



Water ice is found in many places in our solar system—even on Mercury, the planet closest to the Sun! This is a picture of Mars' south pole during summer. The ice cap is much smaller than in winter and spring. See all the icy places in the solar system at

## **APRIL 2008**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Listening Awareness Month. Make a Sound Cone to hear all the little sounds.		April Fools Day. At least teach your nose not to be fooled!	National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day! Would PBJ sandwiches be good to take on a trip to Mars?	3	National Reading a Road Map Day. While you're at it, learn to read—and make—a topo- graphical map.	5
NEW MOON 6	7	8	NASA selected the first 7 astro- nauts, 1959. Take a look at the astronaut images in The Space Place gallery.	Encourage a Young Writer Day. Write an "out of this world" poem.	11	First space shuttle was launched, 1981. Get a feel for gravity at The Space Place.
13	14	Leonardo Da Vinci born this day in 1452. Ever wonder how most inventors do their work?	16	17	18	19
FULL MOON 20	21	Earth Day. Solve an online crossword about the Nine-eyed Earth Watcher!	Launch of Hubble Space Telescope, 1990. Just how good is the amazing Hubble?	24	25	Charles F. Richter born, 1900. He invented a scale for measuring earthquake severity. Would his scale work on lo?
27	Jan Oort born, 1900. A huge cloud of icy solar system objects is named for him. Why does this "cloud" matter to us?	29	30			

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April 1: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/enose\_do1.shtml

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April 10: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/cosmic\_poetry.shtml

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April 15: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/educators/nmp\_tech\_history.pdf

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