

Creating a Calendar



Lesson Objectives

- 4 Identify school, community, and personal use of a calendar
- 4 Use the Calendar Wizard to create a monthly calendar.
- 4 Customize your calendar with text and Clip Art.
- 4 Add photographs to your calendar.
- 4 Save and print your calendar.
- 4 Publish your calendar on the

In addition to school assignments, many students have numerous demands on their time, like sports, clubs, and other activities. As children grow older and become busier, learning how to juggle school work with extracurricular activities is crucial. Younger children benefit from using calendars, which helps them set and work towards goals and to anticipate special events.

Seeing events scheduled on a calendar often makes them seem more manageable. Publisher 2000 can help you easily create comprehensive calendars for tracking of all the events, as well as communicating scheduled assignments. By keeping due dates and other milestones visible, you and your students can plan better and be more in control of time and resources.

Use the Calendar Wizard in Publisher 2000 to create a two-month calendar for your marine mammals unit with special emphasis on project due dates and a fundraising dinner with silent auction. Then you can practice customizing the calendar for these activities.

Pre-publishing Activities

- Discuss how students might use an Assignment Calendar to keep track of daily assignments, quizzes, tests, and projects.
- Discuss the types of information and activities that could be included on a class or school calendar.
- Encourage students to gather a list of dates for school events, sporting events, and academic activities for their own monthly calendars.
- Discuss how students could create a school calendar as part of a school organization (see the "Promoting a School Organization" lesson in this guide).
- Brainstorm what activities are important when creating a calendar for your marine mammals unit. Decide on dates for activities and include due dates for projects and presentations.
- Discuss how students might incorporate pictures or photographs into their calendars. Have them scan and save the images ahead of time so the

images will be ready and available when the students need them to create their projects.



When you save a publication, give it a simple, memorable name and place it where you will easily find it again.

To save your publication

1. On the **File** menu, click **Save**.
2. In the **File Name** box, type a name for your calendar.
3. If necessary, move to the drive and folder in which you want to save your calendar.
4. Click the **Save** button to save the file.



Customizing your calendar

Now that you've built your calendar with the Calendar Wizard, you'll want to customize it by adding events. With Publisher 2000, you can easily return to the wizard and add items wherever you want them to appear on the calendar. The calendar is set up as a table, such as one you might find in Microsoft Word, with each day functioning as a cell.

To add dates and events to your calendar

1. In the calendar's Schedule of Events, select the word "date" in the 1st bullet and then type *April 5*.
2. Click in the text area next to the date you just entered and type *Marine Mammal Research topics due for review by Mr. Griffith*.
3. On the Calendar, click to the right of the date April 5th, press **ENTER**, and then type *Topics Due*.
4. Continue to add events in the Schedule of Events and on the calendar dates until all of the significant events are included on the calendar.
5. On the **File** menu, click **Save** to save the changes you made to your calendar.

To add art to your calendar dates

1. On the **Objects** toolbar (vertical toolbar), click the **Clip Gallery** tool. 
2. Drag a small rectangle below the number 16 on the calendar. The Clip Gallery opens.
3. In the **Insert Clip Art** dialog box, click the **Pictures** tab.
4. Click the **Academic** category. 
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5. Click a picture you like and then click **Insert Clip**. (This icon displays first in the list that appears after you click the picture.) Or, drag the picture onto the clip art frame within your publication. The clip art appears on the calendar.
6. On the **File** menu, click **Save** to save the changes you made.

Creating a Personal Information set

Publisher 2000 allows you to store four Personal Information sets. Each profile includes information such as your name, address, phone and fax numbers, e-mail address, and job title. You can also include a logo and color scheme. When a Personal Information set is complete, the information is automatically inserted in the appropriate area on your publication.

Select one of the four Personal Information sets. **Other Organization** is currently selected.

Fill in each field in the set. You can leave any field empty.

To select a color scheme, click the **Include color scheme in this set** checkbox and then select a color scheme from the drop-down list.

For additional help on adding a logo to your Personal Information set, click **Help on Logos**.

Personal Information

Choose a personal information set to edit:

- Primary Business
- Secondary Business
- Other Organization**
- Home/Family

Personal information for this set

Name: Mr. Griffith

Job or position title: Science Teacher

Address: 6175 Canyon Glen Rd.
Renton, WA 98403

Color scheme

Include color scheme in this set

For print publications: Mist

For Web publications: Mist

Logo

Central High
MUSTANGS

Help on Logos Update Cancel


To create a Personal Information set

1. On the Calendar Wizard in the left pane, click **Personal Information**.
2. In the lower pane, click **Update**. The **Personal Information** dialog box opens.
3. In the **Personal Information** dialog box, replace the current information in each field with your own information.
4. If you do not want one of the fields to be included, delete the information in that field.
5. If you want to include a color scheme which will be assigned each time you choose this profile (such as your school colors for a business profile), then check the **Include color scheme in this set** box.
6. Click **Update** to update the calendar with your personal information.

Publishing your calendar on the Web

With Publisher 2000 you can publish the calendar you created on the Web. You can easily customize your calendar for any club, activity, or school, and place it on the Web so that administrators, teachers, students, and parents can see the month's activities.

To publish your calendar on the Web

1. Open or continue with the calendar you have just designed.
2. On the File menu, click **Create Web Site from Current Publication** and then click **OK**.
3. Click **Yes** to save changes.
4. Click **No** to bypass running the Design Checker.
5. On the **File** menu, click **Save as Web Page** and click **OK**.
6. Click **Create New Folder** , type *April Calendar* and then click **OK**. You can later drag the HTML folder into a Web-management program, like as Microsoft FrontPage.
7. On the **File** menu, click **Web Page Preview** to view your calendar on a browser.
8. Close the browser to exit the preview.

Personalize It

- Organizing assignments on a calendar to efficiently track due dates. Gather your personal agenda and calendar dates, and create a personal calendar from these dates.
- Create a yearly calendar with scanned pictures of friends and relatives on their birthdays.

More Ideas

- You have just created a calendar for one month. Try making one for an entire year. Enter major assignments due dates. Enter the school events. Try another wizard to make a pocket-sized calendar for yourself or for your students.
- Publish your syllabus as a calendar. Add relevant community and campus events.
- Students can create calendars to take home so parents are informed and involved.
- Publish a monthly calendar of assignments on the school Web site to keep parents informed of assignments and their due dates.
- Use calendars in science projects to record daily data.
- Create a current events or classroom events calendar and record important things that happen each day throughout the semester or school year. At the end of the semester or year, students can have copy of the "journal."