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VALENTINES UPDATE!

BY: FLAWSOME

The sweet smell of roses wafts your nose, along with hearts and petals dotted around the lobby. The soft baa's of Polly are heard as players exchange letters and chocolates all over the server. Indeed, the season of love has touched the heart of Mineplex! From the release of a new seasonal game to the return of an old friend, Cupid has certainly gone all out. So what exactly has he brought with him this year? Well...

Rose Rush

While not all of us may have a Valentine this year, that's certainly no excuse to not enjoy Mineplex's new seasonal game: Rose Rush! Reminiscent to a community favorite mini-game, Sheep Quest, you must tag along with your friends as you navigate through Calvin the Cow's rose garden and try to steal the enemy's roses to gift to Polly the Sheep while protecting your own from your opponents. Be warned: Calvin is not impressed and will do anything to stop your advances!

Come out victorious and win two Valentines Gifts to surprise your special someone this Valentines. Don't have a significant other? Not to worry! Polly is waiting in anticipation for you to hand her a rose in her little cabin found in the lobby. You never know, make her baa with joy and you might just receive a special present in return.

Valentines Lobby

Cupid has sprinkled a little bit of love everywhere. Roses and petals decorate the lobby ground, hints of pink and red scattered around the area, and Polly's quaint home can be found near the Gladiators arena. We welcome you to take a gander around and admire its beauty before it fades along with the winter chill to give way to the bloom of spring.

Valentines Goodies

Celebrating the season of love, Mineplex has launched the lovely Valentines Chest. Filled with exciting rewards ranging from heart-themed particle effects to various special Valentine cards to gift to your loved ones, you can get your hands on these cosmetic items for 25,000 shards in-game or \$2.99 on the Mineplex shop!

And if that didn't want to make you spend all your shards already, Mineplex has also brought back an old community favourite: the Love Chest! For all those players who have been missing a few cosmetics from your collection, now is your chance! Get ahold of these chests for 15,000 shards or \$1.99 on the shop.

VALENTINES UPDATE!

BY: FLAWSOME

With this jam-packed update, the Newsletter Program asked a few of our community members to express their thoughts and opinions, from their least favorite aspect to features they'd like to see make a comeback next year. This is what they had to say:

MCCharity:

My favorite part of this update has to be the Valentine's Gift gadget. Not sure why, but I really enjoy using it, probably due to the particle effect. And the joy of winning them after every game just amplifies my love for them. The only complaint I have with this update is that I wasn't able to buy all the chests before I ran out of shards. Guess I'll need to start grinding to get next years. Maps, maps, and more maps.

Landay:

My favorite part of this update would have to be the game. Halloween Havoc was phenomenal, but Christmas Chaos lacked a lot after that. I feel like Rosh Rush really stepped up the holiday games back up and brought back the feeling of importance.

My least favorite would have to be the amount of cosmetics. I'm a collector boi and I like to get a bunch of cosmetics. This year, I think there was only like 5 new cosmetics. I would've liked to see more cosmetics like another taunt or win effect. Maybe a title too.

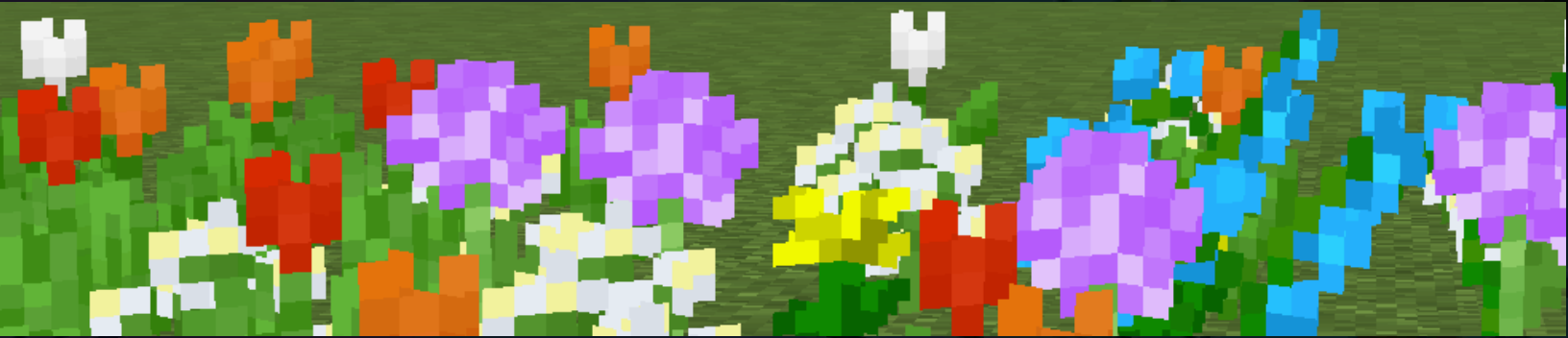
In the next update I'd like to see more importance to the holiday games. I like how this one gave out Valentine's gifts when you played it, but the other rewards were a little lackluster.

Thanks to both MCCharity and Landay who took the time to respond! We encourage you to check out the full changelog here and leave us your feedback:

<https://www.mineplex.com/threads/valentines-update-2-9-2019.26589>

SPRING HAIKU CONTEST!

BY: SPOILER



If you've felt a bit down over not receiving any gifts for Valentine's Day, now is finally your time to earn that chance! As spring comes forward, we're going to be inviting all readers of Newsletter to partake in our Spring Haiku contest.

Rules are relatively simple and will go as followed:

Poems must follow the classic Haiku format of 5 syllables the first line, 7 syllables the second line, and 5 syllables the third line.

Must be about anything related to the springtime – does not have to be Mineplex related!

Users may not submit more than one poem.

As goes with every contest, there will be prizes! For the 1st place winner, we will be distributing 1 Mythical Chest. 2nd place winner will receive 1 Ancient Chest, and our 3rd place winner will receive 1 Old Chest.

Winners chosen by the Newsletter Team will be announced in the next coming Newsletter, along with their written poem. Good luck to all!

Looking to participate? Submit the form found here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfq7f68PHov1CVktyjKNCW7GM00BM6vVJf78w2SdIgrl6YXqg/viewform>

Do take note that poems are due no later than **March 28th!**

GUESS THE LOCATION!

BY: FLAWSOME

Didn't receive any love letters from your Valentine? Feeling a bit bitter that couples around you are exchanging roses and chocolates? Are you stuck at home drowned in schoolwork and wallowing in self-pity? Don't fret, because the Newsletter Program is here to turn that frown upside down!

While the season of hearts and love has come and gone, it's not too late to be receiving your very own Valentines gift! Courtesy of the Newsletter Program, you can snag yourself two Mythical chests if you correctly guess the location of the image provided below taken somewhere in the Mineplex lobby. The more detailed your description, the better!



Already have your guess? Submit it here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1e_jsVmlWXCjPLPT1KfaVZG8lc_yQcx6hswuTJV_PA2Y/edit

Last but not least, congratulations to our winners for last month:

KrayonBox
Sanderlientje
MCCharity

CAPTION THE IMAGE!

BY: SNOWYKITTY

Everyone loves a proper exercise of imagination. Whether it be a simple haiku to a ten-foot self-portrait, it's always fun to put your creative liberties to the test. Every month, the Newsletter Program recognizes this need and presents to you our monthly game: Caption the Image! Here, we allow you to flex those brain muscles and reach into the furthest depths of your mind to do what is suggested. All you need to do is take a peek at the screenshot that's provided below and spur out your imaginative motors. Are you ready to take the shot and get a chance to be featured in the next edition? Let's get rolling!

Here's our lucky image for this month!



You can submit any captions here: <https://goo.gl/forms/52xmyu5renQGHUSu2>

Here's our image from last month and our winning captions!
<https://imgur.com/3pKYleZ>

FantasyInsanity: Daniel, the cooler Daniel.
Slipest: You vs the guy she tells you not to worry about.



PROMOTIONS/RESIGNATIONS

BY: HUSKIEALS

This month, we want to give a shout out to promoted and returning staff members as well as our thanks to those who have decided to resign.

Promotions:

Builder

February 5 - SpikeCreates
February 13 - Ocelotguyy

Java Trainee

February 2 - Callum5771, Evence, Shaiym, Sickie_, Sven
February 16 - Animalll, Idut, Waspter
February 23 - ThanksPyro, xJon, ZTB

Bedrock Trainee

February 2 - MCXLA, xAshtonia
February 16 - SweetNeopolitan

Java Mod

February 2 - z609
February 9 - __Narwhal
February 16 - Lonkachu
February 23 - Aledai

Resignations:

February 2 - MCXLA
February 16 - SaucyStyle
February 19 - AbsentAccount
February 24 - BenSVE

Along with resignations and promotions, we are going to introduce Staff Milestones! Each month this article will now recognize the staff members who have reached a yearly milestone. As the first month dedicated to this new tradition, below is a slideshow showcasing all current staff members who have reached a milestone already. Make sure to congratulate them on their accomplishments!

Find previous milestones here:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1smOy3KI18RnnogfBR5GFIInLRF497Z3X098NWgxGcvRA/edit#slide=id.g35f391192_00

NEWSLETTER STAFF BIOS



Tortelett: Hi I made the pdf this month.



SnowyKitty: Hey there! I'm SnowyKitty and most call me Snowy. I am a Java Sr. Moderator here on Mineplex and the manager of the Newsletter Program. I love to read and write fiction stories, from realistic to sci-fi! My favorite game is Draw My Thing, though I'll really play anything even though I'm not the best at PvP. If you see me somewhere, don't be afraid to shoot me a hello!



ssnip: Hey, I'm ssnip, and I'm a Community Manager here on Mineplex. I manage the Ideas Project, work as a member of the Feedback Team, host weekly events, and I'm a writer and editor for the newsletter!



Emiliee: Hey, my name is Emilie! I'm a Mineplex Titan and a writer for the Newsletter. I'm also a previous Social Media Sr.Mod. Outside of Mineplex, I am a psychology major on a pre-med track. I am currently a research assistant researching new anxiety treatment methods as well! Hope you enjoy this issue!

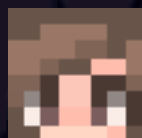


HuskieALS: Hey! I'm Huskie and am a Sr.Mod on Staff Management! I'm also also the Mentoring and Documents Manager for StM. In my free time I love watching ASMR and binge watching Netflix series. I'm usually hanging somewhere around the network, so feel free to poke me!

NEWSLETTER STAFF BIOS



Enunciated: Hey! I'm Enunciated, a writer for the Newsletter. I'm currently a Sr.Moderator who is on a variety of teams including the Newsletter. Outside of Mineplex, I enjoy biking, hanging out with friends, and swimming. I'm always up for meeting new people and love playing games in my free time, and can usually be found in Nano Games, so don't be afraid to say hello!



flawsome: Hi sisters, flawsome here, and welcome back to the Newsletter! I'm a proud writer for the Newsletter Program, and you may have even seen me around the forums doing Ideas work here and there. I absolutely love chatting about practically anything, so don't be afraid approach me if you ever see me around! Until the next one — bye, sisters!



Spoiler: Hi! I'm Spoiler, a writer and editor for Mineplex's newsletter program. Throughout my life, I've had a passion for linguistics & language learning, and in my free time I enjoy researching about it while browsing the internet. As a senior in high school, I'm hoping to hear back from UMass Amherst any day now.

