

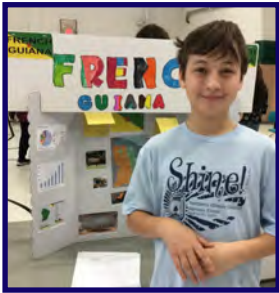
The Chronicles of Trinity

April 2023



Trinity's International Day

by Sophia Garcia



Trinity presented a very fun cultural day on April 15. Every primary class focused on a country, and each of the older students got to select a nation to learn about. Mrs. LaMontagna and the preschool classes shared a display board about Australia. They had some delicious Tim Tam biscuits (chocolate cookies with caramel) and they even had some real Australian money. Mrs. Scott and the kindergartners reported on South Africa. They made special necklaces that the women wear and had some little packets of beads and string so you could make one yourself. Mrs. Allor and her 1st and 2nd grade class learned about the Czech Republic. They had some yummy kolacky cookies, a Venn diagram comparing the Czech Republic to America, and some traditional Czech clothing - featuring a nice pearl necklace. Mrs. Perez's 3rd and 4th grade students created diagrams about India. They served saffron rice and shared interesting facts about the world's second largest nation. The 5th and 6th graders in Mr. Baerenklau's class each reported on a South American nation. Ariana reported about Ecuador, while Addison learned about

Colombia, and Angelina studied Peru. Ava focused on Chile, Damian reported on Paraguay, and Emma learned about Brazil. Francesco studied French Guiana, Josie wrote about Venezuela, Roscoe reported about Uruguay, and Sophia shared about Argentina. The one and only 7th grader in Mrs. Messina's class is Aidan, who studied Japan, while his 8th grade classmates looked into other Asian nations: Alex handled the Philippines, Ian covered Pakistan, and Riley investigated South Korea. Displays on each of the countries were set up in the gym, along with worksheet and activities, food samples, and traditional items from that country. It was a fun experience, that hopefully, we can repeat next year.

As a SHINE SERVANT EVENT, participants brought school supplies for missionary Joe Boway's Liberian Children's Mission and colored cheer notes for missionaries.





Trinity's Easter Egg Hunt

by: Sophia G.



On April 8, Trinity hosted fun Easter event. The Easter Egg Hunt featured hidden eggs and a lot of children to find them! There were some fun activities to do before hunting eggs. Children could choose from making cool, colorful slime, or painting with oil pastels. The hidden eggs contained a variety of prizes, such as a spinning top, Easter sticker, or a small bouncy ball.

April 22 was Earth Day

by Ava Harrison and Addison Meredith

Earth Day was this past Saturday, April 22, and if you did not celebrate it, we encourage you to pick a day and do so. There are many ways to help care for the environment and celebrate God's gift of the earth. You could pick up trash, plant trees, and you could also put up bird, squirrel, or other wildlife feeders. Earth Day is all about caring for our amazing planet and reducing pollution. You can help clean up around the neighborhood. Let's celebrate this amazing planet and and take good care of the environment. Thank God for this beautiful earth that He has given us and have fun caring for our world.



BUBBLE TEA DAY

by Ava Harrison and Addison Meredith

Girl Scout Leader Day

by Addison Meredith



Girl Scouts are everywhere. When you go out for a walk you may even pass one. On April 22, we not only celebrated Earth Day, but we recognized Girl Scout leaders everywhere. Girl Scouts participate in fun activities and go on educational outings, but all of that would not be possible without the help of willing volunteers, so even if you aren't a Girl Scout, you can thank the people who serve as youth leaders, coaches, school volunteers, and mentors. These are the people who make enriching activities like Girl Scouts available to young people.

Bubble Tea Day or Boba Day is on Sunday, April 30, 2023. Bubble Tea or Boba Day is a day that we set aside to appreciate this delicious drink. A distinctive feature of Bubble Tea is the boba, little edible bites made from tapioca starch, also known as cassava starch, which is why they're often also labeled as "tapioca pearls." The tea is delicious and the boba balls add that delicious flavoring it just barely needs and unexpected texture. On Bubble Tea Day you should go out and enjoy Bubble Tea - it comes in many different flavors. It is delicious and worth trying. Enjoy!



Meet the Teacher: Mrs. Arlene Solyom

Mrs. Arlene Solyom has been teaching preschool for decades - at Trinity since the early 1990s.



Q: Why do you like working with preschoolers?

A: Preschoolers are so open to hearing about Jesus and learning how much He loves them.

Q: What is your favorite Bible verse?

A: Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He will direct thy path. *Proverbs 3:5-6*

Q: What is your favorite memory of teaching the preschoolers?

A: I always enjoy watching them singing in church.

Q: What is your favorite Bible story?

A: Nothing tops the highs and the lows of the week we just celebrated going from Palm Sunday through Maundy Thursday and Good Friday to the joyous resurrection of our Lord and Savior on Easter morning.

Q: If you weren't here what job would you rather be doing?

A: Being a nanny for an infant.

Q: Why did you decide to be a preschool teacher?

A: I was blessed to know and work with some amazing early childhood educators who encouraged me.

May 1: National Principal's Day

by Riley Baker

This year on May 1 we will celebrate National Principal's Day. Principals are more important than people may think. They have to make sure the teachers are teaching the right things, see that everything is working properly in the school, and even oversee the discipline of students. In addition to



the other things, principals must make sure that everything is organized and that the school is running smoothly. Sometimes they may even have to fix certain things themselves if no one else can. Celebrate your principal on May 1 - they do a lot for you and the school and deserve appreciation. **At Trinity Lutheran School we celebrate our Principal Julie Messina, who embodies the ideal of a SUPER PRINCIPAL!**

Meet Mrs. Moy

by Angelina Iverson and Alexandra Harris

We decided to interview our beloved Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Sosana Moy. We hope you enjoy learning about her!

Q: What is an Administrative Assistant?

A: You are an assistant for the school office and you also do secretarial work

Q: How long have you worked at Trinity?

A: Over four years

Q: Do you have any fun plans for the summer?

A: See my dad and enjoy my niece's wedding

Q: Do you have any children?

A: Three adult daughters

Q: What's your favorite part about working at Trinity?

A: The students...and bring able to talk to the homebound

Q: Have you been a secretary/administrative assistant at other schools?

A: No, but for a corporation

Q: Is it fun being a secretary/administrative assistant?

A: Here at Trinity it is!

Q: Where do you see yourself in five years?

A: Hopefully being a grandma

Q: How long do you plan to work at Trinity?

A: As long as God wants me to



May 1-5 is National Teacher Appreciation Week

Trinity's Family Atmosphere *by Ava Harrison, Ariana Mehrazar and Addison Meredith*

Trinity Lutheran School was founded in 1860, and it has been here for 163 years. We are looking forward to many more years to come. Trinity began when German farmers in Lombard had to journey on their horse and buggy to take their children to the Lutheran school in Bensenville, almost eight miles away. They wanted to avoid the long ride every day, so they asked for and received permission to build a Lutheran school here in Lombard, so they could get a good education closer to home. Eight years later, the church was added. All these years later, we still have a wonderful school and church and our families help a lot and we are very thankful. Some parents volunteer after school to coach and run clubs, or serve at church, and even help out on field trips. Church members help a lot supporting our Trinity school families and we are so very thankful that they - and we - are a part of our amazing school and church. Thank you for supporting our Trinity students and for being Trinity "family"!



TRINITY'S FAMILY TREE

by Francesco Lamphere

The people of Trinity are like a happy family. The people that make up that family include all the students, teachers, church members, families of people that attend school and church (like grandparents), and people that work and volunteer at Trinity. Where do they come from? Most live nearby in Lombard or Villa Park, others come from Maywood, Elmhurst, Aurora, Cicero, Wheaton, Glen Ellyn, Berkeley, Addison, and more. Trinity started in 1860 and since then the family has grown larger. Why? To make a better world. How? By spreading the Word of Jesus to all.

Trinity Lutheran Staff & Crew *by Francesco Lamphere*

Mrs. Messina, Principal and 7th/8th grade, started at Trinity in 2018.
Mr. Baerenklau, 5th/6th grade, started at Trinity in 2020.
Mrs. Perez, 3rd/4th grade, started at Trinity in 1977.
Mrs. Allor, 1st/2nd grade, started at Trinity in 2018.
Mrs. Scott, kindergarten, started at Trinity in 2020.
Mrs. LaMontagna, preschool, started at Trinity in 2014.
Miss Kraegel, preschool & art, started at Trinity in 1998.
Mrs. A. Solyom, preschool, started at Trinity in 1991.
Mrs. Pilny, preschool & physical education, started at Trinity in 2018.
Miss Molly, extended care, started at Trinity in 2022.
Mrs. Moy, Administrative Assistant, started at Trinity in 2019.
Miss Rose, music, started at Trinity in 2012.
Rev. Wagner, Pastor, started at Trinity in 2015.
Mrs. L. Solyom, journalism, started at Trinity in 2017.

A Trinity Family Story

Mrs. Jean Graves and her husband Tim serve in Trinity's library. Did you know that Mrs. Graves was a long time teacher at Trinity? She, her siblings, and their children went to school at Trinity. Mrs. Grave's sister met her future husband when they were students in 1st and 2nd grade at Trinity!

National Nurses Day

by Angelina Iverson



National Nurses Day is on May 6. It is a holiday to remember all of the nurses who have helped everyone from young to old. Without nurses, doctors would not be able to do their job and would be overwhelmed. I believe that all nurses are true heroes. They have saved many lives. Nurses past and present have worked with compassion and dedication to keep people safe and healthy. Everyone should thank nurses for the sacrifices that they have made to help you. They put their work as one of their top priorities. Everyone around the world appreciates and respects nurses for the work they do to keep us healthy. We thank all the hard working nurses out there for doing their job during hard and trying times.

May 2: National Harry Potter Day

May 2 is National Harry Potter Day! It is an official international holiday, in honor of the date that protagonist Harry Potter conquered the main antagonist of the series, Lord Voldemort (the big battle at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry at the end of the book series and/or movies). So on this day, you should wear a Harry Potter T-shirt or ride here on your Broomstick! In this battle (the big one) Lord Voldemort- I mean, He Who Shall Not Be Named - planned to kill The Boy Who Lived (Harry Potter) every year before this, but he was really going to succeed this time, or so he thought. You see, Lord Voldemort has his own fancy army, but so does Mr. Harry Potter himself. Harry Potter ended up killing He Who Shall Not Be Named.



Every Day Can Be National Pet Day

by Roscoe Barnett, Ariana Mehrazar, Addison Meredith

April 11 was National Pet Day, but if you have a pet, EVERY DAY can be Pet Day! Pets are a big part of the world today, and people all over the world have them. People love and care for their pets. National Pet Day is all about appreciating them. Pets are great animals! They are ducks, snails, dogs, cats, bunnies, frogs, fish, geckos, hermit crabs, and turtles. Let's start with ducks first. Ducks are wonderful pets (*Roscoe's ducks are pictured at right*). Next, snails! They are slimy, but still really cute. Dogs are popular pets that come in many breeds - Pomeranians are super cute. Cats can be funny and cuddly or aloof. When they are kittens, they meow so cutely! Bunnies are awesome - and cute to have as a pet! Frogs are slick, and a bit slimy, but they jump! Fish can live in a water-filled tank and you can easily have a bunch at one time. Geckos are interesting, but have to put them in a tank, or they'll crawl away. Cute little hermit crabs live in a sand-filled tank. Turtles are yet another kind of pet - they start very little and live for a long time.



STAR WARS DAY MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU

NATIONAL STAR WARS DAY

by Jedi Master Ian Lesch and his Padawan Damian Gomez

Hi there little one, don't be shy. May 4th is National Star Wars day! It's been the celebration since the franchise began in 1977. The creator of the Star Wars franchise was George Lucas. He was the one who originated all of the Star Wars franchises. In honor of the 30th anniversary release date of Star Wars on May 25, 1977, the Los Angeles City Council declared May 25, 2007, as Star Wars Day but the culture has claim May 4th as the day of choice. How do we celebrate Star Wars Day? You can make Star Wars themed crafts: paint rocks to look like R2-D2, Chewbacca or a Jawa, or paint/draw your favorite Star Wars phrase or symbol. Write "May the 4th Be With You" on the back and place the rocks around a local park for neighbors to find. Make droids from cardboard boxes. Organize a watch party with friends near and far, far away, thanks to Disney+. Try making star shaped pizzas. Or you can play Star Wars games, such as "Inflate Your LightSaber" station, "Destroy the Death Star" bean bag toss, "Fight in the Jedi Bubble Wars," and "Free Han Solo" from the Jell-O game. There are a lot of things to do on May 4th Star Wars Day. I hope you like it and May the 4th be with you.



Trinity's Top Star Wars Fan: Mr. B.

National Zucchini Bread Day

by Ava Harrison and Emma Serwas

Everyone, get ready to preheat your ovens, National Zucchini bread day is April 25, 2023. On this day we celebrate by making zucchini bread! All you need for zucchini bread is 2 c. flour, 1 t. salt, 2 t. leaveners, (baking powder or baking soda act as leaveners), 1 t. cinnamon, 3 eggs, 3/4 c. oil, 1 1/2 c. sugar, 1 T. vanilla, 3 c. Shredded zucchini, and 1 1/2 c. nuts.



TRINITY TEST KITCHENS

1. Sift all the dry ingredients (flour, salt, baking powder/soda, cinnamon, and sugar)
2. Beat the wet ingredients together (eggs, oil, and vanilla)
3. Beat the dry mixture into the wet mixture
4. Stir in the grated zucchini and nuts
5. Pour the batter into the lightly oiled bread pans
6. Bake at 350 degrees for 50 to 60 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean

7. Cool 5 minutes in pans, then remove from pan to cool on a rack

Now you have a tasty treat and you also know how to make zucchini bread. Have an amazing time baking!

THE LEGEND OF ZELDA: TEARS OF THE KINGDOM

by Aidan Harrison

The Legend of Zelda: Tears of the Kingdom is a game produced by the company Nintendo. This game is not currently available in stores but it comes out May 12 so you can get it at that time. This game is said to be the last Legend of Zelda game. Nintendo thus far has released three vital trailers that give the fans small tidbits of information for what this game has to offer. This game has a very high reputation because of the trailers and the fans would be very disappointed if this game didn't live up to its reputation. There's much to unpack in the trailers. The trailer shows clips of in-game footage and clips from the cut scenes. On May 12, stores (typically Gamestops and other stores that sell video games such as Best Buy and Target) will be quite overcrowded due to high demand to get this amazing game.

In the series of The Legend of Zelda, the main protagonist is Link and the antagonist is Ganondorf, a male born to the Gerudo tribe who wishes to get the Power of the triforce all to himself. Ganondorf has the triforce of power, Link has the triforce of courage and Zelda, who the game is named after, has the triforce of wisdom. All games in the series have the main objective to save the princess but Tears of the Kingdom will be different. In the end of the official trailer number three we see that Zelda falls into a deep cavern and disappears with a glowy luminescent essence around her. This could mean many things, but fans still don't really know exactly what everything means. In Tears of the Kingdom, the premise is to find Zelda and defeat Ganondorf. In The Legend of Zelda: Tears of the Kingdom the gameplay will base in the sky, the ground, and underwater and in caves (possibly, fans don't know for sure how this game will go). Nintendo has shown

Titanic Remembrance Day

by Ava Harrison

Titanic or RMS Titanic Remembrance Day was on April 15, 2023. RMS stands for Royal Mail Ship. The wreck of the Titanic was a great tragedy to many people. In 1912, the Titanic hit an iceberg in the Atlantic Ocean and took only three hours to sink. Titanic had two sister ships; Britannic, and Olympia. Britannic was lost during World War I after hitting a mine off Kea in the Aegean Sea. While Olympic, the lead vessel, had a career spanning 24 years and was retired and sold for scrap in 1935. We celebrate this day in memory of all the victims and survivors of the wreck. Around 2,240 were on board the RMS Titanic. Nearly 1,500 people passed away aboard the Titanic. Edward Smith was the captain of this ship. His last words were "Well boys, you've done your duty and done it well. I ask no more of you. I release you." Only 25 percent of the Titanic's third-class passengers survived, and of that 25 percent, only a fraction were men. By contrast, about 97 percent of first-class women survived the sinking of the Titanic. Many people could have survived if they had more lifeboats. There were only enough lifeboats for a third of the people on board. The Titanic was interesting to learn about and I hope that you learned something new about the Titanic.



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underground caves but we don't know for sure about the underwater. In this game, like i mentioned before, there will be a vast amount of Zonai tech in the trailer. Link has a brace made of Zonai tech that gives him certain abilities - the first ability Link now has is called Fuse. This ability allows him to attach random objects to his sword, shields, and arrows to have different attacks and to increase damage done to enemies and to increase durability of weapons. His next ability is called Recall. This ability allows Link to reset the movement of an object. This ability is used to get to the floating islands known as sky islands, so if a rock falls off a sky island you can use Recall and stand on the rock to slowly reset the object's path and send the rock skyward with you on it. His next ability is called Ascend. This ability is a very simple one. Ascend allows Link to pass through objects, but only in some circumstances. You can use this ability in caves or under roofs so you don't waste your stamina climbing - you can just go under the roof or in the cave and Ascend right through the ceiling. The last ability that Link has is called Ultrahand this ability allows him to lift objects around and move them. The Ultrahand will also be able to be used for crafting vehicles such as hovercrafts, cars tanks, boats, and carriages. Link will use all of those abilities along his journey.



In the Legend of Zelda series, the triforce is a great powerful object that has three parts and the three parts are given to three people who are worthy of great power. If one had managed to get the triforce in all three of its parts they would have ultimate power and they would be basically unbeatable. The triforce is three triangles stacked with two on the bottom and one on top with an upside down space where a triangle would be. If you are planning on playing this game I would suggest you play a few games in The Legend of Zelda series to truly understand this game. Some of those games are The Legend of Zelda (the first Zelda game), The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time, The Legend of Zelda: Wind Waker, The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess, The Legend of Zelda: Skyward Sword, and The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild.

The game is finished with production, but testing of the game to ensure no glitches or bugs happen is still underway. All fans have a great amount of anticipation for the release of this game on May 12. This game is rated E/10+ due to "Fantasy Violence and Mild Suggestive Themes." I would truly recommend this game to you and if you play Fortnite or Minecraft, touch grass and play The Legend of Zelda: Tears of the Kingdom when it comes out.

The Legend of Zelda will have a vast open world for players to explore. This game will also have new technology created by the Zonai and Sheikah tribes that will enhance the players' abilities. This game will for sure be the best game of The Legend of Zelda series. This game is pretty pricey at \$69.99, but if you are a true Legend of Zelda fan I'm sure you'll feel that it is worth the money. The Legend of Zelda is Japanese because Nintendo is a Japanese based company. The Legend of Zelda in Japanese is ゼルダの伝説 (pronounced *zerudanodensetsu*). I hope you will be persuaded to buy this amazing game. This game deserves to be the game of the year for at least a century, better than your \$1 cube game, Fortnite, or any other game in the world and I think Nintendo should make more Legend of Zelda games.



Leonardo da Vinci

by Ariana Mehrazar

Leonardo da Vinci was born in 1452 in a Tuscan village. He was the child of a rich man named Piero Franciso d'Antonio da Vinci and a peasant woman named Catherine. Not much is known about Leonardo's childhood. He spent the first five years of his life with his mother, then in 1457 he lived with his father's family, grandfather, grandmother, and uncle. His father married a sixteen-year-old girl, who, as his father's second wife loved Leonardo very much but died young. He was born on April 15, 1452, and died on May 2, 1519.

You may have heard of Leonardo da Vinci, but who was he and what did he do?

DaVinci was a Renaissance painter, engineer, inventor, and student of science and nature.

He is best known for his paintings, especially the Mona Lisa (right) and the Last Supper, which are among the most popular and influential artworks of



the period. He studied and designed various vehicles and devices, such as a flying machine, a parachute, a tank, and a self-propelled cart, that were ahead of their time and showed his mechanical inventiveness.

May 4
National Day of Prayer
Spend some time talking to God

May 5
CINCO DE MAYO
Enjoy a taco and practice your español

May 5
National Space Day
Stargaze or visit a planetarium



Coach Meredith is working hard with Trinity's track team to prepare for the May 6 meet at Glenbard East against St. John - Lombard. 9 a.m. start time - see you there!

Go Trinity Chargers!



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