

Happy π Day

Pi Day is celebrated on March 14th (3/14 in the *month/day* date format) since 3, 1, and 4 are the first three significant digits of π . It is a day to celebrate the mathematical constant pi (π) and to eat lots of pie.

What is Pi?

Pi (π) is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. Pi is a constant number, meaning that for all circles of any size, Pi will be the same. The diameter of a circle is the distance from edge to edge, measuring straight through the center. The circumference of a circle is the distance around.

Pi day was founded by Physicist Larry Shaw in 1988, at the San Francisco Exploratorium, where he worked. Staff and the public marched around one of its circular spaces, then consumed fruit pies. Over the years, celebrations have included eating pie, throwing pies and discussing the significance of the number π , due to a pun based on the words "pi" and "pie" being homophones in English. Some even hold Einstein look-alike contests.

Embrace your inner "geek" and have some pie today!

