

# SPECIAL EDUCATION

Logan County Schools

May 2017

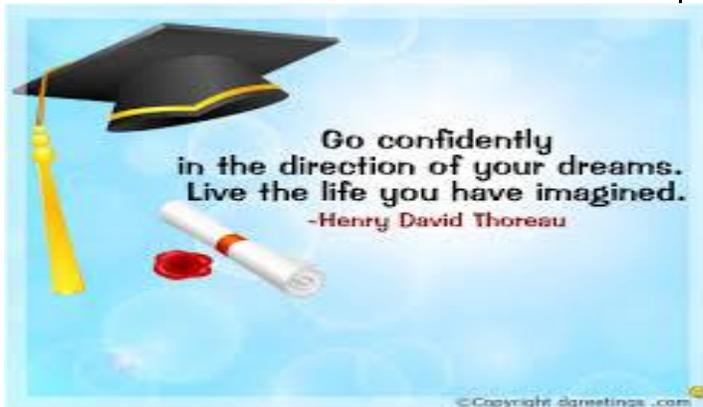
## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

### Graduation Ceremonies:

Man High School ~ May 25, 2017 6:00 p.m.  
Chapmanville High School ~ May 26, 2017 4 p.m.  
Logan High School ~ May 26, 2017 7 p.m.



Graduation Day is a day to mark an amazing accomplishment. You could not have made it without a lot of hard work and dedication. The moment you are called on the stage to receive your diploma in your cap and gown is a moment to savor. It's yours! The achievement will be your forever. Now, go take on the world!!!!



## MAY

Birthstone ~ Emerald  
Flower ~ Lily of the Valley  
Skin Cancer Awareness Month  
National Bike Month

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

1<sup>st</sup>~School Principal's Day  
1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>~Teacher Appreciation Week.  
2<sup>ND</sup>~National Teachers Day  
6<sup>th</sup>~National Nurses Day  
9<sup>th</sup>~Fac. Sen.-2hr Early Rel.  
14<sup>th</sup>~Mother's Day  
29<sup>th</sup>~Memorial Day  
NO SCHOOL  
30<sup>th</sup>~Last Day for Students  
31<sup>st</sup>~Last Day for Teachers

The influence of a great teacher can never be graded!!



Thank you, to all teachers for all you do!!

### **School Nurse**

Putting on band aides.   
Stopping a bloody nose.  
Holding on to ice packs.  
Giving out change of clothes.  
Tirelessly healing all day long.  
 Just to make sure, that nothing goes wrong.  
Our children are safer, because of you.  
Thank You School Nurse.  
For all that you do. 

Hosting a cheap, but nice graduation party, would be nice, wouldn't it? Deli trays, balloons, invites, decorations and tent rentals add up very quickly. It is not difficult to do, as long as you are willing to be creative and maybe go slightly counter-culture.

For more info: <http://www.pocketyourdollars.com>

<http://blog.connectionsacademy.com>

<https://www.valpak.com>



Memorial Day often heralds the arrival of summer and that summer vacation is almost here. But this year, take some time to teach kids about what this holiday actually celebrates: remembering all of the people who have given their lives in service to the United States Armed Forces.

Here are nine crafts, recipes and activities to get children into the spirit of the day. They make great activities for babysitters and nannies to do with kids, too.

### 1. **Read All About It**

So many of us forget why we actually mark Memorial Day on our calendars. If you need some help explaining it to kids, these three books (appropriate for children ages four to eight) talk about the holiday in clear language that kids will understand:

- “[Memorial Day](#)” by Mir Tamim Ansary
- “[Memorial Day Surprise](#)” by Theresa Martin Golding
- “[The Wall](#)” by Eve Bunting.

Or visit [The History Channel's](#) website for interesting information.

### 2. **Tie-Dye an American Flag T-Shirt**

Fold the hem of a white T shirt up about one inch, making sure to get both front and back layers. Then fold inside in the other direction. Continue with the accordion folding until the shirt is folded into a zigzag pattern all the way to the sleeves. Secure with binder clips or clothes pins.

Next, create small random gathers in the top section of the shirt and secure with elastics (these will be the stars). Use red dye to completely cover the bottom section and use blue dye to cover the top section. Then follow the instructions on the dye for drying and washing times. You'll end up with an American flag T-shirt perfect for the Memorial Day parade!

### 3. **Make a Patriotic Fruit Pizza Dessert**

[//www.youtube.com/watch?v=ru46Mdbx0WU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ru46Mdbx0WU)

Use the colors of our American Flag to make a delicious dessert pizza made of cookie crust, topped with Greek yogurt frosting and fresh berries. First, preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Then, line a 13x9" baking sheet with parchment paper. Next, take one box of sugar cookie dough and mix it up per the package instructions. Press the dough firmly into the baking sheet with your hands and use a drinking cup to smooth out any bumps. Bake the sheet for 10-12 minutes or until lightly brown. Let that cool down completely.

While the dough is cooling, take a cup of Greek yogurt and mix it with one eight-ounce package of light cream cheese, 1/2 cup of melted white chocolate and one teaspoon of vanilla in a mixing bowl. Stir until

it's completely smooth and let it chill in the fridge. Once the crust is cool, remove it from the pan by lifting the parchment paper out slowly and place it on a cutting board. Spread the cooled frosting evenly over the entire crust -- any extra frosting can be used as fruit dip. Rinse and dry some blueberries and raspberries thoroughly -- wet berries will make the crust soggy. Place the berries in rows or decorate the crust like an American flag! Let your kids be creative with this part. Finally, cut the cookies into 2-inch squares and store in the fridge until ready to serve.

4. **Send a Letter to a Soldier Overseas**

A thank you letter or care package sent to a soldier stationed overseas is a wonderful way to show appreciation for the brave men and women who serve our country. If you don't know anyone specifically stationed abroad, there are many nonprofit organizations dedicated to this effort, such as [Operation USO Care Package](#) , [Any Soldier](#) and [A Million Thanks](#).

5. **Enjoy Fruity, Frozen and Festive Drinks**

Place blueberries, blackberries, strawberries and raspberries (or any combination of those) into an ice cube tray and cover with water. Freeze overnight for festive ice cubes in the morning. Stay cool by adding these to sparkling water or lemonade this Memorial Day.

6. **Visit a Local Cemetery or Memorial**

Many families visit cemeteries annually on Memorial Day to pay respect to loved ones who served their country. Most communities also have some sort of cemetery or memorial dedicated to honoring America's servicemen and women, with special commemorations on this holiday. Even if you don't have family members in these cemeteries, your kids can still honor these fallen service men and women by placing flowers or flags at headstones that don't have any.

7. **Break out the Face Paint**

Nothing gets kids in a celebratory mood like face painting! Use blue paint to draw a square around kids' right eye (your left), then make red stripes across the rest of their faces to create the flag. You could even add white stars or glitter to complete the look. Make sure to get a picture.

8. **March On**

Memorial Day goes hand-in-hand with parades. Find one in your local area and bring a flag to wave! If you don't know where to find an event, check [VetFriends.com](#) for a list of parades in every state.

9. **Say Hi to a Vet**

Today is a great day to give back to the people who have served this country. Visit a veterans hospital or throw a party for a veteran on your block. Here are [7 Ways to Support Senior Veterans](#).

And once Memorial Day passes, start planning for another exciting holiday. Here are [11 Ways to Celebrate the First Day of Summer](#).



# Kids and Bicycle Safety



A **bicycle** is a vehicle and you're a driver. When you ride in the street, obey all traffic signs, signals, and lane markings. Yield to Traffic When Appropriate. Almost always, drivers on a smaller road must yield (wait) for traffic on a major or larger road.

[Kids and Bicycle Safety - NHTSA.gov](https://one.nhtsa.gov/people/injury/pedbimot/bike/KidsandBikeSafetyWeb/index.htm)

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Skin cancer is the most common type of cancer in the United States. Ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun is the main cause of skin cancer. UV radiation can also come from tanning booths or sunlamps. The most dangerous kind of skin cancer is called melanoma. The good news? Skin cancer can almost always be cured when it's found and treated early. Communities, health professionals, and families can work together to prevent skin cancer or detect it early on.

This May, spread the word about strategies for preventing skin cancer and encourage communities, organizations, families, and individuals to get involved.

## **How can Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month make a difference?**

We can use this month to raise awareness about skin cancer and help people take action to prevent or detect it, both at home and in the community.

Here are just a few ideas:

Encourage families to adopt good habits together, like wearing sunscreen and limiting their time in the sun.

Motivate teachers and administrators to teach kids about the harm of UV radiation and why it's important to protect yourself.

Identify youth leaders in your community who can talk to their peers about taking steps to prevent skin cancer.

Partner with a local hospital, state fair, or similar organization to host a skin cancer screening event.

## **How can I help spread the word?**

We've made it easier for you to make a difference. This toolkit is full of ideas to help you take action today. For example:

[Add information about skin cancer prevention to your newsletter.](#)

[Tweet about Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month.](#)

[Host a community event where families can learn how to prevent skin cancer.](#)

[Add this Web badge to your website.](#)

