

Daily Holidays & Observances Calendar



2026

OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	1 International Day of Older Persons Balloons Around The World Day	2 World Farm Animals Day World Smile Day National Diversity Day Kids Music Day	3 National Butterfly and Hummingbird Day World Card Making Day
4 National Golf Lovers Day World Animal Day	5 World Teachers Day Do Something Nice Day World Day of Bullying Prevention World Architecture Day	6 National Noodle Day National Coaches Day	7 National LED Light Day	8 World Octopus Day	9 National Sneakers Day National Haunted House Day World Egg Day	10 World Mental Health Day National Handbag Day National Chess Day I Love Yarn Day Costume Swap Day
11 National It's My Party Day	12 National Savings Day Indigenous People's Day Columbus Day	13 National Train Your Brain Day	14 National Dessert Day National Stop Bullying Day	15 World Student Day Sewing Lover's Day	16 National Sports Day Loud Shirt Day	17 National Pasta Day National Playing Card Collection Day
18 National Chocolate Cupcake Day	19 National New Friends Day	20 National Youth Confidence Day International Sloth Day National Day on Writing	21 National Reptile Awareness Day Count Your Buttons Day Apple Day	22 National Color Day Unity Day	23 Event Organizers Day	24 National Food Day Make a Difference Day
25 International Artist's Day	26 National Pumpkin Day	27 World Occupational Therapy Day	28 Plush Animal Lovers Day	29 National Cat Day	30 National Checklist Day National Candy Corn Day	31 Halloween Magic Day
1	2	October 2026 Daily Holidays & Observances Calendar Refer to this calendar for inspiration and themed activity ideas for your program! Find ideas below and click the Daily Holidays link to find related items to support your activities.				

Date	Observance/Holiday	Activity Ideas
October 1st	International Day of Older Persons Balloons Around the World Day	Celebrate with some fun activities for senior residents, like this resusable painting idea . Decorate your classroom or activity room with balloons in every color !
October 2nd	World Farm Animals Day World Smile Day National Diversity Day Kids Music Day	Your group can decorate and assemble these fun Farm Animal Puzzles . We've got so many reasons for you to smile today - check out these emoji games, accessories and crafts ! This Kids of All Nations educational craft kit is a great project for teaching your class about diversity Share the importance of music by planning some musical craft activities for your group.
October 3rd	National Butterfly & Hummingbird Day World Card Making Day	Host a themed craft day that includes some colorful butterfly crafts , Your group can create personalized cards to send to friends and family
October 4th	National Golf Lovers Day World Animal Day	Our Golf Starter Easy Pack brings fun and skill-building through putting practice and friendly challenges. We have so many fun animal themed craft kits and projects, like animal clip bookmarks !
October 5th	World Teachers Day Do Something Nice Day World Day of Bullying Prevention World Architecture Day	Honor your teacher today with some creative DIY gifts that show your appreciation Teach your group that sharing and being kind is important. Pass out positive words stickers as inspiration. Check out a variety of bullying prevention ideas on our blog The Funphix Create & Play Structures allow kids to build and explore architectural creations.
October 6th	National Noodle Day National Coaches Day	Put a spin on this holiday and celebrate by planning some pool noodle activities for your students Get your coach some new equipment to celebrate their hardwork!
October 7th	National LED Light Day	Create fun light show with some LED spinners and even a light up instrument!
October 8th	World Octopus Day	Celebrate with a 3D Fishbowl craft kit featuring an octopus, seahorse, and fish
October 9th	National Sneakers Day National Haunted House Day World Egg Day	Our Color-Me™ sneaker keychains are the perfect craft for this observance Decorate your activity room with our new jumbo stand up haunted house decoration ! Students can practice their balance and coordination skills with an Egg and Spoon Game !
October 10th	World Mental Health Day National Handbag Day National Chess Day I Love Yarn Day National Swap a Costume Day	Find several resources to promote positivity and improve self-esteem , including our new kits! Our Design-A-Totes can be decorated with paints or markers for a creative, personalized handbag Teach your group how to play chess - we even have jumbo options ! Make your own DIY Yarn Mosters themed for the holiday season Plan a fun costume swap with your group and provide them with costumes and accessories !
October 11th	National It's My Party Day	Plan a fun party theme with decorations, novelty items, supplies, and more !
October 12th	National Savings Day Columbus Day Indigenous People's Day	Teach students the importance of saving with these fun ceramic bank crafts . Plan an Explorer Theme, and use a compass craft or accessory to reach a discovery Recognize the Native Americans & their culture with these ideas for your senior living facility .
October 13th	National Train Your Brain Day	Play a cognitive game with your group to help learn a new skill or knowledge
October 14th	National Dessert Day National Stop Bullying Day	Celebrate by making paper popsicles with your group! View our variety of resources for bully prevention . Together we can stomp out bullying!
October 15th	World Student Day Sewing Lover's Day	Recognize students for their achievements today with medals, bracelets, certificates and more ! Provide your group with a weaving and stitching craft as a fun way of practicing the art of sewing
October 16th	National Sports Day Loud Shirt Day	Get kids active with these sport themed activities for physical education Make your own Neon Tie Dye shirt to attract some attention!

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October 17th	National Pasta Day National Playing Card Collection Day	Use this writing lesson where students can use pasta to create a work of art while learning punctuation. Celebrate by planning several card games, like Uno or Skip-Bo , throughout the day with your group!
October 18th	National Chocolate Cupcake Day	Host a Baking Club and make cupcakes with chocolate batter and frosting
October 19th	National New Friends Day	Go outside and play one these group outdoor activities to try and make a new friend!
October 20th	National Youth Confidence Day International Sloth Day National Day on Writing	Plan activities that help students with character development and self esteem . Your group can celebrate with these wearable sloth masks that can be colored and decorated! These sentence strips make writing activities engaging with guided space to practice.
October 21st	National Reptile Awareness Day Count Your Buttons Day Apple Day	Have your group enjoy some turtle themed crafts and activities today! Plan a few craft activities with buttons and help students count how many they used for their project! Celebrate with a fun apple bird feeder craft - paint and assemble!
October 22nd	National Color Day Unity Day	View our many coloring craft ideas and creative projects on our blog! Inspire unity and kindness throughout the community. Visit our Kindness page for activity ideas.
October 23rd	Event Organizers Day	Celebrate the people who make every event in your program special!
October 24th	National Food Day Make a Difference Day	Check out our selection of bulk snacks that are great for afterschool events! Kids can make a difference in their community by spreading kindness . Kindness rocks are one of our favorites!
October 25th	International Artist's Day	Host an Art Show featuring famous artists from around the world.
October 26th	National Pumpkin Day	Plan a Fall Festival where your group can play this fun Pumpkin' Eater toss game .
October 27th	World Occupational Therapy Day	Plan some exercise activities for your senior residents to help improve their physical abilities
October 28th	Plush Animal Lovers Day	Plush animals are a great form of therapy! Choose a theme, like pets, and have your group write about their animal.
October 29th	National Cat Day	We have some fun cat themed activity options! The kitten mittens are great for a fun balloon toss activity.
October 30th	National Checklist Day National Candy Corn Day	Pass out these journals for your students to keep track of their day and reflect. Celebrate with these fun craft activities, like making a candy corn magnet !
October 31st	Halloween Magic Day	Check out our blog for several Halloween games, crafts, and activities ! Spark curiosity and build confidence with this Magic Hat and Magic Trick Set !

Monthly Observances/Holidays

[National Bullying Prevention Month](#)
[Breast Cancer Awareness Month](#)
[Computer Learning Month](#)
[Stress Awareness Month](#)
[Global Diversity Awareness Month](#)
[National Bake and Decorate Month](#)
[National Book Month](#)
[National Go On A Field Trip Month](#)
[National Sensory Awareness Month](#)
[Positive Attitude Month](#)
[Emotional Wellness Month](#)
[National Learning and Development Month](#)
[World Animal Month](#)
[National Physical Therapy Month](#)

Weekly Observances/Holidays

October 4th-10th	World Space Week
October 4th-10th	National Fire Prevention Week
October 4th-10th	Get Organized Week
October 5th-11th	Active Aging Week
October 11th-17th	Teen Read Week (TeenTober)
October 11th-17th	Earth Science Week
October 18th-24th	National Chemistry Week
October 18th-24th	Character Counts Week
October 19th-23rd	Nuclear Science Week

