



THE MONTHLY HOOT

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April Solar Eclipse

Hey, everyone! Mark your Calendars!

On April 8th we're in for a celestial treat. A solar eclipse! So, what's the scoop? Well, picture this: the sun, moon, and Earth are all going to line up perfectly, but in a way, that's going to cast a shadow on our planet. It's like the moon is going to photobomb the sun! This cosmic alignment creates what's called a solar eclipse. During this event, the moon moves between the sun and Earth, blocking out the sun's light and casting a shadow on certain parts of the Earth's surface.

But here's the thing: looking directly at the sun during a solar eclipse is a big no-no. Seriously, it can damage your vision, so safety first, folks! Make sure to grab yourself some eclipse glasses, which are specially designed to protect your peepers from those powerful solar rays. Trust me, your eyes will thank you later!

If you want to get up close and personal with the eclipse, you'll need some gear. Telescopes with solar filters are great for viewing the eclipse safely, or you can get creative and make your own pinhole projector. And hey, if you can't make it outside to see the eclipse in person, no worries! There will be plenty of live streams and online broadcasts so you can catch all the action from the comfort of your own home. So, get ready to unlock the mysteries of the universe on April 8, and remember to stay safe while you're at it!

Written by Jayla Woodruff



Upcoming Events

- April 10th – Bites & Beverages w/ Parents
- April 12th – Field Day
- April 19th – Student Celebration
- April 23rd – Turkish Day
- April 30th – Bishop Visits HTES!!
- May 4th – Student/Church Picnic
- May 10th – Camp Genva
- May 17th – Graduation

April Fool's Day

April Fools' Day occurs on the first of April every year. It gets its name from the pranks that get played on this day. Although the day has been going on for centuries, no one really knows when the holiday really started. The Holiday resembles festivals such as the **Hilaria** of ancient Rome, held on March 25, and the celebration in India called **Holi** which ends on March 31.

Some think that April Fools started in France, officially with the Edict of Roussillon in which Charles IX (the king of France from 1560-1574) decreed that the new year would no longer occur on Easter, as was the custom throughout Christianity at the time, but rather on January 1. Since the day that easter falls on is based off of the moon, those who clung to the old ways were called the "April Fools' ". Others believe that the timing of the day may be related to the **vernal equinox** which occurs on March 21, a time when people are fooled by the sudden changes in the weather.

There are variations between countries in April Fools' Day. In France for example the fooled person is called *poisson d'avril* ("April fish"), maybe to refer to a young fish, which is easily caught. In France, children pin a paper fish to the backs of their friends. Another example is in Scotland the day is called Gowkie Day, for the gowk, or **cuckoo** a symbol of fools and the cuckold; on the following day signs reading "kick me" are taped to friends' backs.

Vocabulary Words

Hilaria- *noun*; the Hilaria were ancient Roman religious festivals celebrated on the March equinox to honor Cybele

Holi- *noun*; a Hindu spring festival celebrated in February or March in honor of Krishna.

Vernal Equinox- *noun*; the equinox in spring, on about March 20 in the northern hemisphere and September 22 in the southern hemisphere.

Cuckoo- *noun*; a mad person.

Written by: Charlie Redding

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Turkish Day at HTES

You might be wondering what even is Turkish Day? Well, I am here to tell you that Turkish Day is about how April 23, 1920, marks the inauguration of the Turkish Grand National Assembly (TGNA). This was the first step towards the creation of the Republic of Turkey where the roots of which were laid during the Turkish National War of Liberation led by Mustafa Kemal later to be named Ataturk (father of Turks). The Turkish national liberation struggle began on May 19, 1919, and culminated in the liberation of Anatolia from foreign occupation, the international recognition of modern Turkey's borders by the Treaty of Lausanne, and the founding of the Republic of Turkey on October 29, 1923.

At HTES, we are having a Turkish Day with some Turkish foods and music on April 23rd during our lunch time. So, stay tuned on how our Turkish Day turns out!!!

Written By: Krystina Bosques

"April is the time to turn over a new leaf."

— Terri Guillemets

April Quote By: Colby Mixon

Hey! Picture This!

Hey guys Picture this: a night where we're not just scrolling through TikTok, but hanging out with our senior friends, playing board games like it's the '90s. Let's ditch the screens for a bit, chill with the wise ones, and make some epic memories. Trust me, it'll be great!

Where: The Village Veranda, 955 US Hwy 441 in Lady Lake

When: April 27th from 2:30pm – 4:00pm

By: Jayla Woodruff



Student Interview with Tucker Beagle

I had a chance to interview one of our students Tucker Beagle. Tucker is in 11th grade and was born in Virginia Beach, VA. Tucker attends Grace Bible Baptist Church. He loves to play piano and sing. He listens to all kinds of music except country. Tucker also enjoys reading the bible and playing video games.

Tucker works at Chick-Fil-A in Lady Lake and has been there for about 8 months and is a Worship Leader at his church. Tucker has his learners permit and will be driving soon!

Tucker loves HTES because he thinks it's wonderful that our school is successful in helping people with learning disabilities get their High School Diploma! "The school is run by some great people, and everyone gets along," says Tucker. His favorite subject is history because he gets to learn about the past and how things come to be.

Tucker plans to go to a Christian college and get his degree in worship leading and worship studies. His choose this area of study is because the most important thing to him is to spread the Word of Jesus Christ.

By: Nate Womack

Happy Birthday!

April Birthdays

- April 1st – Ms. Orlinda
- April 3rd – Nate Womack
- April 13th – Ms. Petronella
- April 15th – Brooke Newgent
- April 17th – Mrs. Meadows



