



The Concord GRAPEVINE

REMEMBERING PEARL HARBOR

The legacies and memory of the attack on Pearl Harbor will continue to influence contemporary politics, diplomacy, and strategy into the future.

The Pearl Harbor remembrance is important because it honors the sacrifices made by those who perished during the attack, serves as a reminder of the turning point that led the United States into World War II, and builds resilience and unity within the country. In addition it provides a platform to teach future generations about the historical significance of the event and the effects of war.

Key points about Pearl Harbor remembrance:

Honoring the Fallen

The primary purpose is to commemorate the lives lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, paying tribute to the service members and civilians who died on December 7, 1941.

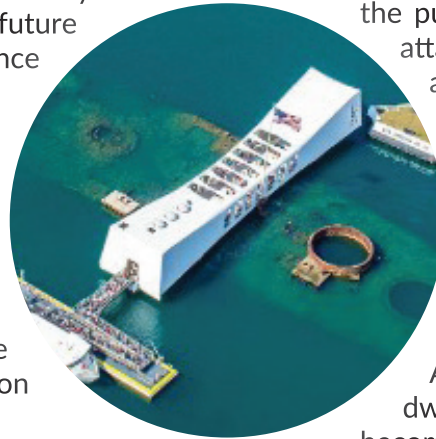
Historical Significance

Remembering Pearl Harbor highlights the event's critical

role in propelling the United States into World War II, marking a major turning point in global history.

Education and Reflection

The remembrance serves as an opportunity to educate the public about the events leading up to the attack, the impact on the American people, and the lessons learned from the war.



National Unity

Commemorating Pearl Harbor can foster a sense of national unity and shared identity by reflecting on a significant moment in American history.

Preserving Legacy

As the generation of World War II veterans dwindles, Pearl Harbor remembrance becomes increasingly important to preserve the stories and experiences of those who lived through the attack.

Pearl Harbor National Memorial

The memorial site at Pearl Harbor serves as a dedicated space for reflection, remembrance, and education about the events of December 7, 1941.

Source: www.google.com/search?q=the+importance+of+pearl+harbor+remembrance

December is...

Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) Awareness Month

- 1st Advent Begins
- 7th Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 8th Immaculate Conception
- 10th Human Rights Day
- 15th Bill of Rights Day
- 24th Christmas Eve
- 26th Christmas Day
- 26th Hanukkah Begins
- 26th Kwanzaa (Start)
- 31st New Year's Eve

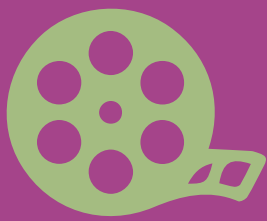
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Movie MADNESS

Holiday Movie Favorites!

Instead of going out to see a movie during the holidays, get together with friends and family to enjoy these holiday favorites!



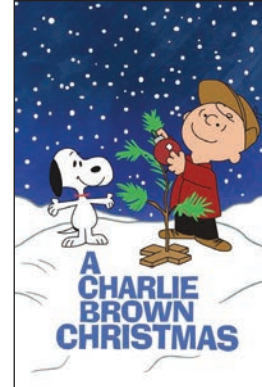
How the Grinch Stole Christmas

The Grinch attempts to ruin Christmas by stealing gifts and decorations from the homes in nearby Whoville. But miraculously, the Grinch realizes that Christmas is not all about money and presents.



The Polar Express

A boy who is sceptical of Santa Claus is shocked to see a train stop outside his window on Christmas Eve. When he climbs onboard, he embarks on a white-knuckle ride to North Pole where he makes friends and learns an invaluable lesson about the true spirit of Christmas.



A Charlie Brown Christmas

When Charlie Brown complains about materialism during the holiday season, Lucy suggests that he become director of the school Christmas pageant. But when an attempt to restore the proper spirit with a forlorn little fir Christmas tree fails, he needs Linus' help to learn the meaning of Christmas.



A Christmas Story

Ralphie Parker spends most of his time dreaming of his ideal Christmas gift—a "Red Ryder air rifle." At odds with his cranky dad but comforted by his doting mother, Ralphie struggles to make it to Christmas Day with his glasses and his hopes intact.



elf

After accidentally getting transported to the North Pole as a toddler and raised to adulthood among Santa's elves, Buddy feels he doesn't fit in, so he travels to New York, in search of his real father.



Miracle on 34th Street

A man going by the name of Kris Kringle fills in for the Santa in Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade. He becomes a hit and is soon appearing at the main store in Manhattan. Kringle surprises everyone by claiming that he really is Santa Claus. This leads to a court case to determine his mental health and, more importantly, his authenticity.



National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation

Clark Griswold wants to have a perfect family Christmas, but things quickly go awry. His cousin Eddie, and his family show up unplanned and start living in their camper on the Griswold property. Even worse, Clark's employers renege on the holiday bonus he needs.



It's A Wonderful Life

George Bailey has so many problems he is thinking about ending it all. As angels discuss George, we see his life in flashback. As he is about to jump from a bridge, he ends up rescuing his guardian angel, Clarence, who then shows George what his town would have looked like if it hadn't been for his good deeds over the years.



Home Alone

When Kevin McCallister acts out the night before a family trip to Paris, his mother makes him sleep in the attic. After the family mistakenly leave for the airport without him, he awakens to an empty house and assumes his wish to have no family has come true. But when he realizes that two con men plan to rob his home, he alone must protect it.



A lighter take on holiday dinner!

Citrus-Roasted Salmon

Ingredients:

- 3 clementines, divided
- 1 lemon, sliced
- 8 sprigs thyme, plus 1 tablespoon thyme leaves
- 1 (3-pound) skin-on salmon fillet
- 1 1/2 tbsp. pure honey
- 1 tbsp. fennel seeds, crushed
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

Directions:

Preheat oven to 425°F. Slice 1 clementine. Arrange sliced clementine, lemon, and thyme sprigs in center of a baking sheet. Top with salmon, skin side down. Grate zest from 1 clementine into a measuring cup, then squeeze in juice from both remaining clementines (you should get about 1/4 cup). Add honey and whisk until dissolved. Brush salmon with half of clementine mixture, then sprinkle with fennel and thyme leaves. Season with salt and pepper. Roast 10 minutes. Brush salmon with remaining juice mixture. Roast until barely opaque throughout, 12 to 15 minutes.



Cider-Glazed Carrots with Walnuts

Ingredients:

- 2 1/2 pounds medium carrots, peeled and cut into 2-inch diagonal pieces (about 9 cups)
- 1/4 cup packed light brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 cup toasted walnut pieces
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley

Directions:

Place carrots in a large saucepan with water to cover, and bring to a boil over high. Reduce heat to low, and simmer until tender, 3 to 5 minutes. Drain and set aside. Combine brown sugar, apple cider vinegar, butter, salt, dry mustard, and paprika in a large nonstick skillet over low; cook, stirring often, until butter melts. Increase heat to medium-high, and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium; add carrots. Cook, stirring constantly, until carrots are glazed and sauce is syrupy, 3 to 4 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in walnuts; sprinkle with chopped parsley, and toss to combine. Serve immediately.



Cranberry Gin Fizz

For the Cocktail:

- 2 oz. gin
- 3/4 oz. cranberry syrup (see directions at right)
- 3/4 oz. fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 oz. elderflower liquor
- Ice
- Club soda
- Fresh cranberries, to garnish
- 2 sprig fresh thyme, to garnish

For the Cranberry Syrup:

- 1/2 c. cranberries
- 3/4 c. granulated sugar
- 3/4 c. water
- 4 sprigs fresh thyme

Directions:

Make the cranberry syrup: Simmer cranberries, granulated sugar, and water in a small saucepan over medium heat until sugar dissolves and cranberries break down, 10 to 12 minutes. Stir in 4 sprigs fresh thyme. Cool to room temperature. Strain; discard solids. *Make the cocktail:* Combine gin, cranberry syrup, fresh lemon juice, elderflower liquor, and ice in a cocktail shaker. Shake until chilled; strain into 2 glasses. Top with ice and club soda. Garnish each drink with fresh cranberries and 1 sprig fresh thyme.





Helpful TIPS

Top 10 Holiday Safety Tips

Inspect electrical decorations for damage before use. Cracked or damaged sockets, loose or bare wires, and loose connections may cause a serious shock or start a fire.

Do not overload electrical outlets. Overloaded electrical outlets and faulty wires are a common cause of holiday fires. Avoid overloading outlets and plug only one high-wattage into each outlet at a time.

Never connect more than three strings of incandescent lights. More than three strands may not only blow a fuse, but can also cause a fire.

Keep trees fresh by watering daily. Dry trees are a serious fire hazard.

Use battery-operated candles. Candles start almost half of home decoration fires.



Keep combustibles at least three feet from heat sources. A heat source that was too close to the decoration was a factor in half of home fires that began with decorations.



Protect cords from damage. To avoid shock or fire hazards, cords should never be pinched by furniture, forced into small spaces such as doors and windows, placed under rugs, located near heat sources, or attached by nails or staples.

Check decorations for certification label. Decorations not bearing a label from an independent testing laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL), Canadian Standards Association (CSA), or Intertek (ETL) have not been tested for safety and could be hazardous.

Stay in the kitchen when something is cooking. Unattended cooking equipment is the leading cause of home cooking fires.



Turn off, unplug, and extinguish all decorations when going to sleep or leaving the house. Half of home fire deaths occur between the hours of 11:00 pm and 7:00 am.

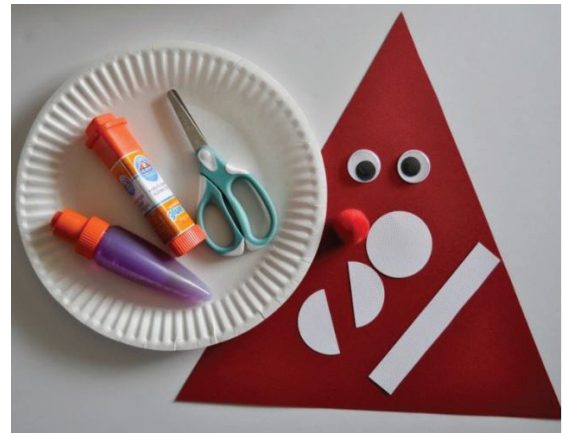
~ Source: Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI)

Crafty FUN!

CREATE A PAPER PLATE SANTA CLAUSE

Here's what you'll need:

- Paper Plate
- Flesh Tone Acrylic Paint
- Paint Brush
- 12-inch by 12-inch Red Cardstock Paper
- White Cardstock Paper
- 2-Inch Circle Punch (Optional)
- 2 Large Googly Eyes
- Red Pom
- Scissors
- Elmer's Glue Stick



1. Start by cutting the top third section off of your paper plate. Paint the inside circle of the paper plate with your flesh tone paint and set it aside to dry.

2. Draw a large triangle shape on your red cardstock paper and have your preschooler cut it out.

3. Use your circle punch to cut out two 2-inch circles from your white cardstock paper, or cut them out by hand. Cut one of the circles in half. Also, cut about a 3/4-inch strip from your white paper to use as the brim of the Santa hat.

4. As soon as your paper plate is finished drying, use your glue stick to assemble the Santa.

5. Start by adding glue to the back of your paper plate and glue

it onto your large triangle, about in the middle. Next glue your 2-inch circle at the top of your triangle. Also, glue your white strip at the top of your paper plate to form the brim of the hat.

6. Continue by gluing on your large googly eyes. Next, glue on your two half circles to form a mustache and finally glue your red pom right on top of your mustache to finish your Santa.

Source: <https://iheartcraftythings.com/paper-plate-santa-claus.html>