

# The Newsbolt

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## April is Child Abuse Awareness Month

By Rebekah Wahlberg  
The month of April has been dedicated to raising child abuse awareness. This tradition started in 1983, and every year, events are held to promote abuse prevention, including media campaigns, activities designed to unite



parents and children, and distribution of brochures that inform the public of the issue. According to the US Department of Health and Human Service's Child Welfare website, child abuse and neglect is any "act or failure to act on the part of a parent or caretaker which results in death,

serious physical or emotional harm, sexual abuse or exploitation." Child abuse leaves lasting scars that affect the way a person interacts with society. It is horrible, unnecessary, and inexcusable. Proponents of child abuse prevention hope that families will become stronger and people will do more to prevent child abuse all year because of the promotions each April.

## "Relay for Life" Set For April 16th

By Aerielle Burnett  
Would you like to be a part of the Relay for Life? Relay for Life is a cancer walk to show how cancer never sleeps by walking for twenty-four hours. Adults and students K - 12 grade can participate. It will be held at Yucca Valley High School. The event is a continuous walk around the field, you can either walk for an hour or two, or walk for the whole day. You also can stop whenever you want. If you don't feel like walking, you can help out by

selling hot dogs at the snack bar. It is only \$10.00 to register. This event will be held on Saturday, April 16, starting at 9:00AM. Some fundraisers for this event will be: *Cash for a Cure*; K-12 grades can participate. Classes will compete to raise funds which will be on Monday, March 21 through Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Donations for secondary classes will be collected in Bible class. The class that collects the most money will be awarded a pizza party.

Jean Day is Wednesday, April 13. Students can wear jeans for one day, if they pay \$5 for a wristband. 7-12 grades can purchase wristbands in the school office and K-5 grades in their classroom from Mar. 28 - April 12. Also, a bake sale will be held on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Cory Lynn and Dori Newsom will be working at the table and if you would like to help bake goodies to sell, it would be greatly appreciated!



## Varsity Sports Schedules

- Boy's Varsity Baseball**  
 JS VS Desert Chr.....4-11  
 JS @ Desert Chapel..4-14  
 JS @ Baptist Chr.....4-19  
 JS VS Bloomington...4-26  
 JS VS Mesa Grande...4-29  
 JS VS Desert Chr.....5-3
- Girl's Varsity Softball**  
 JS VS Redlands.....4-11  
 JS @ Desert Chapel..4-14  
 JS @ Baptist Chr.....4-19  
 JS VS CC Moreno.....4-22  
 JS VS Bloomington....4-26  
 JS VS Mesa Grande...4-29  
 JS VS Desert Chr.....5-3

## Where Did April Fool's Day Originate?

By Esther Goff

Have you ever wondered where April Fools Day and all the pranks that get played on April 1st, actually began? The history of April Fool's Day or All Fool's Day is uncertain, but the current thinking is that it began around 1582 in France with the reform of the calendar under Charles IX. The Gregorian calendar was introduced, and New Year's celebration was moved from March 25 - April 1 (New Year's week) to January 1. Some of the French people refused to acknowledge the

change and continued to celebrate on the last day of the former celebration, April 1. These people were labeled "fools" by the general populace, were subject to ridicule and sent on "fool errands;" sent invitations to nonexistent parties, and had other practical jokes played upon them.

The butts of these pranks became known as a

"poisson d'avril" or "April fish" because a young naive fish is easily caught. This harassment evolved over time and the custom of prank-playing continues on the first day of April until today. So, if someone plays a prank

on you this April Fools Day... now you know why. It is not wise to play pranks on the JS campus you could end up with an Incident Report!



## History of Spring Breaks

By Josh Ballinger

Spring breaks were originated by major colleges who wanted to give their students a break before finals each year. But what started as a nice thought by college boards turned out to be quite a phenomenon. The most famous of all Spring Break destinations is Ft. Lauderdale,



Florida. It was largely made so by the efforts of one man, George Warren "Bob" Gill, Jr. who was called "the Father of Ft. Lauderdale Spring Break". Since 1970, tens of thousands of college students gather there each year for spring break. Lake Havasu, AZ and Palm Springs, CA are also famous local destinations here in the California area.

There is another side to spring break and that is the Christian side. Easter is the holiest of all Christian celebrations and is usually held in conjunction with Spring Break. Christians refer to it as Easter Break. Many Christian families travel to see each other during this time so it works great that schools are on break. Here at JS our spring break this year will be April 18-22. Have a great Spring break!

## 2011 Prom a Moroccan Mystique?

By Becca Manley

As we move into April, we get one step closer to the end of the school year. Seniors, juniors, and select sophomores get to start off their spring break with Prom on Friday, April 15th. Tickets are being sold March 23rd through April 8th for \$75.

The theme is "Moroccan Mystique" and will be

held at Terra Lago Country Club in Indio. Be sure to dress appropriately or else you will not be let on the bus. School does not resume until Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, so have fun! Also, two of your seniors will be celebrating their

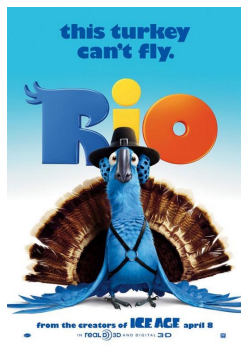
**"Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God."**

**Romans 15:7**

## April Movies: Comedy and Action!

By Bobby Barajas

In the month of April we have quite a few movies coming out, but we are just going to name the top ones. If you like great animated movies then "Rio" is a must see! Made by the makers of



the "Ice Age" Trilogy, this movie looks to be a belly buster. Tyler Perry's *Madea's Big Happy Family*, should be as hilarious as all of Tyler Perry's productions have been. Lastly, Vin Diesel is at it again in the fifth installment of *The Fast and the Furious*. This movie should be hours of non stop ac-

tion. I personally think that the best one out of all of these will be *Fast & Furious 5!*



## NCAA Basketball Tournament

By Brittney Hollins

Every year, the NCAA has an exciting tournament consisting of 68 schools to battle out to basketball single-elimination rounds called the Final Four Tournament. The 68 teams were announced on March 13, and the games started on March 15. These games



were held all around the country in places like Dayton, Ohio, Washington D.C., Chicago, Illinois and many other cities. The championship game will be held on April 4 at Reli-

ant Stadium in Houston, Texas. The studio analysts for these events are Charles Barkley, Kenny Smith, Reggie and Steve Miller, Greg Anthony, and Seth Davis. In this year's Final Four Tournament, Butler makes a repeat to meet VCU, one of the hottest teams to ever hit the final four, and Kentucky will meet Connecticut. So, personally, I absolutely cannot wait to see what happens in the final four.

## Is Easter Really A Pagan Holiday?

By Tiffany McCollum

As Christians, we celebrate Easter as the day of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the foundation of our faith. But why is it that when most people hear "Easter" they think of a cute bunny that delivers chocolate eggs to your house?

The word Easter actually isn't even mentioned in the Bible, because it came from a pagan goddess named Eastre. She was the goddess of spring and of the Teutonic tribes. Christians

ministered to the tribes that worshipped her. She had a celebration of her own, close to date of the resurrection of Jesus, and since early Christian missionaries' sought a way to convert these Teutonic tribes, they made Eastre's holiday one of their own.

In the Teutonic tribes beliefs, giving eggs was a symbol of rebirth, and since Eastre's symbol was a rabbit or a hare, they made Easter a holiday themed on the giving of life through eggs and that's where the Easter Bunny originated. Easter, even with its

interesting beginning, is still celebrated worldwide as the holiday to remember the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Have a Blessed Easter!



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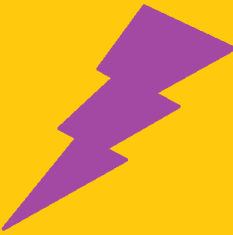
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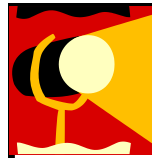
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## Spotlight On...

Mrs. Millard

Everyone knows our campus security person, Mrs. Millard, for the control and respect she demands from us at break, lunch, and during passing periods. Though strict, she is actually a very nice woman who wants the best for us. She wants us to have fun as long as it is safe and we follow the rules. If she didn't love all of us, she probably wouldn't put up with our antics as much as she does. Whenever you see her around, be sure to thank her for the work she does.

## Raising Up the Next Generation!

### Investigative Report: Busting Food Myths

By Emily Bell

You may have heard rumors recently stating that chocolate milk contains cow blood. People say that dairy farmers mask the bloody batches of milk with chocolate. This is not true. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is a program that ensures food is pure, healthy, and has no false advertising. They manage the production of milk, ensuring there is no blood in it. Special machines are used to milk cows. These machines make it im-

possible for a cow to be milked to the point of bleeding. Also, milk goes through the pasteurization process to make it clean. So chocolate milk is just as clean as regular milk, no blood involved.

Any other stories you may hear about your chicken really being other types of meat such as ostrich meat are also not true. Food

does undergo processing in order to purify it of all diseases and keep us healthy. The government has created the FDA to ensure our food is clean and advertised accurately. If the menu says it is chicken, then it is chicken and there is no other meat involved. Undeniably, the grease and salt in our fast food makes it unhealthy for us, but it is not some foreign meat. It is exactly as advertised.



## Fiesta Time! Bring On The Bidding!

By M. R. Clyde

At the end of May, the 20<sup>th</sup> to be exact, Joshua Springs Christian School will be holding their annual fundraising dinner in the Thunderdome at 6:00 pm. Although this dinner was not hosted last year, this year we are back at it in full force, with a few new and exciting changes. This year, instead of spaghetti for dinner, there will be Mexican food in its place; it will be a Mexican Fiesta! There will be a salsa contest, so if you know how to make your own salsa and have your

own recipe, bring it on down to the Fiesta Dinner and see if you can win first place. At the Fiesta Dinner, there will be the finalist of the talent show, which is being hosted on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the Sanctuary. Also incorporated this year, high school Spanish I, II, and III will be doing their salsa and Mexican hat dances. Some things that will be auctioned off this year include, but are not limited to, a barbecue for forty people, theater and golf passes, and a few paintings. If you would like to donate something to

be auctioned, please contact Mr. Ontiveros. The tickets for the Fiesta Dinner will be on sale April 11 and the prices for the tickets for those under 12 will be \$4 pre-sale and \$5 at the door; adult tickets will be \$6 on pre-sale and \$8 at the door and for those with families of five or more, it will be \$25 pre-sale and \$30 at the door. So come eat, enjoy the entertainment, and bid on some things to support Joshua Springs Elementary Library and new technology for the classrooms!