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July 1...	Canada Day (U.S.)
July 4...	Independence Day (U.S.)
July 14...	Bastille Day (France)
July 22...	Parents Day
July 29...	Full moon

SENSE-SATIONAL FACTS

Water makes up more of the brain than any other body organ. Drinking water before class can help “grease the wheel.”

Dolphins have the best sense of hearing among animals. They are able to hear 14 times better than humans.

Snakes “smell” through a gland in their mouths.

The reason cats’ and dogs’ eyes glow at night is because of silver “mirrors” in the backs of their eyes called the tapetum. This makes it easier for them to see at night.

There are about 100 touch receptors in each of your fingertips.

The social behavior of most animals is controlled by smells and other chemical signals. Dogs and mice rely on odors to locate food, recognize trails and territory, identify relatives, find a receptive mate. Social insects such as ants and bees send and receive complex chemical signals that tell them precisely where to go and how to behave at all times of day..

In general, girls have more taste buds than boys!

Insects have the most highly developed sense of taste. They have taste organs on their feet, antennae and mouth parts.

Lizards have crude third eyes on top of their heads that sense whether it’s day or night.

An ostrich has eyes that are two inches across. Each eye weighs more than its brain!

Dogs have 1 million smell cells per nostril and their smell cells are 100 times larger than humans!

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Fixed Dates

July 3...	Stay-Out-of-the-Sun Day
July 6...	Beatrix Potter's Birthday
July 7...	Father/Daughter Take-a-Walk-Together Day
July 7...	Chocolate Day
July 10...	Don't-Step-on-a-Bee Day
July 11...	World Population Day
July 11...	International Town Criers Day
July 13...	Embrace Your Geekness Day
July 15...	Cow Appreciation Day
July 16...	National Ice Cream Day
July 20...	Moon Day (anniversary of the first moon landing)
July 28...	Singing Telegram Day

Other

Interesting Dates

July 1...	First U.S. zoo opened in 1874.
July 8...	On this day in 1776 was the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence.
July 9...	Blueberries ripen around this time.
July 17...	Disneyland opened in 1955.
July 20...	The first Special Olympics were held in 1968.
July 29...	NASA was established in 1958.

Weekly

Observances

July 1-7...	Special Recreation Week - Be Nice to New Jersey Week
July 8-14...	Take Charge of Change Week
July 15-21...	Rabbit Week

Monthly

Observances

Fireworks Safety Month
National Baked Bean Month
National Blueberry Month
National Hot Dog Month
National Ice Cream Month
National Parks & Recreation Month
National Picnic Month
Roots & Branches Month
Tour de France Month