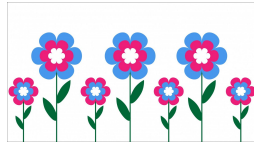


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History of the Easter Bunny By Kennedy D.



It's spring time, and this time of the year many Americans celebrate different holidays. One of the holidays that is celebrated is Easter. One of the traditions that comes with Easter is the annual visitation of the Easter Bunny.

The Easter Bunny is a folktale figure that symbolizes happiness. The animal itself is a symbol of fertility and a new life. The origin of it is a mystery that may never be discovered. On this holiday this bunny visits children's homes delivering baskets and hiding eggs in places across the country. So who came up with this idea of the Easter Bunny and why are kids so excited for his visit?

According to some sources, the Easter Bunny originates from Germany. Then it supposedly moved to America to deliver a special type of egg that only Americans can have. The eggs it delivers only go to well-behaved children though. It was mythologically created to please children and have them forget about any troubles or mishaps in their life. Although this supposed Easter Bunny only comes once a year, it can bring great happiness to children for a much longer time. Spring is a time of celebration and to celebrate how great our lives have been. If you enjoy visiting and sitting on Santa's lap during the winter holidays, you can do the same in the spring by visiting your local mall and sitting on the Easter Bunny's lap too.

The Easter Bunny was created for one reason--to please children and make them happy. We should respect and embrace this holiday way more. It can be hard to please children sometimes, so that the fact that a mythological animal can is a precious deal. Plus he brings chocolate and everyone loves a good chocolate bunny or peanut butter filled egg. Hoppy Spring, everyone.

National Move More Month

Ways to stay active while in Quarantine

By: Sabrina P

Quarantine is really hard, and it's especially difficult trying to find things to do in order to fill your time. Staying active and healthy is important because some people (guilty as charged) automatically go to unhealthy snacks that are high in sugar. So, if you ever find yourself reaching into the pantry for yet another snack, try these tips instead.

1. Go for a walk/jog in your neighborhood. This is simple and a good way to spend your time, as well as staying healthy and active. If you don't live in a neighborhood, you could always walk(safely) to the nearest neighborhood.
2. Kick around a soccer ball in your backyard, or play a game with siblings.

3. Jump rope or play hopscotch. Even though it might sound boring or something that only little kids would do, just because it might be outdated doesn't mean it's not fun!
4. Follow an at-home workout from a website or fitness App.
5. Make a backyard scavenger hunt. Just grab a piece of paper and a pencil, and before you go outside, make a list of things you want to find. Then bring a camera or your phone outside along with your pencil and paper, and look around. Whenever you find something on your list, check it off and take a picture of it. For another way to play, set a time limit and try to find as many things on your list as possible in the time allotted.
6. Try to help your parents out a bit and clean up around the house, pick weeds, or water your plants. Your parents will appreciate it, and it is a great way to get moving.

The History of Earth Day

By Vishvajith J.



You've probably heard about Earth Day, but do you know the history behind it?

Earth Day is always celebrated on April 22nd, and it was made a national day in 1970. That means that 2020 is the 50th anniversary of this environmental movement! The founder of this tremendous day is Gaylord Nelson, a U.S. senator from the state of Wisconsin. He was motivated to do this after he witnessed the severe impacts and damage of an oil spill in Santa Barbara, California, on January 28, 1969.

He discussed his idea with many people, and finally, about a year later, the concept was developed into a national day. On April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans took to the streets, parks and auditoriums to demonstrate for a healthy, sustainable environment in massive coast-to-coast rallies. Thousands of colleges and universities organized protests against the deterioration of the environment.

20 years later, as 1990 approached, Earth Day went worldwide! Earth Day 1990 gave a huge boost to recycling efforts worldwide and helped pave a new path towards a more fresh Earth. It also prompted President Bill Clinton to award Senator Nelson the Presidential Medal of Freedom, which was the highest honor given to civilians in the United States, for his role as Earth Day founder. So in conclusion, although we are in quarantine, we should still respect the environment and celebrate the objective of attaining a more prosperous planet!

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Since spectator sports have been put on hold do to the Covid-19 quarantine, many of us are looking for other ways to get our sports fix. Here are a few movies to watch that will entertain even the pickiest sports fans:

- SPACE JAM** (1996) PG: Michael Jordan plays basketball with bugs bunny, Daffy Duck and the rest of the looney toons. Kind of a silly, mindless movie that will entertain.
- THE BIG GREEN** (1995) PG: A group of misfit kids in a small town in Texas are coached soccer by a teacher from England.
- REMEMBER THE TITANS** (2000) PG: This Disney classic stars Denzel Washington as a football coach of a football team during the forced desegregation of a Virginia high school in the early 1970's. This one is really good!
- ROCKY** (1976) PG: Sylvester Stallone stars in one of the best known sports films of all time about a small-time boxer from working-class Philadelphia. Rocky Balboa is chosen to take on the reigning world heavyweight champion. Filmed right in Philly.
- COOL RUNNINGS** (1993) PG: Fun movie about a group of Jamaican bobsledders who dream of competing in the Winter Olympics, even though they have never seen snow. John Candy stars as the former disgraced champion tasked with coaching them. Loosely based on a true story.
- ROOKIE OF THE YEAR** (1993) PG: A young boy's dream of playing in the major leagues comes true after shoulder surgery causes his tendons to heal so tightly he can pitch 103 mph. 12-year-old Henry becomes the youngest player to ever play in the big leagues.
- THE MIGHTY DUCKS** (1992) PG: A self absorbed Lawyer has to coach a rag tag youth hockey team as his community service. Starring Emilio Estevez.
- A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN** (1992) PG: Geena Davis, Tom Hanks and Rosie O'Donnell star in this Dramey about an all female baseball league formed during World War II.
- KICKING & SCREAMING** (2005) PG: Will Ferrell is hilarious in this comedy that has become a classic in our home. Former Bear's coach Mike Ditka helps Ferrell coach a rag tag soccer team against his over achieving Dad. Fun for all members of the family. Teaches the important life lesson that winning isn't everything.
- MIRACLE** (2004) PG : this movie is a good history lessons on one the greatest moments in sports history, "the miracle on ice". The true story of the 1980 Winter Olympics when the United States beat the Soviet Union in Hockey. Stars Kurt Russell.

April Word Scramble

By Julia W

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50 Things To Do While Quarantined

By: Caitlyn S

Are you bored while in quarantine? I sure am! Here's 50 ideas for things you can do while you are isolating!

1. Read a book
2. Do your schoolwork
3. Try baking/cooking
4. Shop online
5. Write a letter to your future self
6. Find new music
7. Facetime friends
8. Make pinterest boards
9. Organize your house/clean up
10. Make a fort
11. Clean out your closet/dresser
12. Make a collage wall
13. Binge watch shows/movies
14. Meditate
15. Do a spa night
16. Play video games
17. Go on a walk
18. Attempt an all nighter
19. Keep a journal
20. Learn some new hairstyles
21. Play imessage games
22. Play with your pets
23. Hang out with your family
24. Have a dance party
25. Do buzzfeed quizzes
26. Watch youtube
27. Take a bath
28. learn/practice an instrument
29. cut/dye your hair (permission)
30. Learn origami
31. Write a bucket list
32. Clear your phone storage
33. Count to 1,000
34. Learn about conspiracy theories
35. Learn the alphabet backwards
36. Do art
37. Learn yoga
38. Master a random topic
39. Clean your shoes
40. Watch music videos
41. Learn TikTok dances
42. Watch a short film
43. Make a song on GarageBand
44. Make a smoothie
45. Write a short story
46. Start a blog
47. Make a birthday wishlist
48. Reflect on your past decisions
49. Count money
50. Watch vine compilations

Carrot Patch



By Lindsey C.

We are all stuck inside these days. What would be a better way to pass the time than baking a delicious dessert that celebrates the season! This dessert is easy, yummy and most of all fun!

Introduction

Baking is very fun to do and a much needed life skill. You can learn from your parents or teach yourself. Baking is proven to be therapeutic for some people. You can learn how to make some of your favorite foods while baking. The more you practice the better you get, so don't become frustrated if you can't do it right away. Just remember to always have fun!

INGREDIENTS

- Cooking spray, for pan
- Parchment paper, for pan and baking sheet
- 1 box brownie mix, plus ingredients called for on box
- 1 1/2 c. white chocolate chips
- 1 tbsp. coconut oil

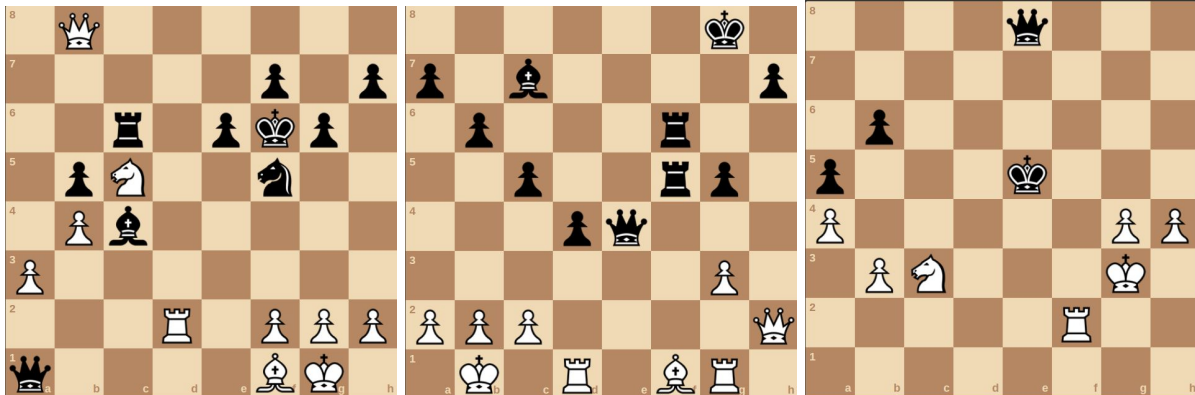
- 10 drops Orange food coloring
- 12 wooden skewers, for dipping
- 12 large strawberries
- 1 tub chocolate frosting
- 1 package oreo cookies, crushed
- Robin Eggs candies, for garnish

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 350° and spray the inside of a 9"-x-13" baking pan with cooking spray. Line the pan with parchment paper and spray parchment paper with cooking spray.
2. Prepare brownie batter according to package instructions. Pour batter into the prepared pan and bake until a toothpick has moist crumbs, 28 to 30 minutes, then let cool.
3. Make orange frosting: In a small, deep bowl, microwave white chocolate chips on high for one minute, stirring every 20 seconds to remove clumps. Add coconut oil and orange food coloring, then mix until combined.
4. Make carrots: Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper. Pierce each strawberry with a skewer and dunk the strawberries in melted orange chocolate, repeating to coat, if necessary. Place on a lined baking sheet and refrigerate until set, 15 minutes.
5. Make carrot patch: Remove cooled brownies and frost with chocolate frosting, then top with crushed Oreos. Top brownies with strawberries and garnish with Robin Eggs. Slice into squares and serve.

Chess Challenge

By Ben Lauer



Theme: Skewer

Think you know the answer? Email it to

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