



# September News 2025



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Summer Ends School Begins

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## Brentwood Academy News



**Labor Day**  
School Closed:  
September 1st

**First Day Of School:**  
September 2nd



Parents please have your child well prepared for the first day of school by wearing the correct attire and having the supplies needed.

## Tiny Tots Playroom News



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Make sure your child's medical and personal information is up to date. Medical forms you can find at our web site ready to print

## Blue Bird Dayschool News



**Labor Day**  
School Closed: September 1st

**First Day Of School:**  
September 2nd



**School Uniforms**  
**Tuesday September 2nd**  
**School uniforms resume**

## Blue Bird of Alexandria News



**Labor Day**  
School Closed:  
September 1st

**First Day Of School:**  
September 2nd

## NOTICE TO ALL SCHOOLS Announcement

Parents: Effective September 1st the tuition fees will be changing . The new Fees are listed below

	Weekly	Monthly
<b>Infants</b>	<b>\$450.00</b>	<b>\$1,950.00</b>
<b>Non toilet trained toddlers</b>	<b>\$430.00</b>	<b>\$1,860.00</b>
<b>Toddlers</b>	<b>\$415.00</b>	<b>\$1,795.00</b>
<b>Pre-K</b>	<b>\$415.00</b>	<b>\$1,795.00</b>
<b>K-2</b>	<b>\$450.00</b>	<b>\$1,950.00</b>
<b>2 Children</b>	<b>\$730.00</b>	<b>\$3,160.00</b>
<b>3 Children</b>	<b>\$925.00</b>	<b>\$4,005.00</b>

## Blue Bird of Alexandria II News



**Labor Day**  
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**First Day Of School:**  
September 2nd

## Blue Bird of Vienna News



**Labor Day**  
School Closed: September 1st

**First Day Of School:**  
September 2nd



The Summer's over - no more vacation, But I have had a lot of fun! And I am happy, and excited ' Cause now at last the school year has begun!

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## First Day of School Checklist

Your child's first day at school can be a nerve-wracking experience for both parents and children. In order to keep your child organized and make the experience a little less unnerving, it is a good idea to prepare your child with a first day of school checklist. This checklist covers the basic information as well as instructions if your child should get lost.

### **Make sure your child knows his or her teachers name.**

This will help ease the fears of not knowing where to go. If your child gets lost, another teacher can easily guide your child to the right place. If your child happens to forget his or her teacher's name, they can still get help from another teacher who will likely guide them to the main office.

### **Most schools send home a list of items children will need to bring on their first day of school.**

Review the checklist and pack your child's backpack a few days before school begins. You can double-check the backpack the night before to ensure your child has not removed any of the items.

### **Sit down with your child and explain in simple terms what the first day of school is going to be like.**

While you may not be able to remember as far back as your first day of kindergarten, as a parent your child relies on you to ease any fears they may have. Allow your children to ask questions about their first day at school and answer them as best as you can.

### **If possible, take your child to school on that first day of kindergarten.**

Your child may feel more at ease if he or she has you to direct them to the proper location. Be aware that your child may panic when you have to leave and the experience may be hard on you as well.

### **Make sure your child has an emergency contact card to present to the teachers.**

This card is important because it will have all of the necessary information for your child's school to contact you should they need to. Also ensure that your child knows or has your home phone number written down. This way they can contact you if the need arises.

It is very easy to get caught up in your child's first day of school which can be a nerve-wracking experience for both parents and children. You can help to ensure your child gets off to a great start by making sure they are prepared. If you cannot take your child to school on that first day, at least make sure they know their teacher's name and where they will be going.

Fill out all emergency contact information and make sure the information reaches your child's teacher. Also be sure that your children know their home phone number so they can contact you if the need arises. Be sure to congratulate your child on a job well done after they arrive home.

## Patriot Day (Sept 11)

**History:** Patriot Day is a day the US remembers the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. This day is commonly referred to as "9-11" ("Nine-Eleven"). It is believed that 2,977 people died in the attacks. President George W. Bush proclaimed September 11th Patriot Day in 2002.

### **Facts about Patriot Day (Sept 11)**

On September 11th, US Flags should be flown at half mast - both on US soil and abroad.

A moment of silence is held at 8:46 a.m. (EST) across the nation - commemorating the time the first plane struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

The National September 11 Memorial and Museum takes up over half of the destroyed World Trade Center site. It contains bronze parapets inscribed with the names of those killed on September 11, 2001 and those killed in the 1993 World Trade Center attack.

Cleaning up Ground Zero, as the World Trade Center was renamed, took 18 months and 19 days, and was completed in May of 2002.

The Twin Towers of the World Trade Center were once the tallest buildings in the world, and contained enough concrete to build a sidewalk from New York City to Washington D.C.

## September 13th Uncle Sam Day

Uncle Sam Day celebrates a symbol of America. Uncle Sam is certainly one of America's most recognized symbols. Uncle Sam appears on everything from military posters to cartoon images to advertising media. He is perhaps, the most recognizable symbol in the world.

Did you Know? There are other human symbols representing our country. None anywhere near as popular as Uncle Sam. They include Brother Jonathan, who largely disappeared after the arrival of Uncle Sam, and Columbia, a female.

# LABOR DAY



\* **The idea first became public in 1882.** In September 1882, the unions of New York City decided to have a parade to celebrate their members being in unions, and to show support for all unions. At least 20,000 people were there, and the workers had to give up a day's pay to attend. There was also a lot of beer involved in the event.

\* **The New York parade inspired other unions.** Other regions started having parades, and by 1887, Oregon, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, and Colorado made Labor Day a state holiday.

\* **How did the Haymarket Affair influence Labor Day?**

On May 4, 1886, a bomb exploded at a union rally in Chicago's Haymarket Square, which led to violence that killed seven police officers and four others. The incident also led to May 1 being celebrated in most nations as Workers Day. The U.S. government chose Labor Day instead to avoid a celebration on May 1 and New York's unions had already picked the first Monday in September for their holiday.

\* **The first Waffle house opened on Labor Day.** In 1955, in Avondale Estates, GA, the very first Waffle House opened its doors to the public.

\* **Two people with similar names are credited with that first New York City event.** Matthew Maguire, a machinist, and Peter McGuire, a carpenter, have been linked to the 1882 parade. The men were from rival unions; in 2011, Linda Stinson, a former U.S. Department of Labor's historian, said she didn't know which man should be credited - partially because people over the years confused them because of their similar-sounding names.

\* **Labor Day is considered the 'unofficial NFL season kickoff.'** 99.44 percent of the time, the NFL plays its first official season game the Thursday after Labor Day.

\* **Grover Cleveland helped make Labor Day a national holiday.** After violence related to the Pullman railroad strike, President Cleveland and lawmakers in Washington wanted a federal holiday to celebrate labor - and not a holiday celebrated on May 1. Cleveland signed an act in 1894 establishing the federal holiday; most states had already passed laws establishing a Labor Day holiday by that point. Sen. James Henderson Kyle of South Dakota introduced S. 730 to make Labor Day a federal legal holiday on the first Monday of September. It was approved on June 28, 1894.

\* **Labor Day is the unofficial end of Hot Dog season.** The National Hot Dog and Sausage Council says that between Memorial Day and Labor Day, Americans will eat 7 billion hot dogs.

**Autumnal Equinox Monday, September 22, 2025**  
**Autumnal Equinox Time - 08:19:18 PM**

## The September Equinox Explained

### Dispelling the "exactly 12 hours of daylight" myth

During the equinox, the length of night and day across the world is nearly, but not entirely, equal. This is because the day is slightly longer in places that are further away from the equator, and because the sun takes longer to rise and set in these locations. Furthermore, the sun takes longer to rise and set farther from the equator because it does not set straight down - it moves in a horizontal direction.

Moreover, there is an atmospheric refraction that causes the sun's disk to appear higher in the sky than it would if earth had no atmosphere. timeanddate.com has a more detailed explanation on this topic. timeanddate.com has more information on why day and night are not exactly of equal length during the equinoxes.

### Historical Fact

A Greek astronomer and mathematician named Hipparchus (ca. 190-ca.120 BCE) was attributed by various sources to have discovered the precession of the equinoxes, the slow movement among the stars of the two opposite places where the sun crosses the celestial equator. However, the difference between the sidereal and tropical years (the precession equivalent) was known to Aristarchus of Samos (around 280 BCE) prior to this.

Hipparchus made observations of the equinox and solstice. Astronomers use the spring equinoctial point to define their frame of reference, and the movement of this point implies that the measured position of a star varies with the date of measurement.

Hipparchus also compiled a star catalogue, but this has been lost.