

# YELLOW HOUSE NEWS

## VALENTINES' DAY EDITION

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### Valentine's Day Facts—By Kelly Ouelette and Caitlin Bowen

The origins of Valentine's Day can be traced back to the ancient Roman celebration of Lupercalia, which was held February 15th. The celebration of Lupercalia honored the gods Lupercus and Faunus and the founders of Rome. Another thought is there were two saints and a priest named Valentine. One saint was executed on February 14th and 227 years later Pope Gelasious named February 14th Valentine's Day for him. The priest named Valentine disobeyed the emperor and secretly married couples. Once again, another thought is that birds and fowls select their mates on February 14th. Valentine's Day as we know it began in France and England. The first box of Valentine candy was in the late 1800's. Commercial Valentines were also introduced in the 1800's.

Cupid, doves, lovebirds, lacy dollies, roses, hearts and arrows. OH MY! Over one million Valentines day cards are sent in the U.S. each year, and over 50 million roses are given for Valentine's Day each year. So make your Valentine's Day a day to remember this year. Try sending a card to friends, mates, and family members, or just let them know you care.

### WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?

We've all had 'em. That special "thinking of you" V-Day gift that made us wonder just what were they thinking. This is what our fellow yellows said were their best and worst Valentines gifts.

Male	Female
<b>Best:</b>	<b>Best:</b>
1. Candy	1. Roses
2. Jewelry	2. jewelry
3. Balloons	3. Candy
4. Date	4. Teddy Bear
5. Cards	5. Balloons
<b>Worst:</b>	<b>Worst:</b>
1. Bad Cards	1. Nothing
2. Break Up Cards	2. Bad Cards
3. Nothing	3. Pen
4. Break Up Letters	4. Used Teddy Bear
5. Clothes	5. Money



### Heart Fun



s i e e r k p e d i v i n s s  
 e r d v c l a s i p r i t v p  
 i v a n l n s i t a p p a n i  
 t e v e r r t d e p w l l o n  
 r c v o b c h v h s e s s i k  
 a e r s c e h o w n e p d c a  
 p a e r a r n o t s y p l r n  
 e p a r d c r i c u p i d o l  
 n s t r a r n w t l i i p s p  
 i s t r a e h y d n a c e n s  
 t e d e v i t i p o e t r y a  
 n s v d t w l c a n d l e s d  
 e o g e d d s u c l o i a t y  
 l r a u t d p g v v h s g v a  
 a n y g h c s e e a e h y r n  
 v d s h a v s l s s l r a d a

love poetry  
 Cupid red  
 hearts candles  
 valentine cards

valentine parties

Chocolate

pink

white

candy hearts

valentine bears

love arrows

hugs kisses

roses

By: Clarence Matthews

So if you've selected one of these "worst gift ideas" there's just one thing to ask yourself: "What was I thinking!!!"



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We are so proud of our academic giants! These students have learned the secret to graduating out of First Coast and moving on with their lives! They have figured out that it's so much more fun in school when their work is done and on time.

## 9th Grade                      10th Grade

### **A—HONOR ROLL**

Kimberlee Juskiewicz,	Mitchell Atwell
Randy Owens	Katelyne Cote
Zackary Reyes-Voutour	Morgan Ferdon

### **A—B HONOR ROLL**

Seroyal Bradford	Tanisha Campbell	Akeem Brown	Christina Dorman
Sharene Everett	Tyler Hayward	Sekia Grimes	Darius Hutchins
Antonio Hughes	Leslie Johnson	Kandance Mooney	Jonathan Pate
Alexander Hubenthal		Elisabeth Phelps	Toni Shirley
Ryan Johnston	Irawin Khountham	Sarah Woitas	Dale Sanderson
Karon McNeal	Steven Pearson	Julia Simeone	Fahmida Tuly
Tabitha Schirmer	Elijah Timmon	Chelsea Phengchanh	
Tabitha Walker	Tevin Ward		

**The following students obtained ABC Honor Roll:**  
**9th Grade:** Amber Baker, Akyka Beasley, Russell Blackwell, Darnecia Brown, Shanae Brown, Carl Cave, Chris Cooper, Richard Cornwell, Anameka Croxton, Bethney Curry, Keenan Daniels, Shanaya Davis, Jordan Deal, Dominique Dobson, Joshua Eiszler, Clara Ethridge, Christine Ferguson, Kevin Forbes, Dejha Freeland, Samuel Frailey, Stephen Greenaway, Lindsey Guest, Harvashea Hall, Ashley Henry, Deidra Hills, Catlynn Horn, Mariah Houser, Diamond Huff, Shenai Hylton, Jesse Iseppi, Kahali Jackson, Ronisha Johnson, Joaneliz Lopez, Lovett-Harvey, Jamil, Bradley Markham, Keshawn Massey, Anastacia Moore, Angel Moore, Kyle Palomo, Rechard Patterson, Phillip Penny, Leandra Poirier, Alissa Rainey, Shaun Richardson, Miranda Ridgeway, McKenzie Robinson, Aimee Sharpe, Ashlyn Smith, Courtney Staples, Irvine Ternida, Jerry Thomas, Kaylen Thomas, Marquist Walker, Breona Washington, Lelah West, Dominique Whitty, Erin Wilkin-son, Daye Williams, Dwight Williams, Kailyn Wright.  
**10TH Grade:** Andre Amason, Eddie Bennett, Sade Buggs, Kai Bunge, James Cornell, Brittany Davidson, Aaron Davis, Monica Dennis, Tahjon Dennis, Destiny Dy-ches, Alexis Fachiane, Megan Finney, Freeman, Jennifer, Gentle Grover, Bobby Howard, Kegan Jarrel, Brittany Matisco, Katie McMil-lian, Oshabiya Mercer, Audrey Miller, Jessica Mosher, Stacy Murdock, Irving Orozco, Ashely Payne, Melissa Phoenix, Fidela Pierluissa, Pressley Demarco, William Resch, Kiavanni Sanders, Brandon Senterfitt, Rahim Sha-bazz, Shanai Stockling, Joshua Tekin, Jamie Touvhon, Megan Ty-ler, Charmain Verner, Jessica Waters, Jessica Welker, Joshua Wingtae.

## From the desk of.....



Greetings YELLOW HOUSE TEAM!

As a new semester begins, several opportunities awaits our students—new classes, FCAT, A.P., exams, grade recovery and often new school activities. It is essential that every student **keep his/her cool and stay focused**. We can...and WILL make it to May better than we could even imagine, if we do not stress. Students: it is essential that you **keep a planner** and write down your assignments and **keep your work organized** and turned in on time. This strategy **ALONE** can help maintain satisfactory grades.

At the end of this month, every Yellow House student will take the FCAT. This presents an opportunity to show not only the rest of the school, but also the rest of Jacksonville, what we have accomplished this academic year. With that said, it is essential that students along with the faculty and staff **remain clear about accomplishing our objectives**. The students in the Yellow House can be proud of their hard work and consistent dedication they have displayed so far this year. I would like to encourage each student to **stay calm, and focused** before and during the test.

I personally believe in each student's ability to reach his/her personal goal if their effort is 100%. Observing your classes and participating in your teacher's lesson, I have watched both 9th and 10th grade students use reading and writing skills that they have learned in all courses. You are on your way to become master learners; do not rely on your past accomplishments to hinder you from constantly achieving your dreams. Both your teachers and I believe that **you can accomplish anything**. Why else would we continue to challenge your mind?

*Ms. M. Bush*, Dean, Yellow House

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## MAKING A DIFFERENCE by Samantha Ivory and Natasha Pope



Have you ever had a loved one diagnosed with cancer? Mrs. Newman's Peer Counseling class has joined community efforts to donate bears to local hospitals for any cancer patient. These bears offer comfort to local cancer patients who are undergoing chemotherapy. There were 141 bears collected by Peer Counseling. It's not too late to make a difference! If you'd like to donate new teddy bears they can still be taken to NBC News Station or Moe's Restaurant. Kaeline Cauley (far right with pink bear) states, "This was a satisfying experience knowing that we were helping others." So go ahead **MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE.**

## YOU GOT SOMETHIN'

**TO SAY?** If you have a comment, suggestion or gripe about something, you need to write a **LETTER TO THE EDITOR** for next month's **YELLOW HOUSE EDITORIAL EDITION**. Here's how: First: write your comment, suggestion or gripe neatly or preferably typed. Second: Make sure your ideas and thoughts are complete and clear. We won't publish anything unless it is clear what you are trying to say. Best idea is to get a teacher or parent to proof your work. If they can read it and understand it then it's ready for us. Last, place your letter to the editor in the box Yellow House Office, or bring to Ms. Staup's room (G109). If you're still not sure what this should look like, get a local paper and read the letters to the editor section. We will not publish any unsigned papers. **LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**February 2007** SDRW = Stop, drop, read, write

**March 2007** ER= early release

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
12 SDRW Rdg -math Mini assess	13 SDRW FOCUS	14 ER- SDRW VALENTINES DAY	15 SDRW  DAY	16 SDRW	17 NO BREAK- FAST OF CHAMPION				1 NRT RDG MA	2 NRT SC -11TH	3
19 NO SCHOOL	20 SDRW	21 SDRW	22 SDRW	23 SDRW	24 Break- fast of Champions	5	6 MAKE UP TEST- ING	7 ER MAKE-UP TESTING	8 MAKE-UP TESTING	9 MAKE UP TESTING	10
26 FCAT RDG/ MATH	27 FCAT RDG/ MATH	28 ER	<b>SPRING BREAK!!!! MARCH 19TH—23RD</b>								

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