

# MSMR

## People & Animals

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## February 2007

February 2...	Candelmas
February 2...	Groundhog Day
February 2...	Full Moon
February 14...	Valentine's Day
February 18...	Chinese New Year (Year of the Pig)
February 19...	President's Day Eastern Orthodox Lent Begins
February 20...	Mardi Gras
February 21...	Ash Wednesday (Beginning of Lent)

## Other Interesting Dates

**February 1...** Freedom Day. Anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's approval of the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment abolishing slavery (1865).

**February 3...** The first paper money in America was issued in 1690 by the colony of Massachusetts.

**February 5...** In 1631, Rhode Island founder Roger Williams arrived in Boston. Williams later founded Rhode Island.

**February 6...** Massachusetts Day. Massachusetts became a state in 1788.

**February 13...** The Boston Public Latin School, the oldest public secondary school, was established in 1635. Students included John Hancock, Samuel Adams, and Robert Paine – all of them were signers of the Declaration of Independence!

**February 16...** In 1923, archaeologist Howard Carter opened the sealed doorway to the sepulchral chamber of King Tutankhamen's tomb in Thebes, Egypt. The pharaoh reigned around 1350 B.C.

**February 18...** The planet Pluto was discovered in 1930.

**February 20...** John Glenn, Jr. orbited the earth in 1962.

**February 23...** In 1954, the first mass polio immunization of schoolchildren began in Pittsburgh.

**February 24...** Día de la Bandera (Flag Day) is celebrated in Mexico, to honor the day in 1821 when Mexico became an independent country.

**February 27...** Birthday of Charles Best (1899), codiscoverer of insulin.

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

February 1...	Birthday of poet Langston Hughes (1902)
February 1...	Women's Heart Health Day
February 1...	Girls and Women in Sports Day
February 5...	Anniversary of the U.S. Constitution
February 5...	Weather Forecasters' Day
February 6...	Birthday of Babe Ruth (1895)
February 8...	Boy Scout Day
February 10...	Umbrella Day
February 11...	National Inventor's Day
February 12...	Abraham Lincoln's Birthday (1809)
February 12...	Darwin Day
February 13...	Bicycle Safety Day
February 15...	Birthday of Susan B. Anthony (1820)
February 17...	Birthday of Benjamin Franklin (1706)
February 21...	Love Your Pet Day
February 22...	George Washington's Birthday (1732)
February 22-24...	Shrovetide
February 25...	Quiet Day
February 27...	Polar Bear Day

## Weekly Observances

February 4-10...	Women's Heart Week - Children's Authors and Illustrators Week - National Leadership Week
February 11-17...	Love Makes the World Go Round, But Laughter Keeps Us from Getting Dizzy Week - Boy Scout Anniversary Week -
February 18-24...	Random Acts of Kindness Week - International Friendship Week

## Monthly Observances

African-American History Month  
American Heart Month  
Chocolate Lover's Month  
Humpback Whale Awareness Month  
Library Lover's Month  
National Children's Dental Health Month  
National Grapefruit Month  
National Pet Dental Health Month  
National Potato Month  
Wild Bird Feeding Month