

Happy New Year!

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A 2015 Kids' Calendar



Special Olympics

The **47th Special Olympics World Summer Games** are scheduled for July 25 through Aug. 2 in Los Angeles.

The Special Olympics were founded by Eunice Kennedy Shriver, the sister of President John F. Kennedy, in 1968. The games promote inclusion, courage, skill and teamwork among people with intellectual (in-tuh-LECK-shoo-uhl), or mental, disabilities.

The Los Angeles Special Olympics will include more than 7,000 athletes and 3,000 coaches representing 177

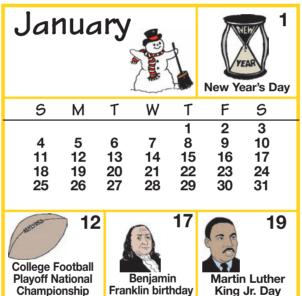
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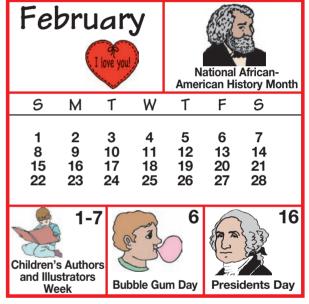
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Athletes will compete in 25 Olympic-style sports, including basketball, cycling,

gymnastics, triathlon and volleyball. Events will take place at many different **venues**, or places, in and around Los Angeles.

Keep this 2015 calendar and watch for coming special events.





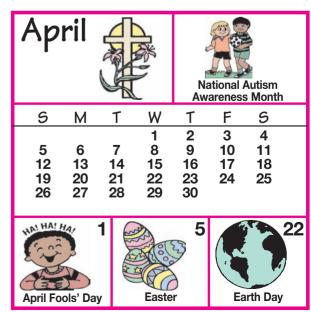


St. Patrick's Day

of spring

National

Grammar Day



2014 in Review

Can you remember some big events from last year? Sometimes things happen so fast that we forget them.

Here are some memorable moments from 2014:

January

• Lewis Clarke. 17. of the United Kingdom becomes the youngest person to travel to the South Pole.



Lewis Clarke

• The U.S. Senate confirms **Janet Yellen** as the first woman to head the Federal Reserve.

February

• The Olympic Winter Games are held in Sochi, Russia.

• A Girl Scout in Oklahoma City sells more than 18.000 boxes of cookies.



March

• "Frozen" wins the Academy Award for Best Animated Feature.

• Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 disappears while flying from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to Beijing, China.

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• Racehorse California **Chrome** wins the Kentucky Derby.



California Chrome

• President Barack Obama dedicates the September 11 Memorial and

Museum in New York City.

June

• The soccer **FIFA** World Cup begins in Brazil.

July

• The Ice Bucket Challenge raises money for ALS, a deadly disease.



August

- Actor Robin Williams dies.
- Becky Hammon becomes the first fulltime female (assistant) coach in the NBA.



Robin Williams 1951-2014

September

• Apple launches

iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus.

• The first person in the United States with **Ebola virus** is treated at a Dallas hospital.

October

• The Kansas City Royals win the American League championship for the first time in 29 years.

November

- The **Republican Party** gains control of the U.S. Senate in the midterm elections.
- The European Space Agency lands a probe on the surface of a comet.

Ready Resources

The Mini Page provides ideas for websites, books or other resources that will help you learn more about this week's topics.

On the Web:

- LA2015.org
- specialolympics.org/history.aspx
- bit.ly/11wujDQ
- eunicekennedyshriver.org
- https://getintoit.specialolympics.org/

At the library:

• "Special Olympics" by Mike Kennedy

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New Year

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Words that remind us of 2014 and 2015 are hidden in the block above. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find: CALENDAR, CHRISTMAS, COMET, DAY, DERBY, EASTER, EBOLA, HANUKKAH, ICE BUCKET, INTELLECTUAL, KENTUCKY, KWANZAA, LOS ANGELES, NEW, OLYMPICS, PRESIDENTS, SPECIAL, VETERANS, WEEK, YEAR. Mini Spy

Mini Spy is marking important dates on both her calendars. See if you can find:

□ ruler □ dragon \square sock □ number 3 □ bell □ elephant head □ shoe \Box cat □ word MINI \Box ladder □ book □ bagel □ kite □ hourglass □ envelope □ canoe

□ letter H □ letter L □ letter J ☐ fish □ snake □ exclamation mark □ pencil

□ umbrella □ letter D □ arrow



Meet Mizuo Peck

You will need an adult's help with this recipe.



You'll need:

• 1 cup peanuts

What to do:

kernels.)

• 1 cup golden raisins

• 1/2 cup light corn syrup

ungreased shallow pan.

• 4 cups O-shaped oat cereal

• 1/2 cup dried apricots, chopped

3. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla.

Mizuo Peck stars as Sacajawea in the movie "Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb." She also acted in that role in the previous "Night at the Museum" movies.

She has acted in several commercials, TV shows and plays and has modeled.

Mizuo, 37, was born in New York City. She began acting and singing at a children's musical theater

company when she was 11. She earned her college degree in theater.

Rookie Cookie's Recipe

1. Mix popcorn, cereal, peanuts and fruit in large bowl. (Remove all unpopped

2. Heat corn syrup, honey, butter and cinnamon to boiling in a small saucepan.

4. Pour syrup mixture over popcorn mixture. Toss gently to coat. Spread in large

6. Allow to cool and stir occasionally to prevent sticking. Store loosely covered.

• 1 bag microwave popcorn (approximately 8 to 9 cups popped)

5. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes. Stir every five minutes.

Sweet and Salty Popcorn

• 1/4 cup honey

• 2 tablespoons butter

• 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

• 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

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Goodsport's

Supersport

Kevin Harvick

scoring system used to crown the sport's top driver. Drivers accumulated points over 26 races to advance to the Chase for the Sprint Cup, a 10-race playoff among 16 racers. The key to advancing was clear: Win races.

Kevin Harvick won two early races to secure his spot in the season-ending Chase, but checkered flags eluded him for months afterward. Once in the Chase, however, Kevin rose to the challenge. He won at Charlotte in October to avoid elimination, and at Phoenix to advance to the championship race the very next week.

Needing only to finish better than the three other title and his No. 4 team sprinted to Victory Lane in the Nov. 16 finale, edging fellow finalist and second-place finisher Ryan Newman by just one spot. After 14 seasons racing in the



The 2014 NASCAR Sprint Cup season featured a new

contenders at Homestead-Miami Speedway in Florida, Kevin Cup series, Kevin had captured his first championship.



Mighty Funny's Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

Charlie: Why are calendars so busy? **Chelsea:** Because they have a date every

single day!





Cory: What is a calendar's favorite fruit? Carrie: Dates!

Craig: Why did the tired worker tear out part of his calendar?

Cindy: Because he wanted to take a month off!





Hometown:

Bakersfield.

California

National Pet Week



Children's Book

Week

Memorial Day

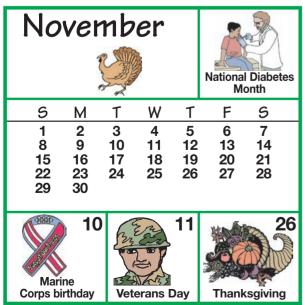




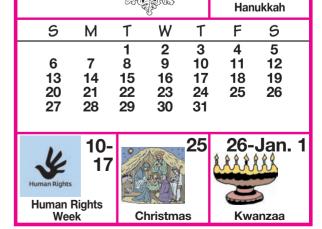












December

Hawaii's mountains and volcanoes.