

Bulletin Board of the Month

Celebrate Walk Your Pet Month by featuring pictures of children and young people walking their pets. Display fiction and nonfiction books about pets with the photos. Change the pictures and featured book titles throughout the month. Grades K-8.



► **Flower**—Carnation or Snowdrop

► **Birthstone**—Garnet

► **Book Blitz Month**

Involve students in choosing their favorite author and promoting one of his or her books by creating a compelling book review. Classmates may then vote for the book they would most like to read based on the reviews. Check out *Writing with Writers* (<http://teacher.scholastic.com/writewit/bookrev/>) for guidance in writing book reviews. Grades 5-9.

► **Coffee Gourmet Month**

Provide coffee or tea (National Hot Tea

Month) for teachers and invite them to drop by the school library for a demonstration of a new technology tool or online resource, or browse through new print resources. Ask a local coffee shop to provide a couple gift cards and give them to the first teachers that collaborate on a unit using the new resources. Prof.

► **Family Fit Lifestyle Month**

Family Fit Lifestyle, Inc.; <http://www.AmericasHealthiestMom.com>

► **International Creativity Month**

Creatively Speaking; <http://www.CreativelySpeaking.com>

► **National Get Organized Month**

National Association of Professional Organizers; <http://www.napo.net/>

► **National Glaucoma Awareness Month**

Prevent Blindness America; <http://www.preventblindness.org>

► **National Hot Tea Month**

Tea Council of the USA; <http://www.teausa.org>

► **National Mentoring Month**

National Mentoring Partnership; <http://www.mentoring.org>

► **National Poverty in America Awareness Month**

CCHD; US Conference of Catholic Bishops; <http://www.povertyusa.org>

► **National Skating Month**

<http://www.usfsa.org>

► **National Volunteer Blood Donor Month**

<http://www.organdonor.gov>

► **Oatmeal Month**

► **Walk Your Pet Month**

<http://www.pethealthjournal.com/>

Work with teachers to read books about pets to students and have students read pet books on their own. As a follow-up, have students write stories about walking a pet and read them to each other or on their own. Grades 1-4.

► **Western Pacific Hurricane Season**

JANUARY 1-2

► **Diet Resolution Week** (January 1-7)

800-VEG-DIET

► **National Lose Weight/Feel Great Week** (January 1-8)

<http://www.pexinc.com>

1 Friday

► **New Year's Day** 01/01/10

► **Football Games:** Allstate Sugar Bowl; Capital One Bowl; Rose Bowl; Outback Bowl; Gator Bowl

► **Mummers Parade**

<http://mummers.com/>

► **Birthdays of Lorenzo de Medici**—1449-1492

► **Birthdays of Huldreich Zwingli**—1484-1531

► **Rio de Janeiro Discovered**—1531

► **Birthdays of Bartolome Esteban Murillo**—1618-1682

► **Birthdays of Paul Revere**—1735-1818

► **Birthdays of Anthony Wayne**—1745-1796

► **Birthdays of Betsy Ross**—1752-1836

► **First Building Erected in Washington, DC**—1801

► **Birthdays of Michael Owens**—1859-1923

► **Preliminary Emancipation**

Proclamation—1863

► **Birthdays of Alfred Stieglitz**—1864-1946

► **Birthdays of William Fox**—1879-1970

► **First Police Bureau of Identification**—1884

► **Birthdays of John Cantius Garand**—1888-1972

► **Ellis Island Opened**—1892

► **Birthdays of J. Edgar Hoover**—1895-1972

► **Cuba: Liberation Day**—1899

► **Australia Commonwealth Formed**—1901

► **First Radio Broadcast Demonstration**—1902

► **Birthdays of Jesse Jackson**—1908-

► **Arcadia National Park Established**—1919

► **Bryce Canyon National Park**

Established—1928

► **First Baby Boomer Born**—1946

► **Castro Led Cuban Revolutionaries to Victory**—1959

► **National Environmental Policy Act**—1970

► **Major Revision of Copyright Law Signed**—1976

► **U. S. Established Relations with China**—1979

► **David Dinkins Sworn in as First African American Mayor of New York City**—1990

► **Czechoslovakia Separated into Two Nations**—1993

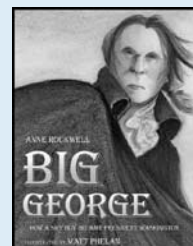
► **Zapatista Rebellion**—1994

► **Euro Introduced**—1999

January 1

Washington Raised Continental Flag over Encampment—1776

Help students learn more about George Washington and the history related to this new nation's founding through Anne Rockwell's book *Big George: How a Shy Boy Became President Washington*, illustrated by Matt Phelan (Harcourt, 2009). Go to Rockwell's site for a curriculum guide for the book, information about George, guiding questions, paper dolls for both English and Continental soldiers, and more (<http://www.annerockwell.com/teachers>). Grades 1-5.



JANUARY 3-9

►National Geographic Bee (School Level, January 4-15)

Find out more at the National Geographic site (<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geographybee/faq.html>). Also check out the main Web site (<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geographybee/>) to learn more about how schools can become involved and the purpose—"the contest is designed to encourage teachers to include geography in their classrooms, spark student interest in the subject, and increase public awareness about geography." Plans could be made for next year—deadlines are in December. Grades 4-8.

►National Women's Self-Empowerment Week

►New Year's Resolutions Week (January 3-9)

<http://www.goalsguy.com>
Have students investigate the traditions for the New Year in different cultures, for example, Tet in Vietnam, the Chinese New Year, the Jewish Rosh Hashanah, and the Islamic New Year. Grade 3-6.

4 Monday

- Fiesta Bowl
- Trivia Day
- Birthday of Isaac Newton—1642-1727
- Birthday of Louis Braille—1809-1852
- Birthday of Sir Isaac Pitman—1813-1897
- Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton Feast Day (Death—1821)
- Birthday of Tom Thumb—1838-1883
- First Successful Appendectomy—1885
- Harrison Granted Amnesty to Polygamists—1893
- Utah Admitted to Union—1896
- Birthday of Ernesto Galarza—1905-1984
- Birthday of Sterling Holloway—1905-1992
- Pop Music Chart Introduced—1936
- Seoul Captured by North Korea—1951
- Johnson Outlined "Great Society"—1965
- Nixon Rejected Senate Watergate Subpoenas—1974

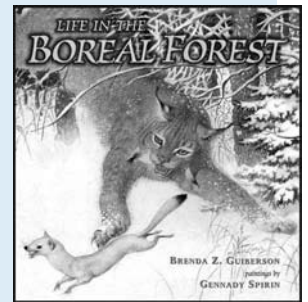
5 Tuesday

- Orange Bowl
- Twelfth Night
- Birthday of Shah Jahan—1592-1666
- Birthday of Benjamin Rush—1746-1813
- Birthday of Stephen Decatur—1779-1820
- Birthday of Zebulon Pike—1779-1813
- Benedict Arnold Expedition Burned Richmond, VA—1781
- First Library School Opened (Columbia University)—1887
- Dreyfus Convicted of Treason—1895
- Birthday of Jeannette Ridlon Piccard—1895-1981
- Ford Announced Five-Dollar-a-Day Minimum Wage—1914
- First Woman Governor Inaugurated in

January 5

National Audubon Society Founded—1905

The Audubon Society is one of the main organizations working to save the Boreal Forest. This forest stretches across Canada, Alaska, Russia, and Scandinavia, making up one third of the world's forest area. Introduce students to the importance of this forest to Earth's ecology and the survival of animal and plant species. Start by reading the beautifully illustrated book *Life in the Boreal Forest* by Brenda Z. Guiberson with paintings by Gennady Spirin (Henry Holt, 2009). It will bring the forest and its animal inhabitants to life. Grades 1-9.



- Wyoming—1925
- Death of George Washington Carver—1943
- "Fair Deal" Labeled by Truman—1949

6 Wednesday

- Epiphany or Twelfth Day
- Three Kings Day
- Armenian Christmas
- Italy: La Befana
- Birthday of Joan of Arc—1412-1431
- King Henry VIII Married Anne of Cleves—1540
- George Washington Married Martha Custis—1759
- Death of Haym Solomon—1785
- Birthday of Jedediah Strong Smith—1799-1831
- Morse Demonstrated the Telegraph—1838
- Birthday of Max Bruch—1838-1920
- Birthday of Sherlock Holmes—1854-?
- Birthday of Ban Johnson—1863-1931
- Fountain Pen Patented—1890
- New Mexico Admitted to Union—1912
- Birthday of Eugene T. Maleska—1916-1993
- Roosevelt Delivered Four Freedoms Speech—1941

Have students investigate the four freedoms outlined by Roosevelt: Freedom of speech and expression, Freedom of religion, Freedom from want, and Freedom from fear. Students can listen to the speech at *American Rhetoric* (<http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/fdrthefourfreedoms.htm>). How did these freedoms reach beyond what were the basic freedoms outlined by the U. S. Constitution? What is important about freedom from want and fear? How can this be accomplished? Grades 8-12.

- First Around the World Airplane Trip Completed—1942
- George Bush Married Barbara Pierce—1945
- Operation Deckhouse Five Launched in Vietnam—1967
- Lunar Explorer Returned from the Moon—1968

7 Thursday

- Birthday of Israel Putnam—1718-1790

- Birthday of Jacques Etienne Montgolfier—1745-1799
- Birthday of Miguel Hidalgo—1753-1811
- First Balloon Flight across English Channel—1785
- First American Presidential Election—1789
- First "Jim Crow" Law Passed in Tennessee—1881
- First Commercial U. S. Bank—1782
- Birthday of Millard Fillmore—1800-1874
- First Motion Picture Film Copyrighted—1894
- Cracking Process Used to Obtain Gas from Crude Oil—1913
- Birthday of Vincent Gardenia—1922-1992
- Birthday of Jean-Pierre Rampal—1922-2000
- Transatlantic Telephone Service Began—1927
- Marion Anderson's Performance at the Metropolitan Opera—1930
- First Photograph of Genes—1949
- Pol Pot Overthrown—1979

8 Friday

- St. Gudala's Feast Day
- Birthday of Elisabetta Sirani—1638-1665
- Death of Galileo Galilei—1643
- Birthday of Nicholas Biddle—1786-1844
- Eleventh Amendment Proclaimed by President—1798
- Battle of New Orleans—1815
- Birthday of William Wilkie Collins—1824-1889
- First Telegraph Message Transmitted (dots and dashes)—1838
- Rotation of Earth Proved—1851
- Birthday of Jose Ferrer—1912-1992
- Wilson Proposed Fourteen Points for Just Peace—1918
- Birthday of Bill Graham—1931-1991
- Birthday of Charles Osgood—1933-
- Birthday of Elvis Presley—1935-1977
- Charles De Gaulle Inaugurated as France's President—1959
- War on Poverty Declared—1964
- Luna 21 Launched—1973
- Death of Chou En-Lai—1976
- Dow-Jones Topped 2000—1987

JANUARY 10-16

- ▶Cuckoo Dancing Week (January 11-17)
- ▶National Graves' Disease Awareness Week (January 10-16)
<http://www.ngdf.org>

11 Monday

- ▶England Plough Monday
- ▶Nepal: National Unity Day
- ▶Birthday of Theodosius I—347-395
- ▶Birthday of Alexander Hamilton—1755-1804
- ▶Michigan Territory Created—1805
- ▶Birthday of John A. MacDonald—1815-1891
- ▶Birthday of Eugenio Maria de Hostos—1839-1903
- ▶Birthday of William James—1842-1910
- ▶Alabama Seceded from Union—1861
- ▶Birthday of Alice Paul—1885-1977
- ▶Birthday of Alan Paton—1903-1988
- ▶First Inventory of U. S. Natural Resources—1909
- ▶Hudson Sedan Displayed—1913
- ▶Element 87, Francium, Announced—1930
- ▶Amelia Earhart Began Solo Flight—1935
- ▶Chamberlain and Mussolini Met—1939
- ▶Japan Declared War on Netherlands—1942
- ▶Cornerstone of First Mosque in U. S. Laid—1949
- ▶Federal Report Announcing Smoking as a Health Hazard Published—1969
- ▶Designated Hitter Baseball Rule Adopted—1973
- ▶L. Douglas Wilder Sworn in as Lieutenant Governor—1986
- ▶1998 Declared Warmest Year on Record—1999

12 Tuesday

- ▶National Clean Off Your Desk Day
- ▶Birthday of John Winthrop—1588-1649
- ▶Birthday of Edmund Burke—1729-1797
- ▶First Public U. S. Museum Organized—1773
Introduce unique and specialized museums with the book *The Real Spy's Guide to Becoming a Spy* written by Peter Earnest with Susan Harper in association with the International Spy Museum. Have students discover more about other museums. Grades 6-9.
- ▶Santa Clara Mission Founded—1777
- ▶Birthday of Frank Gerber—1873-1952
- ▶U. S. Superintendent of Documents Position Authorized—1895
- ▶First X-Ray Photograph—1896
- ▶Birthday of Herbert Orin Crisler—1899-1982
- ▶World's First Radio Broadcast—1910
- ▶Women's Right to Vote Denied—1915
- ▶Birthday of James Farmer, Jr.—1920-1999
- ▶Birthday of Ira Hamilton Hayes—1922-1955
- ▶First Woman Elected to Senate—1932

- ▶National War Labor Board Created—1942
- ▶Churchill and DeGaulle Began Wartime Conference in Marrakesh—1942
- ▶Tanzania/Zanzibar: Revolution Day—1963
- ▶U. S. Force Authorized against Iraq—1991

13 Wednesday

- ▶Norway: Tyvenddagen
- ▶Japan: Coming of Age Day
- ▶Switzerland: Meitlisunntag
- ▶Stephen Foster Memorial Day
- ▶First Hymnbook Published in Vernacular—1501
- ▶Two Stars and Stripes Added to Flag—1794
Have students investigate the evolution of the flag to its current form. What is the history of the flag? How were decisions made to change the flag? What is the symbolism included in the flag? What songs incorporate the meaning of the flag and how? Grades 2-5.
- ▶Birthday of Salmon P. Chase—1808-1873
- ▶Birthday of Horatio Alger, Jr.—1834-1899
- ▶Accordion Patented—1854
- ▶Death of Stephen Foster—1864
- ▶Birthday of Rose Harrison—1870-1959
- ▶Birthday of Alfred Carl Fuller—1885-1973
- ▶Britain's Independent Labor Party First Met—1893
- ▶Zola's *J'accuse* Published—1898
- ▶First Radio Broadcast—1910
- ▶Corridor of Death (Siege of Russia)—1943
- ▶Togo: Liberation Day—1963
- ▶First African American Cabinet Member—1966
- ▶First Woman to Conduct Metropolitan Opera—1976

14 Thursday

- ▶Japan: Coming of Age Day
- ▶Uzbekistan: Army Day
- ▶Ratification Day
- ▶Fundamental Orders Adopted in Connecticut—1639
- ▶Birthday of William Whipple—1730-1785
- ▶Birthday of Benedict Arnold—1741-1801
- ▶Birthday of E. T. A. Hoffman—1776-1882
- ▶Continental Congress Ratified Treaty of Paris—1784

- ▶First Cesarean Section—1794
- ▶Birthday of Matthew Maury—1806-1873
- ▶Birthday of Richard Felton Outcault—1863-1928
- ▶Birthday of Albert Schweitzer—1875-1965
- ▶Birthday of Hal Roach—1892-1992
- ▶Birthday of John Dos Passos—1896-1971
- ▶Birthday of Carlos P. Romulo—1899-1985
- ▶Assembly-line Production Inaugurated—1914
- ▶Tito Elected President of Yugoslavia—1953
- ▶Wallace Sworn in as Governor of Alabama—1963
- ▶Soyuz 4 Launched—1969
- ▶Final Performance of Diana Ross and Supremes Together—1970

15 Friday

- ▶Queen Elizabeth I Crowned—1559
- ▶Birthday (Baptism?) of Jean Baptiste Moliere—1622-1673
- ▶Birthday of Philip Livingston—1716-1778
- ▶British Museum Opened—1759
- ▶Vermont Declared Independence—1777
- ▶U. S. Mint Proposed—1782
- ▶University of Notre Dame Received Charter—1844
- ▶First Cartoon Used Donkey as Democratic Party System—1870
- ▶Birthday of Lewis Terman—1877-1956
- ▶Basketball Rules Published—1892
- ▶Birthday of Ace Goodman—1899-1982
- ▶Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Founded—1908
- ▶Birthday of Gene Krupa—1909-1973
- ▶Birthday of Elie Siegmeister—1909-1991
- ▶Birthday of Gamal Abdel Nasser—1918-1970
- ▶Paderewski Became First Premier of Republic of Poland—1919
- ▶Irish Free State Established—1922
- ▶Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.—1929-1968
- ▶Pentagon Completed—1943
- ▶First Solar-Heated, Radiation-Cooled House—1955
- ▶First Super Bowl Football Game Played—1967
- ▶Solar Eclipse in Africa and Asia—2010

January 15

Tchaikovsky's *Sleeping Beauty* First Staged—1890

Work with the music teacher to have students make associations between the story of *Sleeping Beauty* and Tchaikovsky's music. Versions of the story can be traced back to 1634. How do the classic versions compare to the Disney version? What other editions of the story are available? Have students search them out, compare and contrast, and critique them. They can also identify the common themes of fairy tales and how they are represented in this story. Grades 4-9.



JANUARY 17-23

- ▶ **Healthy Weight Week (January 17-23)**
<http://www.healthyweight.net>
Work with the physical education and health teachers to help students learn about resources available to them for healthy eating, nutrition, and exercise. Grades K-12.
- ▶ **International Printing Week (January 17-23)**
<http://www.iaphc.org>
- ▶ **National Fresh-Squeezed Juice Week (January 18-23)**
- ▶ **National Handwriting Analysis Week (January 19-23)**
American Handwriting Analysis Foundation; <http://www.handwritingfoundation.org>
- ▶ **Hunt for Happiness Week (January 17-23)**
<http://www.sohp.com>

18 Monday

- ▶ **Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday**
- ▶ **Stock Exchange Holiday**
- ▶ **Tunisia: Revolution Day**
- ▶ **James Cook Discovered Hawaiian Islands—1778**
- ▶ **Birthday of Peter Mark Roget—1779-1869**
- ▶ **Birthday of Daniel Webster—1782-1852**
- ▶ **Birthday of Joseph Glidden—1813-1906**
- ▶ **Birthday of Daniel Hale Williams—1858-1931**
- ▶ **Birthday of Oliver Hardy—1892-1957**
- ▶ **Versailles Peace Conference—1919**
- ▶ **Birthday of Ray Dolby—1933-**
- ▶ **First African-American U. S. Cabinet Member, Robert Weaver, Sworn In—1966**

19 Tuesday

- ▶ **Confederate Heroes Day**
This could begin a good discussion about who are heroes and heroines and why they are identified as such. What does the expression “unsung hero” mean? Have students identify the heroes and heroines in their lives and explain their choices. This could be used to launch a biography unit (see “Nudging toward Inquiry: The Biography Report.” *SLM*, September 2009: 5). Grades 2-8.
- ▶ **Birthday of James Watt—1736-1819**
- ▶ **Birthday of Johann Bode—1747-1826**
- ▶ **Birthday of Isaiah Thomas—1749-1831**
- ▶ **Birthday of Robert E. Lee—1807-1870**
- ▶ **Birthday of Henry Bessemer—1813-1898**

- ▶ **Birthday of Paul Cezanne—1839-1905**
- ▶ **First Military Prison in U. S. on an Island—1861**
- ▶ **Birthday of Edgar J. Helms—1863-1942**
- ▶ **First Neon Sign Patented—1915**
- ▶ **Birthday of John H. Johnson—1918-2005**
- ▶ **Birthday of Javier Perez de Cuellar—1920-**
- ▶ **Birthday of N. M. Bodecker—1922-1988**
- ▶ **First National Park East of Mississippi—1929**
- ▶ **War Trials (Japan)—1946**
- ▶ **Birthday of Janis Joplin—1943-1970**

20 Wednesday

- ▶ **Azerbaijan: Martyrs' Day**
- ▶ **Guinea-Bissau: National Heroes Day**
- ▶ **Brazil: San Sebastian's Day and Noosso Senhor do Bonfim Festival**
- ▶ **First Meeting of English Parliament—1265**
- ▶ **Birthday of John Goddard—1724-1785**
- ▶ **Birthday of Richard Henry Lee—1732-1794**
- ▶ **Birthday of André Ampère—1775-1836**
- ▶ **End of American Revolution—1783**
- ▶ **John Marshall Appointed 4th Chief Justice—1801**
- ▶ **Birthday of Leadbelly—1889-1949**
- ▶ **Birthday of Harold Lincoln Gray—1894-1968**
- ▶ **Birthday of George Burns—1896-1996**
- ▶ **Birthday of Joy Adamson—1910-1989**
- ▶ **Birthday of Frederico Fellini—1920-1993**
- ▶ **Birthday of Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin—1930-**
- ▶ **Death of George V—1936**
- ▶ **Wannsee Conference Formulated—1942**
- ▶ **First Medicare ID Card Given to Harry S. Truman—1966**
- ▶ **Iran Released American Hostages—1981**
- ▶ **Camcorder Developed—1982**

21 Thursday

- ▶ **Get to Know Your Customer Day**
<http://www.GetToKnowYourCustomerDay.com>
Get the New Year off to a productive start for the school library program. Identify target audiences and assess what you know about each. What are their top priorities? How can you speak to them in a way that will have meaning and link to their priorities while meeting the goals for the library pro-

gram? What can you offer? How can you set goals and meet them? How will you know you have succeeded? Check out the advocacy materials offered by the American Association of School Librarians (<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl/aasliissues/issuesadvocacy.cfm>). Prof.

- ▶ **National Hugging Day**
Kevin C. Zaborney; http://www.geocities.com/huggin_whinning
- ▶ **Margaret Brent Demanded Political Voice in Government—1648**
- ▶ **Women in Blue Jeans Days (January 21-23)**
<http://www.womeninbluejeans.org>
- ▶ **Women's Healthy Weight Day**
<http://www.healthyweight.net>
- ▶ **First Medical Pamphlet Published—1677**
- ▶ **Birthday of Ethan Allen—1738-1789**
- ▶ **Birthday of John Fitch—1743-1798**
- ▶ **Birthday of John C. Fremont—1813-1890**
- ▶ **Birthday of John Cabell Breckinridge—1821-1875**
- ▶ **Birthday of Stonewall Jackson—1824-1863**
- ▶ **Birthday of Nat Love—1854-1925**
- ▶ **Birthday of John Moses Browning—1855-1926**
- ▶ **Birthday of Roger Baldwin—1884-1981**
- ▶ **Carrie Nation Raided Kansas City Saloon—1901**
- ▶ **Kiwanis Club Chartered—1915**
- ▶ **Birthday of Barney Clark—1921-1983**
- ▶ **Traffic Light Invented—1923**
- ▶ **Death of Nikolai Lenin—1924**
- ▶ **Law Requiring Driver's License First Enacted—1937**
- ▶ **Birthday of Wolfman Jack—1938-1995**
- ▶ **First Atomic-Powered Submarine Launched—1954**
- ▶ **First Flight of the *Concorde*—1976**

22 Friday

- ▶ **St. Vincent Feast Day**
- ▶ **National Association of Manufacturers Organized—1895**
- ▶ **Uranium Atom Split—1939**
- ▶ **Allies Took New Guinea—1943**
- ▶ **Allies Landed at Anzio—1944**
- ▶ **Death of Queen Victoria—1901**
- ▶ **Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court Decision—1973**
- ▶ **Ukraine: Ukraine Day—1991**
- ▶ **Birthday of Sir Francis Bacon—1561-1626**
- ▶ **Birthday of Andre Ampere—1775-1836**
- ▶ **Birthday of George Gordon Byron—1788-1824**
- ▶ **Birthday of Richard Upjohn—1802-1878**
- ▶ **Birthday of David Wark Griffith—1875-1948**
- ▶ **Birthday of Frederick Moore Vinson—1890-1953**
- ▶ **Birthday of George Balanchine—1904-1983**

January 18

Pooh Day

Use A. A. Milne's stories to introduce stories in verse. Start with *When We Were Young* and *Now We Are Six* and then identify other stories in verse like Maurice Sendak's *Nutshell Library* (Harper & Row, 1962) with *One Was Johnny*, *Chicken Soup with Rice*, or *Pierre*, or through the movie and book *Really Rosie*. Students could perform a Reader's Theatre or create a play of their favorites or of their own stories in verse. Grades K-5.



JANUARY 24-30

- ▶ **Catholic Schools Week** (January 25-31)
National Catholic Educational Association;
<http://catholicschoolsweek.org>
- ▶ **Take Back Your Time Week**
<http://www.janjasper.com>

25 Monday

- ▶ **Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day**
Fastpack Packaging; <http://www.fast-pack.com/bubblewrapappreciation.html>
- ▶ **A Room of One's Own Day**
<http://www.wellcat.com>
- ▶ **Treaty of Utrecht—1579**
- ▶ **Birthday of Robert Boyle—1627-1691**
- ▶ **Shay's Rebellion—1786**
- ▶ **New Hampshire Ratified Bill of Rights—1790**
- ▶ **Birthday of Charles Curtis—1860-1936**
- ▶ **Ornamental Soda Fountain Patented—1870**
- ▶ **Nellie Bly's Record, Around the World in 72 days—1890**
- ▶ **Birthday of Florence Mills—1894-1927**
- ▶ **World's Largest Diamond Found—1905**
- ▶ **Birthday of Corazon Aquino—1923-2009**
- ▶ **First Modern Winter Olympics—1924**
- ▶ **Birthday of Eduard Amvrosiyevich Shevardnadze—1928-**
- ▶ **First Automated Railroad Freight Yard—1952**
- ▶ **First Scheduled Transcontinental Flight—1959**
- ▶ **First Televised Presidential News Conference—1961**
- ▶ **Macintosh Computer Went on Sale—1984**

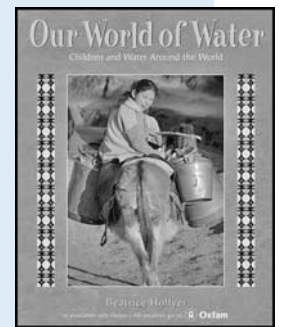
26 Tuesday

- ▶ **Australia: Australia Day**
- ▶ **First Workman's Compensation Agreement—1695**
- ▶ **Founding of Australia—1788**
- ▶ **Dominican Republic: National Day (Birthday of Juan Pablo Duarte—1813-1876)**
- ▶ **Birthday of Julia Dent Grant—1826-1902**
- ▶ **Michigan Admitted to Union—1837**
- ▶ **Electric Dental Drill Patented—1875**
- ▶ **Birthday of Douglas MacArthur—1880-1964**
- ▶ **Birthday of Bessie Coleman—1893-1926**
- ▶ **Birthday of Jimmy Van Heusen—1913-1990**
- ▶ **Rocky Mountain National Park Established—1915**
- ▶ **Birthday of C. William Verity—1917-2007**
- ▶ **Birthday of Paul Newman—1925-2008**
- ▶ **India: National Holiday—1929**
- ▶ **Birthday of Father George Harold Clements—1932-**
- ▶ **Birthday of Angela Davis—1944-**
- ▶ **Indian Earthquake—2001**

January 25

First Community to Fluoridate Water—1945

Discover more about water around the world through *Our World of Water: Children and Water Around the World* by Beatrice Hollyer (Henry Holt, 2009). The book is filled with colorful photographs of children from around the world and quotes from them about the importance of water, what they like to drink, and other information about their daily lives. Bringing children of the world closer together by understanding similarities and the importance of water to our planet, the book stresses the need to conserve this valuable resource. All proceeds from the book go to Oxfam (<http://www.oxfam.org/>). Grades K-6.



27 Wednesday

- ▶ **Germany Day of Remembrance for Victims of Nazism**
- ▶ **Thomas Crapper Day**
- ▶ **United Nations International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust**
- ▶ **Gunpowder Plot Trial—1606**
- ▶ **Lime Manufactured in U. S.—1662**
- ▶ **Birthday of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart—1756-1791**
- ▶ **Birthday of Samuel Gompers—1850-1924**
- ▶ **Birthday of Kaiser Wilhelm—1859-1941**
- ▶ **Edison Patented Incandescent Light—1880**
- ▶ **Birthday of Jerome Kern—1885-1945**
- ▶ **National Geographic Society Founded—1888**
- ▶ **Birthday of Hyman George Rickover—1900-1986**
- ▶ **Death of Thomas B. Crapper—1910**
- ▶ **Liberation of Leningrad—1944**
- ▶ **Liberation of Auschwitz—1945**
- ▶ **First Tape Recorder Built—1948**
- ▶ **Discovery of Terramycin Announced—1950**
- ▶ **Apollo 1 Fire—1967**
- ▶ **Vietnam War Cease Fire Signed—1973**

28 Thursday

- ▶ **National Compliment Day**
Respectful Communication; <http://www.complimentday.com>
Don't underestimate the power of compliments. Give them out often as yet another way to build advocacy for the school library. Let teachers, administrators, and students know that you are aware of what they do well. Prof.
- ▶ **Birthday of Giovanni Borelli—1608-1679**
- ▶ **Great Seal of the United States Introduced—1782**
- ▶ **Birthday of Alexander MacKenzie—1822-1892**
- ▶ **Birthday of Henry Stanley—1841-1904**
- ▶ **Birthday of José Julian Martí—1853-1895**
- ▶ **Birthday of William Seward Burroughs—1855-1898**
- ▶ **Birthday of Auguste Piccard—1884-1962**

- ▶ **Birthday of Jean Piccard—1884-1963**
- ▶ **Birthday of Artur Rubenstein—1889-1982**
- ▶ **U. S. Withdrew from Cuba—1909**
- ▶ **Birthday of Jackson Pollock—1912-1956**
- ▶ **Coast Guard Created—1915**
- ▶ **Birthday of Claes Oldenburg—1929-**
- ▶ **Israel's Seige of Suez City Ended—1974**
- ▶ **Challenger Space Shuttle Explosion—1986**

29 Friday

- ▶ **Free Thinker's Day**
- ▶ **Thomas Paine Day**
- ▶ **First Librarian of Congress Appointed—1802**
- ▶ **Mormon Battalion Arrived in California—1847**
- ▶ **Kansas Admitted to Union—1861**
- ▶ **American Baseball League Organized—1900**
- ▶ **Prohibition Amendment Adopted—1919**
- ▶ **Seeing Eye Guide School Established—1929**

Have students find out more related to Seeing Eye and service dogs. How are they trained? How are they matched to their owners? How do they help? What are the characteristics of a service dog? Check out *Assistance Dogs International, Inc.* (<http://www.assistance dogsinternational.org/>), *The Seeing Eye* (<http://www.seeingeye.org/>), *Guide Dogs of America* (<http://www.guidedogsofamerica.org/>), and *Eye Guide Dog Foundation* (<http://www.eyegdogfoundation.org/>). Grades 2-6.

- ▶ **First Baseball Hall of Fame Members Selected—1936**
- ▶ **Saturn SA-5 Launched—1964**
- ▶ **U.S. Military Ban on Homosexuals Eased—1993**
- ▶ **Birthday of Emanuel Swedenborg—1688-1772**
- ▶ **Birthday of Thomas Paine—1737-1809**
- ▶ **Birthday of Fredrich Mohs—1773-1839**
- ▶ **Birthday of Edward Williams Morley—1838-1923**
- ▶ **Birthday of William McKinley—1843-1901**
- ▶ **Birthday of W. C. Fields—1880-1946**
- ▶ **Birthday of Martha Wright Griffiths—1912-2003**
- ▶ **Birthday of Oprah Winfrey—1954-**

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During Walk Your Pet Month, check out books by Kate Feiffer (her birthday is January 5th) about pets: *Henry the Dog with No Tail* (Simon and Schuster, 2007) or *Which Puppy?* (Simon and Schuster, 2009).



<p>J. R. R. Tolkien—1892-1973 Carolyn Haywood—1898-1990 Joan Walsh Anglund—1926- Tony Chen—1929- Patricia Lee Gauch—1934- Alma Flor Ada—1938- J. Otto Seibold—1960- Chris K. Soentpiet—1970-</p>	<p>Jacob Grimm—1785-1863 Maggie Duff—1916-2003 Phyllis Reynolds Naylor—1933- Fernando Krahn—1935- Robert Burlingame—1936- Etrenne Delessert—1941-</p>	<p>Celestino Piatti—1922- Sheila Cole—1939- Carol Purdy—1943- Betsy Maestro—1944- Lynne Cherry—1952- Kate Feiffer—1964-</p>	<p>Carl Sandburg—1878-1967 Khalil Gibran—1883-1931 Era Cleaver—1919-1992 E. L. Doctorow—1931- Don Bolognese—1934- Linda Williams—1948- Wendelin Van Draanen—1965-</p>	<p>Zora Neale Hurston—1891-1960 Eleanor Clymer—1906-2001 Ethel Kessler—1922- Rosekrans Hoffman—1926-2007 Kay Choroa—1937- John Warren Stewig—1937- Minfong Ho—1951-</p>	<p>E. M. Forster—1879-1952 J. D. Salinger—1919- Barbara Williams—1925- Jean Ure—1943- Marilyn Hirsh—1944-1988</p>	<p>Lee Ames—1921- Nancy Bond—1945- Stephen Manes—1949- Floyd Cooper—1956- Marjorie Priceman—1958-</p>	<p>Isaac Asimov—1920-1992 Crosby Bonsall—1921-1995 Jan Slepian—1921- Jean Little—1932- Ed Martinez—1954</p>
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