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OCTOBER 2006

- October 1-2... Yom Kippur
- October 4... Child Health Day
- October 4... World Habitat Day
- October 6... Full Moon
- October 6-14... Sukkot
- October 9... Columbus Day (U.S.)
Thanksgiving Day (Canada)
- October 10... National Children's Day
- October 21... Diwali
- October 24... Eid al Fitr (Ramadan ends)
- October 29... Daylight Savings Time Ends
- October 31... Halloween

DID YOU KNOW? The Earth is divided into 24 time zones so that everyone in the world can be on similar schedules (like noon being when the sun is highest in the sky). Time zones were first used in 1883 by railroads in order to standardize their schedules. The continental US is divided into 4 time zones. Most US states (except Hawaii and most of Indiana and Arizona) go on **daylight saving times** (DST) from April to October to save energy (clocks are set forward one hour).

Other Interesting Dates

- October 2... Mahatma Gandhi was born in 1869.
- October 3-5... Monarch butterflies are migrating.
- October 7-9... After heavy rains, spotted salamanders burrow in the forest leaf cover for the winter.
- October 11... Birthday of Eleanor Roosevelt (1884).
- October 13... Birthday of the White House (1792).
- October 14... Watch for large congregations of blackbirds.
- October 15... It is the height of the fall leaf colors in New England around this time.
- October 21... Birthday of Alfred Nobel (1833), founder of the Nobel Peace Prize.
- October 22... This is the traditional day that the swallows of San Juan Capistrano in California leave for winter.
- October 28... Birthday of Jonas Salk (1914), developer of the polio vaccine.

This listing is designed to accompany the MSMR *People & Animals: United for Health®* interactive health and science calendar for elementary classrooms. For further information:

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Fixed Dates

- October 1... International Day for the Elderly
- October 3... Virus Appreciation Day
- October 4... World Day for Animals
- October 5 ... World Teacher's Day
- October 12... Farmer's Day
- October 12... Día de la Raza (Latin America)
- October 15... National Poetry Day
- October 16... World Food Day
- October 16... School Librarian Day
- October 16... Dictionary Day
- October 17... Black Poetry Day
- October 18... Alaska Day
- October 20... National Fruit Day
- October 24... United Nations Day
- October 26... Arts & Crafts Day
- October 31... Halloween

Weekly Observances

- October 1-7... Universal Children's Week
- October 8-15... Fire Prevention Week - National School Lunch Week
- October 16-20... Health Education Week
- October 22-28... Kids Care Week - Give Wildlife a Break Week - International Magic Week

Monthly Observances

- Adopt-a-Shelter-Dog Month
- AIDS Awareness Month
- Child Health Month
- Computer Learning Month
- Crime Prevention Month
- Diversity Awareness Month
- Energy Awareness Month
- Family History Month
- Fire Prevention Month
- International Dinosaur Month
- Pasta Month
- Pizza Month
- Youth Against Tobacco Month