

SEPTEMBER LEARNING CALENDAR



Mathematics



Science



Reading



Writing



Social Studies



Recreation



Music



Computer



Day Trips



Art

































Communicating

P-PREKINDERGARTEN

E-ELEMENTARY

S-SECONDARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1 Labor Day was first celebrated in New York City in 1882. Talk about why our country celebrates American workers. P, E, S</p> 	<p>2 Find out when your child's school is hosting Back-to-School Night. It is a great opportunity to meet teachers and learn about expectations. P, E, S</p> 	<p>3 Check on your child's homework routine. Is it getting done in a reasonable amount of time without distractions? E, S</p> 	<p>4 In 1972 American swimmer Mark Spitz won seven Olympic gold medals, setting a world record in Germany. Who broke that record this year? P, E, S</p> 	<p>5 Play dirty! Go outside and dig with your kids. Learn about soil and how things grow at www.kidsgardening.com. P, E</p> 	<p>6 When your family dines out, have your child calculate the tip to leave at a restaurant. E, S</p> 
<p>7 Celebrate Grandparents' Day by having your children create a family tree project. Where were their grandparents born? Where did they meet? P, E, S</p> 	<p>8 The United Nations created International Literacy Day in 1965 to celebrate learning worldwide. Read a good book! P, E, S</p> 	<p>9 Take an after-dinner walk with your family. Try different movements like skipping and hopping. P, E</p> 	<p>10 Practice with your children what to say if they are offered drugs or alcohol. Assure them they are able to stand up to peer pressure. E, S</p> 	<p>11 Read your child's student handbook. Be sure you and your child understand the school behavior rules and regulations. P, E, S</p> 	<p>12 Bookmark the Baltimore County Schools' Web site at www.bcps.org. Check regularly for updates and schedules. P, E, S</p> 	<p>13 Have fun with numbers while traveling. Add up the numbers on license plates; then multiply them, divide, etc. E, S</p> 
<p>14 The Irvine Nature Center hosts a free festival to celebrate its new location in Owings Mills. Check out the new exhibit halls, nature trails, and organic treats. P, E, S</p> 	<p>15 It's Make a Hat Day, so get creative. Think about a design or a pattern you like. Use materials that represent your personality. Wearing the hat is optional. P, E</p> 	<p>16 Read with your children every chance you get, from picture books to daily newspapers. Talk about what you have read together. P, E, S</p> 	<p>17 The Constitutional Congress held its final meeting on this date in 1787. What historic document ensures "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" for all? E, S</p> 	<p>18 Celebrate classical music month by listening to Beethoven, Bach, and Brahms. Can you identify the instruments that you hear? P, E, S</p> 	<p>19 Take a trip to the Visionary Art Museum to explore creations by self-taught artists. Permanent exhibits include the Giant Whirligig. P, E, S</p> 	<p>20 Visit the Baltimore County African American Cultural Festival at Towson Courthouse Square. Enjoy the music, food, exhibits and board the Parentmobile.</p> 
<p>21 A gallon of gas cost about \$2.70 at this time last year. How much does it cost now? What is the difference? What percent increase is it? E, S</p> 	<p>22 The Maryland State Parental Information Resource Center (PIRC) is committed to helping children succeed at school. Check it out at www.mdpirc.org.</p> 	<p>23 Jazz musician John Coltrane was born in 1926 in North Carolina. What makes jazz music different from classical or blues? P, E, S</p> 	<p>24 How many bones do you have in your body? Adults have 206; babies are born with about 275. What happens to them as you grow? P, E, S</p> 	<p>25 Many county libraries host story times for preschool students and their parents. Call your library or check the schedule online at www.bcpl.info. P</p> 	<p>26 The Baltimore Book Festival celebrates reading, writing, and books! Visit the Mount Vernon event through Sunday. P, E, S</p> 	<p>27 In 1541 King Henry VIII was married to his fifth wife. Did it last? Visit the Maryland Renaissance Festival in Crownsville to find out. Runs weekends through Oct. 19.</p> 
<p>28 It's Family Health and Fitness Day. Review your family's eating and exercise habits. Have your children create a regular workout routine. P, E, S</p> 	<p>29 In a few months the U.S. will elect its 44th president. How many former presidents can you name? E, S</p> 	<p>30 American novelist Louisa May Alcott's book about growing up with three sisters during the Civil War was published in 1868. What is the name of that novel? E, S</p> 				

TOPICS OF INTEREST



After more than 30 years of operating on the campus of St. Timothy's School in Stevenson, the **Irvine Nature Center** has moved to its new location in Owings Mills. The new facility, on 116 acres, will serve as one of Maryland's foremost environmental education centers.

www.explorenature.org

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Owings Mills, MD 21117
410-484-2413

The **American Visionary Art Museum** in Baltimore's Federal Hill neighborhood exhibits the works of self-taught artists and inspires visitors to explore their own artistic ideas. www.avam.org

800 Key Highway
Baltimore, MD 21230
410-244-1900

The **Baltimore County African American Cultural Festival** features educational exhibits, music, food, and activities that highlight contributions of the African American community. www.aaculturalfestival.com

400 Washington Avenue
Towson, MD 21204
410-887-5557

The **Baltimore Book Festival** features dozens of authors, book sales, music, artwork, and literary walking tours. The Crafts Corridor includes puzzles, book making, and word games. www.baltimorebookfestival.org

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