

April 2017 Elementary Physical Activity Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Try Savasana again. Use this to relax and wind down all year!	 National Health Observances National Autism Awareness Month National Distracted Driving Awareness Month Stress Awareness Month April 7: World Health Day 		SHAPE America recommends school-age children accumulate at least 60 minutes and up to several hours of physical activity per day. Each bout of physical activity should be followed by cool-down stretches that help reduce soreness and avoid injury. Happy exercising! Yoga photos from www.forteyoga.com			1 Yoga is a great way to relieve stress. Try Savasana, considered to be the hardest yoga pose! Fully relax & clear your mind.
Musical Frogs This game is just like musical chairs except players hop around like frogs and sit on lily pads (pillows).	3 Bear Walk With your bottom in the air, step forward with your right hand & step forward with your left foot. Step forward with the left hand then the right foot. Continue to move across the room.	4 See how many times you can run around the outside of your school without stopping. Check your pulse when you finish.	Dribble Challenge Dribble a ball 100 times with each hand. Can you successfully dribble 100 times with each hand while moving?	6 Fish Pose Hold fish pose for 60 seconds. Take a break and hold for another 60 seconds	7 World Health Day Did you know regular, moderate-intensity physical activity can help prevent diabetes? Go for a walk with an adult & discuss other ways to prevent diabetes.	8 Wild Arms As fast as you can complete: 10 Arm Circles front & back 10 Forward punches 10 Raise the Roof's Repeat 3x
Family Adventure Go for a walk with your family. Vary your speeds sometimes walking a fast and medium pace.	Crawl Like a Seal Lie on your stomach, arms straight out front. Use your arms to pull your lower body along keeping your legs and back straight.	How Fast Can You Go? Pick a distance and see how fast you can run the distance.	Inchworms Keeping your legs straight place your hands on the ground, walk them into push-up position, and walk your legs up.	13 Garland Pose Practice your balance with this pose!	14 Rock Paper Scissors Tag Meet in the middle, shoot, loser chases the winner back to safe zone. If tagged, join the other team.	15 Commercial Break Can you hold a plank for an entire TV commercial break?
Wake and Shake As soon as you get out of bed shake your body any way you like for 10 seconds. Are you up now? Good! Now jump up and down 10 times.	17 Chair Pose Hold for 30 seconds, relax then repeat.	18 Play your favorite tag game at recess today. If you don't have recess, play it after school with some friends.	Jump, Jump Jump side-to-side over an object or line for 1 minute straight. Go again but jump front to back. Repeat each jump twice.	Put your favorite song on and make up a dance or fitness routine!	21 Paper Plate Planks In plank position with paper plates under your feet. Complete 30s each: -mountain climbers -in and out feet -knees to chest	Step Jumps Find a step or a bench and jump up and down 50 times. Be careful. Take a break if you need to.
Along the sidewalks alternate between skipping, speed walking, and jogging.	Star Jumps Jump up with your arms and legs spread out like a star. Do 10 then rest and repeat.	25 Crane Pose Here's a challenge! Put your hands on the ground, lean forward & balance your knees on your elbows.	26 4 Walls Face each wall in a room and do a different exercise for 30 seconds -side shuffle -grapevine to left then right -wide stance punches -vertical jumps	Target Practice Hang up some targets and try and hit them with a ball, Hit it? Move farther away. Hit it? Keeping moving back!	Tea Cup Tip-ups Place your hands on the ground and gently touch your forehead to the ground balancing your elbows on your knees.	Play Catch Grab any kind of ball and play catch with a family member. Keep your eyes on the ball and catch it with your hands not your body.