

City of Beaverton

Winter Lights

Activity Book

Experience the wonder of **Beaverton Winter Lights!** Each night from Dec. 4-Jan. 3, five locations throughout the City will be aglow with festive, colorful lights.

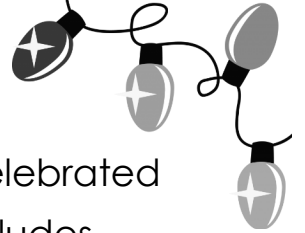
Visit BeavertonOregon.gov/WinterLights for more information.





CELEBRATE WINTER HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD

Learn about some of the winter holidays celebrated here in Beaverton and around the world! Want to learn more? Visit <https://bit.ly/3pYr2ZQ> for a list of books recommended by librarians at the Beaverton City Library.



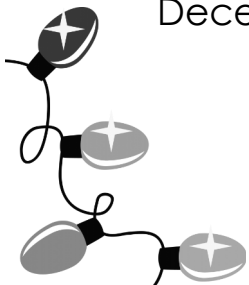
DIWALI, or the Festival of Lights, is one of the major festivals celebrated by Hindus, Jains and Sikhs. It's a five-day celebration that includes good food, fireworks, colored sand, and special candles and lamps. This year Diwali started on November 14.

Did you know? The word Diwali comes from the root (*avali*) of clay lamps (*deepa*) that celebrants light outside their homes.

HANUKKAH is a Jewish holiday honoring the Maccabees's victory over King Antiochus, who forbade Jews to practice their religion. For eight nights, Hanukkah is celebrated with the lighting of the menorah, food, and games. This year Hanukkah starts on December 10.

Did you know? It starts on the 25th day of Kislev, a month in the Hebrew calendar.

WINTER SOLSTICE is the shortest day of the year (the day with the least sunlight) in the Northern Hemisphere. People all over the world participate with festivals and celebrations. This year winter solstice is on December 21.



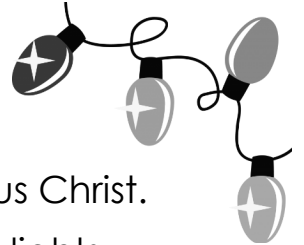
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CHRISTMAS is a Christian holiday celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. People decorate Christmas trees and their homes with bright lights, wreaths, candles, holly, mistletoe, and ornaments. On Christmas Eve, many people go to church. Christmas is on December 25.

KWANZAA means “First Fruits” and is based on ancient African harvest festivals. It celebrates ideals such as family life and unity. During this holiday, African Americans dress in special clothes, decorate their homes with fruits and vegetables, and light a candle holder called a kinara. Kwanzaa is from December 26- January 1.

Did you know? A Karamu Ya Imani is a feast that takes place on Dec. 31.

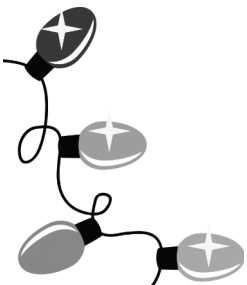
NEW YEAR'S DAY is the first day of the new year. In the Gregorian calendar, which is used in the United States, it falls on January 1.

Many countries celebrate the new year on the first day of the lunar calendar. In 2021, it's on February 12 (on the Gregorian calendar). In some countries, festive, multi-day Lunar New Year celebrations are the most important holiday of the year. They include:

CHINESE NEW YEAR

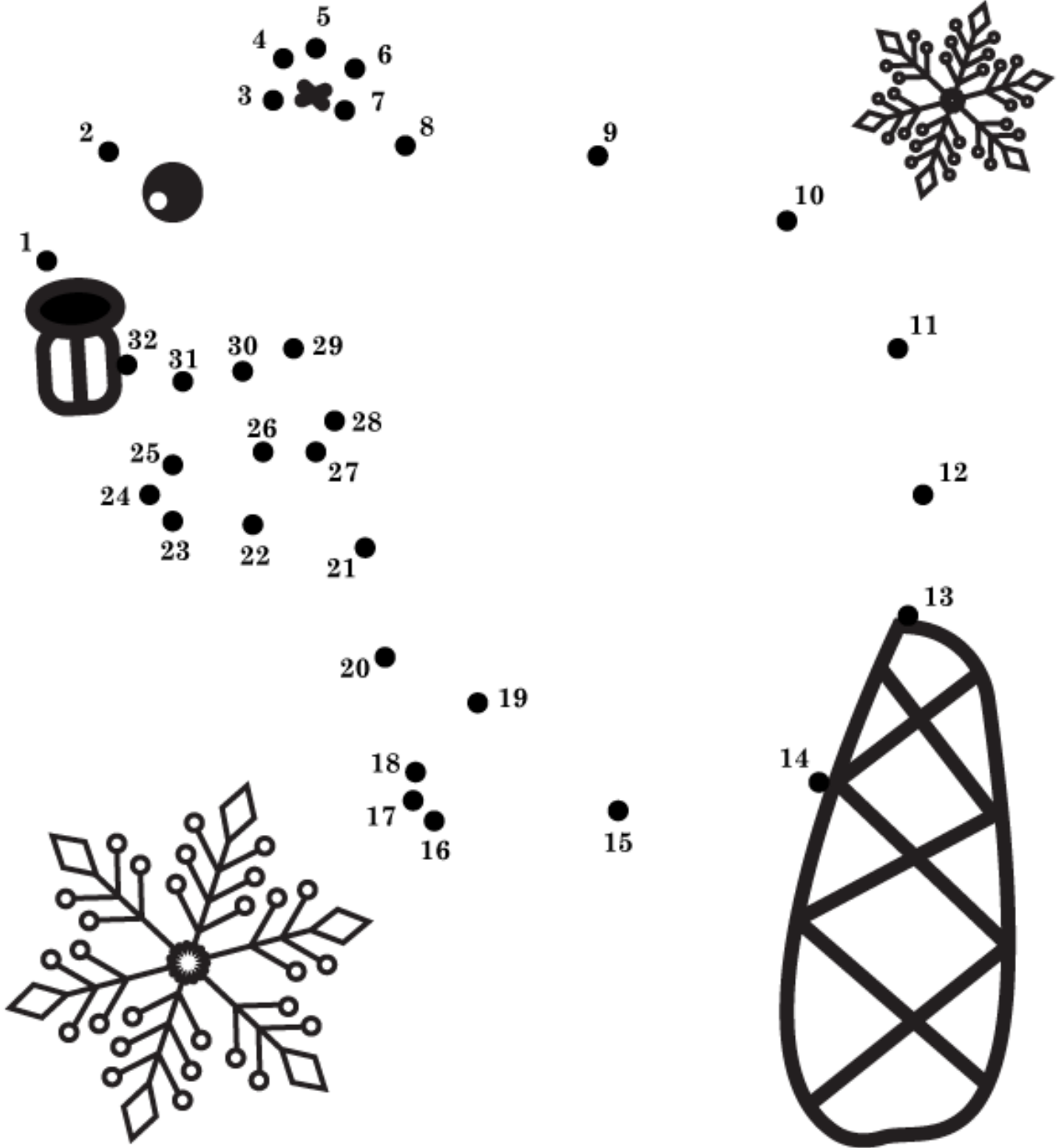
SEOLLAL: Korean New Year

TET: Vietnamese New Year





CONNECT THE DOTS





WORD SEARCH

Can you find all the hidden words?

Words can be oriented vertically, horizontally, or diagonally.



Beaverton

Candy Cane

Christmas

Cold

Diwali

Hanukkah

Hat

Karamu

Kislev

Kwanzaa

Lights

Mittens

New Year

Seollal

Snow

Solstice

Tamales

Tet

Three Kings

Winter





WINTERTIME JOKES

Q: What did the beaver say to the tree?

A: It's been nice gnawing you!

Q: What do you call a cold penguin?

A: A brrr-d

Q: Where do penguins go to dance?

A: A snowball

Q: Why did the girl keep her trumpet in the snow?

A: Because she liked cool music

Q: What falls in the winter but never gets hurt?

A: Snow

Q: What do you have in December that you can't have in any other month?

A: The letter D

Q: If a deer lost her tail, where would she go to buy a new one?

A: A retail store

Q: What kind of cake does the Ice Queen like for her birthday?

A: The flavor doesn't matter as long as there is lots of frosting

Q: How was the snow globe feeling?

A: A little shaken

Knock, knock!

Who's there?

Icy

Icy who?

Icy you!

Knock, knock!

Who's there?

Scold

Scold who?

Scold outside!



SNOWMAN MAZE





WHERE IS SUSIE SQUIRREL?

A story by Jessica Dylan Miele

If you pass by the Beaverton City Library, you are sure to see the American Sycamore tree, which stands proudly on the library's lawn. The American Sycamore tree has a hollow trunk, and is home to small, twittering birds, muskrats, squirrels, and a wise owl named Ollie.

On a cold, blustery night, when the moon was just a small sliver in the sky, the animals of the American Sycamore tree noticed that someone was missing. It was Susie Squirrel! They couldn't find Susie Squirrel anywhere. Worried about what might have happened to her, the animals asked Ollie Owl to go out into the dark night and try to find their dear friend.

Ollie Owl searched high and low, using his keen eyesight to search Beaverton's every nook and cranny. But—alas! Ollie Owl returned home without the little squirrel. Where could she be?

Hours later, as the first rays of the sun lightened the sky, there appeared Susie Squirrel, dragging a large basket into the hollow trunk. The basket was full of treats, including acorns, pecans, cashews, bright red strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, grapes, pears, carrots, broccoli, celery, and she even found a stash of delicious-looking cereal. "Surprise!" said Susie Squirrel, spreading out her furry arms. "Now we can have a feast."

"Susie Squirrel, we were so worried about you," said Marvin Muskrat. "Why didn't you tell us where you were going?"

"I wanted it to be a surprise," said Susie Squirrel.

Selena Squirrel scurried over and put her arm around Susie Squirrel. "Thank you so much for the wonderful treats, Susie. But we would have enjoyed them just the same, and probably a little more, had we known where you were, and that you were safe."

Susie Squirrel hung her head. "I'm sorry. I didn't mean to make anyone worry."

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“That’s okay,” said Marvin Muskrat. “Just remember for next time. And if you ever go scavenging for food, take me with you! That’s my specialty.”

And with that, the animals all gathered around and enjoyed their feast. Everyone was amazed at how ripe the fruit was, and how delightfully crunchy the vegetables were. Hardly anyone had ever tasted cereal before, and they found it to be quite an interesting taste sensation (such a fantastic texture!). But they all agreed that, no matter how good the food tasted, the true joy was being together, and knowing that everyone was safe.





WINTER LIGHTS MAD LIBS

Fill in each of the blank spaces with the type of word that's asked for.
When you're done, you'll have a silly story to read out loud!

Wintertime in Beaverton, Oregon is one of the _____ (*adjective*) times
of the year! We love to walk around in the evening and look at the
_____ (*adjective*) lights and festive _____ (*plural noun*).

Even though it might be rainy, we keep warm with toasty _____

(*plural noun*). We also make sure to bring our _____ (*noun*). My

favorite part is the _____ (*noun*). When I see the _____

(*adjective*) park lit up with _____ (*adjective*) lights, I am filled with

_____ (*noun*) and _____ (*noun*). It makes me want to

_____ (*verb*) and _____ (*verb*).

I _____ (*verb*) winter in Beaverton!



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

There are five differences between these two pictures. Can you find them?

