenge

by Jaden Little Gabriel Pacheco

In the beginning of 2018, there were reports of children exhibiting self-harming behavior. The Momo challenge has its own advertisements in YouTube and people have reported there have been calls by the Momo Challenge in WhatsApp. There has been reports that children have been posting videos and images of the Momo Challenge on sites such as Instagram and YouTube. The schools in Broward have strictly banned students from using WhatsApp. The death toll has risen to 3 already as a direct result.

The Momo challenge is a very dangerous challenge. The Momo was created by a Japanese artist. The Momo challenge advertisement will teach you how to harm yourself like putting a fork in a toaster. What it does is hacks your phone and pulls up a video about how you should or could hurt yourself. It mostly happens to kids because the website it appears on is YouTube kids. The Momo says not to tell your parents about what is happening to you. If the Momo calls you do not answer the phone because there have been reports if you answer the call your phone will be hacked.



Noah Dolberg says, "I would not answer a call from Momo because I do not want her at the foot of my bed at night."



Joey Fisher says, "I would not answer the call from Momo because she's really creepy and scary."

The Jonas Brothers Are Back!

By: Ella Glassman

Kevin, Nick, and Joe Jonas have gotten their band back together! They released a new single called "Sucker" on March 1, 2019. The song was number one on the Billboard Hot 100 chart on the week of March 11, 2019. The brothers announced their comeback on "The Late Late Show with James Corden", during the iconic carpool karaoke. The brothers also recreated a video called "Oh, How the Tables Have Turned". The original video was made in 2008 on an app called Vine. The remake ends with a big burst of confetti and a sign that reads "Hello Again". The Jonas Brothers disbanded on October 2, 2013. A lot of their old songs like "Year 3000" and "Burnin' Up" are still loved by many people. Many fans are waiting for more new songs and even a tour. The boys have even restarted an Instagram account for the band. Follow them at @jonasbrothers



This is the Jonas brothers. Joe is on the left, Kevin is in the middle, and Nick is on the right.
Photo Credit: Peggy Sirota

What's Trending?

Jussie Smollett Arrested in Chicago

By: Carlos Mallett

Jussie Smollett, an entertaining actor on “Empire” and outstanding singer was recently arrested for faking an attack on himself. He has been charged with 16 felonies in two separate sets of charges which each carry possibilities of 4 years in prison. This means he can receive up to 64 years in prison which would probably be a life sentence, as he is currently 36 years old. One set is regarding Smollett lying to the police and the other is related to what he told the police in a interview later that day. According to Smollett, he was attacked near his apartment in Chicago around 2 in the morning. Supposedly there were two men and they were yelling at him using racist and homophobic slurs. He added how they put a noose around his neck and a chemical substance on him that he thought was bleach. Eventually, the “attackers” were identified as Abel and Ola Osundairo that Smollett has connections to, one being his trainer and he other one having a short scene on the show “Empire.” The two brothers shared their side of the story telling police that Smollett paid them each \$3,500 to fake an attack. With the Osundairo brothers coming to the police with this information, it puts Jussie Smollett in a tough position for him to recover from.

Charges were dropped against Smollett on March 28th.

Photo Credit:
(Chicago Sun Nnews)



This is a picture of Jussie Smollett who is on the verge of throwing his entire career away. He will have to show some honesty and cooperation or this case may be a burden for life.

Luke Perry's Passing

By: Carlos Mallett

On March 4th, 2019, an inspiration to many passed away, and his name was Luke Perry. He recently suffered from a massive stroke which he sadly was not able to recover from. As he died, his many family members and friends surrounded him, including his children, fiance, ex-wife, mother, step-father, brothers, sisters, co-stars, and other close friends. He is known for his acting roles on Beverly Hills, 90210 and Riverdale. He was an actor that many loved and became a teen-idol. Not only will his family and friends will grieve, but his fans as well.

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This is a picture of Luke Perry, one that many loved very much.

Sport-acular Jags

Track-Tastic

By Isabella Bueno

Indian Ridge Middle School's track season is now starting! Students in grades 6 through 8, boys and girls, have tried their best, hoping to get on the team. There are 9 events: distance, 200 meter dash, hurdles, 100 meter dash, 400 meter dash, long jump, relays, sprinting, and 300 meter dash.

Track is a sport where students compete against each other, and try to get the best and fastest time. For some this is hard. Giuliana Brosz, a 6th grader, states, "I knew that I had to compete against faster, bigger girls." Obviously, track is a competitive sport. It requires a lot of training to beat the other people who have trained just as hard.

Track is less of a team sport and more individual. In track, it's the job of the person who is running to win. They can't pass the running off to their friend as in basketball or soccer, relying on other players is key. Individual athletes need to finish their laps and rely on themselves. It is the runner's responsibility to win for the whole group. Mitchell Beckford, 7th grader says he chose track over team sports, "so people can see what I can do for myself." This is reasonable because when one is in track, that person is the only one from their team on the field.

Track has many distinct events, is a challenging sport, and for the most part, more isolated than team sports like soccer or football. Indian Ridge's new-found track team is going to work efficiently and do fantastic this year's season.



This is Giuliana Brosz, 6th grader, who hopes to make it on the team.
Photo taken by Jordan Miller



Sydney Long is an 8th grader who has been on the team since 6th grade.
Photo Taken by Jordan Miller.

Sport-acular Jags

March Madness

By Malik Suleiman and Vania Guadrana

College basketball is starting one of its most important events on March 19th; March Madness. Fans get their brackets ready and place their bets as they get ready for the championship to begin! This event, admired by fans across America, is a single-elimination tournament where 68 teams compete in seven rounds for the national championship. The NCAA Division I men's basketball tournament has been annually played since 1939 and continues the tradition to this day.

The March Madness Tournament Bracket Office Pool is one of the most popular pools in basketball. Fans fill brackets with the teams that they think will win the year's championship. They usually join bracket pools, a group that bets money on the brackets. Individuals usually bet money and, depending on the party size, the winner with the most accurate prediction collects a large amount of prize money. Selection Sunday is when brackets and seeds are released to the public.

The first NCAA Division I men's basketball tournament was held on March 17, 1939, and it was won by the Oregon Ducks 46-33 against Ohio State. The term March Madness became widespread once CBS broadcaster Brent Musburger used it while covering the 1982 tournament. The biggest upset was during the Duke and Maryland game in the first half of the 2001 tournament. With 6:37 left, the game was 39-17, Maryland was in the lead when Duke ended up making a 22-point comeback winning 94-84.

The Final Four in the 2019 bracket, to be played on April 6 are: Virginia, Auburn, Texas Tech, and Michigan State. The final championship game will be played on April 8, 2019. Who are you rooting for?



This is Barack Obama's 2013 March Madness bracket.

Photo credits: Matt Compton



This is the March Madness logo.

Photo credit: NCAA

Jaguar on the Spot

Indian Ridge's Got Talent!

By Sharon Hopengarten and Jonathan Ramirez

The annual Talent and Fashion Show were held on Tuesday, March 18th, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The themes for the fashion show were sleepwear, athleisure, business, formal, and night out. Many students filled the audience with “ooh’s” and “ahh’s” for both performances and the models. The show was exiting, with many thrilling acts. Cami Cala sang “Don’t Stop Believing” and Jessica Chen and Lola Ramirez played “Rewrite the Stars” from The Greatest Showman, on flutes! Dr. Watson, a teacher here at Indian Ridge, with the help of other teachers like Ms. Richard, Ms. Phillips, Mr. Lindo, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Guerrero, Mrs. Novak, Ms. Munoz, Ms. Foster, and Mr. Williams, as well as members of Student Council, put together this show for the second year in a row. Dr. Watson says, “At the rehearsals they prepare for a night among the stars.” He commented that he was, “excited to see all the acts because the students are working very hard, making sure they are perfecting their talents.” Giving students this platform to showcase their talents not only “helps reveal the confidence” but also as well as the students get an opportunity to display their originality and creativity.” Maya Yenor, an 8th grader in both the fashion and talent show tells The Paw Print Post that rehearsals consist of working on your act and helping out other acts to get ready for the big show. To wrap it all up, a lot of time, energy, and hard work is put into the talent and fashion show to perfect it and make sure everything goes to according to plan. But all the hard work pays off in the end.



The people performing at the talent and fashion show take a picture at the end of the show.



Camryn Cala sang “Don’t Stop Believin” by Journey.



Lola Ramirez and Jessica Chen play “Rewrite the Stars” on the flute.

The Jaguar Den

NBC 6 Comes to Indian Ridge!

By Dani Larios

On Monday, March 4, NBC 6 came to Indian Ridge for something really cool. Indian Ridge was interviewed and broadcast on live television for the "Brag About Your School" section of the evening news. "Brag About Your School" is to feature all of the incredible schools in South Florida and brag about what makes them so great on live TV. The broadcast featured the cheerleaders, band members, culinary students, National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) students, speech and debate students, and Children Helping Other Children (CHOC) members. The cheerleaders were featured performing cheers and stunts, while the band members were featured performing their instruments in a lovely song. The culinary students were seen cooking up some breakfast. Sherry Hogg, the culinary teacher says the class isn't for the students to turn out master chefs, but to learn how to make food like breakfast, lunch, and dinner for themselves. They also talked about how CHOC has raised \$34,000 to build a three-room school in Nigeria for orphans.



The Indian Ridge cheerleading team posing for the camera.



The band elective class at Indian Ridge playing a song conducted by Mr. Williams.



The Indian Ridge mascot with Ari Odzer and camera operator Roberto Mocaes.

Up For Debate

The Hallway Debate

By Vanessa Flores, Giselle Bouzaglou and Gabriel Maya

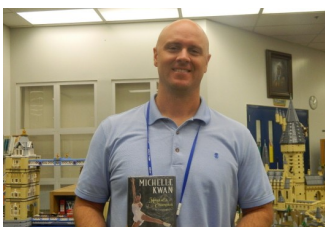
At Indian Ridge, there was a new hallway rule implemented by Mr. Murray. Nobody is allowed to be out in the hallways, unless in route to another destination. No teacher is allowed to have a kid do work in the hallways, and no one is allowed to interview in the hallways as well. Instead of the hallways, students must interview in the media center or in a classroom. Students have to go to another teacher's room if they have work to make up. This rule was implemented to keep students safe. Up for Debate is discussing the pros and cons of this rule.

The new hallway rule was implemented because it was meant to keep students safe. If a child is out in the hallways just standing around, interviewing, or even doing class work, it can be a safety hazard. The hallway rule is simply just a safety precaution. Of course, this rule influences student life in many ways. Since students can no longer stand outside for a few minutes as a punishment for disruptive behavior, they now must go to another classroom. This is the same procedure for a student that has work that needs to be done or made up. This procedure really isn't bad, however sometimes this can cause interruptions in the classes the kid is being sent to.

Another way that the hallway rule is affecting student life, is by preventing interviews from being conducted in the hallways. Journalism and Yearbook especially are affected since this is what most of the interviews are for. Peer counselors are also affected since, towards the end of the year, they have to interview students who would want to be in peer counseling the following year.



Kai Tadon is a 7th grade peer counselor. We asked him, "How is the new hallway rule affecting student life??" He responded with, "It's taking more time out of their class. It takes a lot longer."



Mr. Brosz is in charge of the media center. We asked him, "is the media center a conventional thing." He replied with, "I'm fine with that. The more people here, the merrier."

Since interviews can't take place in the hallway, the interviewers and the interviewee must go to the media center for the interview. The interview can also take place in the classroom that the student is being pulled out of. However, this can interrupt the teacher and the class, so it is preferred for the interviews to be in the media center. The media center is where many kids go to work, so having people interview in there seemed perfect. Although, it can also be an interruption to the people working there, plus the media center is where FAIR testing and some district meetings take place. We interviewed Mr. Brosz and he told us that the interviews don't cause much disturbance. This rule was very thought out, before being implemented, and even though there were some bumps, Administration has worked around them.

Jaguar Judges

The 2019-2020 Course Cards!

The 2019-2020 course cards are out at Indian Ridge. There have been many adjustments to the elective options as well as new ones added. Course cards also help to determine the placement of the students. For Jaguar Judges, we are discussing these topics and giving our opinions.

Placement

Course cards allow parents and teachers to choose their kids core classes for the following year. Class placement is determined mainly by FSA (Florida Standards Assessment) scores. However, a parent can sign a paper that places their kid into a lower or higher class than what is determined by the FSA. I personally don't prefer parents being able to override this because a parent may place their kid in a class they can't handle. The parent may also place their child in class that is too easy for them. Of course, there are reasons as to why this is allowed. **By Vanessa Flores**



Ms. Finer is the 6th grade guidance counselor. We asked her why parents are allowed to override a teacher's opinion. She said, "Parents know their child, have been with that child their entire life. They know what kind of environment their child works best in."

Besides FSA scores, a teacher's input could also determine what level classes you will get the next year. However, a parent can override a teacher's decision. Teachers spend more time with the students, so they know how well the students work. That lets the teachers know if their kid should be in advanced or regular. Parents should let the teachers choose what class the student will be in, because they know how well the student does in class. Teachers are the ones that know what subjects the student is good at. When a student is good at one subject that does not mean that they are good at all subjects. If a student is in advanced and they are having trouble, the teacher knows about it, and they will recommend a lower class. But a parent might not like that, so they might put them back in advanced. **By Rylie Gilland**

Electives

More and more electives are striking up each year as this school grows. As some students may know, the sixth graders have been given more electives this year. I believe that it is good that more electives are coming in. Students are being able to have more choices to express themselves. In spite of that, specific electives are for specific grade level. In my belief, I feel that it is necessary to have limited electives for precise grades. In other words, a sixth grader may not be able to keep up on pre-law as strong as an eighth grader. It can seem too intense, adding in the age difference. **By Giselle Bouzaglou**



Mrs. Rosado is the 8th grade guidance counselor. We asked her why certain electives are only for specific grades. She said, "There is a big difference between a 6th grader and an 8th grader. To have a 10 or 11 year old with a 13 or 14 year old, it's a big difference in age."

The more electives there are the more choices the kids have at learning something new. I do like that more electives are coming in because kids can now learn something new. When kids learn something new, they can use it to their advantage and use it when they grow up. I do not like the fact that there are specific electives for specific grades. If a kid needs to use it in life and they don't learn it when they are young, then it will take longer for the children to learn it when needed. Like Spanish 1, kids need it to graduate high school and for future jobs. **By Gabriel Maya**

Dear Jaguars...

FSA Study Tips

by Kayla Barcnas

With the FSA just around the corner, students are scurrying to study. However, some don't know what's productive and what's not. The FSA is a very important test that determines what classes you will have next year. No matter what grade you're in, studying is very important, so here are some tips to help improve not only your FSA scores, but your other test scores in the future.

- Give yourself enough time to study so you retain the information.
- Take practice tests on the subject you are studying.
- Organize your study space. Multiple studies have shown that clutter is usually linked to stress.
- Take small breaks to keep from overworking yourself.
- Create a study group with friends.
- Study in class and at home.

Eighth grader Abby Devendorf suggests that practice tests are very productive and help you retain information and get you familiar with the subject you are studying for. While study groups seem like a good idea, Medina Dasaye thinks that a study group would be counterproductive because although they are fun, they may backfire due to procrastination issues with friends.

Photos by Hunter Ring.



Eighth grader, Medina Dasaye believes that there are no special ways for studying the FSA.



Eighth grader, Abby Devendorf, believes that practicing can give you more confidence on tests.

Eighth grader, Makai Merrer, believes that if people study a lot, they will do well on the FSA.



Fuzzy Feelings

Celebrating Dr. Seuss

by Hadley Turner

Dr. Seuss is a very popular children's author. He is most known for books such as Green Eggs and Ham, The Cat in the Hat, Horton Hears a Who, The Lorax, and How the Grinch Stole Christmas. Dr. Seuss was born on March 2nd, 1904 and died September 24th, 1991, at age 87. He is credited for creating words in his books to make them rhyme. Some such words are zummings, nizzards, yekko, and sneedle. Many of his books have been made into movies and TV shows. Many people don't know this, but Dr. Seuss actually had imaginary children. His first wife was unable to have children, and his second wife already had two children from a previous marriage. While he found the subject of kids always kind of wary because of their unpredictable nature, he would often brag about his own make-believe children when his friends would brag about their own. His most famous made up child was his daughter named Chrysanthemum Pearl. He often claimed she could make "the most delicious oyster stew with chocolate frosting and flaming Roman candles." If you want to know some other interesting facts about Dr. Seuss check out <https://www.littlethings.com/facts-about-dr-seuss/> . Dr. Seuss was an amazing author, artist, and apparently, an amazing imaginary father. He also had thousands of inspirational quotes such as:

-*"Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened."*

-*"Unless someone like you does a whole awful lot, nothing's going to get better. It's not."*

Therapy dogs in schools

by Samantha Decapua

Kids are always getting stressed out by their day to day life; they go through a lot of hard work, and this can put a lot of weight on them. A good stress reliever is animals. Because animals are good stress relievers, some schools have been starting to add emotional support animals, more specifically, therapy dogs. Therapy dogs are dogs whose owners will volunteer their time at a variety of places, like nursing homes, hospitals, and of course, schools. 7th grader Asin Sajan, says that therapy dogs should be used in schools, she says that "some people having a bad day can see a cute dog." She thinks that all students should be able to see the dog, "Because all students might deal with anxiety."



Seventh grader, Asin Sajan says, "People who are having a bad day can see a cute dog and it may cheer the person up."

Cubs of Character

How to Gain Self Control

By: Madison Adkins and Hannah Brant

People who have self control are mature, calm, and are able to make good choices. Self control is a good trait to have. Having self control can be hard to learn, and doesn't come naturally to everyone. One tip to gain self control is to listen to your teachers. You can do this by following the simple rules that they apply during class time. Another tip is staying calm in a tough situation. A shortcut way to have self control is to take a deep breath. This might sound silly but it calms your mind, which helps you focus. A way to have self control is to see the bigger picture instead of reacting to a small moment.

Take the challenge and achieve self control!

6th grade Cubs of Character: Dominic Poux, Isabella Leon, George Ayala, Koral Adams, Tierney Wilkes, Milena Papagni, Kamila Solar, Alejandro Correa, Javier Santiago, Emily Estrada, Riley Stoker, Jaden Saer, Skylar George, Leonardo Martini, Ethan Riate, Emily Boedhram, Felipe Lopez-Castaneda, Kyle Faulkner, Margo Toomer, Alexander Soria, Nam Nguyen, Lismary Taveras, Kainoa Villavicencio, and Angelina Gagliano

7th grade Cubs of Character: Ella Dever, Ben Serrano, Geraldo Diego Calate, Catalina Reyes Torres, Kayla Moule, Tam Ho, Mark Cunningham, Carlos Mallet, Bailey Porter, Gracelyn Porter, Daniel Ortega, Dakota Donohue, Zharía Gelin, Mana Fisher, Regan Sullivan, Benjamin Serrano, Jaden Weber, and Emily Quinn

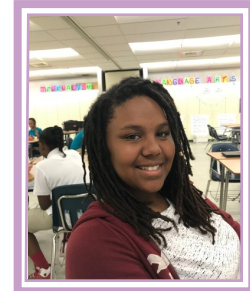
8th grade Cubs of Character: Chloe Bruce, Ava Jackson, Oliva Wiest, Jocelyn Salpeter, Christhyan Pichardo, Samantha Francois, Jake Ortega, Samuel Rial Cuadrado, Gabriela Martinez, Aidan Lay, Roger Lanza Gutierrez, Hailey Hughes, Isabella Morales, Alexander Polesello, Kayla Do, Scott Hegedus, and Kyle Sadowski



Tristyn Bullock, in 7th grades, says, "If someone tries to talk to me, I wait until the teacher is done talking before I answer."



Angel Strachan, also in 7th grade, says it can be hard to have self control "because your friends are around."



In order to get nominated next time, Amyah Hamilton, 7th grader, says, "I could have stopped talking as much in class."

Staff "Spot"light

Best Teachers Ever!

Dr. Watson

By: Valerie Roa

Dr. Watson is a great teacher and sponsor for student council. He organizes lots of activities and meetings at Indian Ridge such as the Black History Month vent, Talent Show, and school dances. Dr. Watson is a history teacher in 8th grade. He has been teaching at Indian Ridge for over 20 years. This is not his only specialty- Dr. Watson got a Doctorate Degree in educational leadership at Nova Southeastern University, and a specialist and master's degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of Alabama. As if that weren't enough, he also has a BA in history from the University of Tennessee. Dr. Watson claims that his favorite part of his job "is seeing my students come to the realization of how much talent they have" and "to see how great they are". He claims that what made him sponsor student council is "I think they needed a new direction and I felt that I had something to offer. It has been a very enjoyable experience." Cami Cala, 8th grader and president of student council states that "Dr. Watson puts in all his effort and really goes all out for everything, and he wants the best for everyone" Also, Garhyson Gaddy claims that, "he is always there to guide us , he helps us to go out and do different stuff and he always knows what to do." Overall, he is a great teacher and an amazing Student Council advisor.



Dr. Watson is in charge of Student Council and teaches 8th grade history.



Black History Month event



Ms. G a 7th and 8th grade peer counseling teacher.

Ms Golembioski

By: Chiara Cremonti

Ms. Golembioski is the peer counseling teacher here at Indian Ridge Middle School. She likes to be called Ms. G. for short. She runs the peer counseling program and has multiple years experience as the peer counseling teacher. Peer counseling provides many resources such as tutoring, counseling and Snackchat (where students get to eat with peer counselors if they are feeling lonely or need someone to talk to). Before being a peer counseling teacher, Ms. G was a social worker. She has a Master's Degree in Social Work and a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. She has previously taught at a private school in New York before working here at Indian Ridge. She has been teaching a total of 7 years and 4 years at Indian Ridge. She started as a temporary guidance counselor and then a social science position opened, and she did that for a year and then a position as a peer counseling teacher became available and decided "it was a great fit." Her favorite part about teaching is "seeing programs that help students." Ms. G. hopes to continue to be the peer counseling teacher for years to come!

“Paw”se to Remember

The History of St. Patrick’s Day By Hannah Keller

Every year, on March 17, St. Patrick’s Day is celebrated. St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. He was born in Rome but was kidnapped when he was only 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. When he finally escaped, he wanted to return to Ireland to convert to Irish Christianity. Unfortunately, he died on March 17, 461 B.C. But during his life he was able to help establish many churches and schools. There are many legends about St. Patrick like how he drove the snakes out of Ireland and how he used the shamrock to explain the Trinity (sign of the cross). Over the years, Ireland began celebrating this day with religious services, a feast, and eventually leprechauns. There are many traditions that happen on St. Patrick’s Day like leprechauns pinching people who don’t wear green and leprechauns messing up teachers’ classrooms. Many people watch parades and Irish dancers dance. It is a tradition to eat a lot of food. Éire go deo (Ireland forever)!

The History of April Fools By Ciara Matthews

On April 1st we celebrate April Fool's day. This day is celebrated by playing practical jokes on one another. When the people playing April Fools jokes reveal that they were pranking the victim they shout, “April Fools!” This day has been celebrated for many centuries all around the world. However, the origin of April Fool's day is uncertain.

One of the theories of how April Fool's day began has to do with the movement of New Year’s Day. Ancient cultures celebrated New Year’s Day around April 1st. But, in 1582, Pope Gregory XIII ordered for a new calendar to replace the Julian calendar. The new calendar changed the date of New Year’s Day to January 1st. Many people refused to celebrate on the new date or didn’t know the date had been changed and continued to celebrate around April 1st.

Another explanation of how April Fool's day started takes place during the reign of Constantine when a group of jesters told the emperor they could rule the empire much better than him. Constantine allowed Kugel, one of the jesters, to be king for a day. Kugel called for absurdity on that day and it eventually became an annual event like it is today.



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