

September Multicultural Connections



Labor Day – September 2, 2013

Labor Day is a national legal holiday that has been observed the first Monday in September for more than 100 years. It grew out of a celebration and parade in honor of the working class by the Knights of Labor in 1882 in New York. In 1884, the Knights held a large parade in New York City celebrating the working class. The parade was held on the first Monday in September. The Knights passed a resolution to hold all future parades on the same day, designated by them as **Labor Day**.

For more information: www.dol.gov/opa/aboutdol/laborday.htm

Rosh Hashanah – Sunset September 4 – Nightfall September 6, 2013

On Wednesday night, September 4, 2013, Jewish people will begin celebrating one of their most important religious holidays, **Rosh Hashanah**. It remembers the creation of the world. In Hebrew, **Rosh Hashanah** means the “head of the year.” It is also called the Feast of the Trumpets. The blowing of a ram’s horn, a shofar, proclaims **Rosh Hashanah**, and summons Jews to religious services. Sundown marks the beginning of the year 5771. Jews used the rams’s horn as a trumpet in Biblical times to announce the new moon, holidays, and war. Today, a variety of horns are used, including curved antelope horns. It marks the beginning of a ten-day period of repentance leading up to Yom Kippur.

For more information: www.infoplease.com/spot/roshhashanah1.html
www.jewfaq.org



Brazil National Day – September 7, 2013

The independence of Brazil from the Portuguese was officially announced on 7th September 1822. Since then the country proudly celebrates the Independence Day of Brazil with lots of fanfare and excitement.

For more information : www.123independenceday.com/brazil/

National Grandparents Day – September 9, 2013

Marian McQuade (now age 93), a housewife in Fayette County, West Virginia wanted to champion the cause of lonely elderly in nursing homes. She also hoped to persuade grandchildren to tap the wisdom and heritage their grandparents could provide. In 1978, President Jimmy Carter proclaimed that **National Grandparents Day** would be celebrated every year on the first Sunday after Labor Day.

For more information: www.grandparents-day.com



Yom Kippur – September 14, 2013

Yom Kippur (“Day of Atonement”) is the holiest day of the Jewish year. This is a solemn day devoted to fasting, prayer and repentance.

Hispanic Heritage Month – September 15 – October 15, 2013

Hispanic Heritage Month begins on September 15, the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries – Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico declared its independence on September 16th and Chile on September 18th.

The term Hispanic, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, refers to Spanish-speaking people in the United States of any race.

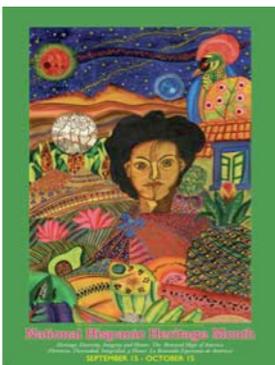
For more information: www.floridahispanicheritage.com/

www.educationworld.com/

www.factmonster.com

www.crayola.com/calendar/detail.cfm?even_id=161&year=2005&extended=true

www.smithsonianmag.com/people-places/hispanic-heritage-events.html



Citizenship Day/Constitution Day – September 17, 2013

On September 17th every year the anniversary of the U.S. Constitution being completed and signed and approved in 1787 is observed. The intent is to give recognition to those who had become American citizens during the preceding year. The celebrations include pageantry and speeches to impress Americans with the privileges and responsibilities of U.S. citizenship.

For more information: www.patriotism.org/citizenship
www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2001/09/20010917-15.html
www.billofrightsinstitute.org/constitutionday



International Day of Peace – September 21, 2013

The General Assembly of the United Nations, as of 7 September 2001, decided that, beginning in 2002, the **International Day of Peace** should be observed each year on September 21st.

For more information: www.un.org/events/peaceday