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## Family Traditions

By: Caitlin Mendoza & Susan Kim

**Do you have traditions you do with your family or friends on christmas? Well, we asked 7 students and 5 teachers what their family traditions were to do on Christmas.**

**Mrs. Campbell from 4th grade GATE said, “Every Christmas Eve, my family and I get together for dinner, desserts, and presents. We all do a Secret Santa and get to find out who was our Secret Santa. We always eat ham, green beans, mashed potatoes, and a bread cheese dip. It’s so much fun to see the kids opening their gifts.”**

**Mrs. Godsey our Principal said, “I have a big family dinner on Christmas Eve. We build a gingerbread house, do puzzles, and watch christmas movies.”**

**Vivian from Ms. Campbell’s class said, “I like having a Christmas party at my cousin’s house.”**

**Zuly from Miss Slattery’s class said, “I like doing secret santa.”**

**Scarlet from Miss. Inuma’s class said, “ I like to bake cookies, play board games, and finding the Santa”.**

**Kylah from Mrs. Campbell’s class said, “ I have a party at my house with my family, I play Halo & I bake cookies and brownies”.**

**Mr. Ray our custodian said, “We celebrate the birth of Jesus and make a lot of tamales”.**

**Omar from Ms. Campbell's class said, “ me and my family open presents and we make lots of tamales”.**

**Hailey from Ms. Campbell's class said, “ We go to watch the nutcracker, we make tamales and we tell stories”.**

**Mrs. Bustamante (speech teacher) said, “ I play white elephant with my family, We go see christmas lights, and we bake a happy birthday cake and we sing happy birthday to Jesus”.**

**Ms. Stephens said, “ I decorate my tree with my family, we bake cookies, and we have a big family dinner”.**

**And last but not least Lizzie Choi from Mrs. Campbell's said, “ Me and my family play white elephant and we do secret santa”.**

## **Interview a Teacher: Miss Slattery**

**By: Hunter Smith & Lincoln Austin**

**We interviewed Miss Slattery to see what she likes, what she did, and how she feels.**

**Hunter: What college did you go to?**

**Miss Slattery: I graduated from Cal. State Fullerton for everything (Bachelors, Credential, and Masters)**



**Link: What is your favorite book?**

**Miss Slattery: I liked the Game Of Thrones Series and I really liked it.**

**Hunter: What do you do in your free time?**

**Miss Slattery: I like to read, listen to podcasts, and cook.**

**Link: Have you taught at any other schools?**

**Miss. Slattery: Before Palmyra I taught at Buena Park.**

**Hunter: Why did you want to be a teacher?**

**Miss. Slattery: I had an amazing teacher in 6th grade, named Mr. Right, and he inspired me.**

**Lincoln: Where is your favorite place to have a vacation?**

**Miss Slattery: My favorite vacation that I've been on was Thailand.**

**Hunter: How long have you been teaching?**

**Miss Slattery: This is my 5<sup>th</sup> year teaching.**

**Lincoln: What do you like most about teaching at Palmyra?**

**Miss Slattery: The staff at Palmyra are very supportive and the kids work really hard.**

**Lincoln: What is your favorite grade to teach and why?**

**Miss Slattery: I think I like teaching 5th grade because the students are independant and the curriculum is interesting.**

**Hunter: Do you like fall better than summer?**

**Miss Slattery: I like fall better than summer, because I like the weather.**



## story Behind Santa

Jazmin Medina & Karis Hong

First of all, who is Santa? Santa is a person who travels on a sleigh by reindeers to give out presents on Christmas Eve at night. Let us get into the backstory of Santa Claus.

St. Nicholas, also known as Santa, he was a bishop in the fourth century in a place called Turkey. He was a very rich and wealthy man because his parents passed away when he was young and left him with a lot money. St. Nicholas was also a very generous man because he helped the poor and secretly giving gifts to people who really needed it. Here is a story about one time he gave a gift to someone:

There was a poor father who had three daughters. Since he was so poor, his daughters couldn't get married. One dark night, Nicholas dropped a bag full of gold down their chimney and fell into their stocking. (That meant the first daughter could get married). This was repeated with the second daughter. The father wanted to discover who was giving bags full of coins for his daughters, so he hid by the fireplace every evening until he caught Nicholas dropping a bag full of gold. When Nicholas realized, he begged the father to not tell anyone that he dropped bags full of gold, because he didn't want to get attention. But soon, the news was spread out, and when anyone received a secret gift or present, they would maybe assume the secret gift or present was from Nicholas. Because of his kindness, Nicholas was made a saint.



## Winter Break

By: Kylah Dickson & Lizzie Choi

**Do you have plans for winter break? Well here are some Palmyra students that we interviewed for what plans they have for winter break.**

Lizzie: Going to the Grand Canyon with her family. (4th grade)



Kylah: Having a Christmas party at her house. (4th grade)



Yara: Going to visit her family in Mexico. (5th grade)



Esmeralda: Going to Golden Corral buffet. (5th grade)



Zuly: Have a party at her cousins house. (5th grade)



Carla: Going to cousins house and have a potluck (6th grade)



**Student Poll: Favorite Holiday Dessert**  
By: Krystal Coyomani & Samantha Suarez

We asked 50 upper grader students what their favorite holiday dessert is. The contestants are Pumpkin Pie, Banana Bread, Pecan Pie, Creme Brulee, Cheesecake, and last but not least Flan.

**First Place:Flan**

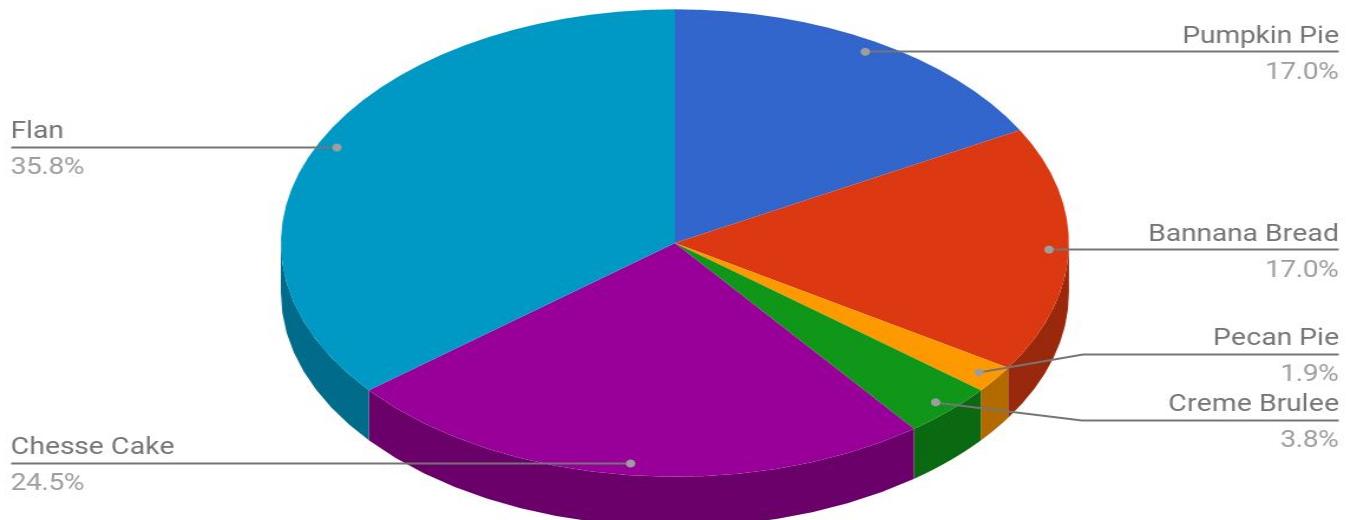
**Second Place:CheeseCake**

**Third Place (Tie):**

**Pumpkin Pie and Banana Bread**

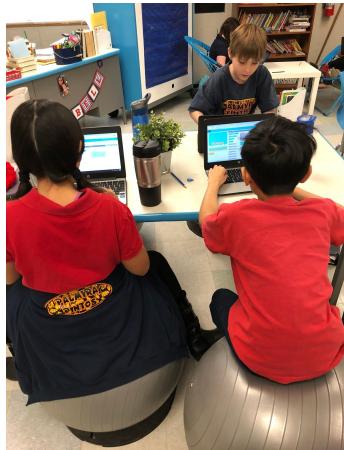
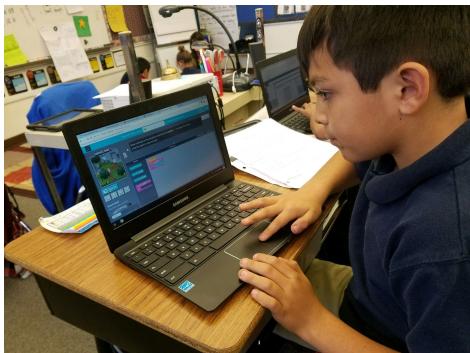
**Fourth Place:Creme Brulee**

**Fifth Place:Pecan Pie**



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## Comic Corner

### Bathroom Brothers By Omar

