

Stop and smell the flowers!

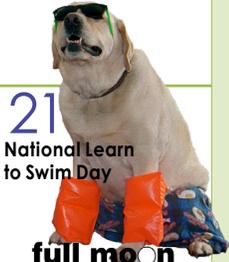
# May/mayo

When April steps aside for May,  
 Like diamonds  
 all the rain-drops glisten;  
 Fresh violets open every day:  
 To some new bird  
 each hour we listen.



~ Lucy Larcom

Lucy Larcom (1824-1893) was only eleven years old when her father died and she began working (like many other children) in a textile mill. With very little formal education, Lucy is remembered today as a poet, author, teacher, abolitionist, and an early champion of a woman's right to be economically independent through education.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <b>Save the Rhino Day.</b> After over a million years on earth, it's being hunted to near extinction.	2	3 <b>National Teacher's Day</b> since 1953. Thank you, Eleanor Roosevelt.	4 <b>FEEL THE FOURTH</b> 	5 <b>Cinco de Mayo</b>	6  <b>new moon</b>	7 <b>Kentucky Derby, the Run for the Roses</b>
8 <b>Mothers' Day</b>	9	10	11	12	13 <b>Friday 13th</b> Only 1-3 per year.	14  <b>1st Q moon</b>  
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 <b>National Learn to Swim Day</b>  <b>full moon</b>
22	23	24	25	26 <b>Sally Ride Day</b> It's the birthday of the first American woman to go into space.	27	28
29  <b>last Q moon</b>	30 <b>Memorial Day</b> 	31	<p><b>Native American tribes used the phases of the moon to keep track of the seasons. They gave each month's Full Moon a unique name that identified the entire month. They called the Full Moon in May the Flower Moon because of the spring flowers. This year the Flower Moon is on May 21.</b></p>			

On May 9, the planet Mercury will pass directly between our Earth and the Sun. For several hours, it will be silhouetted against the Sun, a tiny black dot moving slowly from east to west. The passage of one planet in front of the sun is called a "transit." Transits are rare occurrences. There are only 13-14 transits of Mercury every 100 years. To protect your eyes, do not try to see the transit by looking at the sun. Scientists view it through telescopes with special filters. They get very excited about transits. There will be plenty of pictures.

