Bunny fact: All Leverets, even the ice leveret, share a peculiarly interesting trait, and that is that they will all change their coat color depending on the climate.

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Some Holiday Facts

• It was American Ralph E. Morris's idea in 1895 to use electric Christmas lights because they proved safer than traditional candles, which often started fires.
• Christmas trees are edible. Many parts of pines, spruces, and firs can be eaten. The needles are a good source of vitamin C and pine nuts (a.k.a "pine cones") are also a good source of nutrition.
• Since 1991, artificial Christmas trees have outsold real ones.
• Alabama was the first state to declare Christmas a legal holiday in 1836. Oklahoma was the last state to do so in 1907.
• Santa's suit was developed in the 1930s when the Coca-Cola Company hired American artist Haddon Sundblom to redesign him in the official colors of Coca-Cola, red and white.
• In 1939, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer was born as an advertising employee at Montgomery Ward wrote the story as a store promotion and gave away 2.4 million copies of the story. Gene Autry recorded the song "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" 10 years later and sold over 80 million copies.
• Kurisumaso Omedeto, the Japanese term for Christmas, can loosely be translated as "Morning of the Greedy Children."
• A fruitcake’s sugar rush is canceled out by its alcohol content.
• The dogs barking on the "Jingle Bells" novelty record are not dogs but parrots, which mimicked dogs and were easier to train.
• In the 18th century, the tradition of kissing under the mistletoe originated in Germany when a person who was deathly allergic to mistletoe came in contact with it and had to be revived by mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

Important Campus Dates

• Weds: WINTER RECESS BEGINS~!

Let it SNOW

• the inuits had goggles made of caribou antlersto prevent snow blindness.

Different types of snow storms:
• Snow squall: A brief, but intense snowstorm.
• Thundersnow: A thunderstorm producing snow as the primary source of precipitation.
• Wintry mix: Snow mixed with rain.
• Ground blizzard: Drifts and whiteouts created when fallen snow is picked up by extremely strong winds

Ground snow:
• Corn: Coarse, granular, wet snow, which is the result of diurnal cycle of melting and refreezing.
• Watermelon snow: A reddish/pink-colored snow that smells like watermelons, and is caused by a red-colored green algae called Chlamydomonas nivalis.
• Firn: Granular snow which has been lying for at least a year but which has not yet consolidated into glacier ice.
• Slush: Snow which partially melts upon landing, accumulating in puddles of partially-frozen water. (A Harvard student's worst nightmare trekking up to Vanserg.)
• Snirt: Snow covered with dirt.

Snowmen (and women)

How to build the perfect snowman: (For people from warmer climates)

The best time to build a snowman is usually in the next warmest afternoon directly following a snowfall with a sufficient amount of snow. This is because packing the perfect snowball requires the powder snow to be near melting point and becomes moist enough to be compactable. This allows you to roll a ball of snow until it grows the desired size for your snowman. Attempting to construct a snowman out of powdered snow is difficult because it will not stick to itself. If packing snow is not rolled into snowballs before it freezes, it forms a denser form of powdered snow called ‘crust.’ Aside from making your snowman fashionable, dressing him in clothing insulates the snowman by keeping out the heat, and therefore increasing his lifespan. But make sure to remove the clothing on a hot day, because melting ice could cause the clothing to get stuck if not removed promptly.

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