

Dear LSC Campus Community:

Happy April. April marks the time of new beginnings, of hope, and light. It is a month when I am compelled to remind all of us to avoid mama bear when she parades her cubs across the main campus and the trail. Be careful. They look cuddly, but mama is very protective.

I often get a bit nostalgic in April, as I recall picking pussy willows and spring violets with my sister for our family's spring floral arrangements, finding my Easter basket, and my mother trying to explain how the Easter bunny lays eggs since our cousins were farm kids, and we all knew that just didn't add up. The answer: well, the bunny actually collects the eggs from special chickens and is essentially the delivery bunny. Yeah, I bought it at the time even though the eggs were chocolate. Give me a break: I was three.

It is fitting that it is both National Earth Month and National Poetry Month, a month to celebrate the beauty of the world around us with art and poetry, a welcome respite from the challenges of the day: I am thinking finals, folks!

This year, the Christian celebration of Easter Sunday falls on April 20th, which is the first Sunday after the first full moon following the spring equinox. The equinox occurred on March 20th and the first full moon in April will occur on April 13th.

Other notable days in April include: National Grilled Cheese Day (April 12th), National Sibling Day (April 10th), World Autism Awareness Day (April 2nd), International Jazz Day (April 30th), World Health Day (April 7th), International Dance Day (April 29th), and National Pretzel Day (April 26th).

Oh yes, and April 1st is April Fools' Day.

April Rain Song

Let the rain kiss you
Let the rain beat upon your head with silver liquid drops
Let the rain sing you a lullaby
The rain makes still pools on the sidewalk
The rain makes running pools in the gutter
The rain plays a little sleep song on our roof at night
And I love the rain. - Langston Hughes*

Be well, be kind, and stay dry.

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*Available: <https://allpoetry.com/April-Rain-Song>