

# MARCH CALENDAR



## Read Across America - March 2, 2023

Eleven years ago, the (NEA) National Education Agency began Read Across America to promote literacy in America of which has grown into the nation's largest reading gathering/event and also celebrates Dr. Seuss birthday as well (Dr. Seuss is Theodore Geisel born March 2, 1904). YES! Take those books and gather the crowds as you begin to read Aloud on Monday, March 2nd.

You can begin by taking part in Project 236 of which is 236 words. 50 states. 1 cause. by supporting literacy in the classroom! <http://www.nea.org/grants/read-across-america-poem.html>

- Make Hats, Make a Birthday Cake to Celebrate and Read, Read, Read!!!

NEA calling for every child to be reading in the company of an adult. More can be found on [nea.org/readacross](http://nea.org/readacross)



## U.S. Daylight Savings Time March 12, 2023

The United States has planned a change to its DST observance beginning in 2007. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 mandates that DST will start on the second Sunday in March and end on the first Sunday in November.

Some countries are still evaluating whether they will adopt the new rules for themselves. You should anticipate more changes in DST and time zone rules for countries that typically align with U.S. DST rules. - from the Sun Developer Network

## The History Of St. Patrick's Day - March 17th

In the 5th century, St. Patrick arrived in Ireland to spread the gospel of Christianity. Over the long centuries since, he has become the patron saint of Ireland and along with the harp and the shamrock, one of the enduring symbols of Irishness throughout the world. As the Irish spread to the four corners of the earth, they have brought the image of St. Patrick with them as a reminder of who they are and where they have come from.



This image is celebrated each year on 17 March, St. Patrick's Day, when the whole world is Irish for a day. From Dublin to Sydney, from New York to Moscow, the Irish and their friends mark their heritage with music and dancing, spectacle and merrymaking. Above all, it is a day for parades, with floats, brass bands, extravagant costumes, traditional arts and smiling faces.

Ireland alone has St. Patrick's Day parades in over 30 cities and towns throughout the country, including major parades in Cork, Galway and Limerick as well as Dublin's grand St. Patrick's Day Festival. The parades are as far-flung as the Irish themselves, but it is probably in the United States that the tradition has the oldest and most extravagant expression.



George Washington, America's first president, declared himself "a lover of St. Patrick's Day". All of the country's major cities hold parades, including Chicago, where the city's river is dyed green, and Boston, that most Irish of cities, which has been holding its parade since 1802.



But it is New York that claims the world's oldest St. Patrick's Day Parade (first held in 1762) and perhaps the most famous. When many of us think of St. Patrick's Day, we think not only of Dublin but also of Fifth Avenue and the skyscrapers of Manhattan.

However, with the Moscow St. Patrick's Day now in its eighth year of celebration, the Russian capital becomes part of the international hooley, celebrating of Ireland's contribution to culture and development around the world.

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## Spring - March 19th

Begins with warmer weather and brighter days to look forward to as well as birth of new flowers, animals and creatures large and small. Seasons are a result of the earth tilting its axis and cause some parts of the earth to lean towards the sun and others not. Spring is one of the four seasons - spring, winter, summer and fall.

Early spring is a good time to do your planting. Always check the directions on your bulbs, seeds and plants as to where and when to plant items.

### March is...

- Academy Awards Month
- American Red Cross Month
- Ethics Awareness Month
- Play the Recorder Month
- Poetry Month
- Spring Month
- Umbrella Month
- International Mirth Month
- International Listening Awareness Month
- National Peanut Month
- National Nutrition Month
- National Frozen Food Month
- Humorists are Artists Month
- National Furniture Refinishing Month
- National Noodle Month
- National Foot Health Month
- National Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Awareness Month
- National Craft Month
- National Eye Donor Month
- National Humane Education Awareness Month
- National Kidney Month
- National Optimism Month
- National Poison Prevention Month
- National Professional Social Work Month
- National Umbrella Month
- Women's History Month
- Youth Art Month

### Special March Week Celebrations:

- Week 1 Save Your Vision Week
- Week 1 National Write a Letter of Appreciation Week
- Week 1 Universal Human Beings Week
- Week 1 Autograph Collecting Week
- Week 1 Help Someone See Week Observance
- Week 1 National Pancake Week
- Week 2 National Procrastination Week
- Week 2 Universal Women's Week
- Week 3 Girl Scout Week
- Week 3 National Older Workers Employment Week
- Week 3 Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week
- Week 4 Anonymous Giving Week
- Week 4 Jobs for Teens Week
- Week 4 National Poison Prevention Week
- Week 4 National Sports Trivia Week
- Week 4 National Spring Fever Week
- Week 4 National Clutter Awareness Week
- Week 4 National Sleep Awareness Week

