



2nd Semester Kicks Off With Winterfest Week

By June Callister, G3 Staff

This February 6-9th, ECHS had an Anti-Valentine Winterfest week. Culminating with an Anti-Valentine dance on Thursday, the whole school week was filled with fun activities and dress-up days. On Monday, Singles Stay-In Day, students got to relax and wear their 'comfy clothes'. On Tuesday, White Lie Day, students wore white t-shirts with a "little white lie" written on the front. Some of the white lies that were written were "I never tell white lies" (Mrs. Martin) and "School is Cool" (Dylan Huffman). The dodgeball tournament also happened on Tuesday between 3rd period and lunch. The first game was between the seventh graders and the sophomores, then the eighth and eleventh grade faced off, and finally the freshman and the seniors competed against each other. The sophomores beat the seventh grade, and the juniors beat the eighth graders. The freshman beat the seniors in the last game of the first round. The second round started with the juniors and the sophomores, with the juniors taking the victory, and the freshman class beating the seniors in their game.

The juniors played the freshman for the last round,

and wow was that a suspenseful game! Jenny Whimple and Selene Contreras held strong for the freshman until the end, when a few juniors hit them out. The juniors and took the grand prize of dodgeball bragging rights and early lunch. The freshman played the staff as a fun last battle, and won by a landslide. On Wednesday, students wore as much pink as they could to show school spirit and Valentine's disdain. On the very last day of Winterfest, students were given green and gold mismatched hearts. Staff and students were to find their 'match' and get a candy prize. The event lasted all day as students got new hearts and multiple victories. The Thursday night dance started at 8:00pm and ended at 10:30pm. The dance was full of upbeat music and zero Valentine's love. The last hour of the dance, the seventh graders were allowed to choose songs to play and dance to. Some of the songs played were "Barbie Girl" by Aqua, and "Iris" by the Goo Goo Dolls. However, if students wanted to play a slow song, they had to pay \$20.

All in all, Winterfest was an eventful week full of little love and lots of fun. Also, a big thanks to Amanda and the Student Council for putting all of our fun events together!



The winners of the dodgeball tournament. For more dodgeball pictures, see page 7.



Anti-Valentine signs at the dance

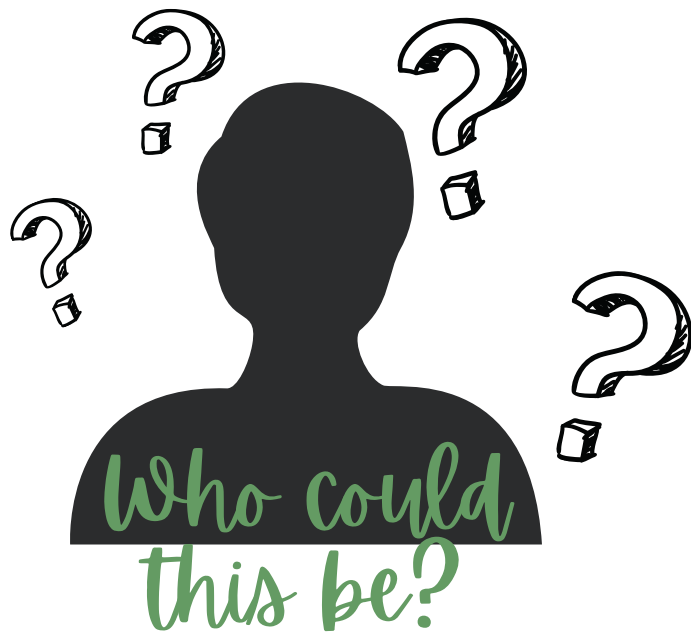


Mystery Staff Member

By Jenna Rosener, 3G staff

This month's mystery staff member's favorite color is white. Two foods that this staff member likes are sushi and cookies. "As a parent, holidays are stressful," this staff member says. Some activities that they like are, reading and wake surfing (or any water sports.) You can usually find this staff member in the hallways making everyone that passes by feel seen. They have 3,500 students that are their favorites. And lastly this mystery staff member has two kids.

Can you guess this mystical mystery staff member? The first middle schooler and first high schooler to tell Kathy (our secretary in the office) the correct guess will win a candy prize!

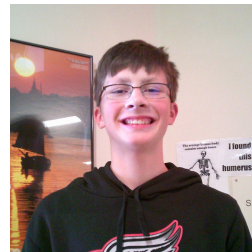


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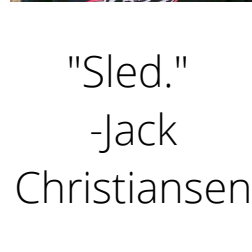
By Jazmine Martinez, G3 Staff

- **February 3rd, 1959:**
Rock singers Buddy Holly, Richie Valens, and the Big Bopper died in a plane crash.
- **February 6th, 1926:**
The first donut machine is sold.
- **February 18th, 1930:**
Pluto is discovered.
- **February 23rd, 1896:**
The Tootsie Roll rolls into stores in America.
- **February 29th, 1872:**
Yellowstone becomes the first National Park.

Question of the Month: What Do You Like to Do in the Snow?



"Skiing"
-Russell Rowley



"Sled."
-Jack Christiansen



"Stay inside where it's warm."
-Mrs. Gonzalez



"I like to go sledding with my kids"
-Mr. Carr



February's New Releases

By Jenna Rosener, 3G staff

On February 3, 2023, the newly released mystery/horror movie "Knock at The Cabin" (rated R) was out in theaters. This movie is about two parents and their little girl being taken hostage by four armed strangers. The strangers demand the family to make an unthinkable choice to avert the apocalypse. The family must decide whether they believe the strangers before all is lost, as they are scared, confused, and limited access to the outside world.

A few song albums that were released in February was "TRUSTFALL" by Pink, which was released on February 17. Also on the 17, the album called "The Family Business" by Jonas Brothers was released. On February 10 two other albums were released. One was "LEGEND (solo piano version)" by John Legend and "It's A Wrap-EP)" by Mariah Carey was the second one released on the 10. The last album was called "Die For You" by The Weeknd, which was released on the 27 of February.

On February 2, 2023, the book "Someone Else's Shoes" by Jojo Moyes was released. This book is about a woman named, Nisha Cantor, who lives a fabulous and wealthy lifestyle. She is determined to keep with up with her lifestyle, even after her husband says he will be filing for a divorce. Another woman, named Sam Kemp, is not feeling so great in her life. She accidentally takes Nisha's bag from the gym. Something that makes Sam realize something must change is the fabulous Louboutin's within.

"It's One of Us" by JT Ellison is a thriller book. This book is about a girl named Olivia Bender, who wants to be a mother, but all attempts failed. One day the police come to deliver news to Olivia and her husband, whose name is Park. The prime suspect in a murder investigation is Park's son. Park thinks he might have more children besides his one son. Especially since she has so many secrets of her own, Olivia must decide if she can hold Park accountable for fathering a murderer. This book was released on the date of February 21, 2023.

February 2, 2023 was also the day the game "Deliver Us Mars" was released. This game can be played on PC, PS4, PS5, Xbox x/s. This game is an atmospheric sci-fi adventure. "Deliver Us Mars" is a thriller, succession mission to recover the ARK colony ships that have been stolen by the mysterious Outward.

Happy Birthday

Nolan Hicks (1st)

Orlando Casas Urena

(10th)

Lian Allred (10th)

Maria (13th)

Landon Groth (14th)

Hannah Clark (14th)

Daniel Jones (14th)

Jenna Rosenr(17th)

Jatyde Rosener (20th)

Ms. Sweet (22nd)

Nicholas Blanco (24th)

Matthew Knapp (26th)

Mr. Cuda (26th)

Natalie Gray (27th)

FEBRUARY

Sports Highlights: February

By Jenny Whimple, G3 staff

On February 3rd the Vandals had basketball games in McDermitt. The Lady Vandals played first and did very good considering that there were six of them who could play. The Lady Vandals won their game, and the final score was 31 – 24. Some highlights from this game were Megan Johnson got 5 offensive rebounds, Jennifer Whimple got 5 deflections, and Hannah Bliss got 6 defensive rebounds.

After the Lady Vandals amazing game, the Vandal Boys played. The Vandals did a very good job and won their game, the end score was 56 – 18. The boys did very well, and a few highlights are Tramaine Burras got an insane dunk in the second quarter, Tristan Auch got 10 rebounds total, and Tyler Watts got 5 steals.

The next weekend, February 10th, the Vandal teams played against Wells. The Lady Vandals started the games off and won, the final score was 36 – 20. A couple highlights were Megan Johnson got 11 rebounds total, Claire Shoda got 5 steals, and Hannah Bliss got 2 deflections.

After the girls won the Vandal boys played and absolutely wiped the floor with the Leopards and the final score was 69 – 29. The boys played very well and some of the highlights were Megan Johnson got 7 three pointers which is one away from tying the record for threes in a single game, Anthony Minoletti got 8 steals, and Tristan Auch got 7 total rebounds.

The next day the Vandals hosted more games against Jackpot. To start the games off the Lady Vandals played and did a very good job. They won their game and the score at the end of the game was 47 – 15. The team was amazing and some of the many highlights were the team only having 13 turnovers, Natalie Grey got 5 defensive rebounds, and Megan Johnson got 7 assists.

After the Lady Vandals triumphed against the Jaguars the Vandal Boys were up next, and they won. The final score was 51 – 17. There were many



highlights and some of them were Anthony Minoletti got 18 points, Tristan Auch got 4 deflections, and Mason Johnson made 2 three pointers.

On February 18th the Vandals went to regionals. The Lady Vandals played their first game against Wells and won the final score was 37 – 26. Their next game was against McDermitt. The Vandals won and the final score was 50 – 40. The Lady Vandals won regionals and are now division champs. The highlights from this weekend were Megan Johnson scored 12 points, Claire Shoda got 5 steals, and Marcia Brown got 5 deflections.

The Vandal Boys also went to regionals. Their first
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game was against Carlin, and they won meaning that they were going to state, the final score was 79 - 47. The next day they played Owyhee and although they did their best and fought till the end they lost. The final score was 48 - 51. Some highlights from these games were Mason Johnson scored 28 points against Carlin, Tyler Watts got 6 steals against Owyhee, and Tramaine Burras got 8 rebounds.

The next weekend on February 23rd the Vandals Basketball teams were headed to state. The Lady Vandals played the first of three games and played against Round Mountain and won the final score was 64 - 33. The next day they played their second game against Coleville and won again, and the final score was 42 - 37. Next, they played in the State Championship on the 25th and although they played their hearts out and did their best, they could they lost; the final score was 23 - 59. Some highlights from these amazing games were Claire Shoda made 9 of her 11 free throws, Megan Johnson got 12 rebounds, and Marcia Brown got 2 blocks.

The Vandal Boys played their first game against Sage Ridge and had a great game. They won and the final score was 53 - 47. The next day the Vandal Boys played against Green Valley Christian and sadly lost although they tried their hardest and did their best. The final score was 51 - 33. The team who ended up winning state was Green Valley Christian. Some highlights from the Sage Ridge game were Anthony Minoletti got 8 total rebounds, Mason Johnson scored 18 points, and Joseph Minoletti got no fouls throughout the entire game.



Black History Month

By Jazmine Martinez, G3 Staff

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements for African Americans. It takes place from February 1st to March 1st. Black History Month is a time for recognizing African American citizens' significant role in U.S. history. This annual celebration came from Negro History Week. Negro History Week was a week for African Americans back in the early 1900's. Ever since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world also have a designated month devoted to celebrate Black History. To celebrate Black History Month, most people go to art exhibits, online poetry events, and scavenger hunts dedicated to Black History Month.



"Darkness can not drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate can not drive out hate: only love can do that." -Martin Luther King Jr.

"I had no idea that history was being made. I was just tired of giving up."

-Rosa Parks

"Slavery is the next thing to hell."

-Harriet Tubman

"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for.

We are the change that we seek."

- Barack Obama

Death of Tyre Nichols Stirs Controversy

By Cezzar Perez & Devyn Williams, 3G staff

On January 7th, 2023, around 8:30 pm, 29 year-old Tyre Nichols was pulled over for a traffic stop on suspicion of reckless driving in Memphis, Tennessee. When officers approached his vehicle, a confrontation broke out and officers claimed that "the suspect fled the scene on foot."

Five officers pursued Nichols and detained him. He sustained injuries from the confrontation and died in the hospital 3 days later. On January 27, body cam footage was released, causing protests to break out, with calls for justice. The harrowing footage that was released included graphic images of the beating of Nichols. All 5 of the officers were seen punching, kicking, and using a baton with brutal force against Nichols, who repeatedly called for help and begged for mercy. Ravaughn Wells, Nichols' mother, spoke to the press saying, "That's 1,000 pounds beating on my son, using him as a piñata - all this unnecessary force that was not needed for a kid that wasn't resisting, or just trying to get home to his parents."

Since the incident, all 5 officers have been fired and several other first responders at the scene have been disciplined for not intervening.

This is, unfortunately, another example of unethical behavior displayed by people in positions of power. Time will tell if justice will, in fact, be given to Tyre Nichols, who died at the hands of men who had sworn an oath to serve and protect.



Homelessness in the United States

By Lulu Fitzwater, G3 Staff



There are 582,462 people in the U.S that currently experience homelessness, with California accounting for nearly 30% of homelessness in the U.S. despite only having 12% of the U.S population. This raises the question: what causes homelessness in the United States?

Rising housing costs and low wages are two of the main causes of homelessness. Inflation has caused the cost of mostly everything to go up and many people have lost their jobs during the pandemic. It is difficult for many people to afford a home because of this. 6.1 million people in the U.S are unemployed as well, which doesn't allow them to make money to afford a home, groceries, and other necessities.

But what can be done? Some solutions may sound simple, such as, "Why don't we just increase people's income?" However, simply raising minimum wage could potentially make the problem worse. This would likely further increase inflation and people still won't be able to afford simple necessities. Instead, working on developing a crisis response system, or a community-wide approach to housing and programs could be better steps to take to end homelessness.

Basically, putting different support systems and safety nets in place for people who are in poverty can help change the number of homeless people in America. In order to decrease these numbers, society needs to be aware of the main causes of homelessness and needs to be aware of the different solutions to homelessness.

ECHS ALUMNI CORNER

By Selma Owusu, G3 Staff

The Alumni Corner features a graduate from Eureka County High School, who gets to tell about their experience here, memories they have of ECHS, and share their thoughts of how Eureka has changed.

In this month's alumni corner, our guest is Mr. Fred Minoletti. You might know him because he is a teacher here at ECHS, a football coach, and the boys' basketball coach.

I met with Mr. Minoletti to talk about Eureka through the years. Following is our conversation:

Thank you for meeting with me. Let's start with an introduction. What is your name?

My name is Fred Minoletti.

What was your favorite high school memory?

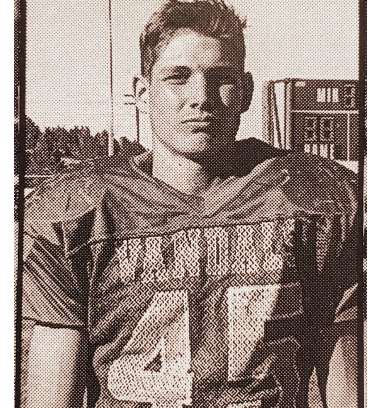
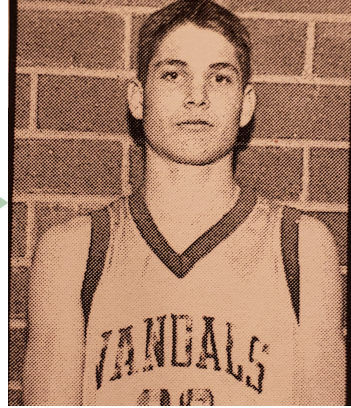
It was playing football and basketball.

What is your favorite thing about Eureka now?

It is isolated.

How has Eureka changed for you?

It has not, a whole lot! That is what I like about it.



If you could go back and change something, what would it be?

I would change my senior year state playoff game; we lost by four points.

Were you in any other extracurricular activities?

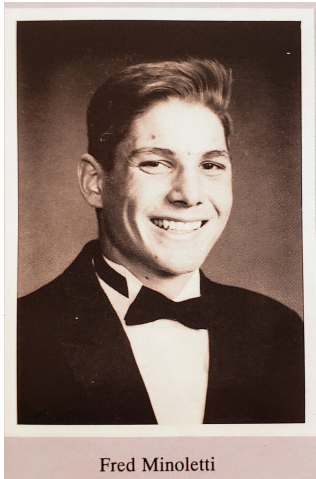
Yes, football, basketball, and baseball. I also did Academic Olympics, student council, as well as honors society.

Do you have any advice for high schoolers now?

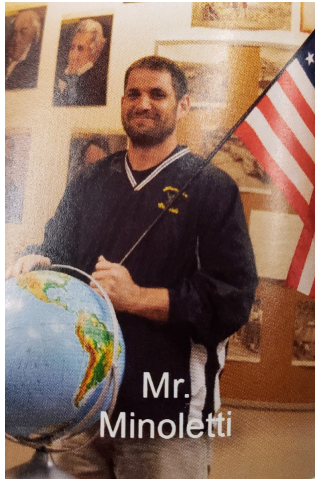
Work hard and have a purpose.

What is a favorite quote?

"Make an effort, not an excuse."



Fred Minoletti



Mr. Minoletti

A big thank you to Mr. Minoletti for agreeing to be spotlighted in this month's Alumni Corner!



dodgeball
tournament



Advice from Your Friendly Neighborhood Joe Vandal

by Joe Vandal, honorary G3 Staff

Hey students of ECHS! This is Joe Vandal, here to give you advice! I offer advice to students who are having school and personal problems.

All submissions are anonymous. Submissions may be edited for clarity.

If you would like to submit a question, drop your note in the box in the cafeteria.

PLEASE! IF YOU ARE HAVING SERIOUS PROBLEMS, SPEAK WITH A TRUSTED ADULT!

Dear Joe Vandal,

Why is it that some students, usually the same ones, get excused from classes they don't like or want to go to by hanging out in the office or always seeing the counselor?

They usually miss the whole period but can somehow always make it to the fun classes?

I don't like all my classes some days, but I go and apply myself and do the work and am graded on that, but certain students get credit of some kind even though they miss classes. It's not fair!!! They should be accountable for each assignment, just like I am!!!

Sincerely, a disgruntled but hard working student.

Dear Disgruntled,

I completely understand how it could feel unfair that you work for your grades and someone else gets them "for free". The tricky thing about school is that sometimes there are circumstances that exist for individual students that not everyone is aware of. Another student may be getting "perks" that seem unfair, but in reality, those special allowances are actually very much needed for that person.

That being said, it can still feel unfair when you see some students getting privileges that others do not get. There is nothing wrong with privately talking to your teacher or to the office staff to express your frustration. Perhaps they can help you understand the circumstances and reasons why this is happening. It is okay to respectfully question why things happen, but sometimes we also need to extend grace to people who are different than us, or who have different experiences than we do.

Bottom line: try to focus on what is best for YOU and don't compare your experience to others'. If you are putting in effort to your education now, YOU will benefit the most in the long run, and that is something to be really proud of!

Sincerely, Joe Vandal



Dear Joe Vandal,

No hats...it's much better but what about the rest of the dress code? No hoods, caps, pajamas, sweat pants, shorty shorts, shorty dresses/skirts, and so on. I, for one, am sick and tired of other students wearing their pajamas to school!!! It is disrespectful to other students, the school, the staff, and the community.

Why do some adults do something about it and other adults ignore it? If it's in the handbook, and I think it is, then the parents should be called and proper school clothes should be brought for them to wear.

If certain students can't follow the rules and policies in high school they won't be able to do it in the "real" world. I think it is lazy and sloppy and if they go out in to this world after they graduate and want to dress like that, they won't get very good jobs. Take pride in yourself and your school and dress properly!

Thank you, MM

Dear MM,

I don't think you are alone in your frustration with some students wearing inappropriate or sloppy clothes to school. The staff try to do what they can, but policing clothing can sometimes take a back seat to all the other responsibilities that school adults have to carry out. In the end, each student should be responsible for dressing appropriately for their tasks.

Keep in mind, however, that sometimes circumstances are out of a student's control, and they wear what is available to them instead of missing school. We don't always know what others are dealing with.

There is an old adage says, "dress for the job you want, not the job you have." If YOU are dressing appropriately for school and for your own responsibilities, perhaps your example will inspire those around you. Focus on what you can do to make our school community a safe, "professional" place, including dressing appropriately yourself and being kind to everyone, regardless of what they are wearing.

Sincerely, Joe Vandal

Class Highlight: Ceramics With Ms. Sweet

By Lulu Fitzwater, G3 staff

This year, Ms. Sweet introduced a new art class called Ceramics. Ceramics is a class in which students learn different methods of creating beautiful clay art pieces. One of these methods is the scratch and attach method.

Scratch and attach, also known as score and slip, is used to attach clay pieces together. When asked her favorite part about teaching Ceramics, Ms. Sweet replied, "The best part of teaching Ceramics class is when students understand a technique; so, for example, when you need to attach two pieces of clay, you need to use score and slip, or scratch and attach, and if you don't use that technique properly, then your pieces will fall off when you take it out of the kiln. If you use scratch and attach correctly everything stays together and you have a whole art piece."

Another great thing about Ceramics class is getting to see the finished result of all the hard work put into a project. When asked her favorite part of ceramics, Jaiden Buchanan said, "Opening up the kiln after we put the glazes on our art pieces." A kiln is a furnace used to dry and harden clay. After a project is completed, it's put into the kiln, so the finished product isn't seen until it has finished baking.

Currently, the ceramics class is working on a project to show to the elementary school students. They are creating clay figures to go along with Australian Aboriginal stories. After the art pieces are completed, the students will present their stories to the elementary students using their art as props.

The pottery class also has a separate studio where the kiln and all the pottery wheels are located. The studio is currently filled with different art pieces the class has created and current projects.

ECHS is happy to have a new class and ceramics is the perfect introduction to pottery. Ceramics will be offered next year, so if you are a student and found this article interesting, you should look into potentially signing up for the class! Also, special thanks to Ms. Sweet for allowing us to come into her class and learn more about pottery.

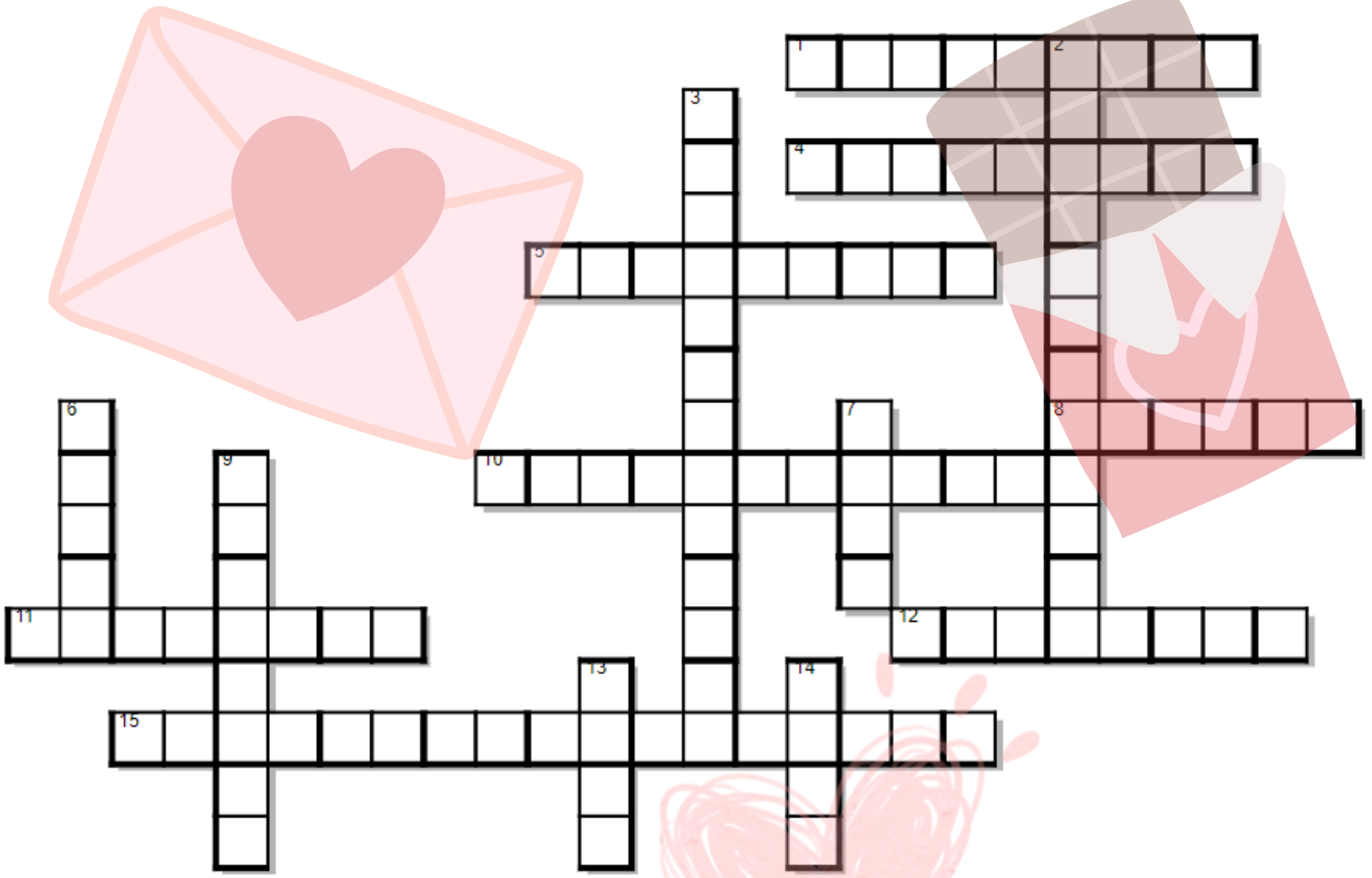


*Students share
their love of
ceramics*



February Cross Word

By Jenny Whimple, 3G staff



ACROSS

- 1 Made from the fruit of cacao trees
- 4 According to Ancient Greek philosopher, Socrates the key to _____ was living in the middle of the Golden Mean
- 5 The annual final playoff game of the NFL
- 8 The coldest season of the year
- 10 A little animal comes out of the ground
- 11 On Valentines Day many people celebrate _____ each other
- 12 February is the _____ month.
- 15 February is _____. This holiday pays tribute to the generations of African Americans who have struggled and triumphed though U.S. history

DOWN

- 2 Celebrates the first days of spring on the Lunar Calendar
- 3 Holiday celebrated on February 14th
- 6 The god of love
- 7 An intense feeling of deep affection
- 9 The month after January
- 13 Deep affection for someone else
- 14 A flower usually given to someone you have romantic feelings for