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Give thought to what you say.
Remember that the written word can be erased – not so with the spoken word.
~Anonymous

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Web Sites

Star Wars Day
Thu 4th May, 2017
Other names– Luke Skywalker Day, May The Fourth
Founded: May 4th, 2001 by Toronto Underground Cinema

> *May 4th has become commonly known as Star Wars Day. And who could be surprised? The words, "May the 4th" seem to beg the rest of the catchphrase be uttered. Regardless of whether you prefer Star Wars or Star Trek, or if are even a sci–fi aficionado at all, the influence of George Lucas' Star Wars on pop culture is undeniable.*

The History of Star Wars Day

- *Star Wars, an epic space opera written and directed by George Lucas, premiered in 1977 and became an almost instant cult classic. Even today, almost 40 years later, Star Wars remains one of the most financially successful films of all time. The franchise it began remains the most successful one of all time, earning over 2.5 billion dollars since the release of the first film. However, the money it's earned over the years is hardly the most impressive aspect of Star Wars. As famous film critic Roger Ebert put it: "Like The Birth of a Nation and Citizen Kane, Star Wars was a technical watershed that influenced many of the movies that came after."*

- *Star Wars was a real game–changer, beginning a new era of special effect– packed motion pictures bursting with excitement, adventure and imagination that appealed enormously to younger audiences as well as older ones. Many of today's most acclaimed film directors, such as Peter Jackson, Ridley Scott, Christopher Nolan and James Cameron, cite Star Wars as a great influence on their careers. Star Wars has also had enormous cultural impact on other areas besides filmmaking, including politics-the Reagan Administration's Startegic Defense Program was mockingly nicknamed "Star Wars". As recently as 2013, President Barack Obama used the phrase "Jedi miind meld" to describe what some people were expecting him to do on his opposition to make them accept his ideas.*

- *"May the Fourth be with you" was first used by Margaret Thatcher's*

political party to congratulate her on her election on May 4th, 1979, and the saying quickly caught on. However, the first celebration of May 4th took place much later, at the Toronto Underground Cinema in 2001. This first official Star Wars Day's festivities included a costume contest and a movie marathon. Fans' favorite parodies of the franchise were also enjoyed, as were some of the most popular mash-ups and remixes. Since then, Star Wars Day has gained popularity and is celebrated by Star Wars Fans worldwide.

How to Celebrate Star Wars Day

- *The way you celebrate Star Wars day will depend on how well you know this cultural phenomenon. If you are a longtime fan of the franchise, you might want to get a group of friends together and attend one of the many Star Wars events organized in different parts of the world. Such events range from costume contests to museum exhibits to tours of space centers. And if you're not feeling up to going out, there's no reason why a Star Wars Day party organized by you at home should be any less fun. Movie marathons with friends, Star Wars trivia games and even Star Wars themed snacks (Death Star piñata, anyone?) will guarantee this day is full of fun as well as being very educational. "Vadering" another person has also become an extremely popular thing to do on this day, and the photos you take of this are sure to bring a smile to your face for years to come. Because Star Wars itself is such an enormous topic, the ways of celebrating the day dedicated to it are virtually endless. So choose one, have fun, and May the 4th be with you!*

PBS: American Masters: George Lucas
Informative page on the life of "Star Wars" and "Indiana Jones," director, George Lucas.
http://www.pbs.org/wnet/americanmasters/george-lucas-about-george-lucas/649/

DK Kids: You can Draw Star Wars
[Archived Content] [Archived Content] Follow illustrator Matt Busch and learn how to draw some of your favorite characters from Star Wars.
https://web.archive.org/web/20120103104444id_/http://www.kiddk.com/static/html/starwars.html

National Air and Space Museum: Star Wars: The Magic of Myth
[Archived Content] [Archived Content] Online exhibition relates the original Star Wars film trilogy to the "hero's journey" presented in Joseph Campbell's "Hero With a Thousand Faces" and "The Power of Myth." Originally accompanied an exhibit at the Museum, but now stands alone.
http://web.archive.org/web/20130621060013id_/http://airandspace.si.edu/e

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Hardware/Software

Throw files from your Mac to your iPhone
- Don't forget that, if you have a modern Mac that has Bluetooth 4.0 and a recent iOS device (iPhone 5 or later, for example), then you can easily send files from your Mac to your iOS device using AirDrop.
- The quickest way to do this is to right-click on the file you want to send then pick AirDrop from the Messages fly-out menu, then pick the device you want to send it to. (You'll have to have AirDrop turned on from the Control Centre of the iOS device first.)

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Hints/Tips

See your Mac activity with Activity Monitor
- If you find your Mac is running slow, or the fans are kicking in when you don't appear to be doing anything too intensive, you can see if you can identify what's causing it. Activity Monitor in OS X and macOS shows you how your Mac's resources are being used.
- Launch Activity Monitor from the Utilities folder to see current processes, and the resources they take up. The columns show you things such as the CPU usage of a process or the RAM it's taking up. If there's a process that's hogging resources and you're confident it's not needed, you can end it by selecting it, then clicking Quit Process.
- If you're just curious about how system resources are being used, click the tabs (CPU, System Memory and so on) to see graphs of your usage over time.

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Riddles You Can Tell in Class

1 - What does a well-behaved lamb say to his mother?
2 - Why did the hens go on strike?
3 - What holds the moon up?

1 - Thank ewe
2 - They refused to work for chicken feed.
3 - Moonbeams

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This Day in History

Birthdates which occurred on May 5:

1900 Spencer Tracy actor (Guess Who's Coming to Dinner)
1908 Rex [Reginald Carey] Harrison Huyton Lancashire England, actor (My Fair Lady, Doctor Dolittle, Cleopatra)
1913 Tyrone Power Cleveland OH, actor (Mark of Zorro, Alexander's Ragtime Band)
1926 Ann B Davis Schenectady NY, actress (Bob Cummings Show, Brady Bunch)
1940 Eric Burdon Walker-on-Tyne England, rock singer (Animals-House of Rising Sun, War)
1942 Tammy Wynette Redbay AL, country singer (Stand by your Man)
1943 Michael Palin Sheffield Yorkshire England, comedian (Monty Python, Fish Called Wanda)
1944 John Rhys-Davies Salisbury Wiltshire England, actor (Sir Edward-The Quest, Sliders, Lord of the Rings)
1973 Tina Yothers Whittier CA, actresss (Jennifer-Family Ties)
1976 Sage Stallone Sylvester's son/actor (Rocky V)
1977 Tiffany Roberts Petaluma CA, soccer midfielder (Olympics-96)

On this day…
1494 Christopher Columbus 1st sights Jamaica on his 2nd voyage to the New World
1816 American Bible Society organized (New York)
1863 Battle of Tupelo MS (Elvis has left the house...)
1867 Battle of Pueblo; Mexicans defeat Maximilian's forces (Cinco de Mayo)
1891 Carnegie Hall opens in NYC with Tchaikovsky as guest conductor
1920 US President Wilson makes Communist Labor Party illegal
1925 John T Scopes arrested for teaching evolution in Tennessee
1956 Jim Bailey (US) runs the mile record 3:58.6 in Los Angeles CA

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