

March 2010

St. Patrick's Day honors St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. We celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17.



Americans march in parades, dance the Irish jig and gather to sing Irish songs. People wear green in recognition of Ireland, the Emerald Isle, and wear shamrocks, clovers with three leaves.

The National Education Association annually sponsors Read Across America. Now in its thirteenth year, the program focuses on how important it is to motivate children to read, in addition to helping them master basic skills. The nationwide reading celebration takes place each year on or near March 2, the birthday of children's author Dr. Seuss. Across the country, thousands of schools, libraries, community centers, and more participate by bringing together kids and books, and you can too!



The saying goes "If March comes in like a lion it goes out like a lamb and if March comes in like a lamb, it goes out like a lion." Do you know what

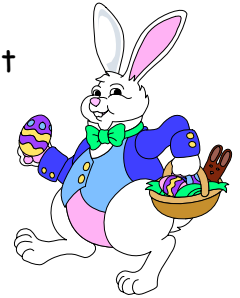


that means? The saying refers to the weather. If the weather is bad (cold and snowy) at the beginning of March, then the end of March (going out) will be calm (like a lamb). If the weather is mild at the beginning of the month, then it is said that March will end with bad weather.

March 13 Easter Bunny's Arrival

Hop on into the mall to welcome the Easter Bunny!

Free treats and milk to the first 500 kids. Enjoy crafts with the Fox 17 Kids Club and meet KC Fox! Enjoy stories by Sophie the Reading Rabbit, located by Target. Free rides on the Bunny Train from 10a.m. - noon on March 13th! The Easter Bunny, Sophie, and the Bunny Train will be at the mall through April 3rd.



NEA's Read Across America Day sponsored by Des Moines Education Association.

Date: March 2, 2010

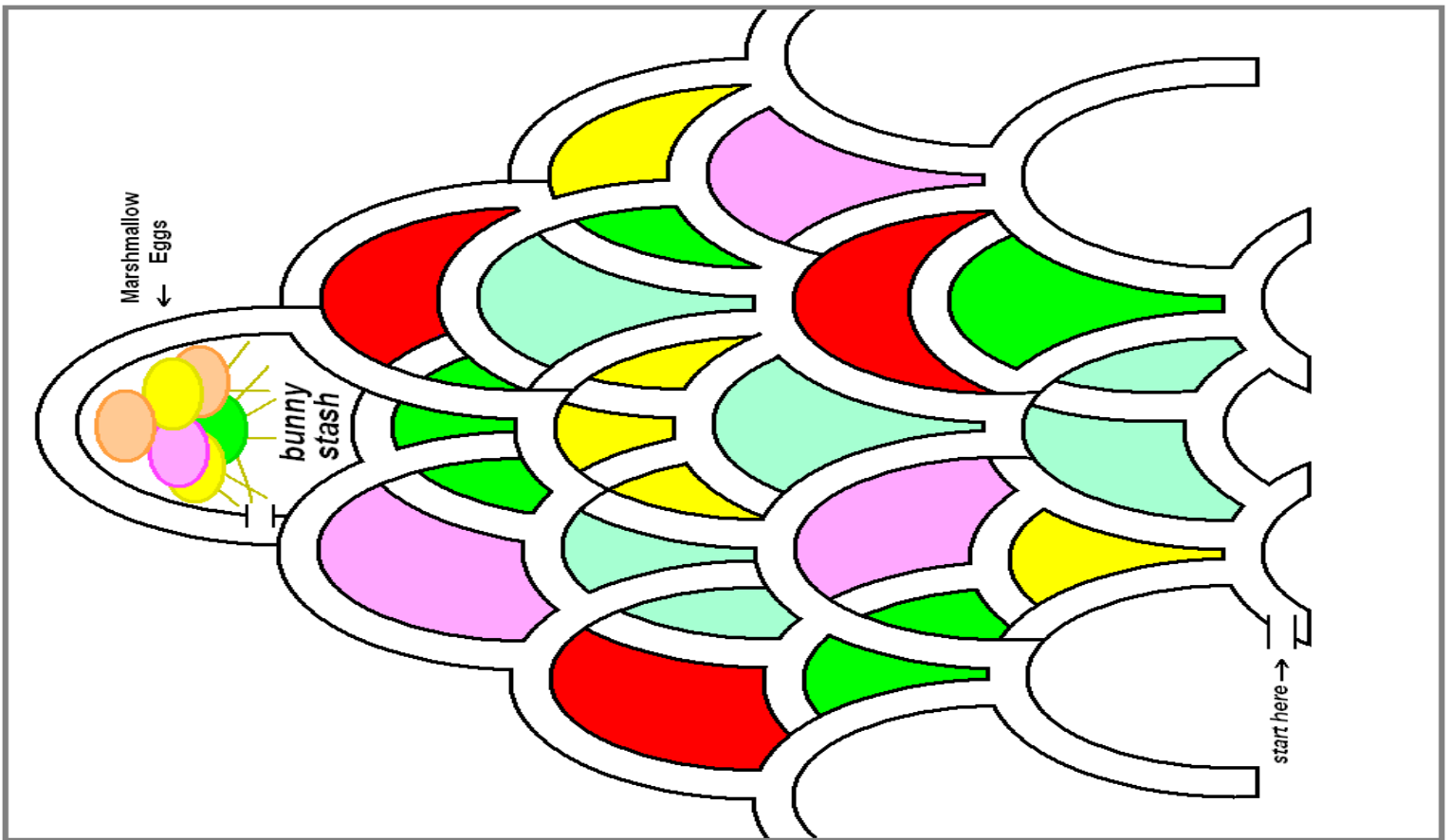
Time: 5-7 p.m.

Location: Lower Bridge Court



Join us for a celebration of reading in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday! Read-aloud story time with local celebrities; fun activities; free cookies; dress like a Dr. Seuss character for a chance to win a prize; music by Iowa Youth Choir.





FREE TRAIN RIDE



Clip and Save
 Ride the Merle Hay Mall
 Children's Easter Train
FREE.

REDEEM THIS COUPON FOR 1 FREE TRAIN RIDE. TRAIN WILL BE RUNNING
 MARCH 13 - APRIL 3, 2010.



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