

Dusting off the winter season with spring cleaning

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joy the new spring weather.

Spring cleaning doesn't have to be a chore. Make it fun by putting together a new spring playlist with some of your favorite songs and crank up the volume. Upbeat music will get you motivated. Use your duster as a microphone and dance while you vacuum. You could get your whole family together and make a day of it. Cleaning could become your new favorite thing to do.

Not only does cleaning help you declutter, but it also improves your health in many ways. When you clean your home of the dust and bacteria you lower your chances of getting sick. Cleaning also burns calories, reduces stress and it can help if you have allergies.

A clean house frees your mind to focus on more important things, and spring cleaning is the best chance to give a little overdue attention to the dust in the attic, and clear out those cobwebs you were too lazy to try and reach during a regular home cleaning.

Once you've finished all your spring cleaning, what do you do with all those boxes of stuff you decided to get rid of? With your freshly clean garage, you can set up some tables and have a garage sale, or you can even help others and donate the boxes to places like Salvation Army or Goodwill.

Just like New Years or your birthday, spring is a time to start over, and there's no better way to get a fresh start than spring cleaning. Spring cleaning is all about refreshing and rejuvenating your home for the season so you have a new start going into summer.

Throw open your windows and let the fresh air in while you free your home from the dust and clutter of Winter. You can add light, space, and organization to your home and you may even find things you had forgotten about or lost. You can get out your old bucket and sponges or you can start spring cleaning completely fresh and go to a local home improvement store and buy brand new cleaning supplies.

"Spring cleaning is your time to do all the cleaning that you haven't had the chance to do yet. It's a time to purge and get rid of things that you don't need or want anymore," teacher Kim Davis said.

If you are a busy person with not a lot of time to clean, you can divide up your home and clean one or two rooms each day and still have time for your regular everyday life. Or if you are just not a clean freak, you can clean the most important things in your home and still be able to en-

Destinations for students to travel during Spring Break

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ally enjoy the snow.

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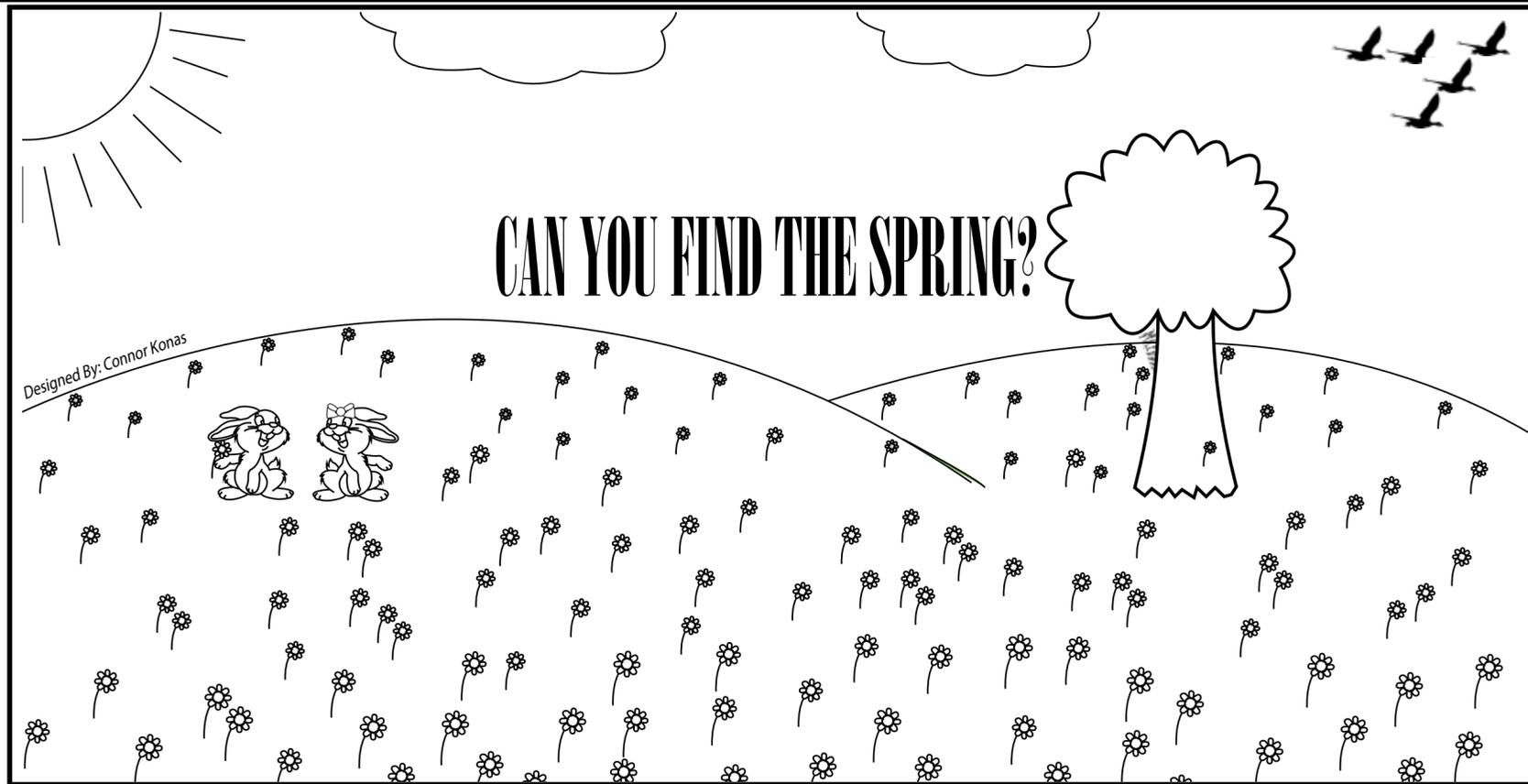
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'Beach bods' and fitness begin to take over as temperatures begin to rise

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The fundamental importance of maintaining a tidy basement

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When looking to maintain a tidy basement, it is important to follow these steps:

April Fools! That's not what this article is about at all. I'm sure your expression is both surprised and amused. You are welcome.

As life would have it, with another April comes another April 1st, and with another April 1st comes another host of pranks and bevy of shockers. It's easily the most magical time of the year.

It was on this day, sometime in the 19th century, that Prince Aprilus Foolius pulled the first ever prank on his wealthy uncle, King Foolius. While his father was visiting on business, Aprilus tagged along as he loved his uncle dearly. It wasn't until

the prince was ordered to stay out of his father and uncle's professional meeting that he decided to retaliate with a prank. He told everyone that the kingdom was being attacked by a neighboring nation and just before the king ordered a full-fledged war, Aprilus said the first, "April Fools!" The kingdom was initially angered, but later intrigued, and then excited. April Fools was a hit.

This story is not true, obviously. But the mystery and magic of April Fools is that no one really knows where it comes from. So my guess is just as good as any.

And so a tradition is born. And all people young and old celebrate this day with glee, competing to see who's the most clever of their respected groups. Even big companies get in on the fun.

Google, in it's best attempt at an April Fools yet, shocked the world

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Blooming into spring fashion as the long winter comes to an end

Jackie Kochan
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As the snow slowly melts and the days get warmer it's time to pull out those shorts. Spring is a time of change and new fashion. New styles are around every corner.

Everyone jumps for jumpsuits. Jumpsuits and rompers flatter almost every body type, and are a hot trend this spring season.

Whether it's heading out on date night downtown or walking on the beach. It's such an easy staple piece in your wardrobe. Dress it up for date night with just a statement necklace and some accessories.

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wear only neutrals change it up this spring and add a splash of color. Neutrals are always a way to stay safe, but adventure out this spring and excitement with color.

White is another color flooding the fashion world. You seem to never go wrong with a classic white shirt. But this time shirting is done a whole new way. Buttoning from the top to bottom, tying around the waist. There are endless options of ways to wear your shirts.

Collars on collars, popped up, folded down. Collars seem to be big this spring too. The white collar trend hit the runways for Valentino, Christian Dior and more. The masculine energy from boxy blazers and button downs still haven't faded out of the spring trend.

Something visually appealing always attracts the eye. 3D fashion is everywhere. With flowers and frills dressing seems

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Celebrating our beautiful planet and everything to save it

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Founded in 1970 as a day of education about environmental issues, Earth Day is now a globally celebrated holiday that is sometimes extended into Earth Week, a full seven days of events focused on green awareness. Earth Day falls on April 22.

The child of Senator Gaylord Nelson was inspired by the anti war protests of the late 1960s, and set out to create a mass environmental movement.

It began as a "national teach-in on the environment" and was held on April 22 to maximize the number of students that could be reached on university campuses.

By raising public awareness of air and water pollution, Nelson hoped to bring environmental causes into the national spotlight.

Nelson announced the Earth Day concept at a conference in Seattle in the fall of 1969 and invited the entire nation to get involved.

According to Nelson, "Earth Day worked because of the spontaneous response at the grassroots level. We had neither the time nor resources to organize 20 million demonstrators and the thousands of schools and local communities that participated. That was the remarkable thing about Earth Day. It organized itself."

This year's theme is 'The Face of Climate Change', chosen to highlight the "mounting impact" of global warming on people worldwide, according to the Earth Day Network, the group founded by the first Earth Day organizers.

The Earth Day Network is asking people to become their own "climate reporters" by sending their

fun. Vera Wang used frills covering dresses in her collection. Sheer is perfect for the warmer seasons. From swimsuits to teeshirts. Sheer tops are always a cute way to stay cool on those hot spring and summer days. Throw on a bandeau and a sheer top and head out for a fun filled day in the sun. Sheer is a fun way to stay fresh this during this spring season.

Accessories always seem to make an outfit. Statement necklaces complete an outfit, whether it's a jumpsuit or a light sweater. Statement pieces make or break an outfit. So next time you pick out that perfect outfit don't forget about the accessories.

Spring trends change every year. Adding a fresh flare to modernize clothes. Keeping in mind the spring trends this year it's time to go shopping and keep up to date with the latest trends of 2014.

because of the cold. "I like when the weather gets warmer and all the flowers start to show up. I don't like cold or snow so spring and the air starts to warm up, I become alive again," senior Mariana Forsell said.

Forsell also said that during spring she likes to go out running and to play some sports. This year Forsell is playing lacrosse, which is a sport they don't play in Finland, the country she is from. She is excited for the season.

Lacrosse is only one of the many sports you can try during this season, you also have options like soccer, tennis, outdoor track, baseball, softball and volleyball. you can try during spring. Enjoy the weather and the opportunity of having fun outside without freezing.

pictures and stories of people, animals, and places threatened or affected by global warming, according to the group's website.

On or near Earth Day, an interactive display of the images will be shown at events around the world, including next to federal buildings in countries that produce the most carbon pollution.

"The Face of Climate Change" will not only personalize and make real the massive challenge that climate change presents, it will unite the myriad Earth Day events around the world into one call to action at a critical time," Franklin Russell, director of Earth Day at Earth Day Network, said.

If you need plans for Earth Day you can go see Disneynature's documentary "Bears". Following up on its 2012 nature documentary "Chimpanzee", which also opened on Earth Day and went on to make \$29 million, Disneynature will debut the documentary "Bears", about a family of bears living in Alaska, on April 18, 2014.

The studio just released the first trailer for the film that tracks the lives of mama bear Sky and her two newborn cubs. Set to the ubiquitous song "Home" by American Idol alum Phillip Phillips, the trailer is heavy on family bonding, sure to capture the attention of nature lovers and parents everywhere.

If the bears themselves aren't cute enough on their own, Disney has already proclaimed its support for the National Park Foundation, vowing to donate an unspecified amount to the official charity of America's national parks for every ticket purchased during the film's opening week.

Earth Day is a reminder to us all of how important it is to conserve and protect our environment.

Poet's Corner

Amber Waves

By: J. R. Hart

Amber stings my fragile skull,
Burning all she dares to touch,
Comforting her new found joy,
Darkness acting as a crutch.
Even rings of shiny gold
Fall off bony fingers now.
Giving in to pain inside,
Her new father shows her how.
In between her pearly walls,
Juniper lies, cold and dead.
Keeping stories locked inside,
Lies that won't be left unsaid.
Meadows gone at breaking dawn,
New drops cover every blade,
Over rainbows, miles ahead,
Peaceful, thinking he had stayed.
Queen of nightmares waiting there,
Reaching toward a distant land,
Silent screaming in her lungs,
Taken over by his hands.

Underneath the ocean blue,
Vultures leave forgotten kin.
We lose sight of what is true,
Xerox copies wearing thin.
You leave her with razors sharp,
Zebra stripes on snowy skin.

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