

## IVLA Newsletter Volume \#5, March '22: International Times

## FEBRUARY STUDENT POLL RESULTS

The results from the Newsletter's February poll on entertainment preferences are in!
$\checkmark \quad$ Respondents chose TV shows/series (36.6\%) as their favorite form of digital entertainment, followed closely by video games (29.3\%)

$\checkmark$ Two-thirds of poll takers picked pop as one of their top music genres, though indie-pop (40.5\%), rap (31\%), and rock (31\%) also received many votes
$\checkmark$ People were divided between the best way to listen to music, with $45.2 \%$ preferring to listen to a select few songs and an equal portion preferring listening to a full playlist
$\checkmark$ For favorite movie/TV show genre, action (59.5\%) received the most votes, with comedy (47.6\%) trailing about 10 percentage points behind
$\checkmark$ Pollees were split on binge-watching versus taking a series/show slowly, with $54.8 \%$ saying their watching style depends on the circumstances
$\checkmark$ A majority of respondents chose fantasy (57.1\%) as a favorite book genre, with fiction (45.2\%) coming in second, and romance and detective/mystery (33.3\%) tied for third

## MARCH NEWSLETTER POLL

By Sydney Fisher and Bella Stoffel
Fill out the International Times' monthly student poll! This month's theme is Food Favorites! Responses are anonymous and results will be published in the April

## Newsletter.

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## ORIGIN BEHIND ST. PATRICK'S DAY <br> By Mia Isabella San Inocencio \& Maria Dominga limenez

Happy St. Patrick's Day! We celebrate St. Patrick's Day all around the world. Before his death in the fifth century, he was known to be a Patron saint of Ireland. While St. Patrick was a Roman Britan and kidnapped to Ireland, by the age of sixteen he was already a slave. He was most wellknown for escaping and turning to the religion of Christianity, Holy Trinity. In Ireland, they celebrate by attending church, dancing, and a traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage. The holiday is the memorial day of St. Patrick, Ireland's patron saint. St. Patrick's Day began as a religious feast and ceremony, but as Irish immigrants arrived in the United States, it evolved into a secular celebration of Irish culture.


# Down Syndrome Awareness 

## By Mia Isabella San Inocencio \& Enam Zigi

As we welcome the month of March, let's also raise awareness of Down Syndrome. Each year around the world more than 3,000 to 5,000 people are born with Down Syndrome. Besides recognizing March 21st as World Down Syndrome Day, we would also like to acknowledge the amazing accomplishments made by people with the disorder. Chelsea Werner is a Special Olympics gymnast gold medalist. Actor Chris Burke has worked with the National Down Syndrome Society, raising awareness throughout the years. And Ángela Barchiller is the first city councilor in Valladolid,
Spain with Down Syndrome. People with Down Syndrome should be viewed equally like everybody else. From participating in major sports to becoming successful, people with Down Syndrome have dreams, goals, and desires just like everyone else.


## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Shiloh Nagwekar / Maria Dominga Jimenez/ Bella Stoffel


Though women had long been campaigning for better rights, the US Women's Rights Movement officially began in 1848 during the


Seneca Falls convention in New York.
Notable figures such as Elizabeth Cady
Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Lucretia Mott, Sojourner Truth, Ida B. Wells, Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, Mary Church Terrell and many others worked dillegently to make life for women better. Eventually, in 1920 the 19th Ammendment was passed providing women with the right to vote. More than four decades later, in 1963, a womens right to equal pay was put in place though it failed to fully close the gender pay gap.

Women's History month began as a small local celebration in Santa Rosa California, and it wasn't until 1978 when the Education Task

Force of Sonoma County declared a
"Women's History Week". As Women's Day is March 8th, they decided to extend it from

March 6th to 12th, eventually becoming
Women's History Month!

## Peanut Butter and Honey Muffins

## Ingredients

- 1 cup flour
- 11/2 teas Poons baking Powder
- Pinch of salt
- 3 tablespoons Peanut butter(crunchy or Smooth)
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 3 tablespoons honey (agave nectar if vegan)
- 3/4 cup milk(almond. soy. etc. if vegan)
- (This recipe makes 6 muffins)


## Steps

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Whisk the flour. baking Powder. and salt.
- Add the Peanut butter and oil and mix with a fork until crumbs form.
- Add the milk and honey and mix until Just combined. Do not beat.
- Pour into muffin tins (about 3/4 full) and bake for 10-12 minutes. until tops are golden brown and SPring back when you touch them.

By Maria Dominga Jimenez


## CARNIVAL HOLIDAY <br> By Izi Cisneros

Carnival is a tradition celebrated all around the world, at the end of February and beginning of March. It originated from Christianity, and it celebrates the beginning of Lent. Now, carnival is not an exclusively religious holiday, and can be celebrated by everyone! Carnival is celebrated in many different countries; mostly in Latin America and some European countries. Although it's celebrated differently all around the world, some similar characteristics include dressing up in bright colors, partying, and dancing. Río de Janeiro had the biggest carnival in the world, according to the Guinness Book of World Records. In northwestern Argentina, carnival is a mix of ancient indiginous traditions and traditional carnival aspects. In Ecuador, people get foam and/or water, and they gather outside and play with them.

Do you and your family ever celebrate carnival?

## Mini Cookies 'N' Cream Ice Cream Pies:

By Shiloh Nagwekar

## Ingredients:

- 12 chocolate sandwich cookies
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 7 oz condensed milk

- $1 / 2$ teaspoon vanilla extract
- 6 chocolate sandwich cookies, crumbled - Oreos


## Preparation

1. Separate the icing from the chocolate sandwich cookies. Reserve the icing and put the cookies in a resealable plastic bag.
2. Pound the cookies with a rolling pin until they reach a fine crumble. Transfer to a small bowl.
3. Mix with the butter until well combined.
4. Evenly distribute the crumble mixture into a 6 -cup muffin tin lined with cupcake liners and firmly press the crumbs to form an even crust in each cup.
5. In a medium bowl, combine the cream, condensed milk, vanilla extract, and the sandwich cookie icing. Whisk the ingredients until soft peaks form.
6. Gently form in the cookies.
7. Transfer the mixture to the muffin tin.
8. Freeze for 4 hours, or until the ice cream has solidified.

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