

Welcome to Spring – no really, it seriously is!!!!

By Jackie Morgan

Yay! Finally we have some nice weather to make us believe that we are actually in the season of Spring. The last few months have been CRAZY with all sorts of weather. Just when we thought it would be rainy, it snowed – and stuck!!! Just when the calendar turned March 20th (the official arrival of Spring) the temperatures dropped and it got windy and rainy. The only thing that you can predict about the weather around here is that it is constantly changing.

And thankfully, so are we.

As mothers we are all too aware of how quickly things change. Just when we think we have it all figured out, something new changes our course. Kids who had been sleeping well through the night suddenly have nightmares or trouble falling asleep. When you thought your toddler had established a strong naptime schedule, suddenly you are faced with a rambunctious, take-on-the world non-napper. Last week's favorite food of peanut butter and banana sandwiches now won't be touched by your child with a 12-ft. pole. Those groovy shoes that your kid wears everywhere and with EVERY outfit are now marked with holes from all the past adventures (yes, that is their pinky toe hanging out!) and need to be "relocated." All these changes mean your children are growing, being formed into the person they are meant to be.

New growth is a sign of a vibrant life. Just like the bulbs sending up their colorful blooms and the trees unfurling their leaves, through the connections and friendships we make with other moms in the same boat and by the grace of God we are able face this season of motherhood. Through the wind and rain of the unexpected, we become something entirely new and different than before. Life endures through the changes.

And we were given new life through our Lord Jesus Christ, whose death, resurrection and conquering of our sin we will celebrate later this week and on into the Easter season. How perfect that we celebrate Easter and Spring together, for as our earthly home is renewed and rejuvenated, so we too as a Christian people are spiritually refreshed and reminded of the new life we have been granted and must strive to live out.

May you have a safe and healthy Holy Week, a truly transforming and grace-filled Easter and a Spring bursting with new opportunities for growth.



**Happy
Easter!!!!**

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Egg Hunts and Easter Events

List Courtesy of Karina Dunlap! Thanks Karina

Friday April 10th **Easter Egg Hunt**– Black Diamond Gun Club (hwy 169 between Enumclaw and Black Diamond) Kids 10 & Under– Gates open at 5pm, Hunt starts at 6pm. Bring Canned Food for local food Bank.

Friday April 10th– **Adults' Easter Egg Hunt**
(Evening time TBD)

Location: [Allan Yorke Park](#)

This is the first year Bonney Lake will host a special Easter Egg hunt just for adults! Contact [Sumner-Bonney Lake Parks & Recreation](#) for more information.

Saturday April 11th– **Kids' Easter Egg Hunt**
11:00 a.m.

Location: [Allan Yorke Park](#)– Bonney Lake

You're invited to the 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt! Children aged 1 to 11 years are welcome to participate. Bring your baskets and bring your cameras to take free pictures with the Easter Bunny. Donation stations will be set up at the event for the local food bank and children's clothing bank.

Saturday April 11th– **2nd Annual Hop to it Egg Hunt** in Enumclaw. 9:30 AM sharp. Enumclaw Expo Center. Free kids up to 10 years old. Line up around designated area before 9:30am.

Saturday April 11th– **Easter Bash & Egg Hunt!** South Hill Mall– Mall Wide 1pm–4pm. Come celebrate Easter! FREE activities age specific Easter Egg Hunts are planned. Sponsored by Sunrise Baptist Church.

Saturday April 11th **Easter Baskets for the Animals**. Seattle Woodland Park Zoo– Gorillas, elephants, bears and other zoo animals get Easter baskets with flowers, berries and other treats as an enrichment activity, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Free with Zoo Admission.

Saturday April 11th– **Bunny Bounce** 9:30–2:00pm– Woodland Park Zoo. Hop, skip and jump to woodland park zoo for the eighth annual Bunny Bounce, featuring amazing egg hunts for children 1-8, crafts, bunny encounters and egg-citing zoo programs throughout the day. Space may be limited. First come, first-served basis. Free with Zoo admission.



Great Ideas for Easter Egg Coloring
(ideas from www.amazingmoms.com)

Preparing your Easter eggs for dyeing...

Before decorating your eggs, you need to hard-boil them. Place the eggs in a large saucepan. Add cold water; enough to completely cover the eggs. Place on medium-high heat and bring water to a gentle boil. Reduce heat and simmer eggs for 9 minutes. Remove from heat and fill with cold water. The eggs must be completely cool and dry, to decorate successfully.

1. **A Kit...**When we were young, the basic PAAS Easter egg kit was the only way to go. Now you can purchase many different kits with stickers, holders etc.

2. Make your own food color dye.

Combine 1/2 to 1 Tablespoon of food coloring with 2 tsp. vinegar in a cup that is deep enough for the eggs. Add water to about the half way point. Gently place the eggs into the cups. I use a soup spoon to place my eggs in the cups, to avoid cracking. The longer they are left in the dye, the darker the color shade. Experiment with different combinations of colors When you remove the egg from the dye, pat dry with a paper towel and place in a holder.

3. Crayon Resist Easter Eggs

Color on the Easter eggs before placing in the dye. Simple Dots, lines shapes swirls...The wax will resist the dye and your picture will show through. If you are dyeing Easter eggs with little ones and do not want to use dye...The children can simply color the eggs with crayons and leave it at that.

4. Rubber Band Designs



Wrap elastic bands around hard cooked eggs, then drop them in food-coloring dye. Remove eggs, pat dry with paper towel and remove rubber bands. The parts of the egg covered with rubber bands will not be colored. Once the rubber bands are removed, you can drop the egg into a different color dye.

5. Marbled Eggs

In a mug or jar large enough to contain one egg, place 1 Tablespoon of oil, 1 Tablespoon of vinegar and 1 Tablespoon of food coloring. Add enough water to cover egg, stir quickly with a spoon and drop in hard boiled egg. Pull egg out quickly and pat dry with paper towel.

6. Collage Easter Eggs

Adorn your eggs with miscellaneous craft supplies; using white or craft glue to attach the materials. Items to try: sequins, buttons, glitter, or beads.

stickers or even color with markers. Get wild!

7. Natural Easter Egg Dye



Use the color chart below to create all natural tones. Try using natural dyes. Combine the dye source with 1/2 Tablespoon of vinegar with some cold water in a saucepan. Add raw eggs (make sure there's enough water to cover the eggs) and bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer 10 to 15 minutes. The longer you simmer, the darker the color will be, but simmer at least 8 minutes so that the eggs cook thoroughly.

8. Sponge Painted Eggs

Cut a sponge into small pieces. Pour some acrylic paint into a shallow dish or onto wax paper. Clip the sponge pieces onto clothes pins, one for each color of paint. Dip the sponge into the paint and dab the egg with it. Start with your darker colors first for the best effect.



Easy Chocolate Truffles

- 1 8oz package cream cheese, softened
- 3 cups powdered sugar
- 1 12oz package semi-sweet chocolate chips, melted
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Beat cream cheese until smooth. Gradually add sugar, beating until well blended. Add melted chocolate and vanilla; mix well. Refrigerate about 1 hour. Shape into 1-inch balls. Store in refrigerator. Makes about 5 dozen candies.

If you have never melted the chips before, it works pretty well to put them in a pyrex bowl in the microwave for 2 minutes. Stir, and if necessary microwave an additional 30 seconds. Do not over heat, or the chocolate will get a weird texture and not be smooth.



Fun Facts About Easter Candy

Here are some fun things you might have never known about Easter candy.

- The first chocolate eggs were made in Europe in the early 19th century and remain among the most popular treats associated with Easter.
- 90 million chocolate Easter bunnies are made for Easter each year.
- 16 billion jelly beans are made for Easter.
- Each day, five million marshmallow chicks and bunnies are produced in preparation for Easter.
- Easter is the second top-selling confectionery holiday behind only Halloween.
- 88 percent of adults carry on the Easter tradition of creating Easter baskets for their kids.
- 76 percent of people eat the ears on chocolate bunnies first.
- Red jelly beans are kids' favorite.
- According to the Guinness Book of World Records the largest Easter egg ever made was just over 25 feet high and made of chocolate and marshmallow. The egg weighed 8,968 lbs. and was supported by an internal steel frame.

• Can you imagine finding that 25' Easter egg in your basket? It seems like the perfect gift for a chocolate lover but also seems like the stuff Greek tragedies are made of. You have to wonder what someone would do with it. Four and a half tons of chocolate and marshmallow. What would you do with it?

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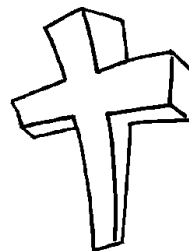
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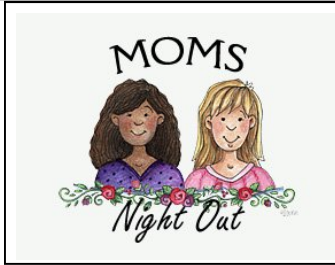
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Upcoming Activities and Events...



MOM'S NIGHT OUT-

This week- to be announced today! Will be held at the Martini Bar in Enumclaw.

ANTIQUITY PICK-UP

Reminder- pick up your antiquity photos April 7th-8th- If you forgot your Pick up time call Zoe.@ 360-825-8776

Join us in wishing a Very Happy Birthday to our Mops Moms born in April!

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Sacred Heart MOPS meetings Every Other Monday at Sacred Heart church in Enumclaw 1614 Farrelly St, Enumclaw 98022.

For More information contact Jackie @ 253-631-7094

NEXT MEETING APRIL 20th-



The Secret Garden- Wisdom on gardening and life with Marianne Binetti.

Craft: Photo Cubes

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