

Pleasant Manor Post

Heritage Place



Celebrating December

**Universal Human Rights
Month**

Bingo's Birthday Month

Cookie Cutter Week
December 1–7

Hanukkah
December 10–18

Gingerbread House Day
December 12

Christmas Bird Count
December 14–January 5

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A Note From the Director

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On behalf of the management team I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year. ~Christine Leonard

December Birthdays

Edward Andres- December 20
Gertrude Klassen- December 23

We Remember

Merlin Bundy

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Preachers Ponderings

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December Activities

- On December 17, Santa will be visiting virtually and will be providing each resident with a small personal gift!
- Residents will receive a turkey dinner on the 3rd. Duck Confit or Creamy Shrimp Pasta on Christmas Day and Chinese Food on New Years Day.
- Laura, the music therapist and Mendelt will be providing live virtual concerts throughout the month.
- There will be a socially distanced party on New Years Eve- featuring a countdown, sparkling juice and Portzelky.

Dropping off Christmas Gifts?

If you are bringing in Christmas gifts please make sure the residents name is on the gift, and any special instructions (when you would like it opened, needs labeling etc.).

December Celebrity Birthdays

In astrology, those born between December 1–21 are the Archers of Sagittarius. The Archer's open mind, optimism, curiosity, and enthusiasm make them the travelers of the zodiac. They treasure freedom: freedom to roam, freedom of thought, and freedom to express themselves. Those born between December 22–31 are Capricorn's Goats. Goats are responsible masters of self-control. They are practical planners and leaders who value experience and expertise.

Richard Pryor (comedian) – December 1, 1940
Andy Williams (singer) – December 3, 1927
Kirk Douglas (actor) – December 9, 1916
Ada Lovelace (programmer) – December 10, 1815
Rita Moreno (actress) – December 11, 1931
Brad Pitt (actor) – December 18, 1963
Jane Fonda (actress) – December 21, 1937

Strange Christmas Traditions

Christmas brings with it many beloved traditions: trimming the tree, hanging stockings, and singing carols. Many countries around the world enjoy traditions you may be less familiar with.



In Japan, an estimated 3.6 million families eat Kentucky Fried Chicken during the Christmas season. This is largely thanks to Takeshi Okawara, who managed the first KFC franchises in Japan. In 1970, Okawara marketed the Christmas “party barrel,” a complete fried chicken dinner replicating American turkey dinners. There were so few existing Christmas traditions in Japan that KFC filled the void. These days, if you do not pre-order your KFC dinner weeks in advance, you will have to stand in line for hours to get your “Kentucky Christmas.”

If you happen to be in Norway for Christmas, you’ll be hard-pressed to find a broom, for they are all hidden away. Norwegian folklore tells of how evil spirits and witches emerge on Christmas Eve. Norwegians hide their brooms so that witches cannot steal them for riding.

In Caracas, Venezuela, Christmas morning brings presents and roller skates. Authorities close down the city streets on Christmas morning so that thousands of residents can roller-skate to church in safety. One tradition tells of how children go to sleep with one end of a skate lace tied around their toe and the other end dangling out the window. In the morning they are awakened by skaters tugging at the lace to alert them that it is time for mass.

In Ukraine, trees are not decorated with tinsel and ornaments but with faux spider webs. A common folktale tells the story of a poor woman who could not afford tree decorations. When she awoke on Christmas morning, she found her tree glistening with spider webs, courtesy of the spiders in her house who took pity on her.

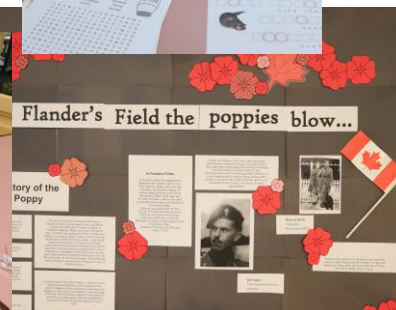
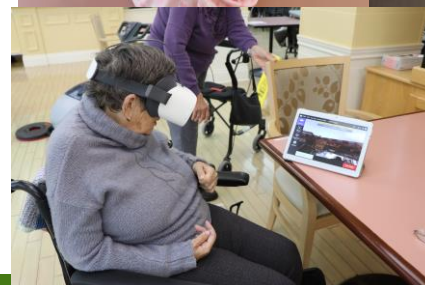
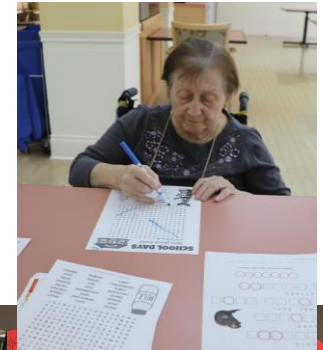
These traditions may seem strange to you, but does your family have any Christmas traditions that others may find nontraditional?

Grade 1-3 students at Wheatley school made beautiful postcards to bring cheer and spark joy to all the residents!



Montessori Moments

November was filled with daily one to one activities! From painting, word searches, sorting, reminiscing, reading, virtual reality and more! We look forward to all the Christmas themed Montessori activities in December!



*It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at
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Happy Birthday...



- Alban Beaton- December 1
- Edith Heinrichs- December 2
- Elvira Hildebrandt- December 8
- Adine Enns- December 9
- Jack Halliday- December 15
- Marie Lepp- December 20
- Ken Goertz- December 20

- Gertrude Hildebrand- December 20
- Mary Rempel- December 21
- Doris Smith- December 23
- Donald Legere- December 23
- Jacob Hildebrandt- December 27
- Dorothy German- December 27
- Alice Janzen- December 28
- Cornelius Reimer- December 29



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Christmas Dinner

On the evening of December 3rd all tenants will receive a complimentary Christmas Dinner. The meals will be prepackaged and delivered to each tenant's door.

Zoom Activities

We will be trialing activities through the online platform Zoom. Please Send your email address to chelseab@radiantcare.net to be added to the list. A few activities have been planned to start the second week of December.

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you for your support for Operation Christmas Child! Over \$350.00 was donated to virtually fill shoeboxes. What a difference that will make for each child who receives this gift.

DIY Christmas Wreath

You can make your own Christmas wreath! Pick up your free do-it-yourself kit by the mailbox areas or the Creekview Link! Bags will be available December 7.