

# Month of September!



THIS IS:

- Baby Safety Month
- Classical Music Month
- **Hispanic Heritage Month**
- International Square Dancing Month
- Little League Month
- Better Breakfast Month
- National Blueberry Popsicle Month
- National Chicken Month
  
- National Honey Month
- National Good Manners Month
- National Rice Month
- National Fall Hat Month
- National Piano Month
- National Preparedness Month
- National Yoga Awareness Month
- Older Workers Month
- Self Improvement Month
- Travel Agent Month
  
- Read a New Book Month

*National Hispanic Heritage Month begins September 15, and ends October 15...*

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NATIONAL GRANDPARENT'S DAY

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## NATIONAL APPLE MONTH:

Originally founded in 1904 as National Apple Week, it was expanded in 1996 to a three-month promotional window from September through November!

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## SEPTEMBER~ INDIVIDUAL DAYS OF THE WEEK:

1. National No Rhyme (Nor Reason) Day
2. National Blueberry Popsicle Day
3. [Uncle Sam's Birthday](#) - September 3, 1813
4. Newspaper Carrier Day Labor

Day: September 5, 2016; ...

5. Be Late for Something Day
5. National Cheese Pizza Day (*Make some from Bagels, Bobli or English muffins!*)
6. Read a Book Day!
7. Grandma Moses Birthday
7. Google Founded Anniversary (1998)
8. International Literacy Day
9. Teddy Bear Day
9. Bonza Bottler Day
10. Swap Ideas Day
11. National Day of Service and Remembrance
  
12. Chocolate Milkshake Day, Popcorn Day, and Mushroom Day
12. Video Games Day
13. Milton Hershey (the candy) Birthday (*Make something chocolate*)
13. Raold Dahl Birthday
13. National Peanut Day
13. Positive Thinking Day
13. National Celiac Disease Awareness Day
13. National Anthem Day
14. National Cream-filled Donut Day
15. Make a Hat Day
15. National School Backpack Awareness Day
15. Costa Rica Independence Day
15. El Salvador Independence Day
15. Guatemala Independence Day
15. Honduras Independence Day
15. Nicaragua Independence Day
15. United Nations: International Day of Democracy

- 16. Mayflower Day
- 16. Mexico Independence Day; 200th Anniversary
- 16. United Nations International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone
- 16. **National Play-Doh Day**
- 16. **Collect Rocks Day**
- 16. Step Family Day
- 16. Hurricane Katrina National Day of Prayer and Remembrance
- 17. Curious George Day
- 17. Citizenship Day
- 17. Constitution Day/Pledge Across America
- 17. Constitution of the US: Anniversary (1787)
- 18. AKC Responsible Dog Ownership day
- 18. Chile Independence Day
- 18. International Coastal Cleanup Day
- 18. National Respect Day
- 18. International Eat an Apple Day
- 19. International 'Talk like A Pirate Day'
- 19. National Butterscotch Pudding Day
- 20. First Railroad Station Opened - Sept 20th
- 20. National Neighborhood Day
- 21. United Nations International Day of Peace
- 21. World Alzheimer's Day
- 21. National POW/MIA Recognition Day
- 21. International Day of Peace
- 21. Miniature Golf Day
- 22. Business Women's Day
- 22. Elephant Appreciation Day
- 22. International Day of Radiant Peace
- 22. National Centenarian's Day
- 22. Ice Cream Cone Invented
- 22. Hobbit Day

Autumn Starts/Autumn Equinox... 2016 September 22

- 2017 Friday, September 22
- 2018 Sunday, September 23
- 2019 Monday, September 23
- 2020 Tuesday, September 22
- 2021 Wednesday, September 22

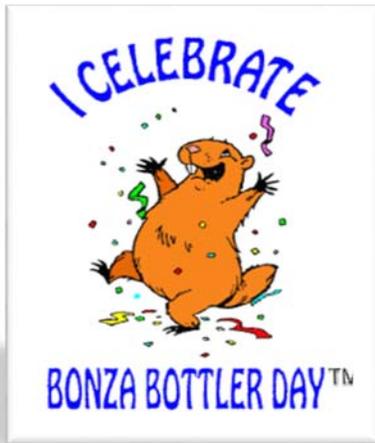
- 23. Energize Day
- 23. Dear Diary Day...
- 24. National Punctuation Day
- 24. Hug a Vegetarian Day
- 25. Native American Day (The fourth Friday of September)
- 25. National Comic Book Day
- 25. Boys and Girls Clubs Day for Kids
- 25. Love Note Day

- 25. National One-Hit Wonder Day
- 26. Johnny Appleseed's Birthday 1774
- 26. National Good Neighbor's Day
- 26. Family Health and Fitness Day
- 26. National Hunting and Fishing Day
- 27. Ancestor Appreciation Day (*Start a Family tree or photo album*)
- 27. Family Day: A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children
- 27. World Tourism Day
- 28. United Nations World Maritime Day
- 28. Ask a Stupid Question Day (*Think up silly questions and do a computer search to see if you can find an answer for it!*)
- 30. National Women's Health and Fitness Day

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## SOME 'DOING THE DAYS' IDEAS...

SEPTEMBER 9 - Don't forget 'Bonza Bottler Day' !



It's a day just to have a reason to celebrate. So celebrate!!!  
This happens each month when the day and date are the same number!

Example: January 1, February 2, March 3, April 4, May 5, etc.

Bonza Bottler Day is a favorite with many school classrooms and programs because it provides a break in routine for the students and teachers. It has been celebrated since August 8 (8-8) 1985!

When the number of the year also coincides with the number of the day and month (November 11, 2011, there is reason to have a bigger celebration (more food, more friends and more decorations). This is called a 'Bodacious Bonza Bottler Day'. As the

[official website](#) states, "Bodacious means extraordinary, impressively great in size, or enormous" Consider making this a monthly event the kids can look forward to!

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SEPTEMBER 9TH---TEDDY BEAR DAY

LAST FULL WEEK OF SEPTEMBER... DEAF AWARENESS WEEK (USA)...

1. Play the LISTENING GAME. Keep still and listen for 60 seconds. Have the children list what they heard during that time.
2. HEARING GAME. Fill small cans with such things as beans, buttons, rice or water. Make sure there are two of each can that hold exactly the same item. Glue the lids on the cans.

(Covered bottles or boxes can also be used.) Have children shake the containers and guess which two hold the same items. Example: Which two both have the rice? Etc.

3. Read the book, *HELEN KELLER* by Margaret Davidson. It's for K thru 3rd grade and tells of Helen's childhood and victory over disabilities. (She was both deaf and blind)



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SEPTEMBER WEEK FOUR: NATIONAL DOG WEEK

DO A COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR AN ANIMAL SHELTER...

Collect and donate items on animal organizations' wish lists: Example: Paper towels, dried dog food, milk substitute, portable cages, blankets and towels, cleansers, and food bowls.



#### MAKE PUPPY CHOW

##### Ingredients

- 1 cup peanut butter
- 12 oz. package chocolate chips
- 1 stick butter
- 1 12 oz. box Crispix cereal

2 to 3 cups powdered sugar

- Melt the peanut butter, chocolate chips, and butter together. Pour over the cereal in a large kettle or bowl and stir well. Pour the powdered sugar into a large brown paper bag and add the cereal. Fold the bag to seal and shake well to coat evenly.

#### PLAY DOGGIE, DOGGIE, WHERE'S YOUR BONE?

A child is picked to play the part of the dog. He or she sits on a chair with an object under it (to represent the bone) with their back to the group.

While the dog is turned around with his or her eyes closed, someone steals the bone and hide it somewhere on his person.

Then everyone sings: Doggy, Doggy, where's your bone? Somebody's stole it from your home. Guess who it might be.

The dog has three chances to guess who took it.

if the dog guesses right, he gets to do it again. If he guesses wrong, then the child who has the bone gets a turn as the dog.

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#### SEPTEMBER 21-MINIATURE GOLF DAY

##### BUILD AN INDOOR MINIATURE GOLF COURSE

Need: Golf clubs (or sponge and yardstick), golf ball or rubber ball, masking tape, glue, scissors, markers, shoe box. cardboard, Coffee can.

- Use your own clubs, or use masking tape to adhere a new sponge to a yardstick
- Build your course (see ideas below) using the coffee can for the final hole.
- Take turns playing your way through your course.
- Save your obstacles for the next rainy/snowy day.

## IDEAS FOR GOLF COURSE

- For a tunnel, cut out the bottom of an empty oatmeal box, and place the box on its side.
  - To make a house, turn a shoe box upside down and cut out an entrance from one end, and the exit from the other end.
  - Fold a piece of cardboard in half and set it up like a tent for the ball to go through.
  - Place two or three Frisbees on the floor to form a curved fairway for the ball to go through.
  - Make a ramp by scoring (run one point of the scissors in a straight line without cutting all the way through) a piece of cardboard twice. Bend slightly at each score mark to create a upside, flat, and downside to your ramp. Put some books under the center section for support.
  - For a straight fairway, use two rows of building blocks.
  - Make a sand trap from a hula hoop.
  - For a pipe use paper and tape it.
  - Put a chair or stool in the center of the room for the ball to go under.
- Source: [creativekidsathome.com](http://creativekidsathome.com)

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## SEPTEMBER 22: ELEPHANT APPRECIATION DAY-Tell Elephant Jokes!

### PLAY THE ELEPHANT DRAWING GAME...

The leader gives each team a large piece of thick paper. Being blindfolded-- the teams collectively draw an elephant.

1. The first player in each team draws the body...
2. The second draws the head...
3. The third-legs, etc...
4. The team which finishes the drawing first ---and whose drawing is the most accurate becomes the winner.

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## JOKES ABOUT ELEPHANTS

### **How can you tell when an elephant has been in your refrigerator?**

Look for elephant tracks in the butter.

### **How do you know if there is an elephant under your bed?**

Your nose is touching the ceiling.

### **How do you make an elephant float?**

Add two scoops of ice cream and a can of root beer to one elephant.

**Why do elephants wear sandals?**

So that they don't sink in the sand.

**Why do ostriches stick their head in the ground?**

To look for the elephants who forgot to wear their sandals.

**What's gray, carries a bunch of flowers and cheers you up when your ill?**

A get well elephant.

**Which is stronger an elephant or a snail?**

A snail, because it carries its house, an elephant just carries its trunk.

**Who is the most famous singing female elephant?**

Elephants Gerald.

**Why are elephants wrinkled?**

Have you ever tried to iron one?

**Why aren't elephants allowed on the beach?**

Because they can't keep their trunks up.

**Why did the elephant paint himself orange?**

So he could hide in the pumpkin patch.

**Why did the elephant paint his toenails red?**

So he could hide in the strawberry patch.

**Why did the Elephant stand on the marshmallow?**

So she wouldn't fall in the hot chocolate.

**Why do elephants eat raw food?**

Because they don't know how to cook.

**Why do elephants rarely travel by plane?**

It's tough to get their trunks in the overhead bins.

**Why do ducks have flat feet?**

To stamp out forest fires.

**Why do elephants have flat feet?**

To stamp out flaming ducks.

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FOR 'NATIONAL RICE MONTH' CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING...

MAKE FRIED RICE

Ingredients: 3 cups cooked leftover cold rice

1 cup of cooked chicken, pork, or beef cut up in bite size pieces

1 egg

2 Tbsp soy sauce  
1 Tbsp Teriyaki sauce  
1 tsp, garlic powder  
1 green onion chopped  
1/2 cup frozen peas and carrots mix  
2 Tbsp vegetable oil  
Black pepper to taste.

Add oil In wok or frying pan over med add cold rice after oil is hot, continually stirring for about 3 minutes; add frozen peas and carrots, soy sauce, teriyaki sauce and garlic powder continue stirring until vegetables are tender about 10 minutes.

Add cooked meat stir for another 3-4 min or until meat is warmed through. scramble egg in a bowl, push all of the rice mixture to one side of pan or wok slowly add the egg to the empty space in pan scramble until cooked through then mix together with rest of rice mixture.

Add green onion and black pepper to taste. (Can be made at home and re-heated)  
Source: [apples4theteacher.com](http://apples4theteacher.com)

\*\*\*You could also STEAM SOME WHITE RICE and serve with sweet/sour sauce and Chicken McNuggets  
\*\*\*Offer CHOPSTICKS for the children to eat with.

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### PLAY...SAFETY PINS IN THE RICE GAME

Required: Rice, 1" or smaller safety pins, bowl and timer

Players: Small to large groups

Pour one box of rice into a bowl, add one package of 1" safety pins and mix well.

Each player is to try to find the safety pins with their fingers without looking.

They are allowed 30 – 60 seconds to do this.

The person with the most safety pins is the winner.



COLORED RICE to glue onto construction paper to create unique pictures

Ingredients:

1 cup uncooked, white rice

1 teaspoon alcohol

Food coloring

Directions

1. Combine the alcohol with four or five drops of food coloring in a plastic zipper bag.
  2. Add rice and shake until color is evenly distributed.
  3. Spread colored rice onto a cookie sheet and let dry. (If it's sunny and not windy, rice can be dried outside.)
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