Mizzou Homecoming 2018

Homecoming is an annual tradition in the United States. People, towns, high schools, and colleges come together, usually in late September or early October, to welcome back former students and residents. It is built around a central event, most often a game of American football.

The tradition of Homecoming began right here in Columbia at the University of Missouri's 1911 football game, which alumni were encouraged to attend. It was the first annual homecoming centered on a parade and a football game.

Sources: wikipedia.org/wiki/Homecoming and mizzouhoco.com

Homecoming Weekend Details

- **What day is the football game?**
The game is on Saturday, October 20.

- **Where can I get game tickets?**
Visit mutigers.com or call 1-800-CATPAWS.

- **Who is the other team?**
This year, MU’s Tigers are playing against the University of Memphis. Their football team is called the Tigers, too, so no matter who wins, the Tigers are the best!

- **What's this year's theme?**
This year’s Homecoming theme is Game On, Tiger Strong.

- **What other activities will happen before the game?**
For Homecoming, MU has the largest student-run blood drive in the U.S. This year, the blood drive is October 8-11. Make an appointment at donateblood.com/register.

Students decorate the campus on Friday, October 19, from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Students also decorate all of downtown Columbia! There is a Homecoming Spirit Rally at Traditions Plaza with Marching Mizzou, Mizzou cheerleaders, and everyone’s favorite, Truman!

There is also a Homecoming Parade downtown on Saturday morning.

Sources: Facebook.com/MizzouHomecoming and Mizzouhoco.com.
American Football Rules

Like many of our games, American football came from England. The colonists brought a form of soccer with them, which was later combined with rugby to create a new game with new rules. Two teams of eleven men meet on a field that is 100 yards long. The game begins when one team kicks the ball to the other team. The team receiving the ball is the offensive team. It tries to move the ball down the field towards the opponent’s goal for a touchdown. The offensive team has four chances (plays or “downs”) in which to do this. If the ball is moved 10 yards within the four downs, a first down is made and the ball may be kept for another four downs. The ball is moved by throwing (“passing”) or running with it (“carrying it”). If the ball is not moved ten yards in four tries, the offensive team must give the ball to the opposing team.

American Football Idioms

- **kick off (something) or kick (something) off**: to begin something, to start something. (One player kicks the ball to start the game.) *The hospital kicked off the campaign to raise money with a large fundraising event at a restaurant.*

- **run with (something)**: to implement something. (The players take the ball during a game and run with it.) *My boss took my idea and ran with it.*

- **tackle a problem**: to attack a problem with much effort. (The players tackle, or hit, each other.) *All of the members of the sales team gathered to tackle the problem of decreasing sales.*

- **touchdown**: something achieved or won. (A team scores six points, a touchdown, for moving the ball past the goal line.) *You scored a touchdown when you hired Jane. She’s a great accountant.*

- **fumble**: to make a mistake when responsibility is passed to you. (When a player has the ball, but loses it.) *Paul fumbled the sale when he failed to return the client’s call.*

Source: https://www.scribd.com/document/177446437/Football-Idioms

American Culture Corner: Tailgating

A tailgate party is a social event held on and around the open tailgate of a vehicle. Tailgating, which originated in the United States, occurs in the parking lots at stadiums and arenas, before and occasionally after games and concerts. People attending such a party are said to be ‘tailgating’. Tailgate parties also involve people bringing their own beverages, barbecues, food, etc., which is sampled and shared among fans attending the tailgate.

Tailgate parties have spread to the pre-game festivities at sporting events besides football, such as basketball, hockey, soccer, and baseball, and also occur at non-sporting events such as weddings, barbecues, and concerts.

Source: wikipedia.org/wiki/Tailgate_party

Lenoir Attendance

For our third trip to Lenoir this fall, Level 5 was the winner with the largest number and the highest percentage of students attending. Twelve students went to Lenoir, which is 80% of the class! Great job, Level 5!

Tuesday, October 9, is our next trip to Lenoir. Be at McReynolds Hall by 6:20 p.m. to get on the bus, and you’ll arrive back at McReynolds at about 8:15 p.m.

Don’t miss this chance to have fun and talk with older Americans!

Dr. George P. Smith wins 2018 Nobel Prize in Chemistry

On October 3, it was announced that Dr. George P. Smith, a retired professor in Biological Sciences at Mizzou, won the Nobel Prize for Chemistry. Congratulations, Dr. Smith!