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May Fun Facts

by Ata Erdal

As we all know on Mother's Day is Sunday May, 14th and Memorial Day is Monday May, 29th. However, some things you may not know about May are listed below. Happy May!

1. No United States president has ever died in May. It is the only month that is like this.
2. No month of the year either begins or ends on the same day as May!
3. The birthstone for May is the emerald which represents success or love!
4. On May 27, 1937, the Golden Gate Bridge was opened in San Francisco, California!
5. The month May was named for Maia, the Greek goddess of fertility!
6. May was once considered a bad luck month to get married. There is a poem that says "Marry in May and you'll rue the day".
7. On May 1, 1931, the Empire State Building was officially opened in New York City, New York!

Nationally recognized month-long holidays include, National Bike Month and National Physical Fitness and Sports Month!.



Memorial Day

by Jawad Jamil

Memorial Day takes place on the last Monday of May. Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who passed away while serving in the armed forces. The holiday was originally known as Decoration Day, and began after the Civil War to honor deceased Union soldiers. The first national celebration took place on May 30th, 1868.

President Lyndon Baines signed the legislation renaming Decoration Day to Memorial Day. This holiday was mainly for what he had called "The purpose of strewing flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country."

Now, people will usually visit memorials and cemeteries in observance for this day. On this day, we commemorate the lives of U.S. soldiers and other military personnel who sacrificed their own lives for their country.

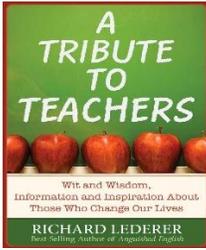


Armed Forces Day

by Dunia Darwich

Did you know Armed Forces Day is right around the corner? What is, Armed Forces Day you may ask? Well, Armed Forces Day is celebrated on the third Saturday in May. It is a day dedicated to paying tribute to men and women who currently serve in the United States' armed forces. Additionally, Armed Forces Day 2017 forms part of Armed Forces Week.

On May 20, 1950, the holiday was first observed. On Armed Forces Day, citizens have parades, open houses, receptions and air shows. It should be mentioned that because of their unique training schedules, National Guard and Reserve units may celebrate Armed Forces Day/Week over any period in the month of May. So on May 20th, celebrate Armed Forces Day and honor our military.



National Teacher's Day by Winnie Zhao

National Teacher's Day, also known as Teacher's Appreciation Day, is celebrated on Tuesday during Teacher Appreciation Week, the first full week in May each year. This celebration is to honor our teachers for their contributions to help us do well in school. Many teachers not only help us by teaching us, but they also guide us.

The true origins of this day are still debatable because many do not know exactly how it originated. Some believe that in 1944, a teacher in Wisconsin had suggested ideas to educational and political leaders. Then, in 1953, Eleanor Roosevelt persuaded the U.S Congress to announce National Teacher's Day. Although this is what many believe, others believe that an Arkansas teacher had suggested ideas to educational and political leaders. The U.S Congress established this day on March 7, 1980, but it was only celebrated that year.

There are many ways to celebrate and appreciate our teachers during that week. Many students send cards showing our appreciation, some make billboards, and some bake homemade food for them, but in the end, it's celebrated to say thank you.



Respect Our Teachers! by Medina Iljazi

Teachers are important to everyone as they can have an impact on people in their lives. Many students have a favorite teacher in middle school, high school, or college. As a way to show respect to them, students give their teachers gift cards and other things. But there is another way teachers are thanked and respected. It is called National Teacher's Day. It is celebrated on the first Tuesday of the first full week in May.

The day came to be by a teacher from Arkansas named Mattye Woodridge, who wrote a letter to the First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt in 1944, but there wasn't a

National Teachers Day until 1953. The day used to be celebrated on March 7th, but in 1985, it was changed to the first Tuesday of the first full week in May. Students celebrate National Teacher's Day because they thank the teachers who put in the hard work to teach them lessons for the future.



National Teacher Appreciation Day by Aliya Laliwala

National Teacher Appreciation Day is observed on the Tuesday of the first full week in May. This year it will be on May 9th. It is time to say "Thank you" to the special teachers that you know. Let them know that they are appreciated for all that they do. Use #Teacher Appreciation Day to post on social media. Teachers play a critical role in educating and shaping our lives. They are kind, patient, hard-working, dedicated and understanding professionals that mold our lives in a positive direction.

So, on May 9th, tell your teachers how much you appreciate them and the impact they have made in your life. You can show your appreciation by writing a thank you note, bringing them an apple, flowers, or a special treat.

I would like to wish all the fabulous teachers at Lincoln School a very Happy Teacher Appreciation Day!!



National Teachers' Day by Jonathan Pashalian

Have you ever heard of National Teachers' Day. Well, it's a holiday where we appreciate our teachers. This year it is on May 9th. Students around the world respect and show kindness to their teachers. Also, National Teacher's Day honors teachers by people recognizing the lasting contributions teachers made to their lives. Teachers teach us everything we need to know for our lives in the future and we have to appreciate that. Let me take you to the roots of this amazing holiday.

One theory is that National Teachers' Day was thought of around 1944 by a Wisconsin teacher named Ryan Krug. Ryan Krug talked to political and education leaders about the need for a national day to honor teachers. Then in 1953 Eleanor Roosevelt persuaded the 81st Congress to declare National Teachers' Day as an actual holiday. We should actually give our teachers respect and kindness every day instead of just one day because they are always there for us.



History of Mother's Day by Jasmin Garcia

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms out there! Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday in May, and so this year, it is celebrated on May 14th. Astonishingly, there are some interesting facts about Mother's Day and people associated with it, such as, Anna Jarvis. Anna was a woman that may have been behind our traditional Mother's Day celebration. She never had any children of her own, but wanted to carry out her own mother's wishes of having a day just for moms. Anna tirelessly campaigned and on May 8th, 1914 President Woodrow Wilson signed a Joint Resolution designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. Although there are older traditions that celebrate similar holidays, they are not considered to be the true origins of Mother's Day. Don't forget to say Happy Mother's Day to your mother, and thank her for all she has done!



Special Mother's Day Celebrations by Miliam Quevedo

Mother's Day is a celebration honoring the mother of the family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society.

In Guatemala, we celebrate Mother's Day on May 10th. It's a special day for mothers. We give flowers, chocolate, gifts, stuffed animals, and hugs to our mothers. We also make handicrafts for gifts. Some, also, take their mothers to restaurants to celebrate this special day.

In Colombia, it is celebrated on May 14th. They send cards, flowers, and gifts to their mothers. In Argentina, it is celebrated on the third Sunday of October. Argentina is the only country in the world that celebrates Mother's Day on this date.

Mother's Day in Canada is celebrated on the second Sunday in May. It is not considered a public holiday or bank holiday. It typically involves small celebrations and gift-giving to one's mother, grandmother, or other important female figures in one's family. Another tradition is for men to offer roses or other flowers to the women.

In Nicaragua, El Día de la Madre has been celebrated on May 30th since the early 1940s. The date was chosen by President Anastasio Somoza because it was the birthday of Casimira Sacasa, his wife's mother.



Fun Memorial Day Activities by Pelin Cokuslu

As summer weather kicks in and school is coming to a rather 1 to 2-month close end, who wouldn't think about relaxation, and vacation! Sunday 27th to Monday 29th is considered as "Memorial Day Weekend". Students and teachers are off, meaning we are out of school. Whether you are staying home, in your state on this break, or out of the country, there are many activities one can partake in this "mini-break". Here are 3 ideas to "inspire" you on what kind of activities to participate in or places to go!

#1. If you are staying in New Jersey or might visit New York, as well, then an idea to consider is to search up a few nearby festivals and events that one can do for free. There are not many events in New Jersey that one can travel to in a short amount of time from Fairview, but New York is approximately 30 to 35 minutes from Fairview, with little to no traffic. One can find many events in New York in May are on the website:

<https://www.events12.com/newyork/may/>, such as the Holi Hai festival, Japan Day @ Central Park, DanceAfrica, Hip Hop Fever, [Washington Square Outdoor Art Exhibit](#), [Lower East Side Festival of the Arts](#), [Summer Movie Series](#) at Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, [The Amazing Mother's Day Scavenger Hunt](#), and much more. 2 events in New Jersey are Middlesex NJ – May – Spring Craft Vendor and Family Fun Day --- <https://njvendors.com/events/counties-m-w/middlesex/middlesex-nj-may-spring-craft-vendor-and-family-fun-day/> and [Bergen County Parks EarthFest Overpeck](#) --- <https://njvendors.com/events/counties-a-g/bergen/leonia-nj-may-bergen-county-parks-earthfest/>

#2. Some people prefer to stay and relax at home, so why not try something new in your house. With parents' permission, one can find a recipe online, in a cookbook, etc... and bake or cook something, By doing that, one might find a new favorite food and/or a passion/hobby whilst cooking or baking and communicating with one's friends and/or family. If you are more into watching "YouTube", another activity to partake in is to watch YouTube videos and find a video with creative D.I.Y. (Do It Yourself) activities, such as knitting, or videos on perfecting your soccer skills. One can also find a new and interesting T.V. show and/or Movie to recommend to a friend, family member, etc...,

which might include a life lesson or topic that can be discussed with the teacher and students, and used as a topic for an essay in ELA, or simply just one's family and friends.

#3. Finally, the last idea is for out-of-the-country-and-state vacationers! If you are not in America or are very far away from New Jersey, then you should most definitely try something new. Whether a food custom to that state/country, or a special place, event, festival, etc..., one should try something new or go somewhere new because one will never know if they will go to that country or state. Along with that, experiencing things and making memories is a must!

No matter where you go or what you do, make Memorial Day's Mini-Break to the fullest!



Into the Woods
by Melissa Montijo

Imagine a place where all your favorite fairy tales came to life; a witch hiding a princess in a tower, a prince tracking down the owner of a gold slipper, a little girl trying to avoid a big bad wolf while going to grandmother's house, and a boy who exchanged his cow for some beans...not to mention the giant who fell out of the sky. Lincoln School's own Melissa Montijo stars as Little Red Riding Hood in this magical, musical fairytale *Into the Woods* perform by The Park Players Productions Inc. The dates are May 19, 20, 26, 27 at 8pm and May 21 at 5pm. It will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church, 555 Palisade Ave., Cliffside Park, NJ 07010. For tickets and information, call 551- 206 - 9772."

