


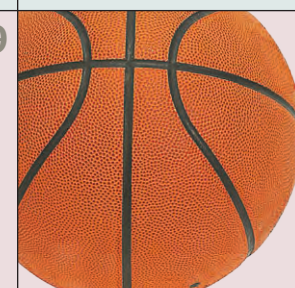
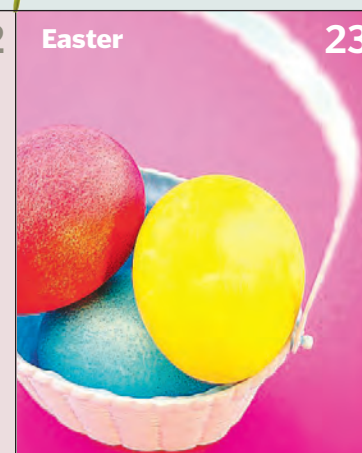



march play dates

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Spring is coming, and with warm(er) weather comes great things to do with the little ones. Try one or all of these kid-friendly events happening in March.

WEEKEND						
Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
<p>"Peter Pan" 25 Through April 13. A theatrical adaptation of the timeless story of the boy who won't grow up. See Web site for pricing and schedule. Barter Theatre, Abingdon. (276) 628-3991, bartertheatre.com.</p> 	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>"Horton Hears a Who" A program celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday and the release of the film based on the well-loved book. Children's activities, entertainment and refreshments. For children in kindergarten through fourth grade and their families. Free. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tonight: Vinton Library, 800 E. Washington Ave., Vinton. 857-5043. Monday: HQ/419 Library, 3131 Electric Road S.W., Roanoke. 772-7507.</p> 	<p>29</p>	<p>1</p> <p>"Playhouse Disney Live! On Tour" Featuring characters from the "Mickey Mouse Clubhouse," "Little Einsteins," "Handy Manny" and "My Friends Tigger & Pooh." \$17 to \$43. 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. Roanoke Civic Center. 853-5483, roanokeciviccenter.com.</p> <p>"BAM! The Blue Barrell Show" A combination of rhythm and comedy with cartoon-like characters who act and play invented instruments. \$20, gold; \$15, silver; \$1, children. 2 p.m. Jefferson Center, 345-2550, jeffcenter.org, bampercussion.com.</p>  <p>The Little Einsteins</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>National Education Association's Annual Read Across America Day 3 A day to celebrate reading in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday. If there are no activities planned at your school or in your community, visit the NEA's Web site for celebration ideas. nea.org/readacross.</p> <p>"Horton Hears a Who" See Feb. 28 listing.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>MOMS Club Meeting MOMS Club of Roanoke West invites mothers to mingle. 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. 562-3018, roanokemoms.org.</p> <p>"Peter and the Wolf and Gerald McBoing Boing" A chamber orchestra concert. \$10, general. 7 p.m. The Lyric Theatre, 135 College Ave., Blacksburg. 951-0604, thelyric.com.</p>			<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Easter Egg Hunt Hosted by Omega Tau Sigma. Free. 9 a.m. Duck Pond Drive, Virginia Tech. 231-7239.</p> <p>Wake Up with the Bunny Free with donation of a new children's book. Reservations suggested. 9:30 a.m. Tanglewood Mall. 989-4388, shoptanglewood.com.</p> <p>Country Western Family Day Music, games and performances in addition to the "Nashville Portraits" exhibit at the Art Museum of Western Virginia. Free. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Market Square, downtown Roanoke. 857-4392.</p>	<p>9</p> 
<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>"Go, Diego, Go! Live!" March 11 and 12. All new show, "The Jaguar Rescue," based on the Nick, Jr. animated series. \$27.50 to \$35. 6:30 p.m. Salem Civic Center. 375-3004, salemciviccenter.com.</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>St. Patrick's Day Celebration Parade (noon) and Celtic festival (11 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Downtown Roanoke. 342-2640, eventzone.org.</p> <p>City of Salem Easter Egg Hunt Egg hunt for children ages 3 to 12 and treats from the Easter Bunny for younger children. Each child needs a container to collect prize-filled eggs. Plus children's activities and refreshments. Rain or shine. Free. 2 to 4 p.m. Longwood Park, Salem. 375-3057.</p> 	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p>  <p>St. Patrick's Day</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>  <p>Harlem Globetrotters 7 p.m. Roanoke Civic Center. \$21 to \$82. Tickets: (888) 397-3100, tickets.com; info: 853-5483.</p> <p>First day of spring</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>"Spring Rabbit's Trouble with Time" A children's play. \$5.75. 10 a.m. June Bug Center, 251 Parkway Lane, Floyd. 745-6550, junebugcenter.org.</p> <p>"Resurrection Fun Day" Community carnival and Easter egg hunt. Free. Noon to 3 p.m. Haven of Hope Covenant Church, 3348 Salem Turnpike, Roanoke. 344-2744.</p> <p>10th Annual Great Easter Egg Hunt Free. 2 p.m. Waid Recreation Area, 701 Waid Park Road, Rocky Mount. 483-9293, franklincountyva.org/parks.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Easter</p> 
<p>24</p> <p>Printmaking series March 24 to 28. Students ages 8 to 12 will learn about traditional forms of printmaking, see examples of historic works and then try out some techniques for themselves. \$125. 1:30 to 3 p.m. Art Museum of Western Virginia. 857-4392 or bboyle@artmuseumroanoke.org to register.</p> <p>Out of School Fun Days March 24 to 28. Day camp during spring break in the City of Roanoke. For children ages 6 to 12. \$10 per day. 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Preston and Eureka recreation centers. 853-5360.</p> <p>Roanoke County Spring Break Day Camp March 24 to 28. Features one off-site trip per day. For students in kindergarten through fifth grade. \$125. 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. 857-5036.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Drop-In Art March 25 to 28. Kids ages 4 to 10 and their parents can use various materials (paper, chalk, paint and more) for take-home crafts. Free with museum admission (\$3 per person). 10 to 11:30 a.m. Art Museum of Western Virginia. 857-4392 or bboyle@artmuseumroanoke.org to register.</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>
Spring break for most Roanoke Valley schools						
<p>31</p> <p>April Fool's Day</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Salem Avalanche baseball 2008 season opener against the Potomac Nationals. \$7, general; \$8, box seats; \$10, Parkview Terrace seating. 7:07 p.m. Salem Memorial Baseball Stadium. 389-3333, salemavalanche.com.</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>"My Little Pony Live!" Join Pinkie Pie and your "My Little Pony" friends for "The World's Biggest Tea Party," an interactive musical production. \$17 to \$25. 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. April 5; 1 and 4:30 p.m. April 6. Salem Civic Center. Tickets: 343-8100, ticketmaster.com; info: 375-3004, mylittleponylive.net.</p> 	<p>6</p>

Did we miss any Easter events? Send them to weekend.calendar@roanoke.com or call 981-3269 to add them to next week's Easter event planner.