



Supporting the education and well-being of gifted learners of Carroll, Guernsey, and Tuscarawas Counties.

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Congratulations!

To Our February Winner of **Coggy**:

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From:

Tusky Valley

Calendar of Events

Mar. 4 - MS Honors Band and Choir - KSU-PAC

Mar 17 -  **Happy St. Patrick's Day!**

Get Ready, **Math Tournament** is on its way: **MAY 13-14** @ Buckeye Career Center-Grades 5-8

May 21 - Spring Law Day

Coordinator's Corner:

It's finally March! Every year we slog through January and February, grateful for each snow day and each peek of sunshine. Every year at the end of February, we pat ourselves on our backs for making it through another Ohio winter--through all of those indoor recesses, all of those weeks of overcast skies, all those papers to grade before the end of the grading period, all the runny noses and flu germs.

And then March, whether the weather comes in like a lion or a lamb, smacks us in the face. Suddenly we don't like our colleagues any more, we don't like our students any more, we don't like teaching any more, we don't like anything any more. Testing looms just over the horizon and there Just Isn't Enough Time. We can't figure out what has happened to us--just yesterday we had all the time in the world. Yesterday we liked our students, our colleagues, our profession, our calling. What is wrong with us?!

March is what is wrong with us. March is too much rain and not enough rainbows. March is spring is almost here but isn't here yet. March is the stress and anticipation the night before the birthday party, when we can taste the cake only in our imagination and we have to put up the decorations and it's already midnight. Every year we forget how extremely March tries our patience, our goodwill, our dedication, and our fortitude.

But March also has daffodils, poking their bright yellow cheerfulness through another dusting of snow (not enough for a last snow day). March is a class of fourth graders pushing in chairs and picking pencils off the floor without you asking. March is a C on the report card after a semester of Fs and Ds. March is the "weird kid" finding someone else with whom to spar pretend swords at recess (that one day it stopped raining and there was outside recess).

It takes a deliberate effort, but March can be chocolate in a colleague's mailbox 'just because.' March can be clearing the jam in the copier before leaving the work room. March can be a hug. A 'thank you.' An 'I'm glad you came to school today.' In March, it's ok to reward yourself for just getting up and coming to school (ice cream on the way home is a good reward; so is drinking coffee in your best teacher friend's room every Wednesday instead of grading papers).

Be the daffodils. We can get through this together. March doesn't last forever.



Use Yer Noggin!

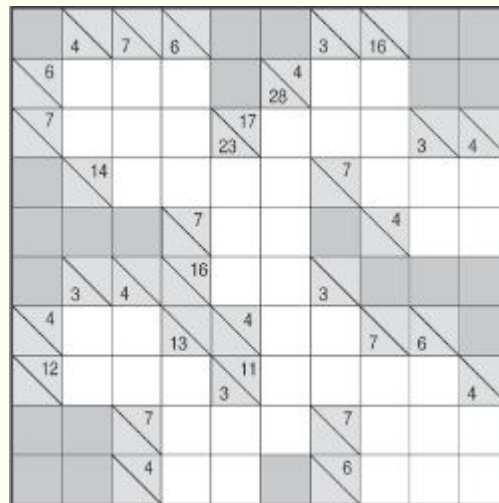
KAKURO

<https://www.mathinenglish.com/puzzleskakuro.php>

What is a math puzzle that combines logic thinking and math skills? **KAKURO!** You could best describe Kakuro as the mathematical version of the crossword puzzle.

What are the rules? Each grid has horizontal and vertical lines containing either **clues or empty cells**. The clue number is the sum of the empty cells it represents. These clues are printed either above a diagonal line or below a diagonal line.

If the clue is printed **above the line**, the clue is the sum of the empty cells **to the right**. When the clue is printed **below the line**, it is meant for the row of empty cells below the clue number. **Each number between 1 and 9 can only be filled in once!** So when the clue says 4, and there are 2 empty cells, you cannot fill in 2 and 2. The answer must automatically be 1 and 3.



In the case of the 4 and the 2 empty cells as clue, it is evident that the answers are 1 and 3. But the order in which you place the 1 and 3 gives another dimension to this game!

Go to next page to give it try!

5 by 5 Kakuro Addition Puzzles

You can use the digits 1 to 9 to fill the empty cells so that the sum of each horizontal block of cells equals the clue number on its left, and the sum of each vertical block the number on top. Each digit can only be used once per block!

		10		8
	15	22		
22	5			24
13			14	
22				8
17		4	5	

	14	11	26	25
26				7
21		5		
15		14		8
	15	6		4

	11	16		23
5	2		16	9
17				
12				
9	17			3
	18			6

8	17		21	24
	6	13		7
3		12		
		7		
14	5		2	
22		3		6

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ANSWERS

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		10		
	15	22	2	8
22	5	9	8	24
13	6	7	14	9
22	3	2	9	8
17	1	4	5	7

	14	11	26	25
26	5	6	8	7
21	3	5	7	6
15	8	6	14	8
7	15	6	5	4

	11	16		23
5	2	3	16	9
17	9	2	1	5
12	9	17	6	3
3	18	5	7	6

8	17		21	24
5	6	13	6	7
3	2	12	4	8
14	5	7	2	3
22	4	3	9	6

The Importance of Humor

According to NEA, during her research on learning and humor, educator-researcher Mary Kay Morrison looked at brain scans that showed high levels of activity in multiple areas of the brain when humor was used in conversation and instruction.

“We’re finding humor actually lights up more of the brain than many other functions in a classroom,” says Morrison, author of *Using Humor to Maximize Learning*. “In other words, if you’re listening just auditorily in a classroom, one small part of the brain lights up, but humor maximizes learning and strengthens memories.”

Puns, and other “plays on words,” are often gifted students’ favorite form of humor.

Here are some of our students’ favorite jokes for helping lighten the mood all throughout the day:

What’s the best thing about Switzerland?

I don’t know, but the flag is a big plus.

What do you call a pair of banana peels?

Slippers.

Why did the cookie go to the hospital?

He was feeling ‘crummy.’

Don’t interrupt someone working intently on a puzzle. Chances are, you’ll hear some crosswords.

How much money does a pirate pay for corn?

A buccaneer.

Why was the graveyard so noisy?

Because of all the ‘coffin.’

I’m a big fan of whiteboards. I find them quite re-markable.

Did you know...

...two facts supported by research about gifted education:

- There is no consistent relationship between acceleration and social-emotional problems. But the research does show that acceleration can have huge academic benefits for students.
- In general, more education is better, especially if matched with student interests and passions.

MARCH FUN FACTS

HISTORY:

The name March comes from the Roman god of war, Mars. For many years, March, being the start of spring, was also the start of the New Year. Much of Europe used March as the start of the year. Britain used March 25th as the beginning of the New Year until 1752.

MARCH IN OTHER LANGUAGES:

- Chinese (Mandarin) - sanyuè
- Danish - marts
- French - mars
- Italian - marzo
- Latin - Martius
- Spanish - marzo

HISTORICAL NAMES:

- Roman: Martius
- Saxon: Hrethmonath
- Germanic: Lenz-mond (Springtime month)

OTHER FUN FACTS ABOUT MARCH:

- It is the first month of Spring which begins between March 19-21.
- In the Southern Hemisphere, March is the same as September in the Northern Hemisphere.
- Each year March and June end on the same day of the week.
- It is the time of year when animals start to wake up from hibernation.

Fun Facts courtesy of <https://www.ducksters.com/history/marchinhistory.php>

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LAST LETTER
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The artistic twist on this simple last letter card game will inspire creativity, laughter and quick thinking. Each player gets five cards featuring intricate, one-of-a-kind scenes. Race to come up with and blurt out a word from one of the picture cards in your hand. Think fast and remember that your word must begin with the last letter of the word previously called. Get rid of your cards first to win! The stunning, imaginative illustrations in this fun card game will ignite your imagination and vocabulary.