

Mother's Day in Finland

We've been celebrating Mother's Day in Finland since 1918, when a school teacher Vilho Reima brought it to Finland. There were lots of widows after Finland's war for independence, so he wanted to pay attention to them.

First it was celebrated on the third Sunday of May, but after 1927 we started celebrating our mothers on the second Sunday.

It's been a formal holiday since 1947, and from then on, we've raised the flag up to the top of the pole every 2nd Sunday of May. Before the day comes, the kids start making cards or some other presents for their mothers at school.

And when that day comes, usually the rest of the family wakes up early to make a big breakfast to the mother and they usually wake her up with the breakfast, the day's newspaper, cards and flowers.

There are also some Mother's Day -concerts and -partys.



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