

## RAM REPORTER



### The New CREW:

by Mrs. Garcia

I would like to personally welcome our 2024 Ram Reporters! They consist of 8 fabulous 4th graders. I am very proud of their hard work, dedication, and extreme positive character! They are as follows:

Akira Arce, Alisson Castañeda, Iker Chavez, Kara Chavez, Perla Irby, Dario Franco, Nathan Harris, and Makayla Menchaca! Below are the reasons they wanted to serve on the Ram Reporter:

"I want to be a Ram Reporter because it shows all of the teachers, that I have had at Hawkins, that they taught me well and to achieve great goals!" - Akira

"I want to be a Ram Reporter because it would be a really fun experience that I've never done before. To be honest, I never thought I would be a Ram Reporter. I also love to write and being a reporter, I can learn to write better." - Allison

"I want to be a Ram Reporter because it seems fun and being a Ram Reporter means I represent all of Hawkins Elementary School! That is very exciting!" - Iker

"I want to be a Ram Reporter because I want to be able to inform the other students/teachers/about what is happening around school." - Kara



"I want to be a Ram Reporter because I think it will be really fun and interesting. I also know I will do my best because I like working hard and I also love writing. I also like to learn about cool stuff!" - Perla

"I want to be a Ram Reporter because I want to do all the fun stuff like wear custom shirts and learn new things."  
- Dario

"I want to be a Ram Reporter because I want to meet new people that I may not have met. I will also get to know these people from all walks of life and have the opportunity to hear their stories." - Nathan

"I want to be a Ram Reporter because I feel like it will be a lot of fun for me and for my friends too. I also like to write and research new things." - Makayla





# Love is in the Air



## Happy Loving Day!



by Makayla

Everyone knows what holiday is on February 14th...Valentine's Day! It's a time when we share love and care which is so special to me. Valentine's Day is important because it's a great opportunity to teach kids to understand and appreciate all kinds of relationships. Did you know that Cupid started as a Greek God? Also, roses are gifted to symbolize love. The oldest known Valentine card was written in 1477 as a love letter! Crazy right? I hope you have learned something about Valentine's Day!

## Special Chocolates

by Alisson



Hmmm. I wonder what Valentine's Day chocolate you will choose after hearing about the top 8 below! All of these special chocolates are awesome to try so don't miss any and RUN to the store before they are all out!

1. Williams Sonoma Strawberry Heart Bark
2. Jelly Belly Sour Pucker Lips
3. Harry & David Breakable Chocolate Heart
4. Conversation Hearts
5. Reese's Snack Size Heart Gift Box
6. M&M's Valentine Chocolate Candy
7. Chocolate Roses
8. Lint Lindor Strawberries & Cream

## Sweet, SWEET Love!

by Akira

Do you have a favorite candy you like for Valentine's? The most popular kind of candy during February is the Conversation Heart Candy. They are the candies that have special messages on them and you can give to your best friend or loved ones. Conversation hearts are the cute candies which have short sayings on them. They are an important part of Valentine's Day because it is a way of saying, "I Love You" or "Be Mine." It all began in 1901 by a man named Oliver Chase. He began his candy company in England. Other styles were produced in America soon after. They were originally called, "sweethearts" and made at first as a throat lozenge, that's for your cough or sore throat. Now a-days Conversation Heart companies serve 13 million pounds in nearly 6 weeks before Valentine's Day. A fun fact I discovered was a man gave his girlfriend a personalized heart that read, "Marry Me" to propose to her. Well, I hope you are looking forward to enjoying candy hearts and learned how interesting they are. If your loved one or friend loves this yummy gift, it's because it is a mini heart of love!



# Up-Coming Events & MORE!!

## Melting Flavors

by Iker



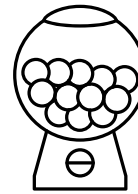
Have you ever heard of frozen yogurt? It's kind of like ice cream but smoother. It even gets a special day in February! It's called National Frozen Yogurt day and it is celebrated on February 6th! This delicious dessert is very popular all over the world and its celebrated because it's so yummy! The first frozen yogurt originated in 1970 in the United States. It does not contain the heavy cream found in ice cream and is low-fat. So, the next time you want a frozen dessert, try yogurt! There are places all over El Paso like Menchie's at the Fountains.



## Perfect Punxsutawney Phil

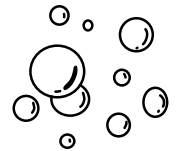
by Nathan

Groundhog day is a special day coming up on February 2nd! What this day means is a groundhog, named Punxsutawney Phil, comes out of his burrow from his hibernation. It's important because if he comes out of his hole and sees his shadow, our winter will be longer! This is a legend of course but we have been celebrating this groundhog's prediction since 1993. This turned into a ceremony held in Punxsutawney Pennsylvania! It is an annual event every February! Make sure to listen to the news, this Friday, to see if Phil saw his shadow!



**POP!**

BY DARIO



Hey! do you like to chew gum? I do and on February 2 there's a special day for us gum chewers. National Bubble Gum Day is a special day that raises money for charity. You can celebrate the day by buying a pack of your favorite flavor of bubble gum and share a piece with your friends. You can also have a bubble-blowing contest.. but make sure you don't chew in class!



## HONOR & REMEMBER

BY KARA



Do you celebrate Presidents' Day? Well if you do, you know that there has been 46 presidents in our nation's history. Presidents' Day is a day to honor our current and past presidents. In the 1800s, people celebrated the first Presidents' Day to honor George Washington's birthday. Even though George Washington was born on the 22nd of February, we celebrate on the 3rd Monday of every February. I hope you learned a little about Presidents' Day and the next time you celebrate this special day, you think of my article.



**YUMMY!!**

by Perla Ivy



Valentine's Day is just around the corner! Have you ever heard about chocolate covered strawberries? They are very good and easy. All you need is melted chocolate and several fresh, clean strawberries.

### Chocolate Covered Strawberries

**Materials:** 5/6 cleaned and fresh strawberries, chocolates, microwave safe bowl, and parchment paper

**Instructions:** Place your chocolates in a bowl and microwave for 2 minutes. Take your clean strawberries and dip into the chocolate half way. Place strawberries on parchment paper Let the strawberries cool down for about an hour. ENJOY!

**PRINCIPAL<sup>PL</sup>**

**Happy New Year to all of our Hawkins Families and Staff! This new year brings many exciting activities and learning opportunities. We are starting our Saturday Camps offered from January until April, providing additional assistance for students through fun and engaging lessons. We will also be sending information regarding our upcoming Intersession week coming up in March. As we focus on attendance, please remember the importance of being here every day and communicating with the teacher and front office. Students are rewarded on attendance in and out of the classroom with incentives throughout the year. We are attaching a feedback form for you to fill out and return with your child for us to gather more ideas for incentives. We will also be scheduling a parent meeting to inform you on upcoming events happening at our school and the district. We hope to see you all on February 6th during Parent/Teacher Conferences!**

**Sincerely- Ms. Ruiz**

*Counselor's Corner!*



Hello! My name is Ms. Suarez. I am Hawkins Elementary's school counselor. Every month we celebrate positive character traits. Our big idea for the month of February is kindness. Kindness is showing others they are valuable by how you treat them. Do you hold the door open for others, listen patiently without interrupting, and give generously? These are all examples of KINDNESS! This month I challenge you to make a list of ten things your family can do to show kindness to the people you see every day. Think of other family members, neighbors, or classmates. Create a list of kind things that you can do for others. This will make a positive impact on someone's life, and you may just find that it feels great to show others how you feel!



### Feedback Form

What grade is your son/daughter in: \_\_\_\_\_

Hawkins faculty & staff would like some new ideas/incentives to "BOOST" attendance, good behavior, and academics? We give pencils, goodies, free dress, recess time, etc.. What would be some different incentives we could offer students? Please feel free to share ideas, cut off this form, and return to your child's homeroom teacher! Thank you so, very much!

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