

Auburn Middle Monthly

Hope this cartoon makes everyone's day better!



Cartoon by Katie Weappa

Cinco de Mayo 2021 in the United States

Edited and organized by Mikayla Pompell

What is Cinco de Mayo?

Cinco de Mayo 2021 is Spanish for 5 May 2021. It is a day spent celebrating the past victory of the Mexican Army over the French during the Battle of Puebla, 1862. Initially, the commemoration was about the triumph of the small Mexican army over the generous French army. However, today, Cinco de Mayo in the US honors the Mexican-American culture instead. This day should not be confused with the Mexican independence, which occurred on September 16 – this was, instead, the first step towards their freedom, according to a brave troop of the Mexican Army

Cinco de Mayo is a Mexican holiday, but it is celebrated with much enthusiasm in America as well. During the civil wars, this day was about pride and coming together to celebrate their culture. However, since the 1980s, Cinco de Mayo in the US has been commercialized by beverage companies. There is a visible rise in the amount of alcohol consumption throughout the country on this day. Other forms of celebration include parades, costume parties, and enjoying Mexican food and drinks. The ethnicity and culture of Mexico can be seen throughout America on Cinco de Mayo, and people celebrate their traditions through competitions, dance, mariachi music, and more. A reenactment of the Battle of Puebla is also held in places, sometimes. Americans of Mexican descent utilize this day in educating their children on their culture.

Why is Cinco De Mayo celebrated?

The wars of 1846-48 and 1858-61 nearly starved the Mexican Treasury of needed finances. As a result, the President of that time suspended the repayment of all foreign debts for two years beginning from 1861. Britain, Spain, and France reacted by sending their naval forces to Veracruz for reimbursements. While Britain and Spain negotiated and withdrew from Mexico, France took this as an opportunity to rule over Mexico under the leadership of Napoleon III. They hoped to establish a new Mexican empire which would be in favour of the French interests.

At the time, the Battle of Puebla took place when a well-armed French army landed in Veracruz in the late 1861 and forced the Mexican government to retreat. As they marched towards Mexico, they faced an obstacle in their path in the form of the Mexican army under the leadership of General Ignacio Zaragoza. Despite the considerable difference in their numbers, the Mexican army defeated the French on 5 May 1862. This boosted their morale enough that despite the subsequent loss, the Mexicans kept fighting for their freedom until they finally received it. However, these battles have no connection with the Mexican Independence Day.

All information is from:

<https://time.astrosage.com/holidays/us/cinco-de-mayo-in-the-united-states#:~:text=Cinco%20de%20Mayo%202021%20is,over%20the%20magnanimous%20French%20army>

Mothers Day Gift Ideas

Organized by Mikayla Pompell

Most of us fall back on the classics when it comes time to buy Mother's Day gifts: flowers, fancy tea, a card, or a framed piece of kid art. But if you're missing your mom now more than ever (The worldwide Pandemic causing closures and beginning quarantine), you might want to dig a little deeper. That's why we created this helpful list of Mother's Day gifts for every kind of mom, from artsy moms to fitness moms to moms who love to bake bread. Heck, we've even found something for the mom who (maybe) loves her dog more than her kids. Sure, the big day — May 9 — is still a few days away, but the only thing better than getting Mom a gift you know she'll love is doing so with plenty of time to spare, so you're not stressing out at the last minute.

Many of the things on this list are available on Amazon, but some are from common crafts stores, for those who like to shop around.

Gifts for mothers with a green thumb

- New stainless steel gardening shovel
- Gardening protection gloves
- Sun hat with a bow

Gifts for mothers that like to cook

- New copper frying pan
- Air fryer for healthier fried foods
- New silverware set

Gifts for mothers that like DIY's

- Homemade finger paint picture
- Baked goods
- Soap bottle with a laminated photo of you trapped inside
- Collage of family photos
- A poem written about her
- Pencils wrapped with floral tape and faux flowers
- Painted portrait of her with words that describe her around her body

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<https://nymag.com/strategist/article/best-mothers-day-gifts-for-mom.html>

Guess the Teacher

By: Christina Dovell

Last Month's Staff Member was... Ms. Dubetsky!
Congratulations Leianna Thomas and more for guessing
correctly last month!

In this column, you, the reader, will be given facts about a staff member at Auburn. With these facts, you can complete the very quick google form attached and if you guess correctly, you might be mentioned in the next issue of the newspaper! And now, here's the information for this months Staff Member:

1. I am a female.
2. My hair color is dark brown/black.
3. My last name has 2 syllables.
4. My eyes are brown.
5. My favorite food is steak.
6. Growing up, my favorite subject in school was Science.
7. I have a dog and a cat.

Do you think you know who I am?

Take a guess here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdRwgjo3g_jWaWzbArD5feq_-MVfwx_IFGMtxTnzIKq51BW3A/viewform?usp=pp_url

Riddle Time!

by Ian Nguyen

- 1. What starts with an E, ends with an E, but only has one letter?*
- 2. I have a head, but no neck. I have a tail, but no body. What am I?*
- 3. What type of tree can you fit in your hand?*
- 4. Two people were playing chess, but both of them won. How could this be?*
- 5. I'm black when I'm young, I'm red when I'm most useful, and I'm gray when I die. What am I?*

Answers!

1. Eye. (also sounds like "I")
2. A coin!
3. A palm! (like a palm tree)
4. They were playing different people!
5. Charcoal!

How many did you get right?

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Did You Know Article: Random Facts

By: Olivia Busby

- There is a company that turns dead bodies into ocean reefs.
- Dolphins sleep with one eye open.
- Vacuum Cleaners were originally horse-drawn.
- The largest padlock in the world weighs 916 pounds!
- McDonald's first introduced drive-through service because of the military.
- Alfred Hitchcock was afraid of eggs! Who knew?
- Pigs do not sweat.
- The fuller a fridge is the more energy efficient it is.
- There is a LEGO bridge in Germany that you can walk across. Ouch!
- Umbrellas were once only used by women.
- For twenty years a cat named Stubbs served as mayor of the Alaskan town Talkeetna.
- Squirrels are responsible for the most power outages in the U.S.
- In olden times spiderwebs were used as bandages.
- A quarter of your bones are located in your feet.
- The inventor of the Pringles can is now buried in one.
- Sunglasses were originally designed for Chinese judges to hide their facial expressions in court.
- Cotton candy was invented by a dentist.
- Shakespeare's epitaph contains a curse for grave robbers.
- A New Orleans hotel offered a \$15,000 stay to whoever stole the "most outrageous" item from them.
- Children of identical twins are genetically siblings, not cousins.
- It would only take one hour to drive to space.
- A cornflake shaped like Illinois sold on eBay for \$1,350.
- A cloud can weigh more than 1 million pounds, or 500 tons! That's like 100 elephants!
- The Queen owns all of the Swans in England.
- A fortune cookie company once foretold the lottery, resulting in 110 winners.
- A meteor exploded over Earth with the force of 10 atomic bombs and everyone missed it.
- Someone tried to sell New Zealand on eBay.
- A human could swim through a blue whale's veins.
- Crying makes you feel happier.
- A dentist invented the electric chair.
- Australia has pink and purple lakes.
- The tea bag was an accidental invention.
- The Russians arrived 12 days late to the 1908 Olympics because they were using the wrong calendar.
- Bubble Wrap was originally invented to be used as wallpaper.

Best Life Editors and Daniel, A. (2021). *65 Facts So Weird You Won't Believe They're True*. [online] Best Life. Available at: <https://bestlifeonline.com/weird-amazing-facts/> [Accessed 21 Apr. 2021].

May National Holidays

By Caleb Pearson

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| May 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National loyalty day• Law day | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National nurses day• World password day | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National eat what you want day• National twilight zone day |
| May 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National truffle day• National lemonade day | May 7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National space day• School lunch hero day |
| May 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National lumpy rug day• National textiles day | May 8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National have a coke day• National miniature golf day |
| May 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Star Wars day• National orange juice day | May 9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National sleepover day• National lost sock memorial day |
| May 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National astronaut day• Cinco De Mayo | May 10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National clean up your room day• National shrimp day |
| May 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National chocolate chip day• National learn to swim day | May 11 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National be a millionaire day |
| May 16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National barbecue• National love a tree day | May 21 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National memo day• National pizza party day |
| May 17 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National walnut day• National Idaho day | May 22 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National vanilla pudding day• National solitaire day |
| May 18 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National dirty dishes day• National visit your relatives day | May 23 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National lucky penny day• National taffy day |
| May 19 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National juice slush day• Emergency medical for children day | May 24 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National brother's day• National scavenger hunt day |
| May 20 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National red sneakers day | May 25 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National tap dance• National towel day |
| | | May 26 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National paper airplane day |
| | | May 12 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National school nurse day• National nutty fudge day |
| | | May 13 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National apple pie day• National crouton day |
| | | May 14 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National dance like a chicken day• National buttermilk biscuit |
| | | May 15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National blueberry cheesecake day |
| | | May 27 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National grape popsicle day• National cellophane tape day |
| | | May 28 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National beef burger day• National road trip day |
| | | May 29 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National paperclip day• National 529 day |
| | | May 30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National creativity day• National water a flower day |
| | | May 31 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National smile day• National speak in sentences day |

Debate Results!

By Ian Nguyen

If you didn't already know, we've been sending out polls of Random Debate topics to the students, teachers, and parents of AMS! So, we've compiled a list of the results of all these polls to see how the majority of Auburn would answer!

Do Dogs or Cats make better pets?

Dogs: 61.5% Cats: 38.5%

Dogs win!

Which is the better season? Summer or Winter?

100% voted for Winter!!!

Should Animal Testing be legal?

Yes: 34.5% No: 65.5%

Animal testing should be illegal!

Would you rather be able to fly or turn invisible?

Flight: 32.5% Invisibility: 67.5%

Invisibility is cooler!

Thanks to everyone who participated in these polls! What interesting data we collected from the people of Auburn Middle School!

Middle School Memories

Auburn Artists

Coordinated by Christina Sowers

Next year seems to be coming too soon. As the end of the year rounds the corner, we've asked you students what you won't forget. For those who are nearing the end of your eighth grade year, we've asked...

"What will you remember?"

"Being able to bake at home for school assignments."

"We can do hard things"

"Listening to my favorite song with my best friend every morning."

Thank you for reading this month's school newspaper!

We hope you enjoyed this final newsletter before the end of school.

Good luck to everyone taking the SOLs!

And thank you to everyone who participated and helped with this fun and cooperative project! Our NJHS Newspaper Staff had a blast making enjoyable newspapers for all you readers! You guys made this whole thing worth it! Have a wonderful summer!