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SPANISH LANGUAGE DAY – APRIL 23

Every year on April 23rd, Spanish Language Day celebrates the second most spoken language in the world. It's also a day to honor the most revered writer in the Spanish language, Miguel De Cervantes Saavedra.

The Spanish language originated in Spain. Currently, there are more than 450 million native Spanish speakers in the world. About 75 million people in the world speak Spanish as their second language.

The United National Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) founded Spanish Language Day in 2010. Their goal was to celebrate multilingualism and cultural diversity. They choose April 23rd to commemorate the death of Miguel De Cervantes Saavedra who died in 1616.

By Claudia Orantes L6

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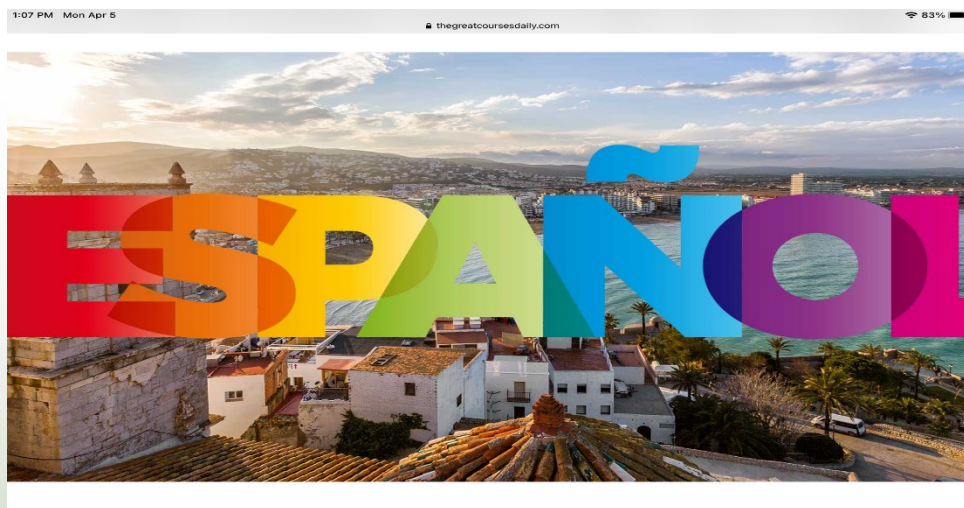


APRIL 10 - NATIONAL SIBLINGS DAY

Siblings' Day is a holiday recognized in 1998 annually in some parts of the United States and Canada on April 10th, and as Brothers' and Sisters' Day on May 31st in Europe, honoring the relationships of siblings,

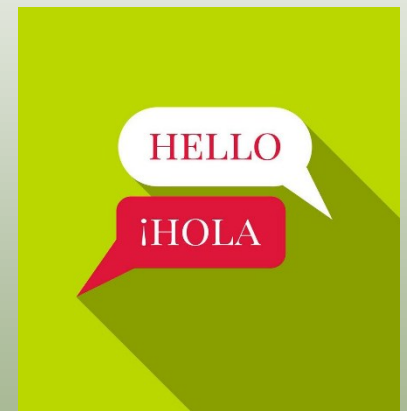
unlike Mother's Day and Father's Day. The U.S holiday was conceived by Claudia Evart to honor the memory of her brother and sister, who died at earlier ages. She realized what important roles siblings have in our lives and she chose April 10th, her late sister Lisette's birthday, as Siblings' Day. Our siblings are our best friends and earliest companions, sometimes our worst enemies. The people who know us best and with whom we've shared all the joys and sorrows of life, who encourage us to be our best and embarrass us, and are our biggest motivators and competitors. And we need to show them our love.

By Marianne Ngangoum, Level 6



April-23-2021 Spanish Language Day

Español or Castilian is a Romance language that originated in the Iberian peninsula of Europe. Today it is a global language with nearly 500 million native speakers, mainly in Spain and the Americas. It is the world's second most spoken native language. Spanish is one of the six official languages of the United Nations and it is also used as an official language by the European Union, the Organization of American States, the Union of South American Nations, the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, the African Union and many other international organizations. I'm proud to speak Spanish in this generation.



April 17th – Haiku Poetry Day – By Laura Uriostegui



One excellent way to practice English and increase your vocabulary is by reading and writing, and a good choice is poetry because sometimes the author uses figurative language to give color to their script. One type of poetry is the Haiku, which emerged from Japanese literature during the 17th Century. It is composed with 17 syllables arranged in three lines of 5, 7, and 5 syllables respectively.

Haikus were used to express experiences (or insights) from natural phenomena, but nowadays it is a poem with 17 syllables that expresses emotional states. Traditional haiku poets are Matsuo Bashō, Yosa Buson, and Kobayashi Issa. In the English-speaking world, this kind of poetry was popularized by Imagists, Ezra Pound and Allen Ginsberg.

The Old Pond by Matsuo Bashō

**An old silent pond
A frog jumps into the pond—
Splash! Silence again.**

NATIONAL PET DAY – April 11_

By Efrain Mejia, Level 6

National Pet Day is April 11, although if you're a pet owner, you know there's not a day that goes by that you don't celebrated your animal companion! So hug your hedgehog, bond with you bunny, and cut your kitty some catnip! That critter makes you happy- and that's not all. Over the past 10 years, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has been a partner in research to determine the physical and mental benefits of having a pet. It turns out that not only can pets steal our hearts, but they also contribute to overall cardiovascular health by lowering cortisol, cholesterol, and blood pressure levels.



GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH DAY – APRIL 12

The idea of the grilled cheese is as old as cheese, bread and flame.

During the industrial revolution, Otto Frederick Rohwedder invented the bread slicer and James L. Kraft created processed cheese. This cheese was considered to be a cheap product that could be produced on a massive scale.

Originally, these sandwiches were made with cheese that was grated. Sliced cheese was not introduced until the late 1940s when Kraft Foods introduced Kraft singles and then, years later in the 1960s, supermarkets began to stock cheese slices.

How to Celebrate Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day

Make a Grilled Cheese Sandwich. Just two pieces of plain white bread and Kraft single slice processed cheese. To achieve more of a delicacy, change up the cheese by adding slices of Cheddar, Gouda, or Munster cheese.



Have a Grilled Cheese Party. Share with your friends the greatness of grilled cheese. At this party, a fantastic thing to include could be a Grilled Cheese bar with a bunch of different fillings, some options for bread and different cheeses. By the way, the grilled cheese sandwich is an excellent addition to tomato soup.

Go to a Grilled Cheese Restaurant. Try out one of the restaurants that has gone deep and far into the creating and serving of gourmet grilled cheese sandwiches, such as **Clementine** – in Los Angeles, California. Clementine has a unique build-your-own grilled cheese. It is family-owned and only has one location.



NATIONAL PET DAY

National Pet Day on April 11th dedicates the day to those pets who may not always get the companionship and attention pets deserve. While loving our pets is something we do every day, the observance encourages helping out orphaned pet companions. It will improve their health and enhance their opportunities for adoption.

Sometimes their human companions aren't well. Making sure their forever furry friends are receiving the best of care will help relieve stress and worry.

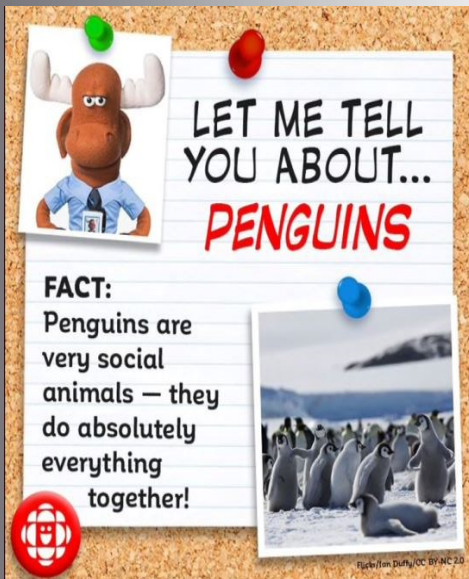
National Pet Day is an excellent time to do a few checks for your pets. My family and I are pet lovers. I have two sisters who adopted cats and dogs, even a wild cat, and they take good care of them. I'm planning to adopt a pet too. I take care of my dog, taking her to the veterinary, feeding her and walking her, but the most important thing is, to give her my love every day, and I can see in the expression of her eyes how she feels. I love my Muneca.

By Angelica L. Arevalo, Level 6 ESL



April 25: World Penguin Day

By Nelis Alvarado, Level 6



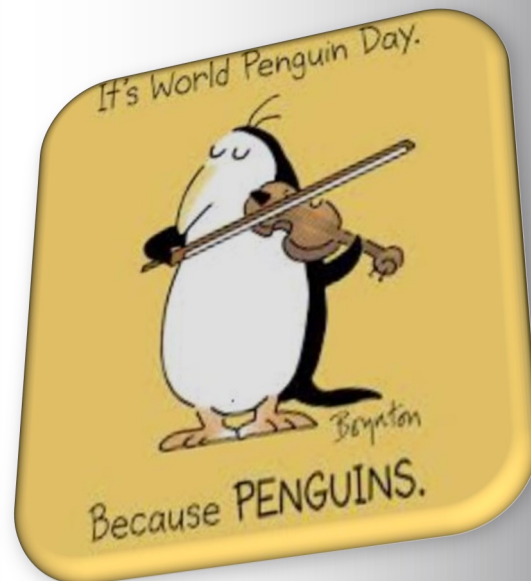
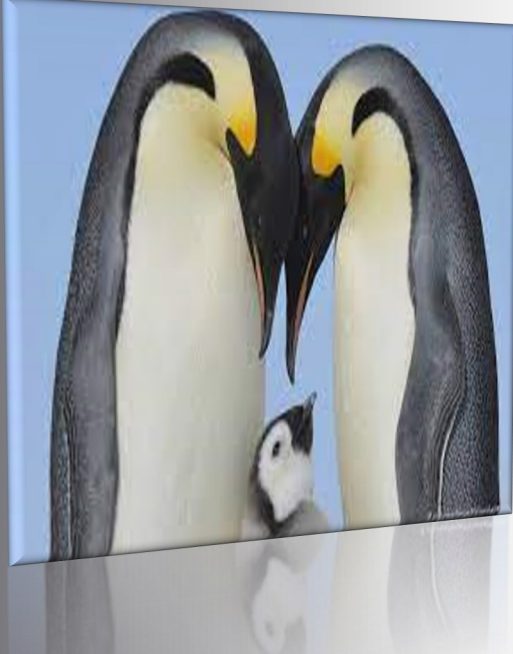
World Penguin Day recognizes one of the most unique birds on the planet. These animals are the most beautiful.

There are 17 species of penguins and all their natural habitats are in the southern hemisphere.

This is one of my favorite animals.

They give us a lesson in life.

They are not selfish because they share their space.



The Eiffel Tower by Miguel Barrers

The Eiffel Tower is one of the wonders of the world. Located in Paris, France, it was built with wooden scaffolds and small hoists directly fixed to the tower. It took just two years, two months, and five days to build the Eiffel Tower. Construction began in January 1887 and was finished on March 31, 1889.

The Eiffel Tower is made of iron, not steel. The puddle iron that makes up the Eiffel Tower's structure came from Pompey forges, east of France. The iron plates and beams produced through the puddling process were then preassembled in the Eiffel factories in Levallois using rivets.

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Earth Day

By: Melisa Torres



On April 22nd, we celebrate Earth Day annually around the world. At this time, the contamination it is really bad that there is so much pollution. Our oceans have too much trash and the fishes eat them. The icebergs are melting due to climate change. Global warming is affecting all over the world.



Earth day is about peace and about respecting our world. It is also close to Arbor Day, when you plant trees on the last Friday in April. On Earth day, you might clean up your neighborhood. You can ride a bike or take a bus instead of taking a car. You also take a shorter shower to save water and you could recycle instead of throwing things into the trash can. A better world for the next Generation. Mother Earth is a living organism to love, honor, and respect.



EASTER DAY IN The UKRAINE

by Yuriy Tsymbalenko



Easter is the feast of Christ's resurrection, which in its observance combines both pagan and Christian elements. Easter (in Ukrainian: 'Velykden' or 'Paskha' (is preceded by seven weeks of Lent and celebrated on each first week after vernal equinox and full moon. It is the most cheerful holiday for orthodox believers



Easter cake ('Kulich' (and painted eggs ('Krashanki' (are the symbols of Ukrainian Easter and obligatory food on the table this day. Kulich is baked from yeast dough in the form of cylinder. Krashanka is a boiled and painted egg. On this Day Ukrainian kids play their favorite Easter game: knocking the eggs. If you knock somebody's egg and your egg is not broken, then you are the winner.



The krashanky and pysanky (Easter eggs) are an old pre-Christian element and have an important role in the Easter rites. On this day they are given as gifts or exchanged. There is also the rite of sprinkling with water, which is still carried on in Western Ukraine on the next day after Easter (Wet Monday, Oblyvanyi ponedilok). It is practiced by young people, the boys usually splashing the girls with water.



During the Easter season in Ukraine the cult of the dead is observed. The dead are remembered during the whole week after Easter, especially on the first Sunday following Easter Sunday. People gather in the cemeteries, bringing with them a dish containing some food and wine, which they consume, leaving the rest at the grave site.

Vesak Festival

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offer flowers and pay homage to the buddha. "Sil" is a kind of meditation. Free refreshment is called "Da-na" to give thanks to this day.

Vesak Festival is an important religious holiday in my country, and all over the world where Buddhist people live. Buddhism is a philosophy followed by Buddhist, Birth, Buddhahood, and Parinirvana of the Buddha. This holiday is celebrated in the month of May on Full Moon, which is also called Poya Day. We make Vesak Lanterns before Vesak Day and we decorate the house with colorful lanterns and lights to mark this event.

Buddhist observe "Sil" on Vesak Poya Day in the Temple and

My Life by Nerma Toumah

We lived in Syria and we both had good jobs. But when the war took place in 2011, our conditions became bad because of what we lived through in the war. Our home, businesses, and schools were destroyed, and we changed our home many times to be safe.

So, we came to America in November 2019 to change our future and the future of our children. We started a new life with new people.

We started organizing our priorities, beginning with obtaining a driver's license and owning a car. Then, my husband succeeded in finding a job, my kids started going to school and it was a good step for them.

For me, I started to learn English to increase my chances at work and life here. In the end, I got a job in a restaurant. I love cooking a lot and I'm happy here!

That is my story and I loved sharing it with you.

The Spanish Language By Mercedes Trinidad

This language is very famous because it might be the second most popular language spoken all over the world. In Latin America, many people speak Spanish in those countries.

In the United States, it is the second most popular language because there are many people from Latin American countries. Many years ago, Spain conquered Latin America, and the natives adopted the Spanish language. However, there are many different accents and different words in Spanish.

In California, many people speak Spanish and other races learned how to speak Spanish for communication with Spanish-speaking people. You can see and hear Spanish being spoken in clinics, government offices, schools, gyms, supermarkets, and other places.



Arbor Day

By: Aparna Modi, Level 6 am

Arbor Day, much like Earth Day, is a holiday that celebrates nature. Its purpose is to encourage people to plant trees. Many communities traditionally take the opportunity to organize tree-planting and litter collecting events on or around the holiday. It was first celebrated on April 10, 1872. On this day, Julius Sterling Morton, a Nebraska journalist and politician, rallied Nebraskans to plant more than one million trees on that single day. This year, Arbor Day is on Friday, April 30. Dedicate a tree to someone who is special to you.

“Other holidays repose upon the past, Arbor Day purposes for the future.”
-- J. Sterling Morton

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The meaning of using Eggs and Rabbits to celebrate Easter in the United States. The egg is considered an ancient symbol of new life, and it's believed that the tradition of eggs has been used since the 13th century. The Easter bunny was introduced to America by German immigrants in the 1700's in Pennsylvania. This German custom spread across the United States. Rabbits usually give birth to a big litter of babies, so they become a symbol of new life.



By Loli

Easter is celebrated in April in the United States every year.

Easter, also called Pascha or Resurrection Sunday, is a Christian holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

Jesus was betrayed and caught. The next day, Friday, Jesus was crucified, so this Friday is also known as Good Friday. Three days later, on the following Sunday, Jesus raised from the dead, and during the next 40 days, more than 500 people saw him appear. So Jesus died to atone for people's SINS. Easter is to commemorate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ in this story.

The early United States was founded on Christianity. They believed the whole Holy Bible. Having overcome death, Jesus gave the hope of resurrection to his disciples who believed in him.

Therefore, it is very important to set up this great holiday to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.



By Michelle Shi



By Mariana Marino

I met the grilled cheese sandwich years ago watching a movie called “Chef” in which the main character would make one for his son for breakfast. Yummy! Since that moment I loved it.

But it was only a few weeks ago that I found out that the grilled cheese sandwich had its own recognition Day every April 12. According to food historians, many cultures around the world have enjoyed cooked bread and cheese since ancient times. The United States modern version of grilled cheese sandwich originated in the 1920s.

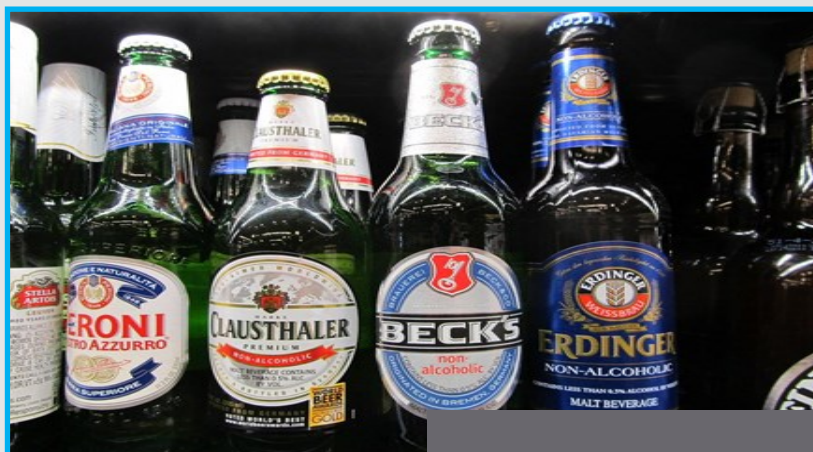
You can make your favorite version using American cheese or Swiss Cheese, adding ham or bacon for extra flavor or variety. I prefer it only with cheese and very crunchy. What is your favorite

The National Beer Day

By Yolanda Mendez

The National Beer Day celebrates the day in 1933 that the Cullen-Harrison Act was signed into law, reversing the prohibition on selling beer in the United States. In 2009, a Virginian man Justin Smith decided to commemorate this historic day. And created his own unofficial National Beer Day. Since then, it has been recognized by the state of Virginia, and unofficially by millions of brew aficionados nation-

One of the best things about beer is the sheer number of varieties that exist. IPAs (India Pale Ales), Pilsners, Stouts, Sours..the list goes on, and on. In terms of alcohol content, beer usually ranges between 4-7% ABV meaning you can sip a cold one on a hot summer day without much worry of intoxication. Last but not least, it's sold in six-packs,so you can share with your friends!



National Garlic Day is celebrated every year on April 19.

Garlic is also known as the stinking rose.

By Maria Dudakova



This stinking rose is a member of the lily family. This family also includes onions, leeks, and shallots. Garlic is used in a variety of cuisines.

Garlic is very versatile. It is also used for medicinal purposes. The garlic is considered an herbal remedy for colds and may reduce blood pressure and cholesterol.



Gilroy, California claims to be the Garlic Capital of the World. Will Rogers was once quoted as saying it is "...the only place in America where you can marinate a steak just by hanging it out on a clothesline."

