

April is for Baking

A Calendar of Hospitality,
Events and Hacks!





April 6, 2022- 7 PM Eastern Time

Celebrations Take Cake!

Attend LIVE ZOOM FORUM

- Chef Eleonora Lahud, ASR-Group
Icings, Buttercream, Meringues
- Elizabeth Hagan, National Educator
Award winner-
Birthday Cakes around the World
- Free cake baking resources
- [Register now at HomeBaking.org](https://HomeBaking.org)

"Everything's Sweeter When Shared."



[Rainbow Sprinkles Cake](#)

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*Soft Pretzel Month begins when you bake
Bread with a Twist*

- Classic Wholegrain Pretzels (right) give you your start.
- Soft Pretzels options...
Mini...Salted Caramel
...Cinnamon Sugar...Pesto
Parmesan...and Cheddar
Jalapeno Pretzels-
- Shape and bake extra thick,
for super sandwich buns!



Baking HACK: View How to Make Soft Pretzels, <https://youtu.be/eSBsUyj37dM>

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April 1- No Fooling! It's Sourdough Bread Day.



- ▶ San Francisco Sourdough Bread's the most famous sourdough in the U.S.
- ▶ Making your own isn't as hard as you think (right)
- ▶ No time to feed starter? Let Red Star's sourdough yeast go to work!



Sourdough Bread
for Beginners.

Baking Hack: Place a large metal bowl, (must be oven proof), over your loaf in the oven for first 30 minutes. (The bowl creates steam around the bread for a chewier crust.) Bake in hot oven (450° F. until crust golden, interior temperature, 210°F.

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April 2- Peanut Butter and Jelly Day

Peanut butter was a much sought after ingredient when it debuted at the Chicago World's Fair in 1883.

Home Economist Julia Davis Chandler first paired Peanut butter *and Jelly* in 1901.

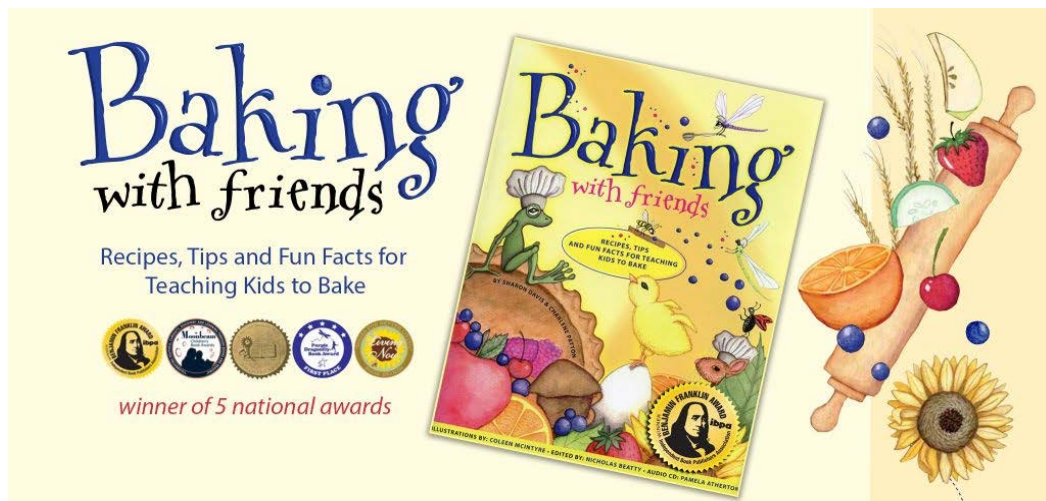
- ▶ Peanut Butter and Jelly Swirl Rolls (right) give Cinnamon Rolls competition for breakfast.
- ▶ Peanut Butter and Jelly Muffins- Gluten Free or Wheat- are delicious! (right)



Baking Hack: Launch spring get-togethers with the MANY biscuit variations in JIFFY's FREE recipe book.

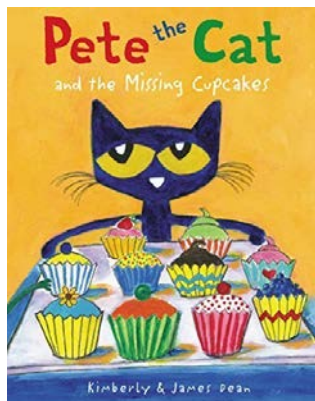
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April 3-9- National Library Week



- ▶ Book and Bake!
Reading and following a baking recipe is literacy building!
- ▶ Check out the latest Baking Books!

Baking with Friends includes a "read" for every recipe and age-Appropriate baking tasks for children.



Baking Hack: Master creative cupcakes like Pete the Cat!
Learn test kitchen pro baking, frosting and decoration basics and tips.



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April 8- A Day for Empanadas



Beef Empanadas

- ▶ *Empanada* is a Galician, Portuguese and Spanish word- *em pandar*- "to wrap or coat in bread" - then bake or fry.
- ▶ Sweet spices to savory, empanadas may be stuffed with almost anything...Chef Gemma Stafford demonstrates Chocolate Dulce de Leche Empanadas.
- ▶ Empanada crust is similar to pie crust, but leavening gives extra "lift."



Baking Hack: Cut *cold* (40°F) lard, butter or shortening into the flour, salt and baking powder mixture; then chill it again while the filling cools.

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April 13- Peach Cobbler Day



- ▶ Cobbler history: “Unable to make traditional suet puddings...settlers instead covered a stewed filling with a layer of uncooked plain biscuits or dumplings, fitted together.”
- ▶ When cobbler (right) is fully cooked, the surface may look like a cobbled street.
- ▶ View Biscuits 101 with Chef Devin Donley, Renwood Mills.



Watch Charlene Patton prepare [Country Fruit Cobbler.](#)

Baking Hack: Cook the fruit, sugar and cornstarch mixture on the stove top, pour into the casserole dish and hold in the hot oven while you make the “cobbles” (sweet biscuits).

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April 14- Gardening Day

- ▶ The Veggie Waffle is simply the best start this week's end.
- ▶ Spring rains have asparagus popping up willy-nilly for a Spring Tonic Quiche.
- ▶ Baker Bettie shares her tips on how to make pie crust for all you garden fresh baking.



Baking Hack: For Quiche I love this 100% whole wheat pie crust. To prevent a soggy bottom: when you heat the oven, heat a baking stone or heavy sheet pan upside down and bake the pie on this screaming hot surface.

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April 15- Go bananas!

- ▶ [Banana Cupcakes](#) for starters...
- ▶ ...Native black walnuts put pizzazz in [Banana Bread](#) and finish strong with...
- ▶ [Banana Upside Down Cake](#) (right) with creamy caramel sauce will become TRADITION.



Baking Hack: Keep bananas at-the-ready.
Peel bananas at the point of ripeness right for one of the options.
Wrap in waxed paper, drop into a zipped food bag, and freeze.

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April 20- Pineapple Upside Down Cake

You're picnic-ready for Spring outdoor events with this cake.

- ▶ Go with the personal size! (right) Pineapple Upside Down Cupcakes!
- ▶ Serving a crowd? Here's one Pineapple Upside Down Cake we all love!
- ▶ Traditionalists bake Pineapple Upside Down Cake in cast iron.



Baking Hack: When a recipe calls for cake flour and you're out, whisk together 2 Tablespoons cornstarch and 7/8 cup bleached all-purpose flour for each cup. Just remember, there's no real substitute for the tender crumb soft wheat flour provides.

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April 23- Cherry Cheesecake Day

You'll love the lightness of No-Bake Cherry Vanilla Cheesecake!



- ▶ How to celebrate? Hold a cherry cheesecake making session at home with family or friends!
- ▶ Thank the Greeks! It's believed cheesecake was created on Samos, 2000 B.C.

Baking Hack: Taste how adding fresh citrus zest or juice brightens and lightens this cheese cake cousin, Strawberry Cream Cheese Tart.

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April 25- Zucchini Bread Day

- ▶ Garden Harvest Zucchini Bread will be a new favorite. Less oil, more flavor!



- Blend zucchini and with two cheeses and fresh thyme and green onion in Savory Muffins.

Baking Hack: Fresh is best, but in a pinch, 1 Tablespoon fresh herbs may be substituted with ½ to 1 teaspoon of the same herb, dried.



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April 26- Kids and Pets Day



Elaine Aukstikalnis, King Arthur Flour friend, shares her *Best of Breed Dog Treats*, “vetted by the vet.”

- ▶ Bake-your-own whole grain antioxidant-rich pet treats.
- ▶ Best of Breed Dog Treats are whole grain and protein-rich.
- ▶ How-to video, Pet Treat Tips, and step-by-step recipe.

Baking Hack: Use a fork to “dock” the pet treats horizontally across the cut-out treat for crisp baking. BUSY?? Don’t hesitate to make a log of dough, refrigerate and slice ¼-in thick small “kibble” treats too.

May Baking Calendar

Take a Sneak Peak!



Strawberry
Cupcakes



Strawberry Cream Cheese Shortcake

Baking Hack: Explore why sugar is added to foods we love!
Sprinkle a teaspoon on fresh strawberries to release juices (macerate).