

**{TOP 10}**

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# Family Events for April

Explore these fun spring activities in and around the DMV.



**THROUGHOUT THE MONTH**

**NATIONAL CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL**

Witness the annual blooms of Washington, D.C.'s cherry trees—a gift from Yukio Ozaki, who served as the mayor of Tokyo in 1912. The city is hosting festival events through April 17 to celebrate the season.

Free.  
[nationalcherryblossomfestival.org](http://nationalcherryblossomfestival.org)



**APRIL 3  
LITTLE PASSOVER NOSHERS**

Join the Bender JCC of Greater Washington in Rockville for a party that will delight your family's taste buds, with food handed out by one of your kids' favorite furry cookie-loving monster. Learn Passover facts, create crafts and enjoy the PJ Library story time. 4-5 p.m. \$15 per family.  
[benderjccgw.org](http://benderjccgw.org)



**APRIL 3  
JCS & ALL MACHAR PESACH/PASSOVER CELEBRATION**

Commemorate Passover at the Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School in Washington from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Visit the website for more details.  
[machar.org/event/jcs-adult-ed-37](http://machar.org/event/jcs-adult-ed-37)



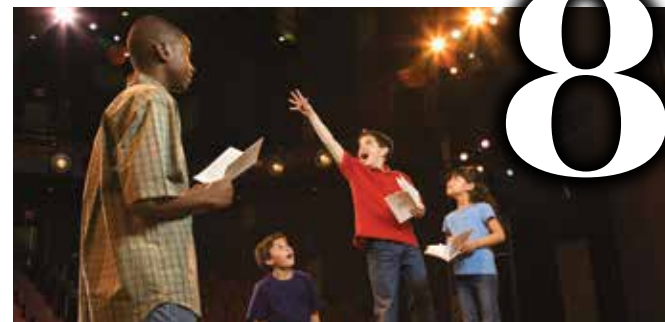
**APRIL 8  
HOMESCHOOL DAY**

For Architecture Month, the Lee-Fendall House Museum and Garden in Alexandria is hosting students for Homeschool Day to learn about 18th- and 19th-century American architecture through special tours and activities. Hours are 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Tickets start at \$5; ages 3 and younger are free.  
[leefendallhouse.org](http://leefendallhouse.org)



**APRIL 9  
BOOKS AND BLOSSOMS**

A Carpe Librum book pop-up outside of the Van Ness Main Street office in Washington is selling books, records, CDs and DVDs for the family at prices \$6 and less. All proceeds support Turning the Page. A DIY cherry blossom crafting station will be next door from noon to 3 p.m. Free  
[vannessmainstreet.org](http://vannessmainstreet.org)



**APRIL 11-15  
SPRING BREAK CAMPS AT IMAGINATION STAGE**

Explore a new or favorite creative skill such as hip-hop, Broadway dance, tabletop role playing, filmmaking and improvisation during spring break in Bethesda. These weeklong programs will challenge and stimulate your child's imagination. Tuition starts at \$265.  
[imaginationstage.org/camps](http://imaginationstage.org/camps)

**APRIL 23  
SHINE BRIGHTER TOGETHER: AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH**

Wheaton Regional Park will have sensory-friendly activities including a chalk hop challenge, parachute games and sensory story time. You can help paint a community mural designed by Montgomery County Elementary School students recognized in The Arc Maryland's "Together We're Better" art contest. Free  
[montgomeryparks.org](http://montgomeryparks.org)

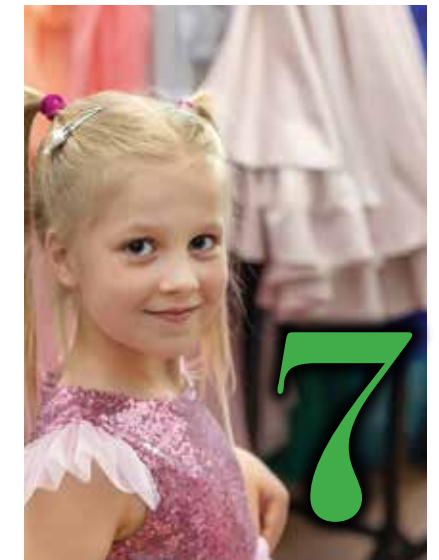


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**APRIL 10  
KIDS FASHION WEEK DMV: RUNWAY SHOW**  
New in tiny fashion: a runway show from Kids Fashion Week Network at Prince George's Ballroom in Greater Landover. Doors open at 3 p.m. for the outdoor show. An annual runway show is the culmination of a yearlong program to foster youth talent and career opportunities. Tickets start at \$40.  
[kfwnetwork.com](http://kfwnetwork.com)



**APRIL 16  
EASTER AT FIREFLY CELLARS**  
Easter can be a family affair at Firefly Cellars in Hamilton, Virginia. Come for a morning egg hunt with treats for the little ones and mimosas for mom and dad. All will enjoy the spring animals petting zoo. Tickets include at least 10 eggs per child, one mimosa, one nut-free treat and petting zoo photos. 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.  
[fireflycellars.com](http://fireflycellars.com)

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