



May National Events

1-7, **Teacher Appreciation Week.** By National PTA.

8, **Mother's Day.** A day to honor moms.

11, **National School Nurse Day.** To better understand their services, visit www.nasn.org.

23-30, **National Backyard Games Week.** To foster social interaction with neighbors and family togetherness. Web: www.patchproducts.com.

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What's New with BKW... (www.buzzingkidsworld.com/)

New **Anime** for Older Teens Articles:

- Cowboy Bebop
- Fullmetal Alchemist: Brotherhood
- Summer Wars

New Category: **Scary Freaky Stuff**

- Do Ghost Exist?
 - Ghost Hunting Gadgets

In the **Buzz Blog**:

- Best 3DS Games for Kids
- Readers' Choice Awards
- Reviews:
 - HOP
 - On Stranger Tides (Pirates of the Caribbean)

In The Works:

- FLCL
- How To Create your Own SuperHero
- Young Justice

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History matters!



Teacher and School Nurse Appreciation Days

Thousands of communities will take time out to honor their local educators and acknowledge the contributions they make to our lives.

"Great Teachers Make Great Public Schools" draws attention to the crucial role teachers play in making sure every child receives a quality public education and conveys the hard work they do each day to make public schools great for every child.

If you'd like to show your appreciation with a gift, teachers favor gift certificates for book stores or restaurants, picture frames, albums filled with classroom photos, note cards, stationery, paper cubes, sticky notes, art supplies, special pens, and tote bags. Some say it's the thought involved and fondly remembered gifts such as, a peacock feather, two walnuts, M&Ms, and cookies.



A teacher is a compass that activates the magnets of curiosity, knowledge, and wisdom in the pupils. ~ Ever Garrison

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According to the National Association of School Nurses: The practice of school nursing began in the United States on October 1, 1902 when the initial role of the school nurse was to reduce absenteeism by intervening with students and families regarding health care needs related to communicable diseases.

While the nurse's role has expanded greatly from its original focus, the essence of the practice remains the same. The school nurse supports student success by providing health care assessment, intervention, and follow-up for all children within the school setting. Healthy children are successful learners.

CHALK TALK

Memorial Day: Honoring the past, recognizing the present

On Memorial Day, one of our nation's most revered holidays, we reflect upon the true cost of freedom. We honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect it with A Comforting Message in the Personal category of our Buzz Blog.

The day is a time to remember not only the past sacrifices made by our war heroes, but also those who are actively serving us right now.

Our attention this Memorial Day should include those who are volunteering to serve in Afghanistan, Iraq and other countries to keep us safe.

Through April 2011, 1498 service people have lost their lives in Afghanistan. From 2004 through April 2011, 4,439 lost their lives in Iraq. The recent deaths of these heroes are fresh in our minds on this Memorial Day, as well as the thousands of others who were seriously injured.

When we see a soldier dressed in camouflage at an airport, we may be so preoccupied with ourselves they become transparent. Instead, notice them, shake hands, express good will and gratitude.

Our military men and women have volunteered to risk their lives for America. They and their families have courage and strength that are honored, respected, and appreciated.

Show your true colors. Memorial Day is not about the wars; it's about the warriors.



FUN AND GAMES

Backyard Fun

There's no better bonding experience than playing a friendly, competitive game... in your backyard. Some examples:

ROLLORS: It's a game of skill and chance. Opponents take turns rolling three large discs, which are numbered from one to six on each side, toward the pyramid goal. Only the player whose roller comes closest to the goal scores that round.

If a rollor lands face up, the number showing equals the number of points awarded. If it stops upright, score a point value equal to the sum of the numbers on each side. Rollors that lean against the goal score points twice the number showing. The game is \$39 a set in stores.

KAN JAM: This game is a combination of beanbag toss and horseshoes played with a Frisbee by teams of two. Teammates stand at opposite ends of the field and take turns throwing the Frisbee toward the basket-shaped goal. Unlike most other throwing games, both teammates can be involved.

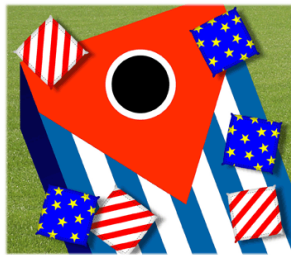
One point is awarded when a teammate redirects the disc to hit the goal before falling to the ground, resulting in a "dinger." A deuce is when the thrower hits the side of the goal from 50 feet away without a teammate's help. Three points are awarded for

alley-oops, when the disc is tipped or dunked into the goal. Should the thrower get the disc into the goal unaided, it's an instant win! A set is \$43.99 at www.amazon.com.

HORSE: This basketball game is fun on dry land and even more fun in a swimming pool. Competitors try to make a basket from the same position as the previous shooter and earn one letter per successful shot. Five letters (HORSE) win the game... Three baskets (PIG) for a shorter game.

CORNHOLE: This is one of the most popular backyard games. There are technical rules and even an American Cornhole Association. But basically, in singles, contestants compete against each other, each throwing four bags in an inning. In doubles, players each pitch two bags. The match is scored in innings.

A corn bag that is thrown through the hole in the cornhole platform, or knocked in by another player, has a value of three points. One that just touches the hole scores one point.



See complete rules: www.cornholeshop.com
www.cornholeworldwide.com has many sets beginning at \$79.

May Project

Mother's Day Coupon

Suitable as gift from kids of all ages.

*Mother's
Day
Coupon*

Redeem This Coupon For

To Be Performed Without Whining Or Complaining

Make a blank coupon you can design yourself and give it to mom or another special lady on Mother's Day. Fill-in with the chore or activity and number of times you intend to perform it. If you're daring, let the special person fill it in before redeeming it.

These coupons make fun individual gifts or are great included in a home-made booklet with several other coupons.

Supplies needed:

- Colored paper
- Colored markers, assorted
- Scissors and stapler

Steps:

Cut out the coupons to the desired size. Use the Blank coupon as a pattern and script your own text.

Optional:

Print out the blank coupon on your printer or select from the many other ready-made Printable Mother's Day Coupons available at www.about.com (see ideas below.)

Redeem This Coupon For

*Mother's
Day
Coupon*

*One
Big Hug*

To Be Performed Without Whining Or Complaining

Other Ready-Made Coupons:

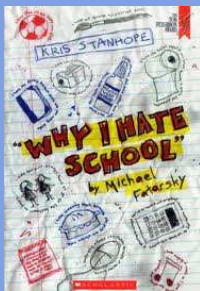
- One Car Wash
- Control Of The Remote For a Full Day
- One Movie Night - Your Choice
- One Back Rub
- One Breakfast In Bed
- One Dog Walking
- One Night Of Doing Dishes
- One Garden Weeding
- One Hour Of Silence
- One House Dusting
- One Lawn Mowing
- One Leaf Raking
- One Room Vacuumed
- One Special Lunch
- One Taking Out The Trash
- One Undisturbed Nap



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POETRY and FUN WAYS TO LEARN!

At History I'm Hopeless



At history I'm hopeless
At spelling I stink.
In music I'm useless.
From science I shrink.

At art I'm atrocious.
In sports I'm a klutz.
At reading I'm rotten.
And math makes me nuts.

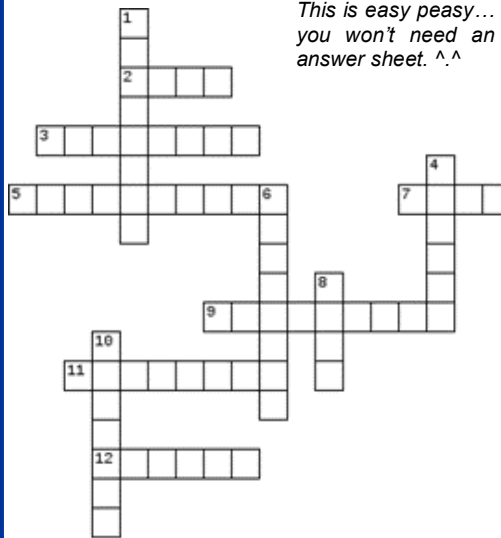
At language I'm lousy.
Computers? I'm cursed.
In drama I'm dreadful.
My writing's the worst.

There's only one subject
I'm sure I would pass,
but they don't teach
video games in my class.

~ Kenn Nesbitt
www.poetry4kids.com

Summer Spelling List

*This is easy peasy...
you won't need an
answer sheet. ^^*



Across Clues

2. A place to swim
3. Hot and sticky
5. Eyewear for summer
7. 7th month
9. Cook these on the grill
11. Getaway from home

Down Clues

1. Frozen treat
4. Warm season
6. An activity in the water
8. 6th month

~ Source:
www.classhelper.org/