

# Mother's Day

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**Memorial Day**  
Never Forget  
Ever Honor

Thank You! Teachers

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## Blue Bird of Vienna



Friday May 1st– May Day

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Cinco De Mayo

Sunday May 10–  
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**School Closed**



## Brentwood Academy News



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**Happy Cinco de Mayo**



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Wednesday May

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De Mayo

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## National Teacher Day

National Teacher Day provides an opportunity to recognize and show appreciation for the enormous impact this nation's teachers have made on its youth. In 1953, an Arkansas teacher wrote to Eleanor Roosevelt about the need to recognize and honor the nation's teachers. Mrs. Roosevelt persuaded Congress to proclaim a day in May as National Teacher Day. National Teacher Day is celebrated on Tuesday of National Teacher Week; this week is observed the first full school week of May each year.



## Blue Bird Dayschool News



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We would like to recognize the following teachers for going above and beyond:

Susan  
Karla  
Ashley  
Sonia  
Maria C.  
Kelyn  
Josseline  
Ambar  
Ana  
Mary  
Sandra  
Maria V.

Tatiana  
Nancy  
Aisa  
Veronica  
Lesy  
Maritza  
Giovanna  
Allison  
Amalia  
Judith  
Naomi  
Katya

Keidy  
Aminta  
Kenia M.  
Marissa  
Kenya  
Jessica  
Flor

Nasrin  
Leonela  
Flora  
Sandibel  
Claudia

Karen C.  
Herlinda  
Ingrid  
Claudia  
Maritza  
Digna  
Silvia  
Mariela  
Angeli  
Francis  
Liseth  
Brenda

Sarahy  
Patricia  
Mayeli  
Yiliana  
Silvia H.  
Azucena  
Karen F.  
Kenia

Together We  
Make our  
School

**SPECIAL !**

**T**ogether  
**E**veryone  
**A**chieves  
**M**ore!!!!



**THANK YOU !**



For your caring and dedication.  
We truly appreciate your efforts!

**Teachers**  
Enriching  
Minds &  
Shaping  
Futures

Flor  
Luz  
Ana  
Evelyn  
Nabila  
Bavhya  
Karla  
Diana

Shirra  
Zoila  
Fanny  
Ana  
Rubia  
Beth  
Lourdes  
Alba  
Mayra

Isabel  
Sily  
Teresa  
Lidia  
Carolina  
Irma  
Silvia  
Karem

Glenda  
Kelyn  
Sharon  
Veronica  
Susana  
Jacqueline  
Yaqueline

**Mother's Day** is a holiday honoring motherhood that is observed in different forms throughout the world. In the United States, Mother's Day 2020 occurs on Sunday, May 10. The American incarnation of Mother's Day was created by Anna Jarvis in 1908 and became an official U.S. holiday in 1914. Jarvis would later denounce the holiday's commercialization and spent the latter part of her life trying to remove it from the calendar. While dates and celebrations vary, Mother's Day traditionally involves presenting moms with flowers, cards and other gifts.

History of Mother's Day Celebrations of mothers and motherhood can be traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans, who held festivals in honor of the mother goddesses Rhea and Cybele, but the clearest modern precedent for Mother's Day is the early Christian festival known as "Mothering Sunday." Once a major tradition in the United Kingdom and parts of Europe, this celebration fell on the fourth Sunday in Lent and was originally seen as a time when the faithful would return to their "mother church"—the main church in the vicinity of their home—for a special service. Over time the Mothering Sunday tradition shifted into a more secular holiday, and children would present their mothers with flowers and other tokens of appreciation. This custom eventually faded in popularity before merging with the American Mother's Day in the 1930s and 1940s.

**"We do not know one promise these men made, one pledge they gave, one word they spoke; but we do know they summed up and perfected, by one supreme act, the highest virtues of men and citizens. For love of country they accepted death, and thus resolved all doubts, and made immortal their patriotism and their virtue."**

May 30, National Cemetery

## The History of Memorial Day

Originally called Decoration Day, from the early tradition of decorating graves with flowers, wreaths and flags, Memorial Day is a day for remembrance of those who have died in service to our country. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868 to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of Gen. John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former Union sailors and soldiers.

During that first national commemoration, former Union Gen. and sitting Ohio Congressman James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers who were buried there.

This event was inspired by local observances of the day that had taken place in several towns throughout America in the three years after the Civil War. In 1873, New York was the first state to designate Memorial Day as a legal holiday. By the late 1800s, many more cities and communities observed Memorial Day, and several states had declared it a legal holiday. After World War I, it became an occasion for honoring those who died in all of America's wars and was then more widely established as a national holiday throughout the United States.

When Is Memorial Day?

In 1971, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act and established that Memorial Day was to be commemorated on the last Monday of May. Several southern states, however, officially commemorate an additional, separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead, sometimes referred to as a Confederate Memorial Day: January 19 in Texas; third Monday in Jan. in Arkansas; fourth Monday in Apr. in Alabama and Mississippi; April 26 in Florida and Georgia; May 10 in North and South Carolina; last Monday in May in Virginia; and June 3 in Louisiana and Tennessee.

Memorial Day is commemorated at Arlington National Cemetery each year with a ceremony in which a small American flag is placed on each grave. Traditionally, the President or Vice President lays a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. About 5,000 people attend the ceremony annually.



## Cinco De Mayo

**1** Cinco De Mayo Is Not Mexican Independence Day Mexican Independence is celebrated every year on September 16. That date commemorates when Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla called the people of Mexico to rise up against Spanish rule in 1810, 52 years before the event that Cinco de Mayo celebrates took place.

**2** Cinco De Mayo Celebrates a Mexican Military Victory In 1862, a contingent of Mexican soldiers led by General Ignacio Zaragoza defeated a larger, better equipped, and better trained French military force. This battle took place in the city of Puebla at the Fort of Guadalupe. Zaragoza commanded a force of some 4000 soldiers, as well as some local indigenous Zapotecs and Mixtecs who joined in the fight, possibly armed only with machetes. They faced a French force of about double that size. The victory was short-lived, as the French went on to capture both Puebla and Mexico City by the following month. However, the May 5th victory was symbolic and provided a morale boost that inspired Mexican pride and unity.

**3** Cinco De Mayo Is Not Celebrated to a Great Extent in Mexico **4** The World's Largest Cinco De Mayo Celebration Takes Place in Los Angeles

- James A. Garfield