

Friendship International



FEBRUARY 23, 2024

"LEAP" FOR JOY IN 2024

2024 is special because it's a leap year! Every four years we add a day to our calendar in order to keep our calendar in sync with the seasons. This is because Earth's orbit around the Sun takes approximately 365.24 days, which is slightly longer than our 365-day calendar year.

Leap Day is February 29th, and this goes all the way back to the establishment of the Julian calendar by Julius Caesar in 45 BCE!

Some exceptions are made to the "every four years" rule to make it as accurate as possible. The Gregorian calendar, introduced by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582, made small changes to correct the Julian calendar. It adjusted the leap year rules to skip century years (such as 1700, 1800, 1900) that are not divisible by 400. So, by this rule the years 1600 and 2000 were leap years, and the next "century year" to observe the leap year will not be until 2400!

Do you know anyone with a February 29th birthday? I bet they are excited! Will you celebrate or mark the day in any way? Here's a fun and interesting idea to consider:

Write a letter to your future self to open on the next Leap Day. You can write about what life is like right now, plus make predictions of what life might be like in 4 years. Be creative! I predict your future self will love it. Just be sure to keep it in a safe space, and then set a reminder on your phone for February 29, 2028.



UPCOMING DATES

February 23

Kintsugi - The Art of Precious Scars (due to a cancellation, we get to have this program that we missed in January!)

March 1

All About McConnell Springs with Steven Rogers

March 8

Singing with Jama & Julie

March 15

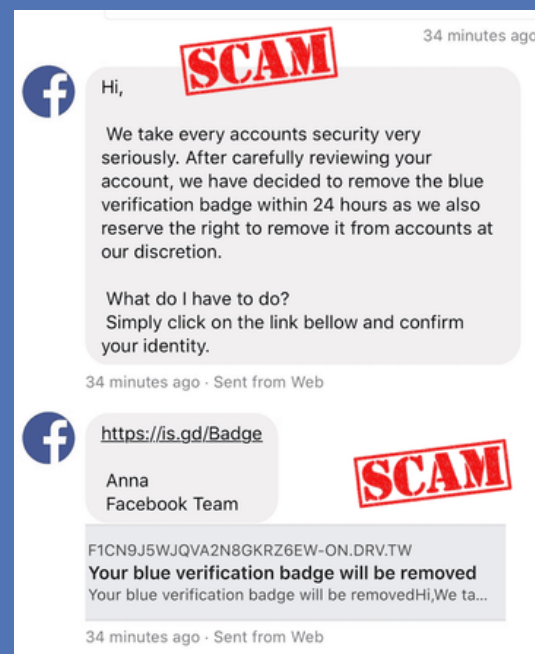
No Friendship/ No School in Fayette County

CAN YOU SPOT A SCAM?

With the rise in technology, came the rise in scammers! A scammer is someone who tries to gain access to something that doesn't belong to them through deceptive methods. They do their best to appear like they come from a real organization - like the government or your bank. Some scams are so tricky, they can be hard to spot, even when you are quite savvy. For those in a new country that are still learning the language, it makes it that much harder to determine real from fake! The Federal Trade Commission of the U.S. government offers a helpful article on the "Four Signs of a Scam." Be sure to read it at the link below!

When in doubt, be extra cautious. Honest organizations won't call, email, or text to ask for your personal information. Don't click on links or internet pop-ups that seem suspicious. Scammers often rely on urgency, to pressure you into acting quickly. Talk to a friend before moving forward with anything that you are questioning.

[Read the entire article here.](#)



FREE (OR CHEAP) KIDS MOVIES

Kids Dream Family Film Series

Two weekends left to see a featured kids movie at the Movie Tavern in Brannon Crossing for free (or cheap). At the links below you can read more information, like which movies are featured, showtimes, and download your TWO free passes. If you need more than two, those tickets are just \$3 each. Enjoy a cheap date at the movies!

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HONORING OUR HERITAGE

On February 16th we Honored Our Heritage together! Thanks to everyone who helped make this time so special. If you have photos you'd be willing to share with us at Friendship, would you please email them to Carol Sue at casuray@aol.com?

