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**TUESDAY TIDBIT!** The Atlantic bottlenose dolphin likes to play. They have a reputation for helping other dolphins and even people who are in trouble in the water! Have you noticed they always seem to be smiling? In fact, dolphins are a lot like people in several ways: they have a brain the size of a human brain, they have an 8 month gestation period for their babies, stay together as families, and sleep for eight hours a day. Dolphins can do this because of their amazing brain that has two parts. While the animal sleeps, half of the brain “stays awake” to keep the dolphin swimming (with one eye open to see where it’s going!) and makes sure it surfaces every 20 minutes or so to get a breath of air. When the dolphin is awake, the half of the brain that was working during sleep time rests and the other half takes over. These are just a few amazing facts about these incredible animals! You can see these dolphins at any of SC's coastal state parks.



**Sue Ann Tarkenton** They are amazing animals that bring us lots of joy to watch.

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**Melissa Hornyak** i love dolphins!!!

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**Jim Maass** You need to check out Blue Wave Adventures in Murrells Inlet...they know where all of the Dolphins...and probably know them by name!

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