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True happiness comes from doing what's right, not just doing what makes you feel good.
~Anonymous

Web Sites

Pig Day – 1st Mar each year

Everywhere you go, the pig is a part of our daily life. Whether it's the bacon and ham we have for breakfast or the little porcelain coin-receptacles we use to save up our money, these adorable little porcine lovelies make our lives greater at every step. They've even recently made strides into being a favorite family pet, especially the pot-bellied pig, and you can't deny that these days it seems that bacon is good for putting on everything, and that's just one more pig product that makes Pig Day the best holiday of the year!

History of Pig Day

Pigs have been alongside us since pre-history, and have been a vital part of our diets and lives, with a history stretching back nearly as far as the domestic dog. This holiday was first established in 1972 by a pair of sisters, one from Texas, one from North Carolina. These siblings recognized the importance of the swine in every day being fine, and though the noble animal deserved a day to "accord the pig its rightful, though generally unrecognized, place as one of man's most intellectual and domesticated animals." We feel that there was an error in this statement, or at least an oversight... Pigs are delicious as well. Considering how important the pig is to diets and economies across the world, it's no surprise that Pig Day has caught on all over the world.

Celebrating Pig Day

The celebration of Pig Day happens all over the world, but is most commonly celebrated in the American Midwest, and that certainly makes sense given that it's the home of the holiday. If you happen to be in Illinois, you can enjoy celebrations all over the state, as the Pig is responsible for \$1.9 billion of the state's commerce. In New York City, in the Central Park Zoo, National Pig Day sees an invasion of pot-bellied pigs into the zoo.

Wherever you go, consuming pork is easily the best way to celebrate this holiday, from frankfurters to sliced bacon, ham and cheese sandwiches to pork rinds, the pig is truly an edible animal. If you happen to live on Long Island, they celebrate it a slightly different way, they honor the pig by refraining from

eating it and having a bit special Pig Day Meal... including a special treat for pot-bellied pig for those families that own one. Pig Day is a chance to learn about the importance of the fine swine, and have a great time learning about how we bring home the bacon.

[PBS LearningMedia: Pigs as Pets](#)

In this video segment from Nature, animal lovers talk about their experiences having pigs as pets. In addition to the video, the site offers teaching tips as well as a transcript of the video and a connection to state standards. [This resource is available on PBS Learning Media. Free registration is required.]

<http://www.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/vtl07.la.ws.process.pigaspets/pigs-as-pets-nature/en/>

[BBC Nature: Hogs and Pigs](#)

Hogs and pigs make up a family of stocky and bristly-haired even-toed ungulates. All 16 species in the hog and pig family are fond of wallowing in the mud, from the giant forest hog of the African jungles to the common domestic pig. Learn more about hogs and pigs in this well-constructed overview produced by the BBC. This resource includes a series of videos and images showcasing hogs and pigs, as well as information on their habitat, distribution, behaviors, and more.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/nature/life/Suidae>

[University of Texas: Retelling The Three Little Pigs](#)

Various listening examples of native speakers in different dialects retelling the story of the Three Little Pigs. Advanced vocabulary. Provides a transcript as well so you can read along. Great way to bring native speakers into the classroom and increase vocabulary!

<http://www.laits.utexas.edu/spe/adv19.html>

Hardware/Software

Tap and Go

Going somewhere new? When you are using Maps on your iPhone to get somewhere you may have noticed taps on your wrist from your Apple Watch as you navigate your journey. No, this isn't a fault, what's happening is your wearable wants to help you wander to where you're going successfully, and those taps mean something. Here is how to decipher those taps (memorize immediately).

- Two tap-taps three times means turn left
- Twelve steady taps means turn right
- A long vibration means you've reached your destination.

Now you'll be able to look natural getting anywhere!

Bonus tip: Using Maps to get to a destination that belongs to one of your contacts but running late and you want to let them know? Try this: Force Touch on the Maps app and choose Call Destination to warn them you'll be late.

Hints/Tips

Call Waiting

You receive a call. You know you can answer it using your Apple Watch, but you don't want to do that – you want to use your iPhone. But where is your iPhone? Is it in your bag? Your coat? Your inside pocket? And how will you make sure the caller doesn't think you are being rude! What are you going to do?

Here's what to do:

- Glance at the incoming call screen on your Apple Watch
- Turn the Digital Crown a little to expose the lowest part of the incoming call screen
- Tap Answer on iPhone

What happens next is the person calling will hear Siri's voice asking them to wait followed by a series of repeated sounds while you find your phone and pick up the call. It's your own answering service.

Riddles You Can Tell in Class

1 – Why do dragons sleep all day?

2 – Why can't the animals at the zoo take a test?

3 – What do you call a train filled with gum?

1 – Because they fight nights.

2 – There are too many cheetahs.

3 – A chew-chew train.

This Day in Histor

Birthdates which occurred on March 2:

1769 DeWitt Clinton (Governor/Senator-NY)

1793 Sam[uel] Houston 1st president of Texas (1836–38, 1841–44)
1904 Dr Seuss [Theodor Geisel] children's book author (Green Eggs and Ham, Horton Hears a Who!)
1909 Mel Ott 1st National League–er to hit 500 homeruns, hall of famer (New York Giants)
1917 Desi Arnaz Santiago Cuba, singer/actor (Ricky Ricardo–I Love Lucy)
1923 "Doc" Watson bluegrass musician
1931 Tom Wolfe Richmond VA, journalist/author (Right Stuff)
1942 Lou Reed [Louis Firbank] Freeport NY, vocalist/guitarist (Walk on the Wild Side, Velvet Underground)
1950 Karen Carpenter New Haven CT, vocalist/drummer (We've Only Just Begun)
1952 Laraine Newman Los Angeles CA, comedienne/actress (Saturday Night Live)
1956 John Cowsill Newport RI, rock drummer (Cowsills–We Can Fly)
1962 Jon Bon Jovi [Bongiovi] Perth Amboy NJ, rocker (Bon Jovi–You Give Love a Bad Name)

On This Day:

1498 Vasco da Gama's fleet visits Mozambique Island
1776 Americans begin shelling British troops in Boston
1836 Republic of Texas declares independence from Mexico
1861 US Congress creates Dakota & Nevada Territories out of the Nebraska & Utah territories
1867 Jesse James–gang robs bank in Savannah MO, 1 dead
1867 US Congress creates the Department of Education
1867 US Congress passed the 1st Reconstruction Act
1877 Rutherford B Hayes (R) declared President despite Samuel J Tilden (D) winning the popular vote, but is 1 electoral vote shy of victory
1899 President McKinley signs bill creating Mount Rainier National Park (5th in US)
1901 Hawaii's 1st telegraph company opens
1927 Babe Ruth becomes highest paid baseball player (\$70,000 per year)
1933 "King Kong" premieres at Radio City Music Hall & RKO Roxy NYC
1937 Mexico nationalizes oil
1946 Ho Chi Minh elected President of North Vietnam
1950 Silly Putty invented
1962 JFK announces US will resume above ground nuclear testing
1962 Wilt Chamberlain scores incredible 100 points in an NBA game
1964 Beatles begin filming "A Hard Day's Night", George Harrison meets Patti Boyd
1965 "Sound Of Music" opens
1970 American Airlines' 1st flight of a Boeing 747

1970 Supreme Court ruled draft evaders can not be penalized after 5 years
1974 1st class postage raised from 8¢ to 10¢
1974 Grand jury concludes President Nixon is involved in Watergate cover-up
1989 Exxon Houston runs aground in Hawaii, spills 117,000 gallons of oil

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