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April 1... April Fools' Day

*In 16<sup>th</sup> century France, the start of the new year was observed on April 1<sup>st</sup>. It was celebrated in much the same way as it is today, with parties and dancing into the night. Then in 1562, Pope Gregory introduced a new calendar for the Christian world, and the new year fell on January 1<sup>st</sup>. There were some people who didn't believe the change in the date, so they continued to celebrate New Year's Day on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Others played tricks on them and called them "April fools."*

April 1... Palm Sunday  
April 2... Full Moon  
April 3... Passover Begins  
April 6... Good Friday  
April 8... Easter, Orthodox Easter  
April 9... Easter Monday (Canada)  
April 22... Earth Day  
April 28... Arbor Day

## Other Interesting Dates

**April 6...** The modern Olympics began on this day in Athens in 1896 with eight nations participating.

**April 12...** Titanic hits iceberg (1912).

**April 13...** Birthday of Thomas Jefferson, 3<sup>rd</sup> president of the U.S. (1743).

**April 14...** The first edition of Webster's dictionary was published in 1828.

**April 14...** The Titanic hit the iceberg on this day in 1912.

**April 18...** American revolutionaries Paul Revere and William Dawes rode through the towns of Massachusetts warning "the British are coming." (1775).

**April 19...** The American Revolution began in Lexington, Massachusetts in 1775.

**April 19...** First Boston Marathon was run in 1897.

**April 24...** The Library of Congress was founded in 1800 on the authority of President John Adams.

**April 25...** The article by Watson and Crick announcing the structure of DNA was published in 1953.

**April 25...** The first seeing-eye dog was used in 1938.

**April 29...** Rubber was patented in 1813. The zipper was patented exactly 100 years later!!!

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## Fixed Dates

April 2... International Childrens' Book Day  
April 4... School Librarian's Day  
April 5... National Read-a-Road-Map Day  
April 7... World Health Day  
April 9... Astronauts Day  
April 14... Dictionary Day  
April 14... Librarians' Day  
April 15... Holocaust Remembrance Day  
April 18... Paul Revere Day  
April 19... Patriots' Day (Massachusetts)  
April 21... Kindergarten Day  
April 22... Earth Day  
April 23... Take Our Sons and Daughter to Work Day  
April 23... Birthday of William Shakespeare (1564)  
April 25... National DNA Day  
April 26... Birthday of John James Audubon  
April 27... Playground Safety Day  
April 30... National Honesty Day

## Weekly Observances

April 1-7... Golden Rule Week - National Library Week - National Public Health Week - Week of the Young Child  
April 8-14... National Garden Week  
April 15-21... Animal Cruelty/Human Violence Awareness Week  
April 22-28... National Wildlife Week

## Monthly Observances

Animal Cruelty Prevention Month  
Community Service Month  
Keep America Beautiful Month  
Math Education Month  
National Frog Month  
National Garden Month  
National Guitar Month  
National Humor Month  
National Kite Month  
National Poetry Month  
Thai Heritage Month  
World Habitat Awareness Month  
Zoo and Aquarium Month