

by Mairin Kelly



The movie *Avatar* begins in the most depressing way. Jake Sully is viewing the cremation of his beloved brother. Jake Sully is a disabled man, partly because his legs don't work and partly because he is overcome with depression due to his brother's death.

His brother was supposed to be a part of an 'Avatar' program on the planet Pandora. The human people working there are trying to get to a precious metal from the blue-skinned natives of the 'Na' Vi' tribe. Since Jake and his brother have identical genes Jake is sent to Pandora as an Avatar, in the place of his brother. He will participate in the project instead.

One day when Jake is out in "Avatar form" his group accidentally forgets him in the Pandora wilderness. Jake wouldn't have lasted the night if it wasn't for Neytiri, a member of the 'Na'Vi' tribe.

This movie is an absolute thriller, and I'm not going to spoil the movie for you!!!! So, if you get the chance to see it, DO!!!! If I was rating it, it would be 5 out of 5 stars! 10 on a scale from 1-10, But that's just me. Just in time, *Avatar* has just been released on DVD and Blue Ray. Well I hope you like it!!!

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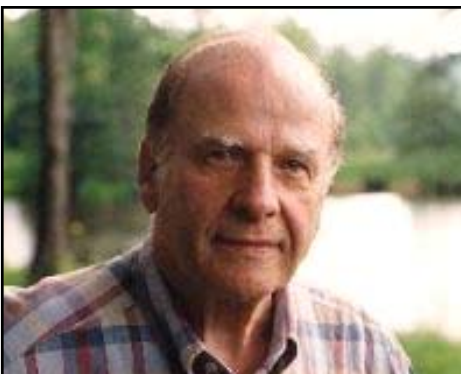
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**EARTH DAY 2010**

by Téa Mottolese

Earth Day all started with one man's small idea.



Earth Day is a very special day for the planet.

For many years, the condition of the environment bothered [Senator Gaylord Nelson](#) from Wisconsin.

The idea for Earth Day dates back to 1962. Although there was a seven year period during which the idea for Earth Day evolved, the annual event sparks inspiration for conservation across the United States.

Senator Nelson is the founder of Earth Day. Nelson was twice elected Governor of Wisconsin, and in 1962, began an 18-year career in the U.S. Senate. At the time the environment was not an issue in National politics.

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Answers to Jumble

Flag	Patriotic
Honorable	Remember
Independent	Salute
ence	Soldier
Moral	Veterans

## Crazy Days in May

By Mairin Kelly

Hi! We all love holidays right? You all know about Memorial day and Cinco de Mayo, right? Well they aren't the only holidays in May! Here are some pretty wacky days in May. And since we all like acting crazy here are a few wacky holidays that fall on school days. So, on May 25, when your teacher asks "Why are you tap dancing in class?" You can say, "What!?! You didn't know? It's International Tap Dancing Day!"

So if you like Holidays you'll like this Calendar! A reason to celebrate every day in May!



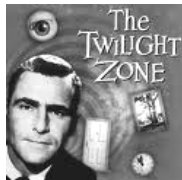
May 5th: Cinco de Mayo

May 6th: International "no diet" day

May 7th: Space day

May 10th: Clean up your room day

May 11th: Twilight zone day



May 12th: Kite day and limerick day

May 13th: Tulip day

May 14th: National "dance like a chicken" day

May 18th: Visit your relatives day, International visit a museum day



May 19th: Circus day

May 25th: National Missing Children's day, National tap dance day

May 26th: Blueberry Cheesecake day

May 27th: Masking tape day

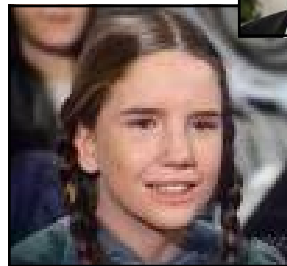
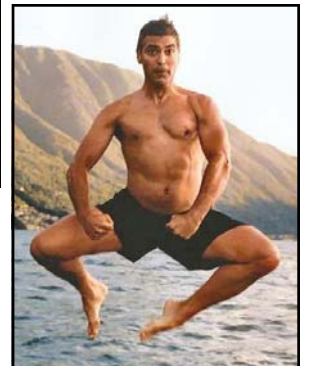


May 31st: World no tobacco day

## Famous Birthdays in May

By Grace Bossolini

- May 1- Tim McGraw (country singer)
- May 2- Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson (actor)
- May 3- Greg Raposo (singer)
- May 4- Randy Travis (singer)
- May 5- Chris Brown (singer)
- May 6- George Clooney (actor/former Montessori student)
- May 7- **Gabby Hayes** (actor)
- May 8- **Melissa Gilbert** (actress)
- May 9- **Billy Joel** (singer/songwriter)
- May 10- Phil & Steve Mahre (olympic champions)
- May 11- Corey Monteith (Finn Hudson, Glee)
- May 12- **Florence Nightingale** (nursing pioneer)
- May 13- Robert Pattinson (actor)
- May 14- **Miranda Cosgrove** (actress)
- May 15- Emmitt Smith (football player)
- May 16- Megan Fox (actress)
- May 17- Bob Saget (actor)
- May 18- Tina Fey (actress)
- May 19- Jordan Pruitt (singer)
- May 20- Joe Cocker (singer)
- May 21- Sarah Ramos (actress)
- May 22- **Apollo Anton Ohno** (speed skater)
- May 23- Kelly Monaco (actress)
- May 24- Billy Gilman (country singer)
- May 25- **Stacy London** (fashion critic)
- May 26- Helena Bonham Carter (actress)
- May 27- Christopher Lee (actor)
- May 28- Carroll Baker (actress)
- May 29- **John F. Kennedy** (35th president)
- May 30- **Mel Blanc** (voice actor)
- May 31- Fred Allen (radio show host)



## The *Student Gazette*

Members of the WHMSTimes staff submitted photos to the Gazette Student Newspaper contest. Téa Mottolese was the 1st Place Photo Winner in the Grade 3-6 category. Take a look at Téa's winning photo. Téa's photo won first place and \$100.



Take a look at the other fantastic photos contributed by our students.



In November, 1962, an idea occurred to Senator Nelson. He said it was time to “put the environment into the political ‘limelight’ once and for all.”

In explaining his document about how the tradition of Earth Day came about, he stated, “The idea was to persuade President Kennedy to give visibility to this issue by going on a national conservation tour. I flew to Washington to discuss the proposal with Attorney General Robert Kennedy, who liked the idea. So did the President,” he wrote. President Kennedy began his eleven-state conservation tour over five days in September 1963. This issue did not amaze many people and did not put the issue onto national political agendas. Still, it was the small idea that soon blossomed into Earth Day.

Senator Nelson continued to speak to many groups of people in twenty-five states. On April 22 1970, the first Earth Day made its debut. This made a great impact on people and then others continued to try their best to help save the planet.

<http://earthday.envirolink.org/history.html>

**Memorial Day Jumble**

*By the Times staff*

Memorial Day is a day to remember the bravery of our fallen soldiers. Enlisted men and women have been making the ultimate sacrifice for the good of the United States of America since Revolutionary times. See if you can un-jumble the these words related to Memorial Day.

- lafg
- noarhoebl
- dedincnenep
- lamemori
- ormal
- riotpatic
- reberemem
- utalse
- ridesol
- santever
- derapa
- yerbarve
- egrouca

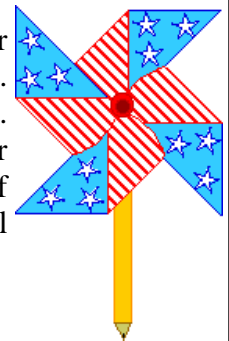
*See answers on page 1*

You will need:

- Two pieces of construction paper (the thicker kind works better)
- Scissors
- A hole punch
- A push pin
- Markers, pencils or crayons
- A pencil with a good eraser

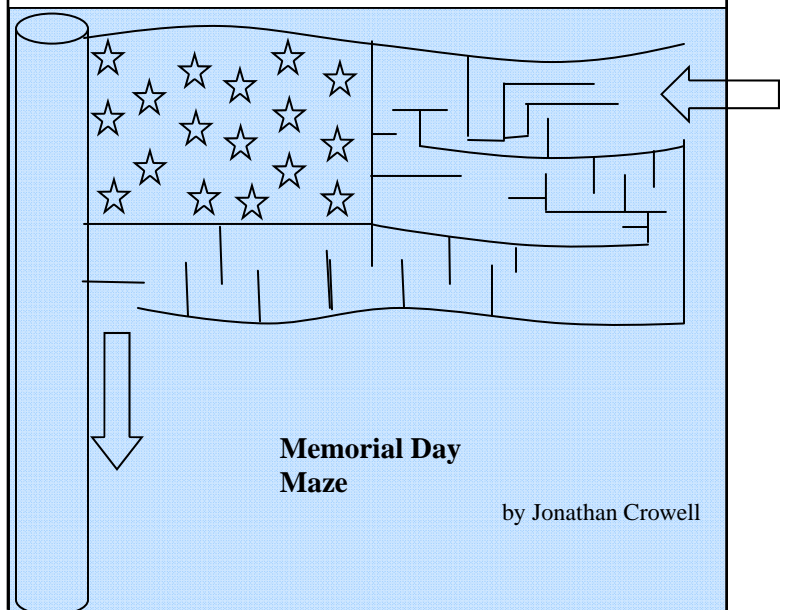
Directions:

- Start by making two square pieces of paper. To make a square, put the two pieces of paper together. Fold the corners over. To finish making the squares, cut off the small rectangles, forming two squares (which are already folded into a triangle).
- Fold the paper in half. Then unfold it.
- Decorate one side of each sheet of paper like the American Flag.
- Put the undecorated sides of the paper together. Make four cuts along the fold lines
- Punch four holes in the pinwheel, one at each corner.
- Gently gather each of the four points (with a hole) to the center. (Be careful not to crease the paper. Push a push-pin through the four punched holes through the center of the pinwheel to attach the pinwheel to the side of a pencil’s eraser.



I found this cool craft at:

[www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/pinwheel/](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/pinwheel/)



## Shakespeare & Company Visits WHMS

By Tea Mottolese

Shakespeare has been a big part of the Upper El for a long time. Students move up to the Upper El eager to participate. In March, the teachers start to decide which Shakespeare play the UE will perform. This year, the teachers decided on, *The Tragedy of Macbeth*.

Every year Andrew McClain scheduled Shakespeare & Company to come and help us prepare for the upcoming play. On Monday, May 3, Shakespeare & Company sent Alyssa and Kelly to help the two casts make their performances unforgettable. First we all met in the gym for some warm-ups and checked in. Checking in is a small exercised that Shakespeare & Company likes to do each morning. to know how everybody is feeling. Everyone stands in a circle and says how they are feeling. After checking in we started some warm ups. Then we had to walk across the gym floor acting like a certain character. Alyssa and Kelly gave us a choice of two characters for example; King or Queen? Act like a very important person. Next we split into our casts and worked on perfecting scenes. At the beginning of the day, everyone brought in snacks for lunch so after we perfected some scenes and tried on some costumes, we had a wonderful banquet. There were all sorts of foods and beverages and even, dessert. We didn't have dessert until after our next practice from 1:00 to 2:30. Kelly and Alyssa said goodbye and we were all very pleased. We worked

hard through that week and on Friday, May 7th, Kelly and Alyssa visited us again! On that same day, we practiced and worked so hard. At lunch, since it was half day from Grandparent's and Special Friend's day, we sat outside on the playground while Alyssa and Kelly went and got lunch. After a long tiring lunch and recess, we practiced for two and a half more hours. After all this practice we told Alyssa and Kelly "thank you." Now, we are sure we are ready for this play!

### Please come to the UE performances of Macbeth:

**Thursday, May 13**

Bard—12:45 pm

Thane's Troupe—6:30 p.m.

**Friday, May 14**

Thane's Troupe—12:45 pm

Bard—6:30 pm



*To show an unfelt sorrow is an office  
Which the false man does easy*

*Malcolm, Act II, scene ii*