



THE FRANKLIN FIVE

GREEN IS GOOD

This month we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Isn't it time to embrace more green veggies? Learn new recipes for broccoli, kale, asparagus, bok choy, and more. Plan out a date for each meal and commit to it in your planner, marking both grocery shopping and cooking dates.

PLAN YOUR FAMILY BUDGET

The tax deadline is next month. Make this the year you create and stick to a budget. Start today! Set aside funds for bills, mortgage, groceries, and the other necessities in your life. But remember to budget some for a little fun as well. We suggest using our financial plans supplement to keep it all organized.

GIVE SERVICE

Everyone needs help every now and again. This spring, use your planner to coordinate a service project with your friends and family, and give of yourself to those who need it.

PLAN A PLAY DATE WITH YOUR KIDS OR GRANDKIDS

Open your planner and schedule a date with each of your children this month. It doesn't have to be a big event. Take one to a movie, out for ice cream, hiking, or shopping, or just go the park. After all, it's the little things in life that turn out to be the big things.

CHECK YOUR FORMS

Are you running low on any forms and tabs? If you use them regularly in your planner, it might be time to restock.

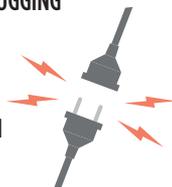
MY FOCUS FOR THIS MONTH

MARCH

FUN HOLIDAYS THIS MONTH

3 DAY OF UNPLUGGING

We're all so connected to our devices, it's easy to feel somewhat like Pavlov's dogs.



We react when the bell rings. Plan to unplug for a day and just enjoy the quiet.

12 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

Remember we spring ahead and fall back. Set your clock an hour ahead Saturday night.



17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY

It started as a religious feast celebrating the patron saint of Ireland, and now it's an international holiday. Have fun, and don't forget to wear green.



20 FIRST DAY OF SPRING

Spring is a reminder of renewal. Look over your list of goals for the year and see if any of them could use a fresh boost of life.



30 PENCIL DAY

The first mass produced pencils were made in Nuremberg Germany in 1662.

