

JUNE LEARNING CALENDAR 2013



Mathematics



Science



Reading



Writing



Social Studies



Recreation



Music



Computer



Day Trips



Art



Listening/Speaking

P-Prekindergarten Activity E-Elementary Activity S-Secondary Activity

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>“All children need to be engaged and actively learning during the summer months in order to be on track when they return to school in the fall.”</p> <p><i>Partnership for Children and Youth (Partnerforchildren.org).</i></p>						<p>1 Challenge your family to a game of volleyball, soccer, or kickball. Create an obstacle course in your yard. Get your family moving! P, E, S </p>
<p>2 In 1953, at the age of 27, Elizabeth II became Queen of England. What laws would you create if you ruled a country? P, E, S </p>	<p>3 The school year is coming to an end. How many days remain? How many hours? How many minutes? Count them! E, S </p>	<p>4 Do you know what a vexillologist studies? (Hint: The U.S. one has stars and stripes.) P, E, S </p>	<p>5 Celebrate World Environment Day. Clean up a park near your home or school, or create a poster to encourage recycling. P, E, S </p>	<p>6 Sally Ride became the first American woman in space in 1983. Which nation sent the next female cosmonaut into space in 1963? E, S </p>	<p>7 Every Friday home game is Student Night at Camden Yards. Students with a valid ID may purchase tickets for \$6. <i>Go Os!</i> P, E, S </p>	<p>8 As a family, develop a plan for a summer business such as a lemonade stand. Work on a budget to include supplies and profits! E, S </p>
<p>9 Attend free summer concerts at various county locations. Call 410-887-3871 or visit Baltimore County Web site. P, E, S </p>	<p>10 Author Maurice Sendak, who wrote <i>Where the Wild Things Are</i>, was born in 1928. How old is he now? E, S </p>	<p>11 Take your child to the supermarket produce section and name fruits and vegetables. Buy some to take home. Try a new one! P, E </p>	<p>12 In 2004, the 41st President George H.W. Bush celebrated his 80th birthday by skydiving. Plan an exciting activity for your next birthday. P, E, S </p>	<p>13 Is it really possible to fry an egg on the sidewalk on a hot day? How hot would the sidewalk have to get to cook an egg? P, E, S </p>	<p>14 Put together an end-of-school-year memory book. Include memories of class milestones, trips, and lessons learned. P, E, S </p>	<p>15 Visit the Baltimore Museum of Industry to learn about Maryland economics and history. P, E, S </p>
<p>16 The first Father’s Day was celebrated in 1910. Ask a dad to share childhood stories. P, E, S </p>	<p>17 Have your child register for the BCPL Summer Reading Program either online or at the local library. </p>	<p>18 Read the newspaper with your child, whether for 15 minutes over breakfast or on weekends. Discuss what you read. E, S </p>	<p>19 Juneteenth celebrates the day when all U.S. slaves were freed. Learn more at www.greatblacksinwax.org. P, E, S </p>	<p>20 Visit the National Aquarium in Baltimore for Grade A Student Night. (free) P, E, S </p>	<p>21 It’s National Summer Learning Day. Visit the BCPS Web site for summer learning resources. P, E, S </p>	<p>22 Assist your child with establishing a savings account for college. Share why it is important to attend college. P, E, S </p>
<p>23 How far is a marathon? How far can you run? E, S </p> <p>30 Scan the night skies in search of meteors. P, E, S </p>	<p>24 Have your child write a daily journal using pictures from catalogs or circular ads received in the mail. P, E, S </p>	<p>25 A U.S. Navy officer famously shouted “Don’t give up the ship!” on the <i>USS Chesapeake</i> in 1813. In what war was he fighting? E, S </p>	<p>26 Visit Fort McHenry and help a Ranger raise/lower a reproduction of the Star-Spangled Banner Flag (9:30 a.m. and 4:20 p.m.). P, E, S </p>	<p>27 In 1965 Maj. Edward White became the first U.S. astronaut to walk in space. Who was the first astronaut to walk on the moon? E, S </p>	<p>28 Paul Bunyan Day celebrates a mythical giant lumberjack from American folklore. Try writing your own folktale. E, S </p>	<p>29 Learn one new word a day. What is the definition of calumny? P, E, S </p> <p><small>A: A maliciously false statement.</small></p>

JULY LEARNING CALENDAR 2013



P-Prekindergarten Activity E-Elementary Activity S-Secondary Activity

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<p>1 Create a potluck menu: Each family member prepares a favorite dish. Research the nutritional value of each item. P, E, S </p>	<p>2 Visit the <u>Reginald F. Lewis Museum</u> to learn about the contributions of African American Marylanders. P, E, S </p>	<p>3 Plan a family picnic for the 4th of July. Investigate which foods are safe to serve on a hot summer day. P, E, S </p>	<p>4 Discuss the significance of July 4. Read with your child stories about the American Revolution. P, E, S </p>	<p>5 Fireworks are great fun to watch. Investigate the <u>chemistry of fireworks</u>. Where does firework color come from? </p>	<p>6 Baseball great Joe DiMaggio hit his first grand slam homerun in 1937. Write a story about your favorite sports legend. P, E, S </p>
<p>7 Visit Antietam National Battle Field. Complete the Junior Ranger Booklet and present it to a park ranger. P, E, S </p>	<p>8 Update your summer journal. Include sections for photos, activities, and new things learned. P, E, S </p>	<p>9 Freeze your child's favorite juice in ice cube trays. Add cubes to drinks or enjoy as a frozen treat. P, E, S </p>	<p>10 Whip up a batch of sugar cookies for National Sugar Cookie Day. Decorate them and share them with your friends! P, E </p>	<p>11 Starting a coin collection is a great way to learn about coins. Where in the United States are the U.S. Mints located? P, E, S </p>	<p>12 Give your child an allowance. Determine a budget which covers all necessary items and expected expenses. P, E, S </p>	<p>13 Visit a Baltimore County beach this summer at Oregon Ridge, Rocky Point, or Miami Beach Parks. P, E, S </p>
<p>14 Create your own family crossword puzzle with clues like "Which aunt plays the piano?" P, E, S </p>	<p>15 What language would you like to learn? Name some languages that are spoken in Baltimore County? E, S </p>	<p>16 Artist Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn was known for his self-portraits. Draw a portrait of yourself. P, E, S </p>	<p>17 It's National Blueberry Month. Find a recipe for your favorite blueberry dessert. Measure and mix the ingredients. P, E, S </p>	<p>18 How is summer reading progressing in your home? Make sure books are available at home or visit your local library. P, E, S </p>	<p>19 Write a summertime song with your child to celebrate the season. P, E, S </p>	<p>20 Have your child calculate the gas mileage, tolls, and cost for gas when you take a trip. E, S </p>
<p>21 What U.S. astronaut took "one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind" in 1969? E, S </p>	<p>22 Try to cool off by researching the coldest temperature recorded in Maryland. P, E, S </p>	<p>23 Do an ice cream survey with family and friends. What is the most popular flavor? Make a graph of the results. P, E, S </p>	<p>24 Learn a new trick today: try magic, jumping rope, or juggling. Look for books or videos about your new trick. P, E, S </p>	<p>25 The northernmost and westernmost points of the U.S. are in the same state. Can you locate these points on a map? P, E, S </p>	<p>26 Take a walk and incorporate patterns; skip one block; then hop a few times; run two blocks, etc. P, E </p>	<p>27 Visit the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. to learn about Native Americans. P, E, S </p>
<p>28 Check online movie reviews before seeing a summer film. After the movie, write your own review. E, S </p>	<p>29 When traveling, ask family members to add the digits on license plates. Who can add them the fastest? E, S </p>	<p>30 Encourage high school students to practice the HSA exam online at HSAexam.org. S </p>	<p>31 Author J.K. Rowling shares her birthday with her most well-known character. Who is he? E, S </p>	<p><i>"All young people experience learning losses when they do not engage in educational activities during the summer."</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>National Summer Learning Association</i></p>		

AUGUST LEARNING CALENDAR 2013



P-Prekindergarten Activity E-Elementary Activity S-Secondary Activity

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Before school starts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Register early if your child is entering a new school. Make sure health records and vaccinations are current. Gather school supplies. Attend any <i>welcome back</i> school functions. 				<p>1 August is Science, Medicine, and Technology Month—investigate career options and the education level required for these fields. E, S</p>	<p>2 The first U.S. Census was completed in 1790; there were 4 million people in the U.S. How many people live in the U.S. now? P, E, S</p>	<p>3 Regular “green time” is great for kids’ minds and bodies. Get fun outdoor ideas on the National Wildlife Federation Web site. P, E, S</p>
<p>4 This Sunday is known as Friendship Day. Create a card, a poem, or even a song to let your friends know they are appreciated. P, E, S</p>	<p>5 Check the newspaper for sales on school supplies. Allow your children to work from a budget and pick some of the items. P, E, S</p>	<p>6 In 1945 the U.S. dropped an atom bomb on Hiroshima, Japan. Talk to an older relative about memories of World War II. E, S</p>	<p>7 Challenge your children with vocabulary and math problems. Check www.abcteach.com for resources. P, E, S</p>	<p>8 Make words with names; see how many words you can create using only the letters of your name. P, E, S</p>	<p>9 Show your children how to use math every day. Count street signs, measure the stride of your steps, or calculate the distance to school. P, E, S</p>	<p>10 Play ball! The Baltimore Orioles debuted in 1954. Cal Ripken Jr. is one notable player. Can you name others? P, E, S</p>
<p>11 Visit the Sports Legends Museum at Camden Yards to learn about Baltimore’s Orioles, Ravens, Colts, and more. P, E, S</p>	<p>12 Jacob Fussell of Baltimore was the first to manufacture ice cream on a large scale. Research how your favorite flavor is made. P, E, S</p>	<p>13 Today is International Left-Handers’ Day. Use your opposite hand all day and see what tasks are most difficult. P, E, S</p>	<p>14 Exercise helps your mind and body. Make sure your family is active for at least part of the day, and be sure to drink plenty of water! P, E, S</p>	<p>15 In 1947 Pakistan gained its independence from the United Kingdom. Find Pakistan on a map. P, E, S</p>	<p>16 Introduce your children to engineering concepts. Identify a problem and encourage them to design and implement a solution. P, E, S</p>	<p>17 Take a Heritage Walk guided tour through a historic Baltimore neighborhood. Tours begin at the Inner Harbor Visitor Center. P, E, S</p>
<p>18 What is the temperature in Baltimore today? Check Internet weather sites to see temperatures around the world.</p>	<p>19 It’s Potato Day! How many ways can you serve potatoes at a meal? Don’t forget sweet potatoes. P, E, S</p>	<p>20 Help younger children recognize patterns. Look at clothing, plants, and street signs for repeated designs. P, E</p>	<p>21 Create a well-lit, comfortable, and TV-free schoolwork spot for your children. E, S</p>	<p>22 Help your child consider possible consequences before making a decision. Play-act scenarios for examples. P, E, S</p>	<p>23 After visiting a park, playground, or beach, always leave it better than you found it. Be a good example to others. P, E, S</p>	<p>24 Visit the Maryland Renaissance Festival for Children’s Weekend. Kids 11 and under admitted free. P, E, S</p>
<p>25 Make sure to get a good night’s sleep! Set out school clothes and supplies. P, E, S</p>	<p>26 First day back to school for students. Talk with your child about the importance of education and daily attendance. P, E, S</p>	<p>27 Women were granted the right to vote in 1920. Why is the right to vote important? E, S</p>	<p>28 Research La Tomatina, the world’s largest food fight. What food is used in the fight every year since 1944? E, S</p>	<p>29 Teach water conservation and responsibility in your home. Collect rain and use it to water indoor plants. P, E, S</p>	<p>30 Plan to attend back-to-school events at your child’s school. Talk to teachers about how to support learning at home. P, E, S</p>	<p>31 Talk to your children about stranger safety; remind them never to offer information about the family over the phone or online. P, E, S</p>