

# MSMR

## People & Animals United for Health®

### MARCH 2007

- March 3...** Full Moon  
**March 4-5...** Purim  
**March 11...** Daylight Saving Time Begins

Congress passed an energy bill in August 2005 that extends Daylight Savings Time by a month. Beginning in 2007, Daylight Savings Time will start the second Sunday in March and end the first Sunday in November.

- March 17...** St. Patrick's Day  
**March 19...** New Year (Hindu)  
**March 21...** First Day of Spring

## Other Interesting Dates

- March 1...** The Peace Corps was established in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy.
- March 2...** Dr. Seuss was born in Springfield MA (1904).
- March 3...** The Star-Spangled Banner became the official national anthem of the United States in 1931.
- March 5...** The Boston Massacre occurred on this day in 1770.
- March 8...** In 1775, Joseph Priestley, having discovered oxygen, experimented with mice in to prove it is necessary to support life.
- March 11...** In 1918, the first cases of "Spanish Influenza" in the U.S. were reported. It was the worst epidemic in American history, killing over 600,000, until it disappeared as mysteriously as it had begun. Worldwide, up to 40 million people died.
- March 12...** Anniversary of the death of Anne Frank (1945).
- March 12...** The first group of Girl Scouts was organized in 1912 in Savannah, GA.
- March 13...** The planet Uranus was discovered in 1781.
- March 14...** The Japanese celebrate **White Day**, a holiday similar to our Valentine's Day.
- March 19...** Swallows return to San Juan Capistrano in California.
- March 26...** Dr. Jonas Salk announced development of a vaccine against the virus that causes polio in 1953.

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

- March 1...** National Pig Day  
**March 2...** World Book Day  
**March 3...** World Day of Prayer  
**March 3...** Read Across America Day  
**March 4...** National Sportsmanship Day  
**March 7...** Peace Corps Day  
**March 8...** International Women's Day  
**March 12...** Girl Scout Day  
**March 13...** Good Samaritan Day  
**March 14...** Birthday of Albert Einstein (1879)  
**March 14...** National Potato Chips Day  
**March 20...** Absolutely Incredible Kid Day  
**March 20...** National Ravioli Day  
**March 21...** Children's Poetry Day  
**March 22...** Caldecott Medal Day  
**March 22...** United Nations World Water Day  
**March 28...** Education and Sharing Day  
**March 30...** Doctors' Day  
**March 30...** National Hot Dog Day

## Weekly Observances

- March 4-10...** Universal Human Beings Week - Celebrate Your Name Week - Professional Pet Sitters Week - National School Breakfast Week - Procrastination Week
- March 11-17...** Girl Scout Week
- March 18-24...** Brain Awareness Week - Animal Poison Prevention Week - National Poison Prevention Week

## Monthly Observances

- American Red Cross Month  
International Ideas Month  
Irish Heritage Month  
Music in Our Schools Month  
National Craft Month  
National Middle School Month  
National Nutrition Month  
National Peanut Month  
Optimism Month  
Poison Prevention Awareness Month  
Women's History Month  
Youth Art Month