

### **CHRISTMAS TRIVIA**

Written by Makenzie Krupinski

Q: What words most commonly describe the Grinch?

A: Stink, stank, stunk

Q: Which country started the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree?

A: Germany

Q: In *Elf,* what was the first rule of The Code of Elves?

A: Treat everyday like Christmas

Q: What was the highest-grossing Christmas movie of all time?

A: Home Alone

Q: What is the best-selling Christmas song ever?

A: "White Christmas" by Bing Crosby



## Season's Greetings!

#### **DOOR DECORATING**

Written by Mya Snyder

It's that time of year. Door decorating is back! Students and teachers compete for donuts and juice that will awarded to the class with the best door. Doors were judged on Tuesday, Dec 20, 2022. Teachers were not obligated to decorate, but they were encouraged to allow students to participate. Mr. Cherney, the most competitive of all the teachers, always aims to win! In December 2021, he claimed victory; he was thrilled and so was his class. The winning class for the door decorating contest was announced during the 9th period. There were many different and uniquely decorated doors. This competition has been around for so many years and will continue to be loved by the students and teachers. This year, Mrs. Kerri Smith won the door decoration. contest. Room 13 has claimed the winning prize of donuts and juice for the 2022 Christmas competition. The second place was Mrs. Flaherty's first period class, and third place was claimed by Mr. Corbin's class. After all, why not have fun around Christmas time?



## Merry Christmas!

### CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS AROUND THE WORLD

Written by Phoenix Donald

Ukraine: One of Ukraine's favorite traditions is to put decorations on the tree that resemble a spider's web. This tradition comes from a folktale about a poor widow that couldn't afford to decorate a tree for her children. The spiders in that house took pity on the family and weaved beautiful webs all over the tree, which the family woke up to on Christmas morning. A spider web is also considered to be lucky in Ukrainian culture.

The Netherlands: In the days leading up to Christmas, Dutch children will put their shoes by the fire and hope that Sinterklaas would fill the shoes with small gifts and treats on that night. In the old days, children who were naughty would get a potato instead of gifts, but now the potato is not considered an appropriate scare tactic to get the children to behave. Another tradition from the Netherlands is that carrots would be left in the shoes for a white horse named Amerigo, who is Sinterklaas's faithful steed.

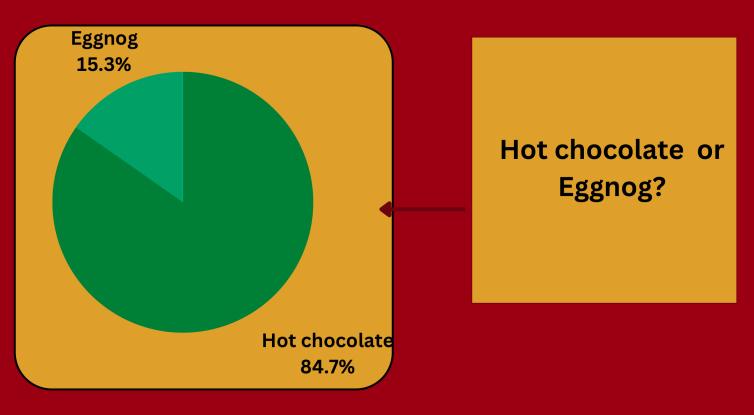
Iceland: Iceland has one of the more unique traditions. This tradition is that a giant cat is said to roam the snowy countrysides during the Christmas season. Traditionally, Icelandic farmers would use the Yule Cat as an incentive for their workers. The workers that did their jobs well would get a new set of clothes, while those who didn't work hard would be eaten by the Yule Cat.

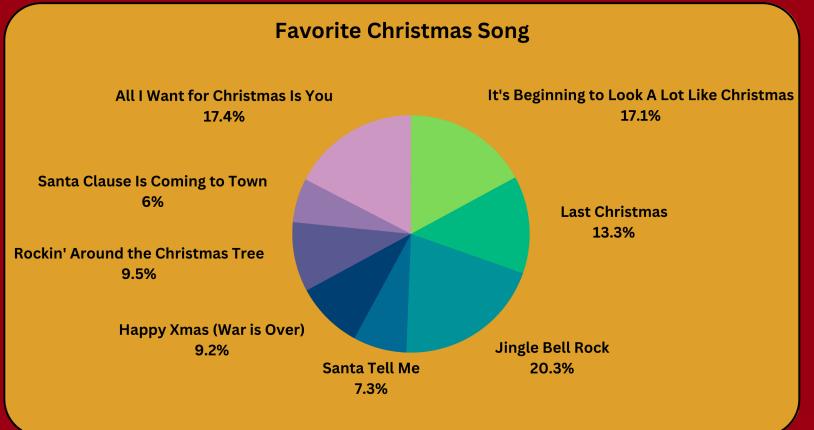
New Zealand: New Zealanders, better known as Kiwis, have different Christmas trees than the classic American Christmas tree. The tree is called the pōhutukawa, a tree native to New Zealand that has gnarled roots and bright crimson flowers. The tree, which was first mentioned in 1867, is featured on Christmas cards, decorations, and even Christmas carols.



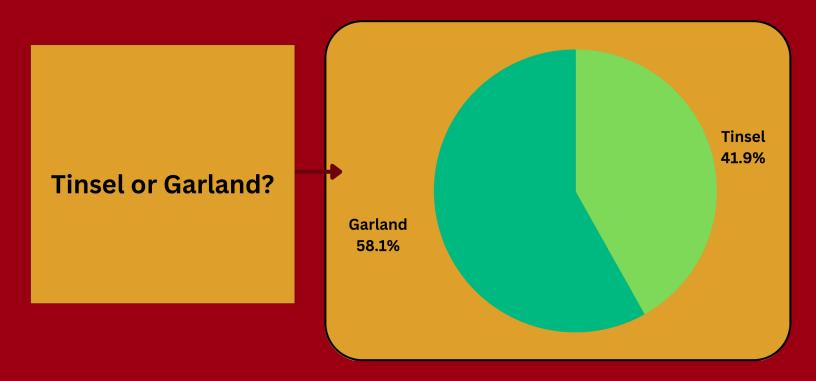


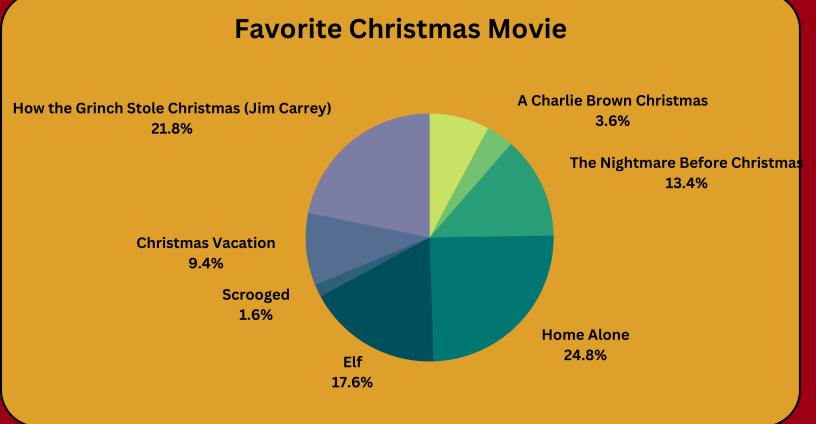






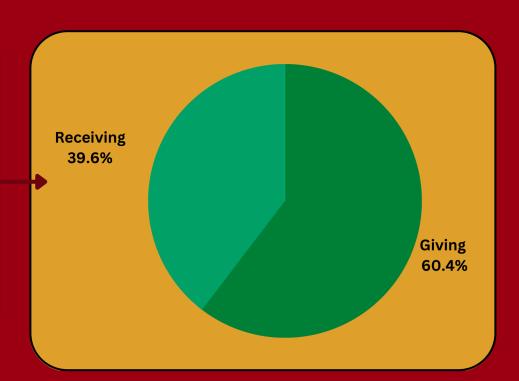
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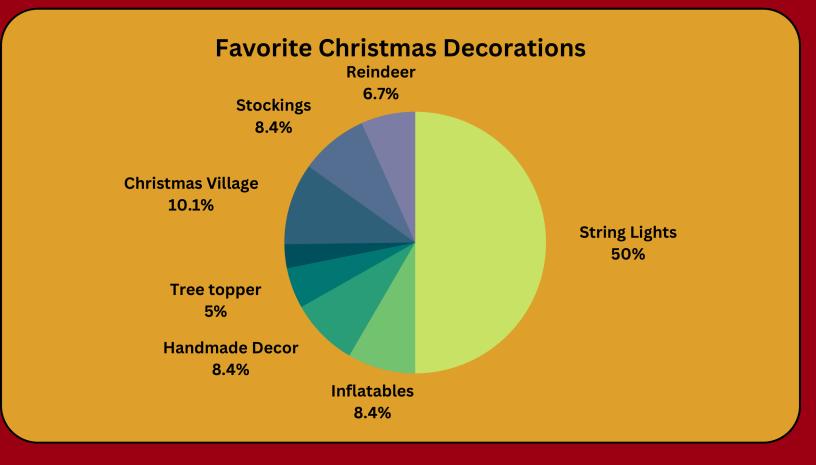




## Polls

Do you prefer receiving or giving gifts?





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### **Favorite Winter Activity**

