

# DANADVENTURES



## IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

### IMPORTANT DATES:

March 31 – April 4  
Spring Break  
(No Classes)

April 14 – 18  
Spirit Week  
Half Days of Classes

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 4  
Open House

April 18  
Parents Info Meeting  
& Talent Show

April 30  
Buddha Day Event

## The Easter Holiday

By: Claire Kim

There are many holidays in spring like the Spring Equinox and April Fools' Day. However, nothing can beat the classic Easter holiday and the Easter Bunny!

Easter is a sweet holiday, like Christmas and Halloween, because there is delicious candy like Easter eggs, chocolate bunnies,

and marshmallow chicks. But who's available to give out the candy?

Remember when I mentioned the Easter bunny earlier? The Easter bunny is said to hide sweets so kids can find them with delight.

The origin of the Easter bunny and Easter started as a festival that was way different than now.

## Events in April

By: Isha Fathima

There are many events and holidays in April. I am going to tell you about some of my favorite events in April.

First, we have my favorite event, April Fools' Day. April Fools' Day is on April first. You get to play lighthearted pranks on people on this day. It is very fun to prank people.

After that, we have Siblings Day. Siblings Day is on April 10. On Siblings Day, we honor the bond between our siblings. We also share memories, give gifts, and spend time together. I haven't really celebrated this holiday yet because my sister is too little.

Next, we have National Pajama Day. Pajama Day is on April

## My Favorite Spring Activities

By: Louis Park

Spring is a great time to enjoy the outdoors and nature. There are many things to do outside. My three favorite spring activities that I recommend are sightseeing at the Yeouido Cherry Blossoms Festival, playing at Seoul Children's Grand Park, and having a picnic.

The first activity I really like is the Yeouido Cherry Blossoms Festival. This is probably my

favorite festival. It happens in March and April. At the festival, there are many cherry blossoms. You get to see many couples and enjoy the food outside.

The second activity is to spend a day at the Seoul Children's Grand Park. Children can have a lot of fun here. There are many things that children enjoy like rides and a zoo. There is a lot of food there. I like going here because I have a lot of fun with my friends.

## Why Polar Bears are White

By: Jiwoo Kim

A long time ago, there was a really big bear named Prad. Prad went to a lake to catch fish. Then it snowed. Prad got sleepy because bears get sleepy during the winter. Then, Prad fell asleep at the lake. Then, the lake froze and the giant ice that Prad was on went to the ocean.

When Prad woke up, he got really scared. Ten days later, Prad got out of ice and he started to catch

fish. Then, the ice bumped into the really big ice. It was the North Pole. Prad looked at his fur, but it was not brown. It was white! Because Prad was trapped in the ice for so long, Prad became a polar bear.

Prad thought there was more food here because there was more water. He lived there happily, but he became lonely because there was only one polar bear. Some seconds later,

# Cooler Bugs in April

By: Mason Park

There are many cool bugs that appear in April. I think these five bugs are the coolest.

Ladybugs are one of the coolest bugs in spring. They have spots that look cool when they fly around. A ladybug's spots make them since not many insects have them.

Another bug that I like is the brown marmorated stink bug. I saw this bug once when I accidentally stepped

on it. It has a weird smell which makes it cool. I'm confused about how they make their smell. I think they make the smell so that other things don't eat them.

I also like butterflies. Butterflies are cool because they have cool patterns and colors. They are really beautiful. Some butterflies camouflage with their patterns and colors. I see a lot of butterflies around our school's playground.

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# My First Week at School as a Grade 4 Student

By: Leah Bae

Hello, my name is Leah Bae. I'm eleven, and I'm a new student at Dana S.I. I want to talk about my first week at this school.

I met a lot of new teachers. I like my teachers. My new homeroom

Homeroom Teacher is Teacher Noah. He is funny. He is my favorite teacher.

I made a lot of friends here. They are all nice. They showed me around the school.

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# April Fool's Day

By: Kai Hwang

April is a great month. April is filled with flowers, newborn animals, and pranks! My favorite part of April is April Fools' Day. April Fool's Day is a whole day filled with pranking and playing jokes on your friends.

April Fool's Day started from Geoffrey Chaucer's "The Canterbury Tales" in 1392 and is continued to this day. So, to honor Geoffrey Chaucer, I will teach you how to prank

others and make them tear up with laughter.

One thing that you could do would be to use prank gadgets. Prank gadgets are fun to use. Use gadgets like the fake camera that shoots water, or the piece of gum trick that makes a loud bang when someone takes it. But these might be a little too obvious. Try using a spring launcher gadget like the ones with a fake snake. Give one to your teacher or friend and check out their reaction!

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# Cherry Blossoms

By: Mia Park

I like cherry blossoms. I think they are the best flowers in the whole world. I see cherry blossoms in Yong-in.

I think there are many cherry blossoms in Yong-in. Cherry blossoms are the most beautiful things I have ever seen. They are pink and white.



Cherry blossoms only live in April and May, and then they die. But it is still worth it to go see cherry blossoms.

Cherry blossoms are very popular in Korea. I am so happy that cherry blossoms are here now. I wish cherry blossoms lived longer. Do you like cherry blossoms?

# Events in April

16. You wear pajamas all day, do themed activities, have breakfast for dinner, and relax. I really like this day. It might be my second favorite day.

Then, we have Earth Day. It's on April 22. On Earth Day, you help clean up your neighborhood and plant trees. This is a very good event because it helps save the Earth since there is less trash and more trees.

Lastly, we have World Health Day. World Health Day is on April 7. On World Health Day, you take care of yourself, eat healthy food, do fitness activities, and do health awareness activities. I think it is a very good day for our health.

There are a lot of great events in April. Which one is your favorite?

# A Day in the Life of a Fencer

By: Genie Kim

In my last newsletter article, I wrote about a day in the life of a figure skater. In this article, I want to share what it's like being a fencer. I have been fencing for four years. Let me tell you about what I do as a fencer.

First, I go to my fencing academy. It is located near my house. It only takes five minutes to get there by car. Inside the fencing academy, it is very big

and clean. It kind of looks like my classroom now because parts of the floor are lined with metal places to practice fencing.

When I get to the academy, I get my sword and put on my mask. Then, I start some warmup exercises. I do body warm-ups such as jumping jacks and I also run for a bit. Sometimes, I do lunges and an exercise called marshes, a footwork drill for fencing. My leg usually hurts, but I'm

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## Spirit Week

By: Isha Fathima

In April, Dana S.I. has a special week. It is called Spirit Week. I will tell you about what it is, why I am excited for it, and what I hope they would add.

Spirit Week is a week where students do so many fun things. Last year, we had Earth Day, Crazy Hair Day, Pajama Day, Art Day, and a talent show. Each day had a different activity. I really like Pajama Day because we got to wear pajamas and relax.

I am so excited for this week because it is so fun. I love all the fun activities. On Earth Day, we

repotted plants and planted them again. On Crazy Hair Day, we made our hair crazy and took lots of pictures. On Pajama Day, we wore pajamas, made forts, and watched a movie. On Art Day, we had an art exhibition and did some fun painting activities. For the talent show, students showed their talents on stage.

This year, we voted for which days we want. I hope we have Pajama Day, Cooking Day, Cartoon and Characters Day, and Twin Day this year. If you could choose any day for Spirit Week, what would it be?

## April Fool's Day

Also, make some chocolate-covered vegetables! If you think your friend isn't eating healthy enough in April, give them some chocolate-covered vegetables. This will work best with anyone who doesn't read this newsletter!

I wish you the most fun and exciting April. Look out for Teacher Noah's and Teacher Van's pranks!



## A Day in the Life of a Fencer

trying my best because I want to be a fencing champion.

After warming up, I have my lesson with my coach. I learn new steps and skills from him. I also learn different ways to swing with my sword, and I learn the rules for fencing.

The lessons are only twenty minutes, but I learn a lot during this time.

I want to be an Olympic fencer and get a gold medal. I hope I break the Guinness world records, and then I want to be a fencing coach.

## The Best Spring Foods

By: Jiwoo Kim

There is a lot of food I like in Spring. Today, I will talk about my favorite ones in spring.

First, there is bibimbap. Bibimbap is a rice dish with a lot of vegetables mixed in the rice. I like this because it is similar to fried rice.

Another dish I like is jjukkumi shabu shabu. Jjukkumi shabu shabu is a hot pot dish with octopus.



It is really chewy and delicious. I like the spicy version the most.

Another spring food I enjoy is webfoot octopus. Webfoot octopus is spicy, chewy, and soft. I really love this food but my mom doesn't like seafood, so I don't get to eat it often.

## My First Week at School as a Grade 6 Student

By: Peter Bae

My name is Peter Bae. I'm twelve years old, and I'm in sixth grade. I have a younger brother and sister. This was my first week at Dana S.I. I was very nervous to meet new friends. My classmates are good. They are nice. They share their snacks with me.

Soup is also a spring dish I like to eat. There are lots of soups that I like.

I like soup with white asparagus. I also like a soup called chilled spring sea soup. Soups are great for the springtime because there are many vegetables and fruits available.

The last spring food I really like is corn. I really like corn with butter because it is so sweet. I get a lot of corn from my grandma. She even cooks it for me.

These are my favorite spring foods. Which food do you like the most in spring?

## Why Polar Bears are White

Prad heard a bumping sound and ran to it. There was one more polar bear. Later, there were thousands of polar bears. Now Prad was not lonely. He made friends!

My teachers are good too. They are nice to me. I like the classes at Dana S.I. I really like coding class. It's fun. I like making games.

I like the food and snacks here. They are very delicious.

I hope I have a good experience at Dana S.I. I hope I make good friends.

# The Easter Holiday

Easter was associated with the goddess of spring and renewal. This festival was to celebrate fresh and new, like at birth.

Speaking of renewal, Easter eggs represent rebirth, like

a newborn bird emerging from its shell. For the Easter bunny, it originated in Germany, first called "the Easter hare." It was originally meant to judge children for their behavior in Eastertide, which is

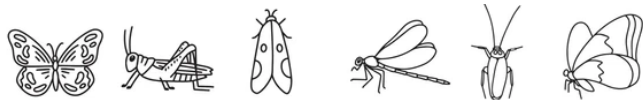
# Cooler Bugs in April

Aphids have a green color and they suck sap. I really like aphids because of their color. I have seen them on trees. They are tiny and little. Aphids camouflage well with the leaves.

Lastly, I like honeybees. I have seen them before, but they were terrifying. I think

think they are cool because they know how to make honey. They are a common, but special bug.

These bugs are the coolest bugs in my opinion. I have seen many types of bugs in spring, but I think these are the most interesting ones.



the origin for the holiday.

From this article, I hope you learned something about Easter, the Easter bunny, and their origins. I hope you find a lot of eggs on Easter and have a happy springtime!

# My Favorite Spring Activities

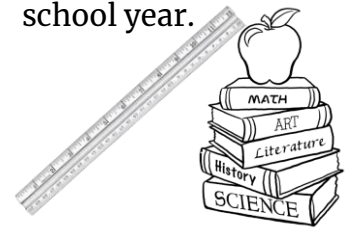
The last activity is to have a picnic. You can have a picnic with your friends or family. You can have fun making the food or preparing the food for the picnic. It's nice to spend time outside with your friends or family. These are some activities that I enjoy in the spring.

# My First Week at School as a Grade 4 Student

They helped me a lot. I like the food at this school more than my old school. It is yummy. I really like the morning snacks. They are very good.

The classes here are very different. I like the classes here. I like P.E. the most. It is really fun. The classrooms are also very big here.

I hope I learn English well this year. I think it will be a good school year.



# Springtime Poetry : Haiku

## Haiku Poems

poems that have 3 lines and 17 syllables, with a 5-7-5 syllable pattern

many haikus focus on nature

5 syllables

The trees wave to me.

I wave back and give a smile.

The sun shines on us.

5 syllables

7 syllables

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