

February's Fun Facts

Origin of February's Name: From the Roman Februarius- meaning Purification

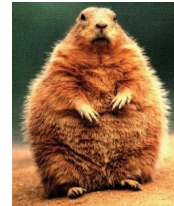
Birthstone: Amethyst

Flower: Primrose



February:

- **2** **Candlemas Day.** This ancient festival marks the midpoint of winter, halfway between the shortest day and the spring equinox.
- **2** **Groundhog Day**
- **3** **National Carrot cake Day**
- **7** **Full Moon-also known as Trapper's Moon**
- **11** **National Peppermint Patty Day**
- **14** **Valentine's Day**
- **15** **National Flag Day-** The Maple Leaf flew for the first time on this day in 1965
- **20** **Family Day**
- **22** **Ash Wednesday-** first day of Lent
- **25** **National Chocolate-covered Peanuts Day**
- **26** **Blue Jeans Sunday (Levi Strauss- creator of blue jeans) born on this day in 1829**



Weather: If February gives much snow, a fine summer it does foreshow.

Superstition: Friday the 13th-- In ancient Rome, witches reportedly gathered in groups of 12. The 13th was believed to be the devil.

Did you know? In 1997, an Iranian man filed for divorce on the grounds of his wife's snoring- the first 40 years of their marriage, she had given him sleeping pills with his supper to prevent him discovering her snoring!!

Quote of the Day:

Etiquette: In the Middle Ages, when two men met, they extended their right hands and shook hands to show that they did not intend to use their swords. It was a display of friendship, and the custom remains a gesture of courtesy through today.