



Big Apple Academy  
National Blue Ribbon School  
Academic Calendar 2023-2024



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OFFICE OF INNOVATION AND IMPROVEMENT  
Office of Non-Public Education

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Dear Mr. Vlad Gorny,

Congratulations to you and the Big Apple Academy community on being recognized as a U.S. Department of Education 2016 Blue Ribbon School. As the liaison office for the U.S. Department of Education to the nonpublic school community, including private schools, faith-based schools, and home schools, the Office of Non-Public Education (ONPE) is delighted that your school has received this recognition for your outstanding and hard-earned achievement.

The Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes elementary and secondary schools that make significant progress toward closing the achievement gap or whose students achieve at high levels. By performing in the top fifteen percent in the nation in reading and mathematics, Big Apple Academy has clearly evidenced a commitment to educational excellence and high academic achievement for all students. We commend the faculty, staff, students and parents of the Big Apple Academy community for their efforts in creating an environment of success.

We wish Big Apple Academy success in continuing its tradition of academic distinction in the years ahead. Please do not hesitate to contact us at (202) 401-1365 or by email at [ONPE@ed.gov](mailto:ONPE@ed.gov) if we can be of assistance to you in the future.

Sincerely,

Maureen Dowling, Ed.D.  
Director



Dear Students,

If you are holding this calendar in your hands, it means that you are a valuable member of the Big Apple Academy community. I want to welcome you back to the Big Apple for another enlightening journey into the world of knowledge. As the school principal, I do not promise you an easy year. However, I pledge that you will embark on an exciting journey to the world of knowledge! This incredible journey will strengthen your confidence, fortify your knowledge, and enhance your personal growth.

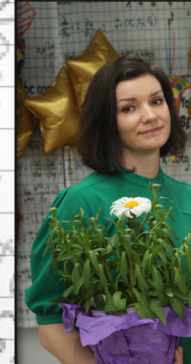
As we enter a new school year, I wish you, our dear students, new academic accomplishments and exciting discoveries in the vast world of knowledge. Think fast, work hard, dare to try, draw inspiration, and inspire others!

Truly Yours,  
Vlad Gorny  
Principal




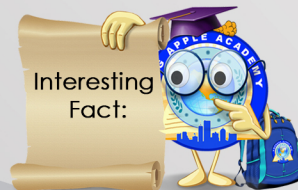


# Math Department



# SEPTEMBER 2023

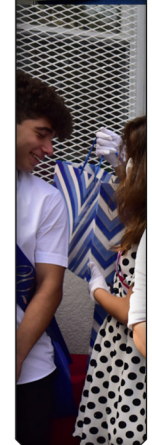
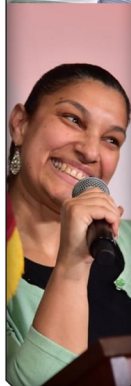
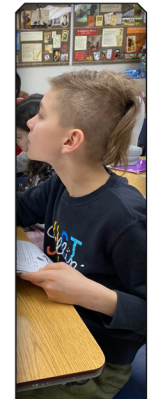
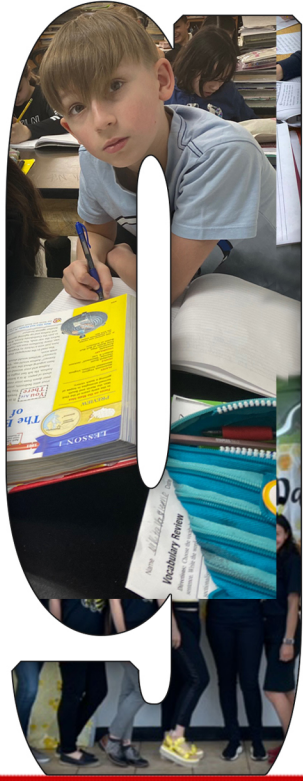
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4 <b>LABOR DAY</b>	5 First Day of Term I Student Orientation/ All Grade Levels 	6 SHSAT Prep Begins/ Grade 8	7 School Safety Procedures / All Grade Levels	8 Summer Reading Test / Grades 3–8
11 Tech Orientation Grades 7 and 8 9/11 Commemoration/ K-8	12	13 ELA Diagnostic Test/ Grades 3-8	14 ELA Diagnostic Test/ Grades 3-8	15 Tech Orientation Grades 4
18 Tech Orientation Grades 5	19 Math Diagnostic Test / Grades 3-8	20 Math Diagnostic Test / Grades 3-8	21 ELA Diagnostic Test/ Grades 1 and 2	22 Living Environment Lab Orientation/ Grade 8
25 School Closed <b>Yom Kippur</b>	26 First Day of Labs / Grades 5 and 8	27	28	29



The name "September" comes from an old Roman word, "septem," which actually means 7. That's right! September was the seventh month of the year on the Roman calendar – It did not become the ninth month until the advent of the Gregorian calendar.

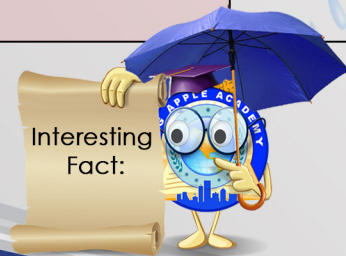


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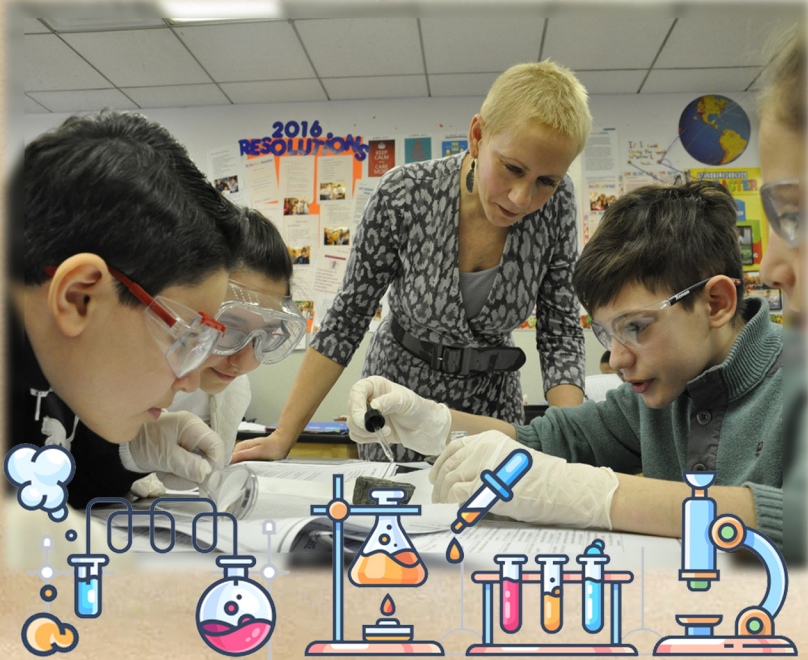
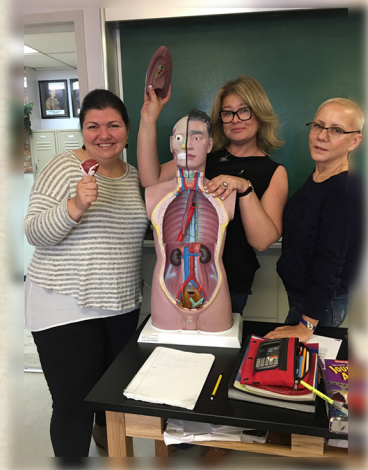
# OCTOBER 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11 PSAT/ Grade 8	12	13 BIG- K Day / Kindergarten Party
16 End of the Assessment Cycle (I)	17	18	19	20 End of the Term
23 Big Apple Art Gallery / Grade 2	24 Big Apple Art Gallery / Grade 2	25 Bullying Prevention Workshop /Grade 2	26 Bullying Prevention Workshop /Grade 2	27
30 Bullying Prevention Workshop / Grade 3	31 Show & Tell Grades K-2 NO HW DAY			



October is the tenth month of the year and of the Roman calendar. In Greek, October is named "Tetren," meaning "the turn of the seasons."

# Department of Science



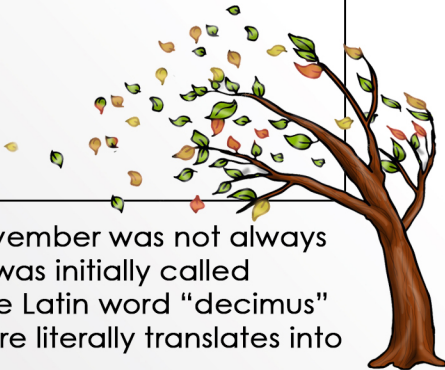


# and Social Studies





# NOVEMBER 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
		1	2 Bullying Prevention/Grade 3 Foundation of Research With Mrs. Kuzminer/Grades 7 and 8	3 Bullying Prevention/Grade 3 Foundation of Research With Mrs. Kuzminer/Grades 7 and 8
6 Bullying Prevention/Grade 3 Foundation of Research With Mrs. Kuzminer/Grades 7 and 8	7 School Closed Election Day	8 Parent Teacher Conference Grade K	9 Parent Teacher Conference Grades 1 and 2	10
13 Parent Teacher Conference Grades 3 and 4	14 Parent Teacher Conference Grades 6 and 7	15 Parent Teacher Conference Grades 5 and 8 WMC Contest/ Grades 3-8	16	17
20	21	22 Thanksgiving Feast / Grades K-2	23 School Closed 	24 School Closed 
27 Mind Your Manners Etiquette Workshop (Theory) / Grades 6 and 7	28 Mind Your Manners Etiquette Workshop (Theory) / Grades 6 and 7	29 Mind Your Manners Etiquette Workshop (Theory) / Grades 6 and 7	30 Mind Your Manners Etiquette Workshop (Theory) / Grades 6 and 7	

Interesting Fact:








Many people are unaware that the month of November was not always known as "November." The month of November was initially called "Decembre".The word Decembre comes from the Latin word "decimus" which means tenth. Therefore, the word Decembre literally translates into "the tenth of December."



“The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future life.”



# DECEMBER 2023

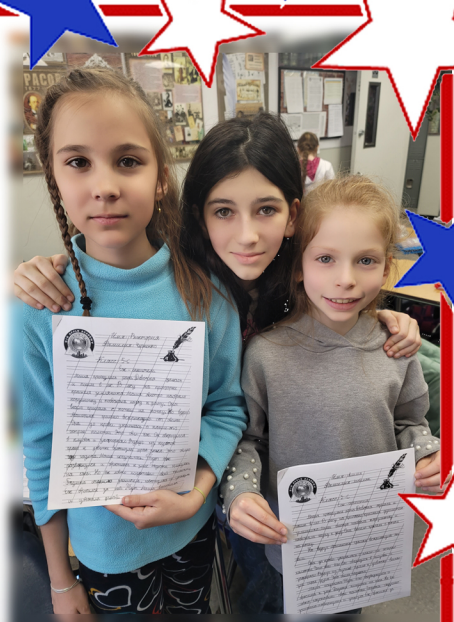
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4 Mind Your Manners Etiquette Workshop (Theory) / Grades 5	5 Mind Your Manners Etiquette Workshop (Theory) / Grades 5	6 Mind Your Manners Etiquette Workshop (Theory) / Grades 5	7 Mind Your Manners Etiquette Workshop (Theory) / Grades 5	8
11 Math Week / All Grade Levels	12 Math Week / All Grade Levels	13 Math Week / All Grade Levels	14 Math Week / All Grade Levels End of the Assessment Cycle (II)	15 Math Week / All Grade Levels
18	19 Stage a Song Contest / Grades 3-5	20	21 Talent Show / Grades 6-8	22 END OF THE TERM
25 School Closed 	26 School Closed 	27 School Closed 	28 School Closed 	29 School Closed 

Interesting Fact:



December is the 12th month (and last month) in our modern-day Gregorian calendar (as it was in the preceding Julian calendar). However, it was originally the 10th month of the Roman calendar (until 153 BC). Hence, "December" comes from the Latin decem, meaning "ten."






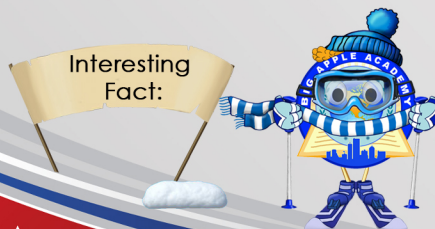
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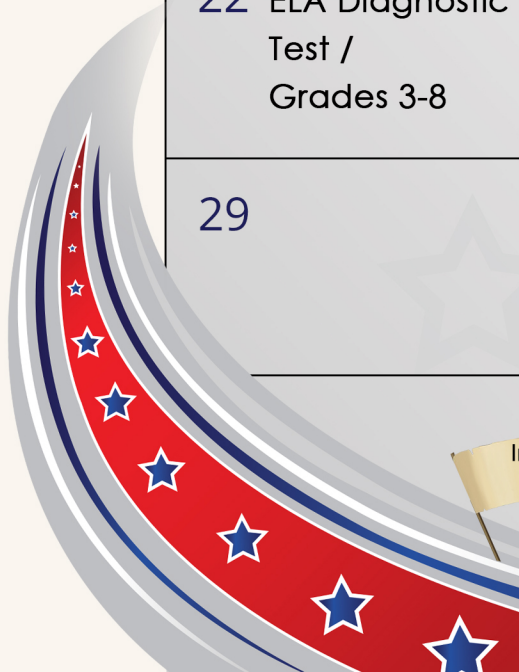
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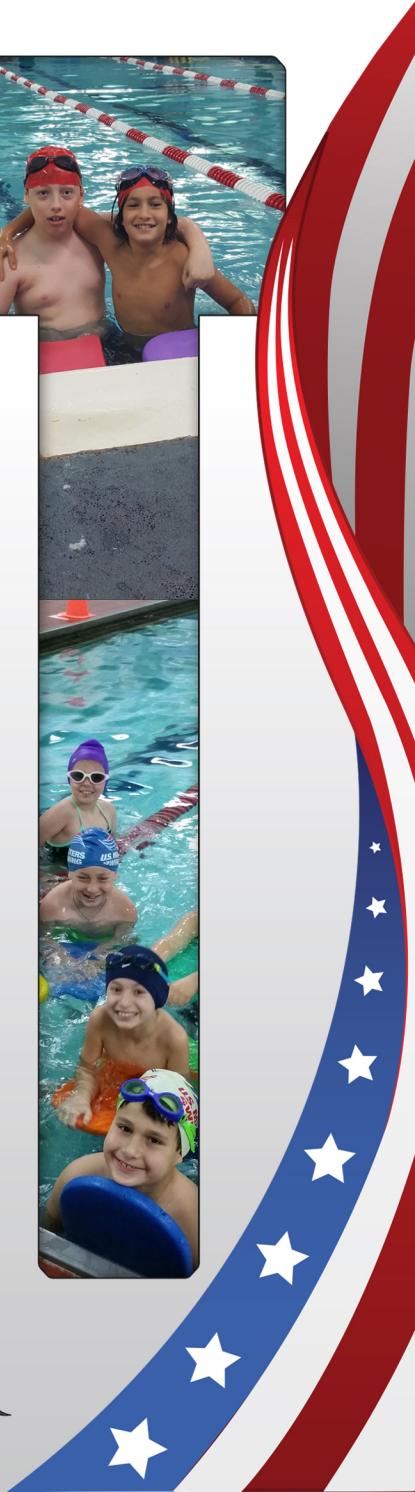
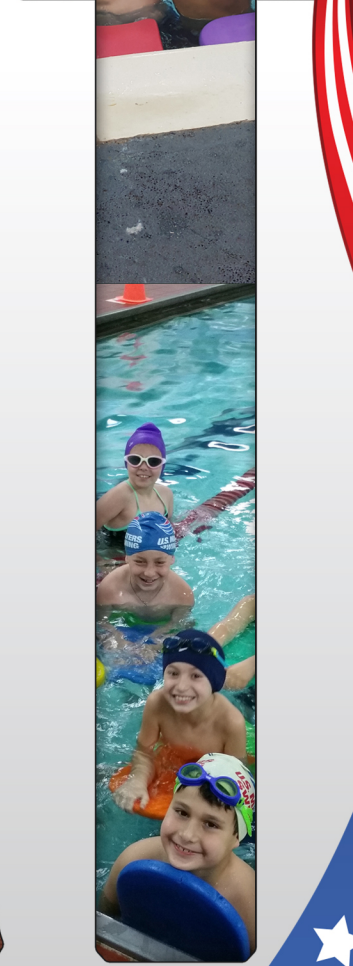
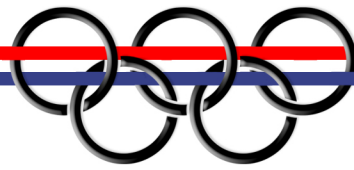


MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
1 School Closed 	2 ELA Prep Begins/ Grades 3 - 8	3	4	5 First Day of Labs Grades 5,6,7,8
8 K-Reading Test	9 K-Reading Test	10 K-Reading Test	11 K-Reading Test Big Apple Art Studio/ Grade 3 and 4	12 Big Apple Art Studio/ Grade 3 and 4
15	16 Big Apple Art Studio/ Grade 3 and 4	17 Big Apple Art Studio/ Grade 3 and 4	18 AMC Contest/ Grade 8	19
22 ELA Diagnostic Test / Grades 3-8	23 ELA Diagnostic Test / Grades 3-8	24 Algebra I Regents Examination/ Grade 8	25	26
29	30	31 WMC Contest/ Grades 3-8		



January is the year's first month in both the Gregorian and Julian calendars. January is named after Janus, the Roman god of gates and doorways.



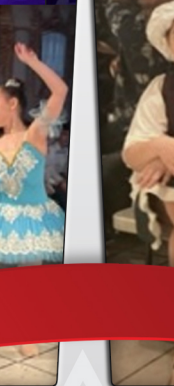
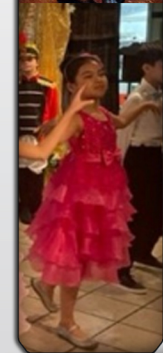
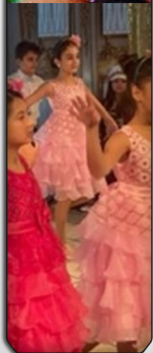
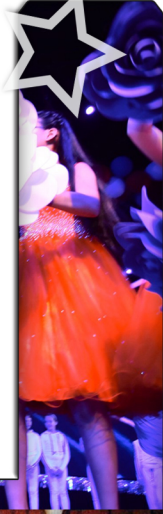
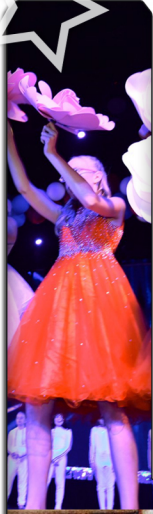


# FEBRUARY 2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
			1 The Dangers of Substance Abuse Workshop with Mrs. Kuzminer/ Grades 6 and 7	2 The Dangers of Substance Abuse Workshop with Mrs. Kuzminer/ Grades 6 and 7
5 Living Environment Diagnostic Test/ Grade 8	6 The Dangers of Substance Abuse Workshop with Mrs. Kuzminer/ Grades 6 and 7	7 The Dangers of Substance Abuse Workshop with Mrs. Kuzminer/ Grades 6 and 7	8 The Dangers of Substance Abuse Workshop with Mrs. Kuzminer/ Grades 6 and 7	9 The Dangers of Substance Abuse Workshop with Mrs. Kuzminer/ Grades 6 and 7
12 US History Diagnostic Test / Grade 8	13	14 Red Color Party/ Grades K-2	15 Math League Contest / Grades 6-8	16
19 School Closed <b>Mid-winter Break</b>	20 School Closed <b>Mid-winter Break</b>	21 School Closed <b>Mid-winter Break</b>	22 School Closed <b>Mid-winter Break</b>	23 School Closed <b>Mid-winter Break</b>
26	27	28	29	



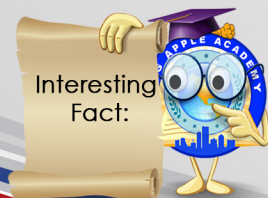
February fluctuates between having 28 and 29 days per year. The 29th day only occurs every four years during leap years. The length of February was finalized when Julius Caesar remade the Roman calendar and assigned the month 28 days and 29 days. In 713 B.C., February was officially added to the Roman calendar.



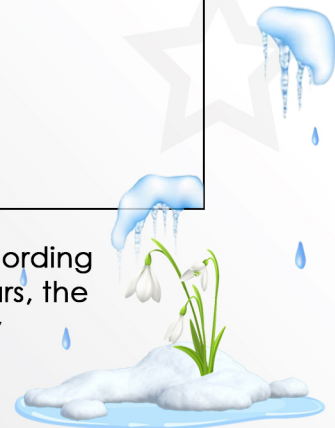


# MARCH 2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
				1 Declamation Contest / Grade 2
4 Dining Etiquette Practice/ Grades 6 and 7 Research Practicum/ Grades 7-8	5 Dining Etiquette Practice/ Grades 6 and 7 Research Practicum/ Grades 7-8	6 Dining Etiquette Practice/ Grades 6 and 7 Research Practicum/ Grades 7-8	7 Dining Etiquette Practice/ Grades 6 and 7 Research Practicum/ Grades 7-8	8 Research Practicum/ Grades 7-8
11 Dining Etiquette Practice/ Grades 6 and 7 Research Practicum/ Grades 7-8	12 Dining Etiquette Practice/ Grades 6 and 7 Research Practicum/ Grades 7-8	13 Research Practicum/ Grades 7-8	14 Research Practicum/ Grades 7-8	15 Research Practicum/ Grades 7-8
18 Research Practicum/ Grades 7-8	19 Research Practicum/ Grades 7-8	20 Research Practicum/ Grades 7-8	21 Research Practicum/ Grades 7-8	22 Research Practicum/ Grades 7-8 Big International Celebration / Grade 1
25	26	27 Art Exhibition / Grades K-2	28 Art Exhibition / Grades K-2	29



March is the year's third month of the modern calendar. According to the Farmers' Almanac, March (Martius) was named for Mars, the god of war, because this was the month when active military campaigns resumed.

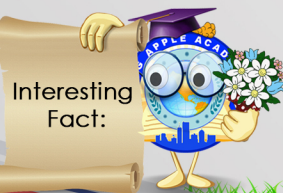




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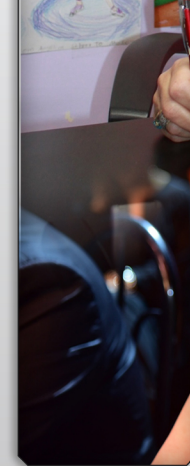
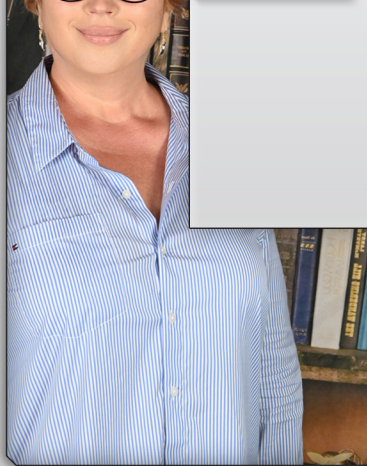
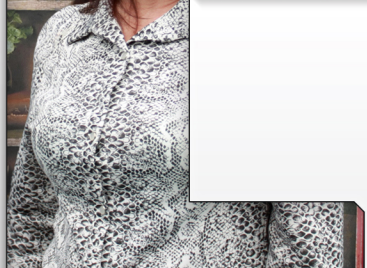
# APRIL 2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
1 April's Fool's Day Grades K-2 Dining Etiquette (Practice) Grades 5	2 Dining Etiquette (Practice) Grades 5	3 Dining Etiquette (Practice) Grades 5	4 Dining Etiquette (Practice) Grades 5 Parent-Teacher Conference Kindergarten	5
8 Parent-Teacher Conference Grades 1 and 2	9 Parent-Teacher Conference Grades 3 and 4	10 Parent Teacher Conference Grades 5 and 8 ELA State Test Grades 5 and 8 CBT Grades 3, 4, 6, 7 PBT exam	11 Parent Teacher Conference Grades 6 and 7 ELA State Test Grades 5 and 8 CBT Grades 3, 4, 6, 7 PBT exam	12 End of the Assessment Cycle (III)
15 Math League Contest / Grades 4,5 and 8	16	17 WMC Contest/ Grades 3-8	18	19 End of the Term
22 School Closed Spring Break	23 School Closed Spring Break	24 School Closed Spring Break	25 School Closed Spring Break	26 School Closed Spring Break
29 School Closed Spring Break	30 School Closed Spring Break			



The month of April gets its name from the Latin word aperio, meaning "to open [bud]," because plants really begin to grow now.

# Our Administrative



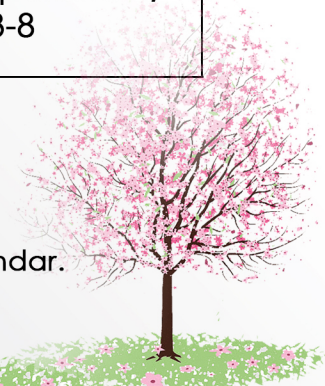
# MAY 2024



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
		1 National English Language Arts League/Grades 3-8	2	3
6	7 State Test Mathematics Grades 5 and 8 CBT Grades 3, 4, 6, 7 PBT	8 State Test Mathematics Grades 5 and 8 CBT Grades 3, 4, 6, 7 PBT	9 Science State Test Performance/ Grade 5 and 8	10 Science State Test Performance/ Grade 5 and 8
13 Science State Test Performance/ Grade 5 and 8	14 Science State Test Performance/ Grade 5 and 8	15 Science State Test Performance Makeup/ Grade 5 and 8	16 ELA State Test Makeup / Grades 5 and 8 CBT	17 ELA State Test Makeup / Grades 5 and 8 CBT
20	21	22	23	24
27 School Closed <b>Memorial Day</b>	28	29	30 Award Ceremony Department of Science and Social Studies/ Grades 2-8	31 Award Ceremony Math Department/ Grades 3-8



While the current calendar (Gregorian calendar) has May as the fifth month of the year, that wasn't always the case. In the Roman calendar (Julian calendar), May was the third month of the year. January and February did not exist in that calendar.



# GRADUATIONS



# JUNE 2024



MON TUE WED THU FRI

3	4	5 End of the Assessment Cycle	6	7 English Department Award Ceremony/ Grades 3-8
10	11 Breakfast with Principal / Grades K, 3 and 5	12 Breakfast with Principal / Grades 1,2,6,7,8 Reading Fluency Test /Kindergarten	13 Reading Fluency Test /Kindergarten Last Bell Ceremony / Grade 8	14 Regents Day ELA Regents Examination/ Grade 8 Living Environment Regents Examination / Grade 8
17	18 US History and Government Regents	19 Graduation Day/ Grades 5 and 8	20 Tech Review/ Grades 4-8	21 Geometry Regents Examination / Grade 8 Last Day of School

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Interesting Fact:

June is the month with the most extended daylight hours of the year in the Northern Hemisphere, and conversely, June has the shortest daylight hours of the year in the Southern Hemisphere.





**BIG FAMILY**

