The 2nd Annual Hummus Experience @ MIT

“All we are saying is "give chickpeas a chance."
Website: http://web.mit.edu/~itai/www/hummus/

• Make Your Own Hummus (Jan 20th W11 SDR) - Put together a team. We will provide you with the basic recipe, which you can adopt to your liking using both traditional and funky. The teams with the best tasting hummus will be nominated for the Taste Off held the next day and will be judged by the entire MIT Community! RSVP required

• The 2nd Annual Hummus Taste Off (Tuesday - 12-1PM, Jan 21th W20 -PDR #1&2) - Help choose the best hummus at MIT’s first “made from scratch” hummus taste-off! Participate in a blind tasting of hummus made by fellow students. Be dazzled by the variations in flavor and texture. We promise free hummus and pita, giveaways, hummus clips, & more.

• Learn How To Make Hummus For Beginners (Jan 29th W11 – Community Room) - Workshop participants will learn how to make hummus from a great chef -- George Kirby ('79 MIT) who is well known in greater Boston for his homemade hummus.

• Hummus tour (Tuesday Jan 27th: tour starts at 10 AM, meet at MIT Hillel @9 AM) - Tour of Cedar’s hummus factory in Haverhill. When we imagine wonderland, we imagine oceans of chickpeas, huge tubs of hummus topped with olive oil, and warm pita...
RSVP is required (RSVP to israeli-hummus@mit.edu) and space is limited.

Bunny Fact: The Rabbit is the happiest sign of the Zodiac -- gifted, nice to be with, discreet, refined, reserved, ambitious but not too much so, and virtuous in the bargain.
Lunar ("Chinese") New Year

Jan 26, 2009: Year of the Earth Ox (己丑 jǐ chǒu)
The politically correct term for this festival is the “Lunar New Year” (more commonly known as the “Chinese New Year” and also known as the “Spring Festival”). Based on the Lunar Calendar, this New Year has no fixed date and can fall any time between late January and mid-February. Taking 60 years to complete, this calendar consists of 5 cycles (corresponding to 5 elements) of 12 years each (corresponding to 12 different animals). Based on the oldest calendar known to man – dating back to 2600 B.C. when Emperor Huang Ti introduced the first cycle of the zodiac signs – the Lunar New Year it is heavily embedded with numerous traditions and symbols that have accumulated over the course of centuries (or, more accurately, millennia).

Each year corresponds with one of the 12 Animals (Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, Pig) and one of the 5 Elements (Metal, Water, Wood, Fire, Earth).

• 1986 Tiger (Fire): Brave, competitive, unpredictable, driven, adaptable, stubborn when not in charge, slight tendency to be selfish, passionate, trustworthy. Particular to “Fire” Tigers: Expressive, vibrant, optimistic, enthusiastic, excellent leaders, ‘a bit eccentric.’


• 1988 Dragon (Fire): Dominant, considered ‘mightiest of all the signs,’ ambitious, willing to take risks, passionate, enthusiastic, prone to feeling ‘unfulfilled,’ hard-working, prone to feeling stressed, creative, successful when working independently, flamboyant, temperamental. Particular to “Earth” Dragons: Grounded, rational, supportive.

• 1989 Snake (Earth): Intelligent, graceful, materialistic, analytical, calm, hard-working, easily bored, problem-solvers, thrive under tight deadlines, excellent ‘seducers,’ obsessive, prone to jealousy, vengeful, often mistakenly categorized as ‘laid back’ or ‘slackers,’ are actually extremely diligent. Particular to “Earth” Snakes: Hard-working, rely on common sense, calm, content, approachable.

Important Campus Dates

• Jan 22 (thurs): Last day of Finals
• Jan 28 (Wed): First day Spring classes

Shalls during Intercession

“OPEN DINING HALLS”
Adams, Currier, Dunster, Eliot, & Leverett will remain open throughout intersession

Things to do during exams (cont)

16. Bring a friend to give you a back massage the entire way through the exam. Insist this person is needed, because you have bad circulation.
17. After you get the exam, call the instructor over, point to any question, ask for the answer. Try to work it out of him.
18. Bring balloons, blow them up, start throwing them
20. Get deliveries of candy, flowers, balloons, telegrams, etc. sent to you every few minutes throughout the exam.
21. During the exam, take apart everything around you. Start with your calculator, move on to your desk, your chair, anything you can reach.
22. Complete the exam with everything you write being backwards at a 90 degree angle.

Inaugural Facts:
• The shortest inaugural address was just 135 words, delivered by George Washington on March 4, 1973.
• The longest inaugural address was a whopping 8,445 words, given by William H. Harrison on March 4, 1841.
• The largest inaugural parade included 73 bands, and 59 floats, horses, elephants, and civilian/military vehicles and lasted 4 hours and 32 minutes. It occurred in 1953 with Dwight D. Eisenhower’s first Inauguration.

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