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## EDITORIAL

Dear reader,

All the days merged into one moment during distance learning. We all need a bright holiday on these gray days. Halloween has already passed; The New Year's celebration hasn't come yet. But don't think that November is the most boring month of the year!

That's why this issue includes:

- How to live if you have the DL
- Holiday in every home: Russia, USA, England, France and Asia
- Call your mom and say that you love her

Sincerely yours,



*Tishina Natalie*  
Editor-in-chief

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The motto of our magazine suits best this very issue – “The truth is down here...”



## СТУДЕНЧЕСКАЯ МУДРОСТЬ

Хокку – это трехстишья, относящиеся к японской культуре. В данном жанре поэзии автор лаконично и чётко излагает свои чувства, и для этого ему хватает всего нескольких строк. Но восточная мудрость свойственна не только стране восходящего солнца.

The Artifact подготовил для вас хокку с «вредными советами» для дистанционного обучения. Но не забывайте о том, что преподавателям наверняка уже знакомы все эти уловки и пока не придумали ещё ничего проще, чем взять и выучить ☺

Преподаватель зовёт в вебинар,  
Big blue button открыт.  
Студенты спят.

Не подготовился к занятию,  
Но не беда.  
Сделаю вид, что завис.

Однотруппники в шоке.  
Как я сдал всё на «отлично»?  
Записал ответ заранее на диктофон.

Захотелось поест на паре?  
Беру и ем -  
Только на камеру наклею два слоя  
скотча.

«Как сделать громче звук?»  
Интересуется преподаватель.  
«Alt+F4» ответ.

Идет экзамен.  
Студенты за ноутбуком плачут.  
О, пересдача!..

Как мог я пару пропустить?  
Хоть был за ноутбуком,  
Забыл три точки написать...

Открыл задание, забыл.  
И время мчится вдаль.  
Просрочено: 15 дней. 20 час.

Ноутбук, зарядка, наушники.  
Застрял.  
Проводов паутина.

Выставка 2040г.  
Искусство дистанционного века.  
Скульптура «Мыслитель за  
ноутбуком»

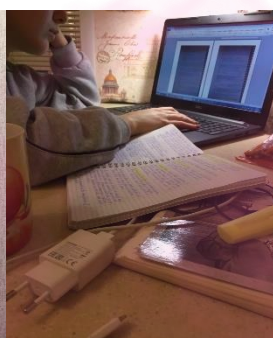
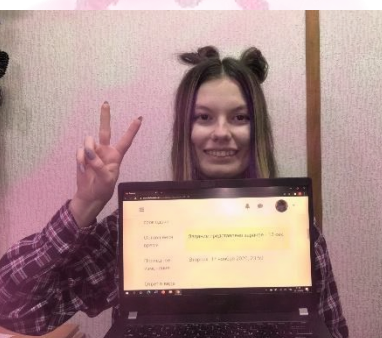
За чатом чат. За вебом веб.  
Спешу сказать заветное:  
Здравствуйте. Bonjour. Hello.

«Тест сдать сегодня, иначе-не зачет!»  
Но я не лыком шит.  
Гружу в ДО в 23:59.

Задание в Word. Презентация. Тест.  
Я календарь переверну.  
Неделя всего прошла.

Заходишь в веб.  
Родные голоса.  
Когда воочию я вас увижу?

By Z.Akurbaeva and A.Shirokova



## 11.11 ИЛИ ОДИНОЧЕСТВО ПО СКИДКЕ

Говоря о ноябрьских праздниках, стоит отметить ещё один – День одиноких людей, изначально задуманный как противоположность Дню Святого Валентина.

Он отмечается в России и странах Азии 11 ноября, и, хотя не является государственным праздником, пользуется большой популярностью у молодёжи.

Четыре единицы (11.11) символизируют одиночество - людей, не стоящих в паре. Стоит отметить, что Китай — страна, серьёзно относящаяся к магии цифр, и считается, что именно этот

день является одним из самых благоприятных в году для заведения новых знакомств и завязывания отношений. В это день люди, не имеющие второй половинки, выходя на улицу, надевают одежду чёрного цвета. Они делают для того, чтобы одиночкам было легче знакомиться друг с другом, точно зная, что человек свободен. Так же для них проводятся различные мероприятия и вечеринки.

День одиноких людей как праздник зародился в китайских университетах ещё в начале 90-х годов прошлого столетия, но большее распространение он получил благодаря Интернету.



## Aliexpress



как ежегодный день онлайн-шопинга.

Проблема одиночества остро стоит не только перед азиатским сообществом, но и распространяется в США и странах Европы, и я считаю, что День одиноких людей успешно помогает с ней бороться.

В качестве некоторого утешения одиноким людям крупные онлайн и офлайн магазины устраивают ежегодные грандиозные распродажи, поэтому 11 ноября также является любимым днём шопоголиков.

Благодаря этому позднее на мировой арене День холостяка стал в основном известен

By A.Pilipenko



## ELECTION SECTION

In case you haven't heard, there's a presidential election in the United States. Donald Trump and the Republicans were squaring off against Joe Biden and the Democrats. The results of the vote have been bothering people for a long time, but now we want to go back and analyze interesting phrases from the first presidential debate.



First of all, there are only two political organizations with particular beliefs and aims, which a person can vote for in election or parties. As for Donald Trump and Joe Biden they are both nominees or people who have been nominated, chosen to do something.

One of the main topics of discussion during the debate was the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare. It's a program that consists of making access to healthcare more accessible to people who can't afford insurance or doctors visits.

"...He's (Donald Trump) in the Supreme Court right now trying to get rid of the ACA which will strip 20 million people from having insurance, health insurance now..."

*Joe Biden*

### So, let's study the meanings of some expressions

To get rid of	To eliminate
To strip someone of something	To remove or take away something

"...We (the Republicans) guaranteed pre-existing conditions, but took away the individual mandate. Then I had a choice to make. Do I let my people run it really well or badly?"

*Donald Trump*

### So, let's study the meanings of some expressions

The individual mandate	The law that forces all residents of the USA to pay a healthcare fee based on their income
To run something	To administrate

There are also some more statements to study:

- ✓ It's fair to say: this is a great phrase to say when we're about to make a surprising statement that in fact is supported by evidence.
- ✓ To close down: this is often used to talk about businesses that stop operating.
- ✓ The likes of which: this is an advanced expression that is used to emphasize how important, great or noticeable something is.

To sum up, the US election is not only a serious and responsible process, but also a real celebration and a good opportunity to add to your vocabulary.

**By N.Tishina**



## THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' DAY

When you are a student, it's one of the greatest times in your life. These years are the most interesting and unforgettable, because they include a lot of fun, positive emotions, drive with sleepless nights. Did you know we have a special celebration of our own?



Every year students from different part of the world celebrate November 17 as the International Students' Day and thousands of students show a lot of enthusiasm to participate in the organized events. On this special day how many of you know the importance of International Students Day?

Brief tragic history: On November 17, 1939, the Nazi troops executed nine student leaders and sent over 1200 students to concentration camps. The Nazi troops had even closed all the Czech colleges and universities. The courage displayed by the students during that incident was unforgettable. To commemorate their legacy, since 1941, students from all parts of the world

It is a huge loss that we have to spend a student's day at home, and not at our home University. But our love grows stronger every minute we are apart.

started celebrating November 17 as the International Students Day.

What to do on this day? Many universities across the world observe this day as an opportunity to display multiculturalism and diversity. Some of the universities organize several events on the International Students Day to encourage youth engagement. Apart from universities, many student organizations also conduct various events. Students can extend their support by participating in any event besides an individual social-service.



International Students Day will remind the responsibilities of all the students in the world to raise their voice with regards to education and student allied issues. This special day is an opportunity for every student to draw attention of society to student activism.

By I.Rashitova





## TWO SIDES OF THANKSGIVING

An old family tradition of giving thanks

*On 26<sup>th</sup> November of this year USA people celebrated Thanksgiving. It is a federal holiday, celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. It is regarded as the beginning of the fall–winter holiday season, which includes Christmas and the New Year.*

It is the time when relatives can finally enjoy their time together. Families can often have their own unique traditions on that day.



The centerpiece of the celebrations is Thanksgiving dinner.

The dinner usually consists of foods and dishes indigenous to the Americas, namely turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, squash, corn, green beans, cranberries sauce, and pumpkin pie.



Each year at Thanksgiving, the president of the United States receives a gift of two live turkeys. At a White House ceremony, the president traditionally "pardons" the National Thanksgiving Turkeys so they can live on a farm.



Many families watch the New York City Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, which includes marching bands, floats, songs and performances from Broadway musicals, and giant helium-filled balloons.



Volunteering and helping those in need is a very popular activity on that day.



## The celebration of the genocide

*Nowadays, it becomes more and more important to be educated and respectful of other's cultures and history. Not enough people know what really happened between Native Americans and Pilgrims. The real story behind the holiday is so dark, that some are rethinking how they celebrate the holiday, or whether they should at all. Thanks to Abraham Lincoln's trying to whitewash a dirty crime, people learn in school about a friendly dinner instead of a massacre that it really was.*

In fact, when the pilgrims reached Cape Cod, they were incredibly unprepared for the winter. In a state of desperation, they robbed corn from Native American's graves and storehouses. So, in the march of 1621, formal agreement was made between the settlers and the native people to protect each other from other tribes. When the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag sat down for the first Thanksgiving that year, it was likely just a routine English harvest celebration.

Eventually, despite the agreement, the settlers committed a genocide and stole the land.

Now, Native Americans are only 1,5% of the population of the USA. Many Indigenous people observe **the National Day of Mourning** instead. Some people view the holiday as a reminder of the systemic racism and oppression Native Americans continue to experience in the US.

Let's acknowledge such a nauseating event and not forget such beautiful and spiritual culture.

“Hitler’s concept of concentration camps as well as the practicality of genocide owed much, so he claimed, to his studies of English and United States history. He admired the camps for Boer prisoners in South Africa and for the Indians in the wild west; and often praised to his inner circle the efficiency of America’s extermination – by starvation and uneven combat – of the red savages who could not be tamed by captivity.”

— P. 202, “Adolph Hitler” by John Toland

By A.Mamalimova





## DIFFERENT COUNTRIES – ONE CONCEPT



Последнее воскресенье ноября – самый искренний день, когда мы признаемся своим Мамам в безграничной любви к ним. Он посвящен самой любимой и самой главной женщине, подарившей возможность жить и радоваться жизни.

День Матери в России - относительно молодой праздник, по сравнению с другими. В 1998 его закрепили на государственном

уровне и теперь отмечают ежегодно каждое последнее воскресенье ноября. Инициатором создания такого праздника на официальном уровне выступила гражданка А. Апарина. Основной посыл - напоминание о ценностях семьи, уважении и обычаях.

День матери в России отмечается не очень широко. В этот день дети поздравляют своих мам, вручают им сделанные своими руками подарки: рисунки, аппликации, поделки. Проходят различные социальной активности, главная цель которых – заботливое и бережное отношение к матери, распространение семейных ценностей и традиций.

### **Mother's Day in Great Britain**

Mother's Day or Mothering Sunday, which is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent, is similar to Women`s Day in Russia.

Its roots go back to Victorian times, when children at a fairly early age worked away from home, and the money they earned was sent to the family budget.

Big presents for Mother's Day are usually not made: women receive bouquets of flowers, boxes of chocolates, some other sweets or symbolic gifts. Sometimes instead of a gift they receive an invitation to a restaurant, but more often the holiday is celebrated at home, with the family.

On Mother's Day, women do not do housework: children and husbands take care of all the cleaning and cooking. The

most popular dish for this holiday is the famous Simnel marzipan pie, which is also made for Easter, although sometimes the British make different pastries or buy a pre-ordered cake or pie.

English Easter cake Simnel is made from dough with a lot of dried fruits - raisins, dried apricots, dried cherries, as well as ginger and liqueur. The cake is topped with marzipan layers and twelve marzipan balls. There are many cooking options, and in every family the cupcake may be slightly different: someone cooks with cranberries, someone with peach jam.



## Mother's Day in the USA

On the second Sunday in May, all of America celebrates one of the warmest, most beautiful and tender holidays that touches every person on Earth - Mother's Day.

This is not only an official holiday of the country, but also a deeply personal event for Americans: statistics show that 1606 people have added it to their personal calendar, including: 614 women and 616 men, the remaining number of citizens without gender.

From early in the morning, American children congratulate their mothers by presenting them with flowers and handmade souvenirs. A special ritual is to get up quietly in the morning and, protecting mother's sleep, prepare her

favorite breakfast, so that then it can be served directly in bed.

In the USA and Australia, sons adorn their clothes with a flower. The red carnation

indicates that the mother is alive and well, but the

white flowers symbolize the memory of the departed mothers.

If at first the holiday meant congratulating only mothers, now on this day in the USA it is customary to congratulate women who cared and raised. These can be grandmothers, cousins, aunts, mother-in-law.



## La Fête Des Mères En France

Chaque dernier dimanche de mai, ou le premier de juin, a lieu la Fête des Mères. Cette fête officielle et annuelle est un temps pour rendre hommage à toutes les mamans.



**Comment se passe la fête des mères en france?** Dans l'hexagone, la coutume la plus répandue est d'offrir un cadeau à sa maman. Tous les petits écoliers de France sont amenés à fabriquer un cadeau par leurs petits mains. Ils sont souvent accompagnés d'une carte de Fête des Mères dans laquelle l'enfant à inscrit quelques mots doux ou collé un joli poème. Il est coutume de lui dire "Bonne Fête, maman!" et de la couvrir de bisous et de calins. Les enfants ne s'en privent que rarement! Une fois adultes, les grands enfants continuent de prendre le temps de gâter leur maman et de leur acheter un cadeau. De plus en plus de français optent pour des cadeaux originaux ou personnalisés. Ce cadeau est offert le dimanche de la fête avant ou après

un bon repas partagé avec la famille. Un rendez-vous que la majorité des français ne manquent pas!

**L'histoire de la fête des mères en France.** La Fête des Mères est donc célébrée officiellement un dimanche en fonction de la date de la fête de la Pentecôte. C'est en 1897 que l'Alliance Nationale contre la dépopulation lance l'idée d'une fête des enfants pour célébrer les valeurs familiales et la natalité. L'idée ne naît réellement qu'en 1906 quand l'Union Fraternelle des Pères de Famille Méritants d'Artas organise la première célébration des Mères de famille en récompensant les plus méritantes. L'idée est reprise en 1918 par le Colonel de la Croix-Laval à Lyon qui organise la "Journée des mères". Divers tentatives et fêtes sont organisées, mais il faut attendre le régime de Vichy et le 25 mai 1941 pour que la Fête des mères devienne une fête officielle en France à l'initiative du Maréchal Pétain. Durant et après la libération cette fête est mise à l'index, car créée sous Pétain. La présence américaine d'après-guerre et l'importance des cartes envoyées à l'occasion du "Mother's day" ont permis de gommer l'image négative de la Fête des Mères en France. Le 24 mai 1950, Vincent Auriol, Président de la République institue la Fête des Mères comme fête officielle en France. Depuis, les mamans sont fêtées tous les ans au même moment de l'année et dans le monde entier.



Donc, la Fête des Mères est une journée spécialement consacrée aux mamans. L'organisation en est généralement confiée à leurs enfants qui peuvent décider de leur préparer le repas. La complicité du papa leur permet de garder un effet de surprise.

**Хоть и традиции немного отличаются, но незаменимым остается одно: праздник был и продолжает быть символом благодарности матерям за то, что дали жизнь, за то, что любят и заботятся о нас.**

**By Ya.Zinova, T.Osyonova and S.Samigulina**