Missouri State University

Valentine’s Day
What is different around the world?

Japan
People celebrate on two different dates. The female gives a gift to the male on February 14th, and the male has to give a gift to the female on March 14th, called “white day.”

Korea
People also celebrate on two different dates. The female is supposed to give chocolate to the male on February 14th, and the male is to give hard candies to the female on March 14th. Anyone who did not receive any gifts on these two dates get together on April 14th, called “black day” and eat black Jajang noodles.

Taiwan
Beside celebration on February 14th, July 7th of the lunar calendar is celebrated. Both dates are equally as important. The color and number of the roses holds much significance. For example, one red rose means “as only love,” eleven roses mean “a favorite,” ninety-nine roses mean “forever” and one hundred eight roses means “marry me.”

Denmark
People send laughable love notes to their significant others, called gaekkebrev. On the card, the sender signs his or her name in dots. If the receiver guesses the correct name, then the sender will get a candy egg at Easter time.

Free Movies

Spanish Film Night: haunting tale-part psychological drama and part political parable
Tuesday, February 09, 2010, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM @ Siceluff Hall 411
After watching her mother succumb to cancer, 9-year-old Ana (Torrent) blames the death on her womanizing father (Héctor Alterio) and tries to poison him. When he dies of a heart attack while in bed with a lover, Ana mistakenly assumes she’s responsible for his demise.

Part of African American Heritage Month: Chris Rock’s “Good Hair”
Wednesday, February 10, 2010, 9:00 PM - 10:30 PM @ Plaster Student Union Robert W. Theater
This film visits beauty salons, hairstyling battles, scientific laboratories and Indian temples to explore the way hairstyles impact the activities, pocketbooks, sexual relationships and self-esteem of the black community.
Interesting Facts About Russia

- There are 221 museums, 2,000 libraries, more than 80 theaters, 100 concert organizations, 45 art galleries, 62 movie theaters and 80 nightclubs in St. Petersburg alone.
- St. Petersburg plays host to as many as 100 cultural and art festivals every year, including 50 international ones.
- Russia is the only country with 12 seas on its territory.
- Russia boasts of the Urals, the oldest mountains in the world, and Lake Baikal, the world’s deepest lake and the largest reservoir of fresh water on earth.
- It is a criminal offense to drive around in a dirty car in Russia.
- 10% of the government’s income comes from the sale of vodka.

Valentine’s Day Quiz

1. Which Patron Saint is Valentine named after? a) Saint Nick b) Saint Valentine c) Saint Aphrodite
2. What does word Valentine mean? a) heart b) sweetheart c) love
3. What fruit is also known as the “love apples”? a) tomato b) grape c) apple
4. What is the winged child shooting arrows at unsuspecting Valentines called? a) cupid b) cherub c) claudce
5. What is the Greek word for Cupid, God of Love? a) Venus b) Eros c) Zeus
6. What type of bird symbolizes Valentine’s Day? a) robin b) dove c) swan
7. What flower is most commonly symbolic of Valentine’s Day? a) lily b) poinsettia c) red roses

Happy Birthday February ELIers!

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2/10 Sook Hee Kim
2/12 Ibrahim Abdulrahman
2/16 Mutaz Aljedani
2/19 Abdullah Naji Albalawi
2/21 Yasir Alenazi

Birthstone: Amethyst
Flower: Violet, Begonia or Primrose
Meaning: Sincerity, security, and peace of mind

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