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### Things To Do...



JAPANESE CANADIAN  
CULTURAL CENTRE  
日系文化会館

#### Spring Festival

**Date:** Saturday March 7 and  
Sunday March 8, 2015

**Time:** 12:00-5:00pm

Haru Matsuri - Spring Festival -  
Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre

#### Disney on Ice



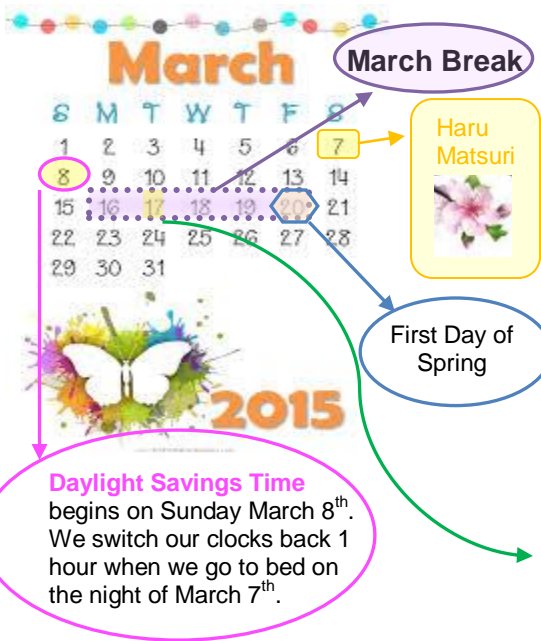
March 18, 2015 - March 22, 2015

Disney On Ice Presents  
Frozen Tickets | Toronto,  
Ontario, Rogers Centre - Mar  
18, 2015 - Mar 22, 2015



#### Find a Maple Sugar Festival Near You!

Ontario Maple Syrup Festivals - Maple  
Syrup Festivals in the Greater Toronto



### Looking for Something New To Do?

The **International Centre**, (6900 Airport Road in Mississauga), hosts many interesting events open to the public. Just 3 that you might like:

- ☑ **Motorama Custom Car & Motorsports Expo, March 13-15**
- ☑ **Toronto International Spring Motorcycle Show, March 21-22**
- ☑ **Spring Cottage Life Show, March 27-29**

More information and more events can be found at:

[Events Calendar - The International Centre](#)



### St. Patrick's Day



March 17<sup>th</sup> is St. Patrick's Day. This day marks the death of St. Patrick. He was a missionary in Ireland who died on March 17<sup>th</sup> in the 5<sup>th</sup> century. He chased all the snakes away and brought Christianity to Ireland.

Today, March 17<sup>th</sup> is an opportunity to celebrate Irish culture. Many Canadians have Irish ancestors. Shamrocks, leprechauns and the colour green are symbols of this day.

Parades are held in some Canadian cities. Many Canadians mark the day by attending a parade, or going out with friends to a pub, (bar), and drinking green beer. Parade info:

[Home - Toronto St Patricks Day Parade](#)

### WHAT'S HAPPENED SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER?

*English Matters* helped a student...

- Research a College Midwifery course
- Find a naturopathic doctor
- Find a volunteer position with their municipality
- Go to a workshop about Autism
- Find a volunteer position at a clinic

*English Matters* also took some students on an excursion to a unique Toronto Tea Shop.

*What can we do for you?*

### DID YOU KNOW?...

#### Level 1 (Beginner)

The first bird you will see in the Spring is the Robin. They will have babies in May.



#### Level 2 (Intermediate)

Flocks of robins will start to return to southern Canada in late March or early April. Their eggs are 'robin's egg blue'. The first eggs will hatch in late May and the chicks are very hungry.

[Click here to see a robin hatch from its egg. Robin egg hatching - YouTube](#)

#### Level 3 (Advanced)

One of the first signs of Spring is the return of the Robin. The males return to southern Canada in late March or early April, and the females will arrive a week or so later. The females make the nests, and will lay their first eggs in early May. The chicks will hatch about 2 weeks later. The eggs are a vibrant blue. The young will fledge (leave the nest) when they are just 13 days old.

## April 1<sup>st</sup> is April Fools' Day



In many Western countries April 1<sup>st</sup> is called *April Fools' Day*. It is a day when people play jokes on each other, or try to trick their friends and family. A simple trick would be to change your friend's cell phone background image to a photo of a cracked screen. It is harmless but could be very funny to see the reaction!!  
**Have fun, and don't get fooled!!!**



## Easter Weekend is Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup> to Monday April 6<sup>th</sup>

Easter Weekend is made up of Good Friday, (April 3<sup>rd</sup>), Easter Sunday, (April 5<sup>th</sup>) and Easter Monday, (April 6<sup>th</sup>). In the Christian Faith, Good Friday marks the death of Jesus Christ and Easter Sunday celebrates the day he rose from the dead. Schools and many businesses are closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

Easter has also become a very commercialized holiday. Children are told that the Easter Bunny comes to their home on the Saturday night, and delivers a basket of candy and chocolate to them. These treats are often in the shape of bunnies or eggs. At times, there will be a small toy, like a ball or a skipping rope in the basket. Sometimes the treats are hidden and children have to search for them. This is called an Easter Egg Hunt. Other traditions include decorating eggs with colourful paints and getting together with family, attending church and having a special dinner. Younger children will usually have Easter themed activities in their school.

## Looking for Something New To Do?

The **International Centre**, (6900 Airport Road in Mississauga), hosts many interesting events open to the public. One in April that you might like:

### ☑ **Canadian Spring Show, April 18** **(Also known as Craftadian)**

More information and more events can be found at

[Events Calendar - The International Centre](#)

## Earth Day is April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Earth day has been celebrated on April 22<sup>nd</sup> since 1970. It is a day for people around the world to celebrate the earth and commit to building a safer, healthier and cleaner world.

It is not a holiday. It is just a day for Canadians to remember that they can and should protect the environment.

Nearly every school child in Canada takes part in an Earth Day activity.



## Places to Visit When the Spring Weather is Rainy

It may be very cold outside now, but Spring is coming. It will be warmer, but sometimes too wet to go outside. Here are some indoor things to do.

- ✓ **Visit the Science Centre**  
770 Don Mills Rd, Toronto, ON M3C 1T3  
[Ontario Science Centre: Home](#)
- ✓ **Visit Casa Loma**  
1 Austin Terrace, Toronto, ON M5R 1X8  
<http://www.casaloma.org/>
- ✓ **Visit the ROM**  
100 Queen's Park, Toronto, ON, M5S 2C6  
[Welcome to Royal Ontario Museum | Royal Ontario Museum](#)

## Cherry Blossom Viewing

**Come to High Park to see the blossoms!**

**When:** [Tracking & Predicting Peak Bloom | High Park Nature Centre](#)

**Where:** [Planning Your Visit | High Park Nature Centre](#)



## Greetings to *English Matters* From a Former Student, February, 2015:

When I sent you the e-mail in December, I couldn't find your e-mail address. Then I searched your business, "English Matters". I found your Website and the newsletter there. I enjoyed them. They made me remember the life in Canada. I'm looking forward to reading new one. 12月にあなたにeメールを送るとき、あなたのアドレスが見つからなかったの、あなたの会社 English Matters のウェブサイトを探しました。ウェブサイトを見つけて、そこでニュースレターも見ました。面白かったです。カナダでの生活を思い出しました。新しいニュースレターも楽しみにしています。

I always check the weather in Mississauga when I check my area's. Yesterday it said the lowest temperature was -24°C ! How cold! Please take care and enjoy cold weather. 私は自分の地域の天気をチェックするとき、いつも Mississauga の天気もチェックしています。昨日の最低気温は-24度でした！寒い！どうか体に気を付けて、寒い季節を楽しんでください。