

ACADEMY REPORTER

Reasons to Be Thankful We Live in America

We should be thankful we live in America. After our last election, many people have said, "Oh no, our country is going down the tubes."



Yes, our country is seeming to degrade rapidly, but we still live in a free country. We are one of few countries where those born into poor families can work to be a very wealthy person. In most countries, you are trapped in the social class to which you are born.

We also have free speech. I do not think we realize how blessed we are to be able to say whatever we want wherever we want. We can strike up a conversation with anyone and talk about whatever we want without worrying about who is listening. In other countries, if the authorities hear you say you do not like the person in charge, you are in huge trouble.

Last, but definitely not least, we have the freedom of religion. This is the greatest freedom. We do not have to hide in our basements when we are having church, wondering the whole time if you will be caught. You can stand on the sidewalk and preach the gospel with absolutely no worries.

These are just a few blessings we enjoy each day while living in free country. So when you start to feel down about our wonderful country, just stop and count five things you can enjoy because you live in a free country.



THE PRINCIPAL'S PUZZLER

This week's winner: No One

This week's hint: He sure was generous!

This week's puzzle: A man buys rice at \$1 a pound from American growers and sells them at \$0.05 a pound in India. As a result of this he becomes a millionaire. How come?

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

All Boxtops need to be turned in by Friday, February 12. The ten-cents we get from each label adds up very quickly when we all work together. Thank you for your ongoing support!

SPIRIT WEEK

February is almost here, and Spirit Week is just around the corner. We have replaced Masquerade Day with Create-A-Hat Day. See the attached guidelines for all the details. We encourage everyone to participate in the fun!

REMINDERS

February 8-12 — Spirit Week

February 15 — President's Day, No School

February 15-17 — Local IHC

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Thanks to John Verbrugge (See 1Chronicles 4:9-10)

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**YOU MUST BE JOB ... MY NAME IS JABEZ,
I'M YOUR NEW NEIGHBOR**

I have seen and read the Friday Letter.

Parent Signature _____

Please cut out, sign, and return this box to school.