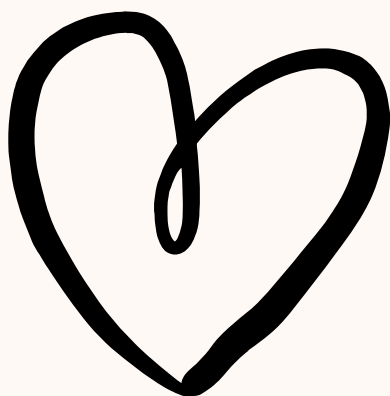


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Happy February!

This month is very exciting because it's Valentine's Day soon!

Valentine's Day is 1 of my 3 favorite holidays. Because in America, it is not just a day for couples, it's a day to love everyone! In the U.S. many people celebrate Valentine's Day with their friends.

In American schools, students don't exchange candy often. Students make each other Valentine's Day cards. My friends and I made origami hearts for each other. Then, for our other classmates, we made cards with funny jokes. When I was in elementary school, I brought Valentine's day cards for my whole class and for my teacher. I cut out hearts and wrote everyone a small letter. Most children in English countries do the same thing. In high school, usually, you just make cards for your close friends and buy them chocolate.

Couples exchanges chocolate, flowers, jewelry, and stuffed animals.

This month, let's be happy and grateful for all the love we have!

-- Julia

Valentine Day Around the World

Argentina - One day isn't enough to celebrate Valentine's Day in Argentina, Argentinians take a week to celebrate the occasion. In addition to February 14th they set aside seven days in July for "sweetness week." From the 13th to the 20th, lovers and friends will exchange candies.

Germany - Germans will exchange not only chocolates, flowers, and heart shaped gifts, but something else:

a pig! The pig represents luck, and there are many pictures, miniature statues, and chocolate given in the shape of a pig! Also, Germans prepare big ginger cookies in heart shapes that contain romantic phrases and messages like "Ich liebe dich" (I love you).

Italy - On Valentine's day, there is a spring Festival. Couples get together to enjoy music, poetry and exchange gifts like the "baci perugina," a box of small hazelnut-filled chocolate "kisses" (baci means "kiss" in Italian). Also, according to an old tradition, the first man a girl sees that day will become her husband and they would be married within a year.

Finland and Estonia - They celebrate Friend's Day on February 14, a day for honoring both friends and romantic partners. Cards and gifts are still given out and can be for anyone from a best friend to a neighbor. February 14 is also a popular day to get engaged. Additionally, Estonia has an interesting tradition for single people—they can take a ride on a bus only for single people in hopes of meeting someone special.



Love Songs

Easily	Bruno Major
Love You For A Long Time	Maggie Rogers
A Thousand Years	Christina Perri
In Love	khai dreams
I Will Spend My Whole Life Loving You	
	Imaginary Future, Kina Grannis
Lucky	Jason Mraz, Colbie Caillat
ily	Surf Mesa, Emiliee
L-O-V-E	Nat King Cole
Banana Pancakes	Jack Johnson
Can't Help Falling In Love	Kina Grannis
Stars in the Sky	Phora, Jhene Aiko
we fell in love in october	girl in red

Top Music in the U.S.

Song Title	Artist
drivers license	Olivia Rodrigo
Skin	Sabrina Carpenter
Violent	carolesdaughter
Only a Matter of Time	Joshua Bassett
I'm not Pretty	JESSIA
Cry Over Boys	Alexander 23
rubberband	Tate McRae
Higher	Clean Bandit ft. iann dior
Vacation	Dirty Heads
Snowman	Sia