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Mini Fact:

More than 128 million people voted in the 2016 U.S. election.

On Nov. 8, the United States elected a new president, Donald J. Trump. He will be the 45th president since our country's founding 240 years ago.

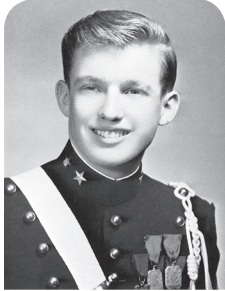
In the same election, new senators and representatives were elected to Congress. Some local offices also had elections. Did you watch the returns, or results, on election night?

This week, The Mini Page learns more about our new president and vice president. They will be **inaugurated**, or sworn into office, on Friday, Jan. 20, 2017, in a big celebration in Washington, D.C.

Donald Trump

Donald Trump was born June 14, 1946, in Queens, New York. He has two sisters and a brother. His older brother, Fred Jr., died in 1981.

Starting in eighth grade, Donald attended the New York Military Academy north of New York City, where he graduated in 1964.



Donald Trump in 1964.

Trump's father owned rental homes in Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island. Donald began working with him before he graduated from the University of Pennsylvania.

Later, in 1971, Donald's father gave him control of his company, and Donald renamed it The Trump Organization. He moved the company to Manhattan in New York City.

Today, The Trump Organization owns and operates hotels, casinos, golf courses, beauty pageants and buildings around the world.

Donald Trump also became the producer and star of the reality TV show "The Apprentice" for 14 seasons.



photo courtesy ABC/ Ida Mae Astute

Four of Donald Trump's children, left to right: Don Jr., Ivanka, Eric and Tiffany.

Trump's family

Trump has been married three times and has five children. His oldest children, Donald Jr., Ivanka and Eric, work with him in his business. His daughter Tiffany graduated from college this year, and his son Barron is 10 years old.

Trump's wife, Melania, was born in 1970 in what is now Slovenia. As a model, she immigrated to the United States in 1996 and became a citizen in 2006, a year after marrying Donald Trump.



photo courtesy Marc Nozell

Melania Trump

Melania Trump speaks five languages.

Our new vice president

Donald Trump's vice president-elect is Michael R. Pence, the current governor of Indiana.

Pence was born in 1959 in Columbus, Indiana, one of six children. He studied history at Hanover College and earned a law degree from Indiana University. He practiced law and later hosted a radio talk show.



Vice president-elect Mike Pence

Pence won a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives in 2000 and was re-elected five times. He decided to run for governor of Indiana and was elected in 2012.



Karen Pence



Mike Pence and his wife, Karen, have three children (left to right): Michael, Charlotte and Audrey.

Pence's family

Karen Pence is a former elementary schoolteacher. Mike and Karen also have a beagle named Maverick and two cats, Oreo and Pickle.

Resources



On the Web:

- bit.ly/2bCYSxy

At the library:

- "Presidential Elections and Other Cool Facts" by Syl Sobel, J.D.

Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of the new president are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:



- APPRENTICE,
- BUSINESS, CHILDREN,
- DONALD, ELECTION,
- GOVERNOR, HOUSE,
- INAUGURATE,
- KAREN, MELANIA,
- MIKE, PENCE, RADIO,
- REPRESENTATIVE,
- SCHOOL, TRUMP, VOTE.

V C X R O N R E V O G Q N B O
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C Y R H O U S E X B S U F P S

Cook's Corner

Puddin'-and-Fruit Dessert

You'll need:

- 1-ounce package sugar-free, fat-free instant vanilla pudding
- 2 cups reduced-fat milk
- 2 medium bananas
- 1 cup sliced strawberries

- 30 vanilla wafer cookies
- 1 cup whipped dairy topping



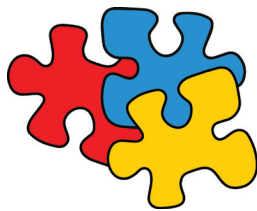
What to do:

1. Prepare vanilla pudding with 2 cups of milk according to package directions. Chill in refrigerator for 5 minutes. Meanwhile, slice bananas and strawberries.
2. Break 15 cookies into pieces and place in bottom of an 8-by-8-inch pan.
3. Spread fruit slices on top of broken cookies. Crumble remaining 15 cookies on top.
4. Stir 1 cup whipped topping into chilled pudding. Spread pudding mixture on top of cookies and fruit. Chill for one hour.

* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.

Puzzling

Unscramble the words below that remind us of the president.



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mfyail _____

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Answers: January, family, election, party.

Mini Jokes



- Donna:** Why are elephants considered to be intelligent?
- Don:** Because they have so much gray matter!

Eco Note



We use billions of feet of paper towels every year. That's a lot of trees! Keep a cloth towel by the sink. When you rinse your hands or wipe up a spill, grab it instead of a paper towel. Put old, worn-out clothes in a rag bag and use them for messy chores or art projects.

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For later:

Watch your newspaper for articles about the president-elect and vice president-elect.

Teachers:

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