

# Encore News

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## Program Highlights

### Wednesday, March 4 – All Day

#### Movie: “Around the World in 80 Days”

On March 1<sup>st</sup>, it would have been David Niven’s birthday. In honor of his birthday, we will watch one of his box office hits, the 1956 movie, “Around the World in 80 Days.” “Around the World in 80 Days,” is about a Victorian Englishman who bets that with the new steamships and railways he can circumnavigate the globe in eighty days.

### Thursday, March 5 & Friday, March 20 at 2:15

#### 100 Years of Names

Did you know that the Social Security Administration compiles all the names of babies born in the United States each year? This month we are celebrating names. Do you know the story about how your name was chosen or how you decided to name your children or pets? We will do a wheel of fortune of the Top 10 Baby Names of the past 100 years for Boys & Girls.



### Monday, March 9 & Friday, March 13 at 2:15

#### Three-Step Lanyard



You may notice staff wearing Lanyards to display their name badge and/or keys. Today we will make our own lanyard by using some decorative duct tape, along with a snap clip lanyard hook and split ring. The lanyard is a great way to clip your keys, too!

### Tuesday, March 10 & Wednesday, March 11 at 11:00

#### Travelogue – Silly Name Places



Our Travelogue this month is about visiting places with silly names. We will explore the following places: Batman, Turkey, Truth or

Consequences, New Mexico, Eggs & Bacon

Bay, Tasmania, Westward Ho! in England, Fiddletown, California and finally Chicken, Alaska. Have any of you been or heard of these exotic places? Let’s explore!

### Tuesday, March 10 & Friday, March 27 at 2:15

#### “Name that Name!” Game



The names of everyday things often have surprising and funny origins. As a group we will try and figure out which place, musical band and brand name goes with the question asked and then will share the true meaning/origin of it.

### Friday, March 13 at 10:15

#### Visit from St. Joe’s – Lucky Charm Dominoes

The luck of the Irish is upon us during the month of March. We will test our luck with a few rounds of Lucky Charm Dominoes. This game is played much like regular dominoes, except the dots have been replaced with pictures of various lucky charms. Good Luck!



### Monday, March 16 at 2:15 and Tuesday, March 24 at 11:00

#### Food for Thought – “Name Brand Foods”



In this program we will learn about a number of food brands and the companies that produce them, which were named after their founders or after someone the founders knew. We will learn about the people behind seven companies. Will talk and discuss about Sara Lee, Chef Boyardee, Famous Amos, Ben & Jerry’s, Jimmy Dean, Orville Redenbacher, & Oscar Mayer. Also, we will try a few of these mentioned food items for everyone to sample.

### Tuesday, March 17 at 11:00

#### Famous Irish Folks – Who am I?



The luck of the Irish definitely rubbed off on these well-known people. Clerics, musicians, writers, actors, poets, directors – these Irish folk, past and present, have left their mark on the world. Can you guess who they are?

**Tuesday, March 17 at 2:15**  
**Truth or Blarney Trivia**



As we celebrate St. Patrick's Day let's play some Truth or Blarney Trivia. For Truth or Blarney, we will have 35 trivia questions related to Ireland, Irishmen and St. Patrick's Day, so you need to figure if it is *truth or blarney*? Will you guess correctly and have the luck of the Irish, let's find out!

**Wednesday, March 18 at 1:30**  
**Clover all over card game**

We just celebrated St. Patrick's Day! Let's continue to celebrate the holiday by playing a game called, "Clover All Over Card Game." The object of the game is to be the first player to turn over all of their clover cards. If you are "looking over a four-leaf clover," you might be a big winner.

**Thursday, March 19 & Friday, March 20 at 11:00**  
**Sporty Nicknames Trivia**



Nicknames have played an important part in sports, and in many cases, the athlete is better known by his nickname than by his real name. We will test your knowledge of nicknames of various sports players.

**Thursday, March 19 at 2:15**  
**Early Bloomer Centerpiece**



Today marks the first day of spring, Yeah!!! In honor of Spring will make some snowdrop flowers that will look like they are blooming through a blanket of cotton ball snow by using some bendable straws, raffia paper and ribbon.

**Tuesday, March 24 at 2:15**  
**March Madness**



During the month of March, people in America go "mad" for basketball. March Madness is a nickname for the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I basketball championship tournament. There is a championship for both men's and women's basketball. Almost 10.5 million people watched the men's tournament last year. What is this phenomenon of March Madness that so grips the United States? Today we will learn about basketball and the NCAA championships.

**Wednesday, March 25 at 11:00**  
**American Royalty: The Du Pont's**



Unlike a number of other countries, the United States does not have an official royal family. The term "American Royalty" is applied to those people or families considered to be of the aristocracy because of a sustained economic and social standing. Some of the powerful families that come to mind are the Vanderbilt's, Rockefellers, Kennedys and Du Pont's, the subject of our discussion.

The Du Pont family emigrated from France to the United States in the early 1800s and settled in the state of Delaware. In 1802 E. I. Du Pont founded a gunpowder plant near Wilmington, Delaware and as they say the rest is history. Let's discover more of this amazing family!

**Friday, March 27 at 2:15**  
**Pop Art Mobile**



Help us cut different shades of paper to create a hanging, rotating piece of pop art with an ombre effect. When finished we can hang our fabulous mobile and watch it rotate with the slightest bit of air current.

**Happy Birthday!**



Happy Birthday to Gary on March 11<sup>th</sup>! Let's celebrate Gary's birthday on March 10<sup>th</sup> by enjoying a Lucky Poke Cake. Happy Birthday to Sue on March 13<sup>th</sup>! Let's celebrate Sue's birthday on March 11<sup>th</sup> with a Lucky Poke Cake, as well. Happy Birthday to Ron on March 19<sup>th</sup>! Let's celebrate Ron's birthday on March 18<sup>th</sup> with a festive St. Patrick's Day Gelatin Cookie. Happy Birthday to Kim on March 31<sup>st</sup>! Let's celebrate Kim's birthday on her actual birthday with some Rainbow Cake Mix Cookies. May the luck of the Irish be with you this month of March!

**Welcome to the Encore Program!**

Hello and please welcome to the Encore program Stephen! Stephen started on February 5<sup>th</sup>. Stephen attends Encore on Wednesday's and Friday's. We are glad to have you with us and we look forward to getting to know you better!