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What is Valentine's Day?



Valentine's Day is a special day. People celebrate Valentine's Day every year on February 14. On this day, people honor friendship and love. It is a day to let family and friends know how special they are to you.

- Look at a calendar. On which day of the week is Valentine's Day this year?

DID YOU KNOW?

Valentine's Day is not a federal holiday. Unlike many holidays, people do not close schools, banks, and government offices on Valentine's Day.



On Valentine's Day, we can spend time with the people we love.

People first started celebrating Valentine's Day hundreds of years ago. Today, many countries around the world celebrate Valentine's Day. It is a day filled with love!



Holiday History

People think Valentine's Day began as a **festival** celebrated in **ancient** Rome. People celebrated the festival, called Lupercalia, every year on February 15. It was named after the Roman god Lupercus, who was the god of shepherds. On the night before the festival, every boy would draw a girl's name out of a vase. The girl would then become the boy's partner for the festival. Sometimes, the boy and girl fell in love and later got married.

DID YOU KNOW?

In ancient Rome, February 15 was the first day of spring. Lupercalia celebrated birth and the start of the new season.