

Encore News

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Program Highlights

On behalf of all the Encore Staff we would like to wish you and your families a **Happy Easter** on April 12th! May spring give us

some rejuvenation as we enjoy the beauties of nature, watching the green grass grow, hearing the birds chirping and the flowers blooming! Enjoy spring!

Reminder that with the recent COVID-19 we continue to ask everyone to be mindful that if you have a fever or cough please stay home until you are symptom-free for 24 hours without the use of medications. Also, we can continue to stay healthy by washing our hands throughout the day and also by covering our cough with a tissue or the sleeve of our shirt. Thank you for cooperating and protecting us all by following these guidelines and most importantly for keeping us all healthy! As need arises, The Encore Program will continue to be in communication with everyone.

Wednesday, April 1 at 2:15

April Fools' Day Fact or Foolery



Today is April Fools' Day! Every April Fools' Day, the ritual is the same. Outrageously false stories (issued by a variety of sources, such as corporations, organizations, and

creative journalists) appear in the media. The challenge for us is to sort out the April "foolery" from the weird stuff that's actually fact.

We have 20 claims that have been made in the media. Some were April Fools' Day jokes and some were real news stories. Can you tell the difference?

Thursday, April 2 at 1:30

Remembering Songs by Doris Day



Doris Day was born on April 3, 1922. Let's celebrate her by singing, reminiscing and learning some fun facts about

her familiar tunes. These are some of her songs that we will learn more about..."Sentimental Journey," "Que Sera, Sera," "Dream a Little Dream of Me," "Secret Love," and "If I Give My Heart to You." Do any of these songs sound familiar to you?

Tuesday, April 7 at 1:30

Easter Egg Bingo



We will be celebrating Easter this coming Sunday on April 12th, so let's get ready for the holiday by playing Easter Egg Bingo. There are pictures of various plastic Easter eggs in colors of green, blue, pink, red, yellow and purple. Also, some

of the eggs have a different colored top and bottom. We hope all playing will have an "egg"-citement time!

Thursday, April 9 & Friday, April 17 at 2:15

Children's Songs Remembered



Why is it that we struggle to remember what we learned in math class, but we still remember every word to a song we heard as a kid?

Many of the songs we sang as children were handed down to us from previous generations, and then we in turn handed down the same songs to our children and their children. In this music activity we will discuss children's songs, new and old, and learn about what makes them so memorable, as well as the history behind the songs.

Friday, April 10 at 12:45

Movie – "A Walton Easter"

In 1969, John-Boy is a TV news anchorperson in New York and he is in the throes of writing a new book. He and a very pregnant Janet are making plans to return to Walton's Mountain for the celebration of John and Olivia's 40th wedding anniversary. Accompanying them to see the place John-Boy lived as a child is Aurora, a Time magazine photographer, who is doing a story on John-Boy. Another problem arises in that John-Boy may want to settle down in Walton's mountain and

raise his family, whereas Janet may want to stay in New York. Join us as we watch the beloved Walton's.

Monday, April 13 & Tuesday, April 21 at 2:15

Talking about My Generation



In this learning and reminiscing activity, we'll take a look at the five generations of people who are active in the U.S. Economy and

workforce today. We will discuss what constitutes a generation and what characterizes each one. Here are the five generations...The Silent Generation, Baby Boomers, Generation X, Millennials, and Gen Z.

Monday, April 20 at 2:15

We've Got Your Goat



Did you know that there are over 300 breeds of goats? These animals are closely related to sheep. However, goats forage for leaves, twigs, vines, shrubs and

other edible plants that reach up into higher places. It is this investigative way of eating that makes the goats so curious and active. Goats are raised for their meat, milk, fur and skins. Actually, goat meat is one of the most popular meats eaten around the globe. In fact, goats are thought to be the first domesticated animal, which first happened around 9,000 to 11,000 years ago in what is now Iran. Goats have a similar lifespan to dogs, living around 15 years. Like dogs, they crave companionship and tend to be friendly with humans. Perhaps that is why we have such a fascination and love for goats.

Thursday, April 23 at 1:30

Movie – "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm"

Happy Birthday, Shirley Temple! Shirley Temple was born on this date in 1928, so in honor of her birthday, let's celebrate by watching one of her many movies. "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," is about Rebecca who lives with her Uncle Harry who has to leave, so Rebecca stays with Aunt Miranda who forbids her to associate with show people. But Rebecca's neighbor, Anthony Kent, is a talent scout who secretly sets it up for Rebecca to be broadcast.

Monday, April 27 at 2:15

Longevity Trees



Arbor Day was April 24th, in honor of this day we will look at some of the oldest living trees on the planet, called

Longevity Trees. Arbor Day is observed annually on the last Friday in April and it celebrates the importance of trees in our lives. The first American Arbor Day was celebrated in 1872 in Nebraska City, Nebraska. On April 10th of that year, over one million trees were planted. One of the oldest trees is named Methuselah after the oldest man in the Old Testament; it has reached the ripe old age of almost 5,000 years. We will learn about this tree and others, as well as their habitats. Long live the trees!

Wednesday, April 29 & Thursday, April 30 at 11:00

We're Stargazing in Nicaragua



Did you know that out of a total of 88 officially recognized constellations found in the night sky, 86 of them can be seen

clearly from Nicaragua? Nicaragua's name is derived from the Nicaraio tribe and the vast amount of water found there. If you like it warm, you will be happy with the year-round average temperature of 87 degrees F. Also, there are over 500 miles of coastline and five of the best spots to surf in the world. Nicaragua has one of the youngest populations in the world, but it is also one of the poorest countries in Central America. Most people live on less than two dollars a day. The economy is based primarily on agriculture, with the main crops being sugarcane, coffee, cotton, rice, bananas, corn and sesame. Join us as we discover more about the country of Nicaragua.

April Birthdays!

Happy Birthday to John R. on April 15th! We will be celebrating John R.'s birthday on April 16th with a melt in your mouth Peanut Butter cookie. Happy Birthday to Donna on April 21st! Let's celebrate Donna's birthday on April 20th, by enjoying a Banana Cream Pie Cookie Cup. Lastly, we need to honor our Encore staff member, Lois, who will be having a birthday on April 18th. Happy Birthday to you all and hopefully the April showers will bring us green grass and warmer weather!



Welcome to Encore

We would like to welcome Mary, Ray and Roger to Encore. Mary started on March 4th and attends Wednesday's. Ray started on March 9th and attends Monday's and Friday's. Roger started on March 11th and attends Wednesday's. We are happy to have you with us and we look forward to getting to know you better!