

Welcome to **TEKTOK**
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***TEKTOK will be on vacation next week.
Happy Easter!!***

*If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams,
and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined,
he will meet with success unexpected in common hours.*
– Henry David Thoreau

Web Sites

Look Up at the Sky Day
14th Apr each year

The History of Look Up at the Sky day

The creators of this holiday remain anonymous, but their goal is very clear: to encourage people to take a little time to slow down and appreciate the little things in life. People who spent a lot of their time looking at the sky include Nicholas Copernicus, who proved the earth revolved around the Sun (and not the other way around as previously thought) Albert Einstein, the creator of the Theory of Relativity, and Leonardo da Vinci, who envisioned the first flying machines, so rest assured you will be in the best of company!

How to Celebrate Look Up at the Sky Day

As the name of this little holiday itself suggests, take some time to look up at the sky! We sometimes take natural beauty for granted, and only pay attention to the sky if, say, it happens to be raining and we want to complain. So take a blanket out to the park and just lay down on it and gaze upwards for a while—you're likely to be amazed at how it changes depending on wind and other factors. Watching birds go about their lives as if nothing of importance was going on down below at all will likely be relaxing, and watching planes soaring high above you may even motivate you to take a trip to some faraway land. Look Up at the Sky Day was created to motivate us to see the world from a different perspective than we usually do and appreciate the beauty of nature, so make sure you get out and celebrate and make your life just a little bit more meaningful!

[Google Earth: Sky](#)

Investigate live images of galaxies, constellations, and planets with the Slooh Space Camera and Google Earth. The website begins with a short introduction

video for you to watch to become familiar with the tool. Google Earth must be downloaded to use.

<http://www.google.com/earth/explore/showcase/sky.html>

Science Made Simple: Why Is the Sky Blue?

This website has three different projects from which to choose on the topic of why the sky is blue. Also, you can scroll up to learn more about why the sky is blue.

http://www.sciencemadesimple.com/sky_blue.html – PROJECTS

Geography4Kids.Com: Earth's Atmosphere

Site studies what air is as well as what composes the atmosphere.

http://www.geography4kids.com/files/atm_intro.html

Hardware/Software

Adjust the volume in smaller increments

When you use the volume up and down keys on your Mac's keyboard, the difference between one tap and the next can actually be pretty big – especially if you're driving some meaty external speakers. Hold down \downarrow and \uparrow as you tap those keys, though, and the increments become much smaller.

And here's a bonus tip: if the audible feedback when you change the volume annoys you, you can turn it off in the Sound section of System Preferences, but, and here's the clever bit, you can temporarily toggle it back on by holding \uparrow when you change the volume – handy when you're not sure whether your Mac isn't making a noise because the system output is configured incorrectly or because the app you're trying to use is at fault.

Hints/Tips

Switch audio source/output from the menu bar

If you have headphones or speakers set up with your Mac, and if you have a headset or microphone connected, you might find yourself wanting to switch between different inputs or outputs, but this doesn't have to mean a slog to System Preferences every time.

Hold Option and click the volume adjuster in the menu bar and it'll bring up a list of audio inputs and outputs. You can then select the ones you want

(though it can't display too many, so might be limiting for complex set-ups).

Riddles You Can Tell in Class

Why does the Easter bunny have such a shiny nose?

His powder puff's on the wrong end.

Why do we paint Easter eggs?

Because it's easier than trying to wallpaper them!

Why didn't the egg cross the road?

Because he wasn't a chicken yet!

This Day in History

Birthdates which occurred on April 24:

1576 San Vicente de Paúl

1743 Edmund Cartwright England, cleric, inventor (power loom)

1905 Robert Penn Warren 1st US poet laureate (All the King's Men)

1934 Shirley MacLaine Richmond VA, actress/mystic (Irma la Douce)

1936 Jill Ireland London, actress (Breakout, Assassination, Chino)

1942 Barbra [Joan] Streisand Brooklyn NY, singer/actress/award winner (Funny Girl, The Way We Were)

1942 Richard M Daley (mayor-Democrat-Chicago)

1955 Michael O'Keefe Mount Vernon NY, actor (Caddyshack, Ironweed, Slugger's Wife)

1972 Chipper Jones Deland FL, infielder (Atlanta Braves)

On This Day:

1061 Halley's Comet sparks English monk to predict country'll be destroyed

1792 "La Marseillaise" composed by Claude-Joseph Rouget de Lisle

1833 Patent granted for 1st soda fountain to Jacob Evert & George Dulty

1872 Volcano Vesuvius erupts

1888 Eastman Kodak forms

1898 Spain declares war on US rejecting ultimatum to withdraw from Cuba

1901 1st American League game, Chicago White Sox beat Cleveland Indians 8-2, 3 other games rained out

1923 Colonel Jacob Schick patents Schick shavers

1945 Albert B "Happy" Chandler is named 2nd baseball commissioner

1950 President Harry Truman denies there are communists in US government

1953 Winston Churchill knighted by Queen Elizabeth II

1961 JFK accepts "sole responsibility" following Bay of Pigs 1962 Sandy Koufax's 2nd 18-strikeout game

1965 New York Mets' Casey Stengel wins his 3,000 game as manager
1969 Paul McCartney says there is no truth to the rumours he is dead
1978 Angels Nolan Ryan strikes out 15 Mariners, 20th time he has 15 in game
1981 Bill Shoemaker wins his 8000th race, 2000 more than any other jockey
1981 IBM-PC computer introduced
1989 Tens of thousands of students strike in Beijing China
1995 Dow Jones Index hits record 4303.98
1996 Highest scoring baseball game in 17 years – Twins 24, Tigers 11

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