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Educating & Empowering Families

April

- 1 Who says April Fool's Day is just for kids? Parents, get in on the fun by checking out www.kidsactivitiesblog.com/20855/best-pranks for pranks you can play on your kids!
- 2 It's International Children's Book Day! Go to www.childrensbooksguide.com/top-100 for a list of the most popular children's books and then visit the library with your family to check some out!
- 3 Have you and your child read Marcus Pfister's *The Rainbow Fish*? Now's your chance to see it on stage! Check out www.artsonstage.org/show.asp?show_id=328 for more information.
- 4 Light City Baltimore is back for a second year! Take your family to see the nation's largest light festival tonight!
- 5 Is your child fascinated by birds? Help bring them closer by making a bird feeder together! To create one, tie some fruit or popcorn pieces to a string, hang it from a tree, and watch the birds fly in!
- 6 Do your children love history? Then check out the Maryland Historical Society Museum! Admission is free on the first Thursday of every month. For more information, visit www.mdhs.org.
- 7 It's World Health Day! Visit www.kidshealth.org/en/parents/healthy-families.html for health tips and information to share with your family.
- 8 Do your children love going to the zoo? Plan a visit to the Smithsonian's National Zoo! Admission is free, and it's open 364 days a year! Go to www.nationalzoo.si.edu for more information.
- 9 Have your children seen the movie "Stuart Little"? Take them to see the play! It's happening today at the Pumpkin Theatre. Learn more at www.pumpkintheatre.org.
- 10 It's National Siblings Day! Encourage your children to show how much they care for each other by making cards or sharing their appreciation in another way.
- 11 Happy National Library Workers Day! Remind your children to thank the library workers at their schools for all of the work they do every day!
- 12 Take notice when your children do well, cooperate with each other, and treat others with respect. Praise them for positive behavior.
- 13 Today is Thomas Jefferson's birthday. If he was born in 1743, how old would he be today? Ask your child to do the math!



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- 14 Do you have a magnifying glass lying around somewhere? Let your child use it to learn about bugs in your backyard. What colors are they? Do they have wings? How do their shapes compare?
- 15 Artist Georgia O'Keefe, best known for colorful and large-scale paintings, was born in 1887. Give your child a brush and create a masterpiece together!
- 16 Dying eggs is an annual Easter tradition for some families, but where did the idea to do it come from? Visit www.history.com/topics/holidays/easter-symbols with your child to read about some of the theories that exist!
- 17 Nature never goes out of style! Wrap a piece of masking tape around your child's wrist. By leaving the sticky side up, your child can make a nature bracelet with flowers, leaves, and other outdoor finds!
- 18 Did you know the Latin word for tax, *taxo*, means "I estimate"? Discover this and other Tax Day facts at www.softschools.com/facts/holidays/tax_day_facts/1343/ with your child today!
- 19 You might not think about it, but math is an important part of gardening! The next time you're out gardening, ask your children to help you determine how deep to plant the seed and how far apart to place the flowers!
- 20 Report cards go out today! Which classes did your children do well in? Which classes do they need help with? Brainstorm strategies to do better next quarter.
- 21 Do you have a kindergarten student? Share memories you have from your days in kindergarten. How has kindergarten changed since then? Discuss for National Kindergarten Day!
- 22 Today is Earth Day! Visit www.theartofsimple.net/tips-to-go-green-at-home with your children for tips to help your family go green!
- 23 There's a lot to do at Druid Hill Park! Take your children to walk the grounds, see the monuments, or climb the Turkish Tower! For more information, go to www.druidhillpark.org.
- 24 Do you have any flowers in your garden? Show your child how to preserve their beauty through pressing. Go to www.proflowers.com/blog/a-kids-guide-to-preserving-flowers for instructions.
- 25 The life of a butterfly is a fascinating one! Help your little one learn more about it by going to see Butterfly: The Story of a Life Cycle today! For more information, visit www.artsonstage.org/show.asp?show_id=331.
- 26 It's Administrative Professionals Day! Remind your children to thank the administrative professionals at their schools for all of the work they do every day!



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- 27 What can your children learn from your job? Tell your children about the work you do and then ask them about jobs that interest them. Go to www.careerplanner.com/ListOfCareers.cfm together for a list of careers.
- 28 Happy Arbor Day! Julius Sterling Morton founded the annual holiday in 1872, but it's grown a lot since then. Learn more about the holiday's history with your children at www.arbor-day.net.
- 29 Turn off the TV and tap into your child's imagination. Ask him or her to write an original script for a favorite TV show.
- 30 Do your children like jazz music? Listen to some today for International Jazz Day! If you need recommendations, check out www.jazz24.org/jazz-100/.