



HELLO PARENTS,

Victoria Day is a sign that summer is just around the corner. This holiday, which is only celebrated in Canada and Scotland, began as a celebration to honour Queen Victoria's birthday. Today, Victoria Day is a holiday throughout most of Canada and the day was marked more recently in most cities with parades, outdoor events and activities like camping and elaborate firework displays. This year, it might be marked in different ways that allow people to keep a safe distance such as virtually online, on television or as a family in the backyard. In this newsletter, we will provide you with more information and activities to celebrate Victoria Day at home.

VICTORIA DAY ACTIVITIES

FIZZING FIREWORKS

MATERIALS:

- Vinegar
- Baking soda
- Spray bottle
- Water
- Coffee filters
- Food colouring

DIRECTIONS:

- Place the coffee filters on the table.
- Fill up the spray bottle with a 3/4 vinegar, 1/4 water and add a few drops of food colouring.
- Scoop some baking soda and drop it on the coffee filter.
- Start spraying and watch as the colourful baking soda starts fizzing as it is hit by the vinegar solution.
- Add more colours, more water, and more baking soda until your fireworks have been fizzing long enough.
- Let the coffee filters dry, then move them, lay out some new ones, and start again.

[Click here](#) for more activities.

VICTORIA DAY – SENTENCE SCRAMBLE

MATERIALS:

- Paper
- Pencil
- Scissors

DIRECTIONS:

- On a piece of paper write a sentence centered around facts about Victoria Day.
- For example, you may write "In 1952, the government made the decision to begin celebrating Victoria Day on a Monday."
- Cut out each word, included the punctuation as a separate card.
- Mix the paper cards and try to unscramble the sentence.
- Record the sentence and talk about the most challenging parts.

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QUEEN VICTORIA'S CROWN

MATERIALS:

- Paper towel tube
- Colourful tape
- Scissors
- Elastic cord
- Hole puncher (anything you can punch a hole)
- Pencil

DIRECTIONS:

- Tape the colourful tape around the paper towel tube.
- Cut points of the crown using scissors.
- Make two holes at the bottom of your crown.
- Thread the elastic cord through the holes and tie a double knot to fit your child.
- Let your child decorate the crown.

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HISTORY OF VICTORIA DAY

- Victoria Day celebrates the birth of Queen Victoria on May 24, 1819, who ruled the British Empire from 1837 until her death in 1901.
- Victoria Day was declared a Canadian holiday by the government in 1845.
- When Queen Victoria died in 1901, Canada's parliament officially named the holiday Victoria Day.
- In 1952, the government made the decision to begin celebrating Victoria Day on a Monday. It would be observed on May 24th or on the Monday immediately before it.

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