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Groundhog Day is a holiday celebrated in the U.S. and Canada where people from all over tune in on the morning of Feb. 2 to watch as Punxsutawney Phil (the groundhog) emerges from his burrow and decides on the fate of the weather. The tradition goes that if Phil sees his shadow and returns to his burrow, then there will be six more weeks of winter. If he doesn't see his shadow, then there will be an early spring. Even though the event is wildly popular, many people debate on whether or not Phil can actually predict the weather, or if the legend of Groundhog Day is just another myth.

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GROUNDHOG DAY: REALITY OR FICTION?

OHS students give their thoughts



"Yes, because I feel like it is such a tradition that it has become a superstition that is valid."
- senior Deriah Toney



"Yes, because I have thought it was real for my whole life."
- freshman Ashton Pearson



"No, but I do think that spring will come soon because it is getting a lot hotter."
- junior Detario Scott



"No, because how could an animal predict or change the weather."
- freshman Thomas Carroll



"I think it's real because if people still believe in it to this day then there's gotta be a chance that it is real."
- junior Braylen Judson



"No, because I don't think that animals can predict the future or the weather."
- freshman Aiden Green



"Yes, I think most of the time he is always right so why not continue to believe him."
- senior Louisa Tatum



"No, I feel like it's not reasonable and it doesn't really make sense."
- junior Fransisco Garcia



"No, a groundhog can't affect the weather and it's a silly tradition."
- sophomore William Atchley



"No, I don't think he's very accurate in his predictions of the weather."
- sophomore Macon Harell



"I think believe him because ever since he saw his shadow, it has been warm."
- freshman Graham Vaughn



"Yes, I believe because it's always been a tradition of mine."
- freshman Addyson McJunkins