Shakespeare's Birthday
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He was not of an age, but for all time!
--Ben Johnson

On Sunday, April 23rd, when you are celebrating the Easter holiday by eating just one more chocolate egg or a second slice of cake, take another one in honor of Shakespeare’s 436th birthday. The great Bard, born in Stratford-on-Avon, England, in 1564, became the greatest dramatist of the English-speaking world.

To this day, his moving, human dramas are staged, filmed, and updated for the modern audience. In fact, recently *A Midsummer’s Night’s Dream*, a film released in 1999, is now out on video with wonderful performances by Kevin Kline, Calista Flockhart, Stanley Tucci and Michelle Pfeiffer. A delightful romance that is considered Shakespeare’s transitional play offers the viewer an opportunity to rejoice in the magical and transformative quality of love.

Or if you’re feeling a bit more adventurous, plan to visit the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland this summer or early fall. The plays included in the Season 2000 are *Hamlet*, Shakespeare’s most beloved tragedy; *Twelfth Night*, a fun-filled comedy; and *The Taming of the Shrew*, a wild comedy centering around the battle between the sexes. Staged in the Elizabethan Theatre, the performances run from June 6 to October 8. For additional information, go online at [http://www.orshakespeare.org/](http://www.orshakespeare.org/).

Celebrating Shakespeare’s birthday by introducing yourself or someone close to you to his powerful, imaginative plays or poetry—especially the sonnets—would be just the right gift to include in any Easter basket.
You're Invited To Stop The Atrophy!

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It's time to join us for a ride and “eats.” On Saturday April 29 at 9 a.m., we will leave from the north parking lot of Bear Creek High School for a bike ride. The ride is 17 miles and flat as we travel along 8-mile road to Herman and Helen’s. We can snack, and drink, and socialize and return. HELMET REQUIRED.

On-Campus Childcare
Kim Angelique

Ms. Angie and Ms. Jamie, the morning staff of Creative Childcare, Inc., are keeping very busy with a good number of kids (about 7-10 daily). This month they have taught the kids about the letters I, J, and K. The night staff, Ms. Anita and Ms. Gloria, are busy too with lots and lots of art projects and fun for the kids.

There is plenty of room for more kids. So if you are in need of daycare for your 2 -5 year olds, look into the possibility of having your kids on campus at Creative Childcare, Inc. For details and additional information, call 478-2368.