



## Pi Across America "Pi Day" Celebrations March 14th

Woodland Hills, CA – Pi is one of mathematics most intriguing numbers and teachers, students, parents and others are encouraged to take time out to celebrate the wonders of pi on and or near March 14<sup>th</sup> (the calendar numeric of which 3:14 also matches pi). This March's event marks the third annual celebration of “Pi Across America,” an ongoing celebration of math and science literacy. Information about pi, including its storied past, suggested classroom activities for K-12, a map to see what others are doing across the country, reference referrals, formulas and word problems can be found at [www.piacrossamerica.org](http://www.piacrossamerica.org) . All information is free to the public.

Pi celebrations will be taking place all over the country. In Woodhaven, Michigan, high school students competed to see who could recite the most numbers of pi – the winner got the first 151 digits correct. In Oviedo, Florida, middle school students competed in an “edible pi” contest, shaping various foods into pi’s Greek alphabet symbol,  $\pi$ . At many elementary schools students made “pi chains” with colored paper loops representing pi’s endless sequence of digits, sang “pi songs,” investigated the geometry of circles and otherwise celebrated a very magic number whose history goes back thousands of years and includes many different cultures.

“We are pleased to note that over tens of thousands of teachers and others visited the Pi Across America website throughout the year, but especially around March,” notes David Quick co-founder of Pi Across America. “Math can be fun and engaging, and hopefully the resources we are providing will help educators in their vital quest to make America’s students as competitive as possible in an increasingly competitive world economy.”

Who: 50+ million students, from preschool to high school  
What: Math and science literacy campaign at [www.piacrossamerica.org](http://www.piacrossamerica.org)  
Why: Promoting math and science literacy in an increasingly competitive world  
Where: Across America  
When: March 14 (The calendar equivalence of Pi 3.14)

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