

October's Themes, Awareness, and Observances

- Adopt a Shelter Dog
- AIDS Awareness
- Animal Safety and Protection
- Arts and Crafts
- Arts and Humanities
- Audiology Awareness
- Augmentative and Alternative Communication
- Bat Appreciation
- Birds of Prey
- Bilingual Child
- Blindness Awareness
- Book
- Breast Cancer Awareness
- Bullying Prevention
- Children's Magazine
- Chiropractic
- Church Library
- Class Reunion
- Clocks
- Computer Learning
- Co-op Awareness
- Crime Prevention
- Cut Out Dissection
- Cyber Security Awareness
- Dental Hygiene
- Depression Education and Awareness
- Domestic Violence Awareness
- Down Syndrome Awareness
- Drum
- Dyslexia Awareness
- Emotional Intelligence Awareness
- Emotional Wellness
- Energy Management
- Ergonomics
- Eye Safety
- Fair Trade
- Feral Hog
- Financial Planning
- Free Thought
- German-American Heritage
- Global Diversity
- Go On A Field Trip
- Halloween Safety
- Health Literacy
- Improve Your Home
- International Dinosaur
- Liver Awareness
- Kitchen and Bath
- Medical Librarian
- Menopause
- Orthodontic Health
- Pastor Appreciation
- Prescription Errors Education and Awareness
- Photographer Appreciation
- Physical Therapy
- Polish American Heritage
- Positive Attitude
- Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness
- Protect Your Hearing
- Raptor Month
- Reading Group
- Right Brainers Rule
- Roller Skating
- Sarcastic Awareness
- Self-Promotion
- Spina Bifida Awareness
- Squirrel Awareness
- Stamp Collecting Month
- Starman
- Strategic Planning
- Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Awareness
- Walk To School
- Window Covering Safety
- World Animal
- Work and Family

October's Food Themes

- Apple
- Apple Jack
- Bake and Decorate
- Caramel
- Cheese
- Chili
- Cookie
- Country Ham
- Cranberry
- Eat Better, Eat Together
- Eatable Roots
- English Pudding
- Farm to School
- Pasta
- Persimmons
- Pizza
- Popcorn Poppin'
- Pork
- Pumpkins
- Rhizomes
- Rhubarb
- Sausage
- Seafood
- Spinach Lovers
- Tackling Hunger
- Vegetarian Awareness

Special Days That Fall on Different Dates Each Year:

- Animal Welfare Week - 1st full week
- Get Organized Week - 1st full week
- Great Books Week - 1st full week
- Mystery Series Week - 1st full week
- Work From Home Week - 1st full week
- World Communion Day - 1st Sun.
- Change A Light Day - 1st Sun.
- Inter-generation Day - 1st Sun.
- Walk to School Day - 1st Wed.
- Card Making Day - 1st Sat.
- Frugal Fun Day - 1st Sat.
- Carry a Tune Week - week with the 7th
- Child Health Day- 1st Mon.
- Spinning and Weaving Week - Mon. of first full week
- World Day of Bullying Prevention/Blue Shirt Day - 1st Mon.

Different Dates Each Year Continued

- World Habitat Day - 1st Mon.
- Balloons Around the World Day - 1st Wed.
- Denim Day - 1st Fri.
- Diversity Day- 1st Fri.
- Story Telling Weekend - 1st Fri.
- World Smile Day- 1st Fri.
- Chestnut Week - 2nd full week
- School Lunch Week - 2nd full week
- Wolf Awareness Week - 2nd full week
- Clergy Appreciation Day - 2nd Sun.
- Fire Prevention Week begins - week with the 9th
- Metric Week - week with the 10th
- Canadian Thanksgiving - 2nd Mon.
- Columbus Day - 2nd Mon.
- Native American Day - 2nd Mon.
- Face Your Fears Day - 2nd Tues.
- Bring Your Teddy Bear To Work & School Day - 2nd Wed.
- Emergency Nurses Day - 2nd Wed.
- International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction - 2nd Wed.
- Top Spinning Day - 2nd Wed.
- World Sight Day - 2nd Thurs.
- Egg Day - 2nd Fri.
- Universal Music Day - 2nd Sat.
- Boss' Day - Closest weekday to the 16th
- Bullying Bystanders Unite Week - 3rd full week
- Food Bank Week - the week of the 16th
- Character Counts Week - 3rd full week
- Chemistry Week - 3rd full week
- Freedom of Speech Week - 3rd full week
- Friends of the Library Week - 3rd full week
- School Bus Safety Week - Mon. of 3rd full week
- Forest Products Week - 3rd Sun.
- Clean Your Virtual Desktop Day - 3rd Mon.
- Pro-Life Day of Silent Solidarity - 3rd Tues.
- Hagfish Day - 3rd Wed.
- Medical Assistants Recognition Day - Wed. of 3rd full week
- Get Smart About Credit Day - 3rd Thurs.

Different Dates Each Year Continued

- Sweetest Day - 3rd Sat.
- Bridge Day - 3rd Sat.
- Massage Therapy Week - last full week
- Peace, Friendship, & Goodwill Week - last full week
- Mother-In-Law Day - 4th Sun.
- Punky Night - last Thurs.
- Frankenstein Day - last Fri.
- Make a Difference Day - 4th Fri.& Sat.

Dates Vary:

- Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend
- Rosh Hashana (sometimes Sept.)
- Fall Astronomy Day (sometimes Sept.)
- Ashura (sometimes Sept.)
- Yom Kippur (sometimes Sept.)
- Nuclear Science Week
- Sukkot (sometimes Sept.)
- Prescription Errors Education and Awareness Week
- Save For Retirement Week

DAILY SPECIALS

Oct. 1

- CD Player Day
- President Jimmy Carter born 1924
- Fire Pup Day
- Homemade Cookies Day
- International Day of Older Persons
- Less Than Perfect Day
- Model T Ford introduced 1908
- Lace Day
- Nigeria Independence Day 1960
- People's Republic of China National Day 1949
- Raccoon Appreciation Day
- Vegetarian Day

Oct. 2

- Custodial workers Day
- Farm Animals Day
- Phileas Fogg win a Wager Day
- Mahatma Gandhi born 1869
- Guardian Angels Day
- Guinea Independence Day 1958
- International Day of Non-violence
- Comic Julius "Groucho" Marx born 1895
- Name Your Car Day
- Peanuts Comic first published 1950

Oct. 3

- Butterfly and Hummingbird Day
- Captain Kangaroo premier 1955
- East and West Germany re-united 1990
- Arthur James Herriot born 1916
- Kids' Goal Setting Day
- Richard the Lionheart crowned King 1189
- No Salt Week begins
- SOS (distress code) established 1906
- Techie's Day
- Blues Musician Stevie Ray Vaughn born 1954
- Virus Appreciation Day

Oct. 4

- Blessing of the Animals Day
- Cinnamon Roll Day
- Frappe Day
- Golf Day
- President Rutherford Hayes born 1822
- Improve Your Office Day
- St. Francis Day
- Lesotho Independence Day 1966
- Sputnik launched 1957
- Author, Edward Stratemeyer born 1862
- Ten-Four Day
- World Animal Day
- World Space Week begins

Oct. 5

- President Chester Arthur born 1829
- Do Something Nice Day
- Physicist Robert Hutchings Goddard born 1882
- Jarrow March
- Stop Bullying Day
- World Teachers Day

Oct. 6

- Come and Take It Day
- German-American Day
- Mad Hatter Day
- William Tyndale martyred 1536
- Inventor George Westinghouse born 1846

Oct. 7

- 1st "American Bandstand" Broadcast 1952
- Physicist Niels Bohrs born 1885
- Explorer Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo discovered Catalina Island 1542

Oct. 8

- Cephalopod Awareness Days (8-10)
- Great Chicago Fire 1871
- Activist Jesse Jackson born 1941
- Pierogy Day
- Touch Tag Day
- Alvin C. York Day

Oct. 9

- Chess Day
- Cupcake Day
- Curious Events Day
- Leif Erikson Day
- Fire Prevention Day
- First 2-way Telephone Conversation 1876
- Musician John Lennon born 1940
- Moldy Cheese Day
- Pro-Life Cupcake Day
- Uganda Independence Day 1962
- Washington Monument opened 1888
- World Post Day

Oct. 10

- Angel Food Cake Day
- Cake Decorating Day
- Fiji Independence Day 1970
- Author James Marshall born 1942
- Metric Day
- Republic of China/Taiwan National Day 1949
- World Mental Health Day

Oct. 11

- *Apollo 7* launched 1968
- Boer War Began 1880
- Coming Out Day
- It's My Party Day
- Remember Forever Day
- Eleanor Roosevelt born 1884

Oct. 12

- Cookbook Launch Day
- Fossil Day
- Freethought Day
- Moment of Frustration Day
- Old Farmer's Day
- Star Spangled Banner First Sung 1814

Oct. 13

- Earth Science Week begins
- English Language Day
- Greenwich Established 1884
- Molly Pitcher born 1754
- Skeptics Day
- Margaret Thatcher born 1925
- White House Construction began 1792
- US Navy Established 1775

Oct. 14

- Battle of Hastings 1066
- Be Bald and Free Day
- Dessert Day
- Photographic Film patented 1884
- President Dwight Eisenhower born 1890
- William Penn born 1644

Oct. 15

- 1st Manned Balloon Flight, 1783
- Grouch Day
- Handwashing Day
- *I Love Lucy* Premier 1951
- International Day of Rural Women
- Poetry Day
- Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day
- Veterinary Technician Week
- White Cane Safety Day

Oct. 16

- Marie Antoinette executed 1793
- Boss's Day
- Dictionary Day
- Learn A Word Day
- Noah Webster born 1758
- World Food Day

Oct. 17

- African American Poetry Day
- Eradication of Poverty Day
- Author Arthur Miller born 1915
- Mulligan Day
- Wear Something Gaudy Day

Oct. 18

- Alternative Fuel Day
- Chocolate Cupcake Day
- No Beard Day
- Saint Luke's Day
- World Menopause Day

Oct. 19

- Cave Painting discovered in Verona, Italy 2000
- Author/Illustrator Ed Emberly born 1931
- Evaluate Your Life Day
- Electric Light Bulb Introduced 1879
- Revolutionary War ends 1781

Oct. 20

- Baseball's Mickey Mantle born 1931)
- Information Overload Day
- Monster Mash Day
- Sloth Day
- Architect Sir Christopher Wren born 1632

Oct. 21

- Apple Day
- Babbling Day
- Battle of Trafalgar 1805
- Count Your Buttons Day
- Global Iodine Deficiency Disorder Prevention Day
- 1st Light Bulb 1879
- Inventor Alfred Nobel born 1833
- Pumpkin Cheesecake Day
- Reptile Awareness Day

Oct. 22

- Daniel Boone born 1734
- CAP LOCKS DAY
- Everyone Writes Day
- Nut Day
- Stuttering Awareness Day

Oct. 23

- Battle of Edgehill 1642
- Capistrano Day
- iPod Day
- Mole Day
- Pele (soccer champion) born 1940
- Swallows Depart from San Juan Capistrano Day
- TV Talk Show Host Day

Oct. 24

- Bologna Day
- Disarmament Week
- Food Day
- Peace, Friendship, and Good Will Week begins
- United Nations Day
- World Development Information Day
- Zambia Independence Day 1964

Oct. 25

- Charge of the Light Brigade 1854
- Saint Crispin's Day
- Magic Week begins
- Pasta Day
- Artist Pablo Picasso born 1881
- Punk for a Day Day
- Sourest Day

Oct. 26

- Erie Canal opened 1825
- Gun Fight at the OK Corral 1881
- Hillary Clinton born 1947
- Mincemeat
- Mule Day
- National Pumpkin Day
- Red Cross Founded 1836

Oct. 27

- Explorer James Cook born 1728
- Cranky Co-Workers Day
- International Creation Day
- Navy Day
- President Theodore Roosevelt born 1858
- St Vincent and Grenadines Independence Day 1979
- Tell A Story Day

Oct. 28

- Chocolates Day
- Plush Animal Lover's Day
- St. Jude's Day
- Physician Jonas Salk born 1914
- Statue of Liberty dedicated 1886

Oct. 29

- Cat Day
- *Gateway to the West* (St. Louis Arch) completed 1965
- Hermit Day
- Internet Day
- Oatmeal Day
- Psoriasis Day
- The New York Stock Exchange crashed (beginning of The Great Depression) 1929
- Turkey Independence Day 1923
- Visit a Cemetery Day

Oct. 30

- President John Adams born 1735
- Ball Point Pen patented 1888
- Candy Corn Day
- Create a Great Funeral Day
- Haunted Refrigerator Night
- Mischief Night (Devil's Night)
- The National Organization for Women (NOW) founded 1966
- 1938 Radio Broadcast of H.G. Wells' *War of the Worlds*

Oct. 31

- All Hollows Eve/Halloween
- Books for Treats Day
- Caramel Apple Day
- Carve a Pumpkin Day
- Day of the Dead
- Girl Scout Founder's Day
- Knock Knock Jokes Day
- Magic Day
- Mount Rushmore Completed 1941
- Nevada Statehood 1864
- Reformation Day
- Samhain