

DECEMBER LEARNING CALENDAR



Mathematics



Science



Reading



Writing



Social Studies



Recreation



Music



Computer



Day Trips



Art



Communicating

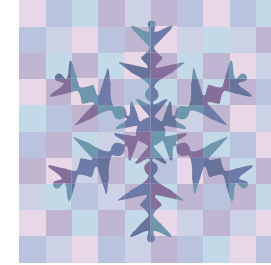
P-PREKINDERGARTEN

E-ELEMENTARY

S-SECONDARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1 In 1955 a black woman refused to give up her seat to a white man on a bus in Alabama. She was arrested, sparking the modern Civil Rights Movement. Who was she? E, S </p>	<p>2 Tune into <i>BCPS News</i> every day at 7 a.m., 11 a.m., and 6:30 p.m. for what's happening throughout Baltimore County Public Schools. E, S http://edchannel.bcps.org</p>	<p>3 Talk to your teen about college. Set some goals about researching choices and finances. Visit www.collegeclicktv.com to view student reviews about colleges. S </p>	<p>4 Celebrate the start of the holiday season at the annual lighting of the Washington Monument in Baltimore. Entertainment with fireworks finale from 6 - 7:30 p.m. P, E, S </p>	<p>5 Check out the National Aquarium's celebration of world holidays during "First Friday after Five" from 5 - 9 p.m. P, E, S www.aqua.org </p>	<p>6 Take a breakfast train ride and enjoy the holiday train displays at the B&O Railroad Museum Dec. 6, 7, 13, and 14 from 8:30 - 10 a.m. Call 410-752-2462. P, E, S </p>
<p>7 On this date in 1941, foreign troops attacked a U.S. Naval base, causing the U.S. to join World War II. What country attacked? Where did it happen? E, S </p>	<p>8 American inventor Eli Whitney was born on this day in 1765. What did he invent, and why was it significant? E, S </p>	<p>9 Learn to conserve: if you turn off the water while you brush your teeth, you could save 100 gallons of water per month! How many gallons could your family save each day? E, S </p>	<p>10 Who was the first American to win a Nobel Peace Prize on this date in 1906? Hint: He was a president who had a famous toy named after him. E, S </p>	<p>11 Write a letter to a special friend or family member. What do you like best about that person? Write it down and send it! P, E, S </p>	<p>12 It's Poinsettia Day. Enjoy the holiday plant, but take caution. Why is poinsettia dangerous to pets and small children? E, S </p>	<p>13 This is the last day to visit the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore for some holiday cheer before its winter break. The zoo will close until March 2009. P, E, S </p>
<p>14 Take a drive to 34th Street in Hampden to see one of Baltimore City's most memorable annual holiday lights displays. P, E, S </p>	<p>15 On Bill of Rights Day, Americans celebrate their freedoms. Learn the first 10 amendments to the Constitution and how they affect you. E, S </p>	<p>16 Celebrate like Linus would! It's Beethoven's birthday. What is your favorite classical music composition? E, S </p>	<p>17 Ask your teens to help plan the family holiday budget. Include travel plans, family meals, and gift prices. Encourage creative cost-saving ideas. S </p>	<p>18 Doctors say the best way to avoid getting sick is to avoid germs. Wash your hands! How can you eliminate other germs in your home? P, E, S </p>	<p>19 Teach your children to think creatively about giving gifts. Have each family member make gifts for others. P, E, S </p>	<p>20 One month from today, Barack Obama will be sworn in as President. How would you plan an inauguration? E, S </p>
<p>21 Winter Solstice. Why is this the shortest day of the year in the northern hemisphere? E, S </p>	<p>22 Find out how your future college student is doing on college applications; many are due next month. S </p>	<p>23 The Federal Reserve, the central banking system of the U.S., was created in 1913. Learn about the functions of the system today. E, S </p>	<p>24 Remind your children that the gift of time is precious; visit an elderly friend or neighbor who may enjoy some company. P, E, S </p>	<p>25 Where did the tradition of hanging stockings originate? There are many theories. P, E, S </p>	<p>26 Today marks the beginning of Kwanzaa, an African American holiday that lasts seven days. Can you name the seven principles celebrated during Kwanzaa? P, E, S </p>	<p>27 It's National Fruitcake Day. Celebrate with a lump of the jellied fruit-filled snack. Check a cookbook for many different varieties. P, E, S </p>
<p>28 In 1869 William Semple patented chewing gum. Bubble gum wasn't introduced until 1906. Look up the ingredients. What makes it chewy? E, S </p>	<p>29 Demonstrate graciousness. Show your children how to express their gratitude for gifts and hospitality by writing thank-you notes. P, E, S </p>	<p>30 Put aside all the new holiday gadgets and make time for a family variety show. Learn to appreciate one another's talents. P, E, S </p>	<p>31 Talk to your children about setting new goals for the new year. Where did the idea of New Year's resolutions begin? P, E, S </p>			

TOPICS OF INTEREST



A Monumental Occasion will take place Thursday, December 4, with pre-event festivities at 6 p.m. in Mount Vernon. The event will include performances by Baltimore City College High School choir and will end with a fireworks finale choreographed to music.

www.promotionandarts.org

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The National Aquarium in Baltimore is home to more than 10,500 specimens and 560 species. Exhibits are designed to replicate natural environments and avoid the unnatural mixing of species. www.aqua.org

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The **B&O Railroad Museum** collects, preserves, and interprets artifacts related to early American railroading. The 40-acre historic site houses nearly 200 pieces of locomotives and rolling stock and an extensive collection of scale models and toy trains. www.borail.org

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The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore has an animal collection of more than 1,500 birds, mammals, amphibians, and reptiles. Animals are housed in natural settings much like their native habitats. www.marylandzoo.org

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