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AUGUST 2007

August 6... Civic Holiday (Canada)

August 15... Chinese Moon Festival

The August Moon Festival or Mid-Autumn Festival is one of the most celebrated Chinese holidays. It is held on the 15th day of the 8th lunar month. Chinese families celebrate the end of the harvest season with a big feast. Unlike the American Thanksgiving dinner, the Chinese have mooncakes instead of grandma's apple pie. Friends and relatives also send mooncakes to each other as a way of giving thanks.

Chinese legends say that the moon is at its brightest and roundest on this day. Under this bright autumn moon, friendships are made and renewed.

Many August Moon folktales are about a moon maiden. On the 15th night of the 8th lunar moon, little children on earth can see a lady on the moon. On this magical occasion, children who make wishes to the Lady on the Moon will find their dreams come true.

August 28... Full Moon

August's full moon is known as the "Sturgeon Moon."

Other Interesting Dates

August 2... The Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776.

August 3... In 1968, Dr. Michael E. DeBakey of Houston performed the first simultaneous multi-organ transplant, removing two kidneys, one lung and the heart from one donor and transferring them into four patients.

August 6... Birthday of Sir Alexander Fleming, Scottish scientist who discovered penicillin.

August 12... In 1981, IBM introduced the PC personal computer.

August 19... In 1960, Sputnik 5 was launched into orbit, carrying dogs, mice, rats and plants. The spacecraft was later retrieved, and the animals became the first living organisms from space.

August 24... The Animal Welfare Act was passed in 1966.

August 27... The first case of Spanish influenza occurred in Boston in 1918. Twenty-five percent of the American population became ill and a half million people died in the worst pandemic since the Black Death (plague), which killed 1% of the world's population.

August 28... On this day in 1963, Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his "I have a dream..." speech.

This listing is designed to accompany the MSMR *People & Animals: United for Health*® interactive health and science calendar for elementary classrooms. For further information:

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Fixed Dates

August 1...	Sports Day
August 1...	Girlfriends' Day
August 3...	National Watermelon Day
August 4...	Coast Guard Day
August 5...	Friendship Day
August 6...	National Kids' Day
August 7...	Peace Day
August 8...	Dollar Day
August 10...	Middle Children's Day
August 11...	Daughter's Day
August 12...	Eleanor Roosevelt Day
August 13...	International Left- hander's Day
August 14...	Liberty Tree Day (Massa- chusetts)
August 15...	National Relaxation Day
August 16...	Joke Day
August 16...	Rollercoaster Day
August 17...	Archaeology Day
August 18...	Bad Poetry Day
August 19...	National Aviation Day
August 22...	Be an Angel Day
August 24...	Strange Music Day
August 26...	Women's Equality Day
August 26...	Susan B. Anthony Day (Massachusetts)

Weekly Observances

August 5-11... Simplify Your Life
Week - Psychic
Week - Don't Wait!
Celebrate!

August 15-21... Weird Contest Week
- National Aviation
Week

August 22-28... Save Your Smile
Week - Be Kind to
Humankind Week

Monthly Observances

Admit You're Happy Month
American Artists Appreciation Month
Family Fun Month
Home Business Month
Inventors Month
Kids' Vision and Learning Month
National Catfish Month
National Golf Month
National Water Quality Month
Peace Month