

Dear LSC Community:

June 2024 is upon us, bringing National Pride Month. In fact, June 28<sup>th</sup> is specifically National Pride Day, commemorating the Stonewall Inn riots that led to the beginning of new LGBTQAI+ organizations and publications, and new voices demanding fair treatment and equity. One year later, the first Pride parade took place marking the anniversary of the Stonewall raid and protests that erupted. Every subsequent year since then more cities and towns began celebrating Pride.

June is also the month of the Strawberry moon (June 24), National Cheese Day (June 4), and one of my favorites: National Donut Day (June 7).

I think of June as an in-between month: We have finished our academic year in May, we have vacations and travel and maybe some classes during the summer, then prepare for Fall semester in August. During this in-between time, I hope you will enjoy the outdoors, read many books, and find joy in your family and friends. Take some time to be kind to yourself. Relax in the sunshine and enjoy the flowers. Tomorrow is never promised to any of us, yet we can dream of the golden days of June and plan as if they will never end.

### **Why Was June Made?**

by Annette Wynne

Why was June made?—Can you guess?  
June was made for happiness!  
Even the trees  
Know this, and the breeze  
That loves to play  
Outside all day,  
And never is too bold or rough,  
Like March's wind, but just a tiny blow's enough;  
And all the fields know  
This is so—  
June was not made for wind and stress,  
June was made for happiness;  
Little happy daisy faces  
Show it in the meadow places,  
And they call out when I pass,  
"Stay and play here in the grass."  
June was made for happy things,  
Boats and flowers, stars and wings,  
Not for wind and stress,  
June was made for happiness!

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