September Career Activities

Celebrate these special days and careers during the month of September

First Monday in September: Labor Day

Labor Day is dedicated to the achievements of American Workers. Learn more about Labor Day from the U.S. Department of Labor. Learn about how the U.S. Department of Labor is working towards higher pay, apprenticeships, and fair and safe workplaces during the upcoming year.

Interested in getting your first job? Check out the Department of Labor Youth Employment Rules, the Young Worker Toolkit, and your rights on the job.

Kids in grades K-5 Explore Careers in the Kids Search.

Grades 6-8 find out more about over 800 Careers in the Career Search. Or learn about Career Families in Who R U? Create your first resume. Try these activities for more career fun!

• Seek n Find
• Explore, Learn, Grow
• Career Kids

September 4th: Newspaper Carrier Day

Make your own newspaper with PBS Kids Martha Speaks Town Crier. Create your own advertisements with Career Town’s Ads on the Go. Learn about Facts and Opinions with Binky from Arthur. Learn about the Newsboys Strike of 1899 when kids led a campaign to increase the amount of money they received for distributing newspapers! Who was Kid Blink?

Teachers: Use this Newsies Strike Lesson Plan. Try this Digital Printing Press to create a newspaper by the International Reading Association, NCTE, Thinkfinity, and Verizon.

Related careers:
• Mail Clerks and Mail Machine Operators
• Postal Service Mail Carriers
• Postmasters

September 13th: Grandparents Day

National Grandparent’s Day is set aside every year to honor them. Here is an opportunity for you to spend some time with your grandparent, have fun, and create a project together that spotlights his or her life. Find information on how to Do Something Grand on this day!

Related careers:
• Home Health Aides
• Personal Care Aides
• Physical Therapists

National Piano Month

• Learn about the history of the piano
• Learn the names and notes of the piano keys with this Virtual Keyboard

Learn about different instruments with Martha Speaks Make the Band Game.

Parents: Make instruments with PBS Kids Chuck Vanderchuck’s Instruments Activities, including lyric writing, music composition, and musical styles activities.

Play the Piano with Oswald on Nick Jr.

Magic Piano by SMULE is a great app and game for all ages (includes in app purchases).

Create your own Mini Keyboard here!

Draw your own musical symbols with this worksheet and website.

Related Careers:
• Art, Drama, and Music Teachers
• Music Composers and Arrangers
• Music Directors
• Musicians and Singers

Baby Safety Month

• Do you have a baby in your house? Learn about ways to keep that baby safe here.

Related careers:
• Childcare Workers
• Nannies
• Product Safety Engineers
This day was created by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to highlight the importance of literacy around the world, including educating women and girls. Learn more about UNESCO and its literacy efforts here.

Parents: Explore 25 activities for parents and young readers.

- Literary games and storytelling ideas.
- PBS Reading Games
- Related careers:
  - Elementary School Teachers
  - English Language and Literature Teachers
  - Tutors

September 16th: Mayflower Day. On September 16th, 1620 the Mayflower sailed from Plymouth, England for the New World with 102 passengers. Learn more about this ship and its journey in history and check out the First Thanksgiving interactive activity from Scholastic. Find out if you would sign the Mayflower Compact. Related careers:

- Ship Pilots
- Ship Mates
- Marine Engineers and Naval Architects
- Freight and Cargo Inspectors

September 17th: Constitution Day. The Constitutional Congress of the United States of America held its final meeting on September 17, 1787 to sign the Constitution of the United States of America. Learn about the Founding Fathers and the history of this day. Also explore a number of Constitution Day activities, as well as information and games from the Constitution Center. Related careers:

- Legislator
- Law Teacher
- Court Clerk

Hispanic Heritage Month: Sept. 15th - Oct. 15th

- Recognize the contributions made and importance of Hispanic and Latino Americans to the United States and celebrate their heritage and culture.
- September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua.
- Try this interactive activity from Scholastic and find lessons plans and educational activities for students from the Smithsonian.

September 25th: Native American Day. This day is set aside to honor and celebrate Native Americans, the first Americans to live in the U.S. Learn about Native American youth, Native American Day celebrations and events in Virginia, and the history of different Native American tribes. Also check out this interactive map of different Native American tribes and learn about the role of buffalo in the lives of Plains Indians. Download the pdf, Virginia Indians: Our Story.

Learn more about Virginia’s First People: Past and Present here. Related careers:

- Anthropologist
- Historian
- History Teachers